

BEGINNERS GUIDE TO SOCCER

By **Martin McCormack, S.D.B.**

Hello all you budding young soccer stars.

My name is Martin McCormack — probably most of you know me through the post-primary school.

During the next four or five months I hope to give some tips that will help you to become the soccer-star you've always wanted to be. I hope to deal with the aspects of the game I think will be of interest and use to you. For example, fitness for football, goalkeeping, attacking, defending, dribbling, tackling, heading etc.

This Month! Fitness and Ball-control

The first thing I'll deal with is Fitness. For most young people, and I put myself in here also—this is the toughest and often the most uninteresting aspect of the great game of soccer.

However we'll get over this problem O.K.; just have patience and endure it for a couple of months. It's well worth it in the end. Just imagine the thrill of running down along the touch-line and leaving a trail of defenders wondering what passed them. Then you see all your hard work coming out on the score-sheet. I can tell you from experience if you want to be really fit you must push yourself and train your body. A fit player enjoys his football. Once you have reached a certain level of fitness it's easier to maintain than you imagine—your body **remembers** the hard work. The first necessity is stamina. From this comes strength and endurance—often the difference between a team winning and losing. (Just look at your team in the town—all their hard training on Tuesday and Thursday nights is now paying off.)

Don't think you're the only one with fitness problems—all professional players dread the pre-season training. Hard work is the keyword. The more you do to get fit the better, the stronger and tougher player you will become.

Building up stamina means long running. Do you know most clubs have a cross-country run, e.g. Chelsea run theirs over Epsom race-course. I believe there are certain periods of a game where all-out effort is required. When it's possible to drive home a goal or when it's necessary to resist opponents' pressure. These periods are the first ten minutes of each half or the last ten minutes of each half. The final ten minutes depend on your endurance.

I'm now going to give you one possible way to get fit at the beginning of the season.

1. Begin with steady lapping of the pitch e.g. 6 laps.
2. Half laps at a slightly faster pace (8 times).
3. Sprints: Now sprints can be subdivided into the following:
 - (a) Sprint a lap of the 6 yard box and then jog.
 - (b) Sprint a lap of the 18 yard box and then jog.
 - (c) Sprint half a lap of the pitch and then jog.
 - (d) Sprint a full lap of the pitch and then jog.

If you haven't dropped at this stage jog back to the goal line and

- (a) Sprint to the 6 yard line and jog back.
- (b) Sprint to the 18 yard line and jog back to goal line.
- (c) Sprint to the half-way line and jog back to goal line.

From this I will go onto intensive training in next edition. Remember all the above exercises are not done the first day or week out. You build up slowly until you can fit them all in one training session.

I will now go onto deal with ball control and try to give you the basics. After that it's over to you. Ball control is not the ability to keep a ball on your toe for ten minutes. Nor is it being able to catch it on your neck and perform a circus act.

All those are lovely to watch but ask yourself this question. What opponent will give you the chance to show off? I certainly don't know any. I'm not saying you shouldn't practice these skills—go right ahead if they give you confidence in yourself (which you need to beat your opponents).

When I speak of ball control I mean (a) the ability to be able to master a pass or ball instantly and in every situation. A very tall order even for a professional. However, don't despair you'll get the ability with practice and patience. (b) To 'kill' the ball without letting it run away from you and without letting a defender get in a tackle. (c) Most important not to lose possession that your teammates have been trying to win for the side.

How many flashy young players attempting outrageous tricks with a ball can master the basics; for example, catching and controlling the ball on one's chest?

If you want to do wonderful tricks join the circus not a football club. Just imagine what would happen if you tried to catch the ball say on your neck and roll it down your back? Very simply, the defender would put you on your back and away with the ball.

If you want a good example of a man with brilliant control yet not a show-off watch Johnny Giles.

In basic control you need what is called 'touch'. You must be able to take the ball from any angle. Controlling it with your foot, knee, thigh, chest or head.

The big secret to success is learn to adjust your body. i.e., get into the right position to be able to take any pass, by withdrawing the surface of contact, for example, if you must trap the ball with your thigh relax your foot so the ball hits a smooth surface. This takes away the pace from the ball and allows you to distribute it or move away yourself on an attack.

Learn to make use of space available by either using your body to screen the ball (will be dealt with in another article under heading screening), and allow it to bounce away from your opponent, and force him to make a mistake, or by turning to face an opponent, which gives you a choice of going either right or left with the ball.

One of the best ways of practicing control is hitting shots at varying speed at a wall or any hard surface. Trap the ball and move off. Practice hitting the wall from different angles so you can learn to collect a ball at speed and different heights.

If you can get a partner it's better. Keep moving and hitting the ball at each other, at different heights and angles.

Once you receive the ball it must be yours; don't let it go to your opponent.

Until next month when I will deal with attack and defence. Train well and watch yourself acquire that skill.

Good luck.

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NEWSLETTER

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Editorial

THE NEWSLETTER

You will probably have noticed that our 'Newsletter' was not on sale for the month of January. The failure of our magazine to make its appearance was due to an unfortunate sequence of events the result of which was a doubling in production costs compared to our October issue. We were unable to meet our deadline as we could not possibly have met the increased costs through sales or advertisements—in fact to continue in this way would have meant a loss of at least £50 per month and complete irresponsibility on our part on behalf of the community. In this issue we are attempting to give you a similar all-round standard and content but through a different means of production. We therefore ask you to overlook what we can call "teething" problems and hope you will continue to enjoy your local paper and give us the generous support which has been so apparent up to this.

We are still anxious to receive articles, stories, etc. for printing. Hand them in to any member of the Community Council.

—Editorial Committee.

FEDERATION OF IRISH BEEKEEPERS

An intensive course on beekeeping is being conducted at Maynooth College by kind permission, under the auspices of Cumann na Beacaire, Maynooth.

Lecturers on all aspects of the ancient craft are Peter O'Reilly, Fr. J. Gahan, and J. O'Brien. Course Director: Colm Kennedy.

APOLOGY

The Editorial Committee wish to apologise in respect of mistakes in an advertisement for O'Briens of Maynooth Shopping Centre which was inserted in our December issue. This matter was beyond our control and we regret any embarrassment and inconvenience caused as a result.

USEFUL LINES

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

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Archdeacon Fisher - 286233
Rev. Fr. Supple, C.C. - 286210

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Community Council News

Although strictly not Community Council business, we feel we could not pass over two recent accomplishments. We must congratulate the Maynooth Development Association on the final achievement of the bus shelter, toilets, etc. on which work is now progressing in the Square. The Association strove for a very long time to reach this point and we are sure they are themselves pleased to see the work in progress. Also we must congratulate them on their continuing work on the swimming pool project and are very pleased to hear that the consultant's plans are now completed. May we hope that the Association will also have the pleasure of seeing this work starting soon.

However, back to our own Council news—At the recent Council Meeting among the items discussed were:

COMMUNAL T.V. MAST

We now understand that the necessary planning permission for the erection of the mast has been procured and work may proceed. The contractor is, we understand preparing the necessary contract to be signed by those wishing to get a connection to the mast, and these should be distributed shortly. Then these signed, work can commence.

OBSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAYS

A note from Greenfield Residents' Association asked if the Council could do anything about the obstruction of the entrances to houses, especially in the Greenfield Drive area, by cars whose owners are attending football matches. These cars are parked in such a way as to completely obstruct the entrance gates to these houses for hours at a time. Although the Council had every sympathy in the matter, the Estate is still private property and the Council can only draw attention to the matter and trust that drivers will be more careful when parking in future.

CIRCULAR RE MAYNOOTH SURVEY

A circular received from Fr. Carey, Maynooth College, has been circulated to the various organisations in the village giving details of the recent meeting in Maynooth College. A further meeting will be arranged by Fr. Carey shortly.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

The Constitution and Rules have been approved by the Council's legal adviser and will be adopted at the next meeting.

CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

As soon as the Constitution is approved, the vacant seats on the Council will be filled and some further members co-opted.

WINNER OF CAPTION PRIZE

The winner of our £1 prize to go with our picture in the December issue is: **Martin McCormack, S.D.B., Maynooth** with the caption: "A launching pad for the Space Age Priest."

Editorial comment: We hope that man knows where he's going!

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Maynooth Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, which has been in existence now for almost five years, meets every Monday night at 8.30 p.m. in the Presentation Convent. Many deserving families have been helped throughout the years and the Conference wish to thank the people of Maynooth, Ladychapel and the surrounding areas for their generosity over the past years.

The Conference would be glad to hear from anyone who could supply radios or televisions for the lonely. Anyone who could help should contact any of the Conference members i.e., Rev. Brendan Supple, C.C., Spiritual Advisor, Messrs. Tom Corcoran, Paddy Dunne, Simon Emmett, Eugene O'Reilly and Vincent Murphy.

The Maynooth Old People's Committee wish to acknowledge with thanks the sum of £25 contributed by the Irish Farmers' Association to the Coal Fund, being the proceeds of a raffle at the Association's recent Dinner Dance.

The Irish Wheelchair Association acknowledge with thanks the sum of £31.18 from the recent Church gate collection.

The students of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, thank the people of Maynooth for their generous support of the "Concern Christmas Fast" Collection, which realised over £260. (The National Collection to date amounts to £49,000.)

The Maynooth St. Vincent de Paul Conference acknowledge with thanks the sum of £4 received per Rev. Fr. O'Higgins, P.P., collected by Noreen Gilton, Mary Casey and Danny Casey from carol singing in the Cluain Aoibhinn—Newtown area.

MAYNOOTH VISTA

by Newcomer.

This month, let me settle a traffic problem!

You know what success I have had in that sphere so far. How I have succeeded in having our motorists refrain from driving on our footpaths and use the normal regulation entrance and exit between the Square and the Main Street. Yesterday I could count only fifteen cars parked on the footpaths and twice only in the course of the whole day did I encounter a near accident while driving from the Main Street to the Straffan Road! That, at least, you will admit is an achievement. Well! well!

But to the other project which might be considered by the powers that be. We have been promised an extension of the bus service to serve the Greenfield area. When? As soon as the problem of turning the bus has been resolved. The obvious question arises. Why turn the bus?

Here I hand the solution to C.I.E. on a plate. A solution that could save them manpower and vehicle utilisation and give an acceptable service, not only to Greenfield residents but to all who live between Maynooth and Celbridge and who are not at present served at all. Why not amalgamate the numbers 66 and 67 services and run them alternatively Dublin/Maynooth/Celbridge/Dublin and Dublin/Celbridge/Maynooth/Dublin? No turning of buses at either Celbridge or Maynooth and a better service to the whole area.

I know all the objections before you or C.I.E. could think them up. The roads are too narrow! If they are let the County Council widen them! The Kildare County Council owes Maynooth and Celbridge more than that. As far as that august body is concerned we are the cinderella of the County and they seemingly can think only in a straight line from Rathcoole to Monasterevin. Our swimming pool project gives credibility to that assumption. But they do know we are here—I give them that—the Rate Collector attends regularly at Maynooth and, presumably, at Celbridge.

That last was a nasty one. Perhaps I am being a little unkind. If I am, the Editor will probably toss this whole script in the waste basket and then he will have a problem—or will he? If he leaves a blank space where my few words generally appear you will know what has happened. On second thoughts—of course you won't.

Then again, he could always fill it with "A Prosperous New Year to all our Readers" surrounded with shamrocks.

And that same to you all!



Owen Byrne meeting the man himself at the Children's Christmas Party organised by Mrs Eileen Nolan of Old Greenfield.

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L to R : Mrs Coughlan, Mrs Bennet and Mrs Kelly at the Old Folk's Christmas Party

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RAIL PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Rail Park Residents' Association will be held in the Geraldine Hall on Monday, 9th February at 8.30 p.m. It is hoped for full attendance which should enable a constructive A.G.M. to be held.

The Association has continued to pursue the problem of the Park with the relevant authorities i.e. Kildare County Council and Messrs. Tully and Clinton T.D.s

To that end the Department of Local Government has communicated to the Association that the appeal by Forde & Co. for additional dwellings to be built at the entrance to the estate has been turned down. At present it is feared that a further application may be lodged by the Receiver of the Forde Co. for dwellings in the green amenity area and all residents are asked to contact the Committee if they have any definite proof of an application. In the interim a further letter has gone to Kildare County Council objecting to any likely application to build as the area is a green amenity area.

Concern has been expressed by some of the residents that cars being driven in the Park are not always using the correct exits and instead are driving through the pedestrian-way in the Crescent. An effort is being made by the Committee to have this stopped.

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.

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THE ARCHBISHOP IN THE CUPBOARD

By Matthew O'Donnell

Silken Thomas read rapidly through the letter—and tensed at the vital phrase: “Kildare is presently cut shorter; as his issue presently should be.” The reference was to his father, Geroid Og Fitzgerald, hounded by his Irish enemies to a dungeon in the Tower. Thomas paled, thought for a long time, and came up with a decision: he would fight them; he would avenge his father’s murder and rid the country once for all of the Dublin clique that had pestered his family for generations.

It was a decision that sounded well and did him credit; but it was tragic. The letter that prompted it was a fraud. Purporting to come from London, it was very probably written by John Allen, Archbishop of Dublin, precisely to goad the Geraldine into a hasty rebellion. It was cleverly ‘lost’ so that a close friend of Silken Thomas would find it. The information it gave was false. Geroid Og was still alive and there were no plans for his execution.

But John Allen had played his hand well, and he had his brief reward when Silken Thomas marched into the Council Chamber in Dublin and slammed the Sword of State on the table; in fighting the King he preferred his own sword. Some of the Councillors tried to dissuade him. It was no use: Thomas strutted out, to the acclamation of his followers. John Allen smiled: it had all been so easy.

While Allen exulted he might have done better to ponder some recent history. For Silken Thomas came of a stock not greatly renowned for deference to recalcitrant Archbishops. Only thirty years before, his grandfather, during a disagreement with the Archbishop of Cashel, had had occasion to burn down His Grace’s Cathedral,—a liberty which occasioned his denouncement to King Henry VIII. At the subsequent trial he explained candidly: “Upon my troth I would never have done it but I thought the Archbishop was in it”—a sentiment which, the King agreed, did him credit.

Meanwhile Silken Thomas gathered an army and advanced on Dublin. The citizens agreed to let him bring his forces into the city to lay siege to the Castle. Then Allen made his first mistake—he retired into the Castle for safety. As the days dragged by he realised the grave danger of his position and determined to retire temporarily to England. And then he made his second mistake: he consulted Bartholomew Fitzgerald—a kinsman of Silken Thomas—on the plans for the escape. Fitzgerald arranged everything. At dusk on July 27th, 1534 the Archbishop made his way to the wharf at Dame’s Gate where a small ship awaited him. Bartholomew Fitzgerald took the rudder and guided them straight and true—on to the sands at Clontarf. At the ebb of the tide John Allen clambered out and with a small band of followers went to the house of Mr. Hollywood at Artane, a few miles to the north. Probably he hoped to lie low there for a while and then make another attempt. But he never had a chance. Later that evening Silken Thomas was told the hiding place and at first light next morning he rode in to Artane with a small posse of retainers. The house was surrounded and two men—John Teeling and Nicholas Wafer—were ordered to produce the Archbishop. They dragged him out “barefooted, bareheaded, clad only in his shirt.” John Allen was afraid: on his knees before his captor. “with a pitiful countenance and lamentable voice he besought him for the love of God not to remember former injuries but to weigh his present calamity: and what malice soever he bore his person yet to respect his calling and vocation, in that his enemy was a Christian and he among Christians an Archbishop”. Silken Thomas was moved. With his mind a whirl of conflicting emotions he wheeled his horse and rapped out the order “Beir uaim an bodach.” The expression was unfortunate. It might have been only a petulant insult—“Take away the clown”—or it might have been an order of execution—“Away with the clown.” John Teeling and Nicholas Wafer were in no humour for linguistic analysis: they killed the Archbishop on the spot, “spilling his brains on the ground.”

Things now moved quickly. Silken Thomas denied all responsibility, but apparently took no action against his two henchmen. In England Henry VIII issued an “Act of Attainder” of Silken Thomas and the two assassins. But the strongest reaction came from “The Keepers of the spiritual jurisdiction of the See of Dublin.” In a thunderous 1000 word document Silken Thomas, John Teeling, and Nicholas Wafer are declared “excommunicate, accursed and anathemazate.” After expressing the desire that: “they be accursed as spirittes condemned, and that the devil to stand and be in all ther doinges and all ther actes be synfull,” it wishes them “Gyrdded with the gyrdle of malediction and curses,” and finally exclaims: “May they dessend into Hell qwyck. O good Lord, send to thaym hunger and thyrst, and stryke thaym with pestilens till they be consumed and ther generation clene radycat and delytit of this worle, that ther be no memorie of thaym: stryke thaym also with such lepre that from the hiest parte of the heed to the sole of ther fote ther be no hole place. Stryke thaym also with madness, blyndness, and woodnes of mynde that

they may palpe and clayme also handle as blynde men dothe in darkness.” A special copy of this document was sent to “Mr. lyventennaunt at the Kynge Tower of London” to be shown to Geroid Og. It killed him.

Meanwhile the insurrection was not going well. Dublin Castle had held out, and an English army under Skeffington had landed. Skeffington was a chronic invalid—or, as the 16th century chronicler has it, “verie sore sicke.” After six months’ fruitless skirmishing he steeled himself for the crucial action—the assault on the great Geraldine stronghold at Maynooth. It was a tough nut to crack. Skeffington later described it as “so strongly fortified as the like hath not been seen in Ireland.” It was well stocked with cannon—for Geroid Og had taken the precaution of ‘borrowing’ some from Dublin Castle before his departure for England. But ammunition was not in good supply. During the previous winter the Council of State in Dublin reported to England: “The rebel which chiefly trusteth in his ordnance, which he hath of the King’s hath in effect consumed all his shoot; and except he winneth the Castle of Dublin he is destitute of shoot, which is a great comfort and advantage to the King’s men.” It must indeed have been.

On March 14th 1535 Skeffington arrived in Maynooth and planted his guns over the mill-race. The siege lasted nine days, but the issue was never in doubt—Skeffington’s cannon were far superior. When the last resistance was over only 37 of the original 100 defenders remained. John Teeling died in the battle—thereby escaping the hanging which was the fate of his companion in crime, Nicholas Wafer. The others, mostly gunners, but including one Simon Walsh, a priest, and a personage described as the “Dean of Kildare,” were all beheaded. Skeffington remarked casually in a letter: “We thought it expedient to put them to execution as an example to others.” They called it the “Pardon of Maynooth.” Skeffington marched back in triumph to Dublin, and the long line of heads impaled above the great Keep bore their silent testimony.

The destruction of the Castle brought with it the quick death of “St. Mary’s College of Maynooth” which had been founded only 20 years before.

This was in 1535. Skip on three centuries and there is another College in Maynooth hard by the old ruined Castle. A College run by the Bishops: built on Geraldine land; and one of its employees is called Wafer. Everyone has agreed to forget history.

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Education Magazine

The Students' Union Education Committee is sponsoring a magazine on topics of educational interest. Residents in the Maynooth area are invited to contribute.

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1. Philosophy of Education.
2. Role of St. Patrick's College in Maynooth community.
3. Role of the Student in Maynooth community.
4. Education and Society.

Articles should be 600-2,000 words in length, and should be addressed to: “Education Magazine”, Students' Union Office, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

or handed in at the Gate Lodge. Name and address should be supplied, not necessarily for publication.

N.B.—Last date for receipt of articles February 10, 1976.

—John Gallagher, Education Officer.

DRIVERS MAKE MAYNOOTH A SAFER PLACE TO DRIVE

PARISH NOTES

Boys' School Extension: The building work is progressing satisfactorily and is well up to time. We had to give the boys an extra two weeks holidays after Christmas in order to enable the builders to change over to the new boiler-house and to knock down the dividing walls between three of the classrooms in the existing school. This will provide a general purposes room or small assembly hall for the school. Temporary partitions are being erected in place of the walls that have been taken down. The teachers and boys will have to endure a good deal of discomfort for another few months, but it will be worthwhile in the end. When completed, the school will have nine classrooms (seven of them new) plus the general purposes room, library and other facilities. Because the new buildings take up a large part of the playground space, the car-park adjoining the Parish Hall will now serve as a school playground also.

It is envisaged that the infant boys, who at present attend the Convent School, will from this year come to the boys' school.

Of the total estimated cost (including furniture) of £118,000, about £36,000 has been spent to date (probably £45,000 by the time this appears in print). The parish pays the money by instalments and then recovers it from the Office of Public Works. When the building works are two-thirds completed, we shall have to spend the full amount of our local contribution (£17,000 and likely a little more) before we can claim again from the O.P.W. As the “Planned Giving” is doing well, we should be about £3,000 in credit by then. The rest of the local contribution will have to be borrowed from the bank and repaid with interest. The proceeds of the weekly dances and bingo sessions have to be used at present to reduce the large deficit in our running expenses account. This is now down from nearly £4,000 a few months ago to less than £2,000.

Confirmation: The Most Reverend Dermot O'Mahony, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish Church on Saturday, 5th June, 1976. All the girls and boys in 5th and 6th Standards are due for Confirmation this year.

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CIVIL DEFENCE NOTES

All nine candidates for the First Aid Exams in December were successful. Presentation of these certificates will take place shortly.

Unit practice commenced on Wednesday, 21st January and preparations are in full swing now for the Area Competitions in March.

Two Unit Members, Mrs. Bridie Brady and Marie Kelly attended a two-week full-time course for instructors in the Civil Defence School, Phoenix Park and were successful in their exams.

Details will be available shortly re courses for Warden Service and Basic Rescue Service.

GARDENING by Colm Kennedy

As February approaches it is time to think of ordering one's requirements of vegetable and flower seeds and bulbs. Some cabbage, lettuce and onion seed can be sown. Put in some cabbage seed; variety 'Greyhound' or 'Golden Acre' are very good early maturing types. Well and good if you have a cold frame or some panes of glass lying around; there is no problem in raising a few plants. The same applies for lettuce and onions. I sowed some 'Alsai Craig' onion seed in boxes covered with a pane of glass to harden off and plant out at the end of March.

Lettuces such as 'Fortune' and 'Windermere' will give lovely compact heads and a very welcome addition when vegetables are on the scarce side. Try and procure a seed catalogue—study it carefully and see the advantages of the various varieties to suit your own needs.

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Maynooth Castle

A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen (S)

When Maurice FitzGerald came to Ireland he was a man of sixty. With him came a large assortment of his relations, a colourful group of half-Norman, half-Welsh adventurers, all related to each other through the famous and beautiful Nesta, daughter of Rhys ap Tewdwr, Prince of South Wales. The first wave of Norman conquerors in Ireland were nearly all the descendants of Nesta by different fathers. By her marriage to Gerald FitzWalter, Constable of Pembroke, Nesta had four children, one of whom was our Maurice FitzGerald. Two of Maurice's sons, Nesta's grandsons, came with him on the Irish adventure. Another son of Nesta and brother of Maurice was William FitzGerald of Carew, whose son Raymond "le Gros" was Strongbow's second-in-command and his best military commander. Nesta's daughter Angareth FitzGerald married William de Barri and their son, the nephew of Maurice, was Giraldus Cambrensis the historian of the invasion. The third FitzGerald son, David, became bishop of St. David's and, as we shall see, made his own contribution to his family's Irish enterprise. Before her marriage to Gerald Nesta had been the mistress of King Henry I of England. Their son was Henry FitzHenry, and his two sons, grandsons of Nesta, Meiler and Robert FitzHenry, were among the invaders. Finally Nesta married or had an affair with Stephen, Constable of Cardigan, and their son Robert FitzStephen was Maurice's half-brother and chief partner in the first expeditions.

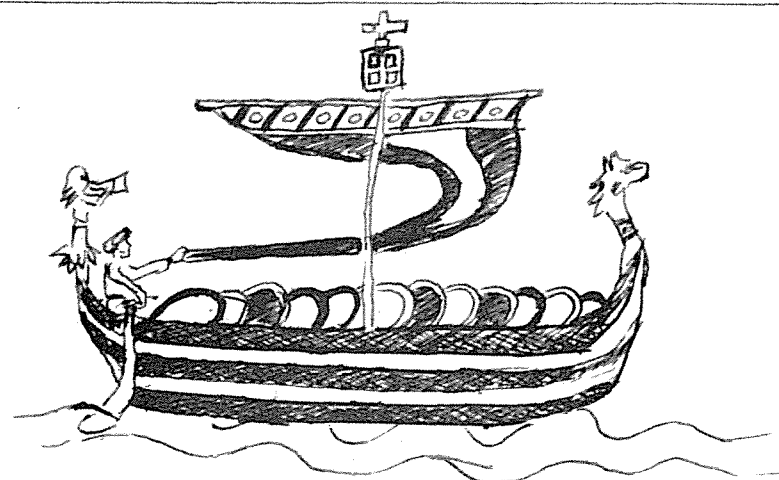
The immediate cause of the arrival of FitzStephens and FitzGerald in Ireland in 1169 was what seemed at the time to be a relatively unimportant episode in Irish history and not the great water-shed it turned out to be. We have seen that the kingship of Leinster was not in the possession of any one ruling family but was competed for by the rulers of the various tuatha within Leinster, including our own Ui Faelain. In 1134 Diarmait MacMurrough of Ui Chennsalaig in South Leinster established himself as King of Leinster but was involved for the next thirty years in the unending wars of twelfth-century Ireland. Eventually he found himself on the losing side in a struggle for the high-kingship between Ruaidri or Rory O'Connor of Connacht and Muirchertach MacLochlainn of the northern Ui Neill. Diarmait was the ally of MacLochlainn but O'Connor won and then all the enemies Diarmait had created over the years turned on him. These included the rulers of Ui Faelain and Ui Muiredaig. Diarmait was deposed both in Leinster and in Ui Chennsalaigh and as he could see no hope of finding new allies in Ireland turned in desperation to the new Norman rulers of England. The King of England, Henry II, was not himself interested in getting involved in Ireland at the time but he did give permission to his subjects, if they wished, to help Diarmait re-establish himself, and so Diarmait came to Wales where he met Maurice FitzGerald.

Though the Normans had conquered England in 1066 they were far from settled or secure in Wales where they had to fight to win and hold the lands granted to them by the king. Diarmait first approached a likely candidate for adventure in Ireland, Richard FitzGilbert, Earl of Pembroke, famous in Irish history as "Strongbow". He was a likely candidate because he was out of favour with his king and had little to hope for from him, and also because he had the resources to raise a substantial force to bring to Ireland. To him Diarmait held out the biggest inducement at his disposal. He offered him the hand of his daughter Aoife in marriage and with her the succession to the kingship of Leinster. By Norman law this could seem a legitimate transaction but it could have no validity in Irish law as we have seen. By Irish law Diarmait could not nominate his own successor in Ui Chennsalaigh and still less in Leinster. Strongbow accepted Diarmait's proposal but was in no hurry to cross the Irish sea. It was a group of his vassals, the Geraldines and their relations and friends, who were the first to accept the challenge of the Irish adventure.



They were relatively impecunious but able adventurers who hoped to make their fortunes in Ireland, acquire lands and wealth there and perhaps, if they were lucky, even establish themselves as kings. The historian Edmund Curtis describes them as "a family party, putting their stock into a common enterprise, and ready for the great jump-over into Ireland." Robert FitzStephen, the half-brother of Maurice FitzGerald was in particular difficulties when Diarmait arrived on the scene. He had for three years been the prisoner of the Welsh Prince of South Wales, Rhys ap Griffith, who was also a nephew of the famous Nesta. Robert's half-brothers, Maurice FitzGerald and David the bishop, persuaded Rhys to set him free if he promised to go to Ireland to help Diarmait. To Robert and Maurice Diarmait promised the town of Wexford and two cantreds of land in return for their assistance and the deal was struck. Diarmait returned to Ireland with a small group of Normans, Flemings and Welsh under Richard FitzGodebert, re-established himself in Ui Chennsalaig, re-asserted his claim to Leinster, was again crushed by the high-king and then sent word to FitzGerald and FitzStephen that he needed them now. Robert FitzStephen arrived in Bannow Bay in Co. Wexford on 1st May, 1169. With him, according to Giraldus, he brought "30 men-at-arms, of his own kindred and retainers, together with 60 men in half armour, and about 300 archers and foot-soldiers, the flower of the youth of Wales" They had embarked at Milfordhaven and crossed the sea in their long, open, single masted ships. As well as a sail they also used oars, and each ship carried out 120 men plus some horses and supplies. When they ran these flat ships onto the beach at Bannow Bay the Norman invasion of Ireland had begun.

Reference: Richard Roche: THE NORMAN INVASION OF IRELAND. Tralee 1970.



Type of ship used by William the Conqueror in the Norman invasion of England in 1066. The ships used by Robert FitzStephen in 1169 do not seem to have been very different. This illustration is based on the famous Bayeux tapestry in which William's wife, Matilda, depicted the conquest of England.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LETTER

84 Rail Park,
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17 December, 1975

Sir,

I was more than delighted to read in your December issue that permission had been granted for the erection of a communal aerial for the area.

It strikes me, however, that a few questions need to be answered in connection with the project and if you will permit me to use a little of your valuable space I will put them to the Community Council before parting with my very hard come by £58.

1. Is it not unusual to pay for something before you get it and assure yourself that it is operating to your satisfaction?

2. Is it not normal for a firm which accepts a contract to be in possession of sufficient capital to carry out the contract without having to collect it from the purchasers of the goods or service before embarking on the sale?

3. If a firm is of good commercial standing cannot it raise from normal commercial sources the necessary capital to enable it to undertake a viable project?

4. Can the present financial position of the contractor be stated?

5. Who are the Directors of Cablelink Ltd.?

6. Will Cablelink Ltd. be fully covered by insurance in the event of failure from any cause before the completion of the project?

7. How many houses in Maynooth will be wired for reception?

8. What will be the total cost to the contractor of the work?

9. What will the contractor's profit be at £58 per house.

10. Why should anybody but the contractor distribute contract forms and collect payments?

11. Has the contract for the Communal Aerial and service been put to tender and if not why not?

12. If other contractors submitted tenders what was the estimated cost per household of all tenders received?

13. If this is a community effort—and from the report in the 'Newsletter' it is hard to ascertain whether it is or is not there is such a hotchpotch of community and limited company proposed involvement—why has not the Community Council the initiative to raise the necessary money themselves, employ the contractor and install the piped television at about half the cost of the present suggested price to the householder?

In asking for the above information it is not in any way intended to pour cold water on the project but we in the new estates have been so badly placed by the failure of contractors that we must be a little chary about parting with that which is so scarce a commodity — money.

I am prepared to sign a letter of intent now and to complete a contract when satisfactory service is provided. The method of payment and the amount to be designated in the contract. Nothing more nor less than that is a fair proposition.

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Distance between cars:

There should be a distance of 20 feet allowed for every 10 m.p.h. Thus if travelling at 30 m.p.h. there should be a minimum of 60 feet between the cars. Now since it is difficult to judge distance at the best of times at speed it becomes doubly difficult. A good approach which is applicable no matter what the speed is to allow 2 seconds between the car in front of you and yourself. Pick an object (e.g. a railing, a tree or lamppost), then when the car in front passes it—count two and you should then be passing the same point of reference.

Colour:

This is applicable especially when buying a car. Swedish expert Sigvard Viberg's advice to motorists is to have "any colour you like except black and for safety choose pink". A great deal of work still has to be done before any final conclusions are reached, but most authorities agree that bright orange, yellow, pink colours are undoubtedly the safest. More blue coloured cars have accidents than any other colour, while cars in orange, yellow, and beige have less accidents (British Automobile Association).

Economy:

Light Foot: With petrol nearly costing 90p a gallon care with the way you use the accelerator is essential.

Starting from cold causes the greatest wear on the engine and there is a loss of petrol. Don't warm the engine up by letting it tick over or by revving it up harshly. The best approach is to drive off slowly (no hard acceleration) then

gradually increase the speed. Don't press your accelerator pedal hard to the floor when starting off or when travelling up a hill. Firstly, something like half the petrol goes out the exhaust pipe without doing any work and secondly while travelling uphill you still get the same power by depressing your pedal gradually rather than harshly.

Choice of Petrol (A.A. Manual): It is essential to use the grade of petrol which is recommended by the manufacturer of your vehicle. It is a waste of money to use High-octane petrol in an engine designed to run efficiently on a lower grade: there is no improvement in either performance or petrol consumption. Conversely, using a lower grade of petrol than the one recommended one can cause overheating and possibly burnt valves and pistons. There is however one possible exception to this rule, during cold weather, starting may be facilitated by using the next highest grade to the recommended one.

Final comment on petrol consumption: one survey estimated that each time you stop at a traffic lights you use up enough petrol to bring you a further half mile?

Battery Maintenance:

If your lights are dull and brighten up when the engine generator comes into operation then your battery needs attention.

To prolong the life of your battery a few simple precautions are necessary.

(1) Always make sure that the level of the electrolyte is covering the plates (serious damage results if left uncovered). This is maintained by topping up with distilled water NOT tap water (unfortunately a number of garages use tap water on occasion). The water from your fridge after defrosting is ideal, rain water or you may purchase some from your local chemist. The level has to be checked more frequently during the summer or in hot climates.

(2) Check the battery leads to ensure they are tight and clean (usually copper sulphate deposits build up here). Remove

the copper sulphate deposits by simply pouring hot water on them—they normally build up on the terminals and the frame holding the battery. Remove lead from terminal and clean with wire brush or emery paper then smear petroleum jelly (Vaseline) on lead and terminal. This is preferable to ordinary grease as it has a lower resistance to the flow of electricity. It is important to check in a similar manner the end of the earth lead (whether positive or negative earth) connected to the frame of the car. Also check both cables for wear and cracks in the cable as this will result in loss of power through seepage as is the case with loose connections.

Anti-Freeze:

In preference to your maker's manual follow the proportions of anti-freeze to water as recommended on the can for your particular car. This is especially true today as some anti-freeze manufacturers have developed an anti-freeze suitable for more than one year. During the winter if you are doubtful about the strength of the anti-freeze in your car, drain a little off into a cap and leave it in the fridge over night. If it remains unaffected in the cold section transfer it to the deep-freeze section. It should then become mushy with signs of ice crystals, but should not freeze solid.

Salt-Water:

If you don't want your screen water freezing up, try adding bath salts to the water. Make sure they are dissolved properly by stirring well. You will have to experiment to find the optimum quantity for a particular size of bottle. You will also find that your windscreen will be noticeably cleaner than before.

Next article will contain some of the following points:— Tyres, maintenance and how they can give clues to steering faults; Starting your car, possible faults why it will not start especially in the morning; Fan-belt trouble; Washing the car; Emergency repairs (simple ones).

Your suggestions are welcome.

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ESSAY COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN

The winner of the first prize of £3 for essay submitted by children between the age of 8 and 12 years is: **Caroline McFadden**, aged 11 years, 45, Maynooth Park. We are sure that you will all agree that her entry displays originality and that it reflects, as we feel it does, a simplicity of theme long gone from the more "modern" Christmas. Our only regret is that we cannot reproduce her beautiful writing here—much has been lost as a result. We hope she will continue to write an occasional story for the paper for everyone's enjoyment.

—The Editor.

CHRISTMAS 1875

It was Christmas 1875, and the little flower-seller stood on the corner. She had just a few bunches of flowers and holly left. She wore no shoes and was shivering. I was looking forward to going home to the cheerful log-fire and candle-lit Christmas tree, when I felt a tug at my coat. 'Do you want a bunch of holly or flowers? Only a farthing each. You see my family is very poor, so we all have to try and earn money to buy food for Christmas, but I'm afraid we'll never get enough now.' I thought of all the nice things and lovely food there was at home, and of everything that would be left over, and I found myself saying 'Come home with me, and I'll give you some food'. 'Oh, thank you!' she said. Not thinking about what my mother would say, I led her around to the kitchen. There was nobody in it, so I went into the larder and brought out a Christmas pudding, a big cake, a bowl of mince pies and lots of other little things. I asked her where she lived and she told me 'In the small house in Green Lane.' I gave her all the food, and she wasn't sure whether to take it or not. 'Won't it be missed?' she asked. Hearing footsteps I said "Of course not, do hurry!"

Just as I had closed the door, my mother walked in. I had to tell her what I'd done, but her face was kind as she looked at me. 'You've captured the Christmas spirit, my child,' she said, and to my joy, she gathered some gifts from beneath the Christmas tree and said 'Go and give these to your new friend.'

As I walked to Green Lane, I thought to myself this was the happiest Christmas I ever remember.

Caroline McFadden (aged 11 yrs.)
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MAYNOOTH TALENT AND QUESTION TIME.

The above competition for the Father Cleary Cup will commence in Maynooth on Friday, 13th February next and will continue on a weekly basis until early April. Teams from the following areas will take part:- Maynooth, Kilcloon, Killyon, Straffan, Moynalver, Kiltale, Lucan, Rathmoyle. Proceeds will be in aid of local Parochial purposes.

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The Sisters would like to take this opportunity of wishing all the members of the club and their families a very happy New Year.

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MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

We had a very large attendance at our Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, 14th January in St. Mary's Hall, Maynooth. The following officers were elected for the coming year:-

PRESIDENT: Peter Delaney.
Vice*Pres: Jim Nolan.
CHAIRMAN: Tommy Sheehan.
VICE-CHAIRMAN: Eddie Dunne.

SECRETARY: Tommy Fay.

TREASURER: Joey Murphy.

Committee: Michael Gillick,
Michael Melia, Tommy Flaherty,
Seamus Feeney, Michael Gleeson,

FOOTBALL CAPTAIN: Gerry Flanagan.

HURLING CAPTAIN: Cliff Murphy.

Football selectors: Tommy Sheehan and Gerry Flanagan.

Hurling Selectors: Tommy Sheehan and Cliff Murphy.

Our out-going Chairman Mr Jim Nolan did not seek reelection to the Chair. On behalf of Maynooth G.A.A. Club we wish to thank Jim for the wonderful work he has done for the club and we are sorry to see him leaving the Chair. Jim has been associated with the Club for the past forty years. Our new Chairman, Mr Tommy Sheehan, said that he hoped he would be able to carry out the good work that Jim Nolan had shown was possible for the club.

TRAINING:

All our players, both hurlers and footballers, are asked to turn up for training sessions every

Tuesday and Thursday nights at 8 p.m., in Moyglare field as both Hurling and Football leagues start in March. Players who do not turn up

for these training sessions will not be considered for any team this year.

We are entering two football teams for this years championships and one hurling team. We are also entering a Minor football team (under 18) for the Kildare Championship and we ask interested lads between 16 and 18 years of age to forward their names to Tommy Fay, 14, Parson Street, Pat Lynch, 69, Maynooth Park or any member of our Committee.

This year we are celebrating our Centenary Year by holding (1) An Inter-County match between Dublin, Kildare or Meath.

(2) A Senior Club tournament.
(3) Junior Football tournament.
(4) Junior Hurling tournament.
(5) A field day for local children.

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CANOE RACE ON ROYAL CANAL

On Sunday, 14th March next, a canoe race will be held on the Royal Canal. This is being organised by the Canoe Union of Ireland and sponsored by the Community Council. Funds will be in aid of sending an Irish Canoe Squad to the Olympic Games in Montreal. Watch out for posters which will be displayed locally and next issue of the 'Newsletter' will contain more details.

CANOEING-----

Canoeing is developing at a tremendous rate and Ireland, with three thousand miles of indented coastline, hundreds of navigable rivers and lakes free from pollution and access restrictions, is the most popular touring and canoe camping country for the lucky few who have discovered these wonderful facilities and the still many miles of canoeable rivers that have not yet reflected the glint of a paddle!

Canoeing is an all-the-year-round sport and as the possibilities of canoeing are numerous, it is one sport where boredom is unlikely to set in. In winter there is Slalom, down river racing, rough water, surfing; in summer, sprint, long distance, marathon, surfing. However, the visitor to Ireland is probably more interested in canoe touring, one of the best methods of exploring the country since the canoe tourist may use rivers and waterways where larger craft cannot go.

There are also many areas where canoe surfing may be had on the south and west coasts but this should not be attempted except by experienced paddlers. The same goes for sea canoeing for which the sometimes dramatic and lengthy coastline affords many opportunities. White water canoeing, the specialist's branch of the sport, is also popular in Ireland but conditions and current information vary so much that details should be sought direct from the Irish Canoe Union.

In Ireland, as in most of Europe, the term canoe, covers everything from a large Canadian open touring boat to racing kayaks. Nevertheless, it is the experience of the canoeist rather than the type of canoe which should be the criterion for choosing the area for a canoe-touring holiday. The beautiful lakelands of the midlands or Kerry may suit the novice while those with a little experience might prefer the Barrow or the Liffey whose faster flow offers a more challenging trip.

But, whether a novice or an expert, please remember the basic guidelines don't canoe if you cannot swim, always wear a life-jacket and never canoe alone!

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CIVIL DEFENCE NOTES

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On Saturday, 14th February, Mrs. Bridie Brady and Mrs. Marie Kelly were presented with their Instructor's Certificates by Mr. Ml. O'Gabhain, School Commandant, Civil Defence School, Phoenix Park. Mrs. Mary Murray, Kilcock, also received her Certificate.



Diploma Day!!

L. to R. Mrs. B. Brady
Michael O'Gabhain,
School Commandant, Civil
Defence, Phoenix Park,
and Mrs. M. Kelly.



ST. MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND.

Two photographs of the Junior Band, taken in the Band Hall after the Christmas break. A feature of the classes is that no fewer than eight families have two or more children in the classes, which include four Maddens - Catherine, Mary, Anthony and Peter - and three Greenes - Patrick, Peter and Joseph.

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NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

From being an extremely courteous nation some years back, we find that there has been a slow but sure falling off, in recent years. In commercial firms this is apparent, but nowhere is it more apparent than in State and semi-State bodies. This has been a slow but certain process, so slow that the public have let things slide little by little. Small things, which as the rather rude note at the end of E.S.B. bill (about prompt payment) even though the consumer has never been late in paying in his life, have been passed over until we find that the ordinary courtesies have been eroded away.

Such normal courtesies as the notification of consumers, when water and electricity supplies are being cut off to facilitate repairs etc. have practically gone by the board. Although with the recent repairs and changes of poles in the Square, the E.S.B. did notify some consumers, many were not warned and, as well, the supply was cut off on the following day without notice at all. This should not be. Neither should water be cut off, even at night, without proper notification and explanation.

Another area for complaint is the cutting of access to public roads without a proper warning, and also the leaving of roads in an almost unusable condition after pipe laying, for an abnormally long period. (We have some fine examples of this in our area). Contractors to local authorities seem to think that they have no obligations to the public in general in these matters. (On the other hand, it would be unfair of us not to commend the contractor who laid the pipes for the P. & T. Dept. in the Main Street, and who left the area very tidy and had the footpath resurfaced in good time).

The local authorities must fall for quite an amount of blame in these matters and could, no doubt, do a lot more in the matter of having these items attended to. If there is no proper legislation to allow them to ensure such matters as the returning of the roads to proper condition, etc. not to mention the completing of building estates in a reasonable time so that they can be taken over and looked after by the County Council, then the local authorities should press for such legislation at once. Particularly in the taking over of new estates, Ratepayers are entitled to the services that they are paying for. This all may not seem to have much to do with courtesy but when members of the public ask for explanation to the local authorities, or through Councillors, no intelligent reason is given for the non-performance of these matters.

All in all, there are certain courtesies that the general public are entitled to and we should not allow these to be ignored, overruled or otherwise disposed of without a full and satisfactory reason.

DRIVERS
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Swimming

Swimming sessions have commenced again at the Celbridge Pool, since the beginning of February. Mr. Bill Delgarno is instructing the children. The sessions are on Friday afternoons, 5-6 p.m.

A general meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday 1st, March at 9 p.m. and all parents are invited.

The Club has been invited to nominate a representative to attend meetings of the Co. Kildare Water Safety Committee.

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Community Council News

One of the main items discussed at the last meeting of the Community Council was the cleaning of the canal. A special effort is to be made to clear the tow path, particularly in the Pike's Bridge direction, and to see what can be done within weeks, prior to the Canoe Race on 14th March. In the coming weeks, it is hoped to organise work parties to take part in this work and volunteers are urgently needed to assist. If you would be prepared to help, please contact the Community Council representative in your area and he, or she, will make arrangements to fit you in a party.

This is just the commencement of the proposed work on the canal. It is hoped later to cut weeds, etc. particularly between the Town Bridge and Puck's Bridge (Newtown end) and, as far as possible, to try and work this portion of the canal in with the Sports Field - Harbour complex as a boating area. It is also envisaged that a boat slip will be provided in the Harbour to facilitate the launching of canoes.

All this, of course, will not be done in a few weeks and completion of the work will depend on the assistance the Council receives both manually and financially from the whole community, and it is important to point out at this stage that manual help is the most important. This should be an opportunity for the younger people of the town to show their spirit. Perhaps the Youth Clubs could contact the Community Council in this respect. For the not so active, who have never taken part in such work parties, there is no need to fear that the work will be too heavy. Individuals work at their own pace, in their own time, and nobody is asked to do too much, doing whichever job they wish themselves.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE:

THE CANOE RACE

Arrangements were made for the stewarding, etc. of the canoe race on 14th March. The race will start from the Square at 3 p.m. with the contestants racing up to the Town Bridge with their boats and launching from there. Spectators are asked to obey the stewards on the day of the race, so that they may not interfere with the race.

This race may be placed on the Canoe Union Calendar as an annual event. It is considered, at the moment, as one of the finest in the Canoe Racing Year.

T.V. AERIAL

The Community aerial was discussed and the Council was informed that the draft contract was in the process of being prepared for distribution.

SPORTS FIELD

The Council had a meeting with the Maynooth Development Association and arrangements were made to hand over the funds collected from the Sponsored Cycle Ride when it is hoped to see another phase of the work completed.

COMMUNITY GAMES

The position about the Community Games both at County level and National level is still somewhat obscure but the Council's representative is keeping in touch.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

These were formally put before the Council and were unanimously accepted.

GARDENING

By Colm Kennedy

Do not be in a hurry to make seed sowings—wait until the winds dry out the soil somewhat and leave it easier to get a fine tilt. Nothing is more detrimental to small seeds than a badly-tilled seed bed. Between air-pockets and cold, damp conditions seeds will not grow well and give of their best. Goodness knows things are expensive enough to grow. Anyway Brussel sprouts and onions out of doors can be put in, weather permitting. Get your onion sets, shallots, leeks, and some cabbage seed planted in a sheltered position. Early potatoes too can be planted in a shady spot. At the end of the month all cabbage and cauliflower sown in January indoors or in frames should be hardened off and can be got into the ground in April.

Start hoeing autumn sown cabbage, sprouting broccoli and winter cauliflowers and if they are showing the effects of winter, top-dress with sulphate of ammonia, or nitro chalk to bring back colour and encourage spring growth.

The Onion bed should be prepared for planting out seedlings next month. A start can be made with sowings of radishes, lettuce, peas, broad beans, and spinach later on in the month. A good variety of any of the above vegetables for March sowing: Radish: Saxene or Scarlet Globe; Lettuce: hard to beat Fortune or Tom Thumb; Peas: Little Marvel or Pioneer; Broad Beans: Colossal and Perpetual Spinach and finally get in your Parsnips: Tender and True or White Gem: both of these varieties have a very smooth skin and excellent crops can be produced with a little care.

The Wallflower is the most popular spring flowering plant raised from seed. No other subject provides a greater show of bloom and when well grown the plants give a long-continued display. In the house too they have a delightful perfume and beautiful decorative charm. There are so many different varieties and colours now available they can have a very telling effect. Wallflower seeds can be planted in May-June in open ground—as soon as the plants are large enough transplant into six rows. Plant out into flowering position in the autumn. Poppies are a must in any garden and amongst those grown as a biennial are the large flowered special Mixture Height about 18 ins. Sow seed in June-July in open ground ¼ in. deep. Pansies are another very good subject. They are beautiful for edging borders. Violas are more tufty in habit than pansies and are equally suitable for bedding. Seed sowing the same as for pansies. Polyanthus can be effective when grown alone in beds but some beautiful results can be obtained when interplanted with other early blooming subjects. I have listed but a few—there are several others.

EXTENSION OF BUS TO NEW ESTATES

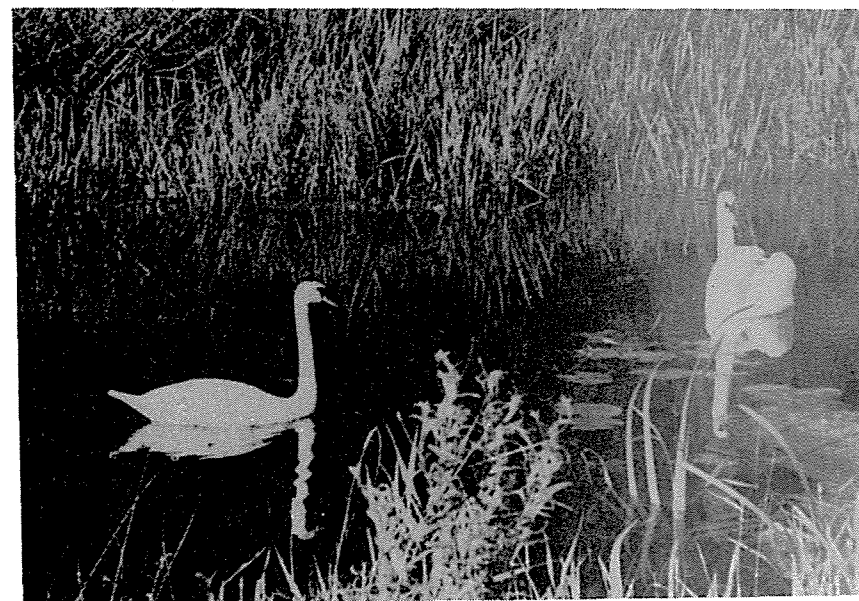
The question of the extension of the local bus route up to the new estates was again discussed and two members of the Council were deputed to see if they could make some arrangements in the matter.

STRAY DOGS

The serious matter of stray dogs in the area was discussed. These dogs have become a serious problem and many people have been bitten. These dogs mainly appear to be strays and it may be significant that they seem to appear after mart days, and it can only be assumed that farmers are responsible for bringing these dogs here and straying them. It is odd indeed that farmers, who from time to time complain of loose dogs killing sheep, should turn dogs loose like this to starve and to be a serious menace to flocks of sheep in the area. Perhaps the local Farmers' Association would look into the matter.

The next Council Meeting will be on 9th March.

We wish to make a strong appeal to all persons and clubs to please cooperate in sending in material for printing. It should be remembered that this is a voluntary effort by the sub-committee and a good deal of time goes into the preparation, etc. of the Newsletter. Considerable time would be saved if material was handed in to any of the Editorial Committee in time. Some Residents' Associations and Clubs are not availing of facilities in the paper—we feel this is a sad reflection on community solidarity without which this paper has no business being in production at all. We hope it is not indicative of a general malaise of indifference and apathy. Two of the Residents' Associations have ceased sending in notes when they formally did so—why is this? This neglect naturally reduces the appeal of the paper for many and also reduces our sales (thus reducing our finances for printing). To get notes from some clubs is like looking for favours—many clubs don't even bother. This is your means of communication—let people know what you are doing—when, where, and why. Any bits of news, however small, will be welcome. The last date for handing in articles etc. is Sunday 21st March for inclusion in next issue on first weekend in April.



A Royal Tour — did anyone see King Lir?
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Parent/Teacher Association

It is hoped to have a discussion on a proposed School Management Board for the Post-Primary School, at a general meeting of parents in the coming month, and, if possible, to have a speaker to address parents on the subject.

Also in the near future, it is hoped that the School's "Open Night" will be held, when work done by the pupils will be on display. It will be remembered that a similar night last year, which was very well attended, was considered to be a highlight of the year. Watch for details in next issue.

The Association wish to thank all the parents who have sent in their £1 subscription for the year. Members of the Association will call on the remainder of the parents to complete the collection.

The "Vanishing Tea Party" is progressing quite well and the Association wish to thank all who helped so far. It is hoped that all parents will have participated by the end.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To: Harry Flood, O'Neill Park; Mary E. Donohue, Dowdstown House; Margaret Dowling, Leinster Cottages; Mary Cusker, Leinster Park, on their recent marriages.

To: Osmond and Mary Brady, The Square on the birth of a daughter; John and Maureen Collins, Carton Lodge, on the birth of a daughter; Kevin and Breua Connolly, Dowdstown, on the birth of a son.

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**POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL,
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Congratulations to Dymphna McLoughlin, Frances Murphy and Elizabeth Kennedy on winning the Intermediate section of the Muintir na Tire Project Competition. The girls carried out additional survey on certain aspects of Road Safety and its reference to Maynooth. The prize of £25 and a cup was won for the second successive year by students of the Post Primary School. If successful next year, the cup will be theirs.

This is the second prize won by these girls, having collected a £50 prize in a project competition organised by Dunshaughlin Macra na Feirme earlier this year.

Much publicity and controversy surrounds some schools today who are endeavouring to implement various experimental ideas about curriculum development. One tendency has been to strengthen links between the school and the local communities, by involving parents, local associations, local industry etc. in a more dynamic way.

Another recent development in schools has been the introduction of a Guidance and Counselling service. This service contributes to the more effective running of a school as well as helping the students with personal, academic and career problems. Vocational schools have been among the first to introduce this kind of service into their schools and are attempting more and more to broaden their educational goals, on the whole.

An interesting combination of both ideas is illustrated in a novel experiment about to take place in Maynooth Post-Primary School. In connection with the guidance and counselling service provided in the school, the students have been asked to participate in a "work-experience" week. With the cooperation of Maynooth College, and many industries throughout Co. Kildare, about thirty students from 4th Year (male and female) will take part in the scheme.

The students will work in these factories for the week under as nearly realistic conditions as possible. Those interested in further education after their Leaving Certificate will attend Maynooth College and The Dublin College of Catering during the week.

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There is considerable evidence to show that pupils who have undertaken work experience tend to develop increased social maturity, self-confidence, and are less inclined to change their jobs once they start work themselves. Considered as a form of social education, work experience can develop good behaviour in unfamiliar surroundings, a better understanding of other people and ability to work on their own without supervision. All this will ease the ultimate transition from school to work. It should also improve their general alertness and communication skills as they will be expected to report back to their classmates afterwards. While some criticisms can be made of this kind of scheme, on balance it improves the pupil's vocational maturity, and enables them to see the relevance of their school work and consequently can sometimes improve their attainments before they leave school.



They're a long way from being Dad's Army! Members of the Maynooth Scout 'Cubs' at the recent investiture at the Parish Hall. Photo includes: Miss Ann Gargan, Billy Flood, Bro's J. St. Leger, S.D.B. and J. Lofrano, S.D.B.

Photo—Robert J. Gore, Slaesian House.

THE EXPECTANT MOTHER

Dear Son,

Just a few lines — hoping you're all feeling well. Just over the 'flu' me'self. If I feel up to it I'll see you all on Patrick's Day.

Don't forget Mother's Day — March 28th — I'll be expecting a card from you this year.

Have to rush. Bye for now. Regards to Mary and the children.

*Love,
Mother.*

P.S.:— LEAVY'S, Greenfield Est. have a nice range of Cards.

I.C.A. NOTES

The February Meeting was very well attended and a number of new members were welcomed.

Mrs. Fagan was thanked for organising the catering, so very successfully, at the recent Coin Fair in the R.D.S. Ballsbridge.

A very interesting talk and demonstration was given by Miss Una Nelson, from the Dublin School of Art and was of great interest to all. Next month's talk will be on "The Prevention of Fire in the Home".

The Bord Iascaigh Mhara Fish Cooking Competition was won by Mrs. Mary Doyle, with savoury stuffed cod, and all the members wish Mrs. Doyle every success at the Federation level of the competition in April.

The competition for next month will be the 'best Limerick'.

Mrs. O'Reilly won the raffle and the meeting concluded with a very nice tea.

MAYNOOTH BOY SCOUTS

The 8th Kildare Scout Troop, C.B.S.I., has now completed its first year of active scouting in Maynooth. The foundations of the troop were laid during the winter months of 1974, when under the leadership of James St. Leger, S.D.B., Joseph Lofrano, S.D.B., Kieran O'Reilly, S.M.A., and Billy Flood—a teacher in the local National School, a small group of lads were trained in the basic skills of scouting. This first group were invested scouts on February 16th, 1975. The Investiture ceremony followed a Mass in Parish Church, which was concelebrated by Fr. O'Higgins, P.P., Fr. Hicks, S.D.B. — Troop Chaplain and Fr. Putzu, S.D.B. Among those who attended from National Headquarters were Mr. M. O'Driscoll, National Director of Training, and Mr P. Butler, Unit Leader of the 42nd and 92nd Troops, Crumlin.

In January '75 a further sixteen boys were admitted to the Troop, bringing the number up to twenty. The Troop was divided into four patrols, these patrols form the nucleus of the Troop and all activities centre around them. Throughout the following months the new boys were gradually introduced to scouting through various activities, primarily through the weekly meeting but also through hikes and week-end camps. A second investiture was held on the 27th April bringing the number of invested scouts up to twenty. With the uniforming of the full Troop we were able to take part in many parish functions, among them the Corpus Christi procession. During this month we were joined by another leader—Eugene Gargan from Greenfields.

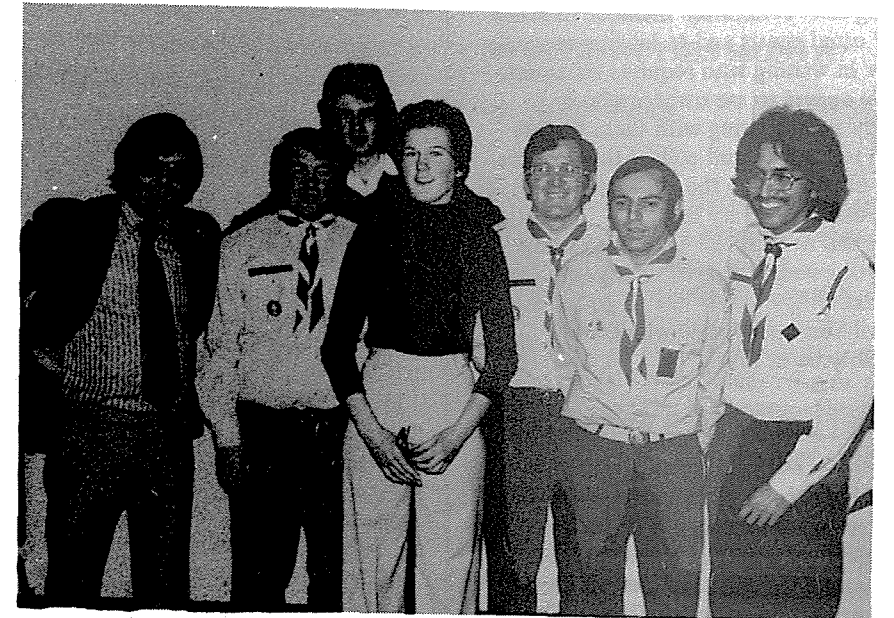
The major event in any scout year is the annual camp. Last year, because the Troop was still in its infancy, we decided to break the annual camp into two; the first part comprised a three-day patrol camp, in Larch Hill (National Campsite of C.B.S.I.) at the beginning of August, this was followed by a five-day camp for the whole Troop at Ballinakill, Co. Laois.

With the resumption of activities after the summer an extensive programme was carried out, introducing many new skills to the boys. On November 1st a Cub Pack, under the leadership of Billy Flood, Ann Gargan, Fergus Tuohy, S.M.A., and Alfredo Agius, S.D.B., was started. Mr. P. Madden joined the Scout Troop as an officer at this time.

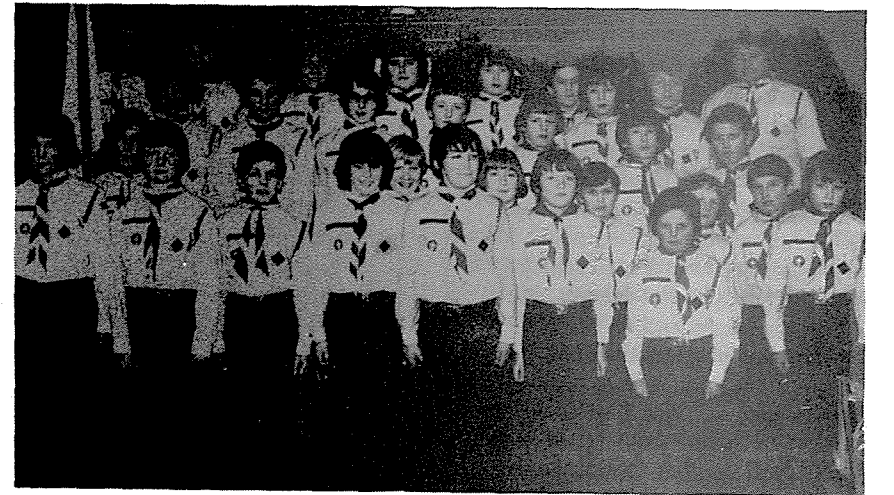
The activities, throughout the past year are considered to have been very successful, both by the officers and the boys. Their success is indicative of the enthusiasm amongst the boys for scouting. It is noticeable that in the short time scouting has been established in Maynooth a strong scouting spirit has grown amongst the boys. It is hoped that this will continue to grow over the coming years. Judging by the response of both boys and parents we

are confident that scouting has a very bright future in Maynooth.

The Unit wishes to thank all those who gave so unstintingly of their time and energy to help with various functions, during the past year. A special word of thanks is due to all those who contributed to our various fund-raising activities, in the past and whom I am sure will continue to do so in the future. A final word of thanks goes to Frs. O'Higgins and Supple for their continued support and encouragement.



Members of the Committee of Maynooth Boy Scouts and 'Cubs'. Included are: Put Kelly, Bro. J. St. Leger, S.D.B., Gene and Ann Gargan and Billy Flood
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Maynooth Boy Scouts Troop with two of their leaders.

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MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE NEWS

Fourteen of our senior citizens took part in the T.V. programme "Going Strong" recently. A most enjoyable day was had by all in Montrose. In order to compensate those who could not take part Bunny Carr promised to pay us a visit but there is no definite news about this visit as yet.

The next Social will be held on the 14th March. We take this opportunity of asking each committee member to invite their usual guests and to let the secretary know in writing who requires transport.

We appeal to car owners who have elderly people living with them to take them to the hall and collect them as the pool of cars which the committee have at their disposal is very limited.

At the next Social we will welcome from our senior citizens their suggestions on where they would like to go for the annual Summer Outing which will probably be in July.

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. took place in the Geraldine Hall on 24th February, 1976 with approximately sixty residents present. A lively meeting took place despite the fairly poor representation from the residents. Brian Eddery did not allow his name to go forward for re-election as he hopes to concentrate his efforts with Maynooth Community Council. The rest of last year's Committee were re-elected together with some new members. So it is hoped that with an increased Committee size much greater progress will be achieved in the coming year.

There was a ten-member Sub-Committee set up in order that a consistent effort might be maintained at getting Vaughan Builders to complete the maintenance on the Estate.

Hopefully some rewards will soon be seen on this seemingly ever-present thorn in our side.

The Committee express the hope that they will get much greater co-operation and encouragement during the coming year and that 1976 will see the completion of all works on Greenfield Estate.

Maynooth Castle

A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen (6)

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

The arrival in Ireland of Robert FitzStephen gave new strength to MacMurrough. These reinforcements were professional fighters, cavalry of knights and esquires, mailed men-at-arms, and archers, Normans, Flemings and Welsh. Together MacMurrough and FitzStephen took Wexford which, together with the promised two cantreds of land, was promptly handed over to FitzStephen for himself and Maurice FitzGerald who had not yet arrived in Ireland. Then they set out to restore MacMurrough's authority in Leinster, which operation included ravaging Offelan and Omurethy, the lands of the O'Byrnes and the O'Tooles. At the this stage O'Connor the High-King moved against MacMurrough and the result was a treaty by which Diarmait was to be allowed remain king of Leinster if he sent his Norman allies home. This he failed to do and then Maurice FitzGerald landed at Wexford at the end of 1169 to join his brother, bringing with him according to Giraldus, "ten men-at-arms, thirty mounted retainers and about a hundred archers and foot-soldiers."

Thus strengthened Diarmait began to think of making a bid for the High-Kingship himself. He discussed this with the two Geraldines, FitzStephen and FitzGerald and seems to have offered to marry his daughter Aoife to either one or the other. But they advised him to send for their overlord, the earl of Pembroke, Strongbow, and ask his help. Strongbow was impressed by the success of the Geraldines and made ready to come. He sent ahead his chosen lieutenant, still another Geraldine, Raymond le Gros, the son of Maurice's elder brother, William.

Raymond landed on the coast near Waterford in May 1170 with a small force of ten men-at-arms and seventy archers. While awaiting the arrival of Strongbow he was attacked by a large army of Irish and Norse from Waterford but Raymond's leadership inspired his men to victory. Raymond became probably the most outstanding military leader among the first wave of invaders and Giraldus has left us a description of him. As his nickname suggests he was "very stout and a little above the middle height; his hair was yellow and curly and he had large, grey, round eyes. His nose was rather prominent, his countenance high-coloured, cheerful and pleasant; and although he was somewhat corpulent, he was so lively and active that the incumbrance was not a blemish or inconvenience. Such was his care of his troops that he passed whole nights without sleep, going the rounds of the guards himself, and challenging the sentinels to keep them on the alert..." Giraldus of course was somewhat partial to his cousins the Geraldines, but there seems to be a consensus of opinion that Raymond's victory at this point was decisive for the success of the invasion and so of course also for the subsequent history of Ireland. If he had been defeated, Strongbow might never have come to Ireland and the invasion might have remained what it was up to this point, a Geraldine adventure which would probably have ended by their assimilation into the Gaelic race or their expulsion. Hence the old rhyme:

"At the creek of Baginbunne
Ireland was lost and won."



Based on: Peter Harbison, "Guide to the National Monuments of Ireland".

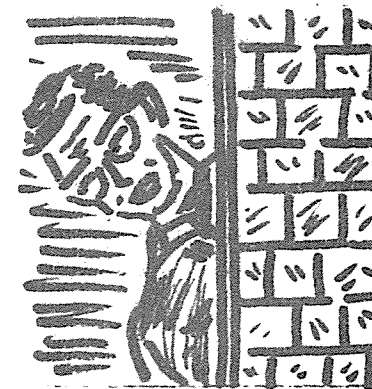
At last Strongbow arrived near Waterford in August 1170 with an army of two hundred men-at-arms and one thousand other troops. Giraldus described him also but Strongbow was not a Geraldine and the picture is not as flattering as some of the others; "His complexion was somewhat ruddy, and his skin freckled; he had grey eyes, feminine features, a weak voice, and short neck." Strongbow and le Gros took Waterford together. MacMurrough, Aoife, FitzGerald and FitzStephen joined them and Strongbow and Aoife were married. Richard Roche, in *The Norman Invasion of Ireland*, pictures the "mail-clad Normans and their Flemish, Welsh and Irish allies cramming the aisles to catch a glimpse of the famed Strongbow and his bride."

The invasion now became a more serious affair with MacMurrough's Norman allies dictating the action. Together they took Dublin in spite of the efforts of O'Connor. Then MacMurrough died in May 1171 leaving Strongbow as his heir to the kingship of Leinster. But as this legacy had no validity in Irish law Strongbow soon found the tribes of Leinster in revolt against him. Meanwhile the High-King was gathering an army and the recently expelled Norse king of Dublin was attacking the city from the sea. Strongbow could not expect much help from England or Wales since his own overlord, Henry II of England, was displeased with him for ignoring his orders to return home. In fact Henry had decided to come to Ireland himself. He had for long been interested in the project and had taken the trouble to get Pope Adrian IV, an Englishman, to issue the famous Bull, *Laudabiliter*, in which he granted Ireland to Henry on condition that he undertake the reform of the Irish Church. But the real reason why he came now was his alarm at the success of his subjects in Ireland and his fear that they might set up an independent lordship. Strongbow hastened to make his peace with Henry before the royal expedition set sail. But the Geraldines were still a threat and Henry wanted the Irish to accept his authority also.

So Henry sailed for Ireland with the largest army yet. He brought 500 knights and 1,000 others, carried on a fleet of 240 ships, according to the Annals of the Four Masters, with huge amounts of bacon, beans, cheese, salt, wheat and oats to feed them all. They were to be kept clothed with 2,000 ells of grey woollen cloth while for the king there was scarlet and green cloth, silk and otter skins. Among the baggage also were 1,000 lbs. of wax for the sealing of letters and charters, and 569 lbs. of almonds! The mighty army achieved its purpose and did not have to fight even one battle. Everyone submitted to Henry, Geraldines and Irish, kings and hierarchy. He stayed in Ireland for six months, during which time he summoned the synod of Cashel to further ecclesiastical reform, gave Dublin a charter which granted the city to the men of Bristol, re-organised the Norman-occupied lands along feudal lines and set up an administrative machinery and a legal and legislative system as in England. And he kept in his own hands both Waterford and Wexford when he left Ireland in April 1172.

The success of the invasion so far had been mainly the work of the Geraldines. Now the king had stepped in and taken it over and reduced them and the other Normans to a subordinate position as his vassals. He had also taken Wexford, MacMurrough's original bribe to Maurice FitzGerald and Robert FitzStephen. The Geraldines would have to look for new territories.

References for the Norman Invasion:
Richard Roche, *The Norman Invasion of Ireland*; J. F. Lydon, *The Lordship of Ireland in the Middle Ages*.



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

by "WATCHMAN"

- March 10 & 24 Civil Defence (Casualty Unit) Meetings 8 p.m.
- March 7 Parish Auction - 2 p.m.
- March 9 Community Council Meeting - 8 p.m.
- March 14 Old People's Party 4 p.m.
- Canoe Race - 3 p.m.
- March 22 G.A.A. Cabaret-Hitching Post.

CANOE RACE

The Royal Canal-Rye River Canoe Race, as it is now called, has been included in the calendar of the Irish Canoeing Union and is an official race of the season. It is even anticipated that the race may be included as an annual fixture, so highly is the race rated.

The race commences in the Square at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 14th March when contestants will race with their canoes to the Town Bridge, where they will launch themselves on the Canal. At this juncture, we would ask the public to obey the stewards on the course, so as to keep a clear run for the entrants.

The course will be along the Canal to Louisa Bridge, where they will leave the Canal and carry their canoes down to the Rye River, past the Spa spring, recently renovated by Leixlip Community Council. The course continues under the canal and on to the old school at Leixlip (opposite the Rye Vale Tavern). The full course is approximately 5 miles.

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ANOTHER DAY

By Geraldine Dillon

It happened every day, every morning. Her alarm-clock went off. And it demanded sacrifices from her. She had to get up, live another day. And her life went on.

She was a typical young person, June. She was good too. She thought it a great shame that there were certain people classed as outcasts.

"Imagine," she often thought to herself, "there are some people at this very minute ready to kill themselves, because they're so lonely! What's the world coming to at all?" So true. But then, that's part of life, and June thanked her stars she was one of the "lucky" ones. Why, this very evening she was going to a party, with her pals from the office. It was the birthday of one of the girls, and June was very excited about the coming night.

She rushed home from work, so that she'd have plenty of time to get herself ready. For once the traffic lights weren't against her. It was when she was clattering up the stairs leading to her flat that she heard the monotonous tone of her telephone ringing.

"Blow," she muttered, and tore up the remaining steps. It was her cousin on the phone, telling June that she was at the bus-stop, and would June mind picking her up, as she couldn't make out the address?

"Of course not," June replied.

She slammed down the phone, cursing her cousin. For a few minutes she hesitated, uncertain of what to do. With a grimace, she decided duty precedes amusement.

It was half an hour later when she reached the bus-stop. The traffic lights had been against her. One quick glance from her took in the empty pavement.

Impatiently, she pulled in against the kerb. She waited, fuming, while unconsciously she drummed her fingers against the steering-wheel.

The cold pavement was bare and hard, the only things on it were rusty leaves fluttering and a broken bottle, its projecting sharp eyes glinting. June glanced around impatiently. In the distance she saw a huddled up figure hurrying towards the car. With swift movements that showed her impatience she opened the car door, and turned the key.

Her cousin climbed into the car, preceded by brown paper bags, carrier bags, an empty bird-cage and a huge shopping bag, with pages of books escaping from the top. These she arranged on the two seats. Then she followed, gasping, smoothing her coat at the same time, and apologising in between to June for "causing you so much trouble, and er-oops—but you see, I'd just seen this shop that sells bulls-eyes—I'm partial to them, you know, and—would you like one? Oh, sorry!"

With that, Mary fell on June. June firmly disentangled herself from her cousin. Mary picked a bulls-eye off her coat. "Em, you wouldn't like one, would you?" she offered tentatively.

June started. "No thanks," she replied. She stole a secret look at her cousin. She took in the steel-rimmed glasses, long, greasy hair, the expression of awe and wide open eyes. She grimaced. Why did she promise her mother to invite this creature down? With a set face she drove on.

The silence seemed thick with embarrassment. Several times Mary cleared her throat, as if in preparation for speaking. She never got further than saying: "I..." Finally she gave up and faked intense interest in the passing scenery, or her brown shoes, which had two black laces on. Her wide open, serious eyes, hidden behind the thick glasses, seemed however to be looking through the shoes, rather than at them.

When finally June spoke, it was like cracking ice, and Mary started.

"By the way, Mary," June said in a dry, impersonal voice, "I'm sorry for seeming inhospitable, but I'll have to leave you on your own to-night. You see, I've got to go to a party. I'm sure you don't mind."

"Oh!" May exclaimed loudly. She blushed and lowered her voice. "Well, actually you see, Mammy told me to be sure and try to get out to some dances. So I was thinking, would it be all right if I went with you. It would be quite all right now if you didn't want me. I mean..." Mary, flustered and confused, pulled off her gloves, then tugged them on again.

June, startled, turned and stared at Mary. Then she quickly faced the road again. Pictures quickly flashed through her mind. She saw Mary with her to-night, she saw her friends' looks, their secret glances, and heard their sniggerings. June flushed at the thought of the embarrassment she would feel.

"Well," she spoke quickly, "I'm afraid you couldn't really come. You see, it's, it's a special party, just for the staff. I'm sorry. I hope you understand."

Mary could feel her cheeks burning. It had been a strain asking; listening to a refusal was worse.

"Oh it's all right. That's life, I guess." There was a false lilt in her voice.

She gave out, at the world passing by. Cars, with faceless people in them. She saw through them, with hard eyes. That was life.

Geraldine Dillon
(Leaving Cert. class,
Scoil Iosa, Kilcock.)

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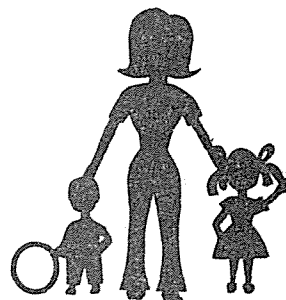
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Every car tool-kit should have spare bulbs especially a headlamp bulb. If, however, you have not taken this precaution and a bulb on the off-side car fails, it is worth exchanging it with a bulb on the near-side; to motor without it is illegal, but, if your journey is vital, it is more dangerous to be without an off-side light.

Tyres

It is essential to have the right tyre pressure both from the point of view of safety and economy. Your steering is affected seriously from over inflation (especially in wet and frosty weather) and under inflation (causes excessive wear). Tyre pressure should be checked regularly and changed when necessary; when fully unladen and laden. You should have your own pressure gauge as garage gauges are not always accurate due to age or misuse. Check the proper pressures in your manual and keep them in your car for handy reference (e. g. on your sun shield, as garage attendants don't always know the right pressure).

Your steering is a good guide; if your car starts to wander or is bumpy your tyres may be under inflated or you have a puncture. If its a puncture never drive on the flat tyre for more than twenty yards as irreparable damage will result. If at a certain speed (30, 40, 50 etc. m.p.h.) you get a shuddering in your steering wheel the most obvious cause is your wheels are not properly balanced. They should be left in to be balanced statically and dynamically. If your wheels are balanced then the fault may be a loose engine support or tie rod (possible support rubbers damaged).

Changing Your Engine Oil

The engine should be hot before draining the oil. To drain the oil you simply place a flat container under the sump (suitable to hold your sump capacity) and remove the sump plug with a suitable spanner. Then let hot oil drain completely. While oil is draining remove oil cap and wash in petrol—leave steeping. This is important if it contains a gauze filter as it is necessary for it to be clear to allow the engine to breathe. Also you should check the air breather usually fixed on the side of the engine. Now replace the sump plug—making sure the washer is replaced—and refill. Check your manual for the right capacity. If you feel competent replace the oil filter—this is very important.

It is sound economy to be generous with your oil. You save a lot of money by buying a gallon of oil at a time—look out for special offers of known brands here. Change oil as recommended in manual. Change at least every 6,000 miles also the oil filter (check on your garage in this respect as there is a tendency to neglect this important point). Check your oil level once a week and if you have travelled 150-200 miles check level, especially if pushing car hard.

Don't throw away the waste oil. Make your own fire lighters. Put old sump oil into a bucket, then fill the bucket with sheets of newspaper crumpled into small tight balls. Leave to soak for a day or two. Using two sheets of newspaper wrap each ball into a parcel, leave a further few days for paper to absorb, and the fire will light first time. Suitable for open or closed fires and boilers. Little or no smoke, and no smell. Make sure to leave in safe place so as to avoid the possibility of a fire by accident.

Emergency Repair Hints

1. Lights or windscreen failure: Cause: Blown fuse, spent bulb, faulty wiper motor. Repair: If no spare fuse, wrap old fuse in silver paper (cigarette box). Replace old fuse as soon as possible also put spare fuse in place provided.

Faulty windscreen motor might work again if you let it cool down. If not rubbing a cut potato on windscreen every mile helps to keep the glass reasonably clear in rain (any suitable vegetable will do).

2. Brake failure: If another vehicle is available it is possible to remove a brakeless car to a garage repairs. Use the brakeless car to tow the other vehicle which can then do the braking for both. This method should only be used in an emergency, e.g. when the brakeless car is blocking a laneway.

James St. Leger, S.D.B.

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Left to right: Peter O'Neill, Fr. Stapleton, Eddie Healy and Tom Scully.

MAYNOOTH YOUTH CLUB

The Club commenced in August last, with a few members but many new members have joined since, until recently the numbers went up to over fifty. Meetings are held each Tuesday night in the Parish Hall from 8 p.m. to 10.15 p.m. when games such as Scrabble, Monopoly, Draughts, Table-Tennis, Rings etc. are available. Crafts of various kinds are also fostered and members will make items for sale at a coming Jumble Sale to be held later in the year.

The evenings usually round off with a short quiz and conclude with a meeting when the happenings of the evening are discussed.

At a meeting on 17th February, a representative of the Community Council attended, and the participation of the Club in various functions in Maynooth was discussed. This idea was received with enthusiasm and the forming of a Youth Council was discussed, whose representatives could attend meetings of the Community Council where they could listen to and take part in discussions on items of mutual interest. In this way one Council could help the other.

Once each month there is a Federation Meeting at which Clubs from Co. Kildare attend, i.e. Allenwood, Athy, Clane, Edenderry, Kildare, Kill, Naas, Portlaoise, Rathangan and Sallins. The meeting is held in a different area each month, the last meeting on 22nd January last, being held in the Geraldine Hall, Maynooth. The next meeting will be in Naas.

The leaders of Maynooth Club are: President: Benjy Bright; Chairman: Eddie Healy; Treasurer: Margaret Mullally; Secretary: Margaret Redmond; Asst. Secretary: Anita Lyon.

The Club is very much indebted to the students from the various Hostels and from St. Patrick's College, who have given so much time and help to the Club.

SPORTS PAGE

RESULTS OF MAYNOOTH HANDBALL AND SQUASH DRAW FOR JAN. '76

- £30: Mrs. M. Feeney, Celbridge Road, Maynooth.
 £10: Mrs. Galligan, 16 Maynooth Park, Maynooth.
 £5: Patrick Pidgeon, 9 Maynooth Pk., Maynooth.
 £5: Patrick Stanley, Railpark, Maynooth.
 £3: Ciarrin Brady, 481 Straffan Rd., Maynooth.
 £2: Tom Fahey, 124 Railpark, Maynooth.
 £1: Mr. O'Dowd, 29 Laurence Ave., Maynooth.
 £1: Mrs. D. V. Quigley, Moyglare Rd., Maynooth.
 £1: Mary Prunty, 13 Maynooth Park, Maynooth.
 £1: Mrs. J. Nyland, c/o Barton's Flats, Maynooth.
 £1: Mrs. C. Duff, 12 Laurence Ave., Maynooth.
 £1: Marie Sullivan, 6 Laurence Ave., Maynooth.
 £1: Miss, J. Hartnett, 1 Parson St., Maynooth.
 £1: Dr. W. Cowhey, Dublin Road, Maynooth.
 £1: Kevin O'Reilly, c/o C.P.I., Lucan.
 £1: Colm Feeney, Celbridge Road, Maynooth.

The following Promotors won £1 each: Patrick Conroy, A. Lyon, R. McTiernan, Mary Kennedy, Colm Nelson, Cathal Power, Joe Moore, Eugene Gargan, Patrick Kennedy.

The next draw will be held on Tuesday, 16th March.

MAYNOOTH G.A.A.

The hurlers have now reached two hurling finals. On Sunday, 22nd February, the team travelled to Kildare Town and reached one of these finals by beating Athy by 8-11 to 2-4. This was an excellent performance by the team on the first game of the season. Each member of the team played extremely well, and the scorers for Maynooth were: M. Mealey 2-3, Tom Purcell 2-2, K. O'Brien 2-2, D. Quigley 1-2, V. Duffe 1-0, M. Loughnane 0-1, C. Murphy 0-1. In defence B. Redmond, M. Gleeson and M. O'Brien were first class.

The football league starts on Sunday, 7th March and the hurling league 1976 starts on Sunday, 14th March.

The Club will run a Cabaret Show in the Hitching Post, Leixlip, on Monday, 22nd March, featuring "The Values", John Carpenter, etc. Admission 50p. It is hoped that as many as possible will support this, as funds are required to finish the dressing-rooms this year.

The Club would appreciate all material support during the coming season, not to mention passive or spectator support. We can assure supporters of many exciting games to come. Help place Maynooth once again at the forefront of Kildare hurling and football.

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 Garda Siochana, Naas - 7333
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SOCCER:

THE TECHNIQUE OF ATTACK

Bro. Martin McCormack, S.D.B.

The basic purpose of attack is to score goals. That is a lot easier to say than to do - it is the skill to beat a man, and it matters little what position you play, whether centre-half or winger.

Forward play is about taking on a defender and outskilling him to the extent that he is not able to construct a good defensive barrier or get in a good tackle, it is about speed, skill, bravery, strength and sheer determination. It is about unselfish running and playing as part of a team, and not for oneself.

As an attacker you must be flexible - in other words you must be able to adopt certain tactics for certain situations. Thus you must be constructive in your approach. 'Attack' is not playing flashy and clever football, and omitting the strength and hard work.

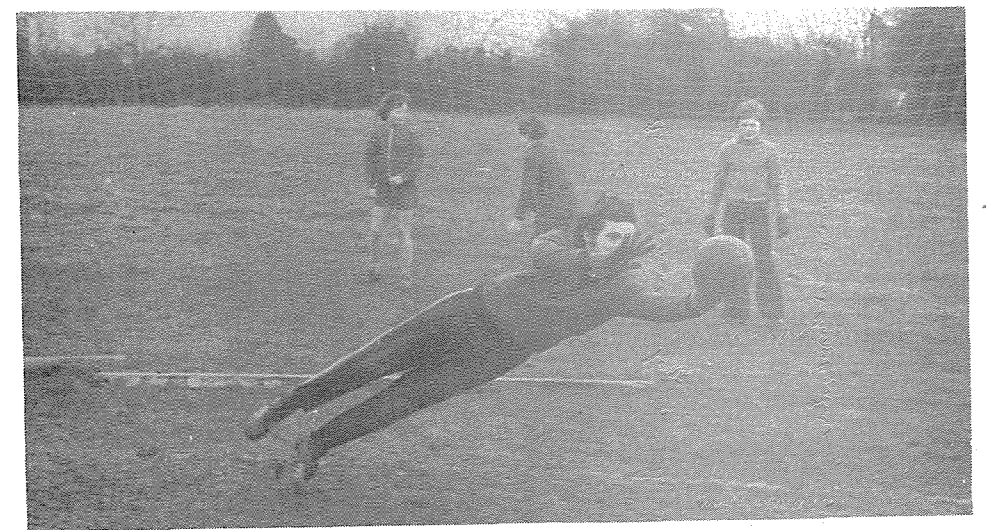
The first thing to learn as a forward is to find a place. This means to be prepared to run for your team-mates and draw defenders away by varying your approach to goal. Use the width of the field, interchanging positions. Wingers should learn to play in the centre, or cross the ball from wing to wing. When a player is without the ball a run diagonally is much better than a straight forward one.

Good work on the wings is an obvious way of drawing central defenders out of position, and creating space for other attackers to move in. It is clear that if you allow a flank runner go unchecked he will create a problem and so the defenders must move out to cover him. Good attackers will then make their runs and get in behind the defence.

Never be afraid to try the unexpected - try a snapshot that doesn't seem on (don't overdo this however, use it only as bait to keep the opposition guessing); vary your crosses, hit them low, high, long, bend and curl them; hit them for the far post as well as the near. Don't let the defence settle. Keep them guessing, keep the pressure on - then you are part of the art of forward play.

Having spoken in general about the attacker's role let us turn to three positions of attack in particular:

1. **Centre Forward:** He is looked on primarily as the goal scorer, but he is also the linkman in keeping the forwards together by means of well placed passes to the wingers and inside forwards. Not only must he develop an understanding with his fellow forwards, but also he must cooperate with his half-backs. He should be able to kick and pass with both feet and head the ball accurately. The Centre Forward probably gets more chances to head than any other player. The best method of heading is downwards forcing the keeper to go down to save (very often a fraction too late). He should also learn to head the ball down to the feet of another attacker to try a shot at goal. He



Joe Murphy in Action! - Photo R.J. Gore.

must learn to find space and also mark the centre-half. The reason for this being to prevent his opponent from taking the ball up field and drawing out his own defence.

2. **Inside Forward:** A good inside forward must be ready to help in both defence and attack. He must prevent the opposing wing halves from bringing the ball through. He must develop a good understanding with his partner wing forwards and wing halves. Through this he can often outwit a defence by changing position with his partner. At least one inside man should support the centre forward in the goal area, picking up the loose ball and having a shot himself. This very often is where the best dribblers are found - in the inside position.

3. **Wingers:** The two wingers can be the making or the breaking of a team. As with all players, wingers must cooperate with the rest of the forwards. They must be able to centre the ball while on the run and cross to the opposite wing with accuracy. Wingers must follow three principles:

- Play the position five or six yards from the touch line.
- Be ready for emergency clearances from their own defence up around the half-way flag.
- They must be able to cut in and try a shot with either foot.

I hope this brief outline of the strategy of attack will be of some assistance to some of our young players. Next month I plan to develop on similar lines the very important technique of defence.

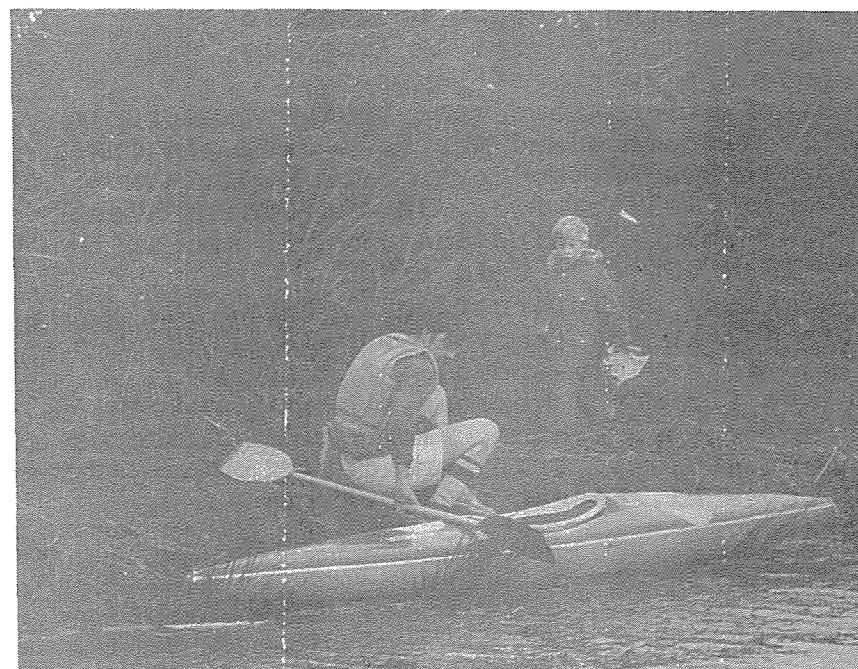


L.to R. Robt. Swinburn, S.D.B., Noel Kearns, Martin McCormack, S.D.B., Anthony Edwards, M. McTernan, Joe Murphy (Keeper), Brendan Murray, Lenny Murray, Joe Weafer, J. Edwards.
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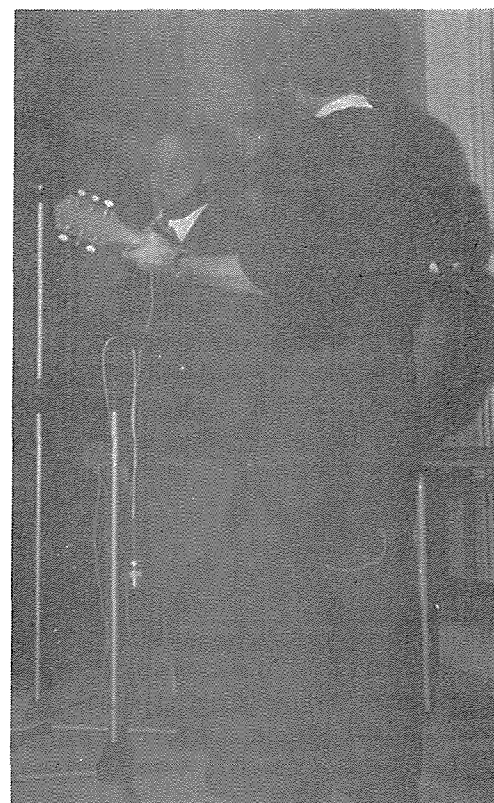
Leixlip, here we come.

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Patsy Malone singing in the College Song Contest

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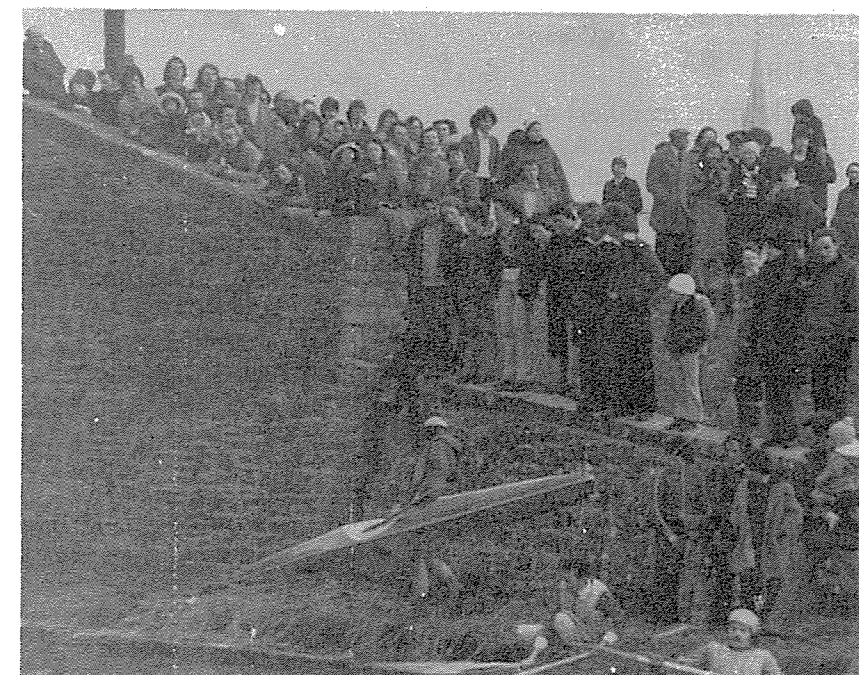
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BOB-A-JOB '76

What's it all about. Well, quite simply it's a chance for the local Boy Scouts to call on your homes and perform some useful task for you. Perhaps you could let them do any job around the house or garden that you have put on the long finger. There is no scale of fees for the task. You decide yourself just how much each job is worth, but I would ask you to remember that while "Bob-a-job" is a nice, snappy and easily remembered phrase modern inflation has made a mockery of the "bob". (Don't we all know it?) As fund raising is generally an adult activity this is an opportunity for the lads to pay their own way by their efforts. Your very generous support in the past is appreciated, can we count on you again? Oh yes! it's all happening during April 14th - 24th but the boys will be calling on you before that to secure jobs from you. Our motto this year is, "Everybody Participates," please give the young lads a chance to do just that and help you out at the same time.



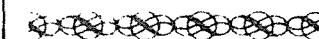
The emigrants farewell?

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Support Scouting During

BOB-A-JOB WEEK

April 14-24, 1976



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Community Council News

While there were quite a number of matters discussed at the March meeting of the Council, many were of a day-to-day running nature but there were a number of items of interest:-

T.V. MAST

The contracts have been prepared and we are glad to report that even with rising prices, the cost of installation has not been increased and connections can still be made at the old price. Also there has been some discussion with bankers about making available loans to people who might like to avail of same to facilitate connection to the communal aerial. It is hoped to have full details shortly.

YOUTH CLUB

For some weeks past, members of the Council have been attending meetings of the Youth Club. As the Club is, at present, run mainly by students from the hostels and, unfortunately, in holiday time the Club has lapsed, it is hoped that local residents will come forward to preserve the continuity. The Council are anxious to try and contact residents of the town who would be prepared to assist in running the Club. There must be many in the town with various skills and crafts that would interest the boys and girls. Helping out does not necessarily mean attending each meeting week in and week out. You can impart your knowledge in just a few sessions and even this is of great assistance.

CANOE RACE

Final arrangements for the race were made and stewards appointed to control matters. Now, with hind-sight, we know of the huge success of the race

CLEANING THE CANAL

The cleaning of the canal banks was further discussed. The public are reminded that work is continuing each weekend, weather permitting and volunteers are still urgently needed. With the approaching fine weather, it is hoped to see many more workers. Why not organise your own party and combine the good work with a pleasant evening in the open air.

The Council are very pleased and thank C.I.E. for the effort they put on to facilitate us in the cleaning of the canal and the raising of the water level. It is many years since the canal looked so well. Keep up the good work.

JUDO CLUB

A member of the Council mentioned that some people are anxious to form a Judo Club and members recommended a club of this nature. Such a club would provide an excellent 'keep fit' class under expert supervision, whilst providing an excellent sport for the young and the not-so-young. (See note elsewhere in this issue.)

Other items mentioned at the meeting, but not fully discussed were, a possible gymkhana, the Annual Banquets, Community Games, etc. and a further meeting of the Council was called for 30th March to try and catch up.

The usual meeting of the Council will take place on the second Tuesday in April as usual.

DRIVERS MAKE MAYNOOTH A SAFER PLACE TO DRIVE

MAYNOOTH VISTA

by Newcomer

I was away last month and so was unable to give you all the benefit of my usual words of wisdom. Not, I'm sure, that the non-appearance of my column caused any undue hiatus—good word, that!—in the literary life of Maynooth and if after a month's rest from my journalistic endeavours you are anticipating some soul shattering revelations, compose yourselves, you are probably getting nothing of great moment on this present occasion. If silence is golden you got more for your money from me last month than you are likely to get from me this month or in the future.

All of which adds up to precisely nothing.

For that, dear readers, I crave your indulgence because, as I type this, I am in the middle of the vilest bout of 'flu. I hope the mere reading of this does not spread the infection in your direction.

One small incident occurred last week which gave me food for thought. Some members of my local Residents' Committee suggested to me that I should organise youth activities in the estate. I declined. The suggestion appeared to me to have a disruptive and dividing implication. If each of the estates in Maynooth confines its social and cultural activities to estate boundaries we will become a small series of enclaves not worthy to be called a community. Before this trend becomes the accepted norm let us in the name of Christian Charity and Community Concern come together, scrap the existing Residents' Associations and form a Maynooth Residents' Association to back the Community Council, to organise with the Council amenities for the whole of Maynooth and to act as one cohesive body for the betterment of our town.

Maynooth is not so big that we can afford to dissipate our energies and talents among splinter groups. If we can pray together we can play together and we can work together. Or are we looking forward to the day when each of the estates will have an identification tag that residents can pin to their lapels in case anybody should labour under the delusion that they came from elsewhere in Maynooth.

Ni neart go chur le cheile!

I know I'm being waspish—I told you I had the 'flu!

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EDITORIAL

The countryside is bare again, but there are indications of approaching Spring, the odd primrose, a little more green in the grass and everything looks hopeful again. Everything? Well, not quite! The lack of covering has shown up the litter again and there seems to be more than ever. The town is bad enough, but each year the whole countryside gets uglier and uglier. It would not be so bad if the litter consisted only of the odd item thrown thoughtlessly from a car window, but unfortunately it is not only this but it would appear that some people are systematically dumping rubbish in large quantities wherever they please. It is impossible now to take a walk on any road out of the town without coming across piles of refuse thrown there by some filthy people. These people are probably quite house-proud and keep their own gardens etc. spick and span. At the same time, they have not the slightest hesitation in dumping their rubbish on somebody else's property.

One would not mind quite so much if the rubbish was perishable, but most of it is tin cans and almost indestructible plastics, including plastic rubbish-bags left as eyesores for years to come.

Can nothing be done about these dirty people who befoul everywhere? Surely, there must be some answer. There is one, of course, each of us can keep an eye open for these dumpers and report them to the authorities. It would be better still if one was to have the moral courage to make a charge against them but everybody has not as much moral courage as this.

One other thing we can do, is to make sure that we, or no other member of our families, young or old, litter the countryside any further. This at least would be a help.

LARGER THAN LIFE!

My mother-in-law was very worried because she kept on seeing giant spiders in her dreams.

"Have you seen a psychiatrist" she was asked.

"Oh no", she replied "only giant spiders!"

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LOSING LIFE

As Breda filled the little dropper with warm milk, she shook her head with pity, not for the sick hamster she was going to doctor, but for little Sandra, whom she believed loved Ben, the hamster, more than herself. Since Tuesday, day had stretched into night with Sandra looking after Ben and worrying about her and Breda doing the same with Sandra.

Breda yawned and rubbed her eyelids. Sandra was just now nursing Ben and wanted to be alone, only to share her grief and love with the creature that needed it. She didn't want to let Breda in, and didn't mind because she couldn't yet understand her grief for so small a thing. Breda decided to take a walk, to refresh herself and her mind.

It was a wet evening. The grass glistened from an afternoon's continuous rain. The place looked as if it had just come out of a wash, and was yet to dry. The sky was now a greyish colour, forecasting a change in weather.

Breda strolled alongside a large field and sat on a stile, thinking deeply.

Suddenly a blast from a horn broke into her thoughts. Breda jumped and looked as far as eyes could see, to the end of the sloping field. A blue sky for background, a high bushy sort of fence jutting into it from the damp brown earth. That was her picture then. In half a minute it was completely changed. A great and beautiful horse appeared as if from nowhere and she just saw it as it gave a huge leap over the fence. It was ridden by a big sturdy man wearing a short red jacket and black jodhpurs. "A hunt," Breda thought excitedly. Then her commonsense told her to look for what she hadn't noticed before. She soon found it. The fox was scrambling down a ditch. Breda felt the same panic for it.

"Oh hurry," she said despairing in her mind. She clutched a wooden rail, her mind with the foxes. Some dogs hurtled up. "Quick," she groaned in agony. "Oh no." She buried her head in the palms of her hands and turned. She tried to disentangle herself, her mind from the scene she had just seen. She walked quickly away, but her mind kept looming up on what she had witnessed. It was ... wrong. Robbing someone's innocent life with glory and delight. Unjust, it was cruel, heartless and without feeling at all.

Sandra met her with tears in her eyes. She was holding Ben, dead.

"Why had he to die," she whispered, her voice choking. "I loved him. Why? Had he to go?"

Breda knelt beside Sandra. She gently stroked the girl's hair from her wet eyes.

"Because God loved him, Sandy. He wanted Ben to share his beautiful love," Breda spoke softly.

"But why had he to be killed?" she said bitterly to herself. "Why?"

Geraldine Dillon,
Scoil Iosa, Kilcock.

PARISH NOTES

Auction: Our best thanks are due to Father Supple and his very efficient and hardworking Committee, to Mr. William Coonan, the auctioneer, whose energy and expertise were such an asset, to all the generous donors of all sorts of everything, and to the many keen bidders and buyers on whom the success of the venture ultimately depended. The sum of £1,630 was a fitting reward for their efforts. It will help greatly in reducing the amount to be borrowed when the local contribution towards the cost of extending the Boys' School becomes due.

Boys' School Extension: The work is progressing satisfactorily and the new block looks well. It should certainly be ready for the next school year, but the transfer of the junior boys is likely to be phased—probably first standard in the coming year and infants the following year.

Parish Retreat: A week's Retreat, conducted by two Passionists, Fathers Alphonsus and Hilarion, begins on 4th April. It is for both men and women. There will be two sessions daily from Monday to Friday, at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Each session will consist of Mass, Sermon and Benediction. Confessions will be heard after each session and at other times as announced. There will be a special Mass on Saturday afternoon for the Sick and Infirm, with Communal Anointing. Transport will be arranged for those needing it.

Holy Week: The arrangements will be the same as last year.

On Palm Sunday, the sprigs of palm will be given unblessed to the people as they enter the church for each Mass, and will be blessed at the beginning of Mass.

Confessions will be heard all through the week; see time-table in church porches and in the library window at the Post Office.

On Holy Thursday, the Children's Mass will be at 5 p.m. and the Concelebrated Mass at 8 p.m. (Mass at Ladychapel at 9.15 p.m.).

The parish church will be open until midnight for adoration at the Altar of Repose.

On Good Friday, there will be Stations of the Cross for the children at 12 noon, followed by Holy Communion. The Solemn Liturgy will be at 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross at 8 p.m., followed by Holy Communion (also at Ladychapel at 8 p.m.). People are allowed Holy Communion only once on Good Friday.

The Easter Vigil Mass will begin at 9.30 p.m. on Holy Saturday night. As the first part of the Vigil ceremony is closely linked to Baptism, we hope there will be some children to be baptised during it.

Share Collection (Diocesan Development Fund): As most people know, this collection is necessary because of the rapid growth of the urban areas of our diocese, and the impossibility of each area raising all the money required for churches, presbyteries and schools. This is a responsibility of the whole diocese. Most Catholics realise this, but some have a narrow parochial outlook—they will support their own parish, but not other parishes. However, this is putting the part before the whole. We must not think of the parish as the basic unit of Church organisation, and the diocese as a federation of parishes. It is the other way round. The diocese is the basic unit, divided into parishes for more effective pastoral administration. The bishops are the successors of the Apostles; the priests are the bishops' assistants.

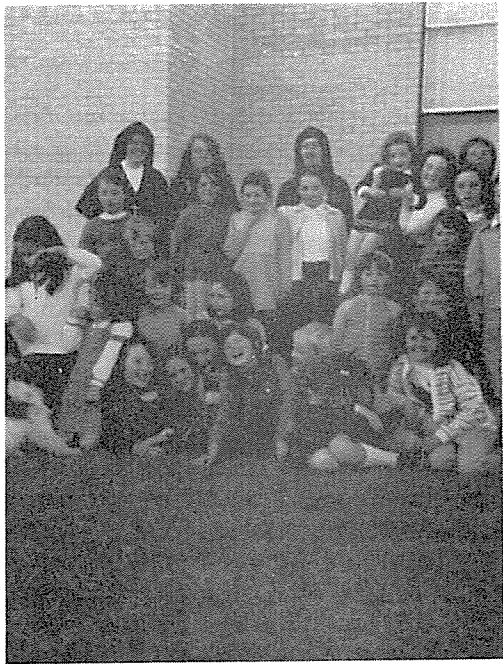
Here in Maynooth, our "Share" collection by means of the boxes at the doors has been averaging a little over £40 per week. We feel that many more people would contribute in a seat by seat collection. That is why we have introduced the new system of two collections at each Mass on Sundays and Holy days. We have tried to minimise the delay and distraction as much as possible. We hope everyone understands. We thank all who have been supporting "Share" and especially those who have been manning the boxes for the past year or so.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Bishop Dermot O'Mahony, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin, will administer Confirmation in Maynooth on Saturday, 5th June, at 11 a.m. We hope this will not upset Whit holiday plans, but it was the only date available.



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THE ROYAL CANAL —

PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS (2)

By Vincent Duffe

The Royal Canal is waking from the dereliction of the last twenty years and looking forward to partial revitalisation. The revival of traffic—at least of the tourist variety—is now a question of converting those who are sceptical about canals being of any use whatsoever and of waking up canalside people to the opportunities of pleasure that are lying stagnating under their noses. This is being done slowly but surely through the enthusiasm of such groups as the Inland Waterways Association, An Taisce and local development associations.

(Reprinted from: "A New Awareness of the Royal" by B.F.B. Loughheed in "Canaliana" 1975 by kind permission of the Editor)

Since our first mention of the Royal in our November issue some little progress has been made in stimulating local interest in the Canal. The Community Council organised a 'clean-up' of the Canal some weeks ago in preparation for the Canoe Race although it must be admitted that the turnout was much smaller than expected. With the help of the C.I.E. machine however the worst of the weeds were cut away in most places—at least the water is visible now! A word of sincere thanks to those who gave of their time and energy. The start at least was made and perhaps with more publicity and co-operation between people from nearby towns the next attempt will be more successful. The Canoe Race itself got great support locally and extensive coverage on T.V. news bulletins.

Most of you are aware of the plans for the Harbour Field as these have been set out and undertaken by the Development Association—the up-to-date position is reported elsewhere in the 'Newsletter'. This sports-field complex should be envisaged as the "waterside park" to which I made reference last time. The development of the Harbour itself and the banks of the Canal between Pike's Bridge and Newtown Bridge is the natural follow-up from this. The sports field itself is expected to be operational by next year and it is essential that immediate planning be undertaken regarding the Harbour.

Looking at any development from a much wider perspective and taking into consideration the immense appeal that an historical town such as this must have for tourists—then much greater planning must be not only envisaged but encouraged. This point will be looked at again. For the present and from our own purely local viewpoint, taking into consideration the ever-increasing cost of transport and the demands of a growing population for leisure facilities—it is essential to continue the valuable work begun by the Development Association—NOW. Unlike the Grand Canal, there is no Preservation Order in existence as yet in regard to the Royal although representations were recently made in this matter by the Inland Waterways Association and An Taisce. So preservation, as well as development of the Canal, depends on the local communities.



Would you believe it—there's water there somewhere! The bridge over the Royal at the Canal Harbour. —Photo: Sean Treacey.

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ART EXHIBITION

Those who attended the Art Exhibition in St. Patrick's College, were pleasantly surprised at the wealth of artistic talent shown in all sections. Organised by Our Lady of Knock Praesidium of the Legion of Mary, it was, without doubt, a huge success. The exhibits from the University section were of an extraordinary high standard, while the entries from the Post-Primary and Primary Schools showed that there will be no dearth of artists here for many years to come.

Right Rev. Mgr. O'Fiach presented the various awards, as follows:

University

Art Section: 1st Michael Moran.
2nd Pat Farren and Noel Clarke (Joint second)

Crafts Section: 1st Martin McCormack.
Adjudicator's Prize (for wire work): Henry McInerney.

Post-Primary School:

Art Section: 1st John Parkes.
2nd Christina Mooney.
3rd Robt. Morgan.
Over 16 years: John Molloy.

Crafts Section: 1st Cyril Kavanagh.
Adjudicator's Prize: Antoinette Malone.

Primary School:

Art Section: 1st Sean Nyland.
Adjudicator's Prize: Mary Doherty.

Crafts Section: 1st David Grant.
2nd Nuala Kelly
3rd Caroline Gillesby.

Addressing the prizewinners and spectators afterwards, Mgr. O'Fiach congratulated all who received awards as well as all those who competed unsuccessfully. He also commended the organisers for their excellent presentation of the exhibition, etc. and especially thanked the people of the town whose generous contributions helped so much to provide such a fine array of trophies, etc.

Mgr. O'Fiach was especially pleased to see the blend of traditional and modern in the exhibition. This was, he said, as it should be that the past should not be forgotten while looking forward into the future. Like everything else, art should not be static.

Mgr. O'Fiach was happy to see that the competition involved both university and town and he hoped to see a lot more of this co-operation in the future.

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When Henry II returned to England in 1172 the position of the Normans in Ireland had changed. There was no longer the possibility of a new independent Norman-Irish kingdom. Henry had successfully asserted his claim to the lordship of Ireland and had granted some areas to his greater subjects to hold from him as feudal lordships. By feudal theory the king was the lord of all the land and his tenants-in-chief held lands from him on condition that they owed him certain services, including that of an agreed number of knights for stipulated periods of time. Strongbow was granted the kingdom of Leinster, his inheritance from MacMurrough through his marriage to Aoife, to hold by the service of one hundred knights. To balance this huge grant, and because the king was anxious that no one lord should become over mighty, the kingdom of Meath including the modern counties of Meath, Westmeath, Longford and parts of Offaly and Cavan, was granted to Hugh de Lacy for the service of fifty knights.

Strongbow's task now was to secure his grant and subdue any rebellious Irish chieftains. In southern Leinster he made the town of Wexford his base and in northern Leinster he seems to have lived and made his headquarters at Kildare. The Ui Faelain of our own area had been among the leaders of the opposition to MacMurrough and so were unlikely to accept Strongbow without a struggle. The formidable Raymond le Gros raided their territory and seized an enormous amount of booty, including fresh supplies of horses and arms for the Norman soldiers. Later the chief of Ui Faelain, Faelan Mac Faelain, gave hostages to the Normans and he died in 1203 in the newly founded Norman monastery of Connell in the north of the modern county Kildare. Strongbow seems to have been an efficient and relatively conciliatory over-lord, and the only leading Leinster chief to refuse to come to terms eventually and give hostages seems to have been O'Toole.

However there was considerable rivalry among the Normans themselves and in 1173 Maurice FitzGerald returned to Wales because, according to Giraldus Cambrensis, of the jealousy shown by Strongbow towards him. By 1176 Strongbow found he could not do without him and recalled him and made him one of his sub-tenants in Ui Faelain. The accompanying map is based on one published in the *Journal of the County Kildare Archaeological Society*, 1. 3. (1893) to illustrate an article by Lord Walter FitzGerald on "The ancient territories out of which the present county Kildare was formed and their septs." The dotted line shows the modern county boundaries and the other lines the boundaries of the clan or tribal territories. The Norman practice was to allocate to a tenant the whole or part of the existing divisions of the county and many of their names have survived.

Maurice FitzGerald was not the only son of the Welsh princess Nesta to get lands within the modern County Kildare. His half-brother Meiler FitzHenry was granted the territory of Cairbre Ui Ciardha, the later barony of Carbury in the north-west corner of the county. This was the land of the Ui Ciardha, later anglicised as O'Keary and Carey. Here Meiler founded and granted lands to the monastery of Connell where Faelan Mac Faelain, ousted from his territories, retired to die. It may seem strange in the circumstances that he should have done so but it seems to have been one of the accepted, and less sanguinary, methods of getting rid of ex-rulers.

The section of Ui Faelain nearest to Dublin was granted by Strongbow to Adam de Hereford. This included Leixlip, Kill, Celbridge and Rathcoffey. The Latin name of Leixlip, Saltus Salmonis, the salmon leap, gave its name to the later baronies of north and south Salt. The next section of Ui Faelain, the barony of Naas, went to Maurice FitzGerald. This comprised most of the modern Baronies of North and South Naas and also the western part of the modern barony of North Salt which included Maynooth. With this FitzGerald was also granted the cantred of Wicklow which seems to have been the modern barony of Arklow, and he held his grant for the service of twelve knights. In the early sixteenth century the eighth earl of Kildare had compiled the famous *Red Book of the Earls of Kildare*, a transcript of documents in his possession.

The first document dates from between 1185 and 1189 and is, in the words of the transcriber a "gift and confirmation from John son of the kyng of England being lord of Irland to Gerald fiz Morice and his heir on the lordshippis of Omolrow Rathmore Mainoth Larahbryn Teaghto Trachstrapli . . ." Gerald was the second son of Maurice FitzGerald and areas named are Omolrow (?), Rathmore, Maynooth, Laraghbryan, Taghadoe and Straffan.

Having received their grants of lands the Norman lords set out first to make them secure and then to make them profitable and lucrative. Security was usually achieved by the erection of a mote castle or a mote and bailey at a strong defensive position (see illustration with Article I). The next step was to introduce the methods and organisation of agriculture that they were used to. The Norman conquest was not a simple military adventure but depended for its success on the holding and utilisation of land. This did not mean the displacement of the entire native population and their replacement by settlers from England and Wales, but it did mean a sizeable infusion. One of the leading authorities on this period, Professor J. A. Otway-Ruthven says that as early as the year 1200 Norman settlement was effective in the whole of the modern county of Kildare and that English, Welsh and Irish names are to be found among those of the small tenant farmers on the Norman manors.

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DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Most of the energies of the Association are, at present, concentrated on the development of the Recreational Centre at the Harbour Field. The whole area of the children's playground and the tennis courts has been laid out and prepared with hardcore filling and the entire surface will be covered with tarmacadam within the next few weeks. We expect the area will be a real amenity for children and their parents and we hope it will be enjoyed by everyone. The major collection held last Whit raised enough money to pay for the equipment but no more.

We are very grateful indeed for the help towards paying for the surfacing which has come from two sources—Maynooth Community Council and Kildare County Council. The Community Council has handed over £800— their entire share of the proceeds of the Sponsored Bicycle Ride and Kildare County Council has given £500. Together they total £1,300 which will pay over half the cost of surfacing. We are grateful both for the money and for the confidence both bodies have shown in the value of the undertaking.

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SPORTS PAGE

MAYNOOTH SPORTS STAR STORMS THE ATHLETIC SCENE!

Towards the close of the 19th century Ray Emery from the United States of America, won eight Olympic gold medals. Two extraordinary circumstances surrounded his achievement.

(1) Ray was a sickly child who had a jumping exercise from a standing position prescribed for him by his doctor. This therapy became his sport when he went to Purdue University

(2) He married a nagging wife . . . who according to legend used to nag him to keep him training - frequently ordering him out into the backyard for practice sessions

Our local sports star, Loughlin Murphy, luckily hasn't any of the above ailments but he does have one thing in common with Ray Emery - he too has started stacking medals. A student in the Post-Primary School, Maynooth, Loughlin started his running career last April in the school sports—he also competed very successfully for his school in the Co. Kildare Sports. Then he joined Dunboyne A.C. and since then he has been on a winning trail having to date won twenty prizes which include fourteen medals, three plaques, and three trophies. Probably one of his biggest success stories was that of competing in the International Sports in Belgium early in March - being placed eighteenth in a field of eighty-one which included a top class Russian team. I feel that this was a great achievement for such a young athlete.

Let's hope that now at the age of fifteen he may have many more successes. As an athlete he is on his own as he stands in the jumping arena or goes to his mark, with a two-fold aim; to win on the day, and it possible to record a time, height, or distance, which satisfies him. Obviously weather and other circumstances will affect his performance on any given occasion - but he will always have, throughout the season and from year to year, the added excitement which statistics bring to athletics. As Sir Roger Bannister (Kt. C.B.E.), first four minute miler said "No one can say you must run faster than this or jump higher than that; the human spirit is indomitable."

I hope that many of you young athletes will follow Loughlin and have the courage to at least give the sport a try. Who knows, we may have an Olympic champion in our midst.

JUDO

By Gene Gargan

Judo is an ancient form of self-defence. It is the basic form of many other self-defence arts such as Ju-Jitsu, Savate, and Karate. It is used completely in self-defence as it is a close contact sport. The idea is for your opponent to come forward and therefore be thrown or rendered helpless to your attack. In the present day it is mainly a sport, being accepted as this for both men and women in the Olympics.

Judo is accepted as a sport in Ireland's Community Games where competitors range from 8 to 17 years. For this age group grades depend on weight and height although a very small light person is capable of throwing a person twice his or her height and weight.

The gradings are given in belts from the White to the Black Belt. To gain one of these belts one has to learn certain "throws" or techniques. One also has to learn how to put these techniques into action in combat. Not only is this a very enjoyable sport it is also a very healthy sport from the keep-fit point of view. This is a sport for anyone of any age within reason.

Anyone interested in forming a club in Maynooth would they contact Gene Gargan of 1, Laurence Ave., Greenfields Estate (Ph. 286451) or any member of the Community Council.

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MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

A General Meeting was held in the Parish Hall on March 4th. A new Committee was elected:-

Chairman: Owen Byrne.
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Treasurer: Mary Begley.
Asst. Treasurer: Ann Power
Secretary: Peig Lynch.

Two members of the Committee attended a meeting of the Irish Water Safety Association, at Naas, where they received some answers to questions which had been bothering the Club. Yes it was possible to receive a grant from the Association, but they would only match £ for £, in other words 'God helps those who helps themselves', so there will be a flag day or some such coming up, as there is nothing in the kitty, and we do need equipment. Agreed it means putting your hand into that ever emptying pocket, but remember it is £ for £ and where else, tell us, could you get those odds?

The Water Safety Association also suggests that the Maynooth Club amalgamate with Athy and send four or five of our best swimmers for a Life-Saving Course, in Naas, with a view to our own Maynooth Swimming Pool opening in a couple of years. (Well, why not. The residents of Maynooth have put years of effort and frustration into getting this project off the ground, it is time they got rewarded.)

At the moment the full quota for the pool (at St. Raphael's)—35—has been obtained, and a waiting list has been opened. The Committee are prepared to try for another hour if they can get the required number. £1 subscription fee will be charged per family, but members must continue to come, or we cannot pay our way. If a Club Member is unable to come, please notify some member of the Committee or ring 286110, and give a child from the waiting list an opportunity of even a one-day swim, and also help the Club to keep up their full quota each week. Note that by doing this you do not forfeit your right to come the following week.

The Committee have lots of ideas, but it will take time to implement them. They even tossed around the thought of an hour for "Mums and Toddlers" (as Gay would say), but how does one reach the mothers to find out if it would appeal to them and what hour would suit them. For the General Meeting, parents of all Club Members were notified but only eight turned up!

If you have any thoughts on the matter, the Committee would love to hear them. If we have a Swimming Instructor amongst us, they would love to hear from him or her too. Yes we will pay the going rate, after all a swimming club is not much use without an instructor.

BEGINNERS GUIDE TO SOCCER By Martin McCormack, S.D.B.

Art of Defence

Hello again all you young soccer stars. As promised in last month's edition I will attempt to give you some ideas on the 'Art of Defence'. The first important principles in defending are twofold. (1) Keep cool. (2) Think before you attempt to dispossess your opponent. As far as possible you should always be looking for the two against one situation: that is two defenders against one attacker. The basis of football is supporting your colleagues when they have the ball or when they are attempting to win it.

So think about defensive football. Never be anxious to push forward in search of goals that you are left without sufficient cover at the back. Never dive into a tackle unless you are absolutely sure of winning the ball. Instead hold off and harass your opponent until you can almost make him run where you want him to.

The vital area to protect is the penalty box, so mark tightly. Always have your opponent in front of you. When he runs go with him, never give him space to control a pass or turn, force him out, and away from you until one of your teammates comes back.

"Vision" when I speak of a player with vision I mean any player who can look up and see the possibility of something developing way ahead of his present situation and who can take immediate action. Vision is deciding what to do and when to do it one move ahead of the move already in progress. For example, two players after a 50-50 ball, and a defender sees his winger in space. He will have already decided that he will swing the ball out to his winger, even before his teammate may or may not have won the ball. Another name for vision is building from the back and that means the back four players become involved in moves that spread throughout the team taking in the mid-field players and finally the strikers.

One of the biggest mistakes I've seen with defenders is what we call ball-watching. That is watching the flight of the ball and not seeing what your opponents are doing. Remember—no matter how badly you want to win the ball, always be aware of what your opponents are doing. Mark your man and watch for support runs from your teammates.

Defending is a battle of wits, yours against your opponent's. No matter what position you play as soon as you lose possession you become a defender. Cover each other, support each other: it is not only good defending but also common-sense.

Do not play a square defence—that is with both fullbacks wide on the touchline. You must cover the two central defenders, by cutting inside. A square defence is a bad defence unless you have mastered the off-side game. Mark tight, deny space and keep awake and on the alert during the whole match.

(To be continued)

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All arrangements are now completed for the Work Experience Week arranged by Mr. Gaffney (April 5-9). During this week, arrangements have been made for students from the senior classes to work in various offices, factories, etc. This should give students some experience in various forms of work which they might like to engage in when they leave school.

Open Night will take place at the school, on 13th April, when there will be an exhibition of work in wood and metal, as well as various projects completed by students. Also attending will be representatives from AnCO, National Manpower, CERT, Gardai, Army, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, etc. The school will be open to everyone on that evening.

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TALENT AND QUESTION TIME

The Talent and Question Time competition is progressing most satisfactorily. The first round has been completed with many very entertaining evenings. The Maynooth Team were unfortunately defeated in the talent end, but the Question Time Team got through to the second round.

The second round commenced on Friday 28th with Kilclone v. Moynalvey in the talent end and Maynooth v. Straffan in the Question Time (we hope to have the result for publication elsewhere in this issue) and the other contests in the second round are on Friday, 2nd April with Kiltale v. Lucan in the talent and Killyon v. Rathmolyon in the Question Time.

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Yet another year in the life of the Association has begun with the newly-elected Committee in harness. Some new projects are in the planning stages concerned with improving the general appearance of the estate, the most immediate being the landscaping of the green area alongside Greenfield Drive.

One thing that is causing great concern is the condition of the area surrounding the shops on the Estate, litter scattered all over the place which is giving a very poor impression to all visitors. We would again appeal to all, young and old, shopkeepers etc. to make some little effort to remedy this situation.

The Sub-Committee concerned with building maintenance have had consultations with a solicitor in a further attempt to have house maintenance brought up to date. More details of this matter will be published in the next issue of our newsheet.

DONADEA CASTLE - A PLACE FOR YOU TO GO FOR LEISURE: TO PICNIC, WALK, THINK . . .

By Vincent Duffe

Donadea Castle, situated near the village of Donadea, about 6 miles from Maynooth, is a must for those of you who like walking, picnicking - in fact for everyone who just wants to get away from it all and relax in tranquil, peaceful, wooded surroundings. The castle, although somewhat different to our usual conceptions of the castle, has a long history and was occupied by the Alymer family up to a few decades ago. Since then the castle, along with 600 acres of land has been taken over by the Forestry Division of the Department of Lands. During the last five years in particular the forest has been developed into an amenity area to cater for people moving into developed areas of West Dublin and North Kildare. Development of the large estate is planned then along lines considered beneficial for people looking for recreational and leisure facilities away from built-up areas.

For those who just plainly like trees and wild life then the forest is a must. A number of gravelled roadways have been built through the forest with the now dilapidated castle as the focal point - for those who like long, leisurely, peaceful walks. The same roadways hold little problems for prams or go-cars. Near the castle itself a number of timber tables and seats have been provided for picnickers. On one of the walks an old lake has been recently dredged. I'm told that eventually this may be stocked with fish. Within a hundred yards of the castle is the Donadea Church of Ireland which holds the vaults of the Alymer family for those of you who are historically minded.

Whether in the beauty of spring, during the long, hot summer (hopefully) and even in the wildest day of winter, Donadea Castle holds many attractions for anyone wishing to get away from concrete and cars. Children especially love it, for here they can run and play freely and easily it holds a world of new and exciting discoveries for many of them.

It is hoped that this short piece will help stimulate you to go and see for yourself - you and your family will come away after a visit only with regret. Take the road out past Maynooth College gates, turn right at Ladychapel and straight on for a few miles until you see the high wall surrounding the estate on your left. The castle is about ¼-mile in from the roadway with lots of parking-space. Lastly a few words of caution and advice. Beware of

causing fire most of all; and to preserve the beautiful environment for others either take away discarded bottles, tins, etc. or deposit them in a nearby rubbish-bin.

Most importantly, however, enjoy yourself and bring refreshments as the air has a vigour about it. The amenity has been developed for you - use it!

CIVIL DEFENCE NOTES: MAYNOOTH CASUALTY UNIT

First Aid Certificates were presented on Wednesday, 10th to the following successful candidates:-

Mrs. Mary Deane, Mrs. Breda Morrow, Misses Maura Travers, Brigid Lyons, Breda and Ann Deane, Melissa Flood, Messrs. Kevin O'Brien, Ted Kelly.

Capt. Colm Madigan, Regional Officer presented the certificates on behalf of Civil Defence, and Capt. Bill Reid on behalf of Knights of Malta.

Amongst those present also were Capt. D. McKeown, Sub County Warden; Mr. Jim Gallagher, Ass. Sub County Warden; Lt. Michael Brady, Instructor.

A new series of First Aid Classes commenced on Wednesday, 21st March.



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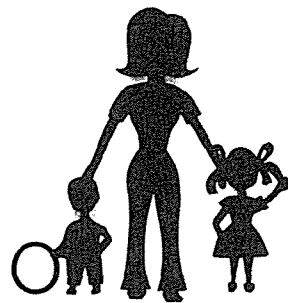
Miss Gertrude Burke, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Phil Burke, Double Lane, had the fine distinction of coming first in her class in a special course at Marlborough St., Dublin, on "Business Management and Book Selling." At a reception on 16th March she was presented with a cheque by Mr. M. O'Leary, Minister of Labour and she also received a further cheque from her employers, Messrs. Veritas, Abbey Street, Dublin, in appreciation.

Gertrude is a past pupil of the Post-Primary School at Maynooth.

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Talent Competition.

The first of the semi-finals in the Talent and Question Time Competitions resulted as follows: Moynalvey beat Kilclone in a very close contest, and there was little or nothing between the two teams. Moynalvey meet the winners of the Kiltale v. Lucan contest, which takes place on 2nd April.

In the Question Time, Maynooth beat Straffan and they will meet the winners of the Rathmolyon v. Kilyon contest also on 2nd April.

The finals in both Talent and Question Time take place on Friday 9th April and there will be a prize winners concert on Sunday 11th April.

Maynooth Athletes.

Just a few weeks ago 180 NACA Athletes flew to Belgium to compete in a top international cross country event in Brussels, and included were Peter Keegan and Loughlin Murphy of Maynooth. Both athletes are of the Dunboyne A.C. of which there were twelve members in all. In the under-16 section, the Club received the following placings: 3rd D. Conroy, 18th Loughlin Murphy, 20th A. McCrory, 39th D. Hutton and 40th Alan Keague - this out of a field of 200. In the Junior event Dunboyne were also 2nd - a mere two points behind the winner, and in the under-17 event Dunboyne were 18th out of a field of 115.

In the senior event, with a galaxy of international stars, the Dunboyne trio - Eddie Reid, Peter Keegan and Tommy McDonnell - finished 38th, 48th and 51st respectively - a very commendable effort.

NACA administrators have plans for more overseas athletic action and coaching has started for many European venues. Members of Dunboyne A.C. are enthusiastic about another athletic trip abroad.

Photo below (bottom right) shows Ml. Keegan and Loughlin Murphy with some of their athletic trophies.



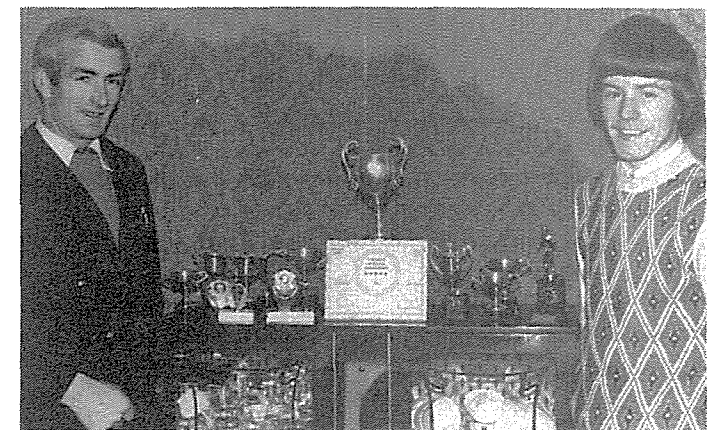
Miss Gertrude Burke receiving her
award from Mr. M. O'Leary, Minister of Labour.
-Photo: by Eddie Tracey.

Final Profession.

On Sunday 24th March last, Rosemary, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Murphy, Leinster Cottages, took her final Vows in the Association of the Holy Family, at St. Mary's Church, Maynooth. Members of her family as well as a large number of relatives and friends were present for the ceremony. Mass was celebrated by Very Rev. F. O'Higgins (principal celebrant), Rev. J. Duff and Rev. G. Flood.

This is the first time such a ceremony took place in the Parish Church and it was a very simple and touching ceremony.

Congratulations to Sister Rosemary.



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On the same night, in the Question Time section, Maynooth had a good win over Killyon. Under Question Master Bryan Sammon, the two teams had little or nothing between them, although the final score proved decisive enough. The members of the Maynooth Team were presented with miniature trophies as winners, while the Killyon team, as runners-up received miniature cups.

The Prize Winners Concert took place on the following Sunday night and provided first-class entertainment. The various items were selected as being the best from the different teams during the Contest. In the end, the boys of Maynooth Primary School received first prize.

Knowing her husband's habit of sampling her cooking, Mrs. R--- left a note on a dozen mince she had baked saying "Counted - one dozen". When she returned she found two missing with the altered note to say - "Think metric"

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We received a letter signed "One of the Ould Stock" complimenting "Newcomer" for his article "Maynooth Vista" in our last issue. Our policy is not to publish anonymous letters—the writer of the letter needs some of what he/she call the "courage" of "Newcomer." However we quote the central sentence of "Ould Stock" as follows: - "If the people of Maynooth have as much sound, practical, commonsense, as they have snobbery, and worked together for the good of our town, how lovely and different everything would be." We take the "they" to refer to what are generally called "runners" i.e., newcomers to the town within the last fifty years (give or take a decade)! It makes one wonder what is the function of the Community Council at all when it is supposed to be representative of every area of the parish and which is supposed to aim at getting people, old and new, parents, youths and children, "working together for the good of our town." The Newsletter has been criticised for being "too soft"—one of the goals of this column will be to stir the hornet's nest a little and get some fruitful discussion and action on local and perhaps contentious matters.

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We hear that Maynooth are next in line for the Council grant so that work can commence on the long-delayed swimming pool. However, it has been mentioned around, although in whispers, that perhaps a second look should be taken at this whole project. Reasons? The main ones mentioned were: (1) Many indoor pools have been built around the country only to eventually fall into almost complete disuse—some, it is believed, closed altogether. (2) The enormous cost of heating the water nowadays and (3) that it is a luxury, borne by the many contributors, to benefit a few. We also hear that at one stage it was projected that an outdoor pool would suffice—this was turned down. For our part we can only suggest that perhaps the whole idea might need a re-think. Would a survey, we ask quietly, be of any use to help clarify matters?

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News, articles etc. for June issue to be handed in to: Ted Kelly,
Liam Bean, Vincent Duffe, John Read or Mrs. McGarry by Sunday
23rd May.

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Maynooth Swimming Club has been very busy during the last month. Great news for the Editor of this Newsletter, Mums and Toddlers too, read your paper. I know because they have been knocking at the door, all wanting to swim, now the Committee must go to work to make their dreams come true.

Three of our members went to a Water Safety Meeting in Naas. On Wednesday, April 7th, a flag day was sprung on us, but Gloire do Dhia it clashed with our friends the Advocate, yet there was nothing we could do about it, as Water Safety had permission for the whole of Kildare. To all those who helped us under such hard circumstances a "Big Thank You."

Mr. Rowan, the Chairman of Water Safety said that Maynooth was the most enthusiastic club he knew, and that he hoped sincerely they would get their own pool before long, and that any help they could give in the matter, we would certainly get.

Meanwhile seven of our older members have started Water Safety Course on Saturday nights in Naas.

In Naas also we got a promise from the course organiser that he would get an instructor to ask the Brothers in St. Raphael's if it were possible to take the pool over for a week in the summer, to conduct an intensive course which would bring our older swimmers up to Intermediate standard, without which they could not start an Instructor's Course.

We have set about organising an hour at night say from 8-9 which could include adults as well as older children, and we would like to invite the Scouts of Maynooth to join us. Then we could all work together, representing neither, the old or the new just Maigh Nuad. Newcomer thinks well when he is waspish, Ni ceart go chur le cheile!

We hear that C.I.E. have opened an ass-breeding station somewhere in the Midlands. This piece of information came to light when we asked C.I.E. to confirm the rumour about the impending sale of Maynooth Station to the Arabs in exchange for a fleet of camels. The camels were rejected because of poor breeding. Instead an "hire an ass and car" depot will be opened on the vacant site. It appears trains will in future only be used to rush politicians to Dublin for the new monthly budgets.

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There's no truth in the rumour that the telephone service is to become obsolete—it's been that way for the last twenty years. Likewise there's no truth in the rumour that Maynooth residents will have to wait at least five years for new telephones—it may be ten instead. This is because, we believe, that in order to create employment, the telephones lines are to be dug up again: also electricity poles will be moved to the opposite side of the road for the same purpose.

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Congratulations to the residents of Rail Park Estate. We hear that they have developed, at their own expense, the vacant site near the main entrance to the estate. A lot of work has gone into clearing the site of stones and rubble and preparing it for grass-seed. That's what we call "self-help" and wish there was more of it around.

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There's no truth in the rumour that the Minister for Finance stopped off for a pint in the town last week.

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We understand that the provision of a footbridge at the "Town Bridge" on Straffan Road has been postponed for the moment due to the economic recession.

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Thumbs down to the hooligans who had nothing better to do than destroy a number of trees in Greenfield Drive recently. We understand the trees were bought as a result of each household on the estate contributing £1.50 which makes the wanton destruction all the more deplorable.

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We hear that some people are very annoyed about the inconsiderate use of public telephones by others. Some people wishing to make emergency calls for medical assistance have had to stand outside for up to 15 minutes waiting, often in a queue. The maximum time allowed is five minutes and callers should not be hesitant in pointing this out to anyone spending an unusually long time on the phone.

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Extract from the "Celbridge Charter" of April 1976:—

Rag Week Kidnapping: Kildare Co. Council Chairman, Terry Boylan was held hostage in Maynooth College for nine hours on Friday, 26th March as part of a fund-raising rag by a group of students. Mr. Boylan was approached by some students to have a photograph taken in the College while on business at the Co. Council's Engineer's Office in Maynooth. On arrival at the College he was informed of the kidnap scheme and was asked for a list of people from the area who would pay his charity ransom. Pledges for various amounts were made after phone calls to many local business houses. Monies raised will be used to convert a bus to accommodate handicapped children from Stuart's Hospital, Palmerstown, on outings. The bus was donated by Barton's Transport, Maynooth.

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Comments heard around regarding the building in the Square have been many and varied. Most are unprintable. It appears few were aware of what the finished article would look like. One resident expressed concern because he could no longer see what goes on (what goes on?) up Straffan Road while he (resident) stood outside the Post Office! That, we feel, is as good a reason for grievance as any. Do any of you feel that the town has lost some of its unique character as a result? The bus-shelter will be more than useful—though we thought the 66 would by now be turning at Straffan Road. The shelter at the Square will not prevent the dozens of poor unfortunates from getting saturated while walking to the village from the two Greenfield Estates, the Crescent and Rail Park during winter.

MAYNOOTH VISTA

by Newcomer.

I have a confession to make! With the Easter week-end and the weather we are having as I write this, I forgot you all completely and it is only at the last minute, with a mighty push from the Council Secretary, that at a maximum of effort I have succeeded in producing my wanted literary gem. In fact I have been hauled in from the garden where I was planting the dahlias to get it off my chest. Only the dire threat of never being allowed to appear again in the Newsletter keeps me in for an hour on such a beautiful day.

Talking of gardening, my wife and I have come to an amicable arrangement over the years. I do the vegetables and she does not interfere, except to tell me what I am to plant, while the flowers are her province. There is only one snag in this. While she never took a degree in horticulture she is a Foreman Gardener—Sorry Ladies!—a Foreperson Gardener—so her major role is to say "put that there and put that there" and I put. But I hand it to her—she sure knows her onions (if you can excuse the mixed metaphor) and the end result is more pleasing to the eye than any mere male could achieve solo.

The fine weather did bring me out and around during the past week and the countryside is now starting to throw off its winter look but will we ever eliminate from our community that moron "The Dumper." How anybody can be so soulless as to foul our lanes with garbage beats me. The one thing we do get for paying our rates is the collection of our refuse and to dump it at the side of the road is neither good manners nor good sense. Who in his sane senses would pay for a service and fail to use it even to the extent of creating work for himself and making a nuisance for his neighbour?

And it does not end there. Walk around any of the estates on the day on which the bins are collected. Before the refuse car arrives half the contents of bins and bags are scattered over the area. Bins without lids and refuse bags not properly tied are an open—and I mean open—invitation to every stray dog and crow in Maynooth. If you have lost your bin cover, for heaven's sake, dig up a piece of board and a four-inch block and put it on top of your bin or if you use a plastic bag don't tie it with a bow—it may look artistic but it's retaining value is nil.

But to end on a lighter note with a comment on the frailty of our human institutions. Where I lived previously the County Council arranged their cleansing roster so that the streets were brushed the day before the bins were collected, ensuring that the rubbish spilled from the bins in the course of their being emptied blew around the district for a week. That's the gospel truth.

We hear that local politicians generally fear the recent upsurge of Community Councils throughout the country. The reasons are obvious. Community Councils are based on agreement and local consensus, while politicians thrive on disagreement—sure why have we political parties? The reason we draw this up is because we understand that letters sent by the Community Council of Maynooth to Kildare County Council have been largely ignored. It appears that letters sent in particular to the County Manager's office have been ignored completely without the good manners of even formal acknowledgment. The Community Council are seeking recognition, under the Local Government Act, as a statutory body representative of local interests (not political party interests or whatever). Fear would appear to be the key to understanding what is going on—or what is not going on.

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We hear that "diggers" are already at work in 'Brady's Field' (off the Straffan Road and opposite Greenfield Drive) preparing for new building—the field was recently staked out for housing. Are we to have endless rows of concrete jungle—what about green-belt areas? One person was overheard remark that the place will be a slum area within ten years if nothing is done to control development and make proper plans now. Many, young and old, have enjoyed the Sunday afternoon soccer matches in 'Brady's Field'!

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We hear that many women in the town have expressed dissatisfaction with the facilities at present offered by the Eastern Health Board—especially as small babies are involved. Taxpayers might reasonably expect more up-to-date clinics in this day and age. Like many other things it appears Maynooth is left out in the cold and is always last in line. Is it true that the County Council has purchased a house in Main St.—to eventually incorporate a health clinic? Wonders will never cease if we get the finished product within five years.

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We hear Rev. Fr. O'Higgins, P.P. has recently purchased a new bicycle. We wonder if he has another sponsored cycle ride in mind? (Whisper—was the old bicycle suffering from metal fatigue?).

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DRIVERS – MAKE MAYNOOTH A SAFER PLACE

BEEKEEPING NOTES

By Colm Kennedy

It has been said that April borrowed its first five days from March. A good look out should be kept for disease during the month. It's a good time to check and mark the queen—there is not much problem in finding her at this time. It's the best time also to replace floorboards and do a general tidying up on the hives. Grass or weeds around the hives should be cut or sprayed to control weed-growth. Outdoor demonstrations will be held in the North Kildare area in the coming months. The first one will be held in Paddy Hannigan's Ryevalle Tavern, Leixlip on Saturday, May 1st at 2 p.m. All beekeepers are welcome especially beginners. There will also be a demonstration in conjunction with Cumann na Beacaire at Maynooth College, date to be arranged. It is advisable for all beekeepers attending these demonstrations to be well equipped, a good veil and hat is an essential, besides a pair of gloves and rubber boots. These demonstrations are a great asset to all beekeepers especially those people about to start the craft. I think more can be learned from these demonstrations and the actual activities of the hive, egg laying, brood in all its stages can all be seen. Another item of interest is the Federation of Irish Beekeepers Stand at the Spring Show—representatives from the Kildare Beekeepers Federation Cumann na Beacaire members will attend. It is hoped to have an observation where the queen and all inhabitants of the hive can be seen at first glance. All beekeepers welcome.

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DRUGS IN THE HOME

Now that the worst illnesses of winter and spring have passed—it is now a good time to take stock of the quantity and kind of drugs you have lying around the house. Anything in tablet form especially is always tempting to small children and many unnecessary fatalities have occurred as a result of carelessness in the storing of drugs and medicines. Anything you don't want destroy or dispose of NOW. Everyone takes or is given some sort of drugs now—days—antibiotics, cough bottles, painkillers, tranquilisers and so on. We, among others, are a drug-conscious society and are likely to be negligent in our approach to drugs and unaware of the dangers involved.

Doctors today are concerned about the high incidence of drug-giving to children especially—for example giving them something to make them sleep. It is said this can harm the children and interfere with their personality development. Tranquilisers, it appears, tend to blackout a child's dream life, affect the memory and tend to make the child aggressive. It would be as well to remember that by trying to solve one problem you may be creating others. Drugs can be dangerous when not taken under prescription—but even the mildest tablets can be dangerous to children if an overdose is taken. The time to be careful is now.

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There's a rumour in circulation regarding impending house-building on Moyglane Road. It would at least correct the imbalance due to the heavy concentration of building on one side of the town only.

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One of our former esteemed photographers has given as his excuse, due to his lack of recent activity, the lack of a "dark room." Is it because he has got married? How about switching off the light? (Come home, all is forgiven!)

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We hear that an application has been made for permission to open a public-house in the shopping complex at Greenfield Estate. Local residents, it appears, are divided on the issue of whether to object or not and some wonder if the same dedication will be given to any objection as was apparent in the campaign to resist the Convalescent Home projected last year or so in Maynooth Park.

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We hear that a speed-limit of 30 m.p.h. has been imposed in regard to drivers using the footpaths in the village. A recent inspection of the same footpaths showed a number of unusual holes outside the main doors of private houses and shops. Occupiers informed our interviewer that these holes were for the purpose of erecting traffic lights directly outside their doors to enable them to cross to the roadway safely so as they could go about their lawful business. The recent influx of T.V. crews to the town was for the purpose of recording this unique traffic and pedestrian situation for the information of foreign viewers—it is reliably told that legislation will shortly go before the Dail to make driving on footpaths a national pastime—other E.E.C. countries are expected to conform soon to Maynooth standards. Local schools are madly teaching our children the new traffic code. For the moment you are strongly advised to strengthen your front door and walls in case of accidents.

P.S.:—Parking will continue to be prohibited on the front walls of dwellinghouses.

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Stork comes to Cluain Aoibhinn: Three new babies brightened the scene at Cluain Aoibhinn in the last few weeks and we extend congratulations to the happy parents: baby Andrew to Maura and Tom McMullan, baby Richard to Mr. and Mrs. Declan Mulcahy, baby Sarah to Tommy and Mary Sheehan. Rumour has it that there are a few more on the way. Watch this space!

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Recent wedding: Congratulations to Josie Kelly and Paddy Moore on their recent happy occasion.

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Are you looking for part-time work? Trying to buy or sell something? Offering baby-sitting services? Why not place a small ad., which costs only 20p, in our new classified ads. section which will commence next month (June) on the back page. Your Newsletter goes into over 500 houses in the Maynooth area—thanks to you.

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We hear that with the coming of summer a strange phenomenon is occurring in the town. People have suddenly taken to using umbrellas even on the finest of days to help ward off the dislodgements of our feathered friends in the trees. Don't say you haven't been warned.

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DRIVERS MAKE MAYNOOTH A SAFER PLACE TO DRIVE

A recent article in one of the national newspapers has drawn our attention to measures being taken in the Leixlip area to combat illegal dumping of rubbish. Vigilante patrols have been formed there to help control the problem with some good deal of success. To date three people have been taken to task by the patrols. It appears the problem has basically arisen as a direct result of large housing development but the local association is adamant in its efforts to control illegal dumping, as well as trying to educate people about it. Recourse to the law, though this law is somewhat out of date, is not ruled out where people are caught in the act and do not cooperate. In this regard we note a recent case at Kilcock Court, understood to have been the first prosecution of its kind, in which the defendant was convicted of dumping rubbish on the public road or within 30 feet of the road centre, so as to cause danger or mischief. Evidence was given by a witness of having taken the number of a car from which rubbish was dumped. Although a nominal fine was imposed at least the law is there and can be used. Your cooperation is needed in this area only too badly or do you want your name in the papers?

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One of the Community Council members has drawn our attention to the ironic situation which occurred on the night of the 6th of April last when a car overturned on the treacherous stretch of road between Pike's Bridge and the 9-mile lodge. Ironic certainly, for after weeks of that situation the County Council commenced to resurface it on the morning of the 7th of April! As usual we must add—better late than never.

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We hear that some vacancies exist at present on the Community Council. Nominations will be invited shortly and elections held if necessary to fill the places. Every area needs active members on the Council if the enormous amount of work needing to be done is to be tackled successfully. Our Editorial is an assessment of the Tyrellspass experiment so far—the recent television documentary on the achievements of the community there was a fitting tribute indeed. We can only say "Well done."

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FINE GAEL NEWS

The Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries Mr. Mark Clinton, T.D. attended the Annual General Meeting of the Maynooth Branch. The attendance also included Mr. Paddy Malone, T.D., Councillors Oliver Cooney and Brian Fleming and Mr. Jimmy McGarry, Chairman, Dublin West Constituency Executive.

Mr. Clinton complimented the Branch for its work over the past year and particularly for its efforts to attract new members. He then went on to explain the recent E.E.C. Farm Produce increases, stating that they should not necessitate a great increase in the cost of living. He also said that not all the increase would go to the farmers as the processors would get their share too.

Deputy Malone who presided over the election of officers, praised the Branch for its commitment to the work of Fine Gael, both inside and outside their own constituency. He recalled the willingness with which members had travelled outside the area to help at various bye-elections.

Chairman W. Coonan in his address thanked the Minister and Deputy for their complimentary remarks. He also said that the success of Branch activities during the year was due to the diligence and determination with which all the members went about their duties. He expressed his satisfaction at the number of new members who continued to turn up at meetings.

Officers elected for 1976: Chairman, W. Coonan; Vice-Chairman and P.R.O., B. Durkan; Secretary, E. O'Reilly; Joint Treasurers, D. Carroll and Maura Cullen.

MAYNOOTH COLLEGE JUMBLE SALE RESULT

On behalf of the Jumble Sale and Auction Committee, I would like to extend our deepest thanks to all who contributed to the Jumble Sale, and to those who came along and brought items. The success of the venture depended on you and all the students of the College. We would like to thank you all for your generosity and the kindness with which you received the collectors.

The Auction and Sale was held on March 25th and we received £650 from the enterprise. On Wednesday, 31st March £200 went to the Irish Cancer Society, £200 to St. Luke's Hospital Cancer Research Fund and £200 to Kare. The remainder will be used to repair a bus which a few students hope to donate to Palmerstown Hospital.

With sincere gratitude,
Peter Devlin.

DRIVERS —
MAKE MAYNOOTH
A SAFER PLACE

Maynooth Castle

A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen 8



The accompanying map should have appeared with the April instalment, but it got itself mislaid somewhere along the way. It shows the relationship between the twelfth century territorial divisions and the modern county boundaries.

We are not able to follow every step taken by the FitzGerald in organising their new lands at Maynooth and in bringing in settlers from England and Wales to help increase the agricultural output and their own resulting income. But we are able to create a fairly detailed picture of the community that had developed here about 160 years after their arrival. The *Red Book of the Earls of Kildare* gives a list of the tenants in the manor of Maynooth in 1328/9 and the rents paid by them and the categories into which they are divided.

The first category is that of free tenants:

De Willelmo de Penkiston	11s	De Johanne Hothum	Vs 11d
De Johanne Borly	XXXIXs	De Stephano Lydyr'	CXs 111d
De Thoma Walleys	1d	De Monycoull assign'	LYs sine secta
De Philippo Molagh	VIIIIs Xd quad.	De Willelmo Hoyloff	Vd
Summa XI li IXd quarter			

Then come the farmers:

De Johanne Brail	XXXVIIs IIIId	De Johanne Broun	XVIIIIs IXd
De Thoma filio Willelmi Brail	XIIIIs Xd	De Willelmo Broun	XXXIs
De Gregorio de Stanes	IXs	De Ricardo Holer'	XIIIIs
De Johanne Marescallo	XIs IXd	De Alexandro Bakon	IIIIs
De Johanne Pistore	VIIs	De Roberto Broun	Xs VIId
De Philippo filio Gilberti	Vs	De Galfrido carpentario	IIs
De Matheo Broun	XIIId	De Petro Boy	XIIId
De Radulfo fabro	VId	De Stephano filio Ricardi	
De Ada Masoun	XIIId	Lyddio	IIs
De Philippo Kellagh	Vd 06	De Willelmo Morok	XIIId
		De Willelmo Joliff	IIIIs Id

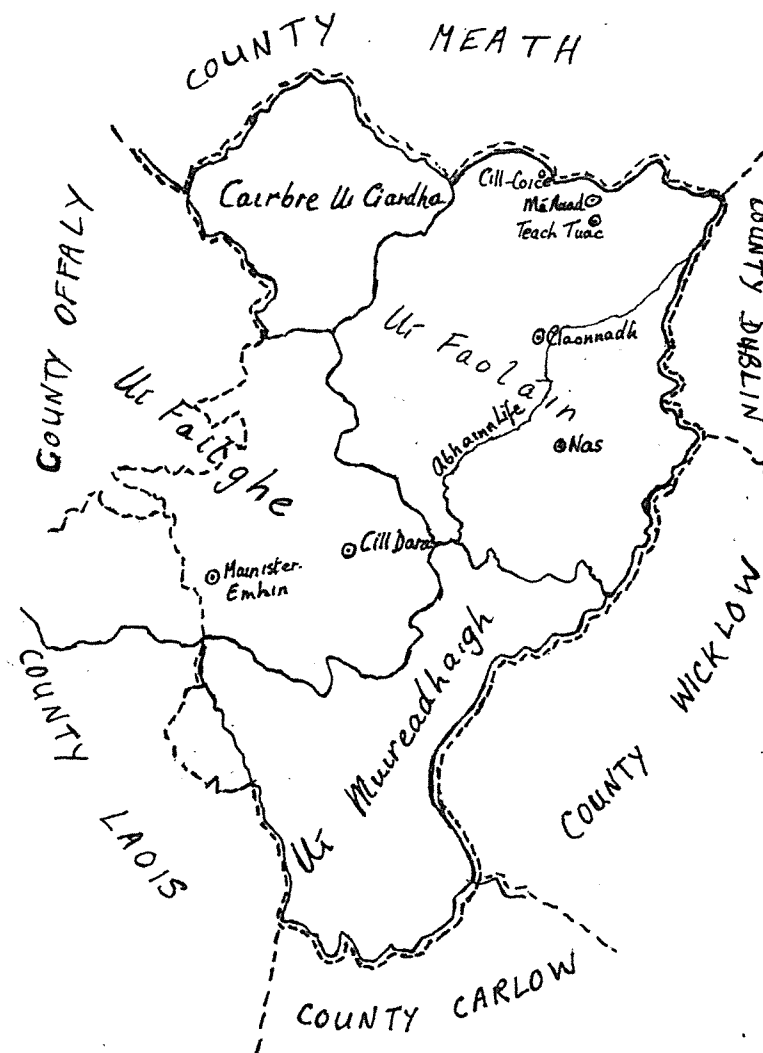
The next category is that of cottiers:

De Roberto mercatore	VId	De Henrico Sutore	XIIId
De Emotra vidua	VId	De Radulfo filio David	XIIId
De Waltero cissore	IIIIs IIIId	De Rogero arch. arblaster	XIIId
De Thoma Dermot	XIIId	De Philippo Olaghlin	IIs
De Willelmo Sutore	XIIId	Summa	XIs (IIIId)

Finally come the lowest category of all, the betaghs:

De Philippo Ofethan	XXXIIIs IId	De Johanne Bryan de Rouschall	
De Non' Corody	XVIIs IIIId	et de Ricardo OByrane	XXXIs (Vd)
De Nicholal Mcconyn	XXs Id	De Juliana vidua	XIIId
De Andrea Ocachan et Thoma		De Thoma Okenken	LIIIIs
Ocachan	XXXVIIIs	De Alexandro Okenken	LIIIIs
De Galfrido Okenken	XXVIIIs	De Alicia Laghlyn	XIIId
De Petro Odor'	XVIIIIs VIId	De Willelmo Oconeran	XIIId
De Thoma Odor'	XXIIIIs VIId	De magno prato	IIIIs VIId
De Simone Odor'	XVIIIIs	De Artegan Ocachan	XVIIs
De Henrico Mckell'	XIIId	Summa	XV li

These categories into which the Maynooth tenants are divided are all recognised Norman classifications. The free tenant was a man of some standing who might hold land on a military tenure or on a fixed money rent. Farmers usually held their land on a lease of a number of years at a money rent. Cottiers held only cottages and crofts, or small adjoining holdings, and paid both money rent and labour services on the lord's demesne. Betaghs were not free to move but were tied to the land like the villeins in England, and originally they paid their rent mainly by labour though by the end of the thirteenth century these services had often been commuted for a money rent as seems to have been the case at Maynooth. They were almost always native Irish in origin and seem to have lived and held land in family groups on holdings of from seventeen to twenty-five statute acres which explains why their rents were higher than those of the cottiers on our rental.



All the betaghs listed have Irish surnames and there are only a few other names that are recognisably Irish in form, i.e., of the cottiers Philip Olaghlin or O'Loughlin and Thomas Dermot, and of the farmers Philip Kellagh. This does not necessarily mean that all the other tenants were of non-Irish origin. The free tenants probably were but some of the others may have adopted Norman or English surnames, and in some cases there is no surname given but only the name of a trade. Professor Otway-Ruthven points out that while Irish names can certainly be taken to indicate Irish origin we can not be so certain that the non-Irish names indicate non-Irish origin in all cases, though they probably do in most.

The craft names are interesting. Assuming that where these are written with a small initial letter or in the ablative case they indicate the trade followed rather than a trade name now changed into a surname, we have at Maynooth at least one baker (pistor), two shoemakers (sutor), one merchant or shopkeeper (mercator), one carpenter (faber), one carriage-maker (carpentum), one maker of cross-bows (arch. arblaster), and one stone mason or carver (cissor). If names in the form of Masoun can be included we have also a smith, and there are interesting possibilities for at least two of the others. The old French word "brail" means "a piece of leather used to bind up a hawk's wing" and may be the origin of the surname of John and Thomas Brail on our list. It would certainly indicate a skill in demand among the Normans. If we can continue to speculate there is a possible origin for the name of William Morok in one meaning of the word morocco, "a very strong ale, anciently brewed in Westmoreland." It is tempting to think of William, or his father or grandfather, bringing this desirable skill across the Irish Sea to the manor of Maynooth.

The list is not of course inclusive of all land holders or craftsmen in the area. Many of the free tenants probably had sub-tenants of their own, and there may have been many other tradesmen who did not work an agricultural holding. Each betagh holder probably represented an extended family group and indicates that the native Irish population was still large even in a heavily settled area. Also by the fourteenth century there had probably been a considerable amount of inter-marriage between the races. All in all the rental brings to life for us a vigorous and flourishing community developing around the castle of Maynooth.

ICA News

The March Guild meeting was well attended, and after the business was concluded, Fire Officer Murphy of Newbridge gave a most interesting talk on "Fire Prevention in the Home" as well as showing an excellent film on the subject. Mr. T. Flood, Maynooth Fire Brigade also attended. The Committee thanked them for a most interesting talk.

There was also a Federation meeting in the new Parish Hall on 12th March, presided over by Mrs. Lalor for the last time before she takes over her new post as national President. We shall miss her as Federation President but are very proud to have her as National President and know that she will be a very good ambassador for the Irish Countrywomen's Association. Good luck, Mrs. Lalor! Teas were given by the Leixlip ladies.

Some of the ladies attended the Irish Wheelchair Association Fashion Show. Sarah Angel, as Committee Member, had ringside seats booked. Mrs. Childers opened the show and gave a short speech. She also drew the raffle tickets, with two Maynooth ladies being lucky winners.

Several ladies went to An Grianan, Termonfeckin for day courses in Flower Arranging, Cookery and Crochet. The day was most enjoyable, even though the weather was unkind.

Mrs. E. O'Reilly won the competition for the best 'limerick.'

The April meeting of the Guild was presided over by Mrs. Fegan and a cooking demonstration was given by Mrs. E. O'Reilly under the title of "Economical Supper Dishes" when she demonstrated some of the things she had learned at "An Grianan". Mrs. McMyler gave a short talk on the Rotunda Fund. She has collected £480, ticket money, and the draw will take place on Easter Tuesday evening (winners will be announced in the next Newsletter). Mr. McMyler hopes to be able to hand over £500 to the Research Fund.

The group meeting at Derrinturn was really enjoyable, the Maynooth ladies, having travelled over by bus, played their sketch—"Phil the Fluter's Ball" which met with great approval.

There was plenty of fun at the meeting, on 'April Fool's day'. The parcel game was won, in the end, by Mrs. Joyce Dunne. Mrs. Fegan presented the prize, a lovely sauce boat. The Easter Egg competition was won by Mrs. Desmond, and the raffle by Mrs. Carney. The meeting concluded with tea.

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REPORT FROM ZAMBIA

By Noel Redmond

Lying nestled on the edge of the Great Northern Plateau, on either side of which run the rivers Chambeshi and Luangwa, is Mpika, one of the larger towns of the Northern Province of Zambia. The plateau ranges from 4,000 to 5,000 feet in altitude in this area. The colourful natural vegetation, which consists of savannah grassland interspersed with deciduous woodland, clothes the plateau with a dense covering of 'bush'. The soil, hard and unresponsive save in the rainy season, is generally barren, lacking in humus and mineral nutrients.

The town itself, with a population of 5,000, approximately, is the natural centre of political, social and economic activity. The vast majority of the citizens are Zambians, as the Indian and European expatriates, most of whom are teachers, form only five per cent of the population. The town has adequate facilities for the consumer as almost all of the basic needs are readily available. As it is on the main rail and road links between Lusaka and Dar-Es-Salaam, the town will quickly develop into a small city.

Almost all of the people in this area are originally of the Bemba race. The typical Bemba proudly traces his origin to the Lunda Dispersal—the gradual movement eastwards from Katanga and the Congo basin of his people at the dawn of history. The Bemba race is matrilineal, descent being through the female, line; thus the responsibility of upbringing and education lies usually with the uncle rather than the father. The main feature of their rule is a strongly centralised chieftainship involving a common allegiance to the paramount. Bemba language and culture have spread over a large area. The language is used and understood over all of the Northern Province and is the lingua franca of the copper-producing region.

The Central Government is represented in the town by a senior civil servant, namely the Permanent Secretary, who is assisted by the District Secretary and District Governor. These people are directly responsible to the Government. It is their duty to see that the national philosophy of humanism is carried out fairly and efficiently. In a rural town like this their priority is to guide the agrarian revolution to greater heights.

The surrounding area is sparsely populated with less than 12 persons per square mile, and with a backward subsistence economy. Only a small part of the area is under cultivation and even pastoralism is comparatively unimportant as much of the region is still infested by the tsetse fly. Traditional methods of agriculture are still continued in the cultivated area, modified in part by favourable physical conditions, access to markets, and labour migration. Cassava, tobacco, sweet potatoes and millet are the main crops in

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL CONSTITUTION – 1975

1. The Council as established shall be known as "Maynooth Community Council" hereinafter referred to as "The Council."
2. The aims of "The Council" shall be:—
The promotion of the Social, Cultural, Economic and General Welfare of the whole community of Maynooth and district.
3. To represent the community in dealings with the Statutory Bodies and other agencies in seeking, when considered necessary, technical, financial and other assistance in the promotion of the common good.
4. To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or by any other means acquire any freehold, leasehold or other property for any estate or interest whatever, and any rights, privileges or easements over or in respect of any property and any buildings, offices, factories, mills, works, wharves, roads, railways, tramways, machinery, engines, plant barges, vessels or things and any real or personal property or rights whatsoever which may be necessary for, or may be conveniently used with, or may enhance the value of any other property of the Council.
5. All property and effects referred to in Article 4 of the Constitution shall be held in Trust for council by Trustees who shall be elected in accordance with the rules.
6. All residents of Maynooth and district who are over 18 years of age will have the right to vote and stand for election. A resident shall be defined a person who is domiciled normally within the district of Maynooth.
7. "The Council" shall consist of elected representatives from the Electoral areas as defined by "The Council" from time to time, together with such members as "The Council" may co-opt under Rule 1 of "The Rules" and subject to Article 15 of this Constitution.
8. "The Council" shall be elected for a period of not more than three years and the election shall be held by secret ballot in accordance with the procedure determined by "The Council."
9. "The Council" shall elect annually from amongst its members, an Executive Committee.
10. "The Council" shall meet as often as necessary but not less than ten (10) times annually.
11. "The Council" shall have power to affiliate or associate with any other body, provided such association does not lessen the power of "The Council."
12. "The Council" may from time to time appoint such Sub-Committees as it may consider necessary or expedient for the purpose of carrying out specific projects and such Sub-Committees shall conduct their business in accordance with the directions and rules of "The Council."
13. This Constitution can only be amended or altered by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of "The Council" members holding office at the time.
Written notice of any proposed alteration or amendment shall be submitted to the Secretary, who must advise all Council members of such proposal not less than thirty (30) days before the next Council meeting.
14. The income and property of "The Council" shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the aims and functions of "The Council" as set out in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or otherwise by way of profit to any member of the "Council."
"The Council" shall, however, have power to re-imburse members for reasonable expenses properly incurred while acting on behalf of "The Council."
15. "The Council" shall consist of not more than 29 Representatives, of whom 22 are from the electoral districts and a maximum of seven (7) co-opted members. The co-opted members being defined as one-third (1/3) of the elected representatives.
16. No Member or Members, whether elected or co-opted, of the Council or its Sub-Committees, may commit the Council as a body, to any undertaking, financial or otherwise, without having received prior consent at a Council meeting.
17. "The Council" shall at all times be non-Political and non-Sectarian in its aims and objects.

DRIVERS MAKE MAYNOOTH A SAFER PLACE TO DRIVE

EDITORIAL

Looking at the television programme recently on Tyrellspass, and their tidy towns effort, we were somewhat envious of what they had achieved. Really remarkable is all we can say, and we offer our highest praise and sincere congratulations.

We in Maynooth have entered the same competition for many years now and it is to our discredit that we have not more to show for all our years' effort (if we may use the word effort). In the first few years something was done but nothing since.

It is a great pity that more has not been achieved by us, as the town in itself is most attractive and it would not take a great amount of effort to put on a very good show. The entrances to the town are probably its worst feature and these could quite easily be put right with a little co-operation from everybody. The town itself could do with a brush up, no doubt, but this is more an individual effort and could be much more easily tackled. The road margins, etc. present more difficulty. Litter, in particular, should be everybody's business, competition or not, and it might be no harm for us to appeal here again for more care by everybody in this matter of careless scattering of litter, particularly in the summer period.

An item which struck us forcefully while watching the television programme, was the preservation of the architectural features of Tyrellspass, in comparison to some of the modern alterations in the old town. While we can commend highly some of the reconstructions, such as Noone's garage and Coonan's office, both of which blend in nicely with the rest of the town, we can hardly say the same, of several others which do not blend at all but, in fact, stick out like a sore thumb. Nor can we commend the taste of the latest addition.

Those with any feeling for Maynooth could, in the absence of any other effort, help to show their interest to others by brightening up their own premises and also by keeping the streets clean and tidy. If nothing else, this might be a show of interest that might spark off others to do their little bit and perhaps inspire us all to make Maynooth what it used to be—"The pretty little town with the trees on the road to the West" or even better still, "the prettiest and tidiest town in Ireland."



The Play's the Thing

SIR LAURENCE OLIVIER saw the film *The Incredible Machine*, in which a computer recites a soliloquy from *Hamlet*. Impressed, he asked, "But how do you tell it, after the audition, if it lost the part?"

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this area.

The effects of the rapid growth and development of the copperbelt towns and widespread social and economic changes in Southern Province have been felt in the town. Attempts are being made to broaden the economy of the rural areas such as this, and stimulate social life in the town in order to decrease the flow of people to urban areas.

The secondary school in the town is a modern building with places for over 500 pupils. All of the pupils come from the Northern Province and their ages range from fifteen to twenty-two years. The school has all the modern facilities, having separate departments for each subject, an assembly hall, a fully-equipped laboratory and an excellent library.

The educational system is, of necessity, selective. When pupils write the grade 7 composite examination at the end of the primary course the results determine who shall proceed to secondary education. A second examination is written at the end of form III, secondary course, on the basis of which approximately half the candidates are given the opportunity to complete the secondary course. The Cambridge Overseas School Certificate examination is written after five years at secondary school and the pupils who gain a Division I in that examination qualify for entrance to the university.

There are three Churches in the town, the Roman Catholic Church, the United Church of Zambia and the 7th Day Adventist Church. A mosque is in the process of being built as a place of worship for the minority Muslim population. The Zambians are a deeply religious people and the vast majority of them are Roman Catholics in this area. Many of them walk all of ten miles to Mass from their primitive huts in the 'bush' and take an active part in the two-hour ceremony, during which the Bemba language and music are used.

The Zambian is a most likeable person, warm-hearted and generous, despite the fact that many of them have witnessed the atrocities of colonialism. As humanism is the national philosophy of their government so humanism and the will to please is their individual philosophy of life. Having cast away the pernicious ideas of inferiority and insecurity which inevitably result from a deprived life under colonial rule, they are now fully aware of their new tasks and are imbued with a sense of mission along the revolutionary path of humanism.

Community Council News

There were two meetings of the Community Council last month and a lot of time was taken up in reconsidering our past efforts. Although we have a number of achievements to our name, some felt that we have not been using our potential to its best effect and to the best advantage of the people in general. This brought us to the subject of "what exactly do people think should be tackled first." There were varied opinions on this—the final analysis being somewhat inconclusive. In the end it was agreed that to know exactly what the people think could only be ascertained through a survey of some kind and some Council members were appointed to look into this matter and to report back to the next meeting with proposals as to what form the survey should take and what questions should be asked. No doubt you will be hearing further about this.

FINANCE

Another question discussed at the meetings was finance. And it goes without saying that practically any project tackled will require finance of some kind, large or small. It would be desirable that the Council should have, at least, some small finances to carry on its work and, in an effort to raise some money, it was suggested that we run a "Silver Circle" or some such lottery. Some members were also delegated to look into this and, again, we presume you will hear more about this.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The possibility of some activities during the summer months was discussed and various items were suggested, and the Committee was asked to look into these by the next meeting.

TIDY TOWNS SUB-COMMITTEE

The sub-committee reported on a recent inspection of the town as to what it considered was required to put the town on a footing to enter the Tidy Towns Competition. It was, first of all, considered too late now to make any major effort for this year and the full report, being a little lengthy, was postponed to the next meeting.

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GARDENING NOTES

By Colm Kennedy

The most satisfying experience any man can have is the fashioning of a garden from a bare plot of land. This is one of the few ways which can bring the greatest satisfaction. Everyone has their own ideas about the kind of plants they want to grow; there is every reason to be realistic and make a fairly accurate estimate about the amount of time that can reasonably be given to gardening. A good rule would be to have a simple design and see that the natural advantages of your plot or allotment are exploited to the full. There is not much point in rushing into too early planting as this year to date we have frost most nights and temperatures do drop considerably—then the soil tends to be on the cold side and takes quite a while to warm up. We had a bit more growth in February up to mid-March but since then conditions have changed drastically—but coming mid-April, growth should improve quite well. Ground conditions have improved considerably with the drying winds. Most vegetable crops should be got in without delay. Main crop potatoes, onions, lettuce, beans, peas, and some stump-rooted carrots. A pinch of lettuce seed every 10 to 12 days will give a continuous supply of nice, fresh salad right through summer and autumn. As one gains a bit of experience it is possible to increase crop yields by catch-cropping

inter-cropping etc. Catch-cropping consists of growing a quick-maturing crop between the timings of the main growing period. For instance, radishes, spinach, lettuce, mustard, certain varieties of cress and spring onions are some of the crops which can be used for this purpose. These can be grown for instance between trenches prepared for celery, and provided they are out of the ground before earthing celery. Ground can also be exploited by growing very quick maturing vegetables between others which remain in the ground for longer periods—for example, radishes can be grown between parsnips or lettuce between peas and so on. Vegetables on the whole grow fast and any check to growth results in small, poor-quality roots, running to seed in the case of celery, poor and yellowing of the leaves in the case of brassicas and similar crops and poor quality pods on peas and beans. The soil for good results must be well cultivated, well manured and well fed and must be left sufficiently moist and most importantly free of weeds.

In almost any garden any small area can be found for at least one or two small trees and shrubs and there are several ways in which the latter can be used. They can be grouped in beds and borders and may be planted near the boundaries for screening purposes. A well positioned tree or shrub can be used to mask off the corner of a building or some other obstruc-

tion which takes from the beauty of the garden. Trees and shrubs particularly evergreens may also be useful for forming windbreaks where the garden is so sited that it is exposed to prevailing winds. The walls of a house can be a help and a support for climbers and wall shrubs. Both formal and informal hedges make very pleasing garden features and provide a very attractive background for other planting schemes.

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BEGINNERS GUIDE TO SOCCER

By Martin McCormack, S.D.B.

Technique of Goalkeeping:

Of all the positions in the game of soccer, goalkeeping is one I feel I know most about. Having played there in both soccer and gaelic I can quite confidently say that as a goalkeeper you are the last line of defence and the first line of abuse.

Goalkeeping is a specialist position, and the player who wants to do well must accept this and work hard at his training.

He must be brave and accept the fact that he may get hurt. He must be prepared to take a challenge in the air, or fall at a forward's feet, be prepared to be kicked, elbowed and bumped, and still remain cool. He must get in the way of shots that other players would flinch away from.

If you are still interested please read on.

Being brave comes high in the list for budding goalkeepers. What else? He must be able to jump, be naturally agile, and this will help him on those vital high crosses. He must learn to adjust his position to suit the play, and learn how to decide what an opponent is going to do. I found that in most cases this is just instinct. By watching a player's feet, you can sometimes spot how he is going to hit a ball and thus give himself that bit of extra time to make a save. Be determined not to be beaten and this will often decide what kind of keeper you'll eventually become.

First and foremost comes the elementary aspect of catching a ball. Your hands should be behind the ball so that your thumbs are almost touching. This is especially important when you cannot get your body behind the ball, but try to do so as much as possible. Get behind the flight of the ball so that it comes into your hands without grasping out to snatch it.

Catching a cross—a skill that can make or break a keeper. The goalkeeper who stays on his line all the time is bound to be vulnerable to high crosses. When the cross comes in, the keeper must move out early and make the correct decision as to whether to come for the ball or not. If he thinks it is his, then he must go for it and let the defence know he wants it. At the same time he must judge the pace of the ball to ensure that he arrives at the time when the ball arrives, and he has to be at the peak point of his jump.

When should you punch?

Remember when you punch you give your opponents a chance of regaining possession but at times it is essential.

Punch the ball away when you feel it would be dangerous to catch e.g. if a cross is too strong and sails over your head too high to catch clearly. A straightforward punch where you drive the ball away from you should only be attempted when under severe pressure from forwards who are crowding so closely that you have not a chance of fielding cleanly.

Most keepers have a good side for diving perhaps his right so by showing this to the attacker (by moving to his left) he can very often invite shots to his good side.

Not having got the ball from a save or catch the next step is to use it well. A keeper as well as being the last line of defense is also first line of attack. It is no good kicking up field and hoping for the best. The keeper must be able to build up attacks for his side. Learn to throw the ball as well as kick it. Peter Bonetti springs to mind as one of the best builders of attack in this way. Short quick throws should be made by placing the hand behind the ball and propelling it forward like you throw a javelin. You can also bowl the ball out under arm or over arm, whatever style you use, remember you keep your feet fairly widely apart. This is to ensure that you are stable giving you a wider base and thus unlikely to fall as you release the ball.

Learn to use your box especially to narrow the angle for a shot. When kicking try to find a man. If your centre forward is good in the air, aim long balls down the middle. Vary your kicks; hit the ball to unmarked men even if it means playing the ball to the edge of the area. For the ground shots half bend on the right knee, with your left leg almost L-shaped, and directly behind your hands. Learn to relax. You will not hurt yourself so much if you are nicely loose. A final tip by Pat Jennings of Spurs—dip your fingers in vinegar to harden the skin.

Goalkeeping is a very satisfying position, work hard at it and you will get the best results. Remember; you only get out of something as much as you put into it.

As this is my last article I would like to take this opportunity of wishing one and all every success in their sporting career. Thank you for your attention.

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The following Promoters won £1 each: Pat Conroy, John Brazil, Cathal Power, Anita Lyons, Joe Moore, Peter Brazil, Anne Kelly, Eugene Gargan, Gerry Flanagan Pat Kennedy.

The next Draw will be held in the Geraldine Hall on Tuesday, 11th May and Promoters are asked to have cash handed in at least two days before the Draw. Thanking all for their support.

D. V. QUIGLEY,
Treasurer.

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SOCCER NOTES

Having started the season with some fine wins, the "Town" has, unfortunately been knocked out in most of the competitions. Perhaps the opposition was too strong or, perhaps the teams grew a little stale. Let it be what it may, the teams made a fair show in general and we can look forward to next season with some confidence. As the season draws to a close, the "Town" is still involved in the final run-in for League honours. They have two remaining home fixtures and four away and maximum points would ensure runners-up position in Division I with promotion to Premier Division next season.

The Club had another good season in Cup competitions and the most noteworthy achievement was in reaching the last 16 of the Leinster Junior. The second string have been struggling for most of the season but since Seamus "Doc" Tracey has taken over as manager, they have managed to beat the League leaders and climb from the bottom of the table.

PARISH NOTES

Parish Retreat: The Retreat given by Fathers Alphonsus and Hilarion, C.P., from 4th to 11th April was on traditional lines. Many people praised it highly, while others were less enthusiastic. It is impossible to please everyone. The attendance could have been much better, but it is certain that great spiritual good was done.

Holy Week and Easter: The Masses and Ceremonies were well attended and the clergy are most grateful to all who worked so hard to prepare and perform the singing, the ceremonial, the readings, the decoration of the altars, etc., in Maynooth and Ladychapel.

First Holy Communion: This will be on Saturday, 15th May, at 11 a.m.

Confirmation: The new Auxiliary Bishop of our Diocese, Most Reverend Dermot O'Mahony, will administer Confirmation during Mass at 11 a.m. on Saturday, 5th June.

Ordinations: Archbishop Dermot Ryan will ordain to the priesthood two young men from our parish in the Parish Church on Saturday, 12th June, at 3.30 p.m. We should keep them in our prayers—Paddy Monahan and Patrick Kavanagh. With last year's ordination of Father Gerard Flood and the recent final profession of Sister Rosemary Murphy, this gives the parish much to be thankful for. Let us hope and pray that more of our young people may respond to God's call to the priesthood and the religious life, for both home and foreign missions.

Schools: The building of the extension to the Boys' School is proceeding according to plan, and it should be ready for the new school year which begins on 1st July. The intention is that the boys in the Senior Infants and First Standards will transfer to the Boys' School, while the Junior Infant boys will remain at the Convent School for the coming year (only).

Finances: The Building Fund now stands at approximately £6,500, but with a deficit of about £3,000 in the parish running expenses account, we are effectively £3,500 in credit. We shall soon have reached the two-thirds mark in the school building work, at which point we shall have to spend the local contribution before we can claim any further refunds from the Government. This local contribution is likely to be somewhat more than the £17,000 originally envisaged, because of the effects of inflation. The more we are in credit when we have to pay this, the less we shall have to borrow. The Envelope Collection is keeping up well, and the Bingo is holding its own, but the weekly dances have fallen off recently owing to counter-attractions elsewhere. Steps are being taken to remedy this.

The "Share" collection has made a dramatic leap forward since the new system was introduced, and the Archbishop is very grateful. The diocese must stand together. We never know when our own parish may need help from "Share," if there is further large-scale house building.

Lourdes: A considerable group from our parish will go on pilgrimage to Lourdes with Father Supple at the end of June. Their prayers at Our Lady's Shrine will surely bring great blessings on the parish.

LATE ITEM.

Death of John Barnwall.

The death of John Barnwall came as a great shock to his many friends in the town and the area will be the poorer for his passing.

Practically all his life, John has taken part in all aspects of public life in the area and he was always ready to co-operate in anything that tended to improve the town socially or materially.

He took a particular interest in the C.Y.M.S. branch and as well as being a Trustee, he sat for many years on successive committees. Eventually when the C.Y.M.S. Branch broke up, as Trustee, he managed to keep the hall (now the Geraldine Hall) operative, practically on his own. He put quite an amount of work into this, and eventually, with the assistance of the Development Association, of which he was also a member, helped to complete the small meeting room which had not been finished.

Last year, he was elected to the Community Council, as Representative to the No. 1. area (The Town). Although dogged with failing health, he continued gamely to give what assistance he could, practically to the end.

His death is regretted by all and we join with his many friends in offering our sincerest sympathy to his wife, son and daughter.

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GRAPEVINE

1976 marks the Centenary Year of the local G.A.A. Club. In recognition of the important role the organisation as a whole has played and continues to play in the social and cultural life of the nation, we include in the 'Newsletter' a history and assessment of the club as part of our contribution to the local celebrations. The G.A.A. in the past has acted as a focal point of local solidarity in parishes throughout the country and its activities continues to draw massive support. Perhaps you could do the same for your local teams—your support is needed now. Tournaments are being run-off locally in early June as part of the Centenary Year—why not go along.

When visiting the local library you are kindly asked to make an appointment as only an average of 2½ people (without children or animals) can be safely accommodated at any one time! This average is based on persons being in a standing position (horizontal). Laterally-positioned persons result in more being accommodated—so if you don't mind being walked on . . . !

Congratulations to Mrs. Pamela Fegan, Moyglare on her fantastic successes at the recent Spring Show at Ballsbridge. She won eight 1st prizes; three 2nd prizes and two 3rd prizes in the Dairy Shorthorn Section. She also won the "Leinster Cup" for the Best Group of Shorthorns, the Domville Cup for the best cow in milk or in calf and the Reserve Shorthorn Championship. See photograph with I.C.A. Notes in this issue.

We acknowledge the letter which we print elsewhere in this issue, received regarding last month's piece on the Swimming Pool. Recreational facilities are a must for an increasing population but like the writer of the letter we can see the need for occasional reappraisal of objectives. The response to our stimulation sets out, very admirably, the thinking behind and perceived benefits of the pool to the community. The letter is also an indication of how the 'Newsletter' can be used as a most valuable means of communication which is at the core of community development programmes. For our part, our comments are aimed at encouraging thought and community action.

We hear that it is no 'fishy story' that Mrs. Mary Doyle, of Greenfield, has beaten all comers at the Bord Iascaire Mhara fish cooking competition at Athy and is now the undisputed best fish cook in the County. She is due to take part in the All-Ireland Final on 27th May. (We hope to have the result of this in the late news — back page— when we hope to find that the best fish cook in Ireland is in Maynooth.)

It is whispered that a certain telephonist in Maynooth was heard even further away than the announcer on Radio Eireann who had to contend only with a mouse. Our victim had a full scale battle to contend with—dogs and cats and kittens everywhere. Some say it was Mary Burke's dog that started it all, others blame Tom Corcoran's cat but the net result was that the telephonist was heard in U.S.A. at the height of the battle. Another first for Maynooth?

PICTURE PARADE INSIDE

and

MAYNOOTH G.A.A.
CENTENARY YEAR REPORT

SPECIAL NOTICE

We extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to our parish priest Rev. Fr. O'Higgins on the recent death of his brother, Rev. P. O'Higgins.

Go ndeanfidh Dia trocaire ar a ainm.

Congratulations to all those who took part in the recent joint get-together organised by the Community Council—we understand most associations, clubs and sporting bodies in the town and area were represented. After a somewhat nervous start a relatively fruitful discussion took place and we feel that nothing but good can come from such gatherings—it is expected that the experiment will be repeated occasionally. If the Community Council never achieved anything but to help facilitate communication between people, as a result of which possible social tension is reduced and energies are channelled into the building of a better life for all, then its establishment was well worth while and we admire the foresight of those responsible.

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At the same meeting the 'Newsletter' Committee tried out their own experiment in the form of a short questionnaire on the 'Newsletter' distributed to those attending for completion. Although the answers were somewhat bound to be biased in our favour due to the fact that the delegates themselves are already committed to serving the people of Maynooth and area in their various ways, we did get food for thought. The 'Newsletter' costs over £100 to produce each month and it is essential that we cover our printing costs each time through sales and advertising. We thank all our generous and faithful advertisers for their continued support and our many vendors also. Regarding sales, we feel we should be able to increase these by the use of a little propaganda on the part of our readers. Our estimate is that the paper goes into about 60% of the houses in Maynooth area—our aim is 100% if possible. Our experiment at the meeting will be extended soon and we hope to distribute our questionnaire to a sample of houses in the area very soon in order to get a more balanced view of community response to, and expectations of, the 'Newsletter'. The forms, headed "Maynooth Newsletter" will be handed in and collected by us after a few days. We make a special appeal to all who get one to complete it as accurately as possible but do not put your name to it. We are doing our best for you—you can help us by telling us what you want.

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Speed limit signs around the town are to be re-positioned some distance further out past the new estates. Many people had complained that they could not see the signs and consequently were not able to increase speed when entering the lower speed areas. Pedestrians especially are asked to be extra careful in future as a result. On this topic too, we understand that in regard to Greenfield Estate (new one) the local residents association are purchasing a Perpetual Trophy which will be awarded, on a weekly basis, to the man able to travel Maynooth Park or Laurence Ave., in a four-wheeled vehicle, in less than 30 seconds. Many car-owners, we believe, are practicing up there at the moment and word has gone out to all house-owners to lock up their children, dogs, cats etc. between 5.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. especially each evening Monday to Sunday inclusive. We hope to publish a monthly report on prospective winners.

As the man said, now from the sublime to the ridiculous. **Projection 1986—extract from Maynooth Newsletter.** "The Maynooth Community Council at their recent meeting passed a motion refusing to acknowledge a body (not the human one) calling itself the Council of Kildare County which was trying to usurp the power of the local Council and collect monies within the boundaries of its jurisdiction. A number of members of the Kildare Council picketed the meeting of the M.C.C. carrying offensive banners and there was loud wailing and gnashing of teeth among them; many were seen to bash their heads off stone walls (this was a common practice of theirs it appears). The M.C.C. chairman said this was indicative of attempts by the crowd in Brussels to take away power from the people but Maynooth (fair dues to you!) was having none of it. The chairman went on: 'We know what these new Councils of counties are at—they're trying to get money from every village, town and shack in the country and what do they do with it? Well I'll tell you—they're building big roads all over the place for all them tourists to gad around the country. That's not good enough when the rest of the country is left with no roads at all you might say. As far as we're concerned Maynooth Boys Rule here—O.K.?' " Ritchie, we hear, nearly had a seizure.

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Whatever about 1986 we see that the graffiti experts are at it in the Maynooth area with doors etc. of some buildings defaced with slogans. We note from a recent national newspaper report that a new chemical has been developed which will eradicate the hitherto almost impossible-to-clean slogans from all types of surfaces. The telephone kiosks around the town have come in for special attention by the felt-pen merchants. Who, might we ask is "Tom Dick?"

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Congratulations are in order also to Pat Nugent and Eleanor Appleby who got married on 18th May last and will up residence in Rail Park estate shortly.

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There's no truth in the rumour that C.I.E. are going to do away with the lower deck on double-decker buses when piped music is introduced: the problem remains insurmountable (excuse the pun) to their engineers as to how to keep the top-deck up and get passengers up and down. Problems for C.I.E. are not unusual by all accounts and nothing surprises us.

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WILLIAM CANNON, Railpark, who recently competed at Drogheda won first place in under 10 competition from a field of 12 cyclists.

MAYNOOTH VISTA
By Newcomer

Last week I was out in the garden, staking my twelve peas, when down came the rain. Forced to retire indoors and thus with time on my hands I started to look over old issues of the 'Newsletter' seeking inspiration, knowing that the pressure to produce my monthly "piece" would shortly be building up and hoping that, if all came to all, I could do a little plagiarising to help the muse on her way.

Now, there is a golden rule—and if there isn't there should be—that a writer should never read his own work after it has been published. If he does he invariably regrets what he has written and gets to wondering why any selfrespecting editor printed it. Too well I know that rule but, sad to say, in re-reading my 'Newsletters' I ignored it and consequently suffered the remorse of realising that I had not written even one article in which I was not complaining about something. Had I stuck to reading the other contributors, as I should have done, my conscience would have been clear and I could have dug up something else to moan about this month. Now I am forced, in a belated effort to recover my self esteem, to go one whole month looking on the brighter side of things in general

Well, it is an ill wind that blows no good and that applies to both to my "Vista" and to the RTE strike, which is still with us as I write. Since RTE went off the air I am getting perfect reception on the UTV channel—405 line (the only thing I can afford). While I always previously got a good picture the sound was completely drowned out by the humming from the RTE transmitter at Mount Leinster—at least I think it is Mount Leinster. I had tried all suggested remedies to cure the trouble and consulted all my electronically orientated friends in an effort to find the solution but to no avail. Then—Hi presto! No RTE—and I am in business. I am wondering, pending the provision of a communal aerial, if I agreed to pay double the licence fee would RTE close down Mount Leinster transmitter for an hour every Wednesday and Saturday to let me see—and hear—the wrestling. Anybody knows that if you can't hear the grunts and groans wrestling in picture only is a dead loss.

Two things I did note in last month's 'Newsletter' during the course of my research. One was that the residents of Rail Park are developing the vacant site at the entrance of the estate. The effort is indeed commendable but having already bought their houses and paid for the development of the estate is it not a little foolish to let the ground landlord, the developer, the receiver and the County Council off the hook? If people can pay their rates and their ground rent and still afford to complete the development of

their estates at their own expense the economy must be booming! Perhaps somebody should tell the Government or the Unemployed.

And, on a happier note, the other thing was that somebody's mother-in-law was getting fat in all the wrong places and he was sufficiently unkind to tell her to stay away from the wrong places. It happened to my mother-in-law also but I was much more helpful. I offered to help her pack her bag and drive her to the station.

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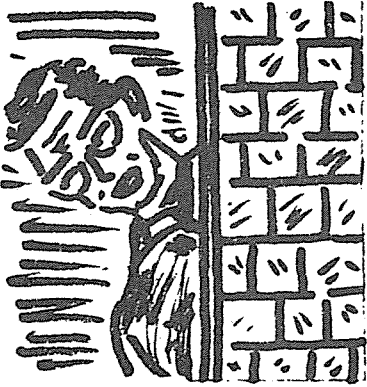
The Annual General Meeting of the Cluain Aoibhinn Residents' Association was held on the 29th April, 1976. The original committee which was formed on the 2nd May, 1974 resigned. A vote of thanks was expressed by the residents for the amount of work they had done. The new committee was elected: Chairman: Mr. A. Shine; Vice-Chairman Mr. L. Murphy; Secretary: Mr. T. McMullon; Joint Treasurers: Mr. J. Ryan and Mr. D. Mulcahy. It was agreed to continue the good work already done and that our main objective would be towards improving community spirit.

T. R. McMullon.

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Fri. 11th—Side by Side also Death Duel.
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Mon. 14th, 2 Days—Spanish Fly also Chinese Courtesan — over 18's.
Fri. 18th—Clint Eastwood in Thunderbolt and Lightfoot.
Sat. 19th—Hot Pants Holiday also Secrets Rites —over 18's.
Mon. 21st., 2 Days—Race with the Devil also Claudine.
Wed. 23rd—Killer of Killers — over 18's.
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Wed. 30th, 2 Days—Legend of Bruce Lee also Naked over the Fence — over 18's.

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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

by "WATCHMAN"

June	
5th	Confirmations: Parish Church at 11 a.m.
8th	Community Council Meeting — 8 p.m.
9th (Wed.)	G.A.A.: Senior Football League—Maynooth v. Kill (at Home game)
10th	Swimming Club A.G.M.: Parish Hall, 9 p.m. sharp.
12th	Ordination of Patrick Monahan and Patrick Kavanagh—Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. Fr. Monahan's First Mass in same church on following day at 4 p.m. (Sunday).
13th	Sports Day in Kilcloon at Conneally's Field at 2 p.m.
16th	G.A.A.: Junior Hurling League—Maynooth v. Naas (at Home match).
July	
2nd, 3rd	Medieval Banquets in Maynooth Castle (see local advertising).

COMING EVENTS DIARY

In order to avoid clashing of dates when events are being organised, a diary is being placed in "Barton's" shop for use by the community. Anybody knowing of a coming event is asked to record this information in the diary. This is intended to serve two purposes: Firstly for your own benefit in the use of the same date by two similar type organisations and secondly, so that the events for the coming month can be printed in the 'Newsletter'. As this can only be for the benefit of all, please use this facility.

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Editorial

Maynooth is in the news again, this time in connection with the planning permission for the erection of the student building at the College Campus. The anomalies of the situation are again highlighted for all to see. It is quite obvious that the present system of granting such permissions is grossly unfair and entirely inadequate. Indeed the system as it stands practically rules out the possibility of ordinary members of the public being aware of such planning permissions until it is too late.

It is extraordinary that, with the present system, there is no onus on the Planning Authority or anybody else, to advise would be objectors that planning permission is to be granted, even though such persons have already indicated that they would object, as in the case of the students building. Apart from the objectors, of course, there are those who cannot see the sense of this building at all, particularly when there is an acute shortage of money in the universities. Many feel that, if there is money available, it should go towards improving the universities or reducing the fees, etc. However, it is planning we speak of at the moment, not the wisdom of spending.

Under the present system of granting permission for building, an individual or group may insert a notice in some obscure paper circulating in the area, and this practically rules out the probability of the advertisement being seen. There is no use in a further group (such as a Community Council) or person issuing a blanket objection to building in an area and there is no onus on the Planning Authority to notify anybody of pending permissions sought. In this situation, unless one has a contact on the 'inside' or is very lucky, it is quite likely that planning will be applied for and granted without their knowledge.

It is time that some system be devised whereby a neighbour or other interested persons, have a chance, in practice as well as theory, of being made aware of impending building, or development. Some years back, the County Council used to publish notices under its own heading in the "Leinster Leader" (that was, of course, when we were notified of water cuts, roads being closed, etc.). Could this column not be continued and instead of individuals issuing their own individual notices, could all notices of pending planning permission not be listed in this column a week or two before the permission is actually granted, thus giving the public a 50-50 chance, as against the present system where one is expected to purchase practically every newspaper in the country and have the time to study them intently to find such notices. This present system, to say the least of it, is utterly ridiculous.

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Cead Mile Failte to the Scouts and Cubs who have joined our Club. They had their first trip to Naas Pool, on Monday, 17th May. Fifty-seven turned up and it was a great success. We have an Army Instructor from Newbridge taking them in hands, so we hope that in no time at all Mammas all over Maynooth will be busy sewing on Merit Badges, and boasting of their son's swimming ability. But we want DADDIES, mind you there are those who say, no way can you involve Dads, but we in Maynooth Swimming Club, say 'Oh ye of little faith.' So come on Dads contact or ring our Secretary, and prove that Irish men will get involved in their sons' activity. All we want you to do is form a rota, to travel with the bus leaving the Square at 6.15 on Mondays and back at 8.25. If available contact us, we will only require your help once in a couple of months. Secretary Peig Lynch, 69 Maynooth Park, phone 286110.

Thanks to the 'Newsletter', we have found an Instructor for our young swimmers at St. Raphael's Pool, or he found us, and hopes to start with us soon, and remain for a couple of years. This Session is full with small ones, so to accommodate the older children, and adults we are running another bus to Naas on Mondays, at least for the summer months, leaving the Square at 8.15. All are welcome—a great night out for 50p. Instructor, Life Guard and attendant will be on standby.

Mums and toddlers you are not forgotten, the trouble is it seems to be working out a bit dear, so we will have to find out what you think.

We are holding a General Meeting in the Parish Hall on Thursday, 10th June at 9 o'clock and we want all who are interested in swimming to come along; let us show by sheer force of number that WE WANT OUR POOL.

GRAPEVINE — Tell us, you knowledgeable one:

- Has a Pool ever been heated by peat—it can still be got for brawn in this County.
- Must the pool be sited where it is? The only pools paying there way, are those situated beside a dance hall or bowling alley, where the one heat covers the two.
- Is there any whisper at all about a "Do-it-yourself pool"? The ones which are erected above ground, you climb a wee ladder to get in. When not in use, covered by tarpaulin to keep the heat in. Granted you would only have about 3 foot of water, but enough to teach children to swim. They can still be purchased for three figures. Are we aiming too high?

[Editorial comment: Note "Grapevine" again on the real issue and "Letter to the Editor from Mary Cullen.]

POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL

When it comes to availing of the best of modern methods in education, our Post-Primary School is second to none, and we must congratulate Mr. Ashe and his staff on being alive and always 'on the ball.' In the realm of career guidance, we must, this month, congratulate the Careers Guidance Officer, Mr. John Gaffney, on his recently organised "Work experiment week" for the senior pupils. Some schools in the area organised one-day work sessions, but none went into the matter so thoroughly and so very successfully as Maynooth School.

The "Work experiment week" was designed for fifth-year students (who have no public examinations this year) to give them an idea of what work is, and to show the problems that affect workers, such as getting on with fellow workers, etc. Mr. Gaffney said it was surprising how quickly these problems surfaced.

The whole experiment worked well and was keenly enjoyed by most, if not all, the students. A few found the first day or two a bit tiring or boring until they settled down to the jobs but, by the end of the week, they all felt that they had gained valuable experience. As a further bonus many of the students were paid normal rates by the employers.

The employers were most enthusiastic about the whole venture and were most keen that students should get this insight into the reality of industry, an area often overlooked by educationalists. Seventeen firms agreed to accept pupils but in a number of cases, due mainly to union difficulties, they had to withdraw. Eventually ten firms participated and the following students: Yvonne Farrell (Veritas Ltd.), Bernadette Darcy (Irish Farm Centre), Ann Brady, Eugene Bermingham and Francis Barrett (Fallons), Ambrose O'Brien and Liam Simons (Concrete Pipes, Naas), Sean Moore and Liam L'estrang (Donnolly Mirrors), Michael Glynn and Patrick Moynan (Odlums), Peter Devine and John Joyce (Navan Carpets, Celbridge), Peter Heslin and Peter Tracey (Premier Meats), John Molloy (Kildare Wallpapers), Mary Boyd (Investment Bank of Ireland), Paul Fitzgerald (Clondalkin Paper Mills), Susan Boyce and Pauline Hart (social work with the Eastern Health Board), Sally Barton, Kevin Eakins, Alan Birchall and Gerard Nelson attended at Maynooth College to gain experience in Third Level Education.

Day to day records were kept by students and employers and students filled questionnaires. Students were also required to relate their experiences with regard to job sampling, tools, materials, etc. and, in general, their conception of work was greatly broadened. Jobs ranged from packing and loading, to office work.

Mr. Gaffney hopes to continue the scheme next year and, perhaps, broaden

it. With the feed-back from employers and students, many ways of improving the scheme were noted.

Post-Primary School is now approximately five years in existence and there are now 320 pupils. Additional pupils are always welcome. Many people, however, confuse it with a purely vocational school, whereas, in fact, it provides full facilities for Leaving Certificate course. Already some of its past students have carved quite spectacular courses through the universities, with obvious signs of many more to come.

POST-PRIMARY PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The general meeting in May for parents was well attended, the guest speaker being Mr. Jack Heaslip (well known from T.V.) who gave a very interesting talk on "The School as a social place" which was followed by a very lively and interesting discussion.

Evening study (7.30 to 9.30 p.m.—for exam students) commenced immediately after Easter. The response from parents to supervise each night has been tremendous. We wish all our students success in their forthcoming exams.

POST PRIMARY SCHOOL MAYNOOTH

Our congratulations go this Month to Ann Kelly & Thomas Nelson who won their way to the final stages of a National Essay Competition organised by the Irish European Movement While Ann & Thomas didn't come away with the first prize of a trip to Europe never the less Their effort of reaching the Final Twelve deserves a hearty congratulation.

Elizabeth Kennedy also distinguished herself in a Dress-making competition organised by Hickey Fabrics, Elizabeth finished 4th only 5 points away from the outright winner.

The Adjudicators remarked on the very high standards in the competition. Elizabeth's prize was a length of cloth

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PRIMARY SCHOOL OUTING

Friday, 14th May saw the boys of 4th Class together with their very active young teacher, Mr. Joe McBride, starting off from Maynooth on their outing—this for Mr. McBride's classes has been an annual event for quite a number of years.

The outing consisted of a trip from Dublin to Shannon Airport by Aer Lingus Boeing 707—this being one of the highlights of the day.

A tour of the airport was followed by a 15-mile journey to Limerick City by C.I.E. bus. In Limerick the boys visited the People's Park where the next few hours were spent on the swings and playing football. As many of the boys took along their cameras we may expect to see some fine pictures in the days to come.

This very enjoyable and instructive tour culminated in a trip from Limerick to Dublin by C.I.E. diesel train. 9.30 p.m. saw our little travellers back with us again in Maynooth, dead-tired, happy, and eagerly recounting the wonders of their tour.

Congratulations and thank you Mr. McBride for a fine job well done.

—Observer.

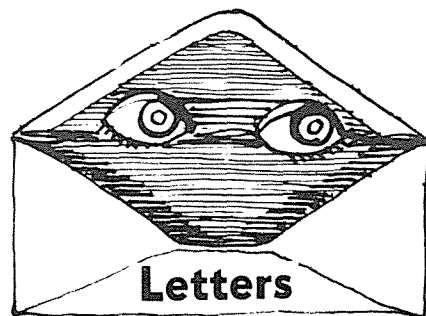
MAYNOOTH BOYS' SCHOOL Under-10 G.A.A. team have reached the Semi-final of their Section. Captain is Gary Power and Vice-Captain is Hugh O'Donnell. Team Officials appreciate the co-operation of parents particularly regarding transport.

The Under 14 Football team completed their programme of games a fortnight ago. They did reasonably well with a very young team but just failed to qualify for the semi-final stages of the league. The mentors of the team would like to thank the many parents who gave their free-time and their cars to bring the boys to the various matches.

SECRETARIAL COURSE

A full-time Day Secretarial Course for post Leaving Cert. will commence in the Post-Primary School, Maynooth, next September. This course will prepare students for the usual examinations and secretarial positions such as Civil Service, Banks, etc. The subjects taught will include Shorthand, Typing, Office Procedure, English, French. As the number of places will be strictly limited you are advised to make early application by phone or letter to the Principal, Post-Primary School, Maynooth. Phone 286060.

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to the Editor

Dear Editors,

I was interested in your suggestion that the swimming pool project could benefit from a re-think at this stage. It is always useful to stop and ask why one is working for a particular objective and whether that objective is what one really wants or needs. I would like to put forward the following points:

Firstly, the element of choice at this stage is limited because—

(i) the swimming pool is intended for North Kildare as well as for Maynooth so the decision is not ours alone;

(ii) the money contributed to the fund was given for a specific project and all donors would have to be consulted before a decision could be taken to use the money for some other purpose.

(iii) even if everybody agreed to do something else instead we would lose the major part of the capital cost of the pool. This is put up by the Department of Local Government and would not be available to us for any other purpose.

Secondly, you raise the question of the desirability of providing an expensive facility for the use of a minority and point to the high cost of heating the water and to the fact that many pools are in fact under-used and run at a loss. These are valid and related points. I think the answer lies in the potential of a swimming pool for the health and recreation of a whole community. A heated swimming pool is probably the only facility that can be used and enjoyed by virtually everybody from two years (and younger) to eighty-two (and older). Swimming need not be competitive so no-one need strain him or herself. You don't need a partner or an opponent or a team or a match.

Your don't need summer or fine weather or daylight. You can swim by yourself or with a crowd. As of now Irish people are generally non-swimmers but we could educate ourselves to change this we would make our pool pay its own way and we would add a valuable new dimension to all our lives. In Maynooth we already have an active and successful swimming club. If this can introduce adults as well as children to swimming and if the schools of North Kildare can be persuaded to make full use of the pool when we get it we may find that we have made a very good investment indeed.

Yours sincerely,
Mary Cullen.

Editorial comment: We thank Mary Cullen for her most informative reply and congratulate the Development Association (see report this issue) for their tenacity in pursuing the early completion of this great community asset. "Grapevine" deals again with this matter.



The Secretary,
Maynooth Community Council.

Dear Sirs,

It is my extreme pleasure to thank your committee and the people of Maynooth for your contribution to our Olympic Preparation Fund. I have received from T. Maher the sum of £50.45p.

Our thanks are not only from the committee, but from the paddlers themselves. They enjoyed the race and the opportunity to donate monies to our fund. Our Olympic hopefuls are at this present time preparing to depart for Nottingham (2nd May), and Amsterdam 8/9 May) where they hope to qualify for the Olympics.

Our thanks again for your work.

Joan Keaty,
Sec./Treas.
Irish Canoe Union Sprint
Committee.



GARDENING

By Colm Kennedy

The rain which has come over the past two weeks was a God-send to gardeners and vegetable growers, yet in spite of the fact we have had some nice showers the weather tends to be on the cold side especially at night. Most plots of vegetables seem to be doing reasonably well—keep a sharp look out for pests such as greenfly, leatherjackets, thrips and other aphids which can do great damage especially in this showery weather. Make sure and sow a pinch of lettuce seed every six to ten days in order to keep a succession of fresh salad during the summer.

You have sites now ready for marrows and outdoor tomatoes; it's also sowing time for runner beans, french beans and further spinach crops. Clip all hedges. Fruit trees and shrubs need attention. It is a good time to make a sowing, even if a bit late, of white turnips, radishes, and all soft growing vegetables. Make way, if not already done, for summer bedding-plants. Most of the summer-plants like to be established before the weather gets too warm and dry—if climatic conditions oblige. A word of warning—look after your roses as greenfly and blackspot seem to be rampant just now. Showery warm weather is the type these aphids thrive on.

RESULT OF 500 CLUB DRAW

Result of 500 Club Draw in aid of
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Canal Street.
£10 Barry Collins, Kilcloon.
£10 Ann O'Riordan, Greenfield.
£5 Caroline Lenehan Ladychapel.

The Committee wish to thank every-
one for their generous support and
are happy to relate that the draw
was a complete sell-out.



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Community Council News

The last meeting of the Council was cancelled due to the sudden death of one of our members, Mr. John Barnwall. At a subsequent special meeting a vote of sympathy to his family was unanimously passed by his colleagues on the Council. He will be a great loss, not only to the Council but also to the community of Maynooth.

The special meeting called by the Council, was to acquaint the various clubs and associations in the community with our ideas and to seek their help in making an overall plan for the future.

That a very large proportion of clubs and associations were represented is indicative of the concern felt by these organisations for the future progress of Maynooth.

During the meeting a survey was carried out to ascertain the feelings of those present towards the 'Newsletter'. The result of this was most encouraging. While some expressed their dislike of certain aspects of the paper, the majority held the view that it was doing an excellent job.

Teas were served at the end of the evening and here a special word of praise is due to the ladies who organised everything so well.

At present the Council is reviewing this meeting and no doubt the clubs and associations will be contacted again in the near future.

After the representatives had gone, the Community Council itself had a brief meeting at which the main topic of concern was our own Tidy Towns Report. This is printed in this edition of the 'Newsletter', if space permits or as soon as possible.

We must point out very strongly that this report does not set out to criticise anybody but rather to show the major effort required from one and all to rectify the situation.

We will keep you informed of our progress through the 'Newsletter'.

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News, articles etc. for June issue to be handed in to: Ted Kelly,
Liam Bean, Vincent Duffe, John Read or Mrs. McGarry by Sunday
20th JUNE

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EMERGENCY

As we are living in the 01 phone area the instructions for calling the emergency services, that is, gardai, fire brigade and ambulance are to dial 999.

However, as we have an ambulance and fire station situated in Maynooth itself the logical and quicker method is to dial these services direct.

The phone numbers are:

Ambulance and Fire Brigade
286222

Please keep in a convenient place for future reference.

E.S.B.

The following are the area phone numbers for the E.S.B. for use in cases of break-down or emergency:

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Area;
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Area;

5.00 p.m.-9.15 a.m.: 366281 All Areas.

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*To alienate men from their own
decision-making is to change them
into objects . . . The pursuit of full
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carried out in isolation or individ-
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Paulo Freire.



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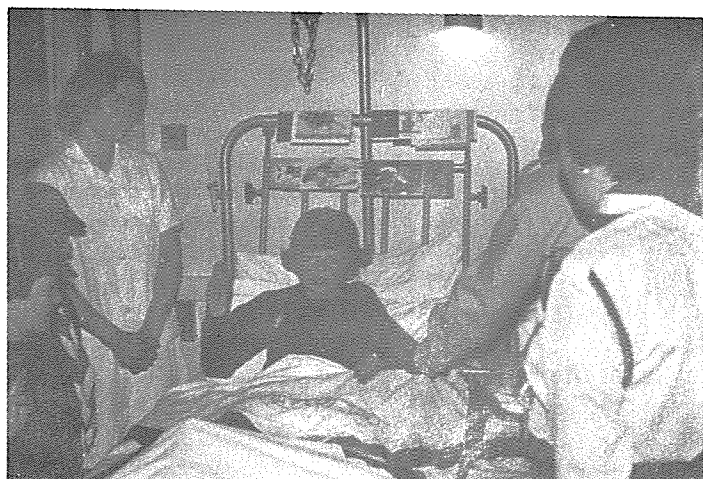
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Macaomh Ger Horan receives the Cub Scout Promise during his Investiture in Steeven's Hospital on 5th May last.



Caught in the act—we wonder what's brewing? Raymond O'Neill, Alan Leamy, Thomas Bean and Thomas Casey learning it the hard way at the recent Scouts Camp at Ballinakill, Co. Laois.



'Waiting for a lift !

Photo: Sean Treacey.



Photo: Sean Treacey.

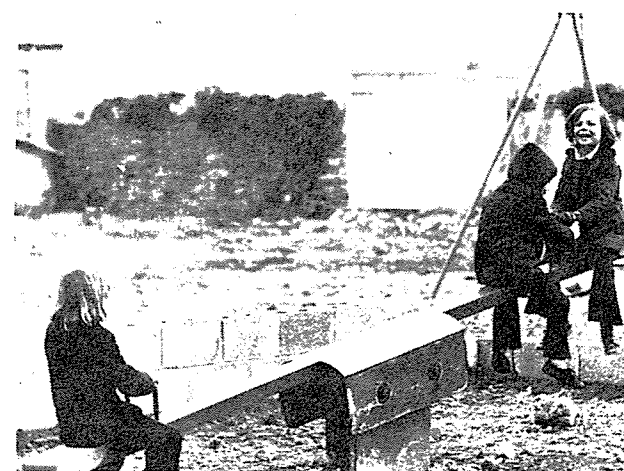
Joe Cuddy signs autographs while Fr. Supple chats with Mrs Cuddy.



A drop of the hard? Thomas and Brendan Bean at Ballinakill Boy Scout Camp.



A team of football 'Scouts'?



Using the new playground.

Photo: Sean Treacey.



'I told you we should have cut the grass first'

Photo: Sean Treacey.



Group taken at Investiture of Cub Scout Ger Horan in Steeven's Hospital on 5th May last.

L. to R.: Alfredo Agius, S.D.B., Mr. Horan, Anne Begley, Ann Gargan, Mrs. Horan, Billy Flood, Gerard Thompson, Noel Dempsey and Ger Horan.



Getting away from it all. Included are Alan Leamy, Kevin Barrett, Gerard Howard-Williams, Damien Grant, Enda Dunne, Ray O'Neill, Sean Mahon, Richard Boyd, Paul Howard-Williams and David Hogan.



Leo O'Neill and Paddy Fay at the check table.

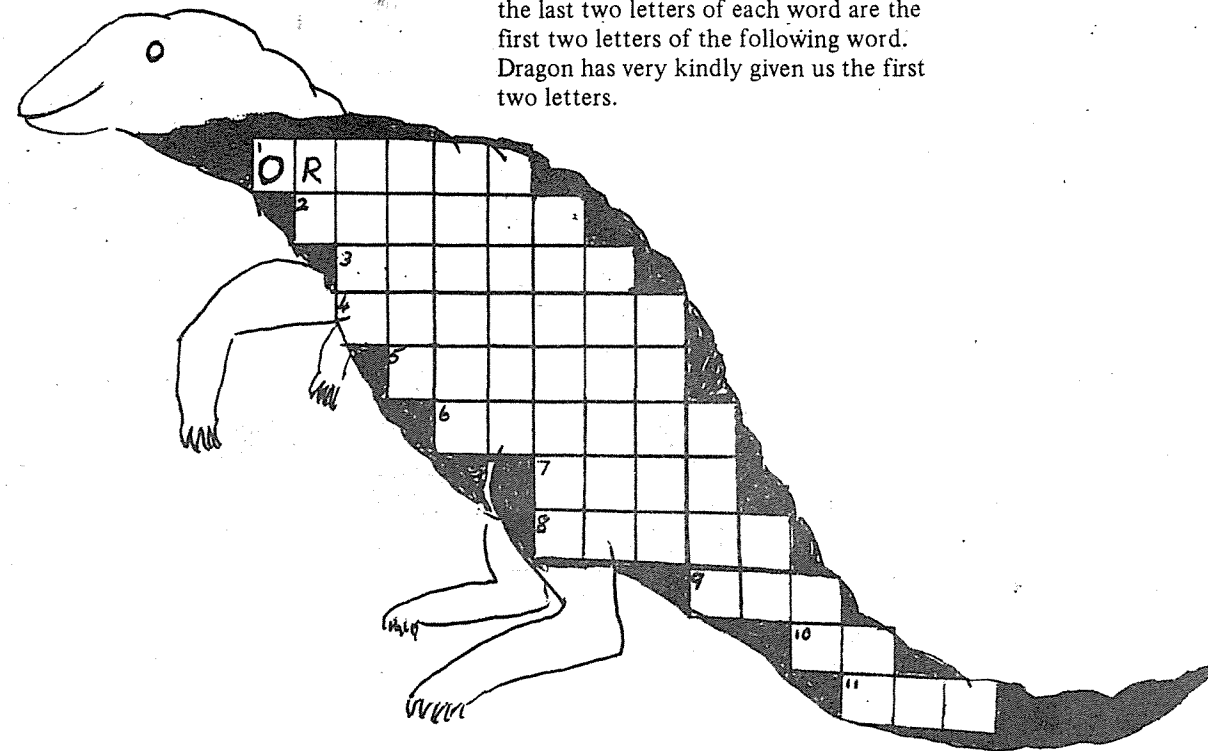
Photo: Sean Treacey.



'Right lads, let's go!' Fr. Supple and Mr. Flood inspect the troops before setting out.

Photo: Sean Treacey.

To satisfy his hunger, our friend the dragon has eaten many things but he has been very particular in his choice. Let us see what he contains. All we know is that the last two letters of each word are the first two letters of the following word. Dragon has very kindly given us the first two letters.



1. Golden fruit from Australia.
2. Hitler was soldier.
3. A rabbit is not a human being.
He is an
4. One type of Mathematics.
5. A mischievous youngster.
6. The most northerly of the United States of America.
7. A food crop, fed to animals.
8. This fruit has its own colour.
9. There shall be one fold and ... shepherd.
10. North-East on the compass.
11. Trap the dragon in this.

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GYMKHANA

A large turnout is expected at Carton for the Gymkhana on Saturday, 17th July and there are many events for ponies and horses under the Show Jumping Association of Ireland rules. Total prize money will amount to over £500. The event is expected to attract many well-known names in show jumping and should prove very entertaining for competitors and spectators alike.

On the following day, Sunday, 18th July, will be a Field Day with Sports and Displays of every description, pony rides, baby show, side shows, stalls and goodness only knows what else.

CHURCH OF IRELAND NOTES

On April 25th last, the Meath Diocese of the Mothers' Union held a Service in Trim Cathedral to celebrate their Centenary Year, 1876-1976. This was followed by an Exhibition in the Parochial Hall of various articles, some dating back over 100 years.

The Dunboyne and Maynooth Stall covered baby clothing, etc. for these years, and we would like to thank everyone who supplied these items for display, most of which were family heirlooms and most interesting. The Church Service and Exhibition were very well attended and we finished up with the 'usual cuppa' supplied by Drogheda Mothers' Union.

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A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen

While the Fitzgeralds were establishing themselves in Maynooth and their other new possessions, and bringing in settlers from England and Wales, they were also busy on a number of other fronts.

The ruling elements of the O'Byrnes or Ui Faelain were pushed out of their old territories. Some of them moved into count Carlow, where, ironically, they allied with their former rivals the MacMurroughs, but the leading O'Byrne line turn up in the early fourteenth century in the barony of Wicklow. From here they spread north to establish their new territory stretching from Delgany in the north to Shillelagh in the south. Here they remained as a constant irritant to the Dublin government.

Meanwhile the Fitzgeralds were busy adding to their possessions. From the document quoted in Article 7, dating from between 1185 and 1189, in which John, son of the king of England and lord of Ireland, confirmed Gerald FitzMaurice, son of the first Maurice, in the lands of Maynooth and others, it appears that Gerald was granted these territories as a gift or grant from his brother William, lord of Naas. The document goes on to confirm Gerald also in lands in Munster which he acquired as the heir of another brother Alexander who had been granted them by his uncle Robert Fitzstephen. Nearer home Gerald was expanding to the east into the territories of the O'Connors or Ui Failighe. The modern county Offaly takes its name from the Ui Failighe but the areas are not identical as can be seen from the map accompanying Article 8. This explains the presence of the baronies of east and west Offaly in modern county Kildare, and it was into these baronies that Fitzgerald moved, pushing out the O'Connors Faly. And from these new acquisitions he acquired the title of baron of Offaly, under which title he sat in parliament in 1205. The O'Connors remained in control of the rest of Ui Failighe until the plantations of Laois and Offaly during the reign of Mary Tudor in the sixteenth century.

The Fitzgeralds also naturally became involved in ecclesiastical developments in the Maynooth area. They arrived in Ireland at a time of rapid and far-reaching change in the Irish Church. As mentioned in an earlier article, the Church in Ireland had developed an organisation that was very different to that in the rest of western Christendom. Firstly, there was no network of defined territorial dioceses, each ruled by a bishop and sub-divided into defined parishes. Instead the Irish organisation was based on the monastic *paruchia*, the scattered groups of small monasteries all descended from, and dependent on, a single mother foundation. Secondly, the Irish system of hereditary succession had been adopted into the ecclesiastical system, so that the monasteries had become virtually the possessions of particular clans. Thirdly, most aspects of the lives of Irish lay people proceeded as they had before the coming of Patrick and with little reference to Christian teaching. For example, and an example that was constantly bewailed by reformers, marriage for the Irish remained a secular affair; men and women could and did divorce each other on various grounds, and could and did freely remarry. Not very surprisingly, in view of this last, a large proportion of marriages took place within the forbidden degrees of relationship.

All these anomalies were the source of considerable scandal to would-be reformers, both Irish and European, and the twelfth century saw a major movement to bring the Irish Church into line with Western Christendom. The reforms were carried out through a series of great synods. Three of these had been held before the Normans arrived in Ireland and a good deal of the work had already been carried out by then. Their arrival did not interrupt the reform movement. Indeed one of the ostensible reasons for Henry II's interest in Ireland was zeal for religious reform and it seems certain that the expectation that he would further the movement made him welcome in many quarters.

The reformers' efforts were successful in some of the major areas of attack and unsuccessful in others. A Church government of bishops ruling territorially defined dioceses was established in stages. The synod of Rathbreasail in 1111 created two provinces of the Irish Church to correspond with the ancient division into Leath Mogha and Leath Chuinn. Munster and Leinster comprised the province of Cashel and Ulster and Connacht the province of Armagh. Maynooth was included in the area of the new diocese of Glendaloch set up by the synod. At this stage Dublin posed a



Diocesan centres set up at Rathbreasail (1111) and modified at Kells (1152) and provincial boundaries.

- Common centres.
- Kells only.
- ▲ Rathbreasail only.

Copied from J. Watt, *The Church in Medieval Ireland*.

problem for the reformers as seventy years since it had established itself as a diocese subordinate to Canterbury. As the Irish reformers did not mean to make the re-organised Irish Church in any way dependent on the English Church this probably explains why no diocese of Dublin was mentioned by this synod. The problem seems to have been solved by 1152 when the Synod of Kells further divided the Irish Church into four archdioceses, Armagh, Cashel, Dublin and Tuam. At this stage Glendaloch became one of five suffragan sees of the archdiocese of Dublin. The others were Ferns, Kilkenny, Leighlin and Kildare. Finally in 1216 Glendaloch was united with Dublin and from then on Maynooth has remained in the archdiocese of Dublin.

All this was on the credit side for the reformers and was accompanied by the bringing in to Ireland of new religious orders from the continent, e.g. the Cistercians who were established at Mellifont in 1142. But on the other hand little impact was made on Irish-style marriage and the old system of hereditary succession to ecclesiastical office soon crept back. However, once the new dioceses were established the way was open to a parish organisation in place of the older Irish system whereby pastoral care was provided by a monastic community whose area of responsibility was probably not clearly defined and whose first commitment in any case was to the monastic calling. Because the Normans arrived in Ireland while the parish system was only beginning to get off the ground they naturally had a considerable influence on its development in the areas they controlled. In the Gaelic areas where Norman influence was slight or non-existent parishes tended to be co-terminous with the lands of old clan groupings. In Norman-dominated areas the boundaries of the parishes were often determined by the parcelling out of lands to feudal tenants.

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CIVIL DEFENCE

Casualty Unit: The present First-Aid Course has come to a close with a final lecture from Dr. John Cullen.

The summer recess has begun, though Unit Members will be kept busy with duty for the Sports Day in Kilcloon (13th June) and a full turn-out of members at Carton on 17th and 18th July for the Gymkhana and Field Day.

Unit Members will attend any functions if called on.

A new series of First-Aid lectures will commence in September. Watch out for details.

Warden Service: The local Warden Service are attending a refresher course at Leixlip and expect further exercises later in the summer.

DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

The Association is now planning its summer programme which promises to be more exclusive than ever this year. First there will be the series of medieval banquets at Maynooth Castle, to be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 2nd, 3rd and 4th July. Then two weeks later on Saturday 12th July there will be a gymkhana in the grounds of Carton Estate, and on Sunday, 18th July there will be a field-day with all sorts of attractions at the same venue. We are indebted to the generosity of the Hon. David Mall Cain who is giving us the use of the beautiful grounds of Carton for these two days. The proceeds of all these functions will go to the swimming pool fund and then to the further development of the Harbour Field recreational centre, and Mr. Mall Cain has always taken a deep interest in both projects. The various prizes for the gymkhana are being sponsored by firms and individuals from Maynooth and other parts of the county. The various events and the names of their sponsors will appear on the printed programmes and the Association will be glad to hear from anyone else who would like to sponsor an event or events.

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RESULTS OF MAYNOOTH HANDBALL & SQUASH DRAW

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£10 Helen Doyle, Leinster Cottages.
£5 Mrs. McGuire, 11 Laurence Avenue.
£3 Shauna Kavanagh, Newtown.
£2 Dr. W. Cowhey, Dublin Road.
£1 Tom McMullon, 63 Cluain Aoibhinn.
£1 Mrs. A. O'Rourke, 859 Greenfield.
£1 Mrs. Farrell, 820, Greenfield.
£1 Master T. Bean, Main Street.
£1 Paul Brady, 481 Straffan Road.
£1 Andrew Graham, Greenfield.
£1 Jim Ryan, 12 Cluain Aoibhinn.
£1 Fr. G. McGinnity, St. Patrick's College.
£1 Mrs. A. O'Rourke, 859 Greenfield.
£1 Paddy Maher, 39 Maynooth Park.

The following promoters won £1 each: C. Power, P. Conroy, A. Kelly, Mrs. J. Cullen, J. Moore, T. McMullon, J. Brazil, D. Travers, A. Lyon, R. McTiernan.

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Soccer Club

Maynooth Town have now completed their league programme for another season but still don't know whether they will get promotion or not. Grosvenor have still to play one more match and are two points behind the "5-Town" if they win this a test match, will decide who goes into the Premier Division next season. The A.G.M. will take place on 9th June in the Band Hall and a big attendance is anticipated. As most soccer followers probably know by now, we are once again without a pitch for next season. The situation seems incredible in an area where there is so many green fields but still this problem exists. The Club is hoping for some response to its advertisement on the back page.

Maynooth G.A.A. Centenary Year

—An assessment of things past and present

By Vincent Duffe

It took me three years to find Maynooth G.A.A. Club! Though I must admit this was more the fault of a feeling of oncoming middle-age on my own part than any lack of activity on part of the club itself. Like many a Tipperary-man I was weaned with a caman in one hand and had a complete lack of respect for the hurlers of other counties. Kildare itself—although their recent great win over Dublin in the Senior Championship has done wonders and only goes to disprove my point—has never had a great tradition in hurling, although well-known as the Lily-whites with the big ball. I forgot about hurling when I moved into Maynooth in early 1973 and like many other 'new-comers' went through a period of adaptation to a new way of life—this left me perhaps a little shy of intruding in local sporting clubs and their activities. It's with regret now that I look back at the loss of three years to 1976 when I became a full participant member of the club. I'm sure there are more in the community like myself—new residents who have had a close and active association with various G.A.A. clubs around the country but who, up to now, have not got around to looking up the local club.

This piece might encourage some at least to come forward—although this year has seen a modest influx of both players and committee members from among new residents. There are many more around. One thing I have noticed particularly though is the small number of supporters who turn up at matches—they are needed at every match and not just on final-day. For those who don't know—the local pitch is on Moyglare Road (straight on past Catholic Church). Fixtures will from now on be included in "What's on this Month" in the 'Newsletter'—so make a note of games.

Although this piece has been called—"An assessment of things past" I leave this to the contributor to the "Maynooth Souvenir Programme" of 1966 which was published in conjunction with the opening of the then new local play-ground and dressing-rooms: the article is reprinted in full in this issue, along with some photographs from the same programme.

Regarding the present, work is in progress repairing the damaged dressing-rooms and installing 'showers' for players. This is essential, as the level of activity and commitment in any club is to a great extent a function of facilities available to players—in the past, unfortunately, the G.A.A. was inclined to overlook the

importance of these and lost many players to other codes. Maynooth teams have not been so fortunate in recent years having been beaten in a number of finals. However, it is the intention of the committee and players that this will not be the case this year and there have been a number of good wins in the various leagues to date. If we had more with the level of personal dedication as Club Secretary Tommy Fay then the G.A.A. club has a bright future indeed—Cluain Aoibhinn-man Tommy Sheehan is likewise putting in his fair share of the work. Tommy Fay informs me that to celebrate the Centenary Year, Senior Football and Junior Football Tournaments have been arranged for early June—games will be played in the evenings of week-days so keep an eye out for local advertising on this matter.

Senior Football includes four teams: Geraldines, Raheens, Carbury and Clane. Junior Football includes eight teams: Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge, Rathcoffey, St. Kevin's, Kilcock, Capragh and Ardclough.

The final word and appeal is: Maynooth G.A.A. needs you and the slogan is "Crom Abu!"

G.A.A. RESULTS

Junior "B" C'ship: (First Team)
Maynooth 1-14: Rathangan 1-5.
Outstanding for winners were:
Terry Moore, Shay Healy, Joe Murphy and Liam Farrelly.
The Maynooth 2nd Team were defeated by Raheens.

Junior Hurling League:
Maynooth 1-5: Sallins 0-6
The Junior Hurling team have won all their fixtures to date.

Senior Football League:
Eadestown 3-9: Maynooth 3-5.

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HISTORY OF MAYNOOTH GAELIC FOOTBALL AND HURLING CLUB

Compiling the history of what could well be one of the oldest organised Clubs in the country is not an easy task and if some passages appear vague to you I beg your indulgence and tolerance, as most of the data is compiled from interviews with Gaels of the older generation.

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THE G.A.A. was founded, as you are aware, in 1884, but Hurling was played in the village in 1875 and was continuously fostered and their first success was achieved when, in 1896, they won their first Kildare Championship, and in the same year represented Kildare in the Provincial Competition. We would like to place on record the players who brought us our first success in official competitions. The team was captained by Donal a Buacalla, who later became one of Maynooth's most famous sons, and his team-mates were as follows:

Pa Joe Kirwan, Kit Chadwell, Pat Higgins, Christy Maguire, Jos. Weafer, Joe Hanlon, Pat Pitts, Bill Reilly, T. Curraway, Matt Weafer, Ned Lovely, P. Farrell, Luke MacMahon, Joe Dolan, Jim Neil, Jim Kinsella, Con Buckley, Bill Donnelly, Alex Caulfield, Dave Coyne, Christy Coyne, Joe Dunne, L. Feming.

In the same year this team played "Isle of the Sea" in Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. The proceeds of this game were devoted to the Dun Laoghaire Lifeboat Disaster, in which a number of Dun Laoghaire men were involved. Success in a hurling competition was again achieved by the Club in 1913 and further successes in hurling were won in 1926, 1937 and 1939, and again in 1957 and 1965. Our town has always been a stronghold for hurling and the game is in a very healthy position at the moment in the town and there are a number of links, both as players and officials, with the team recorded at the outset.

The traditional game of the county has not been neglected and our Club achieved success in every official competition sponsored by our County Board. The playing of football in the town can be traced back to the same year that hurling started in the town, and it is apparent that the National Games in both codes had their beginning at the same time. A number of challenge games within the parish have been recorded before the foundation of our Association and the Club's greatest treasure is that since the start of official games within the County the Club has never failed to affiliate a team.

INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS - 1965



Back Row (left to right)—Martin McDonough, Jim Nevin, B. Edwards, Brian Redmond, T. Hendrick, N. Farrelly, E. Dunne, C. Murphy, F. Leavy, T. Malone. Front Row—B. Bempsey, J. Brown, T. Foy, J. Nevin, M. Nevin, P. Boyd, P. Foy, E. Kavanagh.

EXTENSION

A tourist was staying overnight in a remote village in the south. He went to the pub for a drink and got involved in a sing-song which went on into the small hours of the morning.

"What time do the pubs around here close?" he asked one of the locals.

"About the middle of October."

EYES FRONT!

The nervous old lady got on the bus and asked the conductor,

"Is this going to Dame Street?"

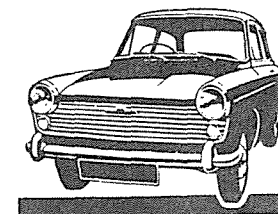
"Yes, ma'am."

"Are you sure?"

"Certainly I'm sure. It says so on the front."

"But it says Zoological Gardens on the side."

"We're not travelling side-ways today, ma'am."



Speed
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It has often been a source of much speculation as to why Maynooth wear a black-and-white jersey, but these colours originated when tragedy almost ended it. It was in a game against the "Blunts" of Monasterevan on the 21st May, 1889, that Tommie Cullen, a relative of Cardinal Cullen, was fatally injured, and a monument to his memory was erected, and is still maintained by the Club, over his grave at Laraghbryne, and the jersey worn by the Club also commemorates this great Gael, and it is to be hoped that future generations will continue to wear it.

Our footballers had to wait much longer for success than our hurlers, and did not achieve their first success until winning the County Junior Football Championship in 1913, the same year as our hurlers succeeded in winning the Hurling Championship. This team went on to win the Club's only Senior Football Championship in 1914, and further success was denied them until they won a Minor Football Championship in 1927. Further victories were recorded as follows:

Leinster Leader Cup, 1935. Junior Football Championship, 1936. Junior Football Championship and Junior Football League, 1946. Junior Football League, 1947. Intermediate Football Championship, 1948. Intermediate Football Championship, 1957. Intermediate Football League, 1957. Minor Football Championship, 1960. Intermediate Football Championship, 1965. Minor Hurling Championship, 1965.

To coincide with other commemorations to honour the men of 1916, our Club decided to open our field. It is only fitting that so many of our members who were in the 1916 march from Maynooth to Dublin should be paid some tribute to mark the occasion. The remarkable progress made in the development of our Playing pitch has been commended by many. When it is taken into consideration that this development only started four years ago, the progress achieved can best be judged by outlining the following amenities now available to both players and spectators.

The playing pitch is completely enclosed, with accommodation for twenty thousand on the banking, which was completed in 1965. There are four dressing-rooms completed, and separate compartment with showers and other facilities, will be finished in the near future. The outlay on this development was £8,400, and most of the work was done by voluntary labour. Of this sum, £8,200 was collected over the same period by the Grounds Committee, and at the moment the Committee are not in debt.

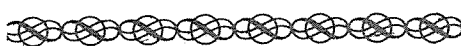
This Committee, in providing such facilities for the youth of the Parish and County, have, indeed, erected a memorial to themselves.

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MAYNOOTH DRAMATIC SOCIETY

• THE HOSTAGE •

'An appreciation.'

A feature of rural Ireland in the past, and I include here the small towns and villages in particular, was the annual visits of travelling shows, circuses and drama groups. The latter brought to the people in the only form of entertainment they knew outside of the cinema, the plays of Synge, O'Casey and others, even the works of Shakespeare were made familiar and loved through the genius of Anew McMaster. The passing of such shows was regretted by many, for instead the masses were

entertained through the sophisticated medium of TV. Much however has been lost here—the closeness and familiarity of audience and actors especially.

One felt that this was present during the recent presentation of Brendan Behan's play 'The Hostage' by Maynooth Dramatic Society.

This was the second presentation by the group since its formation last year and in hindsight I can only regret having missed their first play. To put it simply 'The Hostage' was superb and it had everything in its favour—music & song, laughter & gaiety, mimicry & satire at its best. It had sadness too and before I forget it, a collapsing bed. I mention this incident only to express admiration for recovery of Ann Begley and Eugene Conlon, who were involved in the incident but carried on with their lines. This despite the fact I'm sure, that Eugene (as the hostage) felt like an early death and Ann because she was probably blushing deeply beneath her makeup.

I admired all the performers and hope to be forgiven for singling out some particularly memorable characters.

Niall Hickey and Carol Barton as husband and wife, true-blue Libertines and Dubliners, in the main parts. The contrasting portrayal by Tim Moloney, of the floor-thumping, Anglo-Irish 'Mow-er'. The sensuous (God forgive me) Colette as given to us by Catherine Kavanagh and last, though by no means least, Benjy (there's a man!) Bright and his/her pal Art Duffy as the two 'queers' Rio Rita and Princess Grace.

I have already mentioned Ann and Eugene who managed to preserve a bit of sanity throughout it all. The play flagged slightly after the bed incident — I hope reputations are not ruined for life — but the whole cast recovered to give us a rousing finale which was greeted by the tremendous applause it deserved.

It was obvious that the actors enjoyed it as much as the audience did. It was a pity more did not avail of the chance to see this play, as there were some empty seats on the early nights. However I feel the cast will not be discouraged and may look to future presentations in anticipation.

Can I ask you to support the Maynooth Dramatic Society. There can be no doubt that it deserves it.

Vincent Duffe.

MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The May Guild meeting was presided over by Mrs. O'Reilly for Mrs. Fegan, who was unable to attend. Mrs. Fegan had a great week at the Spring Show with her short-horn cattle and Simmenthal and was presented with two cups—the Leinster and Domville Trophies. Mrs. Farrell, another member, led Mrs. Fegan's reserve champion cow around the arena at the R.D.S. All the members congratulated Mrs. Fegan and Mrs. Farrell on their great success (see photo in this page.).

We had a very good talk given by Lamb's Jams and a film followed showing the growing of the fruit, picking and preparing for the jam at the factories. We were then given a drink of apple juice which was very refreshing and small samples of jam to take home. Tea was then served by the hostesses. The business of the evening then followed.

Mrs. O'Reilly from the chair congratulated Mrs. Mary Doyle on winning the B.I.M. fish-cookery contest in Athy, beating 14 other contestants at federation level. Mary now goes to Dublin on the 27th May to represent Kildare in the finals. We all wish Mary the very best of luck. The fish recipe will be in the next issue of the 'Newsletter.'

Mrs. McMyler thanked everyone for making the Rotunda Fund Raffle a great success. The total profit was £640. Winners: 1st, Donald Reinisch, 244 Castletown East, Leixlip; 2nd, Benny Murphy, 15 Kew Park, Lucan; 3rd, Breda Healy, 306 Castletown East, Leixlip; 4th, Rose McCartin, Smithstown, Maynooth.

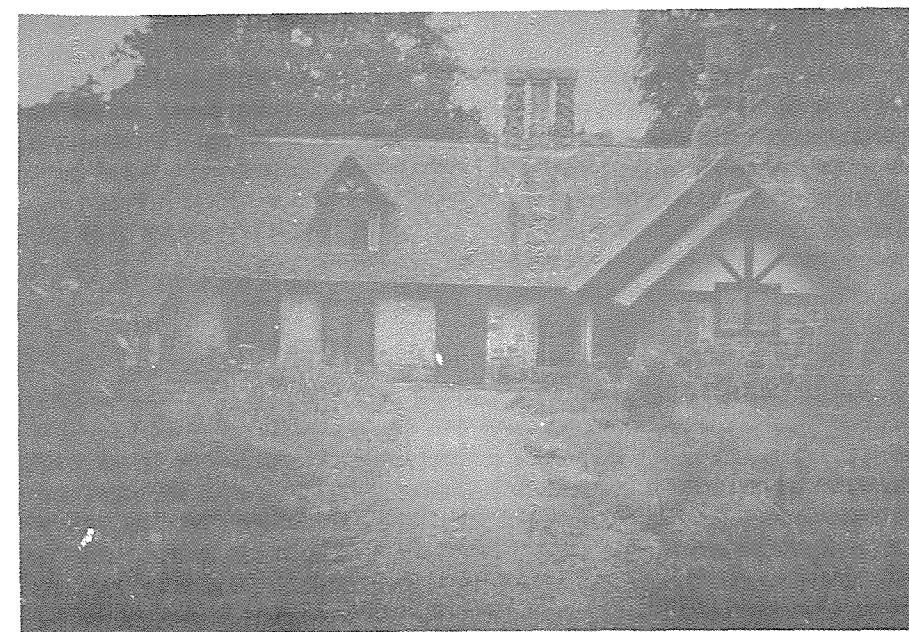
The Annual Outing has been arranged for the 20th June to Galway. Members can bring their husbands—price £5.50 each. Anyone interested please contact Mrs. Howard Williams, Secretary.

The Annual Flower Show has been arranged for Saturday, 10th July. Please contact Mrs. Desmond, Maynooth for this year's schedule.

Mrs. Sarah Angel is giving flower-arranging classes every Monday evening for six weeks. Some members at the end of the course hope to do their "Arts Reward." We are very pleased to have Sarah to help us. The Maytime flower arrangement was won by Mrs. Satchwell. Next month's competition is a "Tray Bake". The Raffle was won by Mrs. McDermot; 2nd, Mrs. Gee. The meeting then concluded.

DIPLOMAS AWARDED.

Mrs. McMyler, Mrs. P. Burke, of Taghadoe, Maynooth and Roger Satchwell, of Mariaville, were presented with diplomas by County Kildare Committee of Agriculture at a dinner in McTiernan's, Kilcullen on April 21st. They had completed the 161 Basic Courses Roger at Athy for 'Farming' and and the ladies at Naas for 'Housewives'.



Do you know where this is? See back page.

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OBITUARY

Mr. Thomas Waldron who died suddenly on April 22nd last was a native of Maynooth and worked in St. Patrick's College from 1925 until his retirement in 1968. He was a prominent member of St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band for more than 60 years. When his playing days were over, he taught music to the young members.

The late Mr. Waldron had a lifelong association with the Maynooth Mortality Society and at the time of his death was the Society's President.

Band members formed a guard of honour at the removal of the remains and accompanied the remains to the graveside, playing solemn music. Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Casey, St. Patrick's College and prayers at the graveside were recited by Rev. Fr. Casey and by Very Rev. Fr. O'Higgins, P.P.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, daughters, brother, sister, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

The Late John Barnwall

The recent death of John Barnwall came as a shock to very many of his friends in Maynooth and was a matter of deep regret to all. Many clubs and organisations mourned his passing and a recent meeting of the Community Council, of which he was a member, was postponed as a mark of respect.

In his own quiet way, John was very active in many organisations and associations during his lifetime, especially anything contributing to the benefit of the townspeople. Although born in Straffan, he came to Maynooth as a young man and remained here since.

Prior to his coming to Maynooth, he took part in the War of Independence and was imprisoned during the Civil War. He took an interest in politics and was a staunch supporter of Fianna Fail.

From his earliest years he was active in the G.A.A. and played for Maynooth many times, and was chairman of the club on several occasions. His interest did not stop at G.A.A. and he was also an active member of the C.Y.M.S. almost from its inception in Maynooth until its collapse. As a trustee, of the C.Y.M.S. he took over the running of the Hall (now the Geraldine Hall), when the C.Y.M.S.

branch disbanded and preserved it for the use of the townspeople. Few people are aware of the amount of work he put into the premises, even though his health was not the best at the time.

John also worked very hard with the Development Association, particularly with regards to the Sports Field complex and it was his ambition to see the complex completed and working away. It is to be regretted that his ambition was not fulfilled in this respect.

He was also involved in the Committee appointed to arrange for the erection of a 1916 memorial in Maynooth and would have been very pleased to have seen it completed. Unfortunately this was also denied him.

In the last year or so of his life, he was appointed to the Community Council through which he continued to serve the town as best he could. His advice and assistance was greatly appreciated by his fellow members right up to his untimely death.

Unknown to many, John did a great amount of work and devoted a great deal of time for the benefit of the village as a whole, and will be sorely missed in all spheres. The town could indeed do with more of John's calibre.

He is survived by his wife, Anna, his son Seamus and his daughter Mrs. Jacyntha Barron to whom we extend our sincerest sympathy and perhaps they will be consoled somewhat in the fact that their loss is our loss too.

MAYNOOTH FIANNA FAIL

The Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann held its Annual General Meeting recently. It was one of the largest meetings of the Cumann for quite some time. Senator Brian Lenehan presided.

Officers elected for 1976 were: Chairman: Tim Cotter, 3 Laurence Ave.; Vice-Chairman: Brendan Edwards, Dublin Rd.; Secretary: Colm Kennedy, Laraghbryan; Assistant Secretary: Frank Kennedy, Laraghbryan; Joint Treasurers: Pat Foy, Parsons St. and Brian Farrell, Greenfields. Delegates to Comhairle Ceantair: Tim Cotter, Colm Kennedy and Peter Brady.

Senator Lenehan addressing the meeting thanked the Cumann for inviting him and said the Maynooth Cumann under its present leadership should give a new impetus to the image of Fianna Fail in the area as there is a definite swing to the Republican Party at the present time.

Thomas Boland, Constituency Delegate, was glad to see such a huge gathering and expressed the need for unity, North and South, under the present difficulties.

Liam Lawlor, Lucan, a member of the National Executive, stressed the need for more recognition be given to the Cumann.

Councillor Terry Boylan, Celbridge, congratulated the new officers.

Jim Doyle, Comhairle Secretary, Tom Boland, Constituency Delegate and Anne Carton, Treasurer, Comhairle Ceantair also attended.

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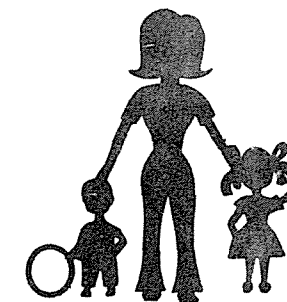
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CUB NOTES

(1) The first week-end camp took us to the Salesian College Ballinakill, Co. Laois. Everything went smoothly, no hitches and everybody had a wonderful time. We wish to thank the Dads who transported us to and from the campsite. A special word of praise also for Rev. Fr. Archer S.D.B. and his staff at Ballinakill who made us so welcome and catered for us so efficiently.

(2) On Saturday May the first we held our second investiture. The following boys were invested. Gerard Thompson, John Mullaly, John Coakley, James Rockfort, Gordon Read, Noel Dempsey, Gerard Farrelly, Gerard Tobin, Patrick Tobin, David Stynes, Gerard Howard Williams, Paul Howard Williams, Brian Boyd, Gerard McMiler and Denis Reilly. Unfortunately Gerard Horan was in hospital for the investiture but permission was sought from the authorities and Gerard got invested in hospital.

(3) The Cub Sports for St. Cronins Region was held on the 5th May. The venue was Leixlip and taking part were the cub pack from Leixlip, Clondalkin, Ballyfermot and of course, Maynooth. The following cubs won Medals, Sean Mahon-Silver; Danny Casey-Gold; James Rochford-Gold; Cathal Power-Gold; Gary Power-2 Gold and 1 Silver; Martin Foy-2 Gold; Kevin Barrett- Bronze; Gerard Howard-Williams -Bronze. The overall trophy for best pack was won by the Maynooth Cubs.

(4) 28 Cubs took part in the 10 mile sponsored walk to Celbridge. Their sponsorship averaged about £5 per Cub.

(5) We have taken to Swimming in Naas every Monday. This has been arranged by the Maynooth Swimming Club. Mams and Dads are needed to help in supervision. If you can help please let us know.

2. Half-demolished houses at Dillons Row unsightly.
3. Unkempt hedge and bushes on right-hand side and unsightly wire fence at old dump.
4. Severe flooding in front of Dempsey's further aggravated by lack of proper footpaths.
5. Old water pump looks drab and kerb along Convent wall in poor condition.

Recommendations

1. Starting again at speed-limit signs, trim hedge on lefthand side, cut bushes and rebuild broken parts of wall.
2. Complete demolition of old houses and clean up site.
3. Trim hedge and cut bushes on right-hand approach and remove or replace wire fence at old dump.
4. Contact Kildare Co. Council to alleviate flooding in front of Dempsey's and to provide footpaths at same.
5. Paint water pump.

SECTION 8—ROYAL CANAL BETWEEN PUCKS BRIDGE AND TOWN BRIDGE

Findings

1. Both banks overgrown with bushes, briars and weeds.
2. Foot-bridge drab and colourless and in need of repair, steel railing rusty.
3. Centre of harbour overgrown with weeds and dominated by mud-bank.

Recommendations

1. Cut back bushes and hedges on both banks between the two bridges.
2. Foot-bridge should be cleaned, repaired and repainted, the steel railing should also be repainted.
3. The harbour would have to be cleaned mechanically.

This section is one which could only be undertaken with the co-operation and permission of C.I.E. It is also an area where dramatic progress could be made with the help of C.I.E., particularly with regard to the cutting of weeds in the Canal itself.

This concludes the report.

GENERAL REMARKS

Although not mentioned specifically there are several houses and buildings throughout the area that are in dire need of a fresh coat of paint, this is very important. If there are any cases where this might cause hardship the committee would suggest the setting up of a fund to buy materials.

The recommendations in the report, if implemented, do not represent any guarantee that Maynooth will win the Tidy Towns Competition but they can improve our position and are a first step in that direction.

It goes without saying that a Tidy Town has to be kept tidy and this will require the dedication and co-operation of everyone.

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DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Saturday 17th July there will be a gymkhana in the grounds of Carton Estate, and on Sunday, 18th July there will be a field-day with all sorts of attractions at the same venue. We are indebted to the generosity of the Hon. David Mall Cain who is giving us the use of the beautiful grounds of Carton for these two days. The proceeds of all these functions will go to the swimming pool fund and then to the further development of the Harbour Field recreational centre, and Mr. Mall Cain has always taken a deep interest in both projects. The various prizes for the gymkhana are being sponsored by firms and individuals from Maynooth and other parts of the county. The various events and the names of their sponsors will appear on the printed programmes

EMERGENCY

As we are living in the 01 phone area the instructions for calling the emergency services, that is, gardai, fire brigade and ambulance are to dial 999.

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MAYNOOTH

NEWSLETTER

JULY 1976 No 10.

Published by Maynooth Community Council

PRICE TEN PENCE

GRAPEVINE

A monthly and sometimes satirical review of local news, gossip, general chat and perhaps occasionally unbelievable rubbish.

To begin with this month we really start with a gripe. It has to do with the recent Field-day in Kilcloon. May we say first of all though that it was enjoyable - the children loved 'Pets Corner' although one of them was seen nearly to collapse with fright when a sheep (having no respect for persons) 'baa'd' in his ear. Another youngster seeing a cow graciously manuring the grass was heard to scream loudly 'Look, he's doing it'. We all wondered what was the excitement. Our gripe has to do with how one got to the actual field in the first place. Assuming the place was near the village, people travelled hereto but then travelled miles, following small direction signs to the field which was near the Moyglare Road in fact. The journey home was less than half that of the outward journey and much less frustrating. Perhaps the organising Committee might remember this small point next time out. For a very enjoyable afternoon, many thanks.

The Maynooth Development Association are organising a Gymkhana and Field Day to be held at Carton Estate on the 17th and 18th July next. We hope everyone will give their support as we are assured of plenty of entertainment, side-shows etc. The Development Association are trying to complete two major tasks at present - The Swimming Pool & the Harbour Field Sports Complex & playground. As we all know only too well, inflation eats into cash nowadays - so the quicker things are completed the better. By supporting the Association you are helping yourself & the Community at large. Members of the Community Council have been under increasing pressure from the people recently as to when likely playing facilities for children especially will be ready. We hope the field itself will be ready for the Community games next year - work continues on the playground.

We understand that the Community Council wish to thank all who gave their assistance in helping to organise & carry to successful conclusion the recent Canal Race & Scouts Walk in particular.

Our belated congratulations to recently ordained Fathers Patrick Monahan & Patrick Kavanagh, Maynooth.

You have heard the ditty which goes 'Little Bo Peep she lost her sheep & didn't know where to find them'. The recent reported escapade of some of our public representatives brings this little rhyme to mind. A number of them were seen recently in the Maynooth area in the dark of night & all carried flashlamps. It was difficult to get to the bottom of this but it transpires that they were out looking for votes which they had recently dropped or lost. Our advice to local people is this - if you have any votes or get any in the near future, hold on to them & if anyone comes to your door looking for them you are strongly advised not to hand them over as the politicians use the votes to get into the Dail where they get paid! The only comment we have to make is that it's disgraceful the way these people go around the Country losing votes - there should be a law against it.

In this vein also we hear that some children in Greenfield Estate recently organised a Sale to raise money for the Third World. The Sale was held in Mrs. Redmond's Garage in Greenfield Drive & over £30 was gathered. Well done!

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The new show-house at Carton Court (off Straffan Road) was recently opened by Miss Ireland. She was followed into the house by a large number of males but she went out through a back-door which the builders had wisely built into the house & is reported to have disappeared up Brady's field. The next reasonable question we ask & wonder about is - who will open the Loo in the square? Well, Mr. Ireland, gave us some help on this. He apologised for being late for Carton Court but said the ship had been somewhat late arriving from Van Diemen's Land (Mr. Ireland's ancestors had been sent there around the time of the Famine). Regarding the 'thing' in the square, Mr. Ireland said 'I'm just your man for the job. Sure abroad I'm known as 'king of the Loos' he boasted: his wife LooLoo smiled at this. Whatever about the toilets we can offer no suggestions as to what C.I.E. have in mind for the bus-shelter but given it's great interest in music it is rumoured that they might open a ballroom there.

There is no truth in the rumour that Livestock Marts are to be re-named 'Cow Parlours'. This was conveyed to us in an interview with Major Colonel General Thomas Brown of the A.F.B. (i.e. Association of the Friends of Bovines) - he was confined to bed suffering from a recurrent dose of blood poisoning & tetanus as a result of having medals pinned to his chest. He did say though that just because they played music for cows, gave them free transport & respected everything the cow did & had, was no reason for special treatment. We hope the Minister for Agriculture reads this.

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The Community Council wish to thank everyone who gave books, cakes, etc., for their sale in the Geraldine Hall - the response was fantastic & the sum of approximately £140 was made. The Council expressed some reservations however on the actual number who actually turned up at the Sale itself & felt many more could have supported the venture. Many were conspicuous by their absence. To those who did give & to those who did come along to buy - your co-operation was much appreciated.

An appeal was recently made in the Newsletter by the Swimming Club for some fathers to come along to accompany young swimmers to various pools for lessons. It's unbelievable to think that not even one came forward to offer assistance. It appears that people would like others to do something for their children & we wonder if this kind of response is typical. The organisers deserve better.

IT COULD NEVER BE ME

The following ten rules for guidance in doing away with a voluntary organisation, were recently published in the "Queensland Digger" official organ of the Returned Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia:

1. Do not come to a meeting, or if you do, come late. Do not think of coming if the weather doesn't suit, or if you have another engagement of lesser importance.
2. If you attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the officers (particularly the secretary) and other members.
3. Never be nominated for the Committee. It is easier to criticize than to do things. Be sure, however, to be annoyed if you are not appointed to a Committee.
4. If you are asked by the Chairman to give your opinion on an important matter, tell him you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone what should have been done.
5. Do nothing yourself. If other members get busy, grumble and declare that the association is run by a clique.
6. Do not listen to the business, and afterwards complain about nobody ever telling you anything.
7. Vote in favour of some action, and then do exactly the opposite.
8. Agree with everything that is said in a meeting and then disagree outside.
9. Get all the benefits you can through the work of the association, but don't contribute anything yourself.
10. If you are asked to pay an overdue subscription, resent such impertinence and tender your resignation!

MAYNOOTH VISTA By Newcomer

This month I have resigned from the outdoor scene and gone all domestic.

The exorbitant price of potatoes - be they old or new - is a topic worn so threadbare that, per se, has become a byword but the angle that really gets me down is that the housewife can no longer pick her selection from the open sack but must accept whatever is dished up to her in a plastic bag. There is no way of checking that the contents are good or bad or that the designated weight is what it claims to be. I always understood that traders could not legally sell food unfit for human consumption but in the case of 'hygienically' packed potatoes this does not seem to apply. If you get one rotten potatoe in a bag you are lucky as the average in a seven pound bag is four and if the bag weight is correct you are paying for at least half a pound of 'the auld sod'. In the case of new potatoes you are buying what, when I was young used be set aside for pig feed. Potatoes were then graded and those under a certain size could not be sold. God be with the days!

In this balmy week of high Summer, we, in our house have been preparing for the bleak months of November to March.

You have probably noticed that many of the houses in the new estates are now being fitted with open-fire central heating. These new back boiler grates not only give you the comfort of a fire at which to sit of an evening but half its heat is no longer going up the chimney it is being used to heat four or five radiators in other rooms of the house. The advantage of the open fire is that any form of solid fuel may be used - coal, turf, logs - what you will.

I had a brain wave and investigated its possibilities. Having already oil fired radiator central heating - at ninety pounds for a fill of oil - I consulted the experts to see if I could not instal one of these modern boiler fires in my sitting room grate and link it in to my existing heating system, so giving me the alternative of oil or solid fuel heating as I desired. The answer 'No problem'. 'Well' said I 'why don't you advertise it?' 'Because' said the experts 'we are so busy installing these open fire systems in houses now being built

that we have not yet got round to considering your suggestion. The only difficulty you will have is getting some one to do it for you.'

The experts were right. Five separate domestic heating contractors came and examined my central heating system. All said that there would be no difficulty in doing what I proposed. All went away promising to send me an estimate for the work and not from one of them did I ever hear again. After five months trying at last I achieved success. My contractors have just finished the job and left. There was no domestic upheaval, very little dust or dirt and for less than three fills of oil - a cost I should certainly recover in saving over two years - I can have my usual sitting-room fire in the evenings a cylinder full of hot water, two bedrooms, bathroom and hall heated until my fire goes out at midnight.

In the morning my oil fired boiler comes on to re-heat the bedrooms and bathroom while dressing and to cater for any other rooms in the house I may wish until I switch off and allow my evening fire to take over once again.

Sorry! On this occasion I have gone away out, but I thought somebody with radiator heating might be interested.

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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

by "WATCHMAN"

JULY	
10th	I.C.A. Annual Flower Show Parish Hall.
17th	Gymkhana Carton Estate
18th	Field, Sports Day etc. in Carton Estate.

DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

MEN WANTED

Reliable stewards are needed to help run the Gynkhana and field day to be held in Carton on Saturday 17th July & Sunday 18th July. An opening Meeting to organise stewarding will be held in the Geraldine Hall on Thursday 8th July at 8.30 p.m. It will be greatly appreciated if all organisations will send some capable and responsible volunteers to this Meeting.

GROVE PANORAMIC CINEMA LUCAN

July Programme	
4th - 1 day	Shanandoah
5th - 5 days	Return of the Pink Panther
10th - 2 days	Ransom- Birds Of Prey
11th - 1 day	Gun Fight at the O.K. Coral
12th - 2 days	The Hindenberg
14th - 2 days	Roommates also Mini Skirt Mob.
16th - 1 day	Rancho DeLuxe
17th - 1 day	One of Our Dinosaurs is Missing
18th - 7 days (except 21st)	Earthquake
21st - 1 day	Count Dracula also Happy Ever After.
26th - 5 days (Except 30th)	Night Porter
30th - 1 day	Brnigan.

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Community Council News

The Council are very thankful to all those who contributed and purchased at the recent Book and Cake Sale and are glad to report that it realised in the region of £150. There are still some books remaining, and it is hoped that we may be able to have a stall at the Castle on Sunday 4th July when we hope to dispose of more.

At the June Council Meeting, the following items were discussed:
Filling of Vacant Council Seats: As a number of seats have become vacant through resignations, non-attendance etc., it is proposed to get the Council back to full strength. Already nominations were asked for the Cluain Aoibhinn area and Mrs. White, Cluain Aoibhinn, and Mr. Dempsey, Cluain Aoibhinn, have been nominated. As these were the only two nominations, and as there are two vacant seats, they have been deemed to be elected. The remaining seats will be filled as soon as possible.

Bus to Greenfield Estate: Following representation to C.I.E. it was found that, due to the fact that one householder objected to buses turning at The Crescent, Straffan Road, they could not extend the Bus service up to Greenfield Estate until the Estate is taken over by the County Council. This is, apparently, in accordance with usual practice. Buses are not supposed to reverse on the public road and a complete turning circle is required. While the Council understands that many people in all the Estates are inconvenienced, they cannot see how they can help further.

T.V. Mast: The proposed piped television service is still meeting 'heavy weather'. Some considerable trouble is still being experienced at the legal end but everything possible is being done to expedite matters.

Banquets: The Council have been asked and intend to help where required with preparations for the Banquets, on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th July.

Tidy Towns: The Council have studied the report of the Tidy Town sub-Committee with a view to getting things moving in the Autumn.

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POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL, MAYNOOTH

Once again the Post-Primary School, Maynooth took the major share of the scholarships to the Gaeltacht in Gorey Co. Wexford.

These Scholarships are awarded by the Co. Kildare V.E.C. on the results of a competitive oral and written examination in Irish. Of the 15 scholarships available this year the students of the Post-Primary Maynooth won 6. The winners were; Patricia McGarry, Valerie Mee, Catherine Carr, Morgan Kennedy, Paul Cullen and Anthony Nelson.

SPORT: For the second successive year the students of the Post-Primary Maynooth won the team prize for the best all-round school at the annual Athletics meeting for Vocational schools held in the Curragh in the beginning of June. Some very good individual performances were returned and the standard of the students should be an encouragement to those interested in the promotion of athletics. The following is the list of medal winners:

BOYS:
High Jump -3rd- M. Giblin
Long Jump -1st- C. Kavanagh
800 metres -2nd- M. Scanlon
100 metres -1st- P. Fitzgerald
200 metres -1st- S. Moore
400 metres -1st- M. Scanlon
Relay 1st- Maynooth

SENIOR GIRLS:
High Jump -2nd- E. Kennedy
800 Metres -2nd- E. Kennedy

JUNIOR BOYS:
Long Jump -2nd- V. Moore
High Jump -3rd- V. Moore

100 Metres -1st- M. Dunphy
800 Metres -2nd- L. Murphy
200 Metres -1st- M. Dunphy
400 Metres -1st- L. Murphy)
3rd- J. Heslin)
Relay 2nd Maynooth

JUNIOR GIRLS:
400 Metres -3rd- B. Leonard
100 Metres -1st- M. Redmond
High Jump -1st- C. Mullally)
3rd- D. McGarry)

ARTS & CRAFT STALL
at

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Clondalkin on 28th July Sunday
Any art or craft greatly accepted
by Norah McDermott. In aid of
St. John of God, Islandbridge.

Editorial

A stroll along Carton Avenue, or the Long Avenue to give it its correct title, can be a delight in the cool of a summer evening, with the scent of the wild flowers adding even greater enjoyment. This is, and has been a favourite ramble for the residents of the old town for generations. We are lucky, indeed, to have such a beautiful walk more or less within the town and are no doubt the envy of many another town, or village. Rambling along one can quite easily forget the traffic, and other cares and distractions, in short one can be at peace.

It is also very pleasing to see that very little vandalism by way of damage or pollution show here and it is a credit to young and old alike. It is good to know that all seem to appreciate the wonderful facility allowed us.

Having commented on the Avenue with the scent of woodbine, white-thorn and what have you, we could not advise anybody to turn left at the top of the Avenue and head for Kildare Bridge. This is, without doubt, an anticlimax indeed. Not far from the top of the Avenue, after the fragrance of the flowers, our noses are nicely 'tuned in' and it is not long until a new 'fragrance' meets us. About 150 - 200 yards from the river we get a foretaste of the odour from the river which gets progressively worse until we reach the bridge. One look across the bridge will convince one that it is truly not a river we are crossing but an open sewer. Most people have smelled the river at Mill Street, on the way to the parish Church, but at Kildare Bridge it is 100% worse.

Older generations will remember sitting on Kildare Bridge on a summer evening enjoying the perfume and pleasant odours blowing from Carton. At that time it was most pleasant but unfortunately this is no longer the case. They will remember also when the river was plentifully stocked with fish and many a fine river trout graced a Maynooth table. Now, the same trout could not live or breathe in the filth officially called the Rye Waters.

A walk back along the river will show where a lot, or even most of the objectionable sewage is coming from and it is time that we here in the Town got together and did something about it. Until people amalgamate and demand to have this and other types of pollution attended to, things will only go from bad to worse. Private people are not the only ones responsible for the state of the river, and elsewhere, the authorities themselves have a large responsibility in the matter. It is now time for all those responsible to check into the matter before the ordinary people invoke the law to protect their right to breathe fresh air and walk clean roads.

MAYNOOTH FIANNA FAIL

A large contingent attended the 'Wolfe Tone' commemoration ceremony at Bodenstown. Deputy Paddy Power laid a wreath on behalf of the party, the last post and reveille were sounded, tricolour hoisted. Coil Dubh accordion band played a selection of martial airs while soloist Julia Dempsey sang some ballads.

The members of Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann are very disappointed with Kildare County Council and their failure to do something about the dangerous bend at the Church. It was a sorry sight last week on the morning of the ordination of two Maynooth priests to have a big articulated truck blocking the entrance and demolishing about fifty feet of the wall.

BROTHERHOOD OF MAN

EUROVISION WINNERS 1976

(Save All Your Kisses For Me)

Tickets are now on sale at BARTONS GARAGE, MAYNOOTH. Price £1.50. For the show of a lifetime - Yes - The Brotherhood of Man, Eurovision Winners 1976 - who are appearing live at 'The Country Club' Portmarnock on Tuesday 27th July 1976.

To facilitate those who have not got their own transport - Buses will be leaving the following centres at 7p.m. for the Country Club.

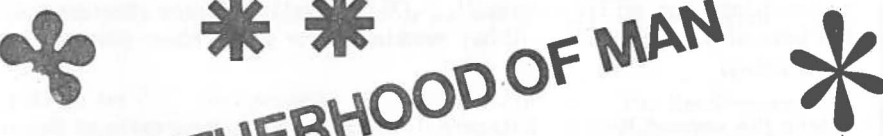
Maynooth, Leixlip, Palmerstown and Chapelizod and returning immediately after the Show for a mere 70p extra return.

So if you have friends at one of these Areas who you have not seen for some time then why not make a night of it and go and see this GREAT SHOW.

Tickets are also on Sale in 'The Captains Inn' Leixlip and 39 Palmerstown Ave., Palmerstown, also Sound of Music, Burgh Quay.

You are advised to book early as tickets are limited.

'PLEASE NOTE THE PINT IS ONLY 38p !



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For further information contact Jim Cotter, 3 Lawrence Avenue.

Mr. Terry Boylan, Chairman of Kildare County Council attends at Mooney's Restaurant, Main Street every Saturday from 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm. All are welcome. Phone Celbridge 288259

BOYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Boys of 5th & 6th standards were confirmed by His Grace Bishop O'Mahony on the 5th of June. The ceremony was highly impressive & both girls and boys looked splendid on this very important day in their lives.

The boys of 6th Class will be finishing their Primary Education on the 30th of June & after 5 years in this School they will be missed. They were a good well-mannered group of boys and the Staff of the School wishes them every success in their future lives.

For the first time Senior Infant & First Class Boys will be coming to the Boys School on the 1st of July. Let's hope their stay here will be a happy and fruitful one.

Although the New Extension is practically ready, furniture will not be available until August. Consequently some of the Classes will be accommodated in the Post Primary School, for the short time in July that the School will be open. Many thanks to the C.E.O. and the Head-Master of the Post Primary for giving the Rooms required.

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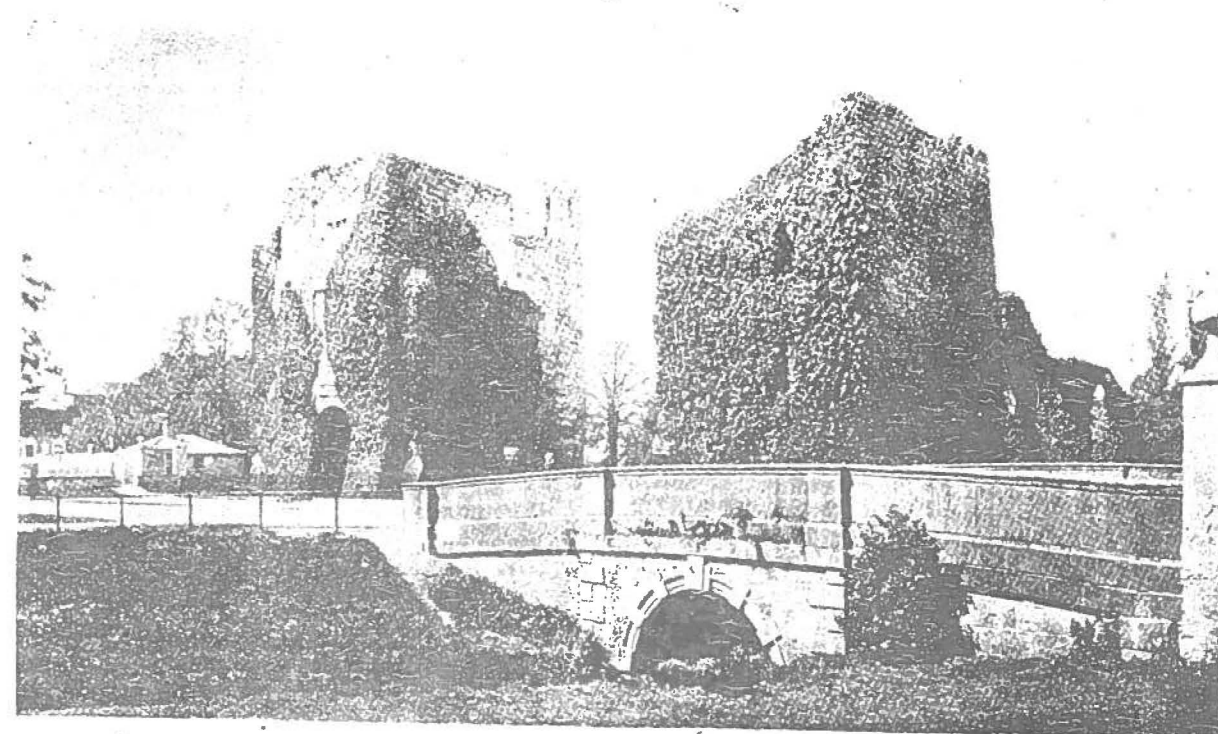
Gerald FitzMaurice, first baron of Offaly and Lord of the Manor of Maynooth died in 1203. His son, the second baron of Offaly and the second Maurice Fitzgerald, had a long and distinguished career during which the FitzGerald moved decisively into a leading role in Norman-Irish Society. In 1232 he was appointed to the highest political and administrative position in Ireland, that of justiciar, and he retained it until 1245. The government of Norman Ireland was modelled on that of England and the King was represented in Ireland by the chief justiciar. At a time when the kings of England were active rulers, directly and personally at the head of military affairs, civil administration and the judicial system, their representative in Ireland had correspondingly wide powers and responsibilities. His official duties, and his zeal to further the family interest, took FitzGerald all over Ireland.

His father and his uncle, Gerald and Thomas FitzMaurice, had been granted the manors of Croom and Shanid respectively in County Limerick. At Croom Maurice built a castle and from its name came the famous war-cry and motto of the Kildare Geraldines, 'Crom Abu', while from the castle of Shanid came the war-cry of their cousins the Desmond Geraldines, 'Shanid Abu'. The castles were about sixteen miles apart and on the borders of a O'Brien territory so that the rival cries of the FitzGerald on the one hand and the 'Lamhlaidir Abu' of the O'Briens on the other constantly rang out as the Castles were attacked and the defenders fought back. Later on the Butlers became the chief rivals of the FitzGerald and in 1495 an act of parliament was passed which stated that, 'forasmuch as there hath been great variances, malices, debates, and comparisons between diverse lords and gentlemen of this land', it was no longer lawful for anyone to get involved, 'as in using these words Cromabu and Butlerabu, or other words like, or contrary to the king's laws, his crown, and dignity, and peace, but to call only on St. George, or the name of his Sovereign Lord the king of England....'

Maurice FitzGerald also brought the new mendicant religious orders, the Franciscans and Dominicans, to Ireland. For the Franciscans he founded an abbey in Youghal where many members of the Desmond branch of the family were later buried. In 1235 he was granted the manor of Sligo where he founded a priory and built a castle for himself to serve as a base for his planned invasion of Tir Chonnaill. Of the castle no trace remains today but the beautiful ruins of Sligo Abbey remain as one of the show-places of the town today.

It was the second Maurice Fitzgerald also who built the castle at Maynooth, the great keep with its surrounding curtain wall with towers at the corners and the fine entrance gate. He built so well that most of his work still stands while later additions have long since vanished. The accompanying plan shows the extent and layout of the castle in the seventeenth century by which time very extensive additions had been made. Note that the seventeenth century maker of the plan described the keep as the 'Old Castle'

As well as the castle, Maurice also built the adjoining chapel which, greatly altered over the centuries, is the nucleus of the present Church of Ireland, parish church. It is very interesting to find the new chapel or church at Maynooth incorporated, together with the older churches we have already met and which date back long before Norman times, in the newly developing parish system. As noted in the last article, Irish parish organisation was only beginning when the Normans arrived. The diocesan structure had been completed and this was of course essential before territorially defined parishes could emerge. The ground-work for these had also been laid by the Synod of Cashel in 1171-2 when it had been laid



Maynooth Castle

by the Synod of Cashel in 1171-2 when it had been laid down that every man should pay tithe for the support of his parish church. The paying of the tenth part of the produce of land or stock, was the basis of the defined parish throughout Europe, and it had developed in England during the tenth century. With the paying of tithe the word 'parish' became applied to a geographical area rather than to the people comprising it. The normans who came to Ireland were already familiar with the idea of a parish supported by tithe and ready to introduce it into their new holdings.

The Lord of the Manor was usually anxious to have his lands recognised as an independent parish, and this accounts for the relatively small size of parishes in Norman populated areas. The Lord enforced the payment of tithe and often kept the advowson, or right of presentation to a church benefice, himself or might hand over the whole benefice to some religious house. The benefice was the ecclesiastical post or office to which property or revenue was attached, and the holder of the benefice was the incumbent. The incumbent of a parish was responsible for the provision of the essential services, such as the saying of Mass at stipulated times. The incumbent, who might be a religious house or an individual, very often did not provide these services in person but paid a vicar to do so, and this system became so wide-spread throughout Christendom that canon law developed to regulate the division of the revenue of a parish as between the rector, who had the right to the tithes and any other income and the vicar who was paid a stipend or salary to carry out the parish work.

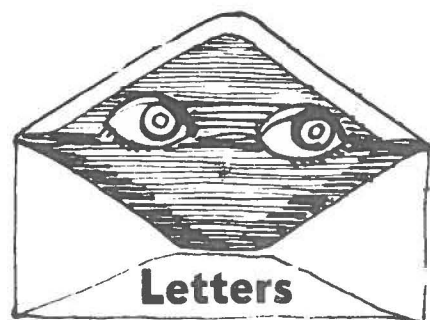
This pattern was operating in the Maynooth area. Fr. MacSweeney finds the priory of St. Catherine at Leixlip, and the churches of Leixlip, Confey, Taghadoo, Laraghbryan, Maynooth and Donaghmore all included in the thirteenth century in the rural deanery of Leixlip. A rural deanery was a sub-division of a diocese, presided over by its dean whose main function was to act as a channel of communication between bishop and clergy. With the exception of St. Catherine's which was founded in 1218 for the canons of St. Victor by Warisius Petche, Lord of Lucan, the other churches within the deanery had, according to Fr. MacSweeney, parochial status. It also fits the pattern when we find Maurice Fitzgerald in 1248 requesting Archbishop Luke of Dublin to erect the chapel of Maynooth into a prebend of the Cathedral of St. Patrick's and retaining in his own hands and those of his successors the nomination to the prebend. This meant that some member of the cathedral chapter became entitled to a stipend coming from the revenue of the church of Maynooth in return for officiating there at stipulated times. The name of the first Prebendary of Maynooth, installed on 12th October 1248, was Richard de Carren.

References: Rev. M.T. MacSweeney, 'The Parish of Maynooth (1040-1614)' in *Irish Ecclesiastical Record*, LVI, 4, 1940



Jacqueline O'Neill, of Greenfield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, who received her private secretary diploma at the annual presentation of awards and diplomas to students of the High School Secretarial College, Limerick.





to the Editor

Dear Editors,

We are happy to note comments on our efforts to complete the work on our estate, which was left uncompleted due to the developer going into receivership. Your encouragement will help us to continue with, and complete the job. However, the rather ambiguous references of Newcomer leaves us and our many friends outside the estate rather perplexed and we can only guess as to his reasons.

For the benefit of readers and of Newcomer we would like to briefly review our efforts to have the work on the estate completed. It is now five years since work started on the development of Rail Park. The

Residents Association was formed by the first residents to move into the estate. Almost immediately efforts were made to persuade the developer to complete the footpaths, open spaces etc. These efforts continued for the first three years to no avail. Then in early 1975 the developer went into receivership and the associations effort were concentrated on persuading the County Council to foreclose on an insurance bond which the developer had lodged with the Council. Representations were made to local representatives, T.D.s and even to two Government Ministers. All efforts to persuade the local authority failed. In a review of the situation early this year it was decided by the residents of the estate to finish the work themselves. This was decided because we realised that if we did not help ourselves, not many others were interested in helping us, least of all the County Council.

A group of very enthusiastic residents got to work and using equipment in all instances provided by local people both

from the estate and outside we have now completed development of 1½ acre green area and footpaths. Work on the area bordering the Celbridge road, should have commenced before publication of this letter.

The Cost of the work to-date has been approximately £300, nothing like the vast sums suggested by Newcomer. The money was raised by small subscriptions from a large number of residents, not large sums from wealth-tax dodgers living on the estate as suggested.

Finally we would finish by applauding the self help philosophy being promoted by the Community Council and ask them to continue encouraging small groups such as ourselves.

We feel uplifted by your encouragement.

Yours sincerely

Tom Fahey

Secretary,
Rail Park Residents Association.

RAIL PARK ESTATE

Dear Residents,

Your Association has been requested by the Post Office to ask each householder to identify his Residence by Number visibly displayed. The suggestion is to place number on front wall or wooden railing.

Post Office staff are having great difficulty in finding their way, and the quality of their service to you depends on your help NOW. Equally should the services of Doctor, Priest, or Police be required in any emergency it is imperative that your number can be seen easily from the road.

May we suggest that your co-operation in this matter is totally to your advantage and encourage you, one and all, to get the good work underway as soon as possible. Thanking you in anticipation:

For and on behalf of the
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GARDENING

By Colm Kennedy

Lettuce is the main ingredient of any salad. It is so easy to grow that the real skill is in having a constant supply for the table over as many months as possible. Radishes can also be grown successfully and with very little effort. With lettuce it is important to sow the right varieties at the right time. The cabbage head group can be divided into two classes, flat and smooth, that can be grown over a long period, is crisp and is mainly for Summer cropping. The variety Suzan is a beautiful pale-leaved variety. Cos is a tall-pointed variety and is a crop that can be overwintered. Tomatoes should be doing nicely now especially those under glass - give good support instead of an individual cane for each plant. A good method of support for indoor tomatoes is to run a strong wire the length of the greenhouse above the plants and just below the roof. Strong galvanised hooks made of wire are pushed into the soil and a strong garden string is attached to the hook at one end and wire to the other. It is an easy matter as the plant grows to give the string an occasional twist around the plant. With outdoor tomatoes a strong stake will suffice and tie or string the plants to this. Be careful with the outdoor varieties as weather conditions can have a very bad effect and plants which receive any check will take a long time if ever to recover.

Shrubs and roses that have flowered should be trimmed of old flower buds and given a bit of a tidying up - with the rose it will be a great help to further flowering and can be a help in reshaping. Cut out any dead or diseased branches and this will be a great help with the general appearance of your garden. A little fertilizer or bonemeal added to the soil and watered in will promote growth especially with those shrubs which start growth and flower early in the year.

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We are anxious if anyone in the town can name all those in the top and bottom pictures - if so we will print them in next Newsletter. We're sure many memories will be stirred.



A group of local schoolchildren on a recent outing in the locality. The observant will notice the Obelisk and Taghadoe Round Tower in the pictures. These two pictures given by Liam Bean.

MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The June Meeting was well attended, starting with a very interesting talk and demonstration on 'Summer Salads' given by Sister Lucille from The Divine Word Hostel. We appreciated very much Sister coming at short notice and hope she enjoyed her few days holiday in the South. Sister judged the 'Tray Bake' competition. There was a very large entry won by Mrs. Fegan and second Mrs Desmond. Tea was then served before the Meeting.

Mrs. Doyle told us all about the B.I.M. Finals at the 'Tara Tower Hotel' in Dublin. She was representing Kildare. Antrim, Meath, & Cavan took the first three prizes in that order. Mrs. Doyle's recipe was 'Cod Supreme' given below, a very good week-day meal and easy to prepare.

Mrs. Desmond has the Maynooth Flower Show Schedules for the 10th July. Anyone interested who has not got one already please contact Mrs Desmond, Secretary, Main Street, Maynooth.

The Raffle was won by Mrs Brennan Moyglare.

The next competition 'A Funny Picture'
The Meeting then concluded.

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SPORTS PAGE

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RESULTS OF MAYNOOTH HANDBALL & SQUASH DRAW

- £30 Helen Doyle, Leinster Cottages.
£10 Mrs. J. Treacy, Mariavilla.
£5 Garry Irvin, c/o C.P.I. Lucan
£5 Mary Kennedy, Laraghbryan.
£5 Mrs. D. Casey, 30 Cluain Aoibhinn.
£3 Mrs. J. Troy, 556 O'Neill Pk.
£2 Joseph Hefferan, c/o O'Brien's.
£1 S. Hely, 31 Chain Aoibhinn.
£1 Mrs. D. Treacy, 745 Greenfield
£1 Mr. S. Treacy, 745 Greenfield
£1 Cecil McAssey, The Harbour.
£1 Nurse Hyland, The Harbour.
£1 Tom McMullon, Cluain Aoibhinn.
£1 Jim Ryan, 12 Cluain Aoibhinn.
£1 Mrs. L. Bean, Rye View.
£1 Edward Kavanagh, Newtown.
£1 Mrs. J. Treacy, The Green
£1 Mrs. J. Troy, 556 O'Neill Pk.

The following Promoters won £1 each. P. Conroy, R. McTiernan, Mrs. J. Cullen, C. Power, J. Brazil, C. Nelson, E. Bean, S. O'Flaherty, J. Moore, D. Quigley.

The next draw will be held in the Geraldine Hall on the 13th July at 9.p.m. Promoters are asked to have cash handed in before date of draw. This will be the last draw this year. On behalf of the Committee I wish to thank all who supported us during the past two years including the promoters who did excellent work, we have over £2000 collected. Further development will be in the Newsletters as we progress.

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Mary Cullen's article was a source of great pleasure to the Maynooth Swimming Club. We hope all Swimmers in Maynooth young and old appreciate the foresight of the 'Development Association', in starting on this project so many moons ago, without them North Kildare, taken present circumstances into account, would definitely never get a pool. As for the Committee we are now more determined than ever to push ahead with our plan to have our own Instructors and Life Guards ready for the great day, that we know now, will definitely come.

'Faith Can Move Mountains' but does anybody in Maynooth

know what it takes to move Daddies! Oh yes there are always the few old reliables, but these seem to be made from a different mould without them we would all be lost. Our Chairman Eoin Byrne is a Daddy, and he is just the greatest, when he is not tied up with the Fire Brigade.

Apart from the 'Good News' from Mary Cullen, things have not gone so well for us this month. Something went wrong with the Boiler at Naas Pool, and all our sessions had to be cancelled. What does one want with a Boiler in this sizzling heat - That is the question our Secretary was naïve enough to ask 'Peter' who is in charge of Naas Pool. and is a most obliging fellow with all the answers. He explained that the Pool had been filtered at Whit, then refilled, only to find a fault in the Boiler. This meant that the water was almost at freezing point, and as no Sun could in to heat it, the Management felt they would only make enemies by opening the Pool. See there is an explanation for everything.

COOKERY

'COD SUPREME'

Ingredients

- 2 lb. Filleted Cod
4 Tomatoes.
6ozs Rice
¼ Mushrooms
1 hard boiled Egg
Salt & Pepper
¼ Pint Milk

To Garnish

Mushrooms, Egg, & Lemon Slices.

Stuffing

- 1oz Margarine.
2ozs. Bread Crumbs
2ozs finely chopped Onions
1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Parsley Sauce

- 1oz Flour
1oz Margarine
½ pint of Milk
2 tablespoons of Chopped Parsley
Seasoning.

Method

Prepare the stuffing. Melt Margarine in a saucepan, add the Onion, and cook for 3 minutes, remove from heat, add bread-crumbs, chopped Parsley, Seasoning, and mix well.

Skin the Cod, and cut into two equal parts, place one piece in a well greased casserole dish, place ¾ of the stuffing on this, cover with other piece of fish, brush with a little melted Butter, add 1 tablespoon of Milk, and bake in a hot oven - (Gas 6 to 7 - 450) for 30 minutes.

Stew Mushrooms in a little Milk. Place Rice in boiling water and cook until tender. Scoop out Tomatoes, mix with remaining stuffing and refill Tomatoes with this mixture. Cook in hot oven for 7 minutes. To make the Sauce, melt the Margarine, add Flour, Pepper, and Salt, and cook for 1 minute. Add the Milk and chopped Parsley, and blend well. Bring to the boil and cook for 3 minutes.

To Serve

Remove Fish from oven, pour Parsley Sauce over, arrange Rice and Tomatoe around Fish. Garnish with Mushrooms, Egg, and Lemon Slices.

Serve Hot.

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWN

Report on survey carried out on behalf of Maynooth Community Council

Introduction

At a full delegate meeting of Maynooth Community Council held in October 1975 the members expressed interest in the Tidy Towns Competition sponsored each year by Bord Failte. After some discussion the meeting agreed that in order to determine the amount of work involved, a survey of the Town should be carried out with special emphasis on the approach roads. A sub-committee under the Chairmanship of B. Durkan was delegated the task of conducting the survey and reporting on its findings. The members of the sub-committee were: Mary Cullen, Colm Kennedy, Robert O'Reilly, Ted Kelly, Joey Murphy and Eugene O'Reilly Jnr. At its first meeting the committee decided to divide the Town and its approach roads into sections which would enable an individual or group to undertake and complete the work on any one of these sections without having to become involved in the whole project.

As it is not the policy of this committee to cause offence and the success of the venture depends entirely on the voluntary co-operation of everybody concerned, it is to be hoped that persons whose property or dwelling receives unfavourable mention in the report do not misconstrue its recommendations as being in any way defamatory or compulsory.

REPORT

SECTION 1-KILCOCK ROAD

Findings

- The river was found to be partially covered by bushes and undergrowth and is used as a dump by members of the public and by itinerants who are parked nearby.
- The green margins on either side of the road are uneven and irregular.
- Pallets of fertiliser, when stacked high are unsightly.
- Green in front of Church untidy, uneven and is used by motorists as a car park.
- Stone wall on Moyglare side of green, broken down.

Recommendations

- The river could be cleaned up but this would be a long drawn-out and time consuming process, so most of the committee favoured the planting of quick-growing trees to conceal the river and its banks from view. The itinerants should be prohibited from parking here.
- By spreading top-soil and maintaining a regular border on both sides of the road the general appearance of the area would be greatly enhanced.
- The owner of the local mill could be approached with a view to lowering the level of the stacks of fertiliser.
- The green in front of the Church needs top-soil to fill depressions and needs a general tidy-up, a higher kerb might help keep motorists from parking there.
- Total removal seems to be the best way to deal with the broken wall. This would make the road wider, and the small green area behind the wall could also be cleaned up.

All areas with fresh top-soil to be reseeded and all grass kept cut.

SECTION 2-MOYGLARE ROAD TO MILL STREET

Findings

- Itinerants parked beyond S.V.D. House causing litter problem. Hedge overgrown.
- Margin along S.V.D. House uneven, untidy and waterlogged. Wooden railing drab and colourless and unlevel.
- Corner at bottom of Pound Street being used as dump.

Recommendations

- Remove hedge and prohibit parking by itinerants.
- Approach Kildare Co. Council for the provision of proper footpaths on both sides of road. Contact S.V.D. regarding the possible levelling and painting of wooden railings.
- Prohibit dumping at Pound St.

SECTION 3-FROM GARDA STATION TO CLUAIN AOIBHINN (via Parson Street and Newtown)

Findings

- Wall along river ivy-covered and has a number of broken spots. Roof of gate lodge moss-covered and in need of repairs.
- Road margins in Newtown waterlogged and uneven.

Recommendations

- Clear ivy from wall and repair any broken parts in same. Approach owner of gate lodge in Parson St. with a view to repairing roof.
- Contact Kildare Co. Council to provide footpaths for Newtown and Cluain Aoibhinn.

SECTION 4-MAIN STREET

Findings

- Trees slightly overgrown.
- Some buildings drab and colourless.
- The street lacks colour, such as floral decoration.

Recommendations

- The trees should be carefully pruned at least every two years.
- Encourage all householders to repaint regularly, in some cases a combined venture might be undertaken.
- In order to introduce floral decoration the committee suggests either the building of permanent flower beds at regular intervals between the trees or the provision of earthenware flower pots. In either case the householders might maintain the flowers.

A special effort will have to be made to keep the street litter-free.

SECTION 5-STRAFFAN ROAD

Findings

- Between New Greenfield and Town Bridge, hedges overgrown and trees ivy-covered. Some broken spots in walls and gate-piers. Grass on verges overgrown and also some ivy on walls.
- Wall along swimming pool site unlevel.
- Area of drinking pond untidy and overgrown with weeds and bushes. Unsightly wire on top of high wall beside bus stop.

Recommendations

- Clean up trees and trim hedges, repair walls and gate piers, cut ivy off walls and keep grass margins cut.
- Level top of wall at swimming pool site.
- Cut bushes and clean up drinking pond. Seek the co-operation of the owner with a view to removing wire from top of wall nearby.

SECTION 6-DUBLIN ROAD

Findings

- Wide shoulder in front of mart unsightly and waterlogged.
- Footpaths needed along Leinster Path.
- Hedge along O'Neill Park in need of trimming.
- High wall ivy-covered.

Recommendations

- Have shoulder in front of mart raised and resurfaced. Kildare Co. Council would have to undertake this, also a kerb be an advantage.
- Seek the co-operation of Kildare Co. Council for the provision of footpaths at Leinster Park.
- Trim hedge at O'Neill Park.
- Clean ivy off wall.

As the main approaches are most important the committee is of the opinion that the Green at O'Neill Park could be greatly improved by the planting of shrubs and flowers. If some garden seats were provided it would be a nice amenity area for the people of the Park.

SECTION 7-DUNBOYNE ROAD TO CONVENT GATE

Findings

- Starting at speed limit signs, untidy hedge on lefthand approach, parts of wall broken down and margins overgrown.

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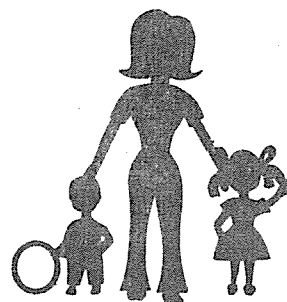
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It was wartime, 1941, the Battle of Britain had been fought and won and the Spitfire pilot returning from a routine patrol over a lonely part of the Scottish coast spotted a strange bi-plane ahead. As he picked up speed to investigate, the pilot was amazed to find the stranger was keeping way ahead of him. Opening full out to around 350 m.p.h. the fastest speed of any warplane of that time, he was more than amazed when, at top speed, his Spitfire just could not catch it up.

Discussing the event later with his fellow officers, each and every one a hardened veteran of the recent sky battles, he found that indeed the mystery aircraft had been seen and reported several times. The unusual thing was that the unidentified bi-plane appeared whenever there was some threat to the area: a raid by a German bomber on the airfield, a U-boat two miles off shore, a Junkers 88 fighter-bomber awaiting the return of planes returning from patrol and so on. Each time the bi-plane made an appearance, it attracted the notice of the flyers to the danger.

The mystery remained until a patrolling Spitfire spotted the shape of a grounded aircraft in a secluded valley. He immediately reported it's position back to base and a land rescue party was sent out. It took them several days of rugged travel before they came to the plane. It was a Sopwith Camel Vintage 1917 - the mystery guardian of the lonely R.A.F. base. The ancient plane was in a remarkably undamaged condition except for the usual wear of time and weather, but in the cockpit, as if still at the controls sat the grinning skeleton of the pilot, tatters of his First World War uniform hanging from the whitened bones.

The number of the aircraft was clearly discernable and subsequent investigation revealed the name of the long dead aviator and identified him as an R.N.A.S. pilot who had taken off on patrol one day in 1917 and never returned.

Mechanics who examined the machine found that a petrol blockage had caused an engine failure, forcing the pilot to make an emergency landing; unfortunately the wheels had snagged in a small gully throwing the luckless airman forward and breaking both his legs, according to the doctor's report, consequently imprisoning him in his cockpit. Unable to leave his seat to repair the engine - a simple five or ten minute job and no radio to call for aid, he had slowly starved to death, hope dwindling as each day passed. His rescuers arrived 22 years too late.

Once the remains of the man had been removed and buried the lone patrol of the ghost plane ceased and it was never seen again. Can you explain it?

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GRAPEVINE

A monthly and sometimes satirical review of local news, gossip, general chat and perhaps occasionally unbelievable rubbish.

Despite constant appeals the editorial committee still have problems getting in articles & material for the Newsletter. Due to this being holiday-time, there is some excuse but we again ask people to let us have material by the date which we will give from now on in Grapevine: for next issue (September) news etc. should be handed in to Vincent Duffe, 12 Laurance Ave., Ted Kelly, Main Street, John Read, 86 Rail Park, Liam Bean, Main Street, or Mrs McGarry, Old Greenfield - by SUNDAY 22nd AUGUST.

We congratulate the many winners in the I.C.A. Flower Show held in the Parish Hall last month, & the members of the organisation again on a job well done. Entries in this show are always a treat to look at & standards are first class generally. We have heard rumours though that many people, especially in the estates were unaware it was on until the last minute and this despite the fact that the show was widely publicised both by poster & in the Newsletter. This should give the organisers food for thought next time out.

Congratulations to the local G.A.A. football team which recently won the tournament organised to celebrate the centenary year.

The idea of the 'Welfare State' has meant that people have come to expect government to attend to practically every need. This is unfortunate in many ways. Although health & education are national issues & beyond the resources of local Communities there are many simple ways in which you can make life easier for some. Among us there are people who are lonely, who have problems & who need a little comfort & encouragement. You know them - do something about it.

Elsewhere in this issue is information regarding the availability of a full-time day Secretarial Course at the Post-Primary School, Maynooth from September next. Get with it.

The 'thing' in the square was at a standstill for some time - we're all wondering with amazement as to the final product & the strength of the roofing. It looks like a haggard what with all the straw & loose material about. According to rumours to the effect that some roads around the Town are being turned into urinals, the sooner the 'thing' is finished the better, now that we have to suffer it anyway. Good Ladies walking from the village late at night are constantly being greeted with 'Excuse me, missus' by swaying gentlemen at ditches & walls. They (the non-gentlemen) should be shot - preferably where they stand.

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Congratulations to the Development Association for the recent Gymkhana & Sports days held at Carton Estate. While the Gymkhana may not have appealed to everyone - the Sports Day on Sunday was a fantastic success & a great attraction. Both days gave many pleasurable hours in a beautiful setting. Mr. Nall-Cain deserves a special word of thanks - not only for giving the facilities in the estate but also for his own personal interest & enthusiasm in all that went on. He is also of course deserving of thanks from all in the Community for facilities for the Medieval Banquets & the Sunday afternoon at the Castle - but most of all for allowing the field to be developed as a Sports Complex in the town. Although this column has become noted for its criticism - in Mr Nall-Cain's case our thanks to him is only a paltry reflection of the gratitude felt throughout the Community.

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All that's said above goes also for the organisers & helpers concerned with the Development Association in planning & carrying - through this great undertaking at Carton. The organisers were going night & day in their efforts to make it a success - they can relax in view of their accomplishment. On the subject of the Medieval Banquets - we understand one of the planned nights was cancelled & we wonder what the future holds for this brain-child of the Development Association. We doubt that the Banquets will survive in their present form. The Sunday afternoon at the castle in conjunction with the Banquets, was enjoyed by all. Though perhaps not as well supported as last year, we feel this idea could be expanded as a Social occasion by having it held monthly on Sundays during the Summer. Perhaps when the Sports-field is finished the Sports-Day could be an Annual Event. We mention all these things so that some thought can be given to them now.

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While on the subject of the Sports-field complex we would like to mention for the information of those not aware of the present state of development that the children's playground has been laid with tarmacadam & is ready for use. Swings, Slides etc., are available - so take your children along for some real enjoyment. The tennis-court is also tarmacadammed but not yet ready for use as it has to be properly lined.

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We hear that the Minister for Finance, no more than the rest of us, doesn't particularly like paying taxes. This surprises us - sure the more he takes the more he gets, that's only logical. We understand many workers have asked that he be allowed to take home the 'Stoppages' in their pay & the government can have the rest. That's called mathematics.

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Still on the subject of recreational facilities seeing as its holiday time and all that. Our piece some months ago on Donadea Castle certainly attracted many to go there & enjoy the surroundings. Nearer home Carton Estate is open to visitors on Sundays & Bank holidays from 2.30p.m. to 6p.m. (this is during the Summer Season). The house is open to visitors also & refreshments are available there. When leaving the grounds - take away litter please, as animals can be injured by tins & bottles. Enjoy yourself.

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Following closely on her last achievement Gertrude Burke, daughter of Mr. H Mrs Phil. Burke has again obtained first place in Ireland in her exams (for the second year in succession). She is at present with Messrs Veritas, Abbey Street, who are very proud of Gertrude, as indeed we all are.

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Very sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs Dinah Tobin, Main Street & to members of her family on their recent sad bereavements. The death of her brother Patrick Mooney (R.I.P.L) was followed within a few weeks by the sudden death of her husband & a fortnight later by the sudden death of her son. Her burden is great & your prayers can help.

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Our sense of Humour appears to have deserted us this month. Rumour has it that she/he/it was thrown from a horse at the recent Gymkhana & has not been seen since. Wherever you are, come home - all is forgiven. One of our Committee nearly met his fate at the Carton Sports Day - some gentleman thought the 'Long Puck' (hitting a hurling ball to find out who can drive it the furthest) meant what it said! We should have sent him to the Olympics. See you in September.

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Small ads. for entry in Classified ads. Section on back page are being printed free - why not avail of our wide readership. Some windows in the Town look like jig-saws what with pieces of paper stuck here & there.

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People are funny - that's why they seldom laugh. Have you noticed it too?

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MAYNOOTH VISTA by Newcomer.

I had thought that this month I would fill in the heading and then leave the remainder of this column blank. In that way it would be possible for readers - or mis-readers - to fill in their own interpretation of what they think I might say without my having the trouble of writing it. On the other hand I could just be my usual ambiguous self and instead of filling in the blanks it will give a greater opportunity for pretending I wrote what I didn't write and never intended.

You know, I don't really believe that all the people in Rail Park are multi-millionaires and sit up all night devising methods of doing poor Richie Ryan out of his legan gains. If any of our good townfolk read that into anything I wrote recently in the NEWSLETTER let me assure them they were dreaming.

I have not the faintest idea of what it would cost to complete the Rail Park Development in accordance with the plans approved by the County Council but, gentle reader, my spies tell me that a bond for £7,000 is held by that august body for the said purpose and I hold - will continue to hold - that the best purpose that money could be put to would be the employment of builders (among whom, I understand there is considerable unemployment) to complete the development. Justice and Equity. One man, one job - one dog, one bone!

However, I am a mere writer and I speak only for myself. I would not dream of forcing my opinions down the throats of those who believe otherwise.

'Give me the man who don't drink at all
To build a house or build a wall
He's the best man after all,
'Up with the shafts' says Fitzie'

But that was somewhere else and in another time, long, long, ago. You see how ambiguous I can be?

But to more congenial topics! I have a cousin raised, like me, in classical tradition - by the Christian Brothers, God help us both - who could never forego the use of a Latin tag in the appropriate or inappropriate context. In his less affluent days - (No! He doesn't pay wealth-tax! Don't keep harping on that!) - he scraped together enough to buy an old banger of a car that he

insisted in trying to drive to Kerry in, knowing in his heart of hearts that she would never last the trip without something falling out of her. To cut a long story short he called her Gloria. Yes! Sick transit Gloria!

Wait a minute! One of my spies has just come in. He bears grave tidings. Dies irae, dies illa! He says - I quote - 'The ground landlords and erstwhile developers of the Rail Park Estate thank the Residents for the completion of their Estate without cost to them (the developers.) and as a token of their regard at the Residents having abnegated the contract entered into by the Developers with the Residents for the completion of the Estate they have served on each resident a demand for ground rent back to the time of first occupancy.'

CIVIL DEFENCE NOTES: MAYNOOTH CASUALTY UNIT

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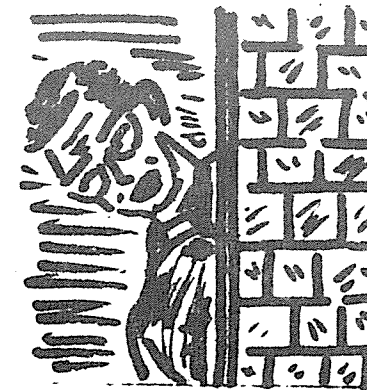
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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

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24th: Community Council Meeting 8 p.m.
29th (Sun.): G.A.A. Field & Sports Day
in G.A.A. pitch, Moyglare Road.

CASTLE BANQUETS.

The Castle Banquets were, as usual very successful although there were only two nights this year. However, what may have been lacking in quantity was certainly made up for in quality and the feasting and merriment has been reckoned as perhaps the best so far.

There was also the usual open afternoon on the Sunday with displays of dancing, etc. not to mention the annual dog show where the biggest and best in Maynooth paraded the field, with the following prize winners:

Largest Dog - J. Dampsey's - Duke;
(David Grant's - Darkie & F. Leeches - Shandy, second and third)

Smallest Dog - Esa Nolan's - Jean;
(Mr Tobin's - Cara was second)

Prettiest Pet - Antoinette O'Brien's - Hammy Hamster (with Mrs. Reilly's - Ginger, Ger Donovan's - Smokie & Damien Horan's - Snowie second and joint third)

The dubious honour of the Ugliest dog went to Mrs. Burke's - Toby - while under the heading of two legged pets, Derek Leavy's - Mini Zoo (a collection of exotic fowl) was first in its field.

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Mrs Mary Murray and her daughter Mary being presented with their prize by Mrs C.O'Donnell at the Baby Show at Carton recently. In the Background is Mrs Kearney, Moyglare.



Some determined girls at the start of a race at Carton Sports.

Photo: Michael McCourt.



We could have done with some of these youngsters at Montreal. The end of one of the races at Carton Sports.

Photo: Michael McCourt.



Paul O'Rafferty, Moyglare receiving the Cup won by his father Patrick at the I.C.A Flower Show.



YOUNGER members of Maynooth Brass & Reed Band.



Imelda Dempsey with Jennie at the Sunday afternoon at the castle. The pony was on offer as a prize.



The parade of canine friends at the castle: ringmaster is Eoin Byrne.



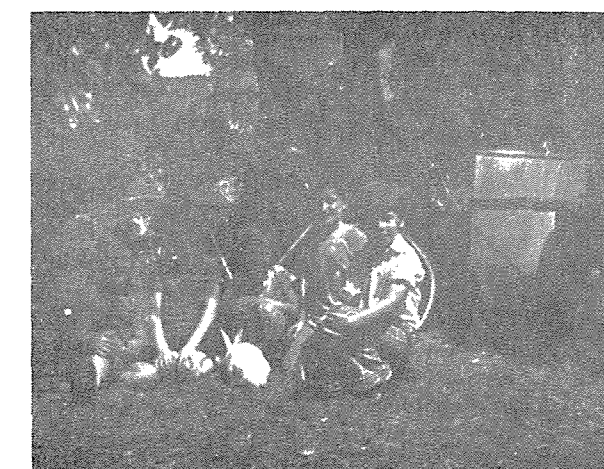
No! The horse hasn't four front legs and doesn't wear that type of shoe. Rosaleen Leavy with her horse at the Sunday afternoon in the Castle Grounds.



Friends and pets preparing for one of the animal competitions at the castle grounds.



Members of the Maynooth Brass & Reed band keeping everyone in a festive mood at the castle grounds. Their very capable conductor is Cliff Murphy.



Damien Horan, Snowie & friends at the recent Sunday afternoon at the castle.

Community Council News

The Annual General Meeting of the Council was held on 13th July. As it was considered that July/August period is rather a bad time of the year for an Annual Meeting, due to holidays, it was decided that the Annual Meeting in future should take place in February. The Officers of the Council were therefore unanimously re-appointed until February next.

TIDY TOWNS: The Tidy Towns sub-Committee were asked to report back at the next meeting giving details as to where they intend to commence their tidy town campaign for the coming year, as plans will have to be laid and commenced in the next month or two. As stated before, to give Maynooth a face-lift altogether would require a campaign of two to three years before we would have any reasonable chance in the Tidy Towns Competition. It is hoped to carry out a campaign accordingly. The sub-Committee cannot, of course, do anything on its own and we appeal to everybody to help as far as possible. From time to time, the sub-Committee will report on progress.

GREEN SHIELD STAMPS: In an effort to try and boost Community Council funds, M/s O'Brien (Supermarket) Ltd. have very kindly agreed to provide boxes at the check-out counters at the Supermarket where Green Shield stamps can be deposited and some arrangement will be made to credit the Community Council with the stamps collected. Perhaps you would deposit at least some of your stamps in these boxes when you are in making purchases.

CAKE AND BOOK SALE This sale was quite successful and over £150 was collected to augment Council Funds. The Committee wish to thank very much all those who contributed books, cakes, etc. and all those who attended the sale.

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE: The Council has again agreed to help with the organising and stewarding of the Sponsored Cycle Ride which will take place this year again on 3rd October. No exact details have been fixed as yet but keep this date open in your engagement book.

GYMKHANA & FIELD DAY: The Council agreed to assist at the Gymkhana and Field Day on 17th & 18th July and which was most successful and, we trust, financially rewarding. We take this opportunity of congratulating the Development Association on its enterprise and organisation in the matter. They are also to be congratulated on the commencement of the tarmacadam work on the sports field, which brings a step nearer the completion of the Sports complex in the Harbour Field.

THE TOURIST BOARD have written to the Council for details of any events planned for the coming tourist year (1977) for inclusion in their brochure. Clubs or Associations with any events planned for the coming year, should send in details to the Council Secretary.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: The next Council meeting will not take place until 24th August next as many members will be on holidays prior to this.

MAYNOOTH FIANNA FAIL

Councillor Terry Boylan has informed Maynooth Cumann that Kildare County Council has purchased eight acres at Old Greenfield. Cllr Boylan said that due to the shortage of money, it was unlikely that any houses would be built on this land until 1977.

There was a lively discussion on local issues and the following improvements were called for:-

(1) One way traffic in the Square, inwards at Bradys and outwards at Floods. Restriction of parking in the square, especially commercial vehicles.

(2) Improvement of lighting in the Main Street and all built-up areas in Maynooth. Erection of lights at the Mart and improvement of lighting on all approach roads to the town.

(3) Removal of speed limit signs from present positions to take in all built up areas.

(4) Pathways from Greenfield Shops to Celbridge Cross Road. Pathway up Celbridge Road to cater for residents in Rail Park and Greenfield. Pathway from Cluain Aoi bhinn to Canal bridge. Improvement of pathways up Moyglare Road.

(5) Widening of Cross at Old Greenfield and Straffan Road.

On a long term point of view the Cumann called for the widening of Pikes Bridge and of the road from the bridge to Ballygoran Cross and improvement of this cross. If these improvements were carried out it would help ease traffic congestion in the Main St. Cllr Boylan promised the Cumann that he would press to have these improvements carried out. When asked to Tim Cotter about problems in Greenfield Estate Mr Boylan said that he had these matters in hand.

Editorial

The late Summer period for any organisation, is mainly a lean period when it comes to work, as members are usually on holidays or the spirit of holidays is abroad. It can be a useful period to sit back in the sun (if any) and take stock or plan for the future. We are at this stage ourselves in Maynooth and are laying our plans for the coming twelve months.

Among the items under consideration by the Community Council is the entry of Maynooth in the Tidy Towns Competition for 1977. We are already entered for 1976 but, unfortunately, no proper plans were laid earlier and we will not show up too well. It is, however, surprising how well we have done in past years considering no effort, or little effort has been made in this respect. If therefore we are not at the bottom of the list when no effort is made, could we not step up with a little effort now and, reach a spot high on the list, if not at the top.

We are, in fact, unique here in Maynooth, or practically so, in that we have a planned town. It was re-built and planned by the Fitzgerald family. The only other such planned town that comes to mind is Adare which featured high on the list each year and has received the top awards. We also have the material to work on and with only a little effort on everybodys part there is no reason why we cannot reach the top also.

In the coming months, the sub-Committee of the Community Council will be trying to organise areas of work for completion before the next year's Competition and all those more able bodied townspeople are asked to come forward and help. We are, of course, referring to you and it would be a great help if you were to come forward and offer your assistance without waiting to be asked. A word to any member of the Tidy Towns sub-Committee is all that is needed.

It is not necessary that all the work in this direction should be non-productive. There are areas where perhaps somebody could join in and, at the same time as improving the town, could also help themselves. One thing comes to mind is the prospect of developing the Canal for boating and canoeing. While cleaning up the Canal and removing an eyesore, a very fine boating area could be provided. There are, no doubt, many other areas where something similar could be done. Why not use your own ingenuity.

While the Tidy Towns campaign is in progress, it will be necessary for us to approach property owners and at times comment on various items which may be considered as not conforming with the general appearance of the Town and it is hoped that nobody will take offence. Most of these comments will be from previous reports of the adjudicators on the Tidy Towns inspection board and will not therefore be our comments. But of experts in the field. Please therefore accept the comment of the sub-Committee in the spirit it is given as it will be very far from their wish to cause any offence whatsoever.

In the coming months, we appeal again for co-operation and assistance in all departments and areas in the town, and, please God, we shall shortly have the pleasure of seeing Maynooth as it should be with the added bonus of seeing our Town in print as one of the prettiest in Ireland.

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MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Naas Pool re-opened, after repairs, on the 12th July, and the above Club are again running two sessions to Naas each Monday. The Scouts & childrens Bus leaves the square at 6.20 and the adults Bus leaves at 8.30. The Fee is 30p for the Pool and 20p for the Bus, making a total of 50p. Instructor, Life Guard and attendant, are on duty at the Pool. If the people of Maynooth wish us to continue these sessions they must support us regularly. The cost of the coach is £12 Pool etc. £7, and instructor £3, which makes £22, therefore to break even we need at least 44 on each Bus. As we have no funds whatsoever you will appreciate that the Sessions must be cancelled if they continue to run at a loss.

ST. RAPHAEL'S POOL, Celbridge will be closed for the month of August. When it re-opens in September, the Committee intends issuing membership cards, and charging a subscription of £1 per year per Family. They also intend separating the Bus and Pool Fee, charging 10p for the Bus & 30p for the Pool. The Pool Money will be collected in advance for a period of 13 weeks. Total £3.90 The Committee regrets having to take these steps, but as all our members are aware only 35 are allowed into this Pool, therefore we have a long waiting list, yet despite appeals in the Newsletter, parents of children who are not coming have failed to notify us, results - some weeks we have to turn children away, and others we run at a loss. So we have decided to follow the pattern used by other Clubs - viz. - payment in advance.

We are very happy to announce that our Instructor will be with us regularly from September on. All the more reason why we want the same children coming each week if they are to make progress.

STILL NO OFFERS OF HELP for the 6.20 Bus!



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Maynooth Castle

A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen

The Fitzgeralds continued to increase both their possessions and their standing in the Norman Irish Community as the thirteenth century advanced. This was no doubt due in large part to their own energies and abilities but also to a certain element of luck. What they had they were able to hold on to, and consolidate because they never lacked for a male heir to inherit properties intact while when other families died out in the direct male line, by Anglo-Norman law the inheritance was divided among the heiresses and in this way many estates found their way into the hands of absentees. For example Strongbow's own lordship of Leinster was broken up in this way. Strongbow died leaving a son who was a minor and who died before coming of age. His sister Isabella became the heiress and the lordship of Leinster passed to her husband William Marshall. It descended to his heirs until the death in 1245 of Anselin Marshall the last surviving grandson of Strongbow and Aoife, daughter of Dermot Mac Murrough. The lordship was now divided among five sisters and was broken up into the Lordships of Carlow, Kildare, Kilkenny, Leix and Wexford. Kildare passed into the hands of the de Vesci family for a period.

Maurice Fitzgerald, second baron of Offaly, died in 1257, apparently after a single combat encounter with an O'Donnell of Tir Chonaill. Wounded, he retired to Youghal where he took the habit of the Franciscans at the monastery he had founded and there he died. He was succeeded as third baron of Offaly by his son Maurice Fitz Maurice. The third baron married Emelia de Longespee, heiress of the old territories of the O'Tooles, OMurethy of Ui Muireadaigh, which lay south of Ui Faelain, and so acquired Kilkea, and Castledermot. Professor Otway-Ruthven reckons that by the end of the thirteenth century the Fitzgeralds held the overwhelming majority of the Knights' fees of the County of Kildare.

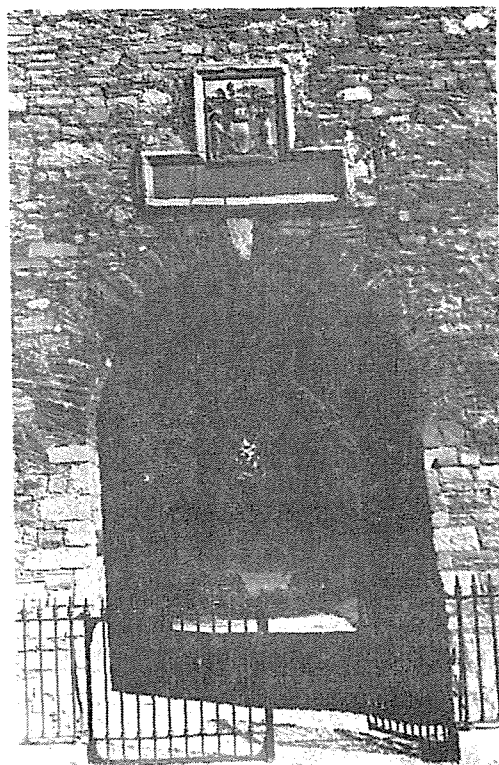
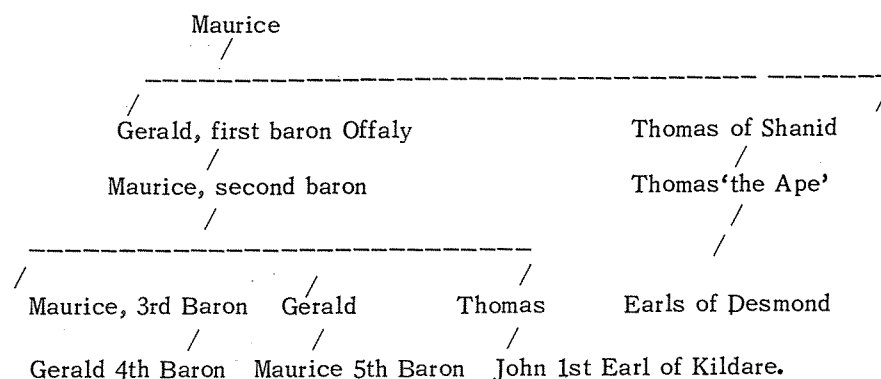


Photo: Finbar Cullen



In 1277 the third baron died and was succeeded by his son Gerald Fitz Maurice. Gerald had already completed the Grey Abbey at Kildare, commenced by William de Vesci, and had founded the Franciscan Abbey at Clane in 1271. By this time the community around Maynooth must have grown considerably for in 1286 Edward I, Abbot of God King of England, lord of Ireland, and duke of Aquitaine granted to Gerald Fitz Maurice the fourth baron of Offaly, the right 'to hold a market every Friday at his Manor of Maynooth in the County of Kildare in Ireland and one fair there once yearly of three days duration, on the vigil, day and the day after the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Mary, always providing the said market and fair do not interfere with the neighbouring merchants and fairs'. Gerald died in 1287, having been wounded in battle with Turlough O'Brien in Thomond and was buried at his Abbey at Kildare. He died without issue and was succeeded by his cousin Maurice Fitzgerald, the fifth baron, and son of Gerald the second son of the second baron. He too died without issue and was succeeded as sixth baron by John Fitz Thomas, another cousin, son of Thomas, third son of the second baron. The table shows how the Offaly or Kildare Fitzgeralds managed always to produce a male heir descended directly from the first Maurice



John Fitz Thomas inherited the Fitzgerald estates in Connacht as well as Offaly and after a fairly stormy career, during which he was at times very much out of favour with the English King, he won back favour by services rendered to Edward 11 during the campaign in Ireland of Edward Bruce, brother of Robert Bruce of Scotland, and was created Earl of Kildare in 1316, shortly before he died.

Over the gateway into Maynooth Castle can be seen carved in stone the coat of arms of the Kildare Fitzgeralds with the monkey crest and two monkeys supporting on either side (see illustration). There are two stories of the origin of the monkeys, one concerning John Fitzmaurice first earl of Kildare and the other concerning his cousin Thomas Fitzgerald of the Desmond line. The Marquis of Kildare gives them as follows:

'John FitzThomas, afterwards Earl of Kildare, then an infant, was in the Castle of Woodstock, near Athy, when there was an alarm of fire. In the confusion that ensued the children were forgotten, and when the servants returned to search for him, the room in which he lay was found in ruins. Soon after a strange noise was heard on one of the towers, and on looking up they saw an ape, which was usually kept chained, carefully holding the child in his arms. The Earl afterwards, in gratitude for his preservation, adopted a monkey for his crest and supporters, and some of his descendants, in memory of it, took the additional motto of 'Non immemor beneficii'

The other tradition is, that Thomas Fitzmaurice was only nine months old when his father and grandfather were slain at the battle of Callan, in 1261. The child was at Tralee, and on his attendants rushing out alarmed at the intelligence, he was left alone in his cradle, when a tame baboon or ape took him up in his arms, and ran with him to the top of the tower of the neighbouring abbey. After carrying him around the battlements, and exhibiting him to the frightened spectators, he brought the infant back to its cradle in safety. Thomas was, in consequence, surnamed 'An Appagh' (in Irish), 'Simicus' or 'the Ape'. He, however, was ancestor to the Earl of Desmond.

POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL, MAYNOOTH

SECRETARIAL COURSE

A full-time Day Secretarial Course for post Leaving Cert. will commence in the Post-Primary School, Maynooth, next September. This course will prepare students for the usual examinations and secretarial positions such as Civil Service, Banks, etc. The subjects taught will include Shorthand, Typing, Office Procedure, English, French. As the number of places will be strictly limited you are advised to make early application by phone or letter to the Principal, Post-Primary School, Maynooth. Phone 286060.

EMERGENCY

As we are living in the 01 phone area the instructions for calling the emergency services, that is, gardai, fire brigade and ambulance are to dial 999.

However, as we have an ambulance and fire station situated in Maynooth itself the logical and quicker method is to dial these services direct.

The phone numbers are:

Ambulance and Fire Brigade
 286222

Please keep in a convenient place for future reference.

E.S.B.

The following are the area phone numbers for the E.S.B. for use in cases of breakdown or emergency:

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ICA News

FLOWER SHOW RESULTS:

The following are those who were awarded prizes at the recent I.C.A. Flower Show. H.C. applies to entries which were "Highly Commended". If less than three are named — these are the only awards in the sections.

Hybrid Tea Rose	1 Bloom
1st Mrs. C. McFadden, Maynooth Park	
2nd Vincent Mulready	
3rd Moyglare Stud Farm	
Hybrid Tea Rose	3 Blooms
1st Moyglare Stud	
2nd Mrs. S. Angel	
3rd Mrs. M. Darlington, Straffan	
Floribunda	1 Spray
1st Mrs. Curran	
2nd Mrs. P. Fegan	
3rd Mrs. Wylie	
H.C. Mrs. S. Angel	
Floribunda	3 Spray
1st Mrs. Wylie	
2nd Mrs. P. Fegan	
3rd Rosemary Curran	
H.C. Moyglare Stud	
Rambling & Climbing Rose	
1st Colm Kennedy	
2nd Moyglare Stud	
3rd Vincent Mulready	
Sweet Pea	
1st Mrs. M. Wardell, Celbridge	
2nd Mrs. L. Rowley, Straffan	
3rd Colm Kennedy	
Mixed Perennial	
1st Moyglare Stud Farm	
2nd Mrs. V. Mitchell	
H.C. Mrs. M. Wardell	
Collection of Annuals	
1st Mrs. M. Wardell	
H.C. Moyglare Stud	
Collection of Garden Flowers	
1st Mrs. S. Angel	
2nd Moyglare Stud Farm	
3rd Mrs. P. Acton, Ratoath	
H.C. Mrs. P. Fegan	
Flowering Shrub, 1 Stem	
1st Moyglare Stud Farm	
2nd Mrs. S. Angel	
Flowering Pot Plant, under 18 inches	
1st Moyglare Stud Farm	
2nd Sean Kenny, Newtown, Leixlip	
Flowering Pot Plant, over 18 inches	
1st Gerard Darlington, Straffan	
2nd Mrs. L. Rowley, Straffan	
3rd Miss E. Gorey, Kilcock	
Foliage Pot Plant	
1st Mrs. V. Mitchell	
2nd Moyglare Stud Farm	
3rd Sean Kenney, Newtown, Leixlip	
Cacti Plant	
1st Nicholas Farrell, O'Neill Park	
2nd Yvonne Farrel, O'Neill Park	
3rd Mrs. Farrell, O'Neill Park	

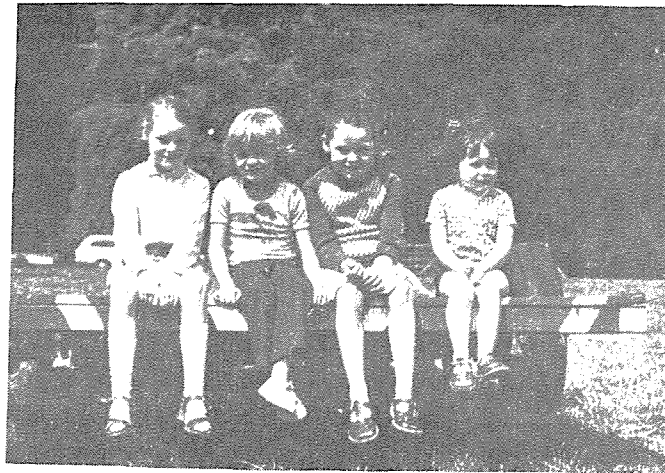
Collection of Garden Flowers	
1st Mrs. C. McFadden, Maynooth Park	
H.C. Miss Currell	
H.C. Anna Kennedy	
Miniature Arrangement	
1st Mrs. M. Wardell	
2nd Mrs. S. Angel	
3rd Mrs. P. Acton, Ratoath	
H.C. Ellen Byrne, Greenfield	
Design using not more than 5 Blooms	
1st Mrs. M. Wardell	
2nd Mrs. I. Desmond	
3rd Mrs. S. Angel	
H.C. Mrs. Siobhan Costello	
Design Film Title "18"	
1st Mrs. P. Acton	
2nd Mrs. M. Wardell	
3rd Mrs. S. Angel	
H.C. Miss Cairns, Dunboyne	
Arrangement in One Colour for Christening. I.C.A. members	
1st Mrs. P. Fegan	
2nd Mrs. I. Desmond	
3rd Mrs. Farrell	
H.C. Mrs. J. Howard-Williams	
Arrangement of Foliage	
1st Mrs. M. Wardell	
2nd Mrs. P. Acton	
3rd Mrs. P. Fegan	
H.C. Mrs. S. Angel	
Summer Fragrance	
1st Mrs. M. Wardell	
2nd Mrs. A.J. Howard	
3rd Mrs. S. Angel	
H.C. Mrs. P. Acton	
Arrangement for a Hall Table	
1st Miss Cairns, Dunboyne	
2nd Mrs. Farrell	
3rd Mrs. E. Byrne	
H.C. Mrs. J. Dunne	
1 Head of Cabbage	
1st Mr. Mac Dunne	
2nd Mrs. N. Graham	
3rd Mrs. Wylie	
1 Head of Lettuce	
1st Colm Kennedy	
2nd Mrs. N. Graham	
3rd John Dooley	
6 Onions grown from sets	
1st Mrs. Poynton, Straffan	
2nd Tony Brennan, Moyglare	
H.C. Mrs. Wylie	
6 First Early Potatoes	
1st Mrs. L. Rowley, Straffan	
2nd Colm Kennedy	
3rd Mrs. Poynton, Straffan	
H.C. C.W. O'Donnell	
6 Pods of Peas	
1st Mrs. N. Graham	
2nd Moyglare Stud Farm	
3rd Mrs. Wylie	
Bunch of 12 Scallions	
1st Colm Kennedy	
2nd John Dooley	
3rd Mrs. L. Rowley, Straffan	
Tray of Mixed Vegetables	
1st Colm Kennedy	
2nd Mrs. Wylie	

3rd Mrs. H. Marsh, Celbridge	
H.C. Mr. Mac Dunne	
H.C. Mrs. L. Rowley	
H.C. Presentation Convent	
Tray of Salad Vegetables	
1st Colm Kennedy	
2nd Mrs. Wardell	
1 Head of Lettuce — Novice Class	
1st Mrs. M. Wardell	
2nd John Dooley	
H.C. Barry Desmond	
7 Sticks of Rhubarb	
1st Moyglare Stud Farm	
2nd Mrs. L. Rowley	
3rd Henry Gee	
6 Strawberries	
1st Colm Kennedy	
2nd Mrs. L. Rowley, Straffan	
H.C. Mrs. V. Mitchell	
10 Raspberries	
1st Mrs. Wylie	
2nd Mrs. S. Angel	
3rd Mrs. L. Rowley	
10 Gooseberries	
1st Mrs. Curran	
2nd Mrs. L. Rowley	
3rd Mrs. E. Colgan, Celbridge	
H.C. Mrs. M. Darlington, Straffan	
Dish of Mixed Fruit	
1st Mrs. Wylie	
H.C. Mrs. L. Rowley	
Raspberry Jam	
1st Mrs. M. Darlington, Straffan	
2nd May Keegan, Straffan	
3rd Rose D. Brooke, Straffan	
Blackcurrant Jam	
1st Mrs. M. Fagan	
Rhubarb Jam	
1st May Keegan, Straffan	
2nd Rose D. Brooke, Straffan	
3rd Mrs. M. Gee	
Strawberry Jam	
1st Mrs. Hemmens, Ratoath	
2nd Miss Ruby Oughton	
3rd Miss V. Mitchell	
Gooseberry Jam	
1st Rose D. Brooke	
2nd Mrs. H. Marsh, Celbridge	
3rd Mrs. J. Gilton	
Brown Soda Bread	
1st Mrs. Curran	
2nd Mrs. V. Mitchell	
3rd Mrs. R. McDermott	
H.C. Mrs. B. Collins	
White Soda Broad	
1st Rosemary Curran	
2nd Mrs. Curran	
3rd Mrs. N. Pender	
4 White Scones	
1st Mrs. J. Howard-Williams	
2nd Mrs. Curran	
3rd Mrs. Mary Doyle	
4 Queen Cakes	
1st Mrs. Catherine Duffe	
2nd May Keegan, Straffan	
3rd Rose D. Brooke, Straffan	

Butter Sponge Cake	
1st Mrs. J. Howard-Williams	
2nd Mrs. M. Kelly	
3rd Gina Fegan	
Sponge Sandwich	
1st Mrs. A.J. Howard	
2nd Miss E. Howard	
3rd Mrs. B. Brady	
Fruit Tart	
1st Mrs. Catherine Duffe	
2nd Frances Dunne	
3rd Mrs. P. Fegan	
Royal/Irel Baking	
1st Mrs. A.J. Howard	
2nd Miss E. Howard	
3rd Mrs. Mary Doyle	
Special Prize: Miss O. Wardell, Celbridge	
Chouse Pastry	
2nd Mrs. Satchwell	
My Favourite Cake	
1st Mrs. Margt. Gee	
Tray Bake (confined to I.C.A.)	
1st Mrs. Mary Deane	
2nd Mrs. Farrell	
3rd Mrs. P. Fegan	
Light Fruit Cake	
1st Mrs. Margt. Gee	
2nd Mrs. A.J. Howard	
3rd Mrs. M. O'Rafferty	
3 Brown Eggs	
1st Mrs. Margt. Gee	
2nd Mrs. A.J. Howard	
3rd Mrs. N. Pender	
3 White Eggs	
1st Mrs. Margt. Gee	
Section of Honey	
1st Colm Kennedy	
Section of Honey, novices	
1st Anna Kennedy	
Canvas Work	
1st Mrs. P. Fegan	
2nd Mrs. M. Wardell	
3rd Mrs. Satchwell	
H.C. Mrs. Noeleen O'Brien	
Knitted Article in Fine Wool	
1st Mrs. J.B. Hodgins, Castleknock	
Knitted Article in Heavy Wool	
1st Mrs. J.B. Hodgins	
2nd Mrs. Noeleen O'Brien	
3rd Frances Dunne	
Machine Knitted Articles	
1st Mrs. Joan Grant	
Wool Crochet	
1st Mrs. M. Wardell	
2nd Georgina Mulready	
3rd Mrs. Bernadette Coyle, Newcastle	
Cotton Crochet	
1st Mrs. Margt. Dunne	
2nd Mrs. J.B. Hodgins, Castleknock	
Machine sewn Garment — Adult	
1st Mrs. M. Wardell	
2nd Mrs. Mary Doyle	
H.C. Mrs. R. O'Reilly	
Machine Sewn Garment for child	
1st Mrs. I. Desmond	
2nd Noreen Gilton	

Handstitched Article	
1st Mrs. Margt. Gee	
H.C. Mrs. A. Sexton, Palmerstown	
Rug or Mat	
1st Mrs. Margt. Gee	
Something New from Something Old	
1st Mrs. M. Wardell	
H.C. Mrs. Ellen Byrne	
Article suitable for a Souvenir	
1st Miss O. Wardell	
2nd Mrs. M. Wardell	
H.C. Mrs. A. Sexton	
Any Craft not Provided for	
1st Mrs. M. Wardell	
2nd Mrs. P. O'Donnell	
3rd Mrs. I. Desmond	
H.C. Gina Fegan	
Picture Suitable for Calender	
1st Mrs. P. Acton	
2nd Mrs. P. Desmond	
3rd Miss Fiona Ardiff, Leixlip	
H.C. Michael McCourt	
Collection of Wild Flowers	
1st Anna Marie McDermott	
2nd Ursula Byrne	
3rd Tounley Angel	
H.C. Elizabeth Satchwell	
Arrangement of Summer Flowers	
1st Tina McFadden	
2nd Anna Kearney	
3rd Caroline McFadden	
H.C. Elizabeth Satchwell	
Hand Made Article — under 12 yrs.	
1st Jonie Lynch, Kilcock	
2nd Carol Dunne	
3rd Mary Keegan	
H.C. Nualla Kelly	
Handmade Article — under 10 yrs.	
1st Meta Gee	
2nd Enda Dunne	
3rd Mary Murtagh	
Handmade Article — 8 yrs. and under	
1st Catherine Fitzpatrick	
2nd Naille Dunne	
Any Other Craft	
1st Anna Marie McDermott	
2nd Anne Kearney & Elaine Bean	
3rd Elaine Bean	
H.C. Enda Dunne	
White Soda Bread — 10-12 yrs.	
1st H. Gillespie	
2nd Mary Lavin	
3rd Anna Marie McDermott	
4 Queen Cakes — under 10 yrs.	
1st Siobhan Howard-Williams	
2nd Maeve Kennedy	
3rd. Paul Howard-Williams	
PAINTING	
My House — 8 yrs. and under	
1st Oona White	
2nd Rowena Williams	
3rd H. Gillespie	
H.C. Michael Williams	
The Sea-Side — 10 yrs. and under	
1st H. Gillespie	
2nd E. Satchwell	
3rd Deirdre White	
H.C. Paul Howard Williams	

A Picnic — 12 yrs. and under	
1st Hilary O'Shea, Batterstown	
2nd Helena Lynch	
H.C. Anna Marie McDermott	
Handwriting — 8 yrs. and under	
1st Aideon Bennet	
2nd Stephen Gillespie	
3rd Sinead Dunne	
Handwriting — 10 yrs. and under	
1st Meta Gee	
2nd Gillian Deane	
3rd Enda Dunne	
H.C. Tina McFadden	
Handwriting — 12 yrs. and under	
1st Caroline McFadden	
2nd Meta Gee	
3rd Carol Dunne	
H.C. Caroline Power	
H.C. Mary Bennet	
Teenagers Section	
Any Hand Made Article	
1st Helen Sexton	
2nd Vincent Moore	
3rd Gerard Kennedy	
H.C. Martina Curran	
Miniature Garden	
1st Judith Acton	
2nd Anna Kennedy	
3rd Elizabeth Satchwell	
Arrangement in One Colour	
1st Judith Acton	
2nd Joan Cowan, Lucan	
The Cake I'm best at making	
1st Anna Kennedy	
2nd Geraldine Doyle	
Sponge Sandwich	
1st Martina Curran	
Photography	
1st Lizanne O'Donnell, Carton	
2nd Teddy O'Donnell, Carton	
Painting, Still Life	
1st Jean Cowan, Lucan	
2nd Patricia Satchwell	
New Garden Competition	
1st Mrs. P. O'Rafferty, Moyglare	
2nd Mrs. Walsh, Kilrague, Dunboyne	
3rd Mrs. C. McFadden, Maynooth Park	
H.C. Mrs. Gillespie, Maynooth Park	
Old Garden Competition	
1st Mr. W. Monahan, Greenfield	
2nd Mrs. J. Devine, Newtown	
3rd Mrs. Leary, Windgates	
H.C. Sergt. Higgins, Garda Station	
Cups	
Weafer Overall	Mrs. Wardell, Celbridge
Flowers	Mrs. Haefner, Moyglare Stud
Vegetables	Mr. Colm Kennedy
Fruit	Mrs. Rowley, Straffan
Arts & Crafts	Mrs. M. Wardell
Home Produce	Mrs. Margt. Gee
Childrens	Tie Meta Gee & Anna Marie McDermott
Plaques. Best exhibit in Craft Section	Mrs. Wardell
Best section of Honey	Colm Kennedy
Light Fruit Cake	Margt. Gee
Teenagers	Helen Sexton



Included in this picture are Catherine, Siobhan and Rowena Howard-Williams and James Gilligan, all of Carton.

Photo: Michael McCourt.



L. to R : Breda Gilligan, Mary Hynes, Fiona Farrell and James and Mary Gilligan.



Spectators cheering on one of the competitors at Carton Sports.

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Peter Keegan, Maynooth (in white vest) running in one of the races at Sports in Carton.



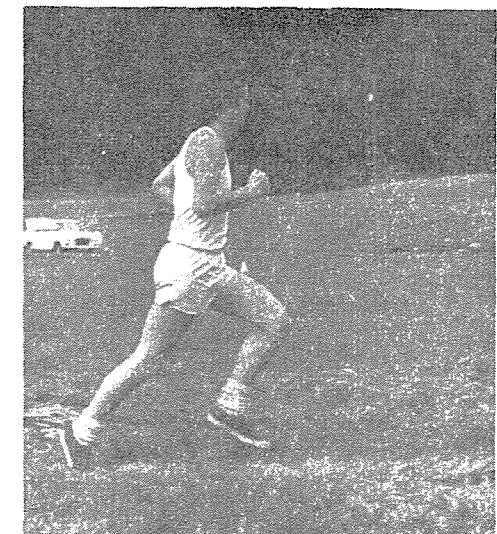
Some revellers at the Banquets in Maynooth Castle



Colm Kennedy with his trophy as one of the all-round winners at the recent Flower Show.



Mrs Helen Gallagher (nee Manning of Carton), now living in Dublin, at Carton Sports. Her triplets appear in very studious form.

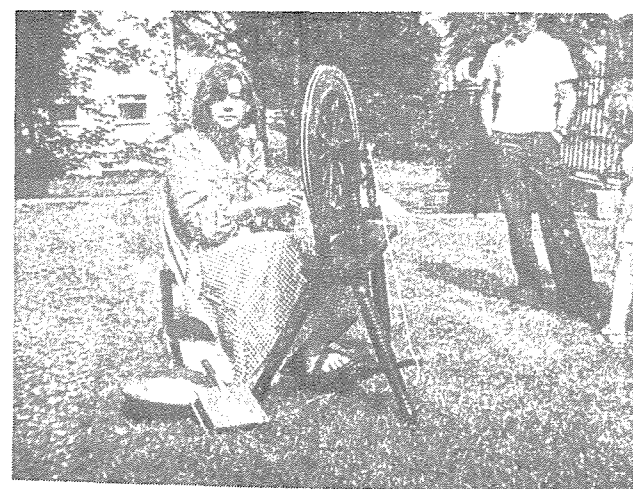


James Durack, Carton competing in one of the races at the Sports at Carton.

Photo: Michael McCourt



Mrs. Howard Williams with her prize-winning cake, in the form of a Panda, at the flower show. The cake was also a special treat for her son Paul's birthday on the same day.



Gina Fagan in action with her spinning-wheel at the Sunday afternoon in the castle grounds. One of her many admirers looks on.



Competing in one of the races at the Sports in Carton are Eddie Moore and Tommy Gilligan, Maynooth.



Photo: Michael McCourt

Mrs Eileen Colgan presenting the Cup which was donated by Mrs Wylie, to one of the winners at the recent Gymkhana at Carton.

PARISH NOTES

FINANCIAL PROBLEMS: It is unfortunate that finance is such a major cause of worry to bishops & clergy, whose main task is to promote the people's spiritual welfare. However, this pastoral work involves providing for manpower, buildings, and running costs. These expenses have always posed financial problems, but never more acutely than in this era of galloping inflation.

SHARE: In tackling these problems, it is vitally important for us to take a broad view and to feel concern for the needs of the whole Church, and especially of our whole diocese, and not merely of our own parish. The Church is organized on a diocesan basis. The bishops are the successors of the Apostles. We in Maynooth belong to the Archdiocese of Dublin. A parish is only a sub-division of a diocese. The Archbishop is our father in Christ. We owe him wholehearted support and co-operation. The task of providing priests, churches, schools and presbyteries for this huge and rapidly expanding diocese is colossal. The new parishes simply cannot do it themselves. Several of them are unable even to meet the interest on their bank loans for churches, schools, etc. That is why the Diocesan Development Fund ('Share') was started and every parish in the diocese asked to support it - even parishes that are heavily in debt themselves. It is only this way that a big enough diocesan fund can be built up to enable churches and schools to be provided in the new developing areas. This year, every parish was asked to hold the 'Share' collection during Mass. However unpleasant it may be to have two collections during the Holy Sacrifice, experience proves that this method is the most effective. Our 'Share' collection has nearly trebled since we brought it indoors last March. We have tried to organize the collections

so as to disturb the Mass as little as possible. We are most grateful to those who give and to those who collect.

A few parishioners are not too happy about our giving so much to 'Share' when our own parish is in so much debt and likely to incur more. But if every parish with a sizeable debt were to opt out of 'Share', the diocese would simply collapse - financially. We must all pull together. The day may well come when our parish debt will be so great that we shall have to seek help from 'Share'. Then we can point to the amount we have contributed.

SCALE OF GIVING: It is embarrassing to have to refer to the amounts that people give to the various collections. But while many are very generous, the fact remains that the collections for the building fund ('Planned Giving') and for the clergy (Mass collections and Dues) are not keeping pace with inflation. As regards the clergy collections, each parish is assessed yearly, and if its income is over a certain figure, its clergy have to contribute an assigned sum each month to the Common Fund for the support of retired and infirm priests and of priests in poor parishes. If the collections fall below normal, very little is left for the clergy of the parish, at least in the 'lean' months. So perhaps people would have another look at their contributions in the light of continuing inflation. We know your expenses are increasing too, and we don't expect the impossible, but simply a realistic response.

The parish audit for the year ending 30/6/'76 is not available as we go to print, but a report will be issued as soon as possible.

LADYCHAPEL ROOF: It now seems certain that the roof of our lovely chapel-of-ease will have to be stripped and re-slatted because of the extensive woodworm infestation. The work will cost at least £10,000. The people of Ladychapel area have formed a fund-raising committee to help in financing the project. It is envisaged that the parish half of the proceeds of the Sponsored Cycle Ride on 3rd October will be earmarked for Ladychapel. Other functions will also be organized and we trust they will be well supported. They include a '300 Club' and a Concert.

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE: Many people have happy memories of last year's ride despite the bad weather and the rather gruelling effort of cycling four times round a course of 17½ miles. This year the organizers (the Community Council and the Ladychapel Committee) are thinking in terms of a wider circuit of about 50 miles (once only!) in either Kildare or Meath. While we can't guarantee a fine day, we may hope for better than last year. The date is Sunday, 3rd October. Fuller details with entry forms and sponsor-cards, will be available very soon.

CEMETERY SUNDAY: Because of a clash with another event, Cemetery Sunday at Laraghbryan has been postponed to 19th September at 4 p.m. The County Council is now having the Cemetery tidied up, and no doubt the Families of those buried there will dress the graves in preparation for Cemetery Sunday. The devotions will consist as usual of prayers, readings, hymns and blessing of the graves.

MAYNOOTH

NEWSLETTER

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GRAPES VINE

A monthly and sometimes satirical review of local news, gossip, general chat and perhaps occasionally unbelievable rubbish.

The E.S.B. recently completely overhauled and numbered all post top lanterns in Rail Park, Greenfield (old & New) & Cluain Aoibhinn Estates. Each lamp is now numbered about 7 feet above ground level on the road side of the post. Residents should quote the appropriate number when reporting defects. In Greenfield (New Estate quote road as well (i.e. No ? Straffan Way, etc.) Reports to E.S.B. Leixlip phone 280412.

Congratulations to Mr. Cornelius Flynn, son of Mr. & Mrs. A. Flynn, Moyglare Stud, on his marriage to Miss Doris Coade, Sarsfield Park, Lucan.

Congratulations also to Mr. & Mrs. Seamus Nevin, Barrogstown, on the birth of a son and to Mr. & Mrs. Peter Nevin, of Barrogstown, also on the birth of a Son.

Many parents are unhappy about the sale of 'slings' in some of the local shops. These items are more suited to a completely rural area and not a semi-urban area such as ours.

Contrary to what the article in the 'Irish Independent' stated it is not possible to spend a penny in the 'thing' in the square. Due to lack of funds, we understand, the work has been held up, so, along with being useless, the 'thing' will be penniless. (a rather fashionable situation at the moment)

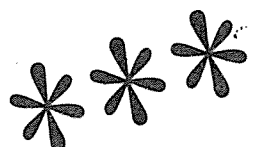
FOOTBALL PHOTO

In response to many requests, the following are the names of the footballers in the photo in the July issue:-
Back Row: - Mick Gaynor, Paddy Dunne, Barney Masterson, Joe Moore, Dick Underwood, Peter Delaney.
Middle Row: - John J. Cahill, Benny Farrelly, Jim Nolan, Sonny McGovern, Jack Connolly, Tom Connolly, and Paddy Reilly.
Front Row:- Paddy Cahill, Chubby Mulreidy, Josie Murphy.

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GRAPÉVINE

Sincere sympathy is offered to Br. J. St. Leger, of the Salesian Hostel, on the death of his mother.

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Failte airis to our many student friends who will be returning to us during the month and a special welcome to many new students whom we hope will enjoy their stay with us.

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The New Pool Hall in Greenfield Estate has not been received with the greatest joy by some of the residents. Like most things it can be used well or abused. We trust it will not be abused.

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Editorial

The hubub of the Olympics has died down for another four years, during which time we will examine the performance of our athletes and try, if possible to get an even better result next time. Of course, in the true spirit of the Olympics, 'it's not winning but taking part that really matters'. This is the true spirit of the Olympic Games and, in theory, at least, should be the guiding spirit of all who enter. The Games were intended to promote the brotherhood of man and to promote a wholesome rivalry between nations binding all more fully together. It is therefore rather disheartening to see nations and segments of nations introducing an unhealthy political and racial rivalry into the Games.

Another aspect of the Games to be deplored is the disappearance of the genuine amateur status of the contestants. By political subside, in an underhand fashion the genuine amateur is being pushed out. Perhaps this is why the lesser nations are finding it hard to rank among the medal winners in recent years.

None of what we have said is an apology for what some have referred to as 'the very bad how of the Irish competitors'. Their efforts require no justification. They have entered into the true spirit of the Games by competing and can further hold their heads high as genuine amateurs. If they did not bring home medals, the chances against them from the outset were about 1,000 to 1 (a poor bet at any time) when comparing our 3 million population to the world population of thousands of millions. and comparing our infinitesimal resources with those of the larger nations. That we were pipped twice by the shortest of short heads for at least two medals is a wonder indeed, that we should have had some last in their heats was to be expected. Only people of small minds would decry the efforts of our athletes who represented us so well. (Incidentally, we did not hear the sports journalists being criticised too strongly for their bad forecasting and for raising our hopes of gold medals too high).

It was also a noticeable fact that we were not overgenerous to our representatives (i.e. competitors) prior to the Games. As a matter of fact, it was difficult to raise the fares. Nor are we over generous in the facilities we provide for training our athletes and dare anyone ask us to put our hands deep in our pockets to pay for suitable coaches and facilities. No, unfortunately we are a nation of too many 'knockers' and too few 'doers'. It's time we shook ourselves up and got wise to ourselves.

DRIVERS - MAKE MAYNOOTH A SAFER PLACE

IRISH HONEY THE SUPREME HEALTH FOOD

The value of honey has been recognised from the earliest times. In Biblical era honey was one of the staple foods. Holy Writ contains some sixty four references to honey. King Solomon's advice to his son 'Eat thou honey for it is good'. Analysis shows that honey contains fructose, glucose and sucrose as well as protein and other beneficial substances. The energy value of honey is higher than that of bread and eggs. The energy is instantly available to the human body - hence it is used by athletes to supplement stamina. Since honey is pre-digested by the bees it is an ideal food for the young and the elderly. All honey granulates in due time. Granulation however is a natural process it is an indication of the quality of the honey and it does not in any way reduce or effect its beneficial properties. There are numerous variations of honey each having a distinct flavour and colour. The colour is a clear indication of the species of flower from which the honey was collected. Here in Ireland honey has been specially esteemed for its excellent flavour. The Irish climate is well suited to the production of high quality honey. More people the world over are coming to appreciate the unique properties of honey, as a health food and are including it as part of their daily diet and use it as a sweetener instead of sugar.

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MAYNOOTH VISTA

By Newcomer

Last month, dear readers, I subjected you to a piece of doggerel which, I feel, appeared to be quite irrelevant to any subject under discussion. Not so, however, as it had a direct application to uncompleted building work and thus, having come into my mind, the only way to get rid of it was to put it on paper. As a consequence you were the sufferers.

But allow me to explain - and in case it has slipped your mind and you don't happen to have last month's NEWS-LETTER handy, here it is again:

'Give me the man who don't drink at all

To build a house or build a wall
He's the best man after all,
'Up with the shafts' says Fitzie'

Now, to any Cork City man, wrong again! I am not one - a factory chimney is a 'shaft'. Way back in the good old times when the Cork brewery was being built a dispute arose as to the height the chimney stacks should be or in fact whether they should be at all. The good people of Montenotte feared they would be smoked out on their exclusive hill - and the Montenott residents were if anything more exclusive than their immediate environment. Being the leading merchants and professional gentlemen of the fair city of Cork they had considerable influence with the Corporation. They argued, among other things, that maybe a brewery was not a good thing anyway as it would lead to the demon drink being more accessible to the working man and his labours in their interest might suffer accordingly.

This was before we had got bogged down with planning permissions and appeals and the Corporation had only to say yes or no to the 'shafts'. Well to cut a long story short, 'Fitzie' who was then the Lord Mayor gave his casting vote in favour of the work going ahead and so 'up with the Shafts'.

And now you are asking what has all this to do with Maynooth - well!, haven't we some shafts of our own to be finished and wasn't your man's name Fitzgerald?

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What about putting a 'shaft' on the 'thing' in the square and making poteen inside?

Talking of Corporations brings me automatically to Local Government. Gentle Reader - I like to call you 'Gentle Reader' it takes the harm out of everything - could I ask you a few questions?

Why does the Kildare County Council not foreclose on the bonds they hold in respect of the uncompleted estates in Maynooth and finish the job? If it costs another twopence on the rates now it will cost ten times that in five years time and finish them they will have to, however long the time. Have they not, therefore a moral obligation to the ratepayers?

Has the Kildare County Council the moral right to collect rates in respect of services they are not supplying by neglecting to take over the estates? I know the estates pay reduced rates but part of every pound they do pay is for cutting the grass, sweeping the roads and maintaining the areas as they should be maintained.

Has nobody the moral obligation to abide or to enforce the noxious weeds act in the Maynooth area? Tidy towns how are you!

But that's enough about morals and real estate, I swear never to mention either again however tempted I may be to do so. Believe me I am no campaigner for the rights of man - individually or collectively. 'And how can man die better, than facing odds' has no part in my conception of things.

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ICA News

After such a wonderful month of August it is hoped that all the ladies have had a good holiday with their families.

The Autumn monthly meetings start again on Sept. 2nd. at 8 p.m. The competition, after the business, is 'The best pot of Gooseberry Jam'

Two important dates to remember for the month are 21st Sept. - a day at 'An Griannan College' - enquiries to Mrs. Brady, Kilcock Road - phone - 286303. 23rd Sept. - A group meeting at Ardclough. Maynooth ladies are putting on a 'Make & Model' show (Ladies get your scissors and machines working!)

Ladies interested in Rush work should have their rushes collected by the end of August. Anyone who has not done so, please get in touch with Mrs. Fegan or Mrs. Satchwell.

GARDEN PARTY

The Garden Party in Carton last month was quite successful and a sizeable sum was handed over to St. Patrick's Hospital.

The following letter was sent by The Hon. David Nall Cain to the ladies who assisted:-

Carton
Maynooth

16th Aug. '76

The Ladies of Maynooth,
c/o Mrs. Satchwell,
Marianville,
Maynooth.

I do want to thank you all very much indeed for the marvellous tea which you produced for our garden fete.

On all sides we heard how much people had enjoyed the food, and it was a very great idea to auction what was left over.

We wish we had had many more people but the weather was wonderful and those who did come seemed to enjoy themselves.

With renewed thanks for all your hard work and kindness.

D. Nall Cain)



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However, as we have an ambulance and fire station situated in Maynooth itself the logical and quicker method is to dial these services direct.

The phone numbers are:

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E.S.B.

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287232 Kilcock
Area;

5.00 p.m.-9.15 a.m.: 366281 All Areas

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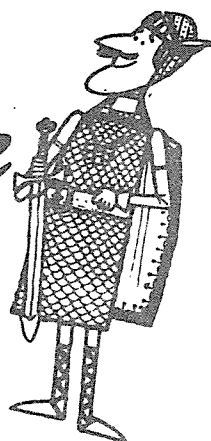
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A Focal Point of Local History

MAYNOOTH CASTLE

By Mary Cullen

John Fitzthomas Fitzgerald was created the first earl of Kildare in 1316. By this time the county system had been introduced into Ireland. When the Normans came to England in 1066 they found there before them a system of local government based on shires or counties. The shire was sub-divided into hundreds and each hundred had its own court which met at regular intervals. At local level the king was represented by the Sheriff, or shire-reeve, an official who presided at the shire court. The normans naturally brought this system with them to Ireland. While the original grants of land to the invaders were based on the extent of Irish tribal territories, the new shires, or counties, usually followed the lines of the new divisions that developed as the settlement proceeded. The lordship of Leinster, originally Strongbow's grant, had been sub-divided into the shires of Kildare, Carlow, Kilkenny and Wexford by the time it was divided between the Marshall heiresses in 1247- As there were five sisters and four counties the split could not be simply a county apiece, and so a fifth share was created from the lands in the modern counties of Leix and Offaly which were then part of the county of Kildare. These lands were not formed into a new county but remained part of County Kildare and were administered by the County Officials. The accompanying map shows the extent of the medieval county of Kildare. The barony of Arklow was then included in the County of Kildare because it was held by the Kildare FitzGerald and it was administratively more convenient to include it with their other holdings.

The first Earl did not survive long to enjoy his newly acquired dignity and was succeeded by his son Thomas in September of 1316. He died at Maynooth and was buried in the Grey Abbey at Kildare. Thomas, the second earl, became sheriff of Kildare in 1317. He married in 1312 Joan, daughter of the famous 'Red Earl' of Ulster, Richard de Burgo. Joan's sister Ellen, or Elizabeth, married King Robert Bruce of Scotland, and her sister Margaret was the wife of Thomas' cousin Maurice FitzThomas Fitzgerald, who became the first earl of Desmond in 1329. The second Earl of Kildare died at Maynooth in 1328 and he too was buried in the Grey Abbey at Kildare. Lady Joan married for the second time at Maynooth the following year and her husband, Sir John Darcy, was granted by King Edward 111, in his capacity as guardian to the heir who was a minor, the lands of Kildare, Maynooth, Crom, Adare, and Estgrene during the minority of the fourth earl. The third Earl, who succeeded in 1328, died the following year at the age of twelve and was buried with his father. His brother Maurice then became the fourth earl. The marquis of Kildare says that he was 'a person of great piety', and a benefactor of the Priory of St. Wolstans. When he died in 1390 he was buried in Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin.

The fifth Earl, Gerald, succeeded in 1390. There is a certain confusion about the succession to the earldom at this stage. The marquis of Kildare says that Gerald's son John succeeded as sixth earl at his father's death in 1410, and was succeeded in his turn by his only son Thomas as seventh earl in 1427. Professor Otway-Ruthven finds some obscurity as to the succession at this period Elizabeth, daughter of the fourth earl, had married the fourth earl of Ormond and it seems that the Kildare lands passed to Ormond by his wife's right. Thomas, the seventh earl whom she identifies as the grand-nephew, not grandson, of the fifth earl, was recognised as earl in 1456 and later recovered all the Kildare inheritance. It seems then that John, the sixth earl, may not have been officially recognised as such, but the marquis of Kildare tells us that he 'strengthened and enlarged the Castles of Maynooth and Kildea'. Maynooth by this time had



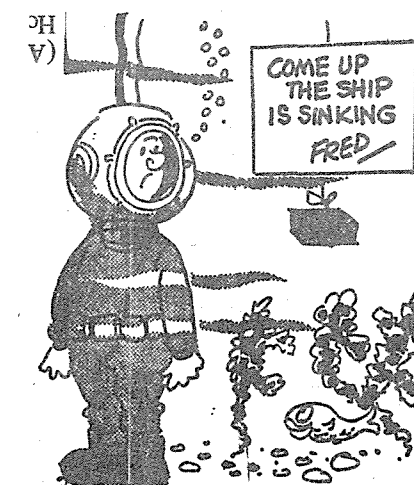
Boundary of County Kildare in 1300
superimposed on the modern county boundaries.

— boundary of the medieval county of
Kildare.

--- modern county boundaries

Note that the barony of Arklow is part of
Kildare.

From a map in J. Otway, Ruthven.
A History of Medieval Ireland.



been the chief seat of the earls of Kildare for more than one hundred years and was known as 'one of the largest and richest Earl's houses in Ireland'

During the fourteenth century the Kildare FitzGerald, with their cousins the earls of Desmond and the Butlers, earls of Ormond, emerged as the most powerful of all the great Anglo-Irish families. By this time the Gaelic Irish were fighting back strongly against English advances, and were pushing back the boundaries of English influence. At the same time the great Anglo-Irish families, including the Geraldines and particularly the Desmond branch, were becoming Gaelicised and 'more Irish than the Irish themselves'. The English kings had problems at home and ambitions on the continent that prevented them from concentrating their full force on Ireland. From 1338 to 1453 England was involved in the Hundred Years War with France, and almost immediately after that had ended the struggle began between the houses of York and Lancaster for the throne of England. In these circumstances the tendency was to leave the government of Ireland to one of the great Anglo-Irish lords who, because of his close relationship with the Gaelic Irish, could maintain relative peace and law and order with much less expenditure of men and money than could the English King. With the exception of the Butlers of Ormond, most of Ireland supported the Yorkists in the English struggle. When the Yorkist Edward IV came to power in 1461 he made the earl of Desmond chief governor in Ireland. Then both the earl of Desmond and his cousin of Kildare were accused of treason by their enemies because of their relations with the Gaelic Irish. Desmond was replaced as chief governor by an Englishman Sir Hohn Tiptoft, and then was arrested by him and executed for treason in 1468. Kildare escaped, crossed to England and pleaded his case successfully with the King. With a rebellion in Ireland because of the treatment of Desmond, Tiptoft was recalled, and, since the Butlers were on the wrong side and the house of Desmond alienated, a long period of Kildare predominance began. The seventh earl became chief governor in 1471. His Son, Gerald the eighth earl, known as Garret Mor or the Great Earl, who succeeded in 1477, is probably the best known and most colourful of all the Kildares and needs an article to himself.

MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE NEWS

In July seventy nine senior citizens and helpers had their annual outing. Two coaches took them for a drive around Blessington lakes. High Tea was served in Ardenode Hotel with a social afterwards. A wonderful day was had by all.

Mrs. Cahill received a small gift as she was celebrating her birthday

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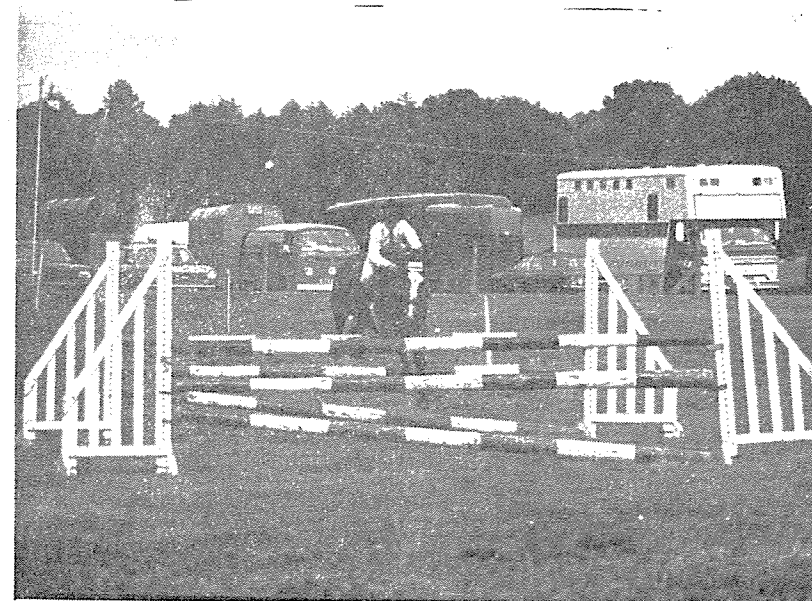
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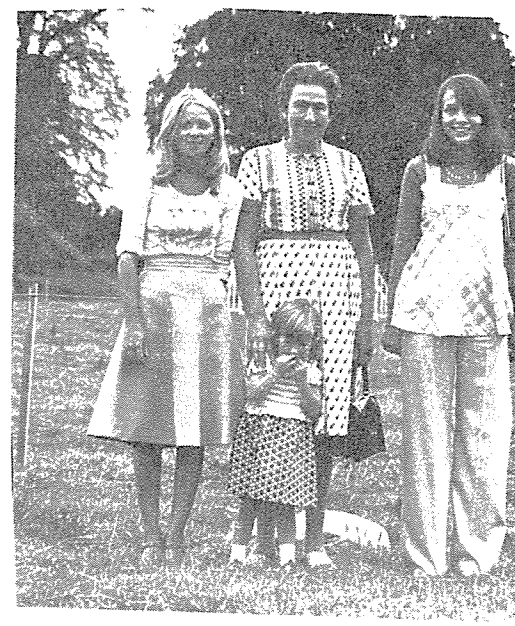
OFF ON SUMMER HOLIDAYS



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Community Council News

The Monthly Meeting of the Council was postponed until 23rd August as many of the Council members would have been on holidays earlier and all returned full of virour and ready for the fray.

The meeting was first addressed by Rev. Fr. Tyrrell, who is anxious to organise a lively programme for the youth of the parish, commencing with the re-opening of the schools. Already he is endeavouring to organise football basketball, table tennis and, if possible, volley ball. As time goes on he intends to try and organise other branches such as drama, debating, etc. etc. In short, he will try and cater, within reason, for all tastes.

All this work cannot be carried out without co-operation from the towns-people and all those prepared to help in any way whatsoever are asked to attend a meeting in the Parish Hall on 16th September at 8 p.m. This appeal is directed in particular to younger people in the early twenties who can give invaluable help in coaching and organising games. If you are prepared to give a small or large amount of time to organising youth, you have something to contribute and should attend the meeting.

The serious pollution of the local rivers was discussed again, the present drought has shown this up. The rivers are now nothing more or less than open sewers. This is a matter that will require very serious attention and the Council is taking up the matter with Local Authorities. In the meantime, those who are causing the pollution are asked to try and abate the nuisance as far as possible, voluntarily.

The meeting further discussed a series of lectures, etc. to be organised by Fr. Carey, St. Patrick's College on matters of interest to the Community. This is the commencement of a full Community Programme and which will be of immense benefit to the town generally. Particulars of the preliminary programme are given elsewhere in this issue.

Very Rev. Fr. O' Higgins also discussed with the Meeting the proposed Cycle Ride for 1976. It is proposed to cover a new route this year which briefly will be - Maynooth to Moyglare, Rodanstown, Larch Hill, Kiltale, Dunsaney, Hill of Tara back to Dalgan Park College (where it is hoped to have some refreshments) returning home by Bective, Laracor, Summerhill, Garadice, Larchill, Moyglare, Maynooth. This should be a most interesting run and is somewhat shorter than last year's route. Entry and Sponsorship cards will be available in about a week. Watch out for posters and further particulars in the shops.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday, the 14th September.

Material for the next issue of the Newsletter should be handed in on or before 20th September.



KEEP LITTER OFF THE STREET

CIVIL DEFENCE NOTES: MAYNOOTH CASUALTY UNIT

Casualty Unit: Two of our Unit Members were on duty at the Garden Party in Carton House, this month.

A new series of First Aid Lectures will commence on Wed. 22nd Sept., in the I.C.A. Hall. The Harbour, Maynooth. Lecture starts at 8 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME.

RAFFLE RESULTS MAYNOOTH DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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- (3) Bottle of Sherry - 'We Three'
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL — ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

(organised in co-operation with the
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College, Maynooth).

1. - Course on Child Development

This series of lectures will help
parents understand how their children
grow & develop & examine parent
child relationships. Guide line will
emerge.

Lecturer: Dr. John Cullen.

Length of Course: 6 sessions

Venue: St. Patrick's College, Maynooth

Fee: £2 per participant.

2. - You, Religion & Your Child.

These Lectures will explain the new
method of teaching religion which
become operative in our Schools in
September, and will also help parents
engage in religious dialogue with
their children.

Lecturer: Sr. Nora Connolly, St.
Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Length of Course: 6 sessions.

Venue: St. Patrick's College, Maynooth

Date: The course will be held on
Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. late October
Fee: £2 per participant.

3. - Youth Leadership Seminar.

This seminar will be directed to young
people in Maynooth over 15 years of age.
Will be held on weekends, Friday
night to Sunday evening. It will help
the youth themselves - to draw up a
specific plan of action as to what
resources are needed for effective
leadership in a Christian Community
such as Maynooth.

Lecturer: A team of experts & youth
leaders.

Length of Seminar: A weekend, i.e.
from Friday evening to Sunday evening.

Date: End of November.

Fee: 50p per participant.

Venue: Local Vocational School.

(N.B. A more detailed programme will
be prepared in co-operation with the
youth, parents and adult leaders of the
Community.

4. - Community Forum & Action Programme.

This programme will comprise a
series of forum & actions where
members of the local community, groups,
associations, etc. will try & discover
needs, interests & community re-
sources in Maynooth, and implement
a plan for future action.

Lecturer: The Staff of the Adult
Education Section, St. Patrick's
College, Maynooth.

Venue: St. Patrick's College, Maynooth

Date: The forum will be held on
Thursday nights late October at 8 p.m.

Fee: £2 per participant-

USEFUL LINES

The following local telephone
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Garda Siochana, Maynooth — 286234

Garda Siochana, Naas — 7333

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enough to qualify them for University
Scholarships & to the others who
are setting their sights on 3rd level
educational institutes and careers.
As this is the first group to come
through the school from first year to
Leaving Cert we have a special
fondness for them & to one and all wish
them every success in whatever career
they may seek.

I think it appropriate also that the
parents of these students deserve to
be congratulated. It is they who had
the courage in the first place to support
the School in the belief that their sons/
daughters would be successful. On
occasions the school has been criticised
for one reason or another, we hope that
our examination results this year
especially and in the past disprove the
notion that we cannot cater for the more
academically inclined student. In fact
we would lay claim to the contrary. We
believe that by giving students a bal-
anced education practical and academic
it gives the student the opportunity to
develop all his abilities. One of the
biggest boasts of the Vocational School
system is that it takes all students
regardless of class, creed or ability,
yet however admirable this ideal may
be some find it off-putting and prefer
to support schools elsewhere outside
Maynooth, schools which excludes
undesireables i.e. those who through
their own fault or that of others occupy
the lower rung of the social and
intellectual ladder. Would it be a fair
question to ask what would happen
Maynooth if its inhabitants did not sup-
port local business houses, clubs etc.? It
would shortly become a 'dormitory'
town in every sense of the word. It is
indeed encouraging to know that the
school has grown and goes from
strength to strength and with the con-
tinuance of this support then the
School and Maynooth have a great
future.

T. ASHE Principal.

DRIVERS MAKE MAYNOOTH A SAFER PLACE TO DRIVE

GREENFIELD (OLD) RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General meeting of the Association was held in the Geraldine Hall on July 20th, it was gratifying to note, the attendance was larger than usual. The competition for places on the incoming Committee for 1976/77 was very strong and eventually comprised the following:

Chair - M. Gleeson: Secretary - L. Murphy: Treasurer - B. Boyd, also Mrs. P. Leavy, K. Boyd and N. Bright.

With the holiday period drawing to a close, the new Committee will be getting down to 'brass tacks' and look forward to the support of all residents during the coming months.

Tribute was paid to the excellent work of outgoing Committee members, B. O'Rourke and Mrs. S. Moran during the past year.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: The Community Council asked the Association to appoint a representative for the Association for co-option to the Community Council and Leo McGlynn was elected to the post.

COMINGS & GOINGS: A hearty welcome to the Mooney & Blount families who have recently taken up residence in the Estate and a kind farewell to come who have left to live elsewhere.

STORKING UP: This bird seems to have been overworked here recently having brought to :- Mr. & Mrs. M. Troy - a son; Mr. & Mrs. G. O'Keeffe - a son. Mr. & Mrs. M. Burchall - a daughter; Mr. & Mrs. J. Ahearne - a daughter & Mr. & Mrs. M. Thompson twin daughters. There is a noticeable increase in the number of worried faces around since it appears that the stork considers it pointless to bring one at a time any more.

SAVING SCHEME: This is, of course, still in existence, in fact stronger than ever. Members not yet enrolled may simply join by notifying any Committee member of their intention.

ANNUAL OUTING: A most successful day at Bettystown on July 11th. despite a mist which prevented the sun from peeping through and which earned a few harsh words.

CHILDREN SPORTS: Due to various factors this has been delayed but it will take place at a later date, to be fixed in the next few weeks.

Congratulations to:- John & Rita Thompson, Greenfield, a daughter Rita Catherine.



MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

The Long Hot Summer, has left The Maynooth Swimming Club, in a state of Financial embarrassment. All our Swimmers deserted us. As there is no Sea near Maynooth, we can only assume they took to the Canals, Rivers, and Lakes. The last two Buses to Naas, ran at a loss of £21, and even the old reliable St. Raphael's Bus, only carried 14 showing a loss of £8.50 this later was the greatest disappointment of all as we have such a Long List or St. Raphael's and so many Mothers anxious to get their Children taught to Swim.

What does a Club Committee of four do in the face of such apathy, fold up, or start again. Believing there is still a need for a Swimming Club in Maynooth, we decided to start again. St. Raphael's will re-open on Friday September 3rd., but only on the conditions stated in the August Newsletter. Priority will be given to old members, but no member, no matter how old, will be allowed into the pool unless the Fee for 13 weeks £3.90 is paid in advance. The Bus Fare will be 10p. The Bus will leave the square at 4.30. Parents do not send your child without the required Fee. It is your fault we have to take these steps, as despite many appeals you failed to notify us, if your child could not come.

NAAS POOL: Peter who is in charge of the Naas Pool informs us that there is no possibility of getting back there, as both of our hours had been snatched up, and they have a long list of Groups on the waiting list. Well 'The Swimmers on the Ditch' cannot blame the Committee for that. We offered wonderful value, the Best Instructor in the County, Life Guard, Pool attendant, Insurance, and Bus Fare all for 50p. Less than the return Fare to Dublin, but you did not support us.

WATER SAFETY: Will commence again on Saturday September 4th, and it is hoped to have week of intensive training mid September to make up for the weeks when the Pool was closed for repairs.

Membership cards will be issued shortly. Fee £1 per family per year.

GYMKHANA

As is well known, the Gymkhana and Field Day at Carton last month were most successful both financially and otherwise. To date the final figures are not available. The Development Association wish to return their sincere thanks to all those who assisted in stewarding, catering, etc. etc. and without whose assistance the events could not have taken place. The various results of the Gymkhana were as follows:

Event 1. - 1st Val Larkin, Castletown, Rathmolyon, Co. Meath riding 'Come Dancing'
2nd - Noel Casey, Kilpeddar, Glen O' Downs, Co. Wicklow riding 'Toddler'
3rd - David Larkin, Castletown, Rathmolyon, Co. Meath riding 'Pop Corn'

Event 2. - 1st Mrs. Taggart, 16 Nugent Road, Rathfarnham riding 'Zamota'
2nd (Shared by) - Mrs. Carroll, Sliabh Thul, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin riding 'Batman'
& Peter Dargan, Bollivar, Co. Meath riding 'Maverick'
Eamon Raggert, 16 Nugent Road, Rathfarnham riding 'Cooley Lad'
Owen Carty, Fonthill House, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin
M/s Broderick, on 'Beleek Boy'
Mr. J. Sheedy on 'Hale Park'
Mrs. Brockleback on 'Zulliver'
W. Heatley, Hill View, Wicklow.
E. J. King, Mullingar on 'Kingly'
P. J. Whelan.
David Brockley, Conquer House, Coolrain, Portlaoise.
Mrs. Doyle Panchestown House, Rathmore, Naas, on 'Dawn'

Event 3. - Mrs. Carroll, Sliabh Thul,, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin riding 'Batman'
2nd - Michael Tuite, Sunnyside House, Drogheda, Co. Louth.
3rd. Mrs. Taggart, 16 Nugent Road, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin 'Zamota'

Event 4. - 1st. W. Keatley, Hillview, Co. Wicklow 'Sandyman Rusty'
2nd. - Frank McGarry, Sligo Square, Centre, Sligo. 'Curragh Hill'
3rd - Mrs. E. Daly, 54 Woodpark, Castleknock, Co. Dublin. 'Ginger J'

Event 5 - 1st. Mark Clinton, Ashling, Peamount, Clondalkin. 'Gold Cliff'
2nd- Mrs. K. Robinson, c/o J. Merigan, 25, The Rise, Malahide 'Beaver'
3rd - Miss Byrne, c/o Kelletts, Mespín Hall, Kill, Co. Kildare. 'Greymoon'
Event 6 - Equal 1st-2nd-3rd.
Mr. J. Sugars, c/o Paul Darragh, Mespín Hall, Kill 'Eliza'
Mr. J. Whyte, c/o Paul Darragh, Mespín Hall, Kill. 'See Finn'
Mr. John McAuley, Abbeyville, Kinsealt, Co. Dublin. 'Request'
Event 7. - Div. 1st. & 2nd.
Ned Cash, Clane. 'Ballinderry'
Owen Carty, Fonthill House, 'Eurocrat'
Div. 3rd & 4th.
Iris Kellett, Mespín Hall, Kill. 'Didgery Do'
J. White c/o Fergal Kavanagh, 'Warrior'

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G.A.A. NOTES

Our Junior Footballers had a good win in the semi-final of this year's championship, by beating Nurney by 12pts. to 3pts. on Sunday 22nd. Best for Maynooth were F. Moore, W. Moore, P. Mulhern, B. Mulhern, C. Feeney. This puts us in the Final for the second year running, and we hope to be successful this year. Why not come along and give us your support. In Final we will play either Athy, or Clane. Prov. fixed for 19th Sept.

Our Hurlers are through to the Semi-final of the Hurling Championship, which will be played before this Newsletter comes out. We play Sallins in Ardclough.

We like to thank all who supported our field day.

BALLET CLASSES
Re-open Tuesday 28th September in The Parish Hall, Maynooth at 3.45 for Children (all ages)
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STRAFFAN FIELD DAY

The field day at Straffan was most successful. The organising Committee comprised two representatives from each organisation and proved to be a really fine community effort.

The following are the results of some of the events:

Five Mile Road Race - 1 - John McGarr, Naas. - 2 - D. Connolly & 3 - Maurice Salmon.

Horseshoe Throwing - 1 - John Richardson. 2 - T. Murphy.

Weight Guessing - 1 - P. Norris. 2 - Paddy Winders.

Weight of Cake - John McGarr, Naas.

Baby Show - under 3 - Ian Butterfield 2 - Karen Corscadden.

under 1 - Helen Purcell. 2nd.

Eugene Nolan 1st.

P. McTiernan 3rd.

Fancy Dress -

1 - Carmel Kane.

2 - Christy Kane

3rd - Sandra Byrne.

Tug-o-war - St. Brigid's Terrace Team

Darts - 1 - Tommy Sinnot, Rathcoffey & B. Squires.

Mile Race - 1 - J. Cooney. 2 - R. Kiernan. 3 - D. Foley

Men's Race (under 35) - 1 - L. McNamee 2 - J. Johnston. 3 - S. Walsh.

Grannies Race - 1 Mrs. K. Byrne. 2 - Mrs. R. Foley.

Grandpa's Race - 1 W. Byrne. 2. J. Walsh.

GOLF: 1 - Tony Donovan, Straffan. 2 M. Farrell. 3 - B. Noland.

The organising committee were :
Chair - Liam Rowley: Secretary - Patricia Kearney: Treasurer - Richard Kearney also May Donovan, Mrs. C. Doran. Mrs. B. Morris. Mrs. M. Sammon. Mrs. I. Purcell. Pat Walsh, Tom Donovan, Tom Burke & Alan Lawless.

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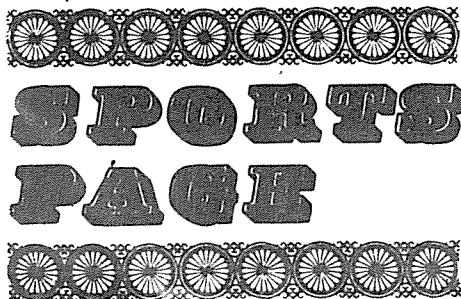
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MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

FOOTBALL FEAT

Maynooth had marvellous wins in football & hurling recently when on one weekend, they won the following:- in GAELIC GAMES, The Junior Hurling Semi-Final; The Junior Football Final in Cappagh Tournament and, in SOCCER The under 12, under 14, under 16 won their matches as well as the Junior 1 and Junior 11 teams.

This truly must be unique for any small town. Keep it up Maynooth.

MAYNOOTH UNDER-10 G.A.A. REPORT

Maynooth under-10 G.A.A. team won their division of the County League before the Dummer holidays, beating Carbury in fine style in the final in Clane.

Other teams accounted for on the way to the final were, Ballymanny, Leixlip, Narragmore and Kilcock. The Team captained by Gary Power, thanks parents and supporters for all their help.

(Under-10 team photo on picture page - as follows:-

Back row - L. to R.-
H. O'Donnell, J. Rochford
B. Travers, B. Boyd, S. Mahon
D. Casey, C. Power, P. Fallon
K. Barrett.
Front - L. to R.- D.
McAuliff, N. Dempsey, D.
Reilly, J. Power, J. Thompson
J. Farrelly, G. Power (Cap.)
T. Bean, D. Grant, J.
O'Donnell.

SOCCER NOTES

MAYNOOTH TOWN created their own piece of history on last weekend when for the first time they had Five Teams playing, under 12, Under 14, under 16, Div. 1 & Div. 11 Leinster Junior Leagues. To mark the occasion all five teams won.

CO. COUNCIL FINED

For the second time in a week, the County Council was fined at Kilcock Court, for causing river pollution by the discharge of sewerage into the Lyreen River (flowing through the town). The Council's solicitor pleaded that a total of £600,000, is being spent at present to provide suitable regional treatment works but is not yet available for connection.

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GRAPEVINE

A monthly and sometimes satirical review of local news, gossip, general chat and perhaps occasionally unbelievable rubbish.

We see in some National Newspapers that C.I.E. are going to close Maynooth Railway Station.

They needn't have bothered, As far as we are concerned it has been closed for years.

Perhaps they didn't know ?

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Our congratulations to the person(s) responsible for the restoration of the Church Wall. This is the second time in the recent past that the wall has been restored and a fine job of work it is too.

Let us hope that it will stay up a little bit longer this time.

If anyone sees a stray cyclist on the morning of October 3rd will they please point him/her in the right direction.

Don't forget sponsorship will be accepted up to and on that morning at the Parish Hall. Go along to see them off and give a few bob. After all the Community Sports Field is a very worthy cause.

Last year some foreign? riders took part (remember the goes-under-like helmet) so perhaps this year some more colourful characters will be competing for the costume prize.

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A heartfelt welcome is offered to the students who are returning to the College this month. We wish them all success during the coming year.

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** Make Maynooth a Tidy Town **

Editorial

Perhaps it was just a fit of the blues, or perhaps the recent item in the Newspapers to the effect that County Council had been fined for polluting a river, that put us to surveying the town and surroundings.

The river speaks for itself, indeed it shouts aloud to the high heavens that it is now little more than an open sewer and we do not refer entirely to the portion below the sewerage works, we refer as well to the pollution before the river enters the Town or as it passes through. We wonder who is responsible for seeing that pollution of this nature is stopped. Is it not a matter for the Medical Officer of Health or is he compromised in the matter by the position of the Council itself as a polluter? Perhaps the Water Conservators might help here also.

The problem of dumping is also with us all over the place, both in and adjacent to the town. Perhaps some of the most used dumping spots are where the County Council have put up 'no dumping' and 'no camping' notices. Is it not ludicrous to waste money on these notices if nothing is going to be done to prevent or discourage dumping or camping for that matter? Again, is it not a health hazard to have people living in these conditions right within the town and beside the schools?

Litter, now that's another problem but we can hardly throw that back at the Council. It's our problem and we ourselves only can solve it. Improperly covered bins contribute considerably to this and it is extraordinary how much a crow can throw around the place when delving through the contents of a bin. Dogs and cats also prove a problem but birds are worst. Covered litter bins in the streets would, we suppose help, but the greatest help of all is to educate ourselves and our children to use the litter bins that are there already and not to throw litter on the streets.

There is no doubt but these matters will have to be faced squarely if Maynooth is not to become just a glorified dump. It will have to be tackled by ourselves and by the Co. Council jointly. What better way for us to take on the problem than by starting and supporting wholeheartedly a Tidy Towns Committee, not necessarily with the intention of winning a prize in the Competition but with a view to cleaning up and perhaps beautifying our own Town. If we do our part we can then demand that the Council do theirs and, to give them their due, they usually do respond in such matters when asked.

We would, however, point out that our local councillors are not the watch-dogs that we would like and do not seem to be aware of the problems of the town. We would like to see such questions asked as - Who in the Council is responsible for allowing the sewers to be overloaded and what action is taken against responsible? Why is the Health Department taking no steps to eliminate the hazard to health such as itinerant camps, dumping, etc. and to find out who is actually responsible for this state of affairs?

We would also like to see our public representatives take a little more active interest in the Town

We can, in fact see a mass refusal to vote for our existing representatives again at forthcoming local elections unless we get some more positive action from them in the very near future. In short, we would like to see our representatives seen to represent us. We would in fact, like to see public matters being made public.

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- 6 - Photography
- 7 - Woodwork

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MAYNOOTH VISTA

by Newcomer.

When I first put the heading Maynooth Vista to my little monthly piece I thought it appropriate but as I continue my contribution to the Newsletter I seem to have strayed so far from the original concept of what such a column should be that it might be more fitting to change the title to 'The Meanderings of a Bemused Barbarian.' And I mean barbarian in its historical sense of being a foreigner - one differing in language and customs from the natives of the country where he dwells.

All last month we had the politicians and the press working themselves into a frenzy about the national emergency when we have had national emergencies in this country for years and nobody took any notice of them. Why worry about emergency legislation when nobody in Ireland ever conforms to the law and nobody ever enforces it.

On Tuesday last I walked across O'Connell Bridge, in the fair city of Dublin. At each end stood a policeman directing traffic and opposite each on the pavement sat a well dressed healthy child of approximately ten years of age with a cardboard box in which rested a ten penny piece as an indication of the purpose for which the box was intended. Did the policemen take any notice of the children or the children take any notice of the policemen? Not on your nanny! We must be the only country west of Asia Minor (God be with the days!) where professional beggars are trained from birth and where Fagan's school for thieves flourishes within the sacred confines of our laws - emergency or otherwise.

Them's strong words, brother, and may even be subversive. If that be the case the editor and I may be sharing a cell in Mountjoy and my argument about non-enforcement of law will have gone for a burton. We can, however, during our period of incarceration beguile the hours remembering the traffic driving along the footwalks in Maynooth, the thistles growing shoulder high in the new estates and the trucks we drove

behind from Dublin to the home town which emitted such clouds of pollution that you risked death to drive nearer behind than thirty yards and increased the risk a thousandfold if you tried to pass them out while they continued to hold the crown of the road oblivious of or uncaring for the mere motorists who follow behind.

I know! I'm beefing again despite all my good resolutions but it's hard for the leopard to change his spots. However, let me assure my readers that when not on paper I am a very mild unaggressive (is there such a word? Or should it be non-aggressive?) man.

To finish I have an apology to make. Last month I accused public bodies in this country of being immoral. I was wrong. They are not immoral - just amoral.

While I'm looking up 'Unaggressive' hunt up one of the children's dictionaries and note the subtle difference between 'im' and 'a' when applied to 'MORAL'

And now I'm off to pick blackberries!

DRIVERS --
MAKE MAYNOOTH
A SAFER PLACE

A BRING & BUY SALE

Was held at the Playground, Maynooth on Saturday 28th August '76 at 3 o'clock. This venture was undertaken by the children from Maynooth to help further the work being carried out by Maynooth Development Association and to show appreciation to all those concerned for providing us with this amenity. The following children were responsible for the sale:- Mary & Danny Casey, Cluain Aoibhin, Declan Murphy, Leinst Park, Miriam Higgins & Geraldine O' Connor, Greenfield, Brian Boyd, The Green, Seamus Kelly, Leinster Cottages, Patricia Dempsey & Mary O'Riordan, Old Greenfield, Carol, Enda & Sinead Dunne, Newtown, Caroline Power, Greenfield Drive & Helena Lynch, Maynooth Park, David Leslie & Damien Grant, Laurences Avenue. Not forgetting to thank sincerely the parents of these children, those people who gave so generously to the children and supported the Sale, also members of Development who helped in every way. The children asked the Association to accept the sum of £120.31½p being the days takings.

The Committee of the Development Association wish to thank very sincerely these public spirited children who made such a fine effort to help to better the amenities of the town. Public spirit like this should not go un-noticed.



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October Programme

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Mon. 4th - 2 Days - Adult Double
Bill - 'Sixteen' also
'Take This My Body'

Fri. 8th - Agatha's Christies,
'Then there were None'
also 'Gulls Across the Veld'

Sat. 9th - 'Moses'

Sun. 10th - Clint Eastwood - 'Two
Mules for Sister Sara'

Mon. 11th - 2 days 'Farewell my Lovely'
Dean Martin in 'Bandolero'

Wed. 13th - 2 days 'The Great
Gatsby'

Fri. 15th - 2 days 'Clint Eastwood in
'Kelly's Heroes'

Sun. 17th - 'Cat & Mouse'

Mon. 18th - 2 days 'All adult Prog.
'Coffy' also 'Highland
Girls'

Wed. 20th - 3 days. Marty Feldman
'Young Frankenstein'

Sat. 23rd. - 'Homoeroticus' also
Last Italian Tango over 18s

Sun. 24th - 'Prime Cut' also 'Five
Savage Men'

Mon. 25th - 2 days 'Mahogmany'

Fri. 29th - 'A Brilliant Comedy' -
Freeble & The Bean'

Sun. 30th - 'Spy with no Face'

Mon. 31st. - 6 days 'A Film To Touch
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Catherine Flood, Kilcock Road on
her marriage to Padraig O'Dea
Marian Cusack, Main Street, on her
marriage to Seamus Brennan,
Dunboyne.

Recent Happy Events

Angela Kelly, Ladychapel, on her
marriage to Gerard Dalton, Rathcoffey.
Ann Mitchell of Ovidstown, on her
marriage to Niall Fagan, St. Jude's.

Also to Mrs. Maureen Henry (nee Fay)
of Dunboyne (formerly of Parson Street)
on the birth of a daughter.

SIGNALMAN RETIRES.

Good wishes to Gearoid (Gerry)
McTernain on his retirement from
C.I.E. after almost thirty years
service in Maynooth. Gerry has
been with C.I.E. and their pre-
decessors since 1932, when the
railway was the chief means of
transport and going strong, but has
unfortunately witnessed its decline
until the present re-organisation of
the Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock
stations. (Leixlip and Kilcock now
being due for complete closure).

Since he came to the town from his
native Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim,
he has been an active member of
most if not all the sporting organ-
isations in the area and was
associated in particular with Nth.
Kildare Cycling Club and the local
athletic clubs. etc.

His many friends in Maynooth and
elsewhere wish Gerry many happy
years of retirement.

RECENT DEATH.

The recent sudden death of Miss
Kay Byrne, Rail Park (formerly
of Copperalley) came as a pro-
found shock to her many friends.
Kay was very well loved & respect-
ed by the older residents, as she
also was among the newer resid-
ents who had the privilege of
knowing her. Her happy spirit
in face of her handicap was an in-
spiration to all who knew her over
the years.

May the Lord have mercy on her.

ICA News

The September meeting was well
attended, after the Summer recess.
There was no speaker at the Meet-
ing, but excellent reports were
given on the functions which took
place in July and August in the Town.

Eleven members took a mini-bus to
An Grianain College. They were
shown around the house and gardens
followed by afternoon tea. They
ended the day driving to Clougher
Head harbour with supper in Drogheda
before driving home.

The Art Classes on Tuesday
mornings are now held in the I.C.A.
hall. The class had one lovely
sunny morning painting at the Obelisk,
where all seemed to enjoy themselves
forgetting the scrubbing brushes
for the paint brush.

The next meeting will be held on
21st October, as the International
Evening (Denmark) is on the 7th
October and the Federation Meeting
at Kilkee Castle, Castledermot, on
14th October.

The competition for the best pot
of gooseberry jam was won by
Mrs. Desmond and Mrs. Reid.

Next month's competition will be
'a pin cushion - handmade'

The meeting concluded with the
raffle, won by Mrs. Deane,
followed by tea.

GREENFIELD (OLD) RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

This month we say Bon Voyage to
Fr. John Nevin, who is returning
to Rawlpindi (East Pakistan) to
continue his Mission Work there.
We wish him every success in His
Work, & God's Blessing on Him and
His Fellow Missionaries.

Recently. Joe was competing against
International Competitors

Congratulations:- To Mr & Mrs
Christopher Flynn, Moyglare Stud,
on the birth of a Son, to Mr. & Mrs.
P. McManus, Grangewilliam Stud,
on the birth of a Daughter, to Mr. & Mrs.
B. Clynch, Grangewilliam Stud, on
the birth of a Daughter.

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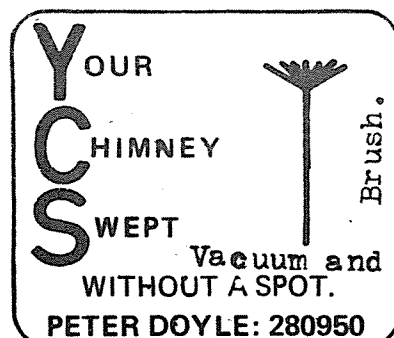
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CIVIL DEFENCE NOTES:

Working quietly and efficiently and receiving very little publicity, the Civil Defence Warden Service study and prepare for any catastrophe that may strike the country whether it be act of war or act of God. Very few are conversant with its work. During the coming month it is hoped to have a nation wide exercise to test its efficiency through national, regional, county and local levels. All services and ancillary services including Irish Lights, R.T.E. etc. will be involved.

CASUALTY UNIT: First Aid classes commenced on Wednesday 22nd September. These will continue for the next 8-9 weeks. All are welcome to attend at the I C A. Hall each Wednesday at 8.30 p.m.

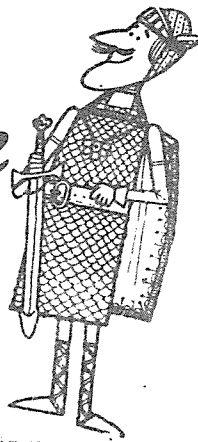
Members of the Unit will be in attendance at the Sponsored Cycle Ride on 3rd October.



Maynooth Castle

A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen



Garret Mor, the Great Earl of Kildare, lived from 1456 to 1513. This was a period when the kings of England ruled Ireland, in so far as they can be said to have ruled it at all, through the agency of a great Anglo-Irish Lord acting as the deputy of a nominal lord lieutenant of royal blood. With a few interruptions Garret Mor was acting governor of Ireland from 1478 to his death in 1513. He was of Fitzgerald stock on both sides. His mother was Joan, daughter of James, the executed seventh earl of Desmond, and his father was Thomas, seventh earl of Kildare. Garret was most probably born at his father's chief castle of Maynooth, and grew up there with his two sisters and three brothers. The Great Earl first took office as governor of Ireland during the reign of the Yorkist king Edward IV, and the Kildares, with most of the lords of Ireland, continued to support the house of York throughout its struggle with the rival house of Lancaster for the throne of England. So indispensable did his services in keeping Ireland relatively peaceful and trouble free appear to both rival English houses, that his governorship of Ireland survived not only the downfall of the Yorkists but even his own active involvement in an attempted coup to restore them. In 1485 the Lancastrian Henry Tudor defeated the Yorkist Richard III at the battle of Bosworth and became king as Henry VII. In 1487 a pretender, Lambert Simnel, who claimed to be a nephew of Edward IV, was crowned in Dublin as Edward VI with Kildare's support. An invasion of England to place the claimant on the throne followed and Thomas, brother of the Great Earl, fought and died on his side at the battle of Stoke where Simnel was defeated and taken prisoner. A few years later yet another pretender claiming to be a Yorkist heir appeared at Cork. Again Kildare plotted to help make him king of England though on this occasion he did not go to the length of rebellion.

At this stage the Tudor King Henry VII, not surprisingly, experimented with removing Kildare from power in Ireland. In his place he sent over an Englishman, Sir Edward Poynings in 1494. Poynings held a famous parliament at Drogheda which passed an act limiting the power of Irish parliaments. It also outlawed the war-cries of the Fitzgeralds and the Butlers, and attainted the Great Earl, that is it passed an act declaring him a traitor. He was arrested, sent to England, and lodged in the tower of London. During his long detention in England his wife, Alison Eustace, died of grief in November 1494. From the Tower, Garret Mor, was brought before the king and his Council and accused of many offences by enemies and rivals from Ireland. In an article in the Journal of the County Kildare Archaeological Society for 1896, Lord Walter Fitzgerald, using contemporary accounts, recounts what happened:

'The Bishop of Meath commenced by accusing the Earl of sundry offences, and amongst others of forcing him from the sanctuary. The Earl answered that he was not sufficiently able to defend himself, as the Bishop was a learned man, and so was not he, and thus he might be able to get the better of him in an argument. Thereupon the King advised the Earl to select a counsellor, and any one he choose he would surely get. The Earl replied he doubted he would get the good fellow he would select. 'By my troth, thou shalt,' said the King. 'Give me your hand on it' said the Earl. 'Here is my hand,' said the King, 'choose well, for thou art badly in need of a good one.' 'I will choose the best in England,' said the Earl. 'And who is that?' asked the King.

'Marry! the King himself,' replied the Earl, 'and by St. Bride I will choose none other.' At this the King laughed, and turning to the Council remarked, 'A wiser man might have chosen worse.'

'After finishing with the Bishop of Meath's complaints, the Bishop of Cashel eventually came forward and accused the Earl of having burnt his cathedral on the Rock of Cashel, and at the same time produced numerous witnesses to prove the fact. But contrary to their expectations, the Earl not only confessed it, but added: 'By St. Bride! I never would have done it but I thought the Bishop was inside.' This being said in front of the bishop himself made the King laugh heartily, and he was so impressed with the bluntness and frankness of the Earl, that on the Bishop of Meath irritably exclaiming: 'Your Majesty must see all Ireland cannot rule this man,' the King at once replied: 'Then he shall rule all Ireland.'

'And thus the Earl was restored to his honours and estates, and appointed Lord Deputy by letters patent, dated 6th August, 1496'.

Not only this but he returned to Ireland with a new wife, Elizabeth St. John, who was a cousin of the king. After this restoration to the post of deputy Garret Mor ruled Ireland until his death in 1513. He could still use parliament in his own interests as long as he had Henry's approval. He held control over appointments to most of the great offices, in church and state, control over the way in which revenue was spent, and command of the royal forces in Ireland, and of the royal artillery. Apart from all this he exercised great power in his own right as earl of Kildare and this he built up by judicious alliances. His daughters married into the great Irish and Anglo-Irish families of O'Donnell, O'Carroll, MacCarthy Reagh, Butler and Burke. He was recognised as virtually the 'uncrowned king' of Ireland and historians have speculated as to his chances of success if he had launched an all-out campaign to repudiate the authority of the kings of England and set himself up as king of Ireland. This however he never attempted to do and was satisfied to rule Ireland in the interests of his family and allies, using to the full all the resources available to him as deputy of the king, and representing his actions to the king as being in the interest and defence of royal power. In this he was so successful that Henry VII created him a Knight of the Garter as a reward for his victory in the battle of Knocktoe, or Cnoc Tuagh, near Galway, in 1504, a battle which was the result of long-standing family feuds in Ireland and where, with the help of Irish and Anglo-Irish forces drawn from all over Ireland, the Great Earl defeated a strong rival in the person of his son-in-law Ulick Burke, Lord of Clanrickard.

Garret Mor died at Kildare in 1513 as the result of wounds received in a skirmish near Kilkea with a party of the O'Mores of Leix. He was buried before the high altar of St. Mary's Chapel in the choir of Christ Church. The chronicler, Richard Stanyhurst has left this description of the Great Earl: he was 'a mightie man of stature, full on honore and courage, who had bin Lord Deputy and Lord Justice of Ireland three-and-thirtie yeares, Kildare was in government mild, to his enemies sterne, He was open and playne, hardky able to rule himself when he was moved; in anger not so sharp as short, being easily displeased and sooner appeased....This olde arle, bring soone hotte, and soone cold, was of the Englishe well beloved; a good Justicier, s uppressor of the rebels, a warrioure incomparable; towards his nobles, that he fansyed not, somewhat headlong and unruly. Notwithstanding hys simplicitie in peace, he was of that valoure and policie in warre, as his name bred a greater terrour to the Irish than other men's armies.'

Donough Bryan, The great earl of Kildare, Dublin, 1933

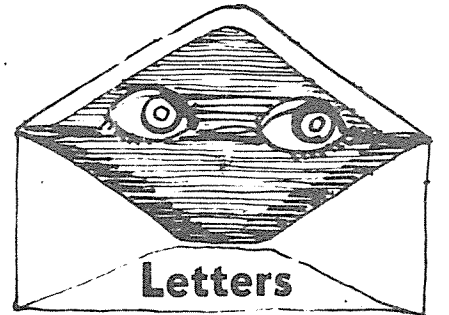
Marquis of Kildare, The earls of Kildare, Dublin, 1864

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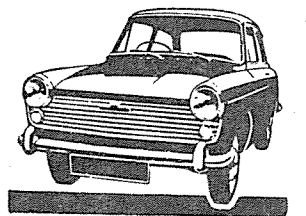


to the Editor

Congratulations on the first anniversary of the new style Newsletter of which the quality has grown steadily, despite difficulties at the outset.

The Community Council has given us a paper that keeps us informed of local affairs and events which the local weekly has neglected to do on many occasions, other than a few items under a general area 'Notes' column. I hope that eventually the Newsletter will be published bi-monthly or perhaps weekly.

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Community Council News

Prior to the Council Meeting, Fr. Tyrrell addressed the Council Members and explained what he has done and intends to do in the Youth Club. He is most anxious to contact mature people who would be prepared to assist in the running of the Club. Assisting does not necessarily mean taking a very active part in the running of the club. People who have some special skill in games, crafts, arts, etc. who would be prepared to give a course to the children are specially in demand.

The club will have its meetings on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7 - 11 p.m. Commencing Sept. 28th. (12 - 14 years) in the first session and (14 - 16 years) in the second. Outdoor games, of course, are at other hours.

Other items discussed at the Meeting proper were:

RELATIONS OF THE COUNCIL WITH THE COUNTY COUNCIL: A general discussion took place on this topic, and it was pointed out that there are many sectors in the area that are not receiving due attention from the County Council and there is not sufficient liaison between the County Council and the Community Council. The Community Council is representative of the people of the town in general, and is elected by them and should therefore be consulted by the County Council on local matters and kept informed of the Council's plans in the area. The Community Council think that it is time that the County Council representatives met members of the Community Council and the Secretary was asked to try and arrange a meeting.

TIDY TOWNS DRIVE: The tidy Towns committee reported that they intend to make a start as soon as is practicable and it is hoped to commence with the plot outside the parish church.

DUMPING: A discussion took place on the considerable amount of dumping of rubbish in many areas of the town and surroundings. Many of the offenders are known and a proposal was put before the Meeting and accepted that 'Tye Community Council will, following any written complaint, received take action against the person who is found to be dumping in the area'

CYCLE RIDE: The Cycle Ride was discussed and arrangements made about stewarding, etc. on the route, on 3rd. October. Mention was also made of the course itself, in particular the portion in and around Tara Hill. As this is somewhat hilly, it is hoped that all those taking part will take a special look at their brakes to see that they are in order.

SOCIAL EVENING: The Social evening to close the Cycle Ride was also discussed and tickets (50p each) are being made available through Council members and through the local shops.

SWANS: Mention was also made of swans being molested and people are asked to watch out for this and to report any cases.

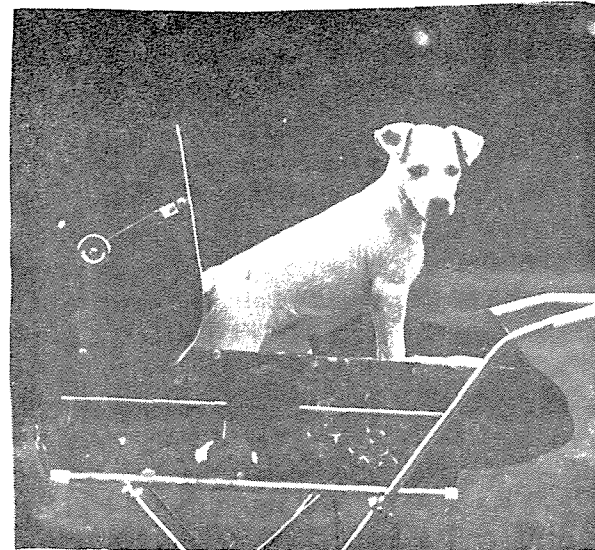
MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

We are glad to announce that we have made a fresh start, our membership for St. Raphael's Pool has now reached its full quota of 35, and we wish to thank the parents for letting us have the 13 weeks pool fee in advance, which placed us in the position of being able to keep our contract with Mrs. Malachi of St. Raphael's, by giving him, the 13 weeks in advance. The 13 weeks is up to and inclusive of 10th December. We once again assure the parents that we have not put up the Fee, just separated the Pool Money from the Bus, the total amount is still 40p per lesson.

Our Instructor started with us officially on Friday 24th, and to him we say 'Cead Mile Failte'. Next week he hopes to bring along a friend as we need more help, our aim being to form the children into groups and to keep all of them busy most of the time. In other words not to waste valuable time in the pool, and yet to teach them to really enjoy water. As our Instructor explains his plan to us, we will in turn give you an idea of how your child spends his or her time in the pool. Now that we are sure of having the same faces each week, we should be able to make progress.

WATER SAFETY: Our little band of Life-Savers consisting of four girls and two boys, are off to Naas, to compete for their Elementary Certificate. Our good wishes to with them and next month we hope to bring you a success story.

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PARISH NOTES

PARISH FINANCES: The annual audit for the year ended 30th June, 1976, was not available when the notes for the September **NEWSLETTER** were being written. The most encouraging feature of the receipts for the year was the increase in the 'Planned Giving' from £7,298 to £9,866. The Bingo takings also went up sharply, from £2,545 to £4,162. But this is not all profit, as a considerable sum is spent on special prizes during the Christmas period. The revenue from the weekly dances in the parish hall fell by almost £2,000, chiefly due to counter-attractions. The future of these weekly dances is somewhat doubtful. However, we are most grateful to the Committee members & helpers who have worked so hard & have raided so much money through the dances since the new hall was built. The same goes for all the other fund-raisers & contributors who have done so well in providing the hall and the new school & the money needed to keep the parish going.

Apart from the local contribution for the Boys' School Extension, our running expenses have not risen as much as might have been feared. This is partly due to the new system of financing the primary schools. The government now pays a grant of £6 per pupil per year, and the parish or local community pays £1.50. Nevertheless the parish expenses continue to exceed the normal sources of revenue, so that we have a large overdraft in our running expenses account.

Having now paid our share of the estimated cost of the School Extension, our total debt is about £11,500. There will be a further £2,500 or so to pay for extras and increased costs on the school building. Then the £11,000 plus for Ladychapel. We have been authorized to borrow £15,000 from the bank, and will have to seek a further loan of about £10,000 to finance the Ladychapel project. This debt, with interest, must be repaid within a

short term of years.

CEMETERY SUNDAY: The devotions at Laraghbryan on 19th September - prayers, hymns, readings and blessing of graves - were very well attended. The people had gone to great trouble in dressing and tending the graves of their dear departed. We are indebted to Mr. William Kiernan for providing sound amplifying equipment for the occasion.

'FORTY HOURS' EXPOSITION: Though not quite as long as its popular title suggests, this Annual period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is a time for each parish to renew its devotion to Our Eucharistic Lord and its faith in His Real Presence. The Exposition in our parish church will be held during the afternoon of Sunday, 10th October, and during most of Monday, 11th October. We earnestly hope that as many people as possible will come to worship Our Lord and to pray to Him during this time, especially people who are free on Monday.

NEW METHODS OF TEACHING RELIGION: A completely new approach to the teaching of religion in Primary Schools, worked out by a team of experts appointed by the Irish Bishops, has already been introduced in the junior classes and will be extended to the remainder next year. As the new system depends very much on the co-operation of the parents and on the linking of home life with school life, all parents are asked to read carefully the notes addressed to them in the children's books and booklets, and to take part as fully as they can in the scheme. Otherwise it cannot really achieve its aim of forming the children, as committed followers of Christ. Parents will hear more about the new programmes at the Parent-Teacher Meetings during the year.

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE: This event should be in full swing when most people are reading the current **NEWSLETTER**. We hope the weather is favourable. The route, covering about 45 miles in County Meath, is through Moyglare, Moynalvey & Dunsany to the Hill of Tara & on by Ballinter Cross to St. Columban's College, Dalgan Park. Here, by courtesy of the Rector, Father Padraig O'Loughlin, our Ladies' Committee are providing a light lunch for the riders, who will then return a different way, passing through Bective and Summerhill. The proceeds will be divided equally between the Ladychapel Re-Roofing Fund and the Community Sports Field Fund. The Social to be held in the Parish Hall on the same night should be very enjoyable.

RE-ROOFING OF LADYCHAPEL: This work should be well under way by the time these notes appear. The contract has been given to P. & W. Construction, Maynooth, who have been well recommended & whose price was very competitive. The contract price is approximately £11,000, but there could be some further expense, depending on the amount of woodworm that shows up in the main timbers. The slates & ceiling must be replaced and the timbers treated against woodworm. This beautiful little out-church of Maynooth parish was dedicated in 1863, having been built with money left by Mr. John Dillon, Steward of Carton Estate, who died in 1839. The church was renovated under the direction of Father John Duff, in 1968-'69. The Fund-Raising Committee of Ladychapel area is working enthusiastically to provide as much of the cost of the re-roofing as possible. As well as the Sponsored Ride, they are running a 300 Club, a Concert on 7th November, & a series of Card Drives. They also hope to have an Inter-County Football Match played in aid of the fund.

APPRECIATION

The Irish Society for Brain-injured Children sent the following letter to Mrs. Satchwell and her lady helpers who assisted the Roller Skating Marathon & Collection in July last:-

Dear Mrs. Satchwell, Mrs. Deane, Doyle, Byrne, Mill Maguire, & Supper Helpers,

Enclosed you will find our report on the Roller Skating Marathon which undoubtedly proved a tremendous success.

At the time of writing the fund totalled over £4,000.

We hope you will enjoy reading this report and wish to say a big thanks for all your help and kindness to our team of volunteers and helpers along the route. It was our pleasure and privilege to meet with you and we hope you will take the opportunity some time to visit us here at the Institute to see for yourself the treatment which you have helped us provide for Brain-injured children.

If such a visit is possible for you please give me a ring beforehand so that I may be available when you call.

May God Bless you and yours.

Sincerely,

EUGENE P. CAMPBELL

Director.

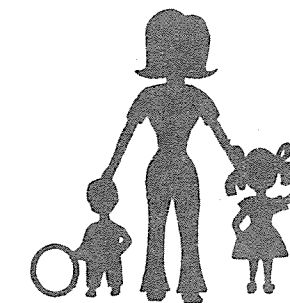
The following is an extract from the Skaters diary of the journey as it refers to Maynooth:

Friday dawns and the weather still remains kind to us, the sun is high in the heavens as we set out for Kinnegad for lunch at Harry's, and then on to Enfield and Kilcock and Maynooth where we are welcomed by local Councillor Marie Byrne outside of town and at the Leinster Arms where we find our dear old friend Mrs. P. O'Donnell and her charming family together with a host of their Maynooth Friends.

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The centre of the town seems to have a never-ending chain of traffic and our collectors duly stationed throughout its main streets are kept busy for several hours with our collection cans. It was here too that we experienced the most unusual phenomena - as the cars entered the town the occupants appeared to have their contributions at the ready and were literally throwing the money across the roadway to our collectors outside the Leinster Arms, it reminded one of the 'old groaner' - Bing Crosby's 'Pennies from Heaven' - may they continue to fall.

Later that evening and we are all assembled in the Local Parish Hall for a sumptuous meal, washed down by delectable wine, all organised by the O'Donnell family, Mrs. Satchwell and her group of volunteers - altogether a most enjoyable evening.

The following also put up the skaters for the night:
Dr. & Mrs. Cowhey, Mr. & Mrs. T. Kavanagh, Mr. & Mrs. E. O'Reilly, Mr. & Mrs. P. Desmond, Mr. & Mrs. R. Satchwell.

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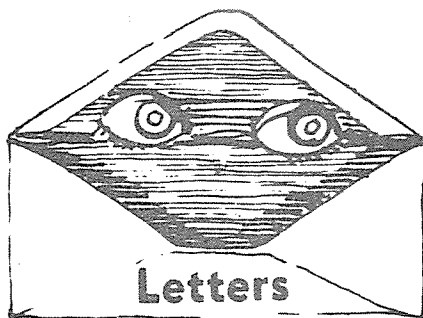
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to the Editor

Dear Sir,

On opening your Newsletter a month or two ago, I was surprised and delighted to see the photograph of that grand team of which I was lucky enough to have been a member. You can take it from me, it really was a pleasure to play with such fine boys as most of them were in those days.

I often tell my family and grand children of those great times and, in memory, I can see Big Peter, Tough Burke, and Rugged Dunne in front of the goal. Keeping goal was easy with this kind of defence in front of you. Murphys, etc. mid-field to feed the ball to the Nolans, Connollys and company up front, who were 'playing hell' with the defence at the other end.

Myself and my dear wife often recall some of the exploits of some of our supporters. Some prayed, some swore, - bicycle pumps up sleeve - shoe heels - you could have it what way you liked with that lot. But anyone or thing that moved went to support the team. I often think of that grand old gentleman, Bill Saults, R.I.P., putting the team through its paces. 'What a man to have on your side'.

There was just one little item that may be the cause of my writing to you at all. It may have been a printing error, or lapse of memory on the part of your informant. But how on earth could you leave out such a name as 'Seamus Bourke' who, in my opinion, was the backbone of the Club and Team. A great hurler, footballer, sportsman and, indeed, a great Irishman.

I also know that some of those find lads have passed away. May they rest in peace and may 'The Referee' turn a blind eye to their shortcomings.

I will finish now hoping I have not bored you and wishing you every success in your efforts to make Maynooth a finer place to visit.

Michael J. Gaynor.

P.S. I wonder if any of your readers would have a photo of The Kildare Junior Team who won the Leinster Championship about the time Maynooth had a great team, and some of the members were included in the Kildare team. - the same team going on to the All Ireland Final, being beaten by London Irish.

M.J.G.

(Editorial Comment: The omission of Seamus Bourke's name from the list was indeed a slip by our Editorial staff. The writer, who knew Seamus very well, is mortified at his error. It had, however the happy result of allowing us to hear from another very old friend).

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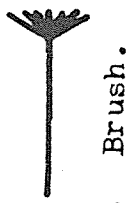
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Due to circumstances beyond our control, the dates of the Lectures in the above programme have been altered. They will now take place as follows:-

You Religion and Your Child:-
On Tuesday Evenings.

Child development:- on Wednesday evenings.

Both these courses will take place in the Common Room in Maynooth College at 8 O'clock each evening.

Community Forum - This has been postponed until after Christmas.

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GRAPEVINE

A monthly and sometimes satirical review of local news gossip, general chat and perhaps occasionally unbelievable rubbish

Ladies & Gentlemen interested in becoming members of 'St. Mary's Church Choir, Maynooth' are invited to contact Rev. Fr. B. Supple C.C. Phone 286210 or Mr. Sean Bean, Choirmaster Phone 286122.

Rehearsals are held in Parish Church from 8.30 to 10.00 each Thursday evening, where Choirmaster would be glad to meet all intending members.

Kildare C.C. have categorically denied that the 'THING' in the square is an evacuation centre to cope with the residents of some of the new Estates who are courting eviction on one issue or another.

The Council refused to comment when asked if in fact it was to be used as 'County Councillors Rehabilitation Home'.

We trust that the latest notice over the entrance to the Parish Hall relating to 'Denims' is not being taken to literally.

After all the windy weather is with us again!

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Tony Blount, Barton, on the birth of a son recently.

The opinions and views expressed in the articles appearing in the NEWSLETTER are not necessarily those held by the Community at large, The Community Council, or indeed by the Editorial Committee of the Newsletter. They are merely a comment on the particular subjects chosen and are intended as a basis for discussion.

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GRAPEVINE

The Sponsored cycle ride was again an enormous success. This year the weather held up well throughout the day except for the odd shower.

Heartfelt thanks are due to the many helpers who gave their time and energy to this event.

A special word of thanks is due to the ladies who catered for those taking part both in Dalgan Park and at the St. Mary's Hall. The food and service were magnificent. A word of praise also for the civil defence people who attended throughout.

Unfortunately the Social evening arranged later at the Hall did not come up to expectations.

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Many people are unaware of the vast amount of time and effort which goes into the production of this NEWSLETTER, yet despite many appeals for help the original committee are still soldiering on alone.

May we respectfully remind readers that contrary to popular belief 'Old Soldiers' do die as well as fade away, and must be replaced. We can honestly say that we were not overwhelmed by the rush of Volunteers in response to our latest appeal for help.

This we feel is due to the general apathy in the Community, and here we can state quite categorically that the people who are most apathetic, would be the first to complain should the NEWSLETTER cease to appear.

The remedy lies in your own hands. PLEASE HELP US to keep the NEWSLETTER in existence.

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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

by "WATCHMAN"

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We regret to announce that after much consideration we must refrain from printing a photo of Fr. O'Higgins taking part in the Sponsored Cycle Ride as the caption for the snap would have been 'Fr. O'Higgins Rides Again'

Residents who remember the old style movie pictures will know that if the sequence were to continue the captions under Fr. O'Higgins picture in coming years would be:-

'Return of Fr. O'Higgins'
'Old Fr. O'Higgins'
'The Ghost of Fr. O'Higgins'
'Fr. O'Higgins meets Abbot & Costello'
'Son of Fr. O'Higgins'

and the Committee decided that this would take some explaining.

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LORRY DRIVERS BEWARE :- On Wednesday last another low lorry got stuck on the top of Puck's Bridge. Warning notices should be erected as this obstruction caused a lot of inconvenience. The bridge was completely blocked, when motorists were returning from work, it was about 5.30 p.m. This is not the first time it has happened. So Drivers please note this warning.

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War is a terrible thing and this was brought home forcibly to the participants in the cycle ride when on returning from Dalgan Park through Summerhill they found themselves in the middle of an army exercise. To see fully armed soldiers, tanks and other equipment on what is considered our peaceful country roads, is a very frightening experience and one which we pray will never become a reality

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MAYNOOTH VISTA

by Newcomer

A month or two ago I mentioned the packaging of potatoes and the way it enabled the suppliers to get away with off loading any old thing on the public. Potatoes, which if sold loose would be rejected out of hand for their size and quality, can now be lumped into a plastic bag with stones and soil and sold at a colossal profit without any protest from you or me and without action on quality control by our government. Now, I see that somebody has invented a machine for weighing and grading potatoes and hopes to make his fortune with the idea. He will, if he can exploit the export market for his invention. Can you see any potatoe supplier in Ireland buying one of these machines and using it in the interests of housewives? Somebody must be dreaming!

But there is another aspect to this packaging business. Not only are you paying for the contents of any package but you are paying for the wrapper and its glorious technicolour printing and for what marketing experts are pleased to call point-of-sale advertising.

Of course it is all in the interests of hygiene. I wonder how many of us died of food poisoning before sugar was sold pre-packaged?

And again this brings me to something else. You and I can no longer go into a shop and ask for a pound of sugar or three eggs we must buy two pounds of sugar and half-a-dozen eggs whether we want that quantity or not.

That, of course, is the beauty of the self-service system. Employers can cut on staff and customers have no option in the quantity they buy.

All that is bad enough for the working man and his wife but what about our old age pensioners and those who have retired on a low fixed weekly income. Many would not have the means to buy seven pounds of potatoes, two pounds of sugar and half-a-dozen eggs at a time nor would they want that quantity of each in any one week. How are they fixed? Their limited weekly incomes must force them to buy in the dearest market if they must buy in small quantities and even then it is difficult to get a small loaf of bread in Maynooth anyway!

Mind you it is not that half loaves are not made but even the shopkeepers are at the mercy of the bread servers who only bring what they wish or is most convenient for them to load.

However, there may be a change for the better in the near future in our town. Rumour has it that the enterprising and thoughtful manager of a large supermarket is considering the setting up in his store a counter at which there would be a full time assistant to weigh-out smaller quantities of the foodstuffs than are provided in the standard packages on the shelves. Naturally this would be a limited service, as to cover the whole range of goods carried would be impossible but it is a move in the right direction and if provided will be worthy of support.

I notice that I am completely behind the times in the weights and measures I have quoted above. I should have gone all metric. Ah well! Do your own conversion - 'twill keep the brain from corroding.

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RECENT DEATHS

Edward Kiernan P C.

Ned, whose death took place on 1st October last, was a very well known and well liked personality in the town, where he carried on business for years.

He was involved in many activities in the town and in the County and served for many years on the County Vocatii al Education Committee As well as being a keen and active committee man the C.Y.M.S. during its existence in the town, he was also a very active member of the Old Maynooth Dramatic Society. Although in failing health for the past few years, Ned continued to be interested in Civil Defence activities, up to the time of his death.

The funeral to Laraghbryan Cemetry was attended by a large circle of relatives and friends.

A guard of Honour of Civil Defence personnel, under Capt. D. McKeown, accompanied the hearse from the Parish Church to the cemetry. Graveside prayers were recited by Rev. B. Supple, C C. Mr. Kiernan is survived by his wife, son, daughter and sisters, to whom we tender our sincerest sympathy.

Denis Mallen.

The death took place on Sunday 17th Oct. in the Mater Hospital Dublin, of Denis T. Mallen who resided for many years at Dublin Rd. Maynooth. Until his retirement some s years ago, he was a representative of Irish Life Assurance Co. and had spent over 40 years in the insurance Business. He leaves a widow and 3 children Interment took place at Glasnevin Cemetry. Dublin.

Miss Hilda McGrath.

The death took place recently at a Dublin hospital of Miss Hilda McGrath, who formerly resided at the Crosses, Maynooth (now part of the new College Campus).

Internment at Laraghbryan Cemetry.

Editorial

It used to be one of the pleasures of living in Maynooth to take a quiet stroll down the Main Street 'to see if anything was stirring'. That was in the 'good old days' (or were they the 'bad old days'). It was, however, in the days when peace reigned supreme, when one could almost literally 'hear a pin drop' and before the noise of traffic ruled out ordinary conversation. It was in the days when one could stroll down the footpath without danger from speeding cars or impolite drivers - who should be driving on the road anyhow - and we do not refer to the people who park their cars outside their own front doors, who are, in the main, careful and polite. It was in the days when one could walk down the street without being stopped by itinerant beggars every few yards and it is to this latter nuisance we would like to refer in particular.

This begging on the Main Street has got quite out of hand and recently quite cheeky bunch of women and children have taken over who are not averse to a little vulgar comment when the contribution demand is not forthcoming. It is bad enough to have these people there at all without these scenes as well. Apparently, begging is quite a lucrative trade if one is to judge from the amount of money being displayed by these 'ladies' etc. They can be seen trying to off-load £4. - £5. each in change in the shops in the evenings after the days 'work'

It is without doubt a tribute to the charity of those living in this area both temporary and permanent but one has to ask the question - 'Is this really charity'? Is it really charity to supply these people with £4. - £5. of mainly 'beer money' per day and 'beer money' it is since these people are being supplied with food as well - both cooked meals and food vouchers on the shops). We do not begrudge them the food and it is, indeed, charity to supply it, as the children in the camps would likely go hungry or would be at least underfed, otherwise, whilst the parents drink their fill in the pubs. It is therefore the giving of money that is the problem and estimating at £4 - £5 per day for 6 - 7 days, tax free, it would seem that they earn or beg the equivalent of £50 - £60 per week, whilst the ordinary worker who is getting no hand-outs and is supporting himself and his family, is hardly doing as well. If it was helping these people to leave the road and to look after their children properly, there might be an argument in favour of this form of charity, but, in fact, it is only encouraging them to stay on the road.

This is not a case for turning our backs on the more unfortunate members of our Society. It is simply an appeal not to give money direct to itinerant beggars. The Saint Vincent de Paul Branch does excellent work in looking after these and other poor people in our midst and all money could and should be channelled through it. They, in their wisdom, do not supply the itinerants with money but with food, clothing, etc. in voucher form.

There is no difficulty in channelling your donations through this Organisation - there are collection boxes in the R.C. Church or donations handed to any of the clergy would be passed on. Donations could also be given to Mr. Tom Corcoran, The College. (Front Lodge). In this way you can be assured that your money will go to the poor and will do the most good. Don't give money on the Street.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL NOTES

Teachers and pupils have now settled in fully to the more comfortable surroundings of the new extension.

All the new furniture has now arrived. Unfortunately one important part of the work remains unfinished. The General Purposes Room, which will be of great benefit to the children, especially now, with winter approaching, is still not functional. However, the architect has been approached and he has promised immediate action on this matter. The first of our parent-teacher meetings will be held in the School on Monday night the 25th of October at 8.p.m. This will be a meeting for parents of the Senior Infant Class taught by Mrs. T .Grace. We look forward to a full turn-out of parents to this important meeting.

WATCH OUT
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Community Council News

At the monthly meeting of the Council, the organisers of the Sponsored Cycle Ride, which took place on 3rd October, gave their report. After an almost unprecedented week of rain prior to the Cycle Ride, it seemed almost miraculous that the day took up so well, particularly as it rained until approx. 9.a.m. on the morning. This probably also accounts for the number of riders being a little smaller than expected.

Everybody who took part in the Ride, however, enjoyed the day and everything went without incident, or practically so.

It is not yet known what the full sponsorship money will amount to, but it is expected to be proportionately in keeping with last year's figure.

Unfortunately, it was not until after the ride that it was discovered that many of the newer residents did not realise that the chapel at Ladychapel is also part of Maynooth Parish, being a chapel-of-ease.

The organising committee wished to thank all those who helped and mentioned in particular the ladies who catered so well both in Dalgan Park and in Maynooth and the Civil Defence Casualty Unit.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMME:- It was found necessary to cancel one of these Courses advertised in last months Newsletter, viz.- the course on 'Community Forum'. This will take place in the New Year. The course on 'You, Religion & Your Child' & the course on 'Child Development' will take place in Maynooth College on Tuesday and Wednesday night respectively.

FUND RAISING :- There was a discussion on fund raising and various means were considered. The matter is to be taken up further at another meeting.

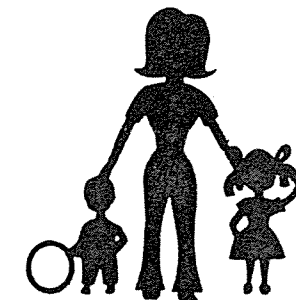
TIDY TOWNS:- The present inclement weather has held up matters but permission from the Council was obtained for some plans.

NEWSLETTER:- As it is hoped to have the Newsletter on sale on the last Sunday of each month in future contributors are asked to have items in a week earlier. Items for next issue should be handed in on or before 14th November.



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PARENTS -TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Maynooth Post Primary School.

The first Meeting took place this year on October 14th. A coach for the girls for Badminton, Basketball, & Camogie is being provided by the Association this year. This will be our Main Project this year. We are depending on the co-operation of all parents of children attending our School to respond generously to our request for the Annual Subscription which will go out to all parents around the 1st. November. Each child will be given the notice - please look out for it.

We hope all parents will respond to all our Fund Raising Plans this year.

Notices will also be sent by the children shortly re a Public Meeting for Parents to discuss the setting up of a Board of Management in the School.

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CIVIL DEFENCE NOTES

MAYNOOTH CASUALTY UNIT

FIRST AID CLASSES continue on Wednesday nights in I.C.A. Hall at 8 p.m.

Members did First Aid duty on Sponsored Cycle Ride. Our Unit was also represented at the Funeral of Edward Kiernan. We extend our sympathy to his Family.

ICA INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

The I.C.A. International night, on 7th October was a resounding success. The special emphasis was on DENMARK and the Danish Consul and his wife attended.

The hostess for the night was Mrs. M. McMyler who welcomed the guests and, after a short address introduced a first class entertainment with Narraghmore Pipe Band, Presentation Convent Band, St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band, McCaffrey School of Dancing and O'Donoghue School of Ballet. Members of the Guild also contributed items.

There was also a short address by the Danish Consul who afterwards answered many questions on Denmark by I. C. A. Members and their friends.

Mr. Liam Isdell, of the Department of Education, also gave a most interesting talk on 'Recent changes in Irish Primary Education' and answered questions.

During the evening samples of Danish foods, confectionery, etc. were handed round to the Audience.

The evening concluded with a Buffet Supper and Social.

The local Guild are to be congratulated on the excellent handling of the whole evening by their organising Committee and Members.

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A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen

Gerald, ninth earl of Kildare, 'Garret Og' to the Irish as his father had been 'Garret Mor', was born in 1487. He died in the Tower of London in December 1534, of grief on hearing the news that his son, Silken Thomas, had come out in open rebellion against the king of England, Henry VIII. This rebellion proved to be the occasion of the final fall from power of the house of Kildare, so that it is both sad and ironic that it is for the life-time of the ninth earl that we have the most abundant evidence for the life-style of the Fitzgeralds at Maynooth Castle, just before it was swept away and destroyed for ever. The surviving evidence suggests that the life-style was one of power, elegance and culture, and very much in line with the development of The European renaissance culture of the period.

When Maynooth Castle was captured by the king's forces a few months after the death of the ninth earl Sir William Skeffington reported to Henry VIII on the strength of its fortifications. It was he wrote in a letter dated 26th March 1535 'so strongly fortified both with men and ordnance, as the liek hath not been seen in Ireland, synes anny your moosst nobell progenitors had furst domynion in the lande.' But it was also richly and beautifully furnished. The chronicler Stanyhurst describes it at the same time; 'Great and rich was the spoile; such store of bedds, so many goodly hangings, so rich a wardrob, suche brave furniture, as truly it was accompted, for householde stuffe and utensiles, one of the richest earle his houses under the crowne of Englande.'

Still more striking is the evidence of the inventories belonging to the Fitzgeralds, of the books and plate compiled during the rule of the ninth earl. Two lists of the books in his library are extant, one not dated and the other, the later, dated 1525-6. The earlier list must relate for the main part to books already in the library of the eight earl, with perhaps some additions in the time of his son.

The Great Earl's biographer, Donagh Byrne, analyses the earlier list as follows:- 'In his library, where Latin books predominated, Gaelic manuscripts came next in number. There were more French books than English. The French books were chiefly romances. The English were similarly romances and histories. Among the Latin were works of Virgil, Jevenal and Terence. Some of the Latin and most of the Gaelic volumes, were devoted to religion. There was a gilt copy of the Psalter in Latin on parchment. In Gaelic there were the lives of various saints, but there were also 'Coullynn's Actes' and a 'boke wierin is the begynning of the Cronicles of Irland.' Some of the additions by the date of the later list of 1525-6 are particularly interesting a show that whoever was responsible for their presence was aware of and interest in contemporary European developments in renaissance scholarship and religious controversy. Among the Latin works are Sir Thomas More's UTOPIA which was first published in 1517 and LAURENCIUS VALLA, presumably with a book about the famous humanist scholar who contributed so much to the critical approach to documentary evidence, or some of his works.

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"Will nobody believe me - it was a fly!"



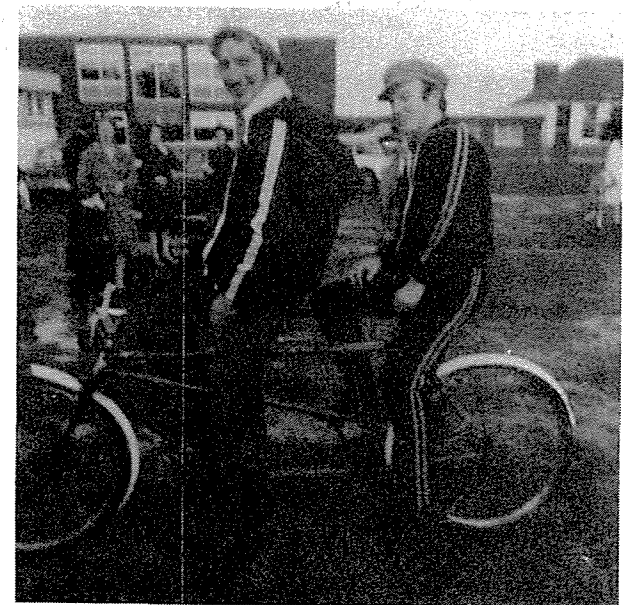
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POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL DEBATE

The 1st Round of the National Public Speaking Competition organised by the Irish Missionary Union took place in the S.V.D. Hostel on Friday 15th October. This Competition is open to Senior Classes of all Post Primary Schools. 3 Teams took part:-

Team A:-
Coolmine Community School, Clonsilla

Speakers:- Peter Ball, Brendan Fitzgibbon, Hugh McBride.

Team B.
Colaiste Bhride, Clondalkin.

Speakers:- Alice Lohan, Eithne Massey, Breda Collins.

Team C:-
Maynooth Post Primary School.

Speakers:- Eugene Fitzgerald, Martin McEntamney, Dymphna McLoughlin.

CHAIRMAN:- Rev. G. McGinnity,
St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

TIMEKEEPER:- Rev. Gerry Alwell.

ADJUDICATORS:- Miss Jane McKee,
Fr. Perry Gildea C.M. & Fr. Frank Goodall, Redemptorist.

Themes:-

- Christianity demands involvement with Christ.
- The effects of Ireland's Missionaries in the Church in Ireland.
- Does the world of to-day need Missionaries.
- 'The People who have walked in darkness, have seen a great light!

While the adjudicators were calculating the marks. Fr. McGinnity gave a brief summary of each speaker.

He congratulated all the Speakers, as all students really had mastered all the techniques of our Faith.

It was a very successful night. Congratulations were due also to their teachers and to the audience for coming and giving support. He thanked Fr. Tyrrell & Maynooth School who were hosts & the S.V.D. Hostel for the Hall.

In giving their verdict it was pointed out that the adjudicators differed in their choice but on final checking the following was the result:-

Coolmine Community School:

Team A. Total - 633½

Colaiste Bhride:

Team B. Total - 632

Maynooth Post Primary:

Team C. Total - 607

Fr. Tyrrell thanked the adjudicators who had a very difficult task tonight and Fr. McGinnity who was Chairman gave a very good assessment of all the Speakers. He looked forward to seeing all our friends again for the two other schools in future debates between the Schools. He congratulated the audience who were excellent. He wished every success to Coolmine Community School in their next round. Prizes for this competition are:-

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Among the later additions in English are another work by Thomas More, this time in defence of traditional religious practices which were coming under heavy attack by reformers, Sir Thomas Moore his books Agayns the new opinions that hold agayns pilgrimages, and a book by no less a person than the king of England, Henry VIII himself. This was Henry's venture into religious controversy in answer to Martin Luther's attack on the seven sacraments. Henry's reply was first published in 1521 in Latin. Assertio Septem Sacramentorum, and was soon translated into both German and English. The pope, Leo X, was extremely pleased with the book and conferred on its author the title 'Fidei Defensor', defender of the faith. Although the royal author's subsequent career caused Pope Paul III to deprive him of the title the English monarchs retained it and to this day it appears in abbreviated form on British coins as FID. DEF. or simply .F. D.

The inventory of the plate belonging to the earl of Kildare was drawn up in 1518 and so again much of this must have been in the possession of the Great Earl. The list is long and much of this elaborate plate must have come from the continent. A few examples will give the flavour of the collection:-

'A salt, with a lady holden it, xxii unces at iii^s and vi^d the unce, sterlyng.

A standyn coupe with gilt whit roseis about fote and cover, weing xxvi unces and a quarter.

A gylte salte, with dragons hedds in the cover, weing xviii unces.

An ewer, of an ostrycheis egg, garnysed with sylver, and gylt, and stonys, weing xxv unces, quarte.

A stone cowppe of Turkey making, garnesid with silver with a caver, and a marmasett in the topp of hit.

An adder his tonge garnseid

An Almayne pott, parcell gylt, witha man on the handell, weing iiii score vi unces.

Another Almayne pott of the same sorte parcell gylte, with a marmaid on the handell weing iiii score and x -

A last personal note about the ninth earl will round out the picture, it comes again from the chronicler Richard Stanyhurst: 'This noble man was so well affected to his wife, the Ladie Gray, as he woulde not, at any time, buy a sute of apparell for himselfe, but hee would sute her with the same stuffe.' The furnishings, the books, the plate, and the last small insight into personal relationships, together suggest that renaissance culture had made more impact on Ireland than is sometimes imagined. But the ninth earl's life-time, which saw these developments also saw the beginning of the end of it all, as the English Kings grew more powerful and were less and less willing to tolera what was, from their point of view, the threatening power of their over mighty subjects in Ireland, the Earls of Kildare.

References:- The earlier list catalogue of books and the inventory of plate are printed in Donagh Byrne, THE GREAT EARL OF KILDARE, and the 1515-6 list of books is printed in THE EARLS OF KILDARE.

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A most enjoyable evening was had by all and the venture was a financial success.

We would like to thank all the local traders who so generously supplied us with articles for the raffle and of course all our friends who so generously supported this worthwhile venture.

Mr. Donovan, chairman of the Kildare Executive Committee, gave a resume of the work being carried out by this organisation.

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November Programme

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(6 days)

Sun. 7th - Jerimagh Johson also
One More Train To Rob.

Mon. 8th - Aces High.
(2 days)

Fri. 12th - Telly Savalas in Diamond
Mercenaries (2 days)

Sun. 14th - Scorpio also Tarzan and
The Great River.

Mon. 15th - Over 18s only - The
Anti Christ. (2 days)

Wed. 17th - Alfred Hitchcock's -
Family Plot (2 days)

Sat. 20th - Night Moves also Five
Fingers of Death

Sun. 21st - To Trap a Spy.

Wed. 24th - Strictly adult only -
To The Devil a Daughter
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Fri. 26th - 3 days at the Coudor
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Mon. 29th - Vigalanite Force (2 days)

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LATE NIGHT NOISE

The following extract from a recent issue of the 'Irish Independent' may serve as a warning to the few students and others who have been disturbing the peace recently:-

GALWAY City Council is planning legal moves to quieten down the early morning 'high jinks' and all-night parties in the bed-sitter belt.

If three or more residents complain about late night noise, the Corporation is to make its solicitor available to help them bring actions in the courts.

The move follows complaints from residents in the suburbs and from Councillors that uncontrolled flats are becoming a headache.

Some people threatened to withhold rates if the Corporation did not do something to stop the late night 'hooleys'

Ald. Martin Walsh, commented: 'These flats are being set up by speculators who are converting houses, picking up close to £90 per week in rents and do not do anything about control. They are not afraid of a £3 or £4 planning fine. They are in there to get rich quick.

There are dances and hooleys being held and people cannot sleep. A number of people have told me they will not pay rates if the Corporation do not do something about it'

Town Clerk:- Mr. P. J. Waters said:- 'Any three householders who were annoyed by noise can serve a notice on the offenders pointing out the objection to the nuisance. If that does not work, they can bring a civil action and our solicitor is available to help them'.

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Under 7 - M. McEvoy 1st. K. Graham 2nd.

Under 8 - R. Thompson 1st. D. O'Connor 2nd.

Under 10 - K. Cribben 1st. L. Murphy 2nd.

Under 12 - M. Cribben 1st. K. Cribben 2nd.

Under 14 - M. Dowling 1st. M. Cribben 2nd.

Girls.

Under 4 - A. Boyd & C. Gleeson Dead-Heat.

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Under 10 - T. Cribben 1st.

C. Traynor - 2nd.

Under 14 - M. Malone 1st.

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Boys.

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M. Hearn

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M. McEvoy

Under 14 - M. Dowling. - J. Cummins.

Girls

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Under 10 - C. Traynor - D. Murphy.

M. Malone - S. Moran.

Under 14 - G. Malone - S. Cummins.

Boys.

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MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

The Club had a busy and successful month.

WATER SAFETY:- We are very proud to announce that our Little Band of Life Savers, all completed satisfactorily a course in Swimming Rescue (including Land and Water Drills and Resuscitation) and the following have been awarded certificates and Badges:-
Noeleen Byrne, Margaret Madden, Margaret Bean, Helena Lynch, Eoin Byrne & Anthony Madden.
The group now goes forward for their Intermediate Certificate.

Our Instructors believe that before teaching a child to Swim all fear of drowning should be taken from the child, gently step by step, until he or she is quite confident they can survive, even with their faces under water, which interferes with the very process that keeps us alive - **BREATHING.** Most of them have now overcome that fear, are able to sit on the Bottom of the Pool. Ask them and they will show you the tuck position. It is a very natural position for a child to adopt, as it is the position of the child in its Mother's Womb. Stand in the Pool, bend forward and put your hands on your knees then press your head down into the water. As your head goes down your feet will lift off the bottom, then draw your knees up tight holding on to them with your hands. You will now be floating in a tight tuck position with just part of your back out of the water. For this reason it is usually called the 'Mushroom float'
Next time you are in a Pool Dad or Mam, you just try it. Junior will show you how!

SPONSOR SWIM FOR ST. JOHN OF GODS:-

10 members of our Club took part in the above Swim, which necessitated Swimming 10 lengths of the Pool at Island Bridge. It was a most enjoyable morning, parents were able to watch the Swim from close circuit Television. The following members took part:-
Geraldine Fitzpatrick, Noeleen Byrne, Margaret Madden, Nuala Kelly, Paul Murray, Eoin Byrne, Anthony Madden, Sean Mahon, Alan Leamy & Tadgh Lynch.
The total amount collected by the children was approximately £70. We wish to congratulate all who took part.

St. Raphael's Pool :- We wonder what your children have been telling you probably, if you have been listening, you have heard the expression, tuck position and Mushroom float.
What their Instructors have been trying to teach the children, is that they cannot sink, unless they want too.

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B courteous, B keen, B patient,
B clean, B cautious, B good,
B temperate, B mild, B careful,
B wise, B sweet as a child, B thoughtful, B loving, B prudent, B true,
B brave, B earnest wrong thoughts to subdue, B honest, B faithful, B considerate and that my friends is thr way to B great.

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Old Greenfield Notes.

26 Children had a treat in store for them when Darren Farrell asked them to his Birthday Party Recently. Darren who was Celebrating his 5th Birthday is Son of Mr. & Mrs. Brian Farrell, 820 Greenfield.

The Strange Figure of a man was seen Playing Soccer in the Estate recently. When the matter was investigated it was found to be Father Lloyd, who WON no-one will ever know only Father Lloyd.

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SPORTS PAGE

MAYNOOTH G.A.A.

Our Junior footballers won the Kildare Championship recently - the first since the mid 1960's. Beaten in last year's final - this year's team was more than determined to reverse the result this time. From the start Maynooth got the better of exchanges at centre-field as a result the forwards had a field-day in the match against Athy. Terry Moore & Tommy Fay quickly put Maynooth two goals up in the first minutes of the game. At half-time Maynooth were ahead - 2- 6 to 0-0. Maynooth continued to assert their superiority and control in the second half and Athy failed to score until the 58 minute of the game. Final score:-
Maynooth 2 - 15
Athy 0 - 1.
Scores for Maynooth were:-
T. Moore 1 - 3; T.Fay 1 - 2;
T. McTiernan 0 - 2;
L. Farrelly 0 - 3; G.Keigher 0 - 1;
T. Purcell 0 - 1; S.Delaney 0 - 1.
Each member of the team played their part in this victory.

In the semi-final of the Jack Higgins Cup we came up against Athgarvan. Conditions were bad and the standard of play was to some extent affected by slippery conditions. Maynooth started well but Athgarvan hit back with two quick goals to leave the score at half-time: Maynooth 0 - 9: Athgarvan 2 - 1. Maynooth added 2 further points on the re - start but Athgarvan hit back with a goal and a point. Maynooth had a goal from a penalty by Terry Moore and Seamus Feeney and L. Farrelly added points. The Maynooth defence resisted strong pressure from Athgarvan and the final score was **Maynooth 1 - 13** : **Athgarvan - 3 - 3**

Our man of the match was Colm Feeney ably assisted by B. Redmond M. Donnelly, T. McTiernan, Terry Moore, T. Purcell, and L. Farrelly.

Our Scores came from T. Moore 1 - 5, W. Moore 0 - 2; S. Delaney, L.Farrelly P. Mulhern, S. Feeney, S. Healy and J. Murphy 1 point each.

In the Jack Higgins Cup Final Maynooth (Junior B. Winners) beat St. Kevins (Junior A Winners) by 1 - 9 to 2 - 4. This was a great win for Maynooth and the first time this cup was brought to the Club. Maynooth got away to a poor start allowing St. Kevins to go 7 points up in the first half - at half-time their lead was reduced to 4 points. On the restart Maynooth took control at mid-field thanks to some great work by Joey Murphy. The forwards continued to take their points and with ten minutes to go Tommy Fay broke through to score a great goal to win the game for Maynooth - this again was a great team victory. Scores for Maynooth came from :- T. Fay 1 - 2; T. Moore 0 - 4; S. Feeney, W. Moore and L. Farrelly 1 point each.

The Club would like to thank all who supported our Flag Day on 25th & 26th September which was very successful and brought in much needed funds.

The Committee and members of the Maynooth Hurling and Football teams would like to express sincere thanks to Mr. M. P. O'Brien, Maynooth, Shopping Centre and his manager, Mr. Bill Donovan, Maynooth Park, for the lovely set of new jerseys which they presented to the Club.

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We would like to remind all our Supporters and Members that our Annual Dinner Dance will be held in Osberstown House on Friday 14th January 1977. Demand for tickets is likely to be great this year. So you are strongly advised to book early and not be disappointed. The cups have to be filled again ! Transport will be available to and from function.

Tickets can be had from the Club, Secretary, Tommy Fay, 14 Parson's Street, or any member of the Committee.

Our hurlers played in the County Final of the Kildare Championship on Sunday last, 24th October. A report on this match can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter.

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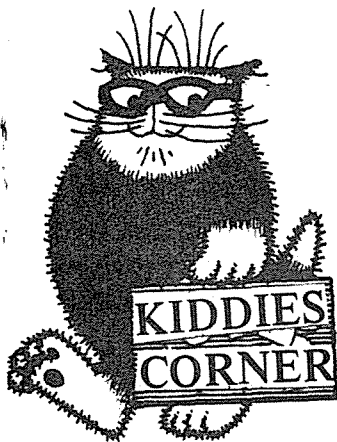
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Before I forget, if you are going out after Dark wear a Reflective Arm Band and if you are Cycling have a Lamp and Tail Light. When you cross the Main Street, walk on the Zebra Crossing. Walk, don't Run.

Now Remember if you have Jokes, Puzzles, Photos, & your paintings, please send them to:-

Childrens Corner,
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ICA News

Mrs. E. O'Reilly took the chair for the October meeting, acting for Mrs. Fegan who was unable to attend.

After the minutes were read, Mrs. Gee gave a good financial report on the teas at the Field Day in Carton.

Mrs. Desmond, Craft promoter, gave an excellent report on the Art Classes and also on the Craft stall at the Council Meeting in Naas, Maynooth being one of the Guilds that had different crafts on display, including some very high class materiel, which was much admired.

Mrs. O'Reilly welcomed new Gild members and mentioned that it is nice to see new faces. Now is the time to join the Gild and all are welcome.

Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Boyd were both at An Griahain College for a week. Mrs. Simpson gave a very interesting talk on pre-school play grants and had wonderful ideas on keeping young children happy and not feeling his, or her, way into this big world of ours. Mrs. Boyd had some economical cooking. Both enjoyed their week at the college very much.

Mrs. Boyler gave a great report on the International Evening which was a resounding success, judging by all the letters received from guests who attended the evening.

The competition - "A in Cushion" - was won by Mrs. Desmond with Mrs. Batchwell second.

The next competition will comprise "A Fork and Bacon Dish." The winner will represent Maynooth at the Federation final in January.

Mrs. Gee was the raffle. Mrs. Batchwell apologises to three ladies whom she forgot to mention in the last report in the Newsletter:- Mrs. Fegan for the very happy day she gave to children of I.C.A. members at Boyler's House. The children had great fun in the swimming pool followed by afternoon tea under the beech trees in front of the house. Music was supplied by Mrs. Arrell and games organised by mothers. Balloons and luck bags were given to each child before going home.

Mrs. Fegan is leaving this lovely home but we are all very pleased she is not leaving the district and wishes her many happy years in her new home.

Mrs. Arrell had the ladies of the Flower Show Group to her lovely garden. After showing them around, Mrs. Arrell treated the ladies to a lovely homeade tea with the help of her family.

Mrs. Howard Williams' name was omitted as a member at the "Roller Skater's" supper having decorated the supper room with flowers and making it so bright and beautiful.

We feel sure the ladies will forgive the mistake and understand that their name was very much appreciated.

The meeting concluded with tea, biscuits and a raffle.

The next meeting, in November is the Annual General Meeting which will take place in the committee room for the coming year.

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YOUTH CLUB

The Maynooth Youth Club has now approximately 90 Members, boys & girls, ages averaging from 12 - 16- Girls Meet every Tuesday at the Parish Hall, from 8 - 10 p.m. and Boys on Thursdays from 9 - 10.30., the reason the boys start late is that the Scouts have the use of the Hall, until that time on a Thursday.

All those concerned think we have the making of a great Youth Club here in Maynooth. It certainly promises to be a lively one. A temporary Committee has been elected, with Fr. Tyrrell in the Chair, Anita Lyon, Secretary, Tom Madden Treasurer, & P.R.O. Margaret Morrissey.

Of course the Club is just feeling its way, but considering the short time it is in existence, it is catering for the tastes of many.

GUIAR:- These lessons are proving very popular, and each night Danny McCarthy is surrounded by a very enthusiastic Gang.

JUDO:- Ann Gargan's corner is always full, and she really is working very hard. Tina is doing a good job of helping her. Boys and Girls seem to take to this Sport.

TABLE-TENNIS:- Ann Begley, & Johnny Dempsey has undertaken to act as coach at this very popular game, which always draws its share of supporters

BASKET BALL:- Peter Brady has his hands full keeping control of this Section, which seems to be great fun, if one can judge by the cheering.

SING-A-LONG:- This was Sister Maria's idea, and it really went with a swing. Sister hopes to get a drama group going

will be closed on Tuesday November 2nd.

BOYS:- Note the Club will be closed on Thursday 4th.

Outside the Hall Activities

Basket Ball at the Post Primary school at eleven o'clock each Saturday morning. Ann Gargan coach. Boys and Girls welcome. Tunnies, Shorts, and T. Shirts advisable.

OCCER:- You will find details of how the youngsters are getting on in the Soccer Notes, time for Plug.

SOCIAL will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 4th November, in aid of the young Soccer Players, who need jerseys etc.

DANCING from 9 - 1
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Mrs. Rose Comerford, Greenfield.

Parents acting as temporary supervisors to the Youth Club, Mrs. Rose Comerford, Dymphna Madden, Peig Lynch, Paddy Power. Anybody with anything to contribute to the above Club, just come along to the Parish Hall on a Tuesday or Thursday. This appeal is directed in particular to younger people in the early twenties who can give invaluable help in coaching and organising games, also to parents who could give one night now and then for supervising.

The Club has gotten off to a good start, let all Maynooth get behind and see that it keeps growing, member the Toddlers of today are the Youth of tomorrow.

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MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of the above Committee was held in October. A very full programme is planned for the coming Season.

The First Social will take place on Sunday 24th Oct. in the Parish Hall at 4 p.m. The second Social will be held on the 12th Dec. same venue.

We would appreciate if any old person requiring transport for these parties would let their local committee member know at least four days before the party, as there are a limited number of cars available.

We take this opportunity of appealing to any person who is interested in this work or who would have a car available occasionally to ring 286051 for further details.

The annual Sale of Work which will be in aid of the Coal Fund, the Development Association and Fr. Nevin Fund, will be held in the Parish Hall on the 28th Nov. All homes in the area will be canvassed as in previous years. We depend on your generosity to make this venture a financial success.

The following Officers were elected:-

Mrs. Brady - Chairman.
Mr. P. Singent - Vice-Chairman.
Mrs. A. McGarry - Secretary.
Mrs. T. Read - Asst. Secretary.
Mrs. Morrow - Treasurer.



GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

A delegation from the Greenfield Estate Residents Association met the Kildare County Council Manager, Mr. Ward, on 14th October.

The delegation consisted of Dave Lyon (Chairman), Mary Fleming, Eilish O'Malley and Councillor Brian Fleming. They were accompanied by Councillor Oliver Cooney who arranged the meeting. Other Councillors for the area were unable to attend and sent their apologies.

The meeting discussed a wide-ranging Agenda covering Greenfield Estate and surrounding areas. The main problems of the Estate arise because of the failure of the Developers, Civil Engineers (Irl.) Ltd., 58 Haddington Road, Dublin 4, to complete open spaces, roads etc. One open space in the area has never been leveled or seeded.

The County Manager out-lined the efforts he has made to get the Developers to fulfill their obligations and promised to continue in his efforts.

In the meantime the Association is urging its members to continue to withhold Ground Rents.

Councillor Fleming asked that the Estate be swept as is done in some cases not in full charge of Dublin Co. Council of which he is a member. However the County Manager indicated that this was not the policy of Kildare County Council and that in no case was it being done in the County.

The delegation asked for the Councils help in getting C.I.E. to extend the 66 Bus route to Straffan Road. C.I.E. indicated that they would do this last year and the County Council provided a turning point. However due to some local objection postponed the extension.

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Dave Lyon pointed out a number of alleged breaches of the Planning Acts in the area particularly the shop units being used as a Pool Hall and the conversion of houses to flats (owned by absentee land-lords) and certain unfinished works on the Estate. The County Manager outlined the legal steps open to the Council in these matters and assured the delegation that these would be taken with all possible haste.

Other topics discussed included extension of speed limits, water supply, retention of cul-de-sacs, unauthorised building of houses off Straffan Road and the connection between Carton Homes and previous builders in the area.

Councillor Cooney is to make efforts to have money set aside to provide a pedestrian footbridge alongside the narrow town bridge on the Maynooth-Straffan Road.

After the meeting the delegation from Greenfield Estate expressed themselves as being pleased with the progress they had made, and are hopeful for the future of the area. They were grateful to the Manager and his officials for receiving them and of course Councillor Oliver Cooney for arranging the meeting and being in attendance at it.

SUPER DRAW

Greenfield Estate Residents Association are at the moment planning a Super Monthly Draw among its members, and it is hoped that monies accrued from the draw will be ploughed back into improvements in Greenfield Estate, and equipment for its members use.

The Residents of Greenfield Estate, regretfully are again experiencing the effects of all night Student Parties within their estate. These parties usually go on into the early hours of the following day, and are a very disturbing feature to mothers with young children and residents on shift work. The Greenfield Estate Residents Assoc., take this opportunity to appeal to all Students using their Estate to please control your parties to a more reasonable hour and a more reasonable number attending them - Please let us have less noise and more peace.

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CIVIL DEFENCE NOTES: MAYNOOTH CASUALTY UNIT

Maynooth Casualty Unit. First Aid lectures are now coming to a close and the exam will take place within the next few weeks. Classes are at 8 p.m. each Wednesday in the I.C.A. Hall.

WARDEN SERVICE: The national exercise took place during November and proved very satisfactory.

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LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

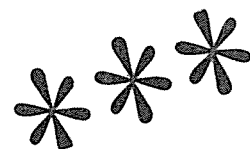
Following representations made on behalf of residents by Mr. Mark Clinton T.D. and Councillor Oliver Cooney, it has been learned that Kildare Co. Council has approved a local improvement scheme for the repair of the road leading to Chambers Bridge at the Maws, Maynooth.

The road is to be completely resurfaced and work is scheduled to commence shortly.

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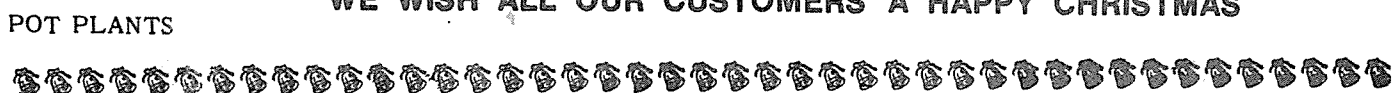
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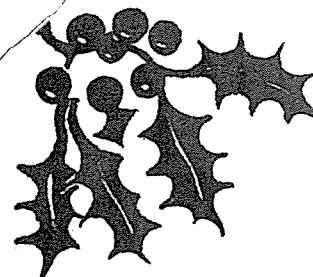
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GRAPEVINE

A monthly and sometimes satirical review of local news, gossip, general chat and perhaps occasionally unbelievable rubbish

The Editorial Committee take this opportunity to thank all our Readers & Advertisers for their support during the past year. We wish everyone A Happy & A Holy Christmas and a Prosperous and Peaceful New Year.

Christmastime is unfortunately a bad time for accidents, particularly on the roads and in the home. It is a sobering thought that this Christmas some children will be left without one or both parents and that parents may well suffer the loss of their children due to accidents.

We would ask everyone to be especially careful at this time. Make sure :- 1 - That fairy-lights on Christmas Trees are working properly. 2 - That decorations are not put too near fires. 3 - That lighted candles are not placed near curtains or decorations. These are just some simple rules to

observe. Remember it is better to be safe than sorry.

As for drinking and driving, enough has already been said on this subject, but we still feel that any further reminders on our part can only do good. Again it is better to be safe than sorry and your family need you more than your friends need your drink.

Congratulations to Deirdre Flood, O'Neill Park, who received her H. Dip. degree at Maynooth College, on 10th November. Deirdre, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Flood, received her B.A. degree at Maynooth last year.

According to the recent newspapers, planning permission is being sought for the erection of another 179 houses in Greenfield. We trust that the County Council will keep in mind that the present sewerage system is not even adequate for the present users, as the rivers are being fouled as it is. Will the new Carton Court houses be added to this existing contamination? Surely the County Council will not consider another 179 houses on top of this. The matter is being watched carefully and answers may be sought.

It was cuts in water pressure (at night) some weeks ago without any notice whatsoever to the public and now its cuts in voltage by the E.S.B. No allowance is being made in the charges by the County Council or the E.S.B. in respect of this. Have consumers no rights at all - are we not entitled to some notice from public or semi-public bodies? Bureaucracy in the extreme!!!

The Ladychapel Repair Fund concert was an unqualified success artistically and financially. Congratulations to the organisers for stewarding and punctuality in starting. (It was nice to see something start on time in Maynooth)

The organising committee are arranging another concert for 5th December which promises to be even better than the last.



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Congratulations to Thomas Farrell, Greenfield on receiving his Technicians Diploma in Radio Electronics at the College of Technology, Kevin Street.

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Congratulations also to Fr. P. Monaghan, Greenfield on receiving his degree. He is now chaplain in Castledermot.

Congratulations to Gertrude Burke who received the top award in the Booksellers' section at the presentation of prizes and Diplomas by Mr. Cluskey, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Welfare, at the Irish College of Marketing in Parnell Square on Monday 15th November. Gertrude who works with Veritas in Dublin received her Diploma after two year course in the College and tied for top honours with a Graduate from Trinity College, Dublin.

SALE OF WORK:-

On November 28th a Sale of Work will be held in the Parish Hall at 2 p.m.

Three very worthy charities will benefit from the proceeds, namely :- 1. - The Old Peoples Coal Fund, 2 - Fr. John Nevin Fund, 3 - The Development Association.

COME EARLY & GIVE GENEROUSLY.

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Ladies & Gentlemen interested in becoming members of 'St. Mary's Church Choir, Maynooth are invited to contact Rev. Fr. B. Supple C.C. Phone 286210 or Mr. Sean Bean, Choirmaster - Phone 286122

Rehersals are held in Parish Church from 8.30 to 10.00 each Thursday evening, where the Choirmaster would be glad to meet all intending members.

The opinions and views expressed in the articles appearing in the NEWSLETTER are not necessarily those held by the Community at large, The Community Council or indeed by the Editorial Committee of the Newsletter. They are merely a comment on the particular subjects chosen and are intended as a basis for discussion.

SPONSORED CYCLE RACE: All participants in the above are reminded that the sponsorship money is now due and should be handed in at once to Mrs Kennedy, Mill Street, John Road 86 Rail Park or to Fr. O'Higgins.

On the subject of litter and dumping we print a letter below, which appeared in the National Newspapers

LUCAN LITTER WARNING. We would like to inform all residents of Lucan and in particular weekend visitors that the Lucan Community Council intend to take very strong action this coming year against litterbugs. Names etc. of offenders will be forwarded to the appropriate authorities for legal action to be taken. We are particularly disappointed that those who run Dances and Discos in Maynooth are still disfiguring our town with posters even though they have been warned previously. We would hope that this warning will be taken seriously, and that weekend visitors can enjoy the natural amenities of the area without disfiguration from litter.

Signed: J. Byrne, Hon. Secretary, 113 Griffith Park, Lucan.

It is to be regretted that Maynooth is mentioned by name but we must sympathise with the contents of this letter. May we add our voice also in asking that all who post notices, please ensure that they are removed after the event.

GRAPEVINE

We are reliably informed that an official ceremony is being organised for the opening (if ever) of the Buildings in the square. They will be known in future as 'THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS' Further comment would be superfluous.

BONFIRES were a feature of the area on Hallow'een Night but it is to be regretted that those who spent so much time preparing did not give any thought to the cleaning of the ashes afterwards. On behalf of the Community as a whole we would ask that those who hold celebrations of any kind, organise a work-party to clean the area after the event

This is not much to ask and would make those, who are not so at present, more lenient towards events in their immediate vicinity.

In the recent Diocesan Appointments announced by Archbishop Ryan, Rev. Patrick Kavanagh C.C., Bayside has been transferred as C.C. to Kilcullen.

Fr. Kavanagh is a native of Maynooth, and was only ordained in June last at St. Mary's Church.

Mrs. Gretta Corroway, who is at present convalescing in a Dublin Hospital, wishes through the pages of the Maynooth Newsletter to wish all her Old Friends in Maynooth, especially the 'Old Folk', The Committee and anyone connected with them in anyway - 'A VERY HAPPY, HOLY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS AND GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN THE COMING YEAR'

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MAYNOOTH VISTA

by Newcomer.

They're rushing me now! The editorial staff of the NEWSLETTER are becoming like the Dublin shopkeepers, they want Christmas to start in the middle of November. I never did understand why monthly magazines issued their February numbers in January and so on throughout the year so that you never knew whether you were in June or Killarney.

Here am I trying to think up beautiful Christmas thoughts more than a month in advance of the festive season and getting no encouragement on the home front. The Christmas pudding is not even made yet! I suppose I'll be expected to start New Year on my birthday if the Editor persists in this latest foible. I think I'll give up writing and take painting lessons. At least nobody can expect me to paint trees with the leaves on in December.

Now, don't think I have anything against the Editor, decent man that he is - but I suspect that he is becoming devious and the whole idea of producing the NEWS - LETTER for the last Sunday of every month was only a gimmick to ensure that he would not spend Christmas Eve sitting on my doorstep waiting for me to finish my piece for the January issue. It usually takes two or three visits to get me cracking on VISTA as I am notoriously lazy and the whole works are held up waiting for me to finish my little contribution. He persuades me that my fans would be terribly disappointed if I missed an issue but that kind of blarney holds no water where I come from.

Sceptical - that's me. However, when he has got the January contribution out of me on or about the fifteenth of December he will probably decide that the February 1977 NEWSLETTER will come out in February after all and then we'll all be happy again. These rushes of enthusiasm are very exhausting!

But to celebrate Christmas in the old traditional style, let me tell you a fairy story:-

Once upon a time - and a very good time it was - in a fair land of beautiful lakes and rivers and mountains there was a County Council with elected members who sought only to serve the ratepayers of their own beautiful county. In addition - and in accordance with the form of local government which prevailed in that country - there were paid officials to ensure that the wishes of the Councillors were carried out with all possible expedition.

Now once elected by the populous the Councillors no longer need keep the promises they made to the electors before they were voted in as Councillors as the donning of the robe of office imbued them with the fairy power of knowing better than the people who elected them what was best for every town and village in the county.

One day the Councillors made a momentous decision. They decided that for a certain developing university town in their county instead of providing a swimming pool or servicing the estates in the town as the ratepayers wanted they would build something in the town square which would be much more advantageous to the townsfolk. After all they were magically inspired and no one could expect the lowly ratepayers to know how best their money should be spent.

And so, in due course the builders moved in and work commenced. The councillors, in their wisdom and in order to surprise the townsfolk never told what the builders were working on and many were the guesses made by the inhabitants as to the purpose of the structure.

Alas! There was a bad fairy, who one day came and addled the brains of the good Councillors and all the paid officials so that they could no longer remember what the unfinished structure was intended to be. There, then, it stands to this day a monument to the square root of minus one. And the bad fairy laughed and laughed for even she was a very bad mathematician.

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RAIL PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION .

The Residents Association continue on a number of fronts to try to better the general environment of Rail Park Estate.

1 - GROUND RENT:- Negotiations still continue with the ground land lord's Solicitor to buy out the individual ground rents on the estate. These discussions are still in their early stages.

2-E.S.B. have been informed of the mal-functioning lights on the estate and the fault have been corrected.

3- The Association continues to organise Topsoil for the Celbridge Road perimeter stretch of the estate. We have managed to get some quantities of topsoil but a lot more is required.

4- An ongoing stream of letters stressing the plight of this estate continues to be sent to Messrs. Tully, Clinton, and the Kildare County Council. An example of Kildare County Council's interest in this estate is shown by the following letter forwarded to the Association by Mr. M. Clinton T.D. in reply to a letter from us:-

Private Secretary,
Minister for Agriculture & Fish.

Dear Sir,
I have received your letter of 26th Oct. regarding completion of the development at Railpark, Maynooth. The County Council are endeavouring to ensure that the planning requirements in relation to the development of the Estate are complied with and negotiations are going on between the Councils engineering staff and the developers.

The County Council will not take over the Estate unless the planning requirements are complied with as it would be completely unjustifiable for the rate payers of the County to finance the short comings of any private developer such as that carried out at Railpark, Maynooth.

The Residents could also have legal rights from the developer as I am sure that he sold the houses to the people who purchased them on the basis that the development would be properly completed and that services would be adequate. Consequently, the residents should be advised that they should also seek legal advice as to what action they as a group can take to protect their own interest arising out of the purchase of the houses.

Yours sincerely,
J.G. Ward,
County Manager.

This is the best that Mr. J. G. Ward our County Manager for Kildare can advise us!

Is he not aware that the developer of the estate is in receivership? It's not for the want of telling Kildare County Council on our part. Is Mr. G. Ward our County Manager for Kildare not aware that the Residents of Rail Park pay rates? and if he is aware how can he justify accepting rates from us and still maintain as he does, in the last sentence of the first paragraph of his letter that it would be wrong for Kildare County Council to devot expenditure to Rail Park..

Where was Mr. J. G. Ward our County Manager for Kildare and his officials when the estate was being built and why did Kildare County Council not exercise its authority to control the activities of the developer when he was transgressing the planning requirements?

Does Mr. J. G. Ward believe that the residents of Rail Park are all millionaires who can afford to take the developer to court with all the financial costs that would ensue whilst Kildare County Council still after in-numberable pleas from us decline to exercise the bond they hold on the developer.

This bond is sufficient to cover the cost of completing the estate and as the reason the bond was taken out was to guard against the developer failing to complete the estate the bond should be foreclosed on immediately.

Mr. J. G. Ward should also remember that he is an employee of Kildare County Council who are elected by the Ratepayers and as such is there for to Manage the affairs of the Rate Payers to the best of his ability. It would seem to our simple minds that the best method of handling this affair would be:-

- (a) To foreclose on the bond
- (b) To take over and complete the estate
- (c) To ensure adequate legislation is introduced by Kildare Co. Council to safeguard the Ratepayer against further similar happenings

We believe this letter from Mr. J. G. Ward is an affront to our intelligence and we would at this stage ask what has Kildare County Council done for this estate? We believe nothing. Perhaps Mr. J. G. Ward would like to comment. A copy of this newsletter is being sent to him and to Messrs. Tully and Clinton T.D.s.

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Editorial

'Peace on earth and goodwill to all mankind' comprise the first words uttered in relation to Christ in the Christian era and constitute one of the basics of Christianity. It was later summed up by Christ himself as 'Love your neighbour'. If this tenet is not lived up to, we cannot call ourselves Christians at all and we become little better than the Mau Mau, the head-hunters in New Guinea or the keepers of the former German concentration camps. We do aspire to be better than this, but we have food for thought.

The history of the past few years in the northern part of our island makes, to say the least of it, scandalous reading and we wonder if following generations of Irishmen will be able to comprehend the utter senselessness of the present killing and destruction, the rivers of blood on Belfast Streets, the maimings, the misery, the utter folly of it all. Surely no ideal, religious or national, is served by this animal aggression. No cause, however good, is served by such actions. On the contrary, nothing but evil can follow. Is it not more civilized to sit down and discuss the problems and bring 'Peace with Justice' not 'Peace with Injustice' as must result from present policies?

It is only a minority of people on the island as a whole who hanker after violence and it is time we all gave expression to our abhorrence of violence of any sort, for any reason, from any person. The current Peace Marches are evidence of the desire of the majority, North & South for settlement of the differences (if any differences exist among the majority of the people) in a Christian way, and we should be vocal and active in giving our support to this current movement for peace. It is expected, that there will be a peace march here in our own town shortly, and, come rain or shine, you, if you value peace, should actively demonstrate your support.

Should anybody feel that these lines are directed against one organisation or another, or against one military body or another, let it be said here again that we speak against violence from any quarter whatsoever, material violence, or mental violence, or anything that disturbs the peace and harmony of the island as a whole.

Let this Christmas be the dawn of a new era of peace in Ireland, North & South, East and West. May the peace of Christ be with us all.

A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

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5-The Residents Association are having their Annual Dinner Dance in the Spa Hotel, Lucan on Saturday 28th January, 8.30 - 1.00. Dinner 9.p.m. This event has proved very successful in past years so we can expect a good response for tickets this year.

Tickets at £3.75 each are available at the following houses in the estate. Nos 49-53-55- & 86.

Finally it just remains for the Members of the Committee to wish everyone a Happy Christmas & Prosperous New Year.

GIRL GUIDES ARRIVE TO MAYNOOTH

On Sunday 14th November '76 the First Enrolment of the New Guide Company took place, at St. Mary's Church. It was all made possible by Father Supple.

The Company has taken the title of 'St. Catherine Labouré'

District Captain - Carmel Hutchin.
Captain - Maria Creevey
Chaplin - Fr. Supple.

The following 22 girls were the first members of the New Company:-

Catherine McNamara - Anna Murphy -
Aine McLoughlin - Sophia Burns -
Elaine Bean - Helen Flanagan -
Nora Begley - Margo Murphy - Sandra Moran - Breda Edwards - Mary Casey -
Shirley O'Brien - Anne Kearney -
Caroline Power - Helena Lynch -
Margaret Madded - Joyce O'Reilly -
Elizabeth Danagher - Noreen Gilten-
Mary Bennett - Catherine Madden -
Geraldine Boyle.

It was a beautiful little ceremony, all the parents were very impressed. Our Parish Priest, Fr. Supple and Fr. Jim O'Sullivan (Diocesan Chaplin) concelebrated Mass.

Fr. O'Sullivan said he was particularly pleased to welcome Maynooth to the Guides, as Maynooth

is so much on the fringe of the Diocese and now our Girls could enjoy all the privileges of the Guides in the City.

Among those present at the Ceremony were Diocesan Commissioner - Sheila Redmond & Hon Secretary - Commissioner Rita Daly, & District Captain - Carmel Hutchin. Many young guides from other Companies came along to lend support.

After the Ceremony we all adjourned to the Parish Hall, for a very welcome Cup of Tea and plenty of goodies, which all the parents appreciated very much. In the Hall, Captin Hutchin, thanked all those who had made the Company possible, particularly Captain Creevey, who literally worked all her lunch times to get this off the ground and Fr. Supple who had given them such wonderful help. She also thanked the Sisters of the Presentation order for giving them the use of such a comfortable Hall, and of course the parent for coming along and showing their approval.

The Parents of the New Guides also wish to thank Fr. Supple and all those who helped to bring the Guides to Maynooth.

Captain Creevey wishes to state that they are now open for New Members.



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25th Dec. Christmas Day
Moyglare 9.30 a.m.
Dunshaughlin 10.45 a.m.
Dunboyne 12 noon
26th Dec. Dunshaughlin 9.30 a.m.
Dunboyne 10.45 a.m.
Maynooth 12 noon

2nd Jan. 1977
The service in Dunboyne will be a Carol Service at 3.30 p.m.

The new Bishop of Meath and Kildare who was elected in September is the Most Rev. D. A. R. Caird B.D. and comes to us from Limerick where he has been Bishop since 1970. He will live in Dublin until a suitable house is found. We look forward to having him among us. His enthronement in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trim, took place on 18th November, and he will be enthroned in St. Brigids Cathedral, Kildare on 2nd December, at 8 p.m. Everyone will be welcome at this service.

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Community Council
News

At the Council Meeting this month, much of the discussion concerned matters which had arisen at the recent meeting with some of the other associations in the Community.

The feelings among the Residents Associations towards Kildare County Council were hard to define. While some Resident Associations reported a little progress with County Council Officials, most of their efforts were still being frustrated. This they felt was due to lack of funds and red tape on the part of the County Council. The estates in general in the area have been left in deplorable condition and the Resident Associations are pursuing this sad state of affairs with the utmost vigour. The Community Council agreed to give full support to the Residents Associations in their dealings with Kildare County Council.

THE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION reported that as far as could be ascertained, lack of funds, again on the part of Kildare County Council was the basic reason for the inactivity on this project, but the County Council is being continuously pressed by the Development Association to try and get things started. On the question of the Sports Field, the Association was going full steam ahead and the results are there for all to see.

THE COMMUNAL AERIAL was the subject for some lively discussion. The current position regarding this project is that the original scheme has been abandoned as being unworkable. Since this has been dragging on now for so long, the Council felt that a definite decision should be made as soon as possible. It is hoped therefore to have some definite news on this subject in the next NEWSLETTER

The Community Council decided that Trustees should be appointed to be responsible for funds and equipment, and members were asked to propose people for these positions and at the next Council Meeting the Trustees would be selected.

It was regretted that the Adult Education Course entitled 'You, Religion and Your Child' had to be cancelled due to lack of support and the Council extended sincere apologies to Sister Nora Connolly for this.

The Council welcomed for the first time a representative from the Student Union in Maynooth College, as they felt that this was an area from which enormous mutual benefit could be gained.

The NEWSLETTER for the months of January & February would as last year, be a combined issue and the latest date for the handing in of News items for that issue would be JANUARY 3rd

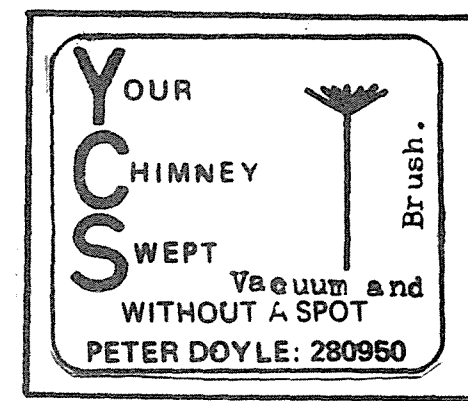
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North Kildare Beekeepers are having their Social & Dinner at McTiernans, Kilcullen, Friday December 3rd. There will be a suitable Presentation made to Fr. John Gahan, Prosperous, who is being transferred to Loughlin-bridge.

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Fri. 10 - 2 days - 7.30 - The Count of
Monte Cristo

Sun. 12 - 1 Day - 7.15 - On the Buses
Tales Of Terror.

Mon. 13 - 3 days - over 18s - Carry On
Camping / Murder in Milan

Thurs 16 - 2 days - 7.30 - Ski Riders

Sat. 18 - 1 day - 7.40 - Great
Expectations

Mon. 20 - 2 days - over 18s - 7.30.

Doctor in the Nude

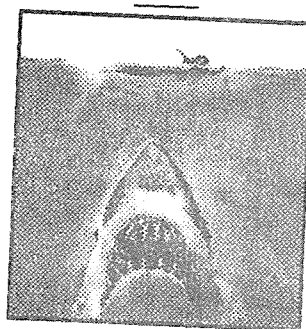
Mama's Dirty Girls

Wed. 22 - 2 days - 7.45 - Hang Em
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Sun. 26 - 1 day - Santee

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A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen



To the evidence for the cultural activity at Maynooth in the heyday of the Kildare FitzGerald we can add the foundation of a college which might had the times been more favourable, developed into Ireland's first university.

This was the brain child of the Great Earl who decided to follow the example of his cousins of Desmond who had founded a college at Youghal. An article by Rev. John Healy in the Irish Ecclesiastical Record for October, 1880, tells the story of the foundation:

'No person who enters the gates of the College can fail to observe. . . on his left, just within the walls, a square ivy-covered tower of much more ancient aspect than the Protestant Church of Maynooth, of which it now forms a part. The old tower is all that remains of the ancient College of St. Mary of Maynooth, which was founded and endowed by . . . Gerald, Earl of Kildare, and dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. . . This Gerald (The 8th Earl), by his will assigned the Manor of Rathbeggan and the lands of Kiltele and Carbestown, in Meath. . . to the intent that the feoffees should grant the Manor and lands aforesaid to the Master of the College. . . Rathbeggan, between Dunboyne and Dunshaughlin, contained 271 acres, Kiltele, three miles west of Dunshaughlin, contained 140, and Carbestown 80 acres. . . In 1519 Gerald, the ninth Earl. . . presented a petition to William Rokeby, Archbishop of Dublin (1511-1521), for licence to found and endow a College at Maynooth, which was granted. . . The Earl then built the College in a most beautiful form adjoining the Castle of Maynooth, and dedicated it to the Blessed Virgin. He appointed a Master, five Fellows (priests), two clerks and two boys. . . By constitution of the College, the nomination of the Master and the Sub-Master was vested in the Earl and his successors, they were, however, to obtain induction from the Archbishop. The five Fellows were to be chosen by the majority, the vote of the Master to be reckoned as two. The boys were to be nominated by the Earl, to whom was reserved the donation of the temporalities, the investiture of the spiritualities was to rest with the Archbishop, who granted to the clergy the privilege of having a common seal and of suing and being sued as a corporate body, without infringement, however, of the rights of the Prebendary of Maynooth, the Vicar of Laraghbryan, or the Dean & Chapter of St. Patrick's Cathedral. These ordinances, made on the 6th of October, 1518, were confirmed by royal letters patent of Henry VIII on 12th of the same month. So early as 1248, with the consent of the Baron of Offaly, the Church of Laragh Bryan was made a perbend of St. Patrick's Cathedral by Luke, Archbishop of Dublin; . . . Shortly after (1518) the Earl endowed Maynooth even more amply . . . also rebuilt the church, which had originally been attached to the Castle, and caused it to be made a prebendal Church, instead of Laragh Bryan. The perpetual right of presentation, however, even to the College Church, was still reserved to him and his successors down to the disestablishment of the Irish Church. In 1521 this prebend being vacant, it was at the Earl's request, annexed to the Mastership of the College. . . the Vicar of Laragh Bryan should be Sub-Master of the College, in which he was also to reside, while retaining the cure of souls in the Parish of Laragh Bryan.

The profits of the vicarage were to be added to the funds of the College, with exception of £6. 13s 4d per annum, to be paid to the vicar. . . Five marks were to be deducted from the profits of the vicarage for his support in the refectory. A 'good and learned curate' was to be provided at the expense of the College, to celebrate the divine service in the 'Cathedral' of Laragh Bryan. The members of the College were generally prohibited from going to market to buy corn, on any occasion however urgent, even for feasts of Charity'.

The College founded with so much enthusiasm and generosity was given very little time to develop and prove itself. Only fourteen years after 1521 Maynooth Castle was stormed and taken by the King's forces in 1535, and in 1538 the College was suppressed together with many other religious. However the new college was not the only casualty of this stormy century in Irish History. With it fell the power of the house of Kildare and the ninth earl, who had built the college, died of grief in December 1534 on hearing the news that his eldest son had come out in open rebellion against the king of England. This was something that he and his Father the Great Earl, in spite of all the ups and downs of their relationship with English crown, had managed to avoid.

Gerald the ninth earl of Kildare was called Garret Og, or Garret MacAlison, after his mother, Alison Eustace, by the Irish annalists. As a boy he spent some years at the court of Henry VII as a hostage for his father's loyalty. These however must have been pleasant years for not only are there records of the King ordering for his use such items as black velvet and tawny satin doublets, crimson and tawny hose, and velvet gowns trimmed with white lamb's fur, not to mention boots, spurs, shoes and slippers, but before he returned to Ireland he had married Elizabeth Zouche who was a cousin of the King himself. Back in Ireland he was appointed Lord Deputy soon after the death of his father in 1513. His career followed the pattern of that of his father in many respects. He lived and acted in Ireland as an Irish Chief, furthering the interests of his family, while at the same time trying to keep the king satisfied that he was acting only in the defence and best interests of the English crown. Unfortunately the time was fast approaching when the kings of England would feel strong enough to refuse to tolerate this situation any longer.

Reference: Rev. M.T. MacSweeney, 'The Parish of Maynooth' I.E.R.
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MAYNOOTH FINE GAEL

The Maynooth Branch are holding their Annual Christmas Supper Dance in the Hamlet, Johnstownbridge on Friday 17th December. Invited guest speakers will include Mr. Mark Clinton T.D., Mr. John Bruton T.D. and Mr. Paddy Malone T.D.

Tickets available at £1.50 from the following W. Coonan Tel. 286128 - E. O'Reilly Tel. 286203 - D. Carroll Pound Street & A. Murray, 31 Greenfield Drive.

The Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Mark Clinton T.D. met constituents in the Geraldine Hall recently and plans to do so again in the near future. Further information regarding same from W. Coonan.

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GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Greenfield Estate Residents Association are holding their 3rd Annual Dinner Dance on Friday 11th Feb. 1977, in the Belgard Inn, Newlands Cross, Clondalkin. Dancing will be from 9 p.m. till 2 a.m. with a Bar Extension till 1.30 a.m. Price per ticket is £3. only this year, and as usual Spot Prizes Galore.

Our previous two Dinner Dances were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended them, and we look forward to having a similar success this year. Tickets will be available next month, December, from the following:-

Dave Lyon, 33 Maynooth Park.
Phone: 286136
Aine McDonagh, 38 Maynooth Park.
Phone: 286522
Bill Gartland, 48 Lawrence Ave.
Phone: 286512
Joe Kelly, 57 Maynooth Park.
Eilish O'Malley, 5 Lawrence Ave.
Mary Fleming, 45 Greenfield Dr.
Phone: 286472
Ann McStravick, 15 Lawrence Ave.
Phone: 286243
Cathal Griffin, 44 Maynooth Park.
Breda Cunningham, 79 Maynooth Park.
John McGinley, 50 Greenfield Dr.
Tom Purcell, 49 Lawrence Ave.

Those intending going would be advised to get their Tickets as early as possible.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

GROUND RENTS: Many of the Residents of Greenfield Estate have again received demand notices for arrears of Ground Rent from Oliver J. Conlon, Solicitor, 93 Upper Leeson St. Dublin, who are acting for Messrs. Civil Engineers (I) Ltd, 55 Haddington Rd. Dublin & Messrs. Vaughan Builders of Ballymany, Newbridge.

G.E.R.A. Committee are requesting all residents to continue to withhold Ground Rents, due to lack of maintainance to defective houses, and uncompleted Roads - Footpaths and Green Areas within Greenfield Estate.

The following is an extract from a policy document issued by the Association to its members in October 1975:-

Further to our General Meeting of 23rd Oct. 1975, the Committee of the Association wish to reiterate and clarify their policy on Ground Rents.

The recommendation of the Committee is that ground rents should be withheld until such time as all matters concerning maintenance and site development are satisfactorily undertaken, and further, on completion of the required work, that a block purchase of ground rents should be negotiated.

This has since been justified in that some, if not all, ground Landlords have at all times been in breach of their lease and contract in that they have failed to meet their obligations to:-

- (A) Build a good house
- (B) Do all things necessary to have the estate vested in the Local Authority - Kildare Co. Council.

It is felt therefore, that residents are legally justified in withholding ground rents until such time as the ground Landlords have honoured their commitments.

Signed: G.E.R.A. Committee.

In early November 1976 G.E.R.A. have again requested a meeting with Mr. O.J. Conlon, and his clients, Messrs. A. Vaughan, & Mr. Kilkenny of the Civil Eng. to discuss:-

- (1) Final development of Greenfield Estate
- (2) Ground Rents - The possibility of a group purchase scheme

G.E.R.A. have requested the Maynooth Community Council to follow up on the following proposals:-

- 1 - Eastern Health Board for the introduction of a child welfare clinic in Maynooth.
- 2 - To follow up with Kildare Co. Co. on the erection of the proposed pedestrian bridge alongside the town bridge on the Maynooth Straffan Road.
- 3 - to follow up with Kildare Co. Co. on the extension of Speed Limits on the Maynooth /Straffan Rd., and the Maynooth/Celbridge Rd.
- 4 - to follow up with Kildare Co. Co. & C.I.E. on the extension of the No. 66 Bus Route to the Maynooth/ Straffan Road.
- 5 - to follow up with Kildare Co. Co. on the position to-date of the Bus Shelter and Toilets in the Square Maynooth.

GREENFIELD ESTATE -continued

MONTHLY DRAW: The monthly draw got off to a flying start with excellent support from the residents of the Estate.

Mrs. O'Reilly, 57 Lawrence Ave., was the first lucky winner of £50.

Our thanks to all who are supporting this attempt to raise funds for the Association and especially the very willing collectors. The next draw will take place on the first Monday of December - a nice present for Christmas.

THANKING YOU,

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

G.E.R.A. are having their first childrens Christmas Party on Sunday 19th December in the Geraldine Hall, Maynooth. We hope to have a visit from SANTA giving gifts and lots of goodies for all.

Any Residents interested in lending a helping hand should contact:- Eilish O'Malley, 5 Lawrence Ave., Maynooth.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

At our recently held Special General Meeting, our new constitution and Standing Orders, were accepted in total, by a very large and lively attendance. This constitution will give more flexibility to the workings of the Committee, and provides scope for the acceptance, as members of residents on the perimeter of the estate, i.e. the residents in the Cottages on the Celbridge Road & the Crescent, Straffan Road, should they desire membership.

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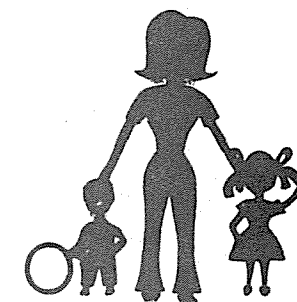
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It was also decided to defer payment of Rates, and when informing the County Manager of this action, that a letter of protest, concerning the unfinished condition of our estate should also be forwarded, by all our members, in an effort to bring pressure to bear, on the developers, Civil Engineers Ireland Ltd. to discharge their obligations to us, in completing the outstanding work, on green areas road surfacing etc.

CLEAN UP: The Committee wish to express their sincere thanks to all those who turned out, for our recent Saturday 'Clean Up', thanks to them, our state is now looking quite well, particularly the Shopping area. A special word of thanks to Mr. Dave Lyon for providing the barrels for dustbins, and to Mr. Paddy Gleeson, for the excellent painting and sign-writing job he did on them, it is hoped that this action will lead to a decrease in the number of 'Litterbugs' in the area.

DON'T BE A LITTER-BUG -KEEP GREENFIELD ESTATE TIDY AND KEEP IRELAND BEAUTIFUL

The Committee of the G.E.R.A. take this opportunity to wish all residents of Maynooth a Very Happy Christmas.

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(Gracian)

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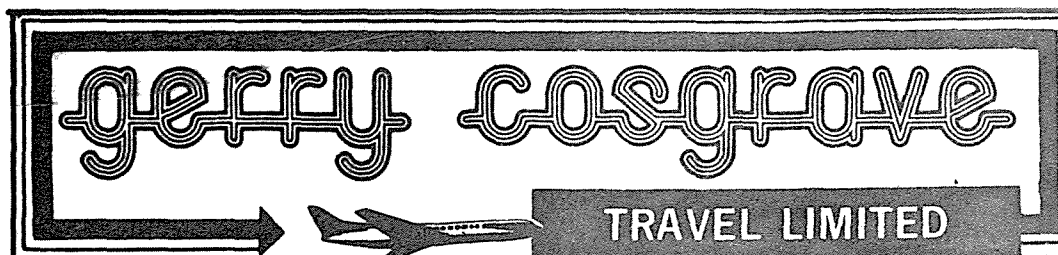
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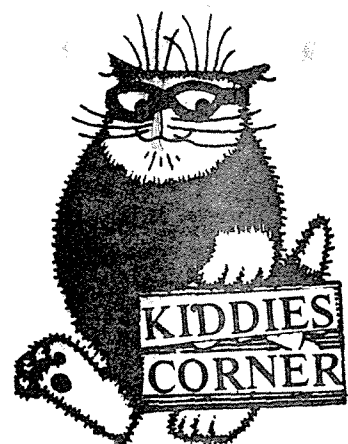


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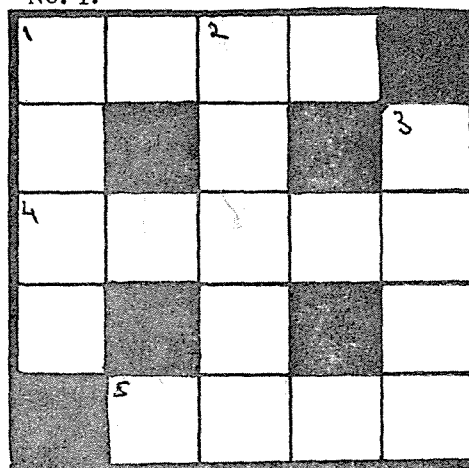
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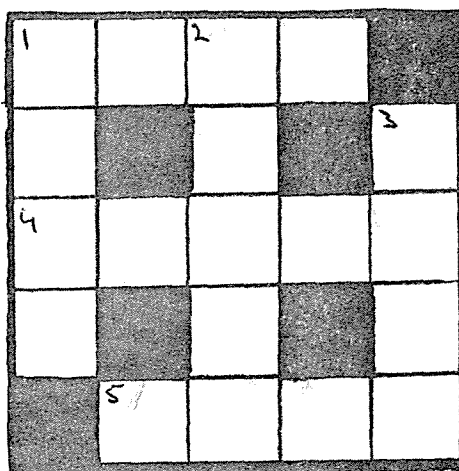
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- 1 - Above
4 - Sign On
5 - George Bernard -- ?

DOWN

- 1 - Sign
2 - Our Planet
E - Run Like A River

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CLUES

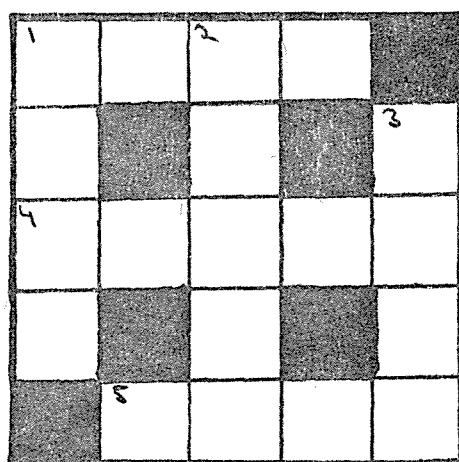
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- 1 - Used For Writing
2 - Subject
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DOWN

- 1 - Deep Holes
2 - No Friend (Two Words)
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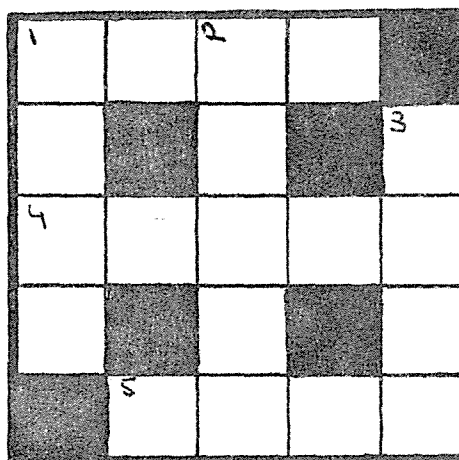
ACROSS

- 1 - Former U.S. President
4 - Cut
5 - Out of Work

DOWN

- 1 - Do without Food
2 - Wandered
3 - Liberate

No. 4.



CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 - Light Fog
4 - Little
5 - Mountain Range

DOWN

- 1 - Majority
2 - Slow Creature
3 - Large Deers

Q. - How do you make gold soup?

A. - With Twenty-four carrots (carats)

Q. - How can you tell which Country an Elephant comes from?

A. - By the labels on his trunk.

Q. - Where do Americans keep their pigs

A. - In sty-scrapers.

Q. - How do Skeletons speak to each other?

A. - By telephone.

Q. - What did the North Wind say to the South Wind?

A. - Lets play draughts.



A CHILDS PRAYER

God Bless my Darling Daddy, to
work he had to go.
Take care of him while working, be-
cause I love him so.
God let my prayer be answered, don't
let me pray in vain.
God Bless my Darling Daddy, and
bring him safe home again.

by Anita Murphy (11yrs.)



Hello Boys & Girls,

The response to the Drawing Competi-
tion Last Month was very poor. So
this Month we have some crossword
puzzles for you to do. Get out your
Pens or Pencils and fill in the Blocks
Send them to Kiddies Corner, c/o
857 Greenfield, Maynooth, before
December 14th.

Christmas time is here again, when
you visit the Crib, don't forget to
say a little Prayer for your Mammy,
Daddy, and Teachers, who have been
good to you during the past year.
Remember too the Little Children in
Foreign Lands who never heard of
The Infant Jesus.

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Say a little Prayer for them and
for all the Priestd, Brothers, &
Nuns who are out there Teaching
these little Children, the true
meaning of Christmas.

When you get your new Toys
at Christmas, if you do not want
your old toys, there may be
some poor child in your neigh-
bourhood who is not getting any
toys for Christmas, and you can
give your old toys to them. If
you cannot think of any child to
give old toys too, you can send
them to Kiddies Corner, and we
will distribute them for you. Then
everyone will have a Happy Xmas,
and The Infant Jesus will Bless
you for your Charity. So until
next month, May the Peace of
Christmas be with you all, and
with your Families. Be Good,
Be careful with Xmas Lights near
fires. Prevent Accidents at
Christmas

God Bless You All.

P.S. We would like to thank Lennie
who supplied the Cross Word
Puzzle for this Months Com-
petition.

KIDDIES CORNER

WINNERS OF CHILDREN'S ART
COMPETITION.

The following received £1. each:
John O'Toole, Pike's Bridge - age
6 yrs. (1st Class); Liam O'Toole
Pike's Bridge - age 7 yrs. (2nd class);
John McGlynn, Greenfield - age 10 yrs.
(4th class).

All these boys are pupils of Maynooth
Boys' National School, Maynooth.

GARDENING NOTES

By Colm Kennedy

Well we are heading towards the
end of another year in the garden.
I am sure we all had good results,
but too much dry weather can be a
problem. Anyway be that as it may
we can now prepare for the coming
year. A start can be made on
keeping the border and beds tidy.

Clear out fallen leaves and stock them
to decompose. Flower beds should
be given a light dressing of meat
and bone meal - no manure yet.
Harbeacious perennials can be
planted out and any plants that need
moving can be replanted without delay.
Get the rose beds ready for planting.
Some peatmoss around the base of
the plants helps to conserve moisture
and keeps the clay nice and loose.
With a little farm-yard manure light-
ly forked in, will give your roses and
shrubs a good start. Lift dhalias,
Gladiolus cornis and store in a
frostproof shed or loft. Plant as
many lillies, now as possible.

Harbeacious plants can be cut down to
about fifteen inches and all
established trees can be winter
pruned. There is an amount of
planting to think about now. Border
carnations and pinks, roses, alpinas,
trees, shrubs, fruit trees, bushes
and hardy perennials if the weather
is suitable. Cabbage which was
transplanted in October should be
firmed and some clay pushed in to
tighten, as the winds have shaken
most plants. Anyone with any doubts
about fertility, lime, in the soil, now
is a good time to have a soil test done
and be ready for 1977. D.V.

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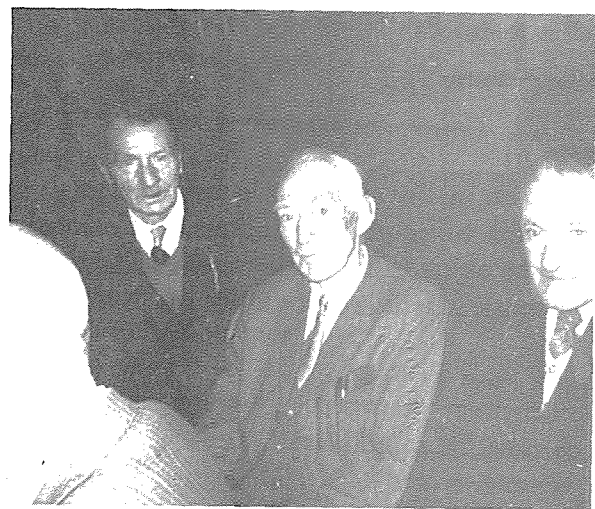
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CLUB CORNER

The New Youth Club is entering its third month of activities and is very popular with its ninety-five members, boasting almost full attendance at its twice weekly meetings. Since the last News-Letter we have gained three new helpers, Sr. Edel (Drama) and Oliver Martin & Gerard Fleming (S.M.A.) who help with the games.

Activities now include, Judo, Table Tennis, Chess, Draughts, Guitar Lessons, and indoor and outdoor basketball and football. We hope to start a Girls five-a-side Soccer Team soon and included in the Programme for this month are Quizes, Debates, and a Christmas Production.

We also Plan a Disco on Saturday 18th December, for all the Affiliated Clubs in the KILDARE REGION. This will be our first venture as Host Club and we are very excited by the idea and hope it will be successful.

Sunday the 21st November will see the members of the Committee setting out as delegates to a Council Meeting of the Kildare Federation of Youth Clubs to be held in Lawlors Hotel, Naas. The delegates are:- Anita Lyon (Hon. Sec), Peter Brady (Vice-Chairman) and Margaret Morrissey (P.R.O.).

Early next month there will be a training and information day in the Kildare Region, organised by the National Federation of Youth Clubs, to whom we are affiliated, and again members from Maynooth Club will participate

We regret that membership is restricted to those of twelve yrs. & over, but as this age limit is due to insurance and not a voluntary decision made by the Club Committee, we feel sure parents will understand.

A reminder of our times again:

Tuesday: 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. (girls)
Thursday: 8.45 p.m. - 10.30 (Boys)
Sat. mornings for Basket Ball etc.

Please feel free to drop in at any time and watch (or even take part!) in the goings on -- Our Sing-Songs at 9.30 p.m. on Tuesdays are ever popular.

Many thanks to Fr. O'Higgins & Fr. Suppke and the Parish Committee who helped us get off the ground, and most of all to the members themselves who are putting a great spirit of unity in the Club and are determined to make it a success.

More next month but why not come down and see us first hand.
We'd love your help! Keep Smilin'

Margaret Morrissey (P.R.O.)

POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Association:

The public meeting of parents to discuss the setting up of a Board of Management in the School took place on 27th October. From that meeting it was left to the Committee to investigate further the possibilities of setting up a Board in Maynooth. It is hoped that Mr. Commins, C.E.O. will attend a meeting next month to discuss the matter further.

Parents will now have received an appeal from the Association for the annual subscription of £1, and are asked to respond generously. This figure is very modest compared to other neighbouring schools.

Great concern was expressed at recent meetings about the proposed new extension and a request was sent to the Department of Education to know when the work will commence. A reply is

still awaited. Mr. Justin Keating Minister for Industry and Commerce very kindly met a deputation from the Association on 12th Nov. and gave kind consideration to our request, and promised to look into the matter.

This matter was also raised with Mr. Mark Clinton, Minister for Agriculture & Fisheries and with Mr. Paddy Power T.D. and they also promised to investigate.

County Kildare Vocational Education Committee met for the first time recently in Maynooth Post-Primary School. Among the matters considered was the issue of the parking of caravans adjacent to the School premises and the nuisance associated with these. The Committee had approached the County Council and, according to Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Gerry Commins, the Council is taking the matter in hand.

Committee member, Mr. John Colgan raised the question of the poor acoustics in class-rooms and inadequate corridor width - at the request of school principal, Mr. Tom Ashe. His proposal that the Committee's architect should pay particular attention to these points in the planning of the new School extension was agreed by the Committee.

At the October meeting the VEC decided not to build a covered way between school and prefabs owing to the cost (£3,500) and because such action might delay their replacement with permanent structures.



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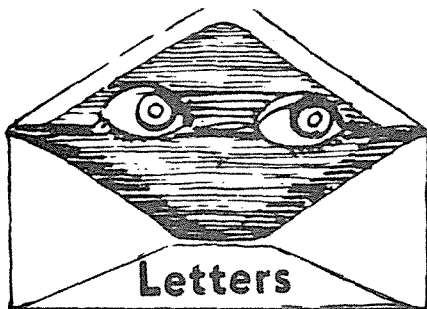
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to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Again I would like you just to print a few words of thanks in your Newsletter. I ask you to do this because there are many people who help in the weekly collection made by some friends of mine for the work out here. In the past 12 months or so £900 collected and sent to me. I am very grateful for this help. I use it here for various purposes. At present I am involved in an adult literacy campaign and there are a few of the 147 villages that belong to the parish here who are looking for a small Church-cum-Meeting centre. I have built one such centre when I was in this parish in 1973 with the help from home. We had very bad floods here this year during the monsoons. Lots of things got damaged. One is a school we have in one village. That still has to be repaired. In this way the help people send to me through Gerry MacTiernan and helpers is very welcome indeed.

I was home for a while last Summer, but I am sure I haven't met half of the people I should have met. Please extend my grateful thanks to all those who remember me and give all the very useful help. People are great. In spite of all the demands made on them they still are ready to help so very much.

Thanks to everyone but especially to the following:

Jimmy McLoughlin, Leinster Arms .
The Management, The Roost.
Mr. Jimmy O'Neill, Main Street.
Mr. & Mrs. Barry, Main Street,
Mrs. Kiernan.
Mr. Phil Brady, Clock House.
Mr. Caulfield

Also a special thanks to the weekly collectors; Gerry MacTiernan, Paddy Shearan, James Horan, Larry Begley, Pat Begley, and Dan Newton.

Please do not take up too much of your Newsletter for this. Put it anyway you like. All I want to say is thanks to everyone who has helped me so much over the years.

Graefully yours, - Fr. John Nevin MHM.
Catholic Church, Collee Rd. Sargodha.
2nd Nov. 1976

Dear Sir,
I would like to correct an entry in your November issue under the heading 'Recent Deaths'. This refers to the late Miss Hilda McGrath R.I.P. whose family resided at Maria Ville, Maynooth, the present home of the Satchwell family, and not at 'The Crosses' as stated by you.

Yours faithfully,
Mary T. Keane (Miss)
Main Street, Maynooth.

The Editorial Committee sincerely regret the printing error, which appeared in the November Issue, and we are most grateful to Miss Keane and other readers for pointing out our mistake.



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GREENFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

We extend sympathy to Kevin Comerford on the death of his mother. R.I.P.

The Annual Childrens Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 19th December. Once again SANTA CLAUS will be the Star Attraction.

We take this opportunity to wish all our Residents a very happy and holy Christmas.

After further approaches to the Co. Council, we have been promised that the lane leading to back entrances to houses at the east of our estate will be re-surfaced week ending Friday 19th November. If this has not been done at publication of Newsletter, further stronger representation will have been made.

Arrangements for Our Annual Dinner Dance are in progress and final details will be published in next NEWSLETTER

Congratulations to Tony & Ann Mooney on the birth of a daughter.

Congratulations to Mrs. C. Dowling on her recent big BINGO win. Santa Claus came early here.

PARISH NOTES

LADYCHAPEL The re-roofing job should be finished by the time these notes appear. The broken weather was against the builder, but they did very well in spite of it. The local fund-raising committee has been doing trojan work. Several of its members took part in the Sponsored Cycle Ride, while others helped with the stewarding & catering. The ride brought in about £1000. After deducting expenses for printing & catering, the Ladychapel Fund & the Community Council will have nearly £500 each. The very enjoyable Concert on the 7th Nov. netted roughly £250. Sincere thanks are due to the organizers, artistes & patrons. Don't miss the next concert on 5th December.

The 300 Club is going like a bomb, & the Committee is now organizing a big Card Drive. So no one can accuse the Ladychapel People of not pulling their weight on behalf of their lovely, chapel-of-ease, & the rest of the Maynooth Parishioners are supporting them well.

PLANNED GIVING: This regular envelope collection still remains our main source of finance for our building projects. We thank the sixty-five people who so readily undertook the task of canvassing from house to house in the latter half of November. We trust that the new round of Planned Giving which begins on 2nd January will see a large number of new subscribers as well as a general rise in the level of subscriptions to offset inflation.

We hate to have to keep begging like this, but the parish must pay its debts. We now have a term loan of £21,000 to repay in five years with heavy interest. However, with the continued good will of all our parishioners, it should be wiped out much sooner.

SHARE: We got a grant of £1,000 from the Diocesan Development Fund (Share). This may seem small, when we are sending them about £120 per week. However, we must keep in mind that the main purpose of the Share Fund is to provide Churches, Schools & Presbyteries in completely new parishes that are quite unable to meet their commitments from their own resources. We do not fall into this category, although the situation could change if there is large-scale development in this area. In that case, of course, the Share Fund would help out on a bigger scale.

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ST. MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND

After a very busy Summer, the band would seem to be going through a quiet spell. Without any important time for the band. It is a time for learning new music and for continuing the training of the younger musicians.

There are of course, some engagements. A selected group from the band took part in the recent I.C.A. concert, and there was a big turn out for the Annual Mass for deceased band members. The junior members are making good progress and are currently practising Christmas Carols for the traditional carol playing in the town. It is also hoped to hold a band concert in the Hall in January.

A second junior class has just moved up onto clarinets from recorders. These are coming on very well under John Bean on Thursday nights and will soon be taking their place with the band for outings.

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MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE NEWS

The first party in October was very successful and well attended. Unfortunately the microphone was not working properly and a lot of the entertainment was lost.

We have to welcome a lot of new faces to the committee - Students who have just begun to help us and we look forward to seeing them again.

The next party will be on the 12th December. We hope Santa will be in attendance.

The Sale of Work to assist the Coal fund will be on Sunday 28th November at 2 p.m. We rely on your generosity to make this a success.

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