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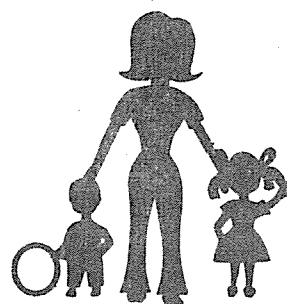
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It was wartime, 1941, the Battle of Britain had been fought and won and the Spitfire pilot returning from a routine patrol over a lonely part of the Scottish coast spotted a strange bi-plane ahead. As he picked up speed to investigate, the pilot was 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 tarmacadam 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 o' 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

Casualty Unit:- Members did duty at the Gymkhana held in Carton.

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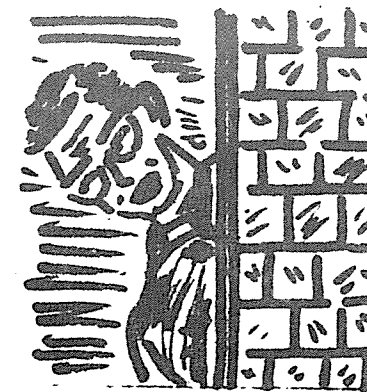
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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

by "WATCHMAN"

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.



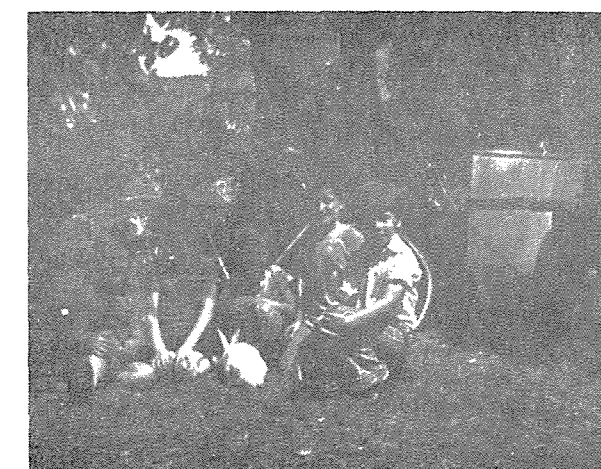
No! The horse hasn't four front legs and doesn't wear that type of shoe. Rosaleen Leavy with her horse at the Sunday afternoon in the Castle Grounds.



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 Aoiibhinn 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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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.

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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.

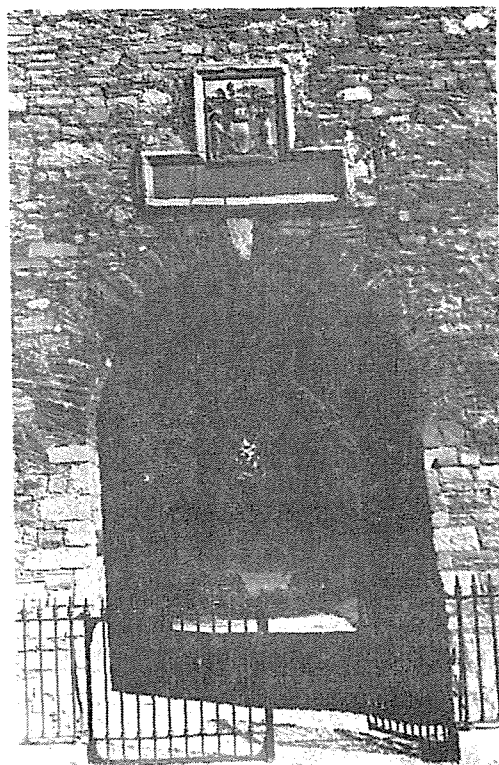
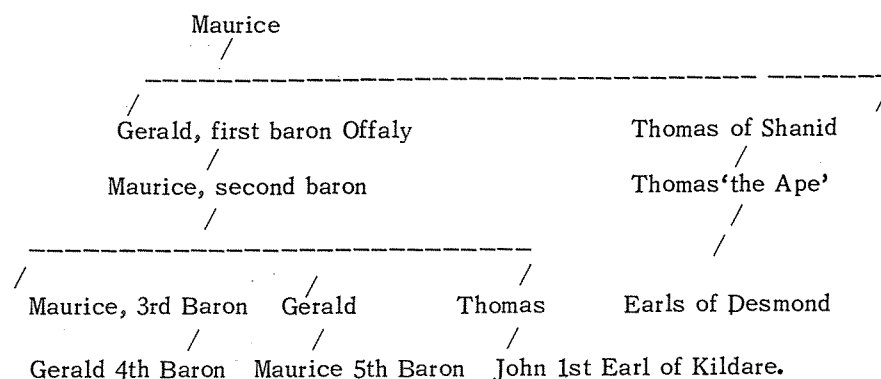


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In 1277 the third baron died and was succeeded by his son Gerald Fitz Maurice. Gerald had already completed the Grey Abbey at Kildare, commenced by William de Vesci, and had founded the Franciscan Abbey at Clane in 1271. By this time the community 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:

9.15 a.m.-5.00 p.m.: 280412 Leixlip Area;
 287232 Kilcock Area;

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

Please keep this in a convenient place for future reference.

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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.

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| 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 | |

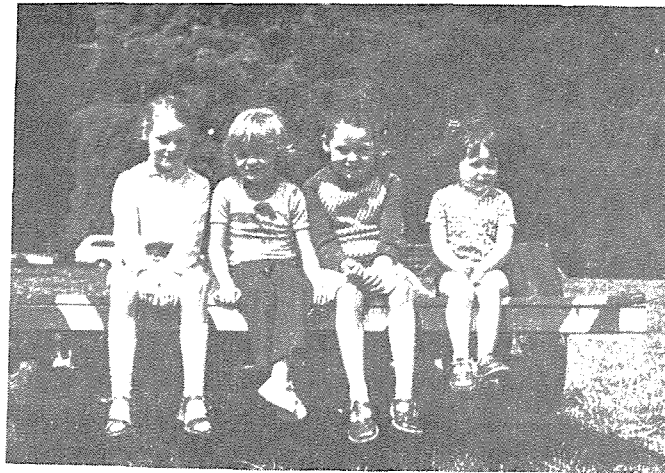
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| Collection of Garden Flowers | |
| 1st Mrs. C. McFadden, Maynooth Park | |
| H.C. Miss Currell | |
| H.C. Anna Kennedy | |
| Miniature Arrangement | |
| 1st Mrs. M. Wardell | |
| 2nd Mrs. S. Angel | |
| 3rd Mrs. P. Acton, Ratoath | |
| H.C. Ellen 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 | |

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| 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 | |

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| 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 | |

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| 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 | |

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| 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. Photo: Michael McCourt.



Peter Keegan, Maynooth (in white vest) running in one of the races at Sports in Carton. Photo: Michael McCourt.



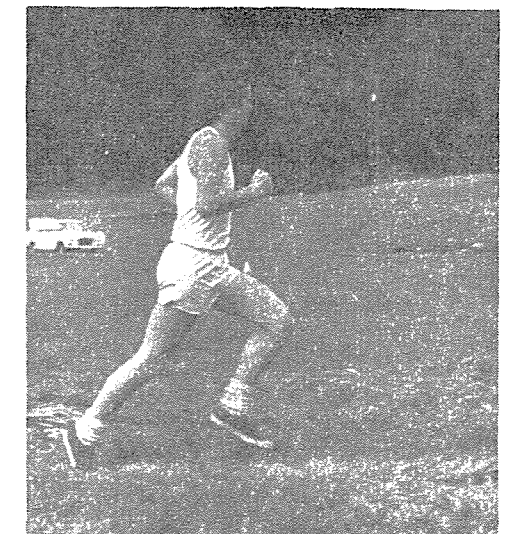
Some revellers at the Banquets in Maynooth Castle



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.

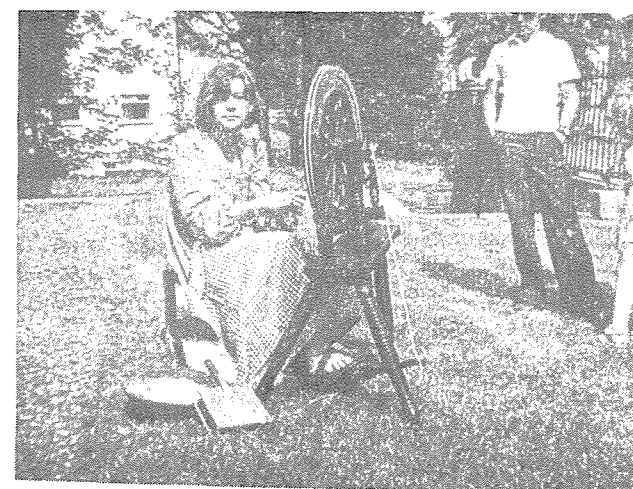


James Durack, Carton competing in one of the races at the Sports at Carton.

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.

SPORTS PAGE

MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

The Maynooth Junior Football team beat Celbridge by 12 pts. to 1-5 in the final of the local tournament recently. This was a great game with Maynooth coming out best in the end. Best players for Maynooth were Seamus Healy, Terry Moore, Willy Moore, Peadair Mulhern, Tony McTernan and Tom Purcell. Maynooth scores came per: W. Moore - 6 pts., T. Purcell - 2 pts., T. Moore - 2 pts & T. Purcell & S. Healy - 1 pt. each. The trophies were sponsored by Edward Kavanagh (Manor Mills), Dos Caulfield, Dowdstown Stud & Doyle Bros. (Livestock Mart). The Club express grateful thanks for this support. Chairman Tommy Sheehan presented the trophies to the Maynooth team after the final. In the semi-finals Maynooth beat St. Kevins and Celbridge beat Kilcock.

Our Senior Football and Junior Hurling Tournaments will be starting shortly. The Football will be sponsored by Liam Flood, The Square. Watch out for local advertising for the games.

Our Junior Footballers have reached the last eight in the Kildare Championship. The team had a good win recently over a strong Raheen's Team by the score 2-14 to 3-4. Best for Maynooth were Tony McTernan (1-1), Willy Moore (1-1), Liam Farrelly (0-3), S. Healy (0-1), Terry Moore (0-2) & P. Mulhern.

Our Junior Hurlers played a draw with Broadford recently in the 1974 League Final. In the replay on 25th July the result was Maynooth Broadford. The hurlers will play Suncroft in the second round of the Hurling Championship.

The Club is organising a Field Day to be held on Sunday, 29th August in our pitch on the Moyglare Road - we hope to see you all there, especially children. There will be a ladies football match between Maynooth & Kilcock, an under-12 football match and an Inter-Pubs Tug-O-War. There will also be a children's Sports and a "Long Puck" hurling competition (this proved very popular at the Sports in Carton when the trophies were won by Pat Hogan and John Heffernan). We would like to thank all who supported our draw and all our supporters at recent games and also the ladies who helped to make our celebrations after the tournament such a success.

RESULTS OF MAYNOOTH HANDBALL AND SQUASH DRAW

- £
30 Mr. P. Stanley, Railpark
10 F. O'Melia, 59 Cluain
Aoibhinn.
5 P. Travers, Newtown
5 Mrs J McLoughlin,
O'Neill Park
5 S. Healy, 31 Cluain Aoibhinn.
1 Mrs. Dolan, 48
1 Mrs. G. Flood, O'Neill Park.
1 C. Murphy, Castle View.
1 Mrs. Waldron, Leinster Ctgs.
1 Tom Brosnan, e Oaklawn Close,
Leixlip
1 J. Ryan, 12 Cluain Aoibhinn.
1 Mrs. Dunne c/o
1 Mr. D. Breen SNR. Maynooth
1 J. Treacy, The Green.
3 W. Keaveney, Parson Street.
2 John Bazil, Ballygoran.

The following Promoters Won £1 each.
R. McTiernan, G. Flanagan,
P. Brazil, S. O'Flaherty, P. Conroy,
A. Kelly, C. Power, D. Travers,
C. Nelson.

Results of Maynooth G.A.A. Club Draw:

£100 - Mr. Jack Mills, c/o T. Fay.
£ 50 - Andrew Kelly, c/o L. Gallagher.
£ 20 - Davitt Healy, Cluain Aoibhinn.
Four Prizes of £5 each to:
P. Mitchell, c/o T. Fay, Terry Moore,
Straffan Road, James Moriarty, Manor
Mills and M. Hearne at M. Hughes, c/o
M. Gillick.

USEFUL LINES

The following local telephone numbers are for your information in case of need:-
Garda Siochana, Maynooth - 286234
Garda Siochana, Naas - 7333
Fire Brigade & Ambulance - 286222
Rev. Fr. O'Higgins, P.P. - 286220
Archdeacon Fisher - 286233
Rev. Fr. Supple, C.C. - 286210
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PARISH NOTES

FR. PAUL TYRRELL: As already announced, Father Paul Tyrrell, recently ordained, has been appointed to teach religion in Maynooth Post-Primary School and to be Parish Chaplain. This means that he will help in the parish at week-ends and in so far as his school work allows. We would hope to see him undertaking the apostolate of youth in the parish. The Post-Primary School has had no full-time Chaplain since Fr. Gerry McGuire was transferred in July, 1975. Fr. Nicholas Flavin, of Ossory Diocese, a post-graduate student at Maynooth College, has been doing the work for the past year. Fr. Enda Lloyd will still be around but his pastoral responsibility is to the extern students of the University. We thank him for all his help with parish work, and hope he will continue to assist us according to his opportunity and our need. Congratulations to our own two new priests, Frs. P. Monaghan and P. Kavanagh, on their first appointments in the diocese.

BOYS' SCHOOL EXTENSION: The new building is now finished, and looks well. It could not be used during the first week of the new school year which began on 1st July, as some of the flooring had not been completed and the furniture had not arrived. However, The County Vocational Education Committee came to the rescue by giving us the use of three classrooms in the Post-Primary School for the week. We are very grateful to them and to Mr. Tom Ashe the Principal, for this facility.

The Boys' School now has seven classes, ranging from Senior Infants to Sixth Standard. We have two new lady teachers, Miss Teresa Grace who transferred from the Convent School, and Miss Mary Morrissey, who previously taught in Boherlagan, Co. Tipperary. (Both of them natives of that county). These are the first permanent lady teachers in the Boys'

School, and we feel that they are well up to the high standard of its teaching Staff. We had hoped to be able to appoint a third Lady Assistant, but the Department of Education would not sanction this appointment until we could certify that the number on rolls (280) had kept up for two quarters. So we expect to appoint another teacher after Christmas. There will also be three additional members on the School Management Board.

NEW METHODS OF TEACHING RELIGION: Those who saw the 'Radharc' T.V. programme on 15th July have some idea of the revolution now under way in the methods of teaching religion in primary Schools. Gone are the old dull question and answer catechisms. Instead, there are child-centred methods, with audio-visual aids, songs, mimes, creative activity by the pupils - all adding up to making the religion lesson a really joyful experience. The new system comes into force in September for the junior classes up to second standard inclusive, and next year for the others. The parents are to be involved much more than before. The books and other learning aids will be more expensive than the old catechisms, but the results should justify the extra cost.

FINANCIAL PROBLEMS: The bank strike makes it difficult to give an exact picture of the financial situation of the parish. We have the Archbishop's sanction to borrow £15,000 from the bank. This we must do as soon as the strike ends, in order to pay the local contribution for the Boys' School Extension. We shall then have to repay this loan with interest within a few years.

In addition we are faced with a major repair job on the roof of Ladychapel church, the timbers of which have been found to be extensively infested with woodworm. We don't know yet how much it will cost, but it will run into thousands. We hope to get some special fund-raising efforts organized to help defray this heavy expense. (The cost of repairing the damaged wall at the parish church will, we trust, come from the lorry owner's insurance).

We are planning another Sponsored Cycle Ride in conjunction with the Community Council. The projected date is Sunday 3rd October. We know it's a bit late in the year for such an event, but we want to get the College people involved, as they gave tremendous support last year. And the weather could be lovely. More about this next month.

CEMETERY SUNDAY: The date we have in mind for this annual commemoration of the dead and blessing of graves at Laraghbryan is Sunday, 12th September.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: The Maynooth pilgrims who visited Lourdes with Fr. Supple at the end of June were delighted with their pilgrimage, and we hope the whole parish benefited by their prayers at Our Lady's Shrine.

RESULTS FROM WATERFORD TRACK RACING HELD ON 3rd JULY 1976.

Under-8 Event:-

1st - Michael Cannon, Maynooth.
2nd - Paul Sheehan, C-on-Suir.
3rd - Philip Cannon, Maynooth.

Under 10 Event:-

1st - William Cannon, Maynooth.
2nd - Michael Cannon, do.
3rd - Adrian Moran, Navan.

William Cannon was also placed second in a 3 Mile race held in Cong, Co Mayo on 18th July. William is the youngest member of North Kildare Cycling Club. The Club would welcome new members. Apply to :- Liam Cannon, 2, Rail Park or Gearoid McTiernan, Parsons St.

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