

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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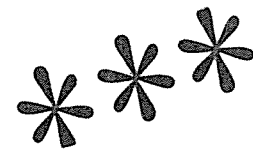
Following representations made on behalf of residents by Mr. Mark Clinton T.D. and Councillor Oliver Cooney, it has been learned that Kildare Co. Council has approved a local improvement scheme for the repair of the road leading to Chambers Bridge at the Maws, Maynooth.

The road is to be completely resurfaced and work is scheduled to commence shortly.

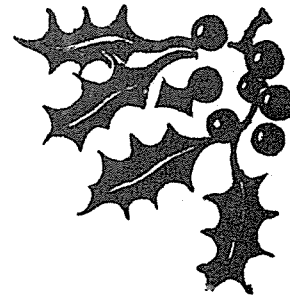
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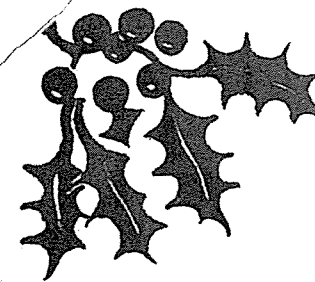
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Christmas
and the New Year



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)

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Congratulations to Thomas Farrell, Greenfield on receiving his Technicians Diploma in Radio Electronics at the College of Technology, Kevin Street.

Thomas was a pupil at Maynooth Post Primary School.

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.

The Old Peoples Committee are very thankful to the organisers of the recent Irish Farmers' Association Dance for a donation of £26 to the Old Peoples' Coal Fund. This was the proceeds of a raffle held at the Dance.

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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.

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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 superflous.

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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Rail Pard residents continued.

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

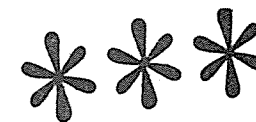
is so much on the fringe of the Diocese and now our Girls could enjoy all the privileges of the Guides in the City.

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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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

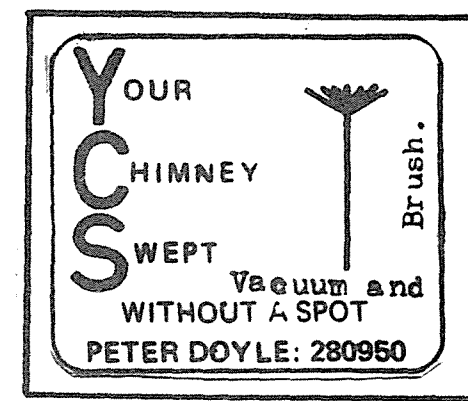
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BEEKEEPING

A very highly successful Lecture was given to the Students and many others who were interested in St. Patrick's College recently.

Peter O'Reilly, Federation Sec. and Jim O'Brien gave a very interesting talk and the large audience took a keen interest in the general run down on Beekeeping Management and Winter feeding.

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 Loughlinbridge.

ALL ARE WELCOME : TICKETS FROM COLM KENNEDY, MAYNOOTH.

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December Programme.

Sat. 4th - 1 day - 7.30 - over 18s

Torso Also/Caged Heat

Sun. 5th - 1 Day - 7.15 - Steptoe &
Son-Girl Thunderbolt Kick

Mon 6th - 2 days - over 18s - Shampoo

Wed. 8th - 2 days - 7.45 - The Good,
The Bad & The Ugly.

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

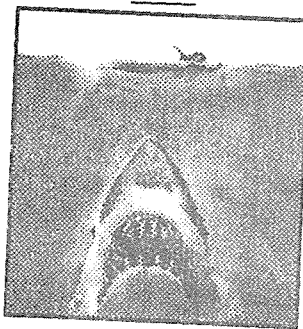
Mama's Dirty Girls

Wed. 22 - 2 days - 7.45 - Hang Em
High

Fri. 24 & Sat. 25 Dec. - **CINEMA
CLOSED**

Sun. 26 - 1 day - Santee

Mon 27th - for two weeks 'till Jan.9
JAWS



Attractions For January

Jan. 10 - The Last Hard Man
Jan. 14 - Escape from the Dark
Jan. 17 - Vigilante Force
Jan. 24 - Missouri Breaks.

Vacant dates - Programmes not yet
decided.

Special Childrens Matinee on every
Saturday at 2.45.p.m. : Adults 25p



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Maynooth Castle

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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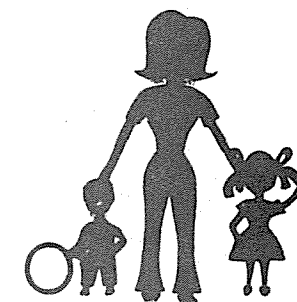
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10-1: 2-6: Saturday.

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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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CHRISTMAS TOYS NOW IN
JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS CLUB

Poverty is no disgrace to a man,
but is confoundingly inconvenient.

(Sydney Smith)

The wise man does at once
what the fool does finally

(Gracian)

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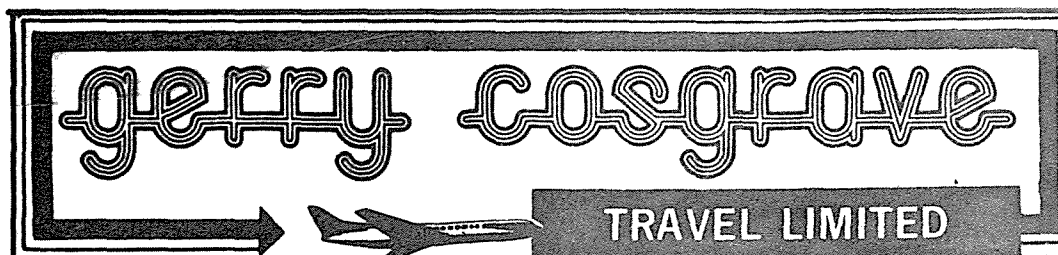
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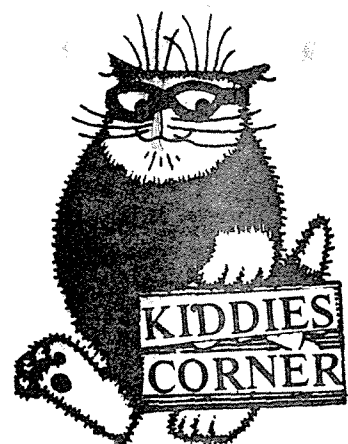


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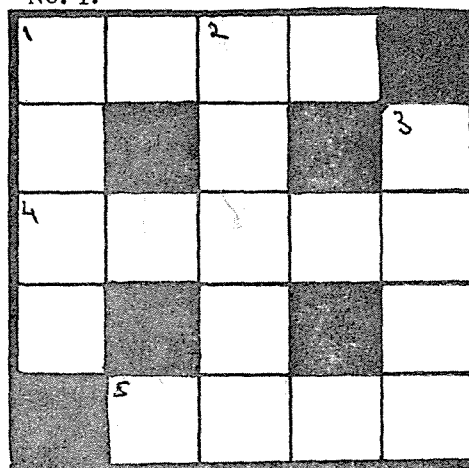
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CROSSWORDS

! Happy Christmas Kids!

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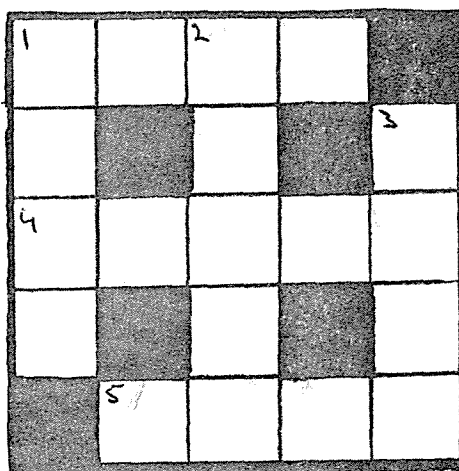
ACROSS

- 1 - Above
4 - Sign On
5 - George Bernard -- ?

DOWN

- 1 - Sign
2 - Our Planet
E - Run Like A River

No. 2.



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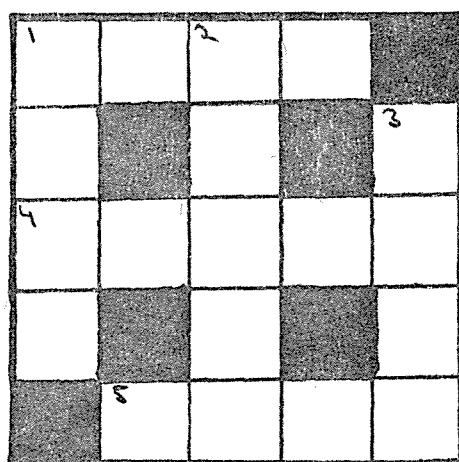
ACROSS

- 1 - Used For Writing
2 - Subject
3 - Level

DOWN

- 1 - Deep Holes
2 - No Friend (Two Words)
3 - Kilt Wearer

No. 3.



CLUES

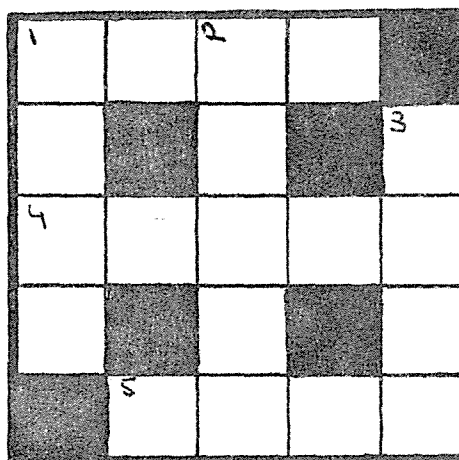
ACROSS

- 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 styscrapers.

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 Compet-
ition 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.

17
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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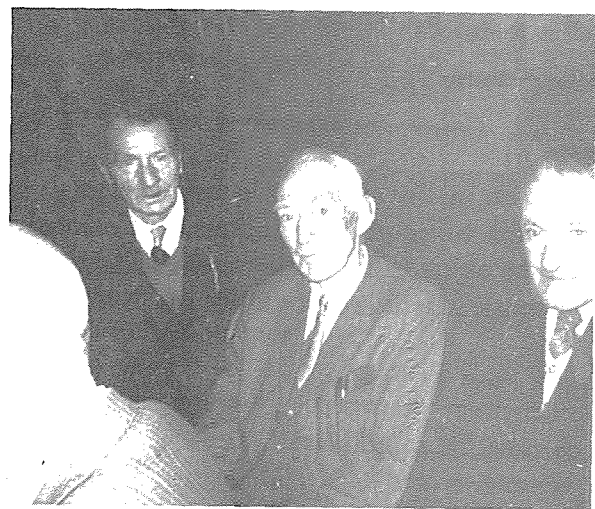
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CLUB CORNER

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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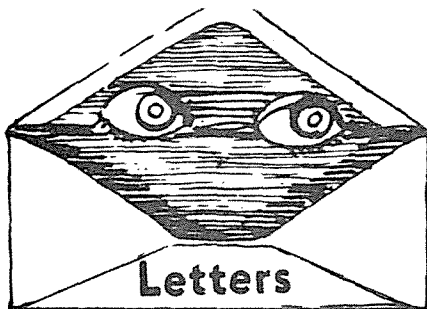
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to the Editor

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, Colledge 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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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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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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