

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

Recommendations

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

SECTION 8—ROYAL CANAL BETWEEN PUCKS BRIDGE AND TOWN BRIDGE

Findings

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

Recommendations

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

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

This concludes the report.

GENERAL REMARKS

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

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

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

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DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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

EMERGENCY

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

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MAYNOOTH

NEWSLETTER

JULY 1976 No 10.

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GRAPEVINE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IT COULD NEVER BE ME

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

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

MAYNOOTH VISTA By Newcomer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

by "WATCHMAN"

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

DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

MEN WANTED

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

GROVE PANORAMIC CINEMA LUCAN

July Programme	
4th - 1 day	Shanandoah
5th - 5 days	Return of the Pink Panther
10th - 2 days	Ransom- Birds Of Prey
11th - 1 day	Gun Fight at the O.K. Coral
12th - 2 days	The Hindenberg
14th - 2 days	Roommates also Mini Skirt Mob.
16th - 1 day	Rancho DeLuxe
17th - 1 day	One of Our Dinosaurs is Missing
18th - 7 days (except 21st)	Earthquake
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Community Council News

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

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

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

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

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

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

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POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL, MAYNOOTH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Editorial

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

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

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

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

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

MAYNOOTH FIANNA FAIL

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

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

BROTHERHOOD OF MAN

EUROVISION WINNERS 1976

(Save All Your Kisses For Me)

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

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

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

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

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

BOYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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

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

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

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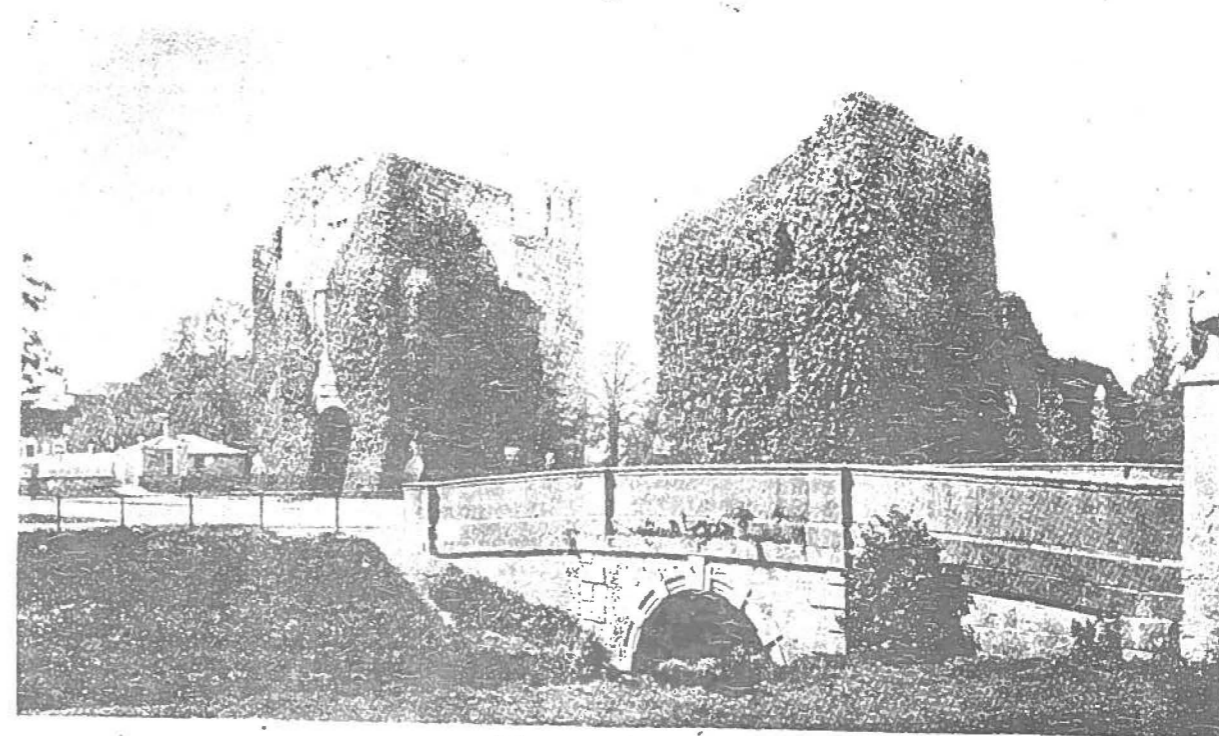
Gerald FitzMaurice, first baron of Offaly and Lord of the Manor of Maynooth died in 1203. His son, the second baron of Offaly and the second Maurice Fitzgerald, had a long and distinguished career during which the FitzGerald moved decisively into a leading role in Norman-Irish Society. In 1232 he was appointed to the highest political and administrative position in Ireland, that of justiciar, and he retained it until 1245. The government of Norman Ireland was modelled on that of England and the King was represented in Ireland by the chief justiciar. At a time when the kings of England were active rulers, directly and personally at the head of military affairs, civil administration and the judicial system, their representative in Ireland had correspondingly wide powers and responsibilities. His official duties, and his zeal to further the family interest, took FitzGerald all over Ireland.

His father and his uncle, Gerald and Thomas FitzMaurice, had been granted the manors of Croom and Shanid respectively in County Limerick. At Croom Maurice built a castle and from its name came the famous war-cry and motto of the Kildare Geraldines, 'Crom Abu', while from the castle of Shanid came the war-cry of their cousins the Desmond Geraldines, 'Shanid Abu'. The castles were about sixteen miles apart and on the borders of a O'Brien territory so that the rival cries of the FitzGerald on the one hand and the 'Lamhlaidir Abu' of the O'Briens on the other constantly rang out as the Castles were attacked and the defenders fought back. Later on the Butlers became the chief rivals of the FitzGerald and in 1495 an act of parliament was passed which stated that, 'forasmuch as there hath been great variances, malices, debates, and comparisons between diverse lords and gentlemen of this land', it was no longer lawful for anyone to get involved, 'as in using these words Cromabu and Butlerabu, or other words like, or contrary to the king's laws, his crown, and dignity, and peace, but to call only on St. George, or the name of his Sovereign Lord the king of England....'

Maurice FitzGerald also brought the new mendicant religious orders, the Franciscans and Dominicans, to Ireland. For the Franciscans he founded an abbey in Youghal where many members of the Desmond branch of the family were later buried. In 1235 he was granted the manor of Sligo where he founded a priory and built a castle for himself to serve as a base for his planned invasion of Tir Chonnaill. Of the castle no trace remains today but the beautiful ruins of Sligo Abbey remain as one of the show-places of the town today.

It was the second Maurice Fitzgerald also who built the castle at Maynooth, the great keep with its surrounding curtain wall with towers at the corners and the fine entrance gate. He built so well that most of his work still stands while later additions have long since vanished. The accompanying plan shows the extent and layout of the castle in the seventeenth century by which time very extensive additions had been made. Note that the seventeenth century maker of the plan described the keep as the 'Old Castle'

As well as the castle, Maurice also built the adjoining chapel which, greatly altered over the centuries, is the nucleus of the present Church of Ireland, parish church. It is very interesting to find the new chapel or church at Maynooth incorporated, together with the older churches we have already met and which date back long before Norman times, in the newly developing parish system. As noted in the last article, Irish parish organisation was only beginning when the Normans arrived. The diocesan structure had been completed and this was of course essential before territorially defined parishes could emerge. The ground-work for these had also been laid by the Synod of Cashel in 1171-2 when it had been laid



Maynooth Castle

by the Synod of Cashel in 1171-2 when it had been laid down that every man should pay tithe for the support of his parish church. The paying of the tenth part of the produce of land or stock, was the basis of the defined parish throughout Europe, and it had developed in England during the tenth century. With the paying of tithe the word 'parish' became applied to a geographical area rather than to the people comprising it. The normans who came to Ireland were already familiar with the idea of a parish supported by tithe and ready to introduce it into their new holdings.

The Lord of the Manor was usually anxious to have his lands recognised as an independent parish, and this accounts for the relatively small size of parishes in Norman populated areas. The Lord enforced the payment of tithe and often kept the advowson, or right of presentation to a church benefice, himself or might hand over the whole benefice to some religious house. The benefice was the ecclesiastical post or office to which property or revenue was attached, and the holder of the benefice was the incumbent. The incumbent of a parish was responsible for the provision of the essential services, such as the saying of Mass at stipulated times. The incumbent, who might be a religious house or an individual, very often did not provide these services in person but paid a vicar to do so, and this system became so wide-spread throughout Christendom that canon law developed to regulate the division of the revenue of a parish as between the rector, who had the right to the tithes and any other income and the vicar who was paid a stipend or salary to carry out the parish work.

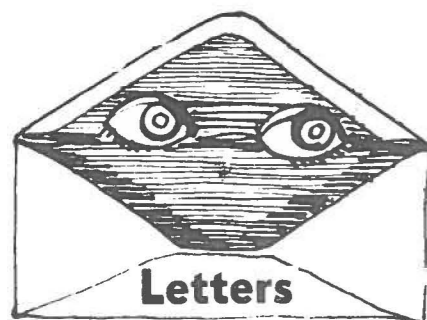
This pattern was operating in the Maynooth area. Fr. MacSweeney finds the priory of St. Catherine at Leixlip, and the churches of Leixlip, Confey, Taghadoo, Laraghbryan, Maynooth and Donaghmore all included in the thirteenth century in the rural deanery of Leixlip. A rural deanery was a sub-division of a diocese, presided over by its dean whose main function was to act as a channel of communication between bishop and clergy. With the exception of St. Catherine's which was founded in 1218 for the canons of St. Victor by Warisius Petche, Lord of Lucan, the other churches within the deanery had, according to Fr. MacSweeney, parochial status. It also fits the pattern when we find Maurice Fitzgerald in 1248 requesting Archbishop Luke of Dublin to erect the chapel of Maynooth into a prebend of the Cathedral of St. Patrick's and retaining in his own hands and those of his successors the nomination to the prebend. This meant that some member of the cathedral chapter became entitled to a stipend coming from the revenue of the church of Maynooth in return for officiating there at stipulated times. The name of the first Prebendary of Maynooth, installed on 12th October 1248, was Richard de Carren.

References: Rev. M.T. MacSweeney, 'The Parish of Maynooth (1040-1614)' in *Irish Ecclesiastical Record*, LVI, 4, 1940



Jacqueline O'Neill, of Greenfield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, who received her private secretary diploma at the annual presentation of awards and diplomas to students of the High School Secretarial College, Limerick.





to the Editor

Dear Editors,

We are happy to note comments on our efforts to complete the work on our estate, which was left uncompleted due to the developer going into receivership. Your encouragement will help us to continue with, and complete the job. However, the rather ambiguous references of Newcomer leaves us and our many friends outside the estate rather perplexed and we can only guess as to his reasons.

For the benefit of readers and of Newcomer we would like to briefly review our efforts to have the work on the estate completed. It is now five years since work started on the development of Rail Park. The

Residents Association was formed by the first residents to move into the estate. Almost immediately efforts were made to persuade the developer to complete the footpaths, open spaces etc. These efforts continued for the first three years to no avail. Then in early 1975 the developer went into receivership and the associations effort were concentrated on persuading the County Council to foreclose on an insurance bond which the developer had lodged with the Council. Representations were made to local representatives, T.D.s and even to two Government Ministers. All efforts to persuade the local authority failed. In a review of the situation early this year it was decided by the residents of the estate to finish the work themselves. This was decided because we realised that if we did not help ourselves, not many others were interested in helping us, least of all the County Council.

A group of very enthusiastic residents got to work and using equipment in all instances provided by local people both

from the estate and outside we have now completed development of 1½ acre green area and footpaths. Work on the area bordering the Celbridge road, should have commenced before publication of this letter.

The Cost of the work to-date has been approximately £300, nothing like the vast sums suggested by Newcomer. The money was raised by small subscriptions from a large number of residents, not large sums from wealth-tax dodgers living on the estate as suggested.

Finally we would finish by applauding the self help philosophy being promoted by the Community Council and ask them to continue encouraging small groups such as ourselves.

We feel uplifted by your encouragement.

Yours sincerely

Tom Fahey

Secretary,
Rail Park Residents Association.

RAIL PARK ESTATE

Dear Residents,

Your Association has been requested by the Post Office to ask each householder to identify his Residence by Number visibly displayed. The suggestion is to place number on front wall or wooden railing.

Post Office staff are having great difficulty in finding their way, and the quality of their service to you depends on your help NOW. Equally should the services of Doctor, Priest, or Police be required in any emergency it is imperative that your number can be seen easily from the road.

May we suggest that your co-operation in this matter is totally to your advantage and encourage you, one and all, to get the good work underway as soon as possible. Thanking you in anticipation:

For and on behalf of the
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GARDENING

By Colm Kennedy

Lettuce is the main ingredient of any salad. It is so easy to grow that the real skill is in having a constant supply for the table over as many months as possible. Radishes can also be grown successfully and with very little effort. With lettuce it is important to sow the right varieties at the right time. The cabbage head group can be divided into two classes, flat and smooth, that can be grown over a long period, is crisp and is mainly for Summer cropping. The variety Suzan is a beautiful pale-leaved variety. Cos is a tall-pointed variety and is a crop that can be overwintered. Tomatoes should be doing nicely now especially those under glass - give good support instead of an individual cane for each plant. A good method of support for indoor tomatoes is to run a strong wire the length of the greenhouse above the plants and just below the roof. Strong galvanised hooks made of wire are pushed into the soil and a strong garden string is attached to the hook at one end and wire to the other. It is an easy matter as the plant grows to give the string an occasional twist around the plant. With outdoor tomatoes a strong stake will suffice and tie or string the plants to this. Be careful with the outdoor varieties as weather conditions can have a very bad effect and plants which receive any check will take a long time if ever to recover.

Shrubs and roses that have flowered should be trimmed of old flower buds and given a bit of a tidying up - with the rose it will be a great help to further flowering and can be a help in reshaping. Cut out any dead or diseased branches and this will be a great help with the general appearance of your garden. A little fertilizer or bonemeal added to the soil and watered in will promote growth especially with those shrubs which start growth and flower early in the year.

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We are anxious if anyone in the town can name all those in the top and bottom pictures - if so we will print them in next Newsletter. We're sure many memories will be stirred.



A group of local schoolchildren on a recent outing in the locality. The observant will notice the Obelisk and Taghadoe Round Tower in the pictures. These two pictures given by Liam Bean.

MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The June Meeting was well attended, starting with a very interesting talk and demonstration on 'Summer Salads' given by Sister Lucille from The Divine Word Hostel. We appreciated very much Sister coming at short notice and hope she enjoyed her few days holiday in the South. Sister judged the 'Tray Bake' competition. There was a very large entry won by Mrs. Fegan and second Mrs Desmond. Tea was then served before the Meeting.

Mrs. Doyle told us all about the B.I.M. Finals at the 'Tara Tower Hotel' in Dublin. She was representing Kildare. Antrim, Meath, & Cavan took the first three prizes in that order. Mrs. Doyle's recipe was 'Cod Supreme' given below, a very good week-day meal and easy to prepare.

Mrs. Desmond has the Maynooth Flower Show Schedules for the 10th July. Anyone interested who has not got one already please contact Mrs Desmond, Secretary, Main Street, Maynooth.

The Raffle was won by Mrs Brennan Moyglare.

The next competition 'A Funny Picture'
The Meeting then concluded.

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RESULTS OF MAYNOOTH HANDBALL & SQUASH DRAW

- £30 Helen Doyle, Leinster Cottages.
£10 Mrs. J. Treacy, Mariavilla.
£5 Garry Irvin, c/o C.P.I. Lucan
£5 Mary Kennedy, Laraghbryan.
£5 Mrs. D. Casey, 30 Cluain Aoibhinn.
£3 Mrs. J. Troy, 556 O'Neill Pk.
£2 Joseph Hefferan, c/o O'Brien's.
£1 S. Hely, 31 Chain Aoibhinn.
£1 Mrs. D. Treacy, 745 Greenfield
£1 Mr. S. Treacy, 745 Greenfield
£1 Cecil McAssey, The Harbour.
£1 Nurse Hyland, The Harbour.
£1 Tom McMullon, Cluain Aoibhinn.
£1 Jim Ryan, 12 Cluain Aoibhinn.
£1 Mrs. L. Bean, Rye View.
£1 Edward Kavanagh, Newtown.
£1 Mrs. J. Treacy, The Green
£1 Mrs. J. Troy, 556 O'Neill Pk.

The following Promoters won £1 each. P. Conroy, R. McTiernan, Mrs. J. Cullen, C. Power, J. Brazil, C. Nelson, E. Bean, S. O'Flaherty, J. Moore, D. Quigley.

The next draw will be held in the Geraldine Hall on the 13th July at 9.p.m. Promoters are asked to have cash handed in before date of draw. This will be the last draw this year. On behalf of the Committee I wish to thank all who supported us during the past two years including the promoters who did excellent work, we have over £2000 collected. Further development will be in the Newsletters as we progress.

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Mary Cullen's article was a source of great pleasure to the Maynooth Swimming Club. We hope all Swimmers in Maynooth young and old appreciate the foresight of the 'Development Association', in starting on this project so many moons ago, without them North Kildare, taken present circumstances into account, would definitely never get a pool. As for the Committee we are now more determined than ever to push ahead with our plan to have our own Instructors and Life Guards ready for the great day, that we know now, will definitely come.

'Faith Can Move Mountains' but does anybody in Maynooth

know what it takes to move Daddies! Oh yes there are always the few old reliables, but these seem to be made from a different mould without them we would all be lost. Our Chairman Eoin Byrne is a Daddy, and he is just the greatest, when he is not tied up with the Fire Brigade.

Apart from the 'Good News' from Mary Cullen, things have not gone so well for us this month. Something went wrong with the Boiler at Naas Pool, and all our sessions had to be cancelled. What does one want with a Boiler in this sizzling heat - That is the question our Secretary was naïve enough to ask 'Peter' who is in charge of Naas Pool. and is a most obliging fellow with all the answers. He explained that the Pool had been filtered at Whit, then refilled, only to find a fault in the Boiler. This meant that the water was almost at freezing point, and as no Sun could in to heat it, the Management felt they would only make enemies by opening the Pool. See there is an explanation for everything.

COOKERY

'COD SUPREME'

Ingredients

- 2 lb. Filleted Cod
4 Tomatoes.
6ozs Rice
¼ Mushrooms
1 hard boiled Egg
Salt & Pepper
¼ Pint Milk

To Garnish

Mushrooms, Egg, & Lemon Slices.

Stuffing

- 1oz Margarine.
2ozs. Bread Crumbs
2ozs finely chopped Onions
1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Parsley Sauce

- 1oz Flour
1oz Margarine
½ pint of Milk
2 tablespoons of Chopped Parsley
Seasoning.

Method

Prepare the stuffing. Melt Margarine in a saucepan, add the Onion, and cook for 3 minutes, remove from heat, add bread-crumbs, chopped Parsley, Seasoning, and mix well.

Skin the Cod, and cut into two equal parts, place one piece in a well greased casserole dish, place ¾ of the stuffing on this, cover with other piece of fish, brush with a little melted Butter, add 1 tablespoon of Milk, and bake in a hot oven - (Gas 6 to 7 - 450) for 30 minutes.

Stew Mushrooms in a little Milk. Place Rice in boiling water and cook until tender.

Scoop out Tomatoes, mix with remaining stuffing and refill Tomatoes with this mixture. Cook in hot oven for 7 minutes. To make the Sauce, melt the Margarine, add Flour, Pepper, and Salt, and cook for 1 minute. Add the Milk and chopped Parsley, and blend well. Bring to the boil and cook for 3 minutes.

To Serve

Remove Fish from oven, pour Parsley Sauce over, arrange Rice and Tomatoe around Fish. Garnish with Mushrooms, Egg, and Lemon Slices.

Serve Hot.

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWN

Report on survey carried out on behalf of Maynooth Community Council

Introduction

At a full delegate meeting of Maynooth Community Council held in October 1975 the members expressed interest in the Tidy Towns Competition sponsored each year by Bord Failte. After some discussion the meeting agreed that in order to determine the amount of work involved, a survey of the Town should be carried out with special emphasis on the approach roads. A sub-committee under the Chairmanship of B. Durkan was delegated the task of conducting the survey and reporting on its findings. The members of the sub-committee were: Mary Cullen, Colm Kennedy, Robert O'Reilly, Ted Kelly, Joey Murphy and Eugene O'Reilly Jnr. At its first meeting the committee decided to divide the Town and its approach roads into sections which would enable an individual or group to undertake and complete the work on any one of these sections without having to become involved in the whole project.

As it is not the policy of this committee to cause offence and the success of the venture depends entirely on the voluntary co-operation of everybody concerned, it is to be hoped that persons whose property or dwelling receives unfavourable mention in the report do not misconstrue its recommendations as being in any way defamatory or compulsory.

REPORT

SECTION 1-KILCOCK ROAD

Findings

1. The river was found to be partially covered by bushes and undergrowth and is used as a dump by members of the public and by itinerants who are parked nearby.
2. The green margins on either side of the road are uneven and irregular.
3. Pallets of fertiliser, when stacked high are unsightly.
4. Green in front of Church untidy, uneven and is used by motorists as a car park.
5. Stone wall on Moyglare side of green, broken down.

Recommendations

1. The river could be cleaned up but this would be a long drawn-out and time consuming process, so most of the committee favoured the planting of quick-growing trees to conceal the river and its banks from view. The itinerants should be prohibited from parking here.
2. By spreading top-soil and maintaining a regular border on both sides of the road the general appearance of the area would be greatly enhanced.
3. The owner of the local mill could be approached with a view to lowering the level of the stacks of fertiliser.
4. The green in front of the Church needs top-soil to fill depressions and needs a general tidy-up, a higher kerb might help keep motorists from parking there.
5. Total removal seems to be the best way to deal with the broken wall. This would make the road wider, and the small green area behind the wall could also be cleaned up.

All areas with fresh top-soil to be reseeded and all grass kept cut.

SECTION 2-MOYGLARE ROAD TO MILL STREET

Findings

1. Itinerants parked beyond S.V.D. House causing litter problem. Hedge overgrown.
2. Margin along S.V.D. House uneven, untidy and waterlogged. Wooden railing drab and colourless and unlevel.
3. Corner at bottom of Pound Street being used as dump.

Recommendations

1. Remove hedge and prohibit parking by itinerants.
2. Approach Kildare Co. Council for the provision of proper footpaths on both sides of road. Contact S.V.D. regarding the possible levelling and painting of wooden railings.
3. Prohibit dumping at Pound St.

SECTION 3-FROM GARDA STATION TO CLUAIN AOIBHINN (via Parson Street and Newtown)

Findings

1. Wall along river ivy-covered and has a number of broken spots. Roof of gate lodge moss-covered and in need of repairs.
2. Road margins in Newtown waterlogged and uneven.

Recommendations

1. Clear ivy from wall and repair any broken parts in same. Approach owner of gate lodge in Parson St. with a view to repairing roof.
2. Contact Kildare Co. Council to provide footpaths for Newtown and Cluain Aoibhinn.

SECTION 4-MAIN STREET

Findings

1. Trees slightly overgrown.
2. Some buildings drab and colourless.
3. The street lacks colour, such as floral decoration.

Recommendations

1. The trees should be carefully pruned at least every two years.
2. Encourage all householders to repaint regularly, in some cases a combined venture might be undertaken.
3. In order to introduce floral decoration the committee suggests either the building of permanent flower beds at regular intervals between the trees or the provision of earthenware flower pots. In either case the householders might maintain the flowers.

A special effort will have to be made to keep the street litter-free.

SECTION 5-STRAFFAN ROAD

Findings

1. Between New Greenfield and Town Bridge, hedges overgrown and trees ivy-covered. Some broken spots in walls and gate-piers. Grass on verges overgrown and also some ivy on walls.
2. Wall along swimming pool site unlevel.
3. Area of drinking pond untidy and overgrown with weeds and bushes. Unsightly wire on top of high wall beside bus stop.

Recommendations

1. Clean up trees and trim hedges, repair walls and gate piers, cut ivy off walls and keep grass margins cut.
2. Level top of wall at swimming pool site.
3. Cut bushes and clean up drinking pond. Seek the co-operation of the owner with a view to removing wire from top of wall nearby.

SECTION 6-DUBLIN ROAD

Findings

1. Wide shoulder in front of mart unsightly and waterlogged.
2. Footpaths needed along Leinster Path.
3. Hedge along O'Neill Park in need of trimming.
4. High wall ivy-covered.

Recommendations

1. Have shoulder in front of mart raised and resurfaced. Kildare Co. Council would have to undertake this, also a kerb be an advantage.
2. Seek the co-operation of Kildare Co. Council for the provision of footpaths at Leinster Park.
3. Trim hedge at O'Neill Park.
4. Clean ivy off wall.

As the main approaches are most important the committee is of the opinion that the Green at O'Neill Park could be greatly improved by the planting of shrubs and flowers. If some garden seats were provided it would be a nice amenity area for the people of the Park.

SECTION 7-DUNBOYNE ROAD TO CONVENT GATE

Findings

1. Starting at speed limit signs, untidy hedge on lefthand approach, parts of wall broken down and margins overgrown.

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