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GRAPEVINE

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

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

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

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

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

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

PICTURE PARADE INSIDE

and

MAYNOOTH G.A.A.
CENTENARY YEAR REPORT

SPECIAL NOTICE

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

Go ndeanfidh Dia trocaire ar a ainm.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAYNOOTH VISTA
By Newcomer

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

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

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

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

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

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

CLUAIN AOIBHINN

The Annual General Meeting of the Cluain Aoibhinn Residents' Association was held on the 29th April, 1976.

The original committee which was formed on the 2nd May, 1974 resigned. A vote of thanks was expressed by the residents for the amount of work they had done.

The new committee was elected:
Chairman: Mr. A. Shine; Vice-Chairman Mr. L. Murphy; Secretary: Mr. T. McMullon; Joint Treasurers: Mr. J. Ryan and Mr. D. Mulcahy.

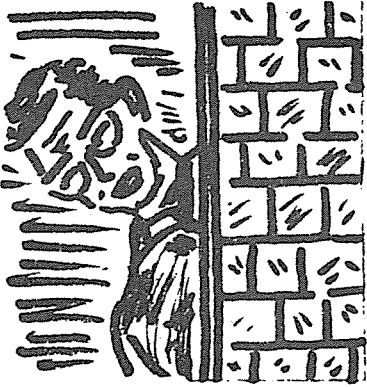
It was agreed to continue the good work already done and that our main objective would be towards improving community spirit.

T. R. McMullon.

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Sun. 6th—7.15 p.m.: Summertime Killer Craze.
Mon. 7th, 2 Days—7.15 p.m.: Posse, also Diagnosis Murder.
Wed. 9th, 2 Days—Hot and Blue also Witch without a Broom — over 18's.
Fri. 11th—Side by Side also Death Duel.
Sat. 12th—James Bond in Man with the Golden Gun.
Mon. 14th, 2 Days—Spanish Fly also Chinese Courtesan — over 18's.
Fri. 18th—Clint Eastwood in Thunderbolt and Lightfoot.
Sat. 19th—Hot Pants Holiday also Secrets Rites —over 18's.
Mon. 21st., 2 Days—Race with the Devil also Claudine.
Wed. 23rd—Killer of Killers — over 18's.
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Wed. 30th, 2 Days—Legend of Bruce Lee also Naked over the Fence — over 18's.

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WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

by "WATCHMAN"

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

COMING EVENTS DIARY

In order to avoid clashing of dates when events are being organised, a diary is being placed in "Barton's" shop for use by the community.

Anybody knowing of a coming event is asked to record this information in the diary.

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Editorial

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

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

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

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

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

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

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

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

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

GRAPEVINE — Tell us, you knowledgeable one:

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

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

POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

POST-PRIMARY PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION

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

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

POST PRIMARY SCHOOL MAYNOOTH

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

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

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

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PRIMARY SCHOOL OUTING

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

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

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

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

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

—Observer.

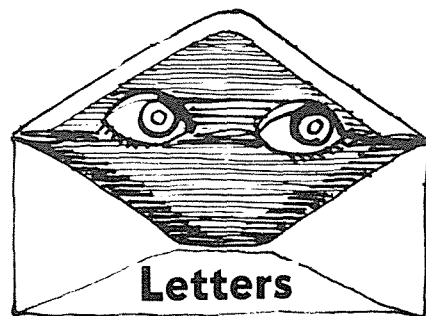
MAYNOOTH BOYS' SCHOOL Under-10 G.A.A. team have reached the Semi-final of their Section. Captain is Gary Power and Vice-Captain is Hugh O'Donnell. Team Officials appreciate the co-operation of parents particularly regarding transport.

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

SECRETARIAL COURSE

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

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to the Editor

Dear Editors,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,
Mary Cullen.

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



The Secretary,
Maynooth Community Council.

Dear Sirs,

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

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

Our thanks again for your work.

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



GARDENING

By Colm Kennedy

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

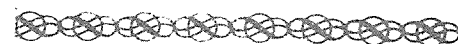
You have sites now ready for marrows and outdoor tomatoes; it's also sowing time for runner beans, french beans and further spinach crops. Clip all hedges. Fruit trees and shrubs need attention. It is a good time to make a sowing, even if a bit late, of white turnips, radishes, and all soft growing vegetables.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

RESULT OF 500 CLUB DRAW

Result of 500 Club Draw in aid of
Local Ordination Presentation Fund.

£100 Gary Feeny, Celbridge Rd.
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Canal Street.
£10 Barry Collins, Kilcloon.
£10 Ann O'Riordan, Greenfield.
£5 Caroline Lenehan Ladychapel.

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



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Community Council News

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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EMERGENCY

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

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

The phone numbers are:

Ambulance and Fire Brigade
286222

Please keep in a convenient place for future reference.

E.S.B.

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Area;
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Area;

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*To alienate men from their own
decision-making is to change them
into objects . . . The pursuit of full
humanity, however, cannot be
carried out in isolation or individ-
ualism, but only in fellowship and
solidarity.*

Paulo Freire.



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



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



'Waiting for a lift !

Photo: Sean Treacey.



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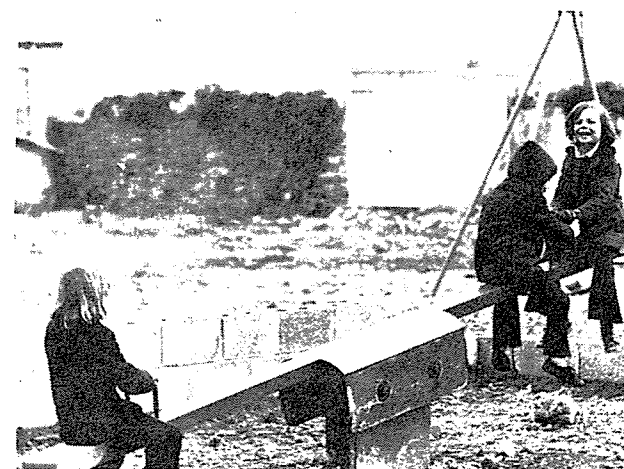
Joe Cuddy signs autographs while Fr. Supple chats with Mrs Cuddy.



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



A team of football 'Scouts'?



Using the new playground.

Photo: Sean Treacey.



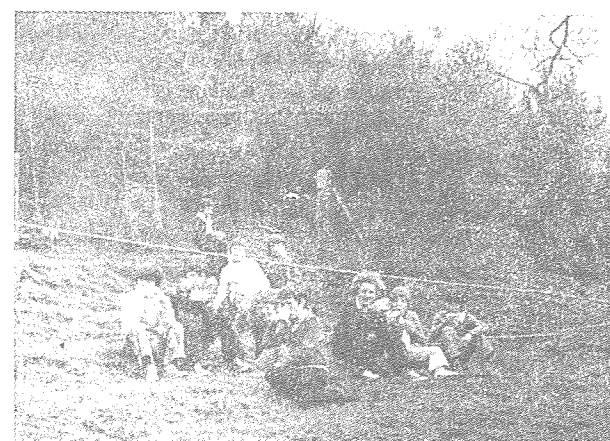
'I told you we should have cut the grass first'

Photo: Sean Treacey.



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

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



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



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

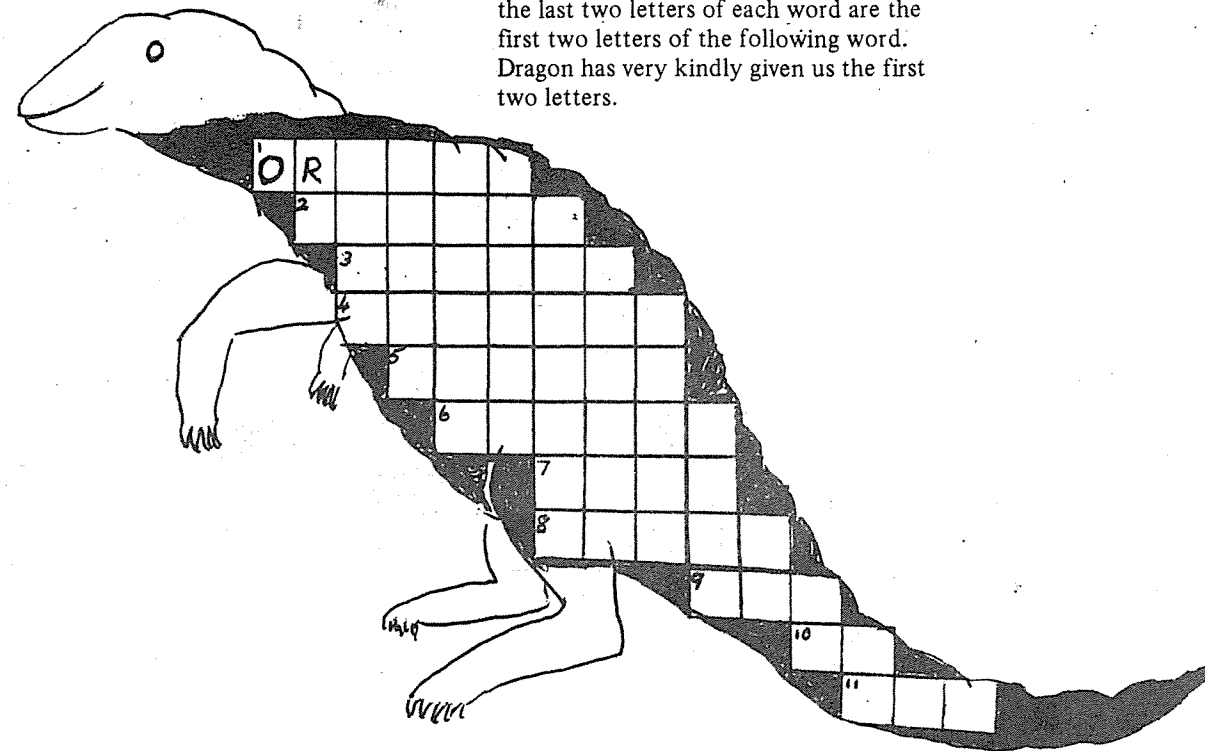
Photo: Sean Treacey.



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

Photo: Sean Treacey.

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



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

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SUPPORT**

GYMKHANA

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

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

CHURCH OF IRELAND NOTES

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

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

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A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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CIVIL DEFENCE

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

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

Unit Members will attend any functions if called on.

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

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

DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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

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RESULTS OF MAYNOOTH HANDBALL & SQUASH DRAW

- £30 Mrs. G. Flood, O'Neill Park Maynooth.
£10 Helen Doyle, Leinster Cottages.
£5 Mrs. McGuire, 11 Laurence Avenue.
£3 Shauna Kavanagh, Newtown.
£2 Dr. W. Cowhey, Dublin Road.
£1 Tom McMullon, 63 Cluain Aoibhinn.
£1 Mrs. A. O'Rourke, 859 Greenfield.
£1 Mrs. Farrell, 820, Greenfield.
£1 Master T. Bean, Main Street.
£1 Paul Brady, 481 Straffan Road.
£1 Andrew Graham, Greenfield.
£1 Jim Ryan, 12 Cluain Aoibhinn.
£1 Fr. G. McGinnity, St. Patrick's College.
£1 Mrs. A. O'Rourke, 859 Greenfield.
£1 Paddy Maher, 39 Maynooth Park.

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

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Soccer Club

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

Maynooth G.A.A. Centenary Year

—An assessment of things past and present

By Vincent Duffe

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

G.A.A. RESULTS

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

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

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

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HISTORY OF MAYNOOTH GAELIC FOOTBALL AND HURLING CLUB

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

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

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

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

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

INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS - 1965



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

EXTENSION

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

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

"About the middle of October."

EYES FRONT!

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

"Is this going to Dame Street?"

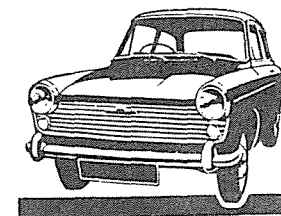
"Yes, ma'am."

"Are you sure?"

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

"But it says Zoological Gardens on the side."

"We're not travelling sideways today, ma'am."



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

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

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

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

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

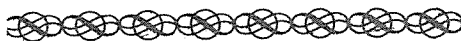
This Committee, in providing such facilities for the youth of the Parish and County, have, indeed, erected a memorial to themselves.

USEFUL LINES

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

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Garda Siochana, Naas — 7333
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MAYNOOTH DRAMATIC SOCIETY

• THE HOSTAGE •

'An appreciation.'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vincent Duffe.

MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

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

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

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

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

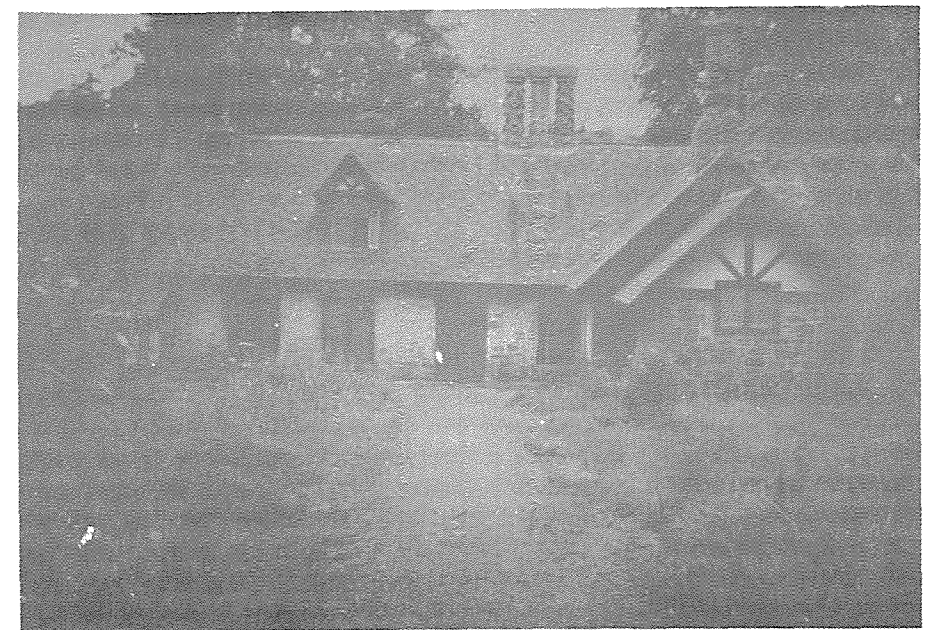
The Annual Outing has been arranged for the 20th June to Galway. Members can bring their husbands—price £5.50 each. Anyone interested please contact Mrs. Howard Williams, Secretary.

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

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

DIPLOMAS AWARDED.

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



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OBITUARY

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

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

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

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

The Late John Barnwall

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAYNOOTH FIANNA FAIL

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

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

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

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

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

Councillor Terry Boylan, Celbridge, congratulated the new officers.

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

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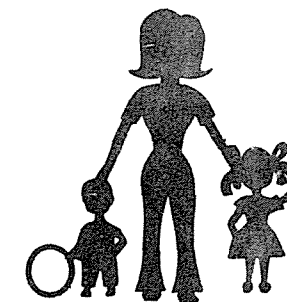
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CUB NOTES

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

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

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

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

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

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