

MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

FOOTBALL FEAT

Maynooth had marvellous wins in football & hurling recently when on one weekend, they won the following:- in GAELIC GAMES, The Junior Hurling Semi-Final; The Junior Football Final in Cappagh Tournament and, in SOCCER The under 12, under 14, under 16 won their matches as well as the Junior 1 and Junior 11 teams.

This truly must be unique for any small town. Keep it up Maynooth.

MAYNOOTH UNDER-10 G.A.A. REPORT

Maynooth under-10 G.A.A. team won their division of the County League before the Dummer holidays, beating Carbury in fine style in the final in Clane.

Other teams accounted for on the way to the final were, Ballymanny, Leixlip, Narragmore and Kilcock. The Team captained by Gary Power, thanks parents and supporters for all their help.

(Under-10 team photo on picture page - as follows:-

Back row - L. to R.-
H. O'Donnell, J. Rochford
B. Travers, B. Boyd, S. Mahon
D. Casey, C. Power, P. Fallon
K. Barrett.
Front - L. to R.- D.
McAuliff, N. Dempsey, D.
Reilly, J. Power, J. Thompson
J. Farrelly, G. Power (Cap.)
T. Bean, D. Grant, J.
O'Donnell.

SOCCER NOTES

MAYNOOTH TOWN created their own piece of history on last weekend when for the first time they had Five Teams playing, under 12, Under 14, under 16, Div. 1 & Div. 11 Leinster Junior Leagues. To mark the occasion all five teams won.

CO. COUNCIL FINED

For the second time in a week, the County Council was fined at Kilcock Court, for causing river pollution by the discharge of sewerage into the Lyreen River (flowing through the town). The Council's solicitor pleaded that a total of £600,000, is being spent at present to provide suitable regional treatment works but is not yet available for connection.

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GRAPEVINE

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

We see in some National Newspapers that C.I.E. are going to close Maynooth Railway Station.

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Our congratulations to the person(s) responsible for the restoration of the Church Wall. This is the second time in the recent past that the wall has been restored and a fine job of work it is too.

Let us hope that it will stay up a little bit longer this time.

If anyone sees a stray cyclist on the morning of October 3rd will they please point him/her in the right direction.

Don't forget sponsorship will be accepted up to and on that morning at the Parish Hall. Go along to see them off and give a few bob. After all the Community Sports Field is a very worthy cause.

Last year some foreign? riders took part (remember the goes-under-like helmet) so perhaps this year some more colourful characters will be competing for the costume prize.

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A heartfelt welcome is offered to the students who are returning to the College this month. We wish them all success during the coming year.

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Editorial

Perhaps it was just a fit of the blues, or perhaps the recent item in the Newspapers to the effect that County Council had been fined for polluting a river, that put us to surveying the town and surroundings.

The river speaks for itself, indeed it shouts aloud to the high heavens that it is now little more than an open sewer and we do not refer entirely to the portion below the sewerage works, we refer as well to the pollution before the river enters the Town or as it passes through. We wonder who is responsible for seeing that pollution of this nature is stopped. Is it not a matter for the Medical Officer of Health or is he compromised in the matter by the position of the Council itself as a polluter? Perhaps the Water Conservators might help here also.

The problem of dumping is also with us all over the place, both in and adjacent to the town. Perhaps some of the most used dumping spots are where the County Council have put up 'no dumping' and 'no camping' notices. Is it not ludicrous to waste money on these notices if nothing is going to be done to prevent or discourage dumping or camping for that matter? Again, is it not a health hazard to have people living in these conditions right within the town and beside the schools?

Litter, now that's another problem but we can hardly throw that back at the Council. It's our problem and we ourselves only can solve it. Improperly covered bins contribute considerably to this and it is extraordinary how much a crow can throw around the place when delving through the contents of a bin. Dogs and cats also prove a problem but birds are worst. Covered litter bins in the streets would, we suppose help, but the greatest help of all is to educate ourselves and our children to use the litter bins that are there already and not to throw litter on the streets.

There is no doubt but these matters will have to be faced squarely if Maynooth is not to become just a glorified dump. It will have to be tackled by ourselves and by the Co. Council jointly. What better way for us to take on the problem than by starting and supporting wholeheartedly a Tidy Towns Committee, not necessarily with the intention of winning a prize in the Competition but with a view to cleaning up and perhaps beautifying our own Town. If we do our part we can then demand that the Council do theirs and, to give them their due, they usually do respond in such matters when asked.

We would, however, point out that our local councillors are not the watch-dogs that we would like and do not seem to be aware of the problems of the town. We would like to see such questions asked as - Who in the Council is responsible for allowing the sewers to be overloaded and what action is taken against responsible? Why is the Health Department taking no steps to eliminate the hazard to health such as itinerant camps, dumping, etc. and to find out who is actually responsible for this state of affairs?

We would also like to see our public representatives take a little more active interest in the Town

We can, in fact see a mass refusal to vote for our existing representatives again at forthcoming local elections unless we get some more positive action from them in the very near future. In short, we would like to see our representatives seen to represent us. We would in fact, like to see public matters being made public.

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MAYNOOTH VISTA

by Newcomer.

When I first put the heading Maynooth Vista to my little monthly piece I thought it appropriate but as I continue my contribution to the Newsletter I seem to have strayed so far from the original concept of what such a column should be that it might be more fitting to change the title to 'The Meanderings of a Bemused Barbarian.' And I mean barbarian in its historical sense of being a foreigner - one differing in language and customs from the natives of the country where he dwells.

All last month we had the politicians and the press working themselves into a frenzy about the national emergency when we have had national emergencies in this country for years and nobody took any notice of them. Why worry about emergency legislation when nobody in Ireland ever conforms to the law and nobody ever enforces it.

On Tuesday last I walked across O'Connell Bridge, in the fair city of Dublin. At each end stood a policeman directing traffic and opposite each on the pavement sat a well dressed healthy child of approximately ten years of age with a cardboard box in which rested a ten penny piece as an indication of the purpose for which the box was intended. Did the policemen take any notice of the children or the children take any notice of the policemen? Not on your nanny! We must be the only country west of Asia Minor (God be with the days!) where professional beggars are trained from birth and where Fagan's school for thieves flourishes within the sacred confines of our laws - emergency or otherwise.

Them's strong words, brother, and may even be subversive. If that be the case the editor and I may be sharing a cell in Mountjoy and my argument about non-enforcement of law will have gone for a burton. We can, however, during our period of incarceration beguile the hours remembering the traffic driving along the footwalks in Maynooth, the thistles growing shoulder high in the new estates and the trucks we drove

behind from Dublin to the home town which emitted such clouds of pollution that you risked death to drive nearer behind than thirty yards and increased the risk a thousandfold if you tried to pass them out while they continued to hold the crown of the road oblivious of or uncaring for the mere motorists who follow behind.

I know! I'm beefing again despite all my good resolutions but it's hard for the leopard to change his spots. However, let me assure my readers that when not on paper I am a very mild unaggressive (is there such a word? Or should it be non-aggressive?) man.

To finish I have an apology to make. Last month I accused public bodies in this country of being immoral. I was wrong. They are not immoral - just amoral.

While I'm looking up 'Unaggressive' hunt up one of the children's dictionaries and note the subtle difference between 'im' and 'a' when applied to 'MORAL'

And now I'm off to pick blackberries!

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A BRING & BUY SALE

Was held at the Playground, Maynooth on Saturday 28th August '76 at 3 o'clock. This venture was undertaken by the children from Maynooth to help further the work being carried out by Maynooth Development Association and to show appreciation to all those concerned for providing us with this amenity. The following children were responsible for the sale:- Mary & Danny Casey, Cluain Aoibhin, Declan Murphy, Leinst Park, Miriam Higgins & Geraldine O' Connor, Greenfield, Brian Boyd, The Green, Seamus Kelly, Leinster Cottages, Patricia Dempsey & Mary O'Riordan, Old Greenfield, Carol, Enda & Sinead Dunne, Newtown, Caroline Power, Greenfield Drive & Helena Lynch, Maynooth Park, David Leslie & Damien Grant, Laurences Avenue. Not forgetting to thank sincerely the parents of these children, those people who gave so generously to the children and supported the Sale, also members of Development who helped in every way. The children asked the Association to accept the sum of £120.31½p being the days takings.

The Committee of the Development Association wish to thank very sincerely these public spirited children who made such a fine effort to help to better the amenities of the town. Public spirit like this should not go un-noticed.



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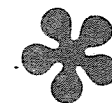
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Mon. 4th - 2 Days - Adult Double
Bill - 'Sixteen' also
'Take This My Body'

Fri. 8th - Agatha's Christies,
'Then there were None'
also 'Gulls Across the Veld'

Sat. 9th - 'Moses'

Sun. 10th - Clint Eastwood - 'Two
Mules for Sister Sara'

Mon. 11th - 2 days 'Farewell my Lovely'
Dean Martin in 'Bandolero'

Wed. 13th - 2 days 'The Great
Gatsby'

Fri. 15th - 2 days 'Clint Eastwood in
'Kelly's Heroes'

Sun. 17th - 'Cat & Mouse'

Mon. 18th - 2 days 'All adult Prog.
'Coffy' also 'Highland
Girls'

Wed. 20th - 3 days. Marty Feldman
'Young Frankenstein'

Sat. 23rd. - 'Homoeroticus' also
Last Italian Tango over 18s

Sun. 24th - 'Prime Cut' also 'Five
Savage Men'

Mon. 25th - 2 days 'Mahogany'

Fri. 29th - 'A Brilliant Comedy' -
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Sun. 30th - 'Spy with no Face'

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Marian Cusack, Main Street, on her
marriage to Seamus Brennan,
Dunboyne.

Recent Happy Events

Angela Kelly, Ladychapel, on her
marriage to Gerard Dalton, Rathcoffey.
Ann Mitchell of Ovidstown, on her
marriage to Niall Fagan, St. Jude's.

Also to Mrs. Maureen Henry (nee Fay)
of Dunboyne (formerly of Parson Street)
on the birth of a daughter.

SIGNALMAN RETIRES.

Good wishes to Gearoid (Gerry)
McTernain on his retirement from
C.I.E. after almost thirty years
service in Maynooth. Gerry has
been with C.I.E. and their pre-
decessors since 1932, when the
railway was the chief means of
transport and going strong, but has
unfortunately witnessed its decline
until the present re-organisation of
the Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock
stations. (Leixlip and Kilcock now
being due for complete closure).

Since he came to the town from his
native Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim,
he has been an active member of
most if not all the sporting organ-
isations in the area and was
associated in particular with Nth.
Kildare Cycling Club and the local
athletic clubs. etc.

His many friends in Maynooth and
elsewhere wish Gerry many happy
years of retirement.

RECENT DEATH.

The recent sudden death of Miss
Kay Byrne, Rail Park (formerly
of Copperalley) came as a pro-
found shock to her many friends.
Kay was very well loved & respect-
ed by the older residents, as she
also was among the newer resid-
ents who had the privilege of
knowing her. Her happy spirit
in face of her handicap was an in-
spiration to all who knew her over
the years.

May the Lord have mercy on her.

ICA News

The September meeting was well
attended, after the Summer recess.
There was no speaker at the Meet-
ing, but excellent reports were
given on the functions which took
place in July and August in the Town.

Eleven members took a mini-bus to
An Grianain College. They were
shown around the house and gardens
followed by afternoon tea. They
ended the day driving to Clougher
Head harbour with supper in Drogheda
before driving home.

The Art Classes on Tuesday
mornings are now held in the I.C.A.
hall. The class had one lovely
sunny morning painting at the Obelisk,
where all seemed to enjoy themselves
forgetting the scrubbing brushes
for the paint brush.

The next meeting will be held on
21st October, as the International
Evening (Denmark) is on the 7th
October and the Federation Meeting
at Kilkee Castle, Castledermot, on
14th October.

The competition for the best pot
of gooseberry jam was won by
Mrs. Desmond and Mrs. Reid.

Next month's competition will be
'a pin cushion - handmade'

The meeting concluded with the
raffle, won by Mrs. Deane,
followed by tea.

GREENFIELD (OLD) RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

This month we say Bon Voyage to
Fr. John Nevin, who is returning
to Rawlpindi (East Pakistan) to
continue his Mission Work there.
We wish him every success in His
Work, & God's Blessing on Him and
His Fellow Missionaries.

Recently. Joe was competing against
International Competitors

Congratulations:- To Mr & Mrs
Christopher Flynn, Moyglare Stud,
on the birth of a Son, to Mr. & Mrs.
P. McManus, Grangewilliam Stud,
on the birth of a Daughter, to Mr. & Mrs.
B. Clynch, Grangewilliam Stud, on
the birth of a Daughter.

Congratulations:- to Mr. Joe Blount,
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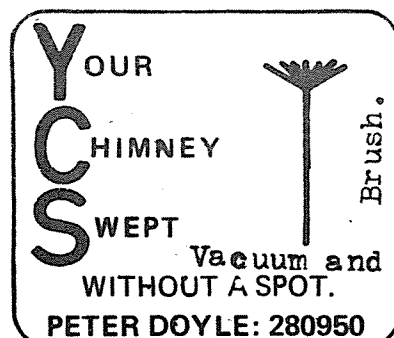
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CIVIL DEFENCE NOTES:

Working quietly and efficiently and receiving very little publicity, the Civil Defence Warden Service study and prepare for any catastrophe that may strike the country whether it be act of war or act of God. Very few are conversant with its work. During the coming month it is hoped to have a nation wide exercise to test its efficiency through national, regional, county and local levels. All services and ancillary services including Irish Lights, R.T.E. etc. will be involved.

CASUALTY UNIT: First Aid classes commenced on Wednesday 22nd September. These will continue for the next 8-9 weeks. All are welcome to attend at the I C A. Hall each Wednesday at 8.30 p.m.

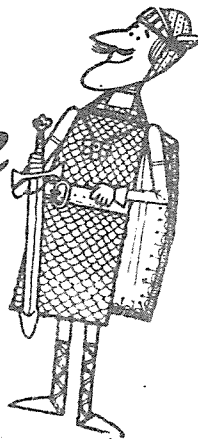
Members of the Unit will be in attendance at the Sponsored Cycle Ride on 3rd October.



Maynooth Castle

A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen



Garret Mór, the Great Earl of Kildare, lived from 1456 to 1513. This was a period when the kings of England ruled Ireland, in so far as they can be said to have ruled it at all, through the agency of a great Anglo-Irish Lord acting as the deputy of a nominal lord lieutenant of royal blood. With a few interruptions Garret Mór was acting governor of Ireland from 1478 to his death in 1513. He was of Fitzgerald stock on both sides. His mother was Joan, daughter of James, the executed seventh earl of Desmond, and his father was Thomas, seventh earl of Kildare. Garret was most probably born at his father's chief castle of Maynooth, and grew up there with his two sisters and three brothers. The Great Earl first took office as governor of Ireland during the reign of the Yorkist king Edward IV, and the Kildares, with most of the lords of Ireland, continued to support the house of York throughout its struggle with the rival house of Lancaster for the throne of England. So indispensable did his services in keeping Ireland relatively peaceful and trouble free appear to both rival English houses, that his governorship of Ireland survived not only the downfall of the Yorkists but even his own active involvement in an attempted coup to restore them. In 1485 the Lancastrian Henry Tudor defeated the Yorkist Richard III at the battle of Bosworth and became king as Henry VII. In 1487 a pretender, Lambert Simnel, who claimed to be a nephew of Edward IV, was crowned in Dublin as Edward VI with Kildare's support. An invasion of England to place the claimant on the throne followed and Thomas, brother of the Great Earl, fought and died on his side at the battle of Stoke where Simnel was defeated and taken prisoner. A few years later yet another pretender claiming to be a Yorkist heir appeared at Cork. Again Kildare plotted to help make him king of England though on this occasion he did not go to the length of rebellion.

At this stage the Tudor King Henry VII, not surprisingly, experimented with removing Kildare from power in Ireland. In his place he sent over an Englishman, Sir Edward Poynings in 1494. Poynings held a famous parliament at Drogheda which passed an act limiting the power of Irish parliaments. It also outlawed the war-cries of the Fitzgeralds and the Butlers, and attainted the Great Earl, that is it passed an act declaring him a traitor. He was arrested, sent to England, and lodged in the tower of London. During his long detention in England his wife, Alison Eustace, died of grief in November 1494. From the Tower, Garret Mór, was brought before the king and his Council and accused of many offences by enemies and rivals from Ireland. In an article in the *Journal of the County Kildare Archaeological Society* for 1896, Lord Walter Fitzgerald, using contemporary accounts, recounts what happened:

'The Bishop of Meath commenced by accusing the Earl of sundry offences, and amongst others of forcing him from the sanctuary. The Earl answered that he was not sufficiently able to defend himself, as the Bishop was a learned man, and so was not he, and thus he might be able to get the better of him in an argument. Thereupon the King advised the Earl to select a counsellor, and any one he choose he would surely get. The Earl replied he doubted he would get the good fellow he would select. 'By my troth, thou shalt,' said the King. 'Give me your hand on it' said the Earl. 'Here is my hand,' said the King, 'choose well, for thou art badly in need of a good one.' 'I will choose the best in England,' said the Earl. 'And who is that?' asked the King.

'Marry! the King himself,' replied the Earl, 'and by St. Bride I will choose none other.' At this the King laughed, and turning to the Council remarked, 'A wiser man might have chosen worse.'

'After finishing with the Bishop of Meath's complaints, the Bishop of Cashel eventually came forward and accused the Earl of having burnt his cathedral on the Rock of Cashel, and at the same time produced numerous witnesses to prove the fact. But contrary to their expectations, the Earl not only confessed it, but added: 'By St. Bride! I never would have done it but I thought the Bishop was inside.' This being said in front of the bishop himself made the King laugh heartily, and he was so impressed with the bluntness and frankness of the Earl, that on the Bishop of Meath irritably exclaiming: 'Your Majesty must see all Ireland cannot rule this man,' the King at once replied: 'Then he shall rule all Ireland.'

'And thus the Earl was restored to his honours and estates, and appointed Lord Deputy by letters patent, dated 6th August, 1496'.

Not only this but he returned to Ireland with a new wife, Elizabeth St. John, who was a cousin of the king. After this restoration to the post of deputy Garret Mór ruled Ireland until his death in 1513. He could still use parliament in his own interests as long as he had Henry's approval. He held control over appointments to most of the great offices, in church and state, control over the way in which revenue was spent, and command of the royal forces in Ireland, and of the royal artillery. Apart from all this he exercised great power in his own right as earl of Kildare and this he built up by judicious alliances. His daughters married into the great Irish and Anglo-Irish families of O'Donnell, O'Carroll, MacCarthy Reagh, Butler and Burke. He was recognised as virtually the 'uncrowned king' of Ireland and historians have speculated as to his chances of success if he had launched an all-out campaign to repudiate the authority of the kings of England and set himself up as king of Ireland. This however he never attempted to do and was satisfied to rule Ireland in the interests of his family and allies, using to the full all the resources available to him as deputy of the king, and representing his actions to the king as being in the interest and defence of royal power. In this he was so successful that Henry VII created him a Knight of the Garter as a reward for his victory in the battle of Knocktoe, or Cnoc Tuagh, near Galway, in 1504, a battle which was the result of long-standing family feuds in Ireland and where, with the help of Irish and Anglo-Irish forces drawn from all over Ireland, the Great Earl defeated a strong rival in the person of his son-in-law Ulick Burke, Lord of Clanrickard.

Garret Mór died at Kildare in 1513 as the result of wounds received in a skirmish near Kilkea with a party of the O'Mores of Leix. He was buried before the high altar of St. Mary's Chapel in the choir of Christ Church. The chronicler, Richard Stanyhurst has left this description of the Great Earl; he was 'a mightie man of stature, full on honore and courage, who had bin Lord Deputy and Lord Justice of Ireland three-and-thirtie yeares, Kildare was in government mild, to his enemies sterne, He was open and playne, hardky able to rule himself when he was moved; in anger not so sharp as short, being easily displeased and sooner appeased....This olde arle, bring soone hotte, and soone cold, was of the Englishe well beloved; a good Justicier, s uppressor of the rebels, a warrioure incomparable; towards his nobles, that he fansyed not, somewhat headlong and unruly. Notwithstanding hys simplicitie in peace, he was of that valoure and policie in warre, as his name bred a greater terrour to the Irish than other men's armies.'

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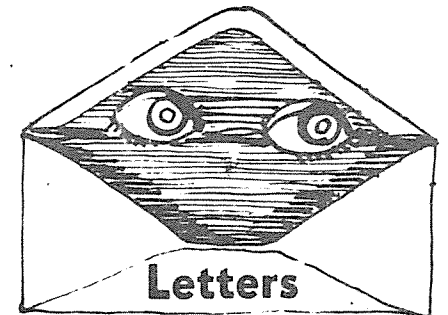
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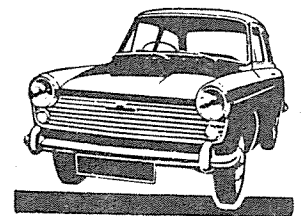


to the Editor

Congratulations on the first anniversary of the new style Newsletter of which the quality has grown steadily, despite difficulties at the outset.

The Community Council has given us a paper that keeps us informed of local affairs and events which the local weekly has neglected to do on many occasions, other than a few items under a general area 'Notes' column. I hope that eventually the Newsletter will be published bi-monthly or perhaps weekly.

B. O'REILLY.



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Community Council News

Prior to the Council Meeting, Fr. Tyrrell addressed the Council Members and explained what he has done and intends to do in the Youth Club. He is most anxious to contact mature people who would be prepared to assist in the running of the Club. Assisting does not necessarily mean taking a very active part in the running of the club. People who have some special skill in games, crafts, arts, etc. who would be prepared to give a course to the children are specially in demand.

The club will have its meetings on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7 - 11 p.m. Commencing Sept. 28th. (12 - 14 years) in the first session and (14 - 16 years) in the second. Outdoor games, of course, are at other hours.

Other items discussed at the Meeting proper were:

RELATIONS OF THE COUNCIL WITH THE COUNTY COUNCIL: A general discussion took place on this topic, and it was pointed out that there are many sectors in the area that are not receiving due attention from the County Council and there is not sufficient liaison between the County Council and the Community Council. The Community Council is representative of the people of the town in general, and is elected by them and should therefore be consulted by the County Council on local matters and kept informed of the Council's plans in the area. The Community Council think that it is time that the County Council representatives met members of the Community Council and the Secretary was asked to try and arrange a meeting.

TIDY TOWNS DRIVE: The tidy Towns committee reported that they intend to make a start as soon as is practicable and it is hoped to commence with the plot outside the parish church.

DUMPING: A discussion took place on the considerable amount of dumping of rubbish in many areas of the town and surroundings. Many of the offenders are known and a proposal was put before the Meeting and accepted that 'Tye Community Council will, following any written complaint, received take action against the person who is found to be dumping in the area'

CYCLE RIDE: The Cycle Ride was discussed and arrangements made about stewarding, etc. on the route, on 3rd. October. Mention was also made of the course itself, in particular the portion in and around Tara Hill. As this is somewhat hilly, it is hoped that all those taking part will take a special look at their brakes to see that they are in order.

SOCIAL EVENING: The Social evening to close the Cycle Ride was also discussed and tickets (50p each) are being made available through Council members and through the local shops.

SWANS: Mention was also made of swans being molested and people are asked to watch out for this and to report any cases.

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

We are glad to announce that we have made a fresh start, our membership for St. Raphael's Pool has now reached its full quota of 35, and we wish to thank the parents for letting us have the 13 weeks pool fee in advance, which placed us in the position of being able to keep our contract with Mrs. Malachi of St. Raphael's, by giving him, the 13 weeks in advance. The 13 weeks is up to and inclusive of 10th December. We once again assure the parents that we have not put up the Fee, just separated the Pool Money from the Bus, the total amount is still 40p per lesson.

Our Instructor started with us officially on Friday 24th, and to him we say 'Cead Mile Failte'. Next week he hopes to bring along a friend as we need more help, our aim being to form the children into groups and to keep all of them busy most of the time. In other words not to waste valuable time in the pool, and yet to teach them to really enjoy water. As our Instructor explains his plan to us, we will in turn give you an idea of how your child spends his or her time in the pool. Now that we are sure of having the same faces each week, we should be able to make progress.

WATER SAFETY: Our little band of Life-Savers consisting of four girls and two boys, are off to Naas, to compete for their Elementary Certificate. Our good wishes to with them and next month we hope to bring you a success story.

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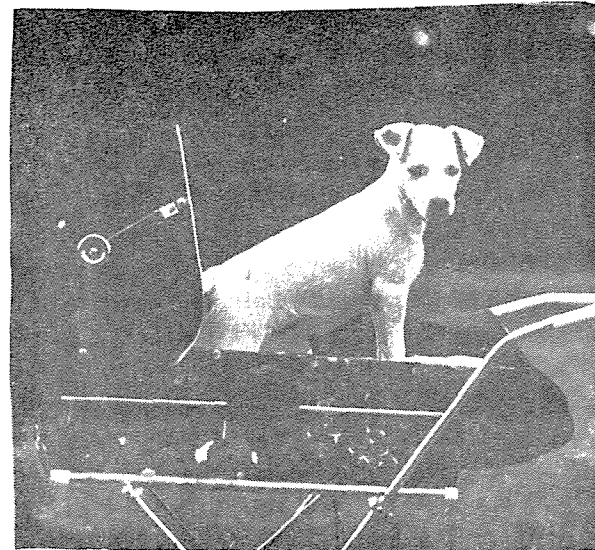
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"Oh, well! You can't win them all"



"I wonder who won here?"



Under-10 Team.

PARISH NOTES

PARISH FINANCES: The annual audit for the year ended 30th June, 1976, was not available when the notes for the September **NEWSLETTER** were being written. The most encouraging feature of the receipts for the year was the increase in the 'Planned Giving' from £7,298 to £9,866. The Bingo takings also went up sharply, from £2,545 to £4,162. But this is not all profit, as a considerable sum is spent on special prizes during the Christmas period. The revenue from the weekly dances in the parish hall fell by almost £2,000, chiefly due to counter-attractions. The future of these weekly dances is somewhat doubtful. However, we are most grateful to the Committee members & helpers who have worked so hard & have raided so much money through the dances since the new hall was built. The same goes for all the other fund-raisers & contributors who have done so well in providing the hall and the new school & the money needed to keep the parish going.

Apart from the local contribution for the Boys' School Extension, our running expenses have not risen as much as might have been feared. This is partly due to the new system of financing the primary schools. The government now pays a grant of £6 per pupil per year, and the parish or local community pays £1.50. Nevertheless the parish expenses continue to exceed the normal sources of revenue, so that we have a large overdraft in our running expenses account.

Having now paid our share of the estimated cost of the School Extension, our total debt is about £11,500. There will be a further £2,500 or so to pay for extras and increased costs on the school building. Then the £11,000 plus for Ladychapel. We have been authorized to borrow £15,000 from the bank, and will have to seek a further loan of about £10,000 to finance the Ladychapel project. This debt, with interest, must be repaid within a

short term of years.

CEMETERY SUNDAY: The devotions at Laraghbryan on 19th September - prayers, hymns, readings and blessing of graves - were very well attended. The people had gone to great trouble in dressing and tending the graves of their dear departed. We are indebted to Mr. William Kiernan for providing sound amplifying equipment for the occasion.

'FORTY HOURS' EXPOSITION: Though not quite as long as its popular title suggests, this Annual period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is a time for each parish to renew its devotion to Our Eucharistic Lord and its faith in His Real Presence. The Exposition in our parish church will be held during the afternoon of Sunday, 10th October, and during most of Monday, 11th October. We earnestly hope that as many people as possible will come to worship Our Lord and to pray to Him during this time, especially people who are free on Monday.

NEW METHODS OF TEACHING RELIGION: A completely new approach to the teaching of religion in Primary Schools, worked out by a team of experts appointed by the Irish Bishops, has already been introduced in the junior classes and will be extended to the remainder next year. As the new system depends very much on the co-operation of the parents and on the linking of home life with school life, all parents are asked to read carefully the notes addressed to them in the children's books and booklets, and to take part as fully as they can in the scheme. Otherwise it cannot really achieve its aim of forming the children, as committed followers of Christ. Parents will hear more about the new programmes at the Parent-Teacher Meetings during the year.

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE: This event should be in full swing when most people are reading the current **NEWSLETTER**. We hope the weather is favourable. The route, covering about 45 miles in County Meath, is through Moyglare, Moynalvey & Dunsany to the Hill of Tara & on by Ballinter Cross to St. Columban's College, Dalgan Park. Here, by courtesy of the Rector, Father Padraig O'Loughlin, our Ladies' Committee are providing a light lunch for the riders, who will then return a different way, passing through Bective and Summerhill. The proceeds will be divided equally between the Ladychapel Re-Roofing Fund and the Community Sports Field Fund. The Social to be held in the Parish Hall on the same night should be very enjoyable.

RE-ROOFING OF LADYCHAPEL: This work should be well under way by the time these notes appear. The contract has been given to P. & W. Construction, Maynooth, who have been well recommended & whose price was very competitive. The contract price is approximately £11,000, but there could be some further expense, depending on the amount of woodworm that shows up in the main timbers. The slates & ceiling must be replaced and the timbers treated against woodworm. This beautiful little out-church of Maynooth parish was dedicated in 1863, having been built with money left by Mr. John Dillon, Steward of Carton Estate, who died in 1839. The church was renovated under the direction of Father John Duff, in 1968-'69. The Fund-Raising Committee of Ladychapel area is working enthusiastically to provide as much of the cost of the re-roofing as possible. As well as the Sponsored Ride, they are running a 300 Club, a Concert on 7th November, & a series of Card Drives. They also hope to have an Inter-County Football Match played in aid of the fund.

APPRECIATION

The Irish Society for Brain-injured Children sent the following letter to Mrs. Satchwell and her lady helpers who assisted the Roller Skating Marathon & Collection in July last:-

Dear Mrs. Satchwell, Mrs. Deane, Doyle, Byrne, Mill Maguire, & Supper Helpers,

Enclosed you will find our report on the Roller Skating Marathon which undoubtedly proved a tremendous success.

At the time of writing the fund totalled over £4,000.

We hope you will enjoy reading this report and wish to say a big thanks for all your help and kindness to our team of volunteers and helpers along the route. It was our pleasure and privilege to meet with you and we hope you will take the opportunity some time to visit us here at the Institute to see for yourself the treatment which you have helped us provide for Brain-injured children.

If such a visit is possible for you please give me a ring beforehand so that I may be available when you call.

May God Bless you and yours.

Sincerely,

EUGENE P. CAMPBELL

Director.

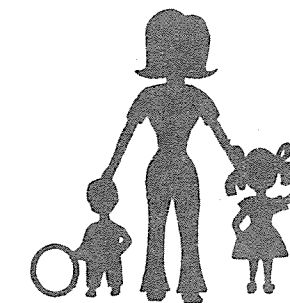
The following is an extract from the Skaters diary of the journey as it refers to Maynooth:

Friday dawns and the weather still remains kind to us, the sun is high in the heavens as we set out for Kinnegad for lunch at Harry's, and then on to Enfield and Kilcock and Maynooth where we are welcomed by local Councillor Marie Byrne outside of town and at the Leinster Arms where we find our dear old friend Mrs. P. O'Donnell and her charming family together with a host of their Maynooth Friends.

Happy families

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The centre of the town seems to have a never-ending chain of traffic and our collectors duly stationed throughout its main streets are kept busy for several hours with our collection cans. It was here too that we experienced the most unusual phenomena - as the cars entered the town the occupants appeared to have their contributions at the ready and were literally throwing the money across the roadway to our collectors outside the Leinster Arms, it reminded one of the 'old groaner' - Bing Crosby's 'Pennies from Heaven' - may they continue to fall.

Later that evening and we are all assembled in the Local Parish Hall for a sumptuous meal, washed down by delectable wine, all organised by the O'Donnell family, Mrs. Satchwell and her group of volunteers - altogether a most enjoyable evening.

The following also put up the skaters for the night:
Dr. & Mrs. Cowhey, Mr. & Mrs. T. Kavanagh, Mr. & Mrs. E. O'Reilly, Mr. & Mrs. P. Desmond, Mr. & Mrs. R. Satchwell.

Sincerest thanks is returned to all those who helped in any way and in particulars to those who helped so much.

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