

PARISH NOTES

FINANCIAL PROBLEMS: It is unfortunate that finance is such a major cause of worry to bishops & clergy, whose main task is to promote the people's spiritual welfare. However, this pastoral work involves providing for manpower, buildings, and running costs. These expenses have always posed financial problems, but never more acutely than in this era of galloping inflation.

SHARE: In tackling these problems, it is vitally important for us to take a broad view and to feel concern for the needs of the whole Church, and especially of our whole diocese, and not merely of our own parish. The Church is organized on a diocesan basis. The bishops are the successors of the Apostles. We in Maynooth belong to the Archdiocese of Dublin. A parish is only a sub-division of a diocese. The Archbishop is our father in Christ. We owe him wholehearted support and co-operation. The task of providing priests, churches, schools and presbyteries for this huge and rapidly expanding diocese is colossal. The new parishes simply cannot do it themselves. Several of them are unable even to meet the interest on their bank loans for churches, schools, etc. That is why the Diocesan Development Fund ('Share') was started and every parish in the diocese asked to support it - even parishes that are heavily in debt themselves. It is only this way that a big enough diocesan fund can be built up to enable churches and schools to be provided in the new developing areas. This year, every parish was asked to hold the 'Share' collection during Mass. However unpleasant it may be to have two collections during the Holy Sacrifice, experience proves that this method is the most effective. Our 'Share' collection has nearly trebled since we brought it indoors last March. We have tried to organize the collections

so as to disturb the Mass as little as possible. We are most grateful to those who give and to those who collect.

A few parishioners are not too happy about our giving so much to 'Share' when our own parish is in so much debt and likely to incur more. But if every parish with a sizeable debt were to opt out of 'Share', the diocese would simply collapse - financially. We must all pull together. The day may well come when our parish debt will be so great that we shall have to seek help from 'Share'. Then we can point to the amount we have contributed.

SCALE OF GIVING: It is embarrassing to have to refer to the amounts that people give to the various collections. But while many are very generous, the fact remains that the collections for the building fund ('Planned Giving') and for the clergy (Mass collections and Dues) are not keeping pace with inflation. As regards the clergy collections, each parish is assessed yearly, and if its income is over a certain figure, its clergy have to contribute an assigned sum each month to the Common Fund for the support of retired and infirm priests and of priests in poor parishes. If the collections fall below normal, very little is left for the clergy of the parish, at least in the 'lean' months. So perhaps people would have another look at their contributions in the light of continuing inflation. We know your expenses are increasing too, and we don't expect the impossible, but simply a realistic response.

The parish audit for the year ending 30/6/'76 is not available as we go to print, but a report will be issued as soon as possible.

LADYCHAPEL ROOF: It now seems certain that the roof of our lovely chapel-of-ease will have to be stripped and re-slatted because of the extensive woodworm infestation. The work will cost at least £10,000. The people of Ladychapel area have formed a fund-raising committee to help in financing the project. It is envisaged that the parish half of the proceeds of the Sponsored Cycle Ride on 3rd October will be earmarked for Ladychapel. Other functions will also be organized and we trust they will be well supported. They include a '300 Club' and a Concert.

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE: Many people have happy memories of last year's ride despite the bad weather and the rather gruelling effort of cycling four times round a course of 17½ miles. This year the organizers (the Community Council and the Ladychapel Committee) are thinking in terms of a wider circuit of about 50 miles (once only!) in either Kildare or Meath. While we can't guarantee a fine day, we may hope for better than last year. The date is Sunday, 3rd October. Fuller details with entry forms and sponsor-cards, will be available very soon.

CEMETERY SUNDAY: Because of a clash with another event, Cemetery Sunday at Laraghbryan has been postponed to 19th September at 4 p.m. The County Council is now having the Cemetery tidied up, and no doubt the Families of those buried there will dress the graves in preparation for Cemetery Sunday. The devotions will consist as usual of prayers, readings, hymns and blessing of the graves.

MAYNOOTH

NEWSLETTER

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GRAPEVINE

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

The E.S.B. recently completely overhauled and numbered all post top lanterns in Rail Park, Greenfield (old & New) & Cluain Aoibhinn Estates. Each lamp is now numbered about 7 feet above ground level on the road side of the post. Residents should quote the appropriate number when reporting defects. In Greenfield (New Estate quote road as well (i.e. No ? Straffan Way, etc.) Reports to E.S.B. Leixlip phone 280412.

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Congratulations to Mr. Cornelius Flynn, son of Mr. & Mrs. A. Flynn, Moyglare Stud, on his marriage to Miss Doris Coade, Sarsfield Park, Lucan.

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Congratulations also to Mr. & Mrs. Seamus Nevin, Barrogstown, on the birth of a son and to Mr. & Mrs. Peter Nevin, of Barrogstown, also on the birth of a Son.

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Many parents are unhappy about the sale of 'slings' in some of the local shops. These items are more suited to a completely rural area and not a semi-urban area such as ours.

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Contrary to what the article in the 'Irish Independent' stated it is not possible to spend a penny in the 'thing' in the square. Due to lack of funds, we understand, the work has been held up, so, along with being useless, the 'thing' will be penniless. (a rather fashionable situation at the moment)

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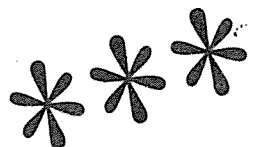
* * Make Maynooth a Tidy Town * *

FOOTBALL PHOTO

In response to many requests, the following are the names of the footballers in the photo in the July issue:-
Back Row: - Mick Gaynor, Paddy Dunne, Barney Masterson, Joe Moore, Dick Underwood, Peter Delaney.
Middle Row: - John J. Cahill, Benny Farrelly, Jim Nolan, Sonny McGovern, Jack Connolly, Tom Connolly, and Paddy Reilly.
Front Row:- Paddy Cahill, Chubby Mulreidy, Josie Murphy.



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Sincere sympathy is offered to Br. J. St. Leger, of the Salesian Hostel, on the death of his mother.

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Failte airis to our many student friends who will be returning to us during the month and a special welcome to many new students whom we hope will enjoy their stay with us.

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The New Pool Hall in Greenfield Estate has not been received with the greatest joy by some of the residents. Like most things it can be used well or abused. We trust it will not be abused.

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Editorial

The hubub of the Olympics has died down for another four years, during which time we will examine the performance of our athletes and try, if possible to get an even better result next time. Of course, in the true spirit of the Olympics, 'it's not winning but taking part that really matters'. This is the true spirit of the Olympic Games and, in theory, at least, should be the guiding spirit of all who enter. The Games were intended to promote the brotherhood of man and to promote a wholesome rivalry between nations binding all more fully together. It is therefore rather disheartening to see nations and segments of nations introducing an unhealthy political and racial rivalry into the Games.

Another aspect of the Games to be deplored is the disappearance of the genuine amateur status of the contestants. By political subside, in an underhand fashion the genuine amateur is being pushed out. Perhaps this is why the lesser nations are finding it hard to rank among the medal winners in recent years.

None of what we have said is an apology for what some have referred to as 'the very bad how of the Irish competitors'. Their efforts require no justification. They have entered into the true spirit of the Games by competing and can further hold their heads high as genuine amateurs. If they did not bring home medals, the chances against them from the outset were about 1,000 to 1 (a poor bet at any time) when comparing our 3 million population to the world population of thousands of millions. and comparing our infinitesimal resources with those of the larger nations. That we were pipped twice by the shortest of short heads for at least two medals is a wonder indeed, that we should have had some last in their heats was to be expected. Only people of small minds would decry the efforts of our athletes who represented us so well. (Incidentally, we did not hear the sports journalists being criticised too strongly for their bad forecasting and for raising our hopes of gold medals too high).

It was also a noticeable fact that we were not overgenerous to our representatives (i.e. competitors) prior to the Games. As a matter of fact, it was difficult to raise the fares. Nor are we over generous in the facilities we provide for training our athletes and dare anyone ask us to put our hands deep in our pockets to pay for suitable coaches and facilities. No, unfortunately we are a nation of too many 'knockers' and too few 'doers'. It's time we shook ourselves up and got wise to ourselves.

DRIVERS - MAKE MAYNOOTH A SAFER PLACE

IRISH HONEY THE SUPREME HEALTH FOOD

The value of honey has been recognised from the earliest times. In Biblical era honey was one of the staple foods. Holy Writ contains some sixty four references to honey. King Solomon's advice to his son 'Eat thou honey for it is good'. Analysis shows that honey contains fructose, glucose and sucrose as well as protein and other beneficial substances. The energy value of honey is higher than that of bread and eggs. The energy is instantly available to the human body - hence it is used by athletes to supplement stamina. Since honey is pre-digested by the bees it is an ideal food for the young and the elderly. All honey granulates in due time. Granulation however is a natural process it is an indication of the quality of the honey and it does not in any way reduce or effect its beneficial properties. There are numerous variations of honey each having a distinct flavour and colour. The colour is a clear indication of the species of flower from which the honey was collected. Here in Ireland honey has been specially esteemed for its excellent flavour. The Irish climate is well suited to the production of high quality honey. More people the world over are coming to appreciate the unique properties of honey, as a health food and are including it as part of their daily diet and use it as a sweetener instead of sugar.

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MAYNOOTH VISTA

By Newcomer

Last month, dear readers, I subjected you to a piece of doggerel which, I feel, appeared to be quite irrelevant to any subject under discussion. Not so, however, as it had a direct application to uncompleted building work and thus, having come into my mind, the only way to get rid of it was to put it on paper. As a consequence you were the sufferers.

But allow me to explain - and in case it has slipped your mind and you don't happen to have last month's NEWS-LETTER handy, here it is again:

'Give me the man who don't drink at all

To build a house or build a wall
He's the best man after all,
'Up with the shafts' says Fitzie'

Now, to any Cork City man, wrong again! I am not one - a factory chimney is a 'shaft'. Way back in the good old times when the Cork brewery was being built a dispute arose as to the height the chimney stacks should be or in fact whether they should be at all. The good people of Montenotte feared they would be smoked out on their exclusive hill - and the Montenott residents were if anything more exclusive than their immediate environment. Being the leading merchants and professional gentlemen of the fair city of Cork they had considerable influence with the Corporation. They argued, among other things, that maybe a brewery was not a good thing anyway as it would lead to the demon drink being more accessible to the working man and his labours in their interest might suffer accordingly.

This was before we had got bogged down with planning permissions and appeals and the Corporation had only to say yes or no to the 'shafts'. Well to cut a long story short, 'Fitzie' who was then the Lord Mayor gave his casting vote in favour of the work going ahead and so 'up with the Shafts'.

And now you are asking what has all this to do with Maynooth - well!, haven't we some shafts of our own to be finished and wasn't your man's name Fitzgerald?

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What about putting a 'shaft' on the 'thing' in the square and making poteen inside?

Talking of Corporations brings me automatically to Local Government. Gentle Reader - I like to call you 'Gentle Reader' it takes the harm out of everything - could I ask you a few questions?

Why does the Kildare County Council not foreclose on the bonds they hold in respect of the uncompleted estates in Maynooth and finish the job? If it costs another twopence on the rates now it will cost ten times that in five years time and finish them they will have to, however long the time. Have they not, therefore a moral obligation to the ratepayers?

Has the Kildare County Council the moral right to collect rates in respect of services they are not supplying by neglecting to take over the estates? I know the estates pay reduced rates but part of every pound they do pay is for cutting the grass, sweeping the roads and maintaining the areas as they should be maintained.

Has nobody the moral obligation to abide or to enforce the noxious weeds act in the Maynooth area? Tidy towns how are you!

But that's enough about morals and real estate, I swear never to mention either again however tempted I may be to do so. Believe me I am no campaigner for the rights of man - individually or collectively. 'And how can man die better, than facing odds' has no part in my conception of things.

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ICA News

After such a wonderful month of August it is hoped that all the ladies have had a good holiday with their families.

The Autumn monthly meetings start again on Sept. 2nd. at 8 p.m. The competition, after the business, is 'The best pot of Gooseberry Jam'

Two important dates to remember for the month are 21st Sept. - a day at 'An Griannan College' - enquiries to Mrs. Brady, Kilcock Road - phone - 286303. 23rd Sept. - A group meeting at Ardclough. Maynooth ladies are putting on a 'Make & Model' show (Ladies get your scissors and machines working!)

Ladies interested in Rush work should have their rushes collected by the end of August. Anyone who has not done so, please get in touch with Mrs. Fegan or Mrs. Satchwell.

GARDEN PARTY

The Garden Party in Carton last month was quite successful and a sizeable sum was handed over to St. Patrick's Hospital.

The following letter was sent by The Hon. David Nall Cain to the ladies who assisted:-

Carton
Maynooth

16th Aug. '76

The Ladies of Maynooth,
c/o Mrs. Satchwell,
Marianville,
Maynooth.

I do want to thank you all very much indeed for the marvellous tea which you produced for our garden fete.

On all sides we heard how much people had enjoyed the food, and it was a very great idea to auction what was left over.

We wish we had had many more people but the weather was wonderful and those who did come seemed to enjoy themselves.

With renewed thanks for all your hard work and kindness.

D. Nall Cain)



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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:

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286222

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E.S.B.

The following are the area phone numbers for the E.S.B. for use in cases of breakdown or emergency:

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287232 Kilcock
Area;

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

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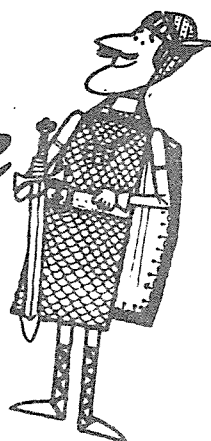
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A Focal Point of Local History

MAYNOOTH CASTLE

By Mary Cullen

John Fitzthomas Fitzgerald was created the first earl of Kildare in 1316. By this time the county system had been introduced into Ireland. When the Normans came to England in 1066 they found there before them a system of local government based on shires or counties. The shire was sub-divided into hundreds and each hundred had its own court which met at regular intervals. At local level the king was represented by the Sheriff, or shire-reeve, an official who presided at the shire court. The normans naturally brought this system with them to Ireland. While the original grants of land to the invaders were based on the extent of Irish tribal territories, the new shires, or counties, usually followed the lines of the new divisions that developed as the settlement proceeded. The lordship of Leinster, originally Strongbow's grant, had been sub-divided into the shires of Kildare, Carlow, Kilkenny and Wexford by the time it was divided between the Marshall heiresses in 1247- As there were five sisters and four counties the split could not be simply a county apiece, and so a fifth share was created from the lands in the modern counties of Leix and Offaly which were then part of the county of Kildare. These lands were not formed into a new county but remained part of County Kildare and were administered by the County Officials. The accompanying map shows the extent of the medieval county of Kildare. The barony of Arklow was then included in the County of Kildare because it was held by the Kildare FitzGerald and it was administratively more convenient to include it with their other holdings.

The first Earl did not survive long to enjoy his newly acquired dignity and was succeeded by his son Thomas in September of 1316. He died at Maynooth and was buried in the Grey Abbey at Kildare. Thomas, the second earl, became sheriff of Kildare in 1317. He married in 1312 Joan, daughter of the famous 'Red Earl' of Ulster, Richard de Burgo. Joan's sister Ellen, or Elizabeth, married King Robert Bruce of Scotland, and her sister Margaret was the wife of Thomas' cousin Maurice FitzThomas Fitzgerald, who became the first earl of Desmond in 1329. The second Earl of Kildare died at Maynooth in 1328 and he too was buried in the Grey Abbey at Kildare. Lady Joan married for the second time at Maynooth the following year and her husband, Sir John Darcy, was granted by King Edward 111, in his capacity as guardian to the heir who was a minor, the lands of Kildare, Maynooth, Crom, Adare, and Estgrene during the minority of the fourth earl. The third Earl, who succeeded in 1328, died the following year at the age of twelve and was buried with his father. His brother Maurice then became the fourth earl. The marquis of Kildare says that he was 'a person of great piety', and a benefactor of the Priory of St. Wolstans. When he died in 1390 he was buried in Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin.

The fifth Earl, Gerald, succeeded in 1390. There is a certain confusion about the succession to the earldom at this stage. The marquis of Kildare says that Gerald's son John succeeded as sixth earl at his father's death in 1410, and was succeeded in his turn by his only son Thomas as seventh earl in 1427. Professor Otway-Ruthven finds some obscurity as to the succession at this period Elizabeth, daughter of the fourth earl, had married the fourth earl of Ormond and it seems that the Kildare lands passed to Ormond by his wife's right. Thomas, the seventh earl whom she identifies as the grand-nephew, not grandson, of the fifth earl, was recognised as earl in 1456 and later recovered all the Kildare inheritance. It seems then that John, the sixth earl, may not have been officially recognised as such, but the marquis of Kildare tells us that he 'strengthened and enlarged the Castles of Maynooth and Kildea'. Maynooth by this time had



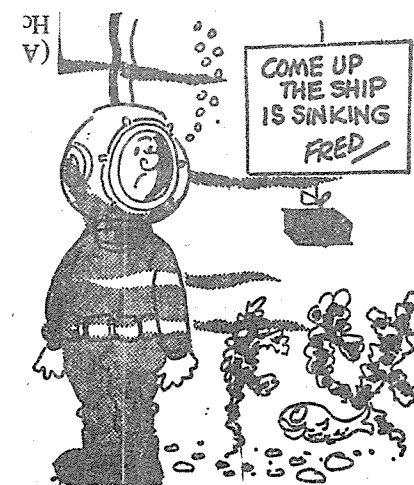
Boundary of County Kildare in 1300
superimposed on the modern county boundaries.

— boundary of the medieval county of
Kildare.

--- modern county boundaries

Note that the barony of Arklow is part of
Kildare.

From a map in J. Otway, Ruthven.
A History of Medieval Ireland.



been the chief seat of the earls of Kildare for more than one hundred years and was known as 'one of the largest and richest Earl's houses in Ireland'

During the fourteenth century the Kildare FitzGerald, with their cousins the earls of Desmond and the Butlers, earls of Ormond, emerged as the most powerful of all the great Anglo-Irish families. By this time the Gaelic Irish were fighting back strongly against English advances, and were pushing back the boundaries of English influence. At the same time the great Anglo-Irish families, including the Geraldines and particularly the Desmond branch, were becoming Gaelicised and 'more Irish than the Irish themselves'. The English kings had problems at home and ambitions on the continent that prevented them from concentrating their full force on Ireland. From 1338 to 1453 England was involved in the Hundred Years War with France, and almost immediately after that had ended the struggle began between the houses of York and Lancaster for the throne of England. In these circumstances the tendency was to leave the government of Ireland to one of the great Anglo-Irish lords who, because of his close relationship with the Gaelic Irish, could maintain relative peace and law and order with much less expenditure of men and money than could the English King. With the exception of the Butlers of Ormond, most of Ireland supported the Yorkists in the English struggle. When the Yorkist Edward IV came to power in 1461 he made the earl of Desmond chief governor in Ireland. Then both the earl of Desmond and his cousin of Kildare were accused of treason by their enemies because of their relations with the Gaelic Irish. Desmond was replaced as chief governor by an Englishman Sir Hohn Tiptoft, and then was arrested by him and executed for treason in 1468. Kildare escaped, crossed to England and pleaded his case successfully with the King. With a rebellion in Ireland because of the treatment of Desmond, Tiptoft was recalled, and, since the Butlers were on the wrong side and the house of Desmond alienated, a long period of Kildare predominance began. The seventh earl became chief governor in 1471. His Son, Gerald the eighth earl, known as Garret Mor or the Great Earl, who succeeded in 1477, is probably the best known and most colourful of all the Kildares and needs an article to himself.

MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE NEWS

In July seventy nine senior citizens and helpers had their annual outing. Two coaches took them for a drive around Blessington lakes. High Tea was served in Ardenode Hotel with a social afterwards. A wonderful day was had by all.

Mrs. Cahill received a small gift as she was celebrating her birthday

Among those who travelled were some American Tourists. Other friends from not so far afield came from Leixlip & Kilcock.

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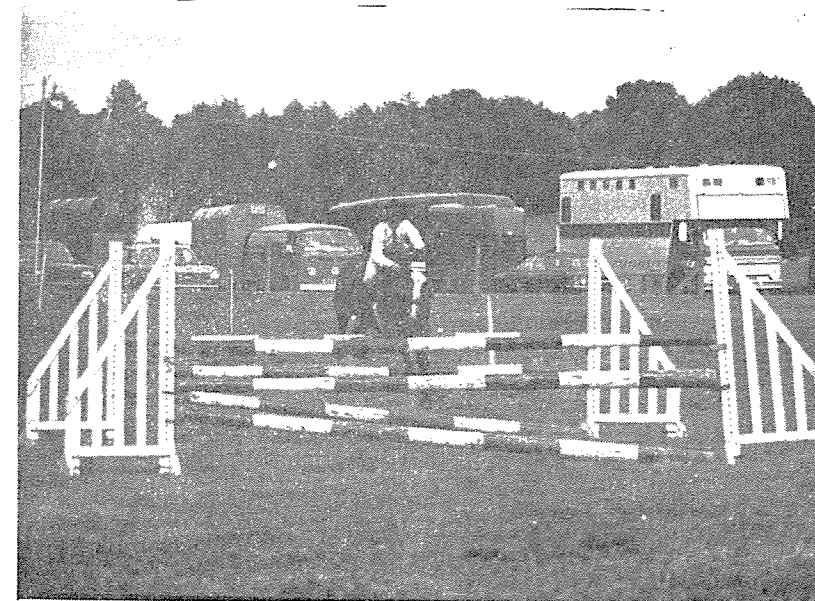
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Community Council News

The Monthly Meeting of the Council was postponed until 23rd August as many of the Council members would have been on holidays earlier and all returned full of virour and ready for the fray.

The meeting was first addressed by Rev. Fr. Tyrrell, who is anxious to organise a lively programme for the youth of the parish, commencing with the re-opening of the schools. Already he is endeavouring to organise football basketball, table tennis and, if possible, volley ball. As time goes on he intends to try and organise other branches such as drama, debating, etc. etc. In short, he will try and cater, within reason, for all tastes.

All this work cannot be carried out without co-operation from the towns-people and all those prepared to help in any way whatsoever are asked to attend a meeting in the Parish Hall on 16th September at 8 p.m. This appeal is directed in particular to younger people in the early twenties who can give invaluable help in coaching and organising games. If you are prepared to give a small or large amount of time to organising youth, you have something to contribute and should attend the meeting.

The serious pollution of the local rivers was discussed again, the present drought has shown this up. The rivers are now nothing more or less than open sewers. This is a matter that will require very serious attention and the Council is taking up the matter with Local Authorities. In the meantime, those who are causing the pollution are asked to try and abate the nuisance as far as possible, voluntarily.

The meeting further discussed a series of lectures, etc. to be organised by Fr. Carey, St. Patrick's College on matters of interest to the Community. This is the commencement of a full Community Programme and which will be of immense benefit to the town generally. Particulars of the preliminary programme are given elsewhere in this issue.

Very Rev. Fr. O' Higgins also discussed with the Meeting the proposed Cycle Ride for 1976. It is proposed to cover a new route this year which briefly will be - Maynooth to Moyglare, Rodanstown, Larch Hill, Kiltale, Dunsaney, Hill of Tara back to Dalgan Park College (where it is hoped to have some refreshments) returning home by Bective, Laracor, Summerhill, Garadice, Larchill, Moyglare, Maynooth. This should be a most interesting run and is somewhat shorter than last year's route. Entry and Sponsorship cards will be available in about a week. Watch out for posters and further particulars in the shops.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday, the 14th September.

Material for the next issue of the Newsletter should be handed in on or before 20th September.



KEEP LITTER OFF THE STREET

CIVIL DEFENCE NOTES: MAYNOOTH CASUALTY UNIT

Casualty Unit: Two of our Unit Members were on duty at the Garden Party in Carton House, this month.

A new series of First Aid Lectures will commence on Wed. 22nd Sept., in the I.C.A. Hall, The Harbour, Maynooth. Lecture starts at 8 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME.

RAFFLE RESULTS MAYNOOTH DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

- (1) Shetland Pony - Thos. Walshe, 21 Maynooth Park.
- (2) Bottle Of Whiskey - Thos. & Marie Bean, Moortown
- (3) Bottle of Sherry - 'We Three'
- (4) Bottle of Sherry - S. Deane, Larch House.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

(organised in co-operation with the
Adult Education Section, St. Patrick's
College, Maynooth).

1. - Course on Child Development

This series of lectures will help
parents understand how their children
grow & develop & examine parent
child relationships. Guide line will
emerge.

Lecturer: Dr. John Cullen.

Length of Course: 6 sessions

Venue: St. Patrick's College, Maynooth

Fee: £2 per participant.

2. - You, Religion & Your Child.

These Lectures will explain the new
method of teaching religion which
become operative in our Schools in
September, and will also help parents
engage in religious dialogue with
their children.

Lecturer: Sr. Nora Connolly, St.
Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Length of Course: 6 sessions.

Venue: St. Patrick's College, Maynooth

Date: The course will be held on
Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. late October
Fee: £2 per participant.

3. - Youth Leadership Seminar.

This seminar will be directed to young
people in Maynooth over 15 years of age.
Will be held on weekends, Friday
night to Sunday evening. It will help
the youth themselves - to draw up a
specific plan of action as to what
resources are needed for effective
leadership in a Christian Community
such as Maynooth.

Lecturer: A team of experts & youth
leaders.

Length of Seminar: A weekend, i.e.
from Friday evening to Sunday evening.

Date: End of November.

Fee: 50p per participant.

Venue: Local Vocational School.

(N.B. A more detailed programme will
be prepared in co-operation with the
youth, parents and adult leaders of the
Community.

4. - Community Forum & Action Programme.

This programme will comprise a
series of forum & actions where
members of the local community, groups,
associations, etc. will try & discover
needs, interests & community re-
sources in Maynooth, and implement
a plan for future action.

Lecturer: The Staff of the Adult
Education Section, St. Patrick's
College, Maynooth.

Venue: St. Patrick's College, Maynooth

Date: The forum will be held on
Thursday nights late October at 8 p.m.

Fee: £2 per participant-

USEFUL LINES

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

Garda Siochana, Maynooth - 286234

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POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Principal and staff of the School
would like to extend congratulations to
the Students of the Leaving Cert Class
who did so well in their examinations
We are particularly happy for the 4
students whose results are good
enough to qualify them for University
Scholarships & to the others who
are setting their sights on 3rd level
educational institutes and careers.
As this is the first group to come
through the school from first year to
Leaving Cert we have a special
fondness for them & to one and all wish
them every success in whatever career
they may seek.

I think it appropriate also that the
parents of these students deserve to
be congratulated. It is they who had
the courage in the first place to support
the School in the belief that their sons/
daughters would be successful. On
occasions the school has been criticised
for one reason or another, we hope that
our examination results this year
especially and in the past disprove the
notion that we cannot cater for the more
academically inclined student. In fact
we would lay claim to the contrary. We
believe that by giving students a bal-
anced education practical and academic
it gives the student the opportunity to
develop all his abilities. One of the
biggest boasts of the Vocational School
system is that it takes all students
regardless of class, creed or ability,
yet however admirable this ideal may
be some find it off-putting and prefer
to support schools elsewhere outside
Maynooth, schools which excludes
undesireables i.e. those who through
their own fault or that of others occupy
the lower rung of the social and
intellectual ladder. Would it be a fair
question to ask what would happen
Maynooth if its inhabitants did not sup-
port local business houses, clubs etc.? It
would shortly become a 'dormitory'
town in every sense of the word. It is
indeed encouraging to know that the
school has grown and goes from
strength to strength and with the con-
tinuance of this support then the
School and Maynooth have a great
future.

T. ASHE Principal.

DRIVERS MAKE MAYNOOTH A SAFER PLACE TO DRIVE

GREENFIELD (OLD) RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General meeting of the Association was held in the Geraldine Hall on July 20th, it was gratifying to note, the attendance was larger than usual. The competition for places on the incoming Committee for 1976/77 was very strong and eventually comprised the following:

Chair - M. Gleeson: Secretary - L. Murphy: Treasurer - B. Boyd, also Mrs. P. Leavy, K. Boyd and N. Bright.

With the holiday period drawing to a close, the new Committee will be getting down to 'brass tacks' and look forward to the support of all residents during the coming months.

Tribute was paid to the excellent work of outgoing Committee members, B. O'Rourke and Mrs. S. Moran during the past year.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: The Community Council asked the Association to appoint a representative for the Association for co-option to the Community Council and Leo McGlynn was elected to the post.

COMINGS & GOINGS: A hearty welcome to the Mooney & Blount families who have recently taken up residence in the Estate and a kind farewell to come who have left to live elsewhere.

STORKING UP: This bird seems to have been overworked here recently having brought to :- Mr. & Mrs. M. Troy - a son; Mr. & Mrs. G. O'Keeffe - a son. Mr. & Mrs. M. Burchall - a daughter; Mr. & Mrs. J. Ahearne - a daughter & Mr. & Mrs. M. Thompson twin daughters. There is a noticeable increase in the number of worried faces around since it appears that the stork considers it pointless to bring one at a time any more.

SAVING SCHEME: This is, of course, still in existence, in fact stronger than ever. Members not yet enrolled may simply join by notifying any Committee member of their intention.

ANNUAL OUTING: A most successful day at Bettystown on July 11th. despite a mist which prevented the sun from peeping through and which earned a few harsh words.

CHILDREN SPORTS: Due to various factors this has been delayed but it will take place at a later date, to be fixed in the next few weeks.

Congratulations to:- John & Rita Thompson, Greenfield, a daughter Rita Catherine.



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MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

The Long Hot Summer, has left The Maynooth Swimming Club, in a state of Financial embarrassment. All our Swimmers deserted us. As there is no Sea near Maynooth, we can only assume they took to the Canals, Rivers, and Lakes. The last two Buses to Naas, ran at a loss of £21, and even the old reliable St. Raphael's Bus, only carried 14 showing a loss of £8.50 this later was the greatest disappointment of all as we have such a Long List or St. Raphael's and so many Mothers anxious to get their Children taught to Swim.

What does a Club Committee of four do in the face of such apathy, fold up, or start again. Believing there is still a need for a Swimming Club in Maynooth, we decided to start again. St. Raphael's will re-open on Friday September 3rd., but only on the conditions stated in the August Newsletter. Priority will be given to old members, but no member, no matter how old, will be allowed into the pool unless the Fee for 13 weeks £3.90 is paid in advance. The Bus Fare will be 10p. The Bus will leave the square at 4.30. Parents do not send your child without the required Fee. It is your fault we have to take these steps, as despite many appeals you failed to notify us, if your child could not come.

NAAS POOL: Peter who is in charge of the Naas Pool informs us that there is no possibility of getting back there, as both of our hours had been snatched up, and they have a long list of Groups on the waiting list. Well 'The Swimmers on the Ditch' cannot blame the Committee for that. We offered wonderful value, the Best Instructor in the County, Life Guard, Pool attendant, Insurance, and Bus Fare all for 50p. Less than the return Fare to Dublin, but you did not support us.

WATER SAFETY: Will commence again on Saturday September 4th, and it is hoped to have week of intensive training mid September to make up for the weeks when the Pool was closed for repairs.

Membership cards will be issued shortly. Fee £1 per family per year.

GYMKHANA

As is well known, the Gymkhana and Field Day at Carton last month were most successful both financially and otherwise. To date the final figures are not available. The Development Association wish to return their sincere thanks to all those who assisted in stewarding, catering, etc. etc. and without whose assistance the events could not have taken place. The various results of the Gymkhana were as follows:

Event 1. - 1st Val Larkin, Castle-town, Rathmolyon, Co. Meath riding 'Come Dancing'
2nd - Noel Casey, Kilpeddar, Glen O' Downs, Co. Wicklow riding 'Toddler'
3rd - David Larkin, Castletown, Rathmolyon, Co. Meath riding 'Pop Corn'

Event 2. - 1st Mrs. Taggart, 16 Nugent Road, Rathfarnham riding 'Zamota'
2nd (Shared by) - Mrs. Carroll, Sliabh Thul, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin riding 'Batman'
& Peter Dargan, Bollivar, Co. Meath riding 'Maverick'
Eamon Raggert, 16 Nugent Road, Rathfarnham riding 'Cooley Lad'
Owen Carty, Fonthill House, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin
M/s Broderick, on 'Beleek Boy'
Mr. J. Sheedy on 'Hale Park'
Mrs. Brockleback on 'Zulliver'
W. Heatley, Hill View, Wicklow.
E. J. King, Mullingar on 'Kingly'
P. J. Whelan.
David Brockley, Conquer House, Coolrain, Portlaoise.
Mrs. Doyle Panchestown House, Rathmore, Naas, on 'Dawn'

Event 3. - Mrs. Carroll, Sliabh Thul,, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin riding 'Batman'
2nd - Michael Tuite, Sunnyside House, Drogheda, Co. Louth.
3rd. Mrs. Taggart, 16 Nugent Road, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin 'Zamota'

Event 4. - 1st. W. Keatley, Hillview, Co. Wicklow 'Sandyman Rusty'
2nd. - Frank McGarry, Sligo Square, Centre, Sligo. 'Curragh Hill'
3rd - Mrs. E. Daly, 54 Woodpark, Castleknock, Co. Dublin. 'Ginger J'

Event 5 - 1st. Mark Clinton, Ashling, Peamount, Clondalkin. 'Gold Cliff'
2nd- Mrs. K. Robinson, c/o J. Merigan, 25, The Rise, Malahide 'Beaver'
3rd - Miss Byrne, c/o Kelletts, Mespín Hall, Kill, Co. Kildare. 'Greymoon'
Event 6 - Equal 1st-2nd-3rd.
Mr. J. Sugars, c/o Paul Darragh, Mespín Hall, Kill 'Eliza'
Mr. J. Whyte, c/o Paul Darragh, Mespín Hall, Kill. 'See Finn'
Mr. John McAuley, Abbeyville, Kinsealt, Co. Dublin. 'Request'
Event 7. - Div. 1st. & 2nd.
Ned Cash, Clane. 'Ballinderry'
Owen Carty, Fonthill House, 'Eurocrat'
Div. 3rd & 4th.
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G.A.A. NOTES

Our Junior Footballers had a good win in the semi-final of this year's championship, by beating Nurney by 12pts. to 3pts. on Sunday 22nd. Best for Maynooth were F. Moore, W. Moore, P. Mulhern, B. Mulhern, C. Feeney. This puts us in the Final for the second year running, and we hope to be successful this year. Why not come along and give us your support. In Final we will play either Athy, or Clane. Prov. fixed for 19th Sept.

Our Hurlers are through to the Semi-final of the Hurling Championship, which will be played before this Newsletter comes out. We play Sallins in Ardclough.

We like to thank all who supported our field day.

BALLET CLASSES

Re-open Tuesday 28th September in The Parish Hall, Maynooth at 3.45 for Children (all ages)
For particulars phone: 906704

STRAFFAN FIELD DAY

The field day at Straffan was most successful. The organising Committee comprised two representatives from each organisation and proved to be a really fine community effort.

The following are the results of some of the events:

Five Mile Road Race - 1 - John McGarr, Naas. - 2 - D. Connolly & 3 - Maurice Salmon.

Horseshoe Throwing - 1 - John Richardson. 2 - T. Murphy.

Weight Guessing - 1 - P. Norris. 2 - Paddy Winders.

Weight of Cake - John McGarr, Naas.

Baby Show - under 3 - Ian Butterfield 2 - Karen Corscadden.

under 1 - Helen Purcell. 2nd.

Eugene Nolan 1st.

P. McTiernan 3rd.

Fancy Dress -

1 - Carmel Kane.

2 - Christy Kane

3rd - Sandra Byrne.

Tug-o-war - St. Brigid's Terrace Team

Darts - 1 - Tommy Sinnot, Rathcoffey & B. Squires.

Mile Race - 1 - J. Cooney. 2 - R. Kiernan. 3 - D. Foley

Men's Race (under 35) - 1 - L. McNamee 2 - J. Johnston. 3 - S. Walsh.

Grannies Race - 1 Mrs. K. Byrne.

2 - Mrs. R. Foley.

Grandpa's Race - 1 W. Byrne.

2. J. Walsh.

GOLF: 1 - Tony Donovan, Straffan. 2 M. Farrell. 3 - B. Noland.

The organising committee were :
Chair - Liam Rowley: Secretary - Patricia Kearney: Treasurer - Richard Kearney also May Donovan, Mrs. C. Doran. Mrs. B. Morris. Mrs. M. Sammon. Mrs. I. Purcell. Pat Walsh, Tom Donovan, Tom Burke & Alan Lawless.