

CLUB CORNER

As we enter the New Year the Youth Club can look back with some pride on the last three months of '76. We began in late September and our greatest achievement is that we have remained active into January. Our numbers have stayed fairly constant and although we have naturally had our teething problems - and they will no doubt continue for a long while yet - We are confidently looking forward to 1977.

December was an active month. On Dec. 16, a group of girls from the Club sang Carols outside O'Briens Hypermarket, by kind permission of the Manager who started them off with a good contribution. We thank most sincerely all those who subscribed and would like to let all know the Club Members had the pleasure of handing £24.33 over to the Treasurer Mr. Tom Madden, for Club Funds. This was our first 'help yourself venture'. It was a pity Sister Maria was not there to hear them sing.

Dec. 18, saw us run our first Disco, and a very successful night it was. Phil Connolly was Disc Jockey. Parents acted as stewards. Everybody agreed that the atmosphere was very relaxed and happy. Fun was had by all. We are very much indebted to Fr. Supple for allowing us the Parish Hall, especially on a Saturday night.

On Tuesday Dec. 21 we closed for Christmas with an enjoyable party which brought the boys and girls together in the Club for the first time - for better or worse? !!-

We will re-open on Tuesday Jan 11th for the girls at 8 p.m. and on Thurs. 13th for the boys at 8.45 p.m. with the prospect of an exciting year ahead.

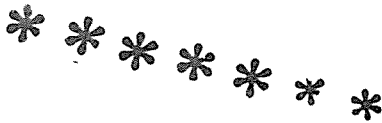
Our first date will be in Naas on 15th Jan. when a 5-a-side boys indoor soccer team will compete against other clubs in the Kildare Region in the first set of the Regional Competitions.

On Jan 22 Maynooth Club is the host for the Quiz and English Debate. Competitions starting 2.30 p.m. - all spectators welcome - so our schedule for the first month is a full and we hope, enjoyable one.

A very successful trip to Dublin was organised on Dec. 29 when 16 girls travelled up to see 'The Slipper and the Rose' - and we weren't the cause of the 'sitin' I assure you! - We stopped for chips coming home and sang all the way there and back, so a good time was had by all! Roll on the next safari to the 'Big Smoke'!

That's all our news for this time folks. I hope you're all feeling fit and well after the festivities and are ready to face '77 with a smile! I take this opportunity on behalf of the Committee, to wish all our members and their parents a Happy and Peaceful New Year. 'Till next month - Keep Smilin'!

Margaret Morrissey (P.R.O.)



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NEWSLETTER

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GRAPEVINE

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

Due to being full of Plum and Pud and other Christmas fare, the authors of Grapevine were regrettably short of ideas and enthusiasm for this issue. However with suitable doses of cod liver oil and senna pods we guarantee an output from them for the next issue.



We take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Bernard Durkin of Timard on his appointment as a councillor for County Kildare. It is good to see someone, who takes an active interest in Maynooth, on Kildare County Council and it is to be hoped that this argues well for our community in dealings with them.



Congratulations to Teresa Gillespie, the winner of our December Childrens Crossword Competition. You could be a winner this month, so why not give it a try.



Having read the Greenfields Estate Residents Association Advertisement for their Annual Dinner Dance, we have earnestly requested funds be allocated for the purchase of a dictionary for them. Failing this we would hope to introduce 'Beginners Classes in English' (for Adults) to help overcome this serious problem of illiteracy in our midst.



Like a rather famous man before him, Mr. John Read, Secretary, Community Council wishes to announce that 'the report of his death is greatly exaggerated' (Ed. We are pleased the report was incorrect and trust Mr. R. will be with us for many years yet)



Cider drinking by young teenagers is becoming a little too prevalent in Maynooth lately. Owners of Licensed Premises and Off License Premises should be on the watch out to try and stop the supply of drink to these children. Parents who find their children with drink on them should try and trace the source and take appropriate legal action.



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. John Mulhall (formerly of Moyglare House) on the birth of a son.



The Old Peoples' Committee wish to thank very sincerely the children from Greenfield who collected £8 for the Coal Fund. They also wish to thank 'The Card School' for a contribution of £7 as well as the local young girls who, with S.V.D. Students, collected the sum of £20.27 'Carol Singing' outside the Shopping Centre. Thanks also to M/s. O'Brien's for their kind permission to make collections at the Shopping Centre on all occasions.

Editorial

The Editorial Staff wish all our readers v ery happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

While speaking of the New Year, we wonder have any of our readers made New Year Resolutions and, if so, have any of the resolutions related to Maynooth. If you have not made any resolutions as yet, may we suggest a few :-

You might interest yourself in the Tidy Towns Drive and perhaps put the best face possible on your own premises, or the area in your immediate vicinity and help to keep the area in which you live neat and tidy. You might resolve not to drop any litter on the public streets (this would be an easy one and a very good one).

Perhaps your interest might run to the Canal area where you could help to tidy it up. There is a lot of work in this area to be attended to. It is hoped to clear the tow paths and perhaps to cut the weeds in the canal itself leaving the water navigable for canoes, etc. thus providing quite an amount of sport for our younger members..

Your interest might run to youth work and perhaps you could contribute in some way to the Youth Club who are still on the look-out for interested adults to help in the running. You may have a skill or talent of some kind that you could impart to the young. You will be more than welcome here.

There are also less arduous areas - The church choir is looking for members male in particular - The Old Peoples' Committee could do with help. St. Vincent DePaul Conference could also do with suitable help, not to mention the other various clubs and organisations that provide a service or provide amusement in the town.

If you happen to be a bit shy, or if you do not know whom to contact to get involved in any of these, contact the Community Council members who will be only too pleased to put you in touch.

Do make a resolution, one way or another, to help in some way at least this year to make this a better town if not the best in Ireland.

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Quite a number of New Aerials have appeared in the area during the past few months. May we point out that the Communal Aerial system which was proposed for the entire Maynooth area has been examined in great depth by the committee concerned, and a decision on this matter is expected shortly .

We have been requested by the Residents Associations of Greenfield, Rail Park, and Cluain Aoibhinn, to ask their members and any other people considering putting up their own aerial, to delay this action for about one month. Within that time all residents will be informed by their respective associations of the final decision for their area. So please hold off your action until you get word from your Association Committee, and we have been assured by them that this word will be forthcoming within the 4 weeks specified.

C. I. E. PRESENTATION

Over 200 colleagues and friends gathered at a Supper Dance in the Hamlet, Johnstown Bridge when Gearoid Mac Teignain, of Parson Street, Maynooth, was presented with a wallet of notes on his recent retirement from C.I.E. His wife, Ita, was presented with a bouquet of flowers. The function was organised by Enfield C.I.E. Social Club.

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MAYNOOTH VISTA

by Newcomer.

This is being written at the peak of a domestic crisis. If a crisis can have a peak. You know how you are warned off a car assembled on a Monday. Well whoever did the plumbing of my house or at least the connecting of the mains to the house did the job on a Monday. The connecting pipe lies so close to the surface that every time we have one degree of frost the water freezes and we are left high and dry and must depend on the neighbours for every drop of the essential H2O. So if between now and the time the thaw sets in should somebody arrive at your door with a bucket that somebody will be me and I will have worn out my welcome in my immediate neighbourhood.

To stave off the winter cold, some friends of mine bought a tree in Carton and spent their week-ends cutting and chopping the timber. It was not easy work but the time factor was probably the most precious part of the job.

It meant that for several weekends they gave up their leisure and the hours they would normally have spent with their families. While the blocks, which had been cut, chopped and stacked, were waiting to be drawn home some one, who had probably seen them working on the river bank near the bridge got over the wall from the road and stole a quantity of the logs.

The intrinsic value of the goods taken was small but the stealing of the men's time was significant. The Almighty allots to every man a span of precious time and to steal one hour of that is to steal from God as well as from man.

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I am not feeling particularly moral but I remember telling in the very first article I wrote for the NEWSLETTER of the sergeant of the Gardai who said that only honest people lived in Maynooth. I wonder has the last two years changed that? I see that the Supermarkets are now displaying notices which would appear to indicate that shoplifting is not an unknown quantity in our midst and from enquiries I understand that the pilfering is not confined to teenagers or children. What about a New Year's resolution regarding honesty and another man's goods?

And finally, here is another strange thing. Since 1969 when the trouble started in the Six Counties I have lived in four different parishes and Sunday after Sunday I have heard the victims of shootings and bombings and their families prayed for but never yet have I heard prayers asked for or said for those who planted the bombs or fired the shots. Of prayers, whose is the greater need? Or am I subscribing to some weird and cock-eyed form of philosophy?

Editorial Comment:- We agree wholeheartedly with the sentiments expressed by Newcomer, that those who perpetrate or condone firing of shots or planting of bombs are sick and badly need prayers for their conversion to sanity

OLD GREENFIELD NOTES

The Annual Children's Christmas Party was held on the 19th December. They all had a good time and SANTA distributed Prizes to all the children.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Blount on the death of her Brother-in-law recently. Also to Mrs. Eileen Nolan on the Death of her Father (Late of Greenfield), and also the Husband and Family of the late Mrs. Brigid Bennett.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. David Smith on the Birth of a Son.

Many thanks to Father Lloyd and the two Students who have given their time on Saturday afternoons to come up to Old Greenfield and play games with the Children in the Estate.

And many thanks to St. Mary's Band who played Carols in the Estate over the Christmas.

Congratulations to Paddy Moran who won the Christmas Dart Tournament in the Roost. Paddy was playing against very stiff opposition. We wish all the residents of Old Greenfield a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Community Council News

The Christmas Spirit reigned somewhat at the December Council Meeting and several items were postponed until the January meeting. The main item discussed at the December meeting was a proposal to approach C.I.E. to supply a fast rail service to Dublin for workers. Groups are also interested in a similar service in Leixlip, Lucan, Clonsilla, and Blanchardstown. A group was called together to discuss the matter recently and the advantages of such service was pointed out both for workers getting into the City and for University Students getting out to Maynooth. The Community Council agreed to sponsor the matter and to adopt the existing committee as a sub-committee.

Previous attempts by Greenfield Residents Association to have the railway station opened were rejected by C.I.E. on the plea that due to I.R.A. bombings there was a shortage of locomotives and now that they have received delivery of extra locomotives a fresh approach should be made to them. It is also known that they themselves are studying such a service to feed into the city.

COMMUNAL T. V. ARIEL:- Allied Irish Banks have agreed in principal to finance the erection of a Communal Ariel but full details had not been worked out. Further information to be available at next meeting.

CLEARING OF CARTON AVENUE:- This was postponed to next meeting

PEACE MARCH:- A proposal for a peace march to be discussed at next meeting.

TIDY TOWNS DRIVE:- The inclement weather is holding up any progress in this matter.

E.S.B. & WATER SUPPLY:- The cutting off of supplies and reduction of water pressure / and voltage without notice was discussed and the Secretary was instructed to write expressing the view of the Community Council that adequate notice should be given whenever possible of any reduction of water or voltage pressure, or discontinuation of supply.

Next meeting to be held 11th January.

The Councillors wishing the Community in general a very happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

NEWSLETTER:- Items for inclusion in March Issue to be handed in before February 13th.

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MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE NEWS

Santa did not disappoint the Senior Citizens who attended the Christmas party. He attended in person with gifts for most of those present.

The microphones in the Parish Hall certainly have something against us for just as we were about to start the fun, they stopped functioning.

The Committee are very grateful for the Assistance of St. Marys brass & Reed band who played without mikes. They were a tremendous help. Thanks also to Brian Farrell and William Boyd who also managed. We look forward to a return visit from both bands.

We would like to wish a very Happy New Year to Mrs. Greta Corroway, who is still in hospital. Also Mrs. L. Nolan, Laraghbryan.

Congratulations to the fourteen participants of 'Going Strong' they certainly did us proud.

The Sale of Work was a tremendous success, it netted almost £1,200. This of course is divided between the above committee, Development Association and Fr. Nevin Mission Fund. Everybody was so generous it made the work of the organising committee much easier.

A special work of appreciation to the business people in the town. Maynooth shopping centre, and Greenfield shopping centre.

The Carol Singers who sang outside O'Briens collected £20.28.

Many thanks to the following children who collected £7.43½p: Catherine & Martina Fitzpatrick. Christopher & Seamus O'Reilly; Tina & Caroline McFadden. ; Teresa & Stephen Gillespie. & Brigid Holton.

The money will help the Old Folks coal fund, and the Committee are very thankful.

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY:- This year on Dec. 19th, the Association held its first Childrens Christmas Party in the Geraldine Hall, and much to the satisfaction of the organising committee, the event proved to be an absolute success. One hundred and ninety Children thoroughly enjoyed themselves for three hours, with Christmas fare which included all sorts of 'goodies' cakes, sweets, crisps, lemonade etc. They were also treated to carol singing, a cartoon film show, and of course SANTA CLAUS, who true to form, was extremely good and kind to all the children, giving each of them a lovely present to take home and a nice promise to remember them all on Christmas night.

The event took place in a truly carnival atmosphere, with Balloons decorations, and bunting all over the place, and was completely enjoyed by all, parents and children alike, and such was the success and satisfaction felt by all concerned that it is hoped that this event will become a regular yearly feature of our Association. The entire cost of the function, was borne by the Association, funded by the success of our monthly Super Draw, and was aided and abetted by generous donations from Mr. Liam Walshe, proprietor of Greenfield Supermarket and the Manager of Leavys, Newsagents, to which the Committee, extend their sincere thanks, a special word of thanks also to Mr. Danny McCarthy for his guitar playing & sing along with Christmas Carols, to the children.

Thanks also to Mr. David Lyon for providing us with a splendid cartoon film Show, and of course to 'Santa Claus' who did a magnificent job, and to all the committee members and ladies who helped serving at the tables, we say very many thanks and hope to see you all again next year.

MONTHLY DRAW:- We would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for their support in our monthly draw and also the collectors who are doing a very fine job.

So far we have had two lucky winners they were Mrs. Reilly of Laurence Ave. and Mrs. Hanly of Greenfield Drive. This draw is to continue into 1977 and remember it could be your turn next to win a handsome £50 prize. The profits from this monthly draw are to go towards improving amenities on the estate. So we would urge all our members to continue their fine support.

GROUND RENTS:- Greenfield Estate Residents Association have not yet received a reply to their letter of Nov. '76 Last requesting a meeting with Mr. O. J. Conlon, Solicitor of 93 Upper Leeson St. Dublin. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss a group purchase scheme for ground rents due to Messrs. Civil Eng. Ire. Ltd. and Messrs. Vaughan Builders. We can only assume that O.J. Conlon, Solicitor is just not interested in collecting these Ground Rents. The G.E.R.A. Committee Requests all its members NOT to pay ground rent or any part thereof.

RATES:- All members of G.E.R.A. who have deferred payment of Rates for the year 1976, should now pay Rates due for the year 1976 to the County Secretary, St. Marys, Naas, Co. Kildare.

GREENFIELD ESTATE SITE DEVELOPMENT:- Kildare County Council have requested copies of leases held by Residents of Greenfield Estate.

Copy Leases have been forwarded to the County Manager together with other information concerning the drawing up of these leases and contracts by O.J. Conlon, Solicitors, also forwarded were complete details of housing and site defects of Greenfield Estate.

3rd ANNUAL DINNER DANCE:- The third Annual Dinner Dance is being held on Friday 11th Feb. 1977 in the Belgard Inn, Newlands Cross, Clonsilla. Dancing will be from 9 p.m. till 2 a.m. with a bar extension till 1.30 a.m.

Price per ticket is only £3 this year, and as usual it is hoped to have a great many spot prizes.

The Committee expect this dance to be even better than the previous two very successful dinner dances.

Tickets are now available from all Committee members, and it is advisable for those intending going to book their tickets as soon as possible.

Phone booking maybe made to any of the following phone numbers 286136 - 286522 - 286512 - Please book early and be sure of your tickets.

WATERSUPPLY:- Many of the Residents of Greenfield Estate found themselves completely without water Supply during the Frost and snow from 1st - 4th January. This is due to the water lines not being laid deep enough, and is a problem for the developers and builders of Greenfield Estate and the Kildare Co. Council.

TREES PLANTING:- The Committee intend planting a number of Replacement Trees for those that have failed. They also intend planting some extra trees on the Greens at Maynooth Park and Laurence Avenue, any volunteers to help in this work should contact Paddy Lynch of 59 Maynooth Park, or Tom Purcell, 49 Laurence Avenue. A supply of trees is still in hand for planting on the Green Area at Greenfield Drive. We have asked Kildare Co. Council to see what they can do with Civil Eng. Ire. Ltd. and Carton Homes to have this green area cleaned up as soon as possible.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The fourth Annual General Meeting of the Greenfield Estate Residents Association is to be held on Wednesday 2nd March 1977 at 8.30p.m. in the Geraldine Hall, Maynooth. All members are requested to attend.

TRANSPORT

Over a year ago now C.I.E. published a report entitled the Dublin Rapid Rail Transit Study, which examined the costs and means of providing a fast and frequent train service for the greater Dublin area. As a member of Dublin Co. Council I received a copy of this report, which is of interest to me, as two of the developing areas in Co. Dublin namely Blanchardstown and Clondalkin are within the electoral area I represent. The report also interested me as a resident of Maynooth which I would deem to be in the greater Dublin area. I have checked with the authors of the report and they indicate that only Dublin City and County was included in their brief. So the fact that Maynooth is not mentioned in the Report may or may not mean we are not being included in C.I.E.'s thinking and plans for the future.

Another report published about 4 years ago by An Foras Forbartha suggested that C.I.E. should open commuter services on various lines including the one which serves Blanchardstown. Again no mention was made of Maynooth one way or another. It seems to me that people living in the areas affected should be trying to get the proposals put forward in the latter report adopted as an interim measure. No doubt the Rapid Rail Transit Study proposals would eventually provide a very good service, but it would take about 20 years to achieve this. In the meanwhile C.I.E. should be using existing facilities to benefit potential commuters. It also seems to me that Maynooth and other similar areas should be drawing attention to their needs.

With this in mind I called a small meeting to discuss this whole matter on Dec. 7th last.

The attendance consisted of representatives of Maynooth College, Maynooth Development Association, Community Council, Greenfield Estate, and Cluain Aoibhinn Residents Association. Other groups indicated their support although they could not be present at the first meeting. The meeting decided that our first step should be to organise, through the various residents groups a petition to C.I.E. making the following requests:-

- (1) The 9.15 a.m. & 6.15 p.m. Dublin - Sligo trains stop at Maynooth.
- (2) The 3.05 p.m. Sligo-Dublin also stop.
- (3) Two additional trains one to reach Maynooth before 9 a.m. and one to reach the City before 9 a.m. be provided.

People who might use these services are asked to sign the petition which will be collected in January and February.

Since our meeting the Maynooth Community Council has adopted our group as a sub. Committee at its December meeting. We hope to look at other matters connected with the general transport question both short term and long term at future meetings. In the meantime we appeal for all possible assistance in the collecting of our petition.

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RAIL PARK RESIDENT ASSOCIATION

Very little has happened since our last report due to the holiday period, but rest assured the Committee has all matters well in hand. One point to note, don't forget our Annual Dinner Dance which this year takes place on January 28th in the Spa Hotel, Lucan at 8.30 p.m. Tickets are a very reasonable £3.75 each and can be had from any committee member. Come along early and have a great night.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY

The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland wish to thank all those who contributed to the recent church gate collection and acknowledge with thanks the sum of £32.13

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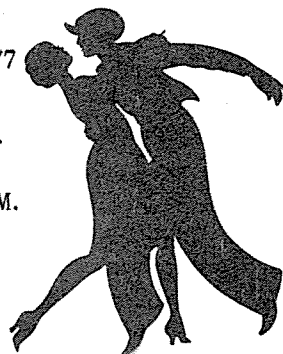
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GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

PARISH NOTES

BOYS NATIONAL SCHOOL:-
We regret the departure of Mrs Teresa Grace after only one term in the School, and we wish her well in her new post at Clane, near her home. We welcome her successor, Miss Caroline Keenan, and also an additional teacher, Miss Mary Leahy.

LADYCHAPEL ROOF REPAIRS:-
The builders P & W. Construction, Maynooth, are to be congratulated on doing an excellent job in difficult weather conditions. Our thanks are due also to the local ladies who worked so hard to have the Church spick and span for Christmas. And again, we thank the Fund-raiding Committee who have already raised well over £1,000 through the Cycle Ride, Concerts, and 300 Club, and are now busy with their Card Drive.

PLANNED GIVING:- The efforts of a large and willing squad of canvassers in November have brought in about 130 new subscribers. In addition, many subscribers have increased their contributions, while many others are keeping them at the same generous level as last year. We hope to average considerably more than £200 per week. This is badly needed, as our debt at present balancing what we owe to the bank and the builders against what is due to us by way of Government grants for the School extension, amounts to roughly £17,000 plus interest. The sooner we can clear the debt the less interest we shall have to pay.

PIONEER NEWS

Maynooth Pioneer Rally & Social Dance were a great success. 14 Jubilee Gold & Silver Emblems and Diplomas were presented. It was a very successful Evening, started by Mass at 8 o'clock.

The Competition for the Children in the Schools will take place early in the New Year. Also look out for Our Dinner Dance, which is due in February.

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MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The Annual General Meeting was held at the beginning of November.

Before the new Committee was elected the winner of the Yearly Competition was announced, i.e. Mrs. Imelda Desmond with Mrs. R. O'Reilly and Mrs. F. Satchwell sharing second place. Miss B. Maguire won the Danish Doll Raffle.

Mrs. Satchwell won the Pork and Bacon Competition and she will now represent Maynooth Guild at Federation level.

The new Committee was then elected, as follows:-

President - Mrs. P. Fegan
(returned un-opposed)
Vice President - Mrs. R. O'Reilly
Treasurer - Mrs. Gee
Secretary - Mrs. Howard Williams.
Asst. Secretary - Mrs. Curran.
An Grianan Representative - Mrs. F. Satchwell.
Craft Officer - Mrs. I. Desmond.
International Officer - Mrs. McMyler.
International Officer - Mrs. Angel.

The December meeting of Maynooth Guild was held at the beginning of the month. The new Committee were the hostesses and members memories were put to test with the 'tray competition'. This was followed by a substantial tea, and the 'parcel game' was won by Mrs. Kelleher. A raffle for a beautiful turkey was won by Mrs. Leavy.

It was proposed to hold a childrens party for the children and grand children of I.C.A. members, and which took place on January 8th.

The competition for the January meeting 'A slice of Christmas Cake'

Mr. J. J. McKeown, decd.

Many in Maynooth learned with deep regret of the death of Mr. John J. McKeown, of Palmerstown, who was, for many years headmaster of Lucan Vocational School until his retirement in 1975. He is survived by his wife, son and two daughters. Mr. McKeown was a native of Lisburn, Co. Down, and had a distinguished academic career. He took up teaching in Lucan in 1938 and will be remembered with gratitude by many from Maynooth who studied under him over the years until the Maynooth Post Primary School was built.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of the late Thomas Dowling Leixlip (formerly of Greenfield) wishes to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement. They wish in particular to thank the management and staff of Irish Meat Packers Ltd. and also the many friends and neighbours in O'Neill Park and Greenfield who were so generous to members of the family in providing transport to the hospital etc.

THANKS FROM U.S.A. : A letter of thanks has been received from Paul and Maureen Kuebler, the young American couple whose six months old child, Padraic, died so tragically a few days before the family returned to America. they are most grateful for the Special Masses and prayers and the wreath which they used for the burial in Detroit. They promise prayers for all concerned, and say they were privileged to have lived in our Community.

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The arms of the eighth earl of Kildare as they appeared on his tomb in St. Mary's Chapel, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, commemorate both his marriages. The two lower shields show the Fitzgerald arms impaled with, first, those of the Eustace family of his first wife Alison or Alice, and secondly, with those of the St. Johns, the family of his second wife Elizabeth. Alison was the mother of the ninth earl and of six daughters. Two of these sisters of the ninth earl made names for themselves in Irish history. The formidable Margaret married Piers Butler, the eighth Earl of Ormond. This may have been intended by her father as a politic union to bind the two rival families in ties of friendship, but, if so, the plan misfired. Margaret took Piers' side against her brother Garret Og and her strong personality and ability made her a serious threat. She is also remembered as a woman with a mission to bring English hygiene to the Irish of Ormond. Richard Stanyhurst described her as follows: 'The Countess of Ossorie, Kildare's sister, a rare woman, and able for wisdom to rule a realm, had not her stomach over-ruled herself. Through the singular wisdom of this Countesse a lady of such port, that all the estates of the realme couched to her, so politique that nothing was thought substantially debated without her advice; man-like, tall of stature, very rich and bountiful, a bitter enemy, the only meane, at those dayes, whereby hir husband's country was reclamationed from the sluttish and unclean Irish custome to the English habits, bedding, house-keeping and civilitie.'

Another sister Eleanor was an equally strong personality, who as we shall see later, played a major part in saving the heir to the earldom of Kildare after the death of her brother and the execution of her nephew Silken Thomas and of her five half-brothers.

After the death of Alison Eustace, of grief, it was said, at her husband's imprisonment in the Tower of London, the great Earl and his second wife, Elizabeth St. John had another family of seven children. These were all sons and all ill-fated. The two eldest died young and the other five died with their nephew on Tyburn Hill.

But all this tragedy was in the future, and could hardly have been foreseen when Garret Og, the ninth earl, succeeded his father as the king's deputy in Ireland in 1513. His rule, as was noted in the last article, followed the pattern set by the eighth earl and, like his father, he too married twice. His first wife, Elizabeth died suddenly at Lucan in 1517 and was buried at the monastery of the Friars Observant at Kilcullen. The Earl found his second wife in England also. On this occasion he had been accused of seizing crown revenue and lands for himself and his followers and of forming alliances with the king's 'Irish enemies'. He was summoned to England to answer the charges in 1519 and while there he married another cousin of Henry VIII.

This was Lady Elizabeth Grey who shared a common grandmother with the king. Elizabeth Woodville had been married twice, first to Sir John Grey, by which marriage she became the grandmother of Elizabeth Grey, and secondly to Edward IV. by which she became the mother of Henry VIII and Grandmother of Henry VIII. After this prestigious marriage Kildare accompanied the king to France for his famous meeting with the French king, Francis I in 1520, called the 'Field of the Cloth of Gold' from the lavish splendour displayed by both monarchs.

Finally the earl was acquitted of the charges brought against him and returned to Ireland in 1523. His brother-in-law, Piers Butler, Earl of Ormond was now deputy and the rivalry and hostility between the two intensified. Kildare had the advantage now of the active support of his new relations in England, the Greys, and when in 1524 Commissioners were sent to Ireland to judge the rights and wrongs of the perpetual quarrelling of Ireland's two most powerful earls, they found in Kildare's favour and he was re-appointed deputy, though he had to promise not to make war without the consent of the Council.

But he was soon in trouble again. His cousin the Earl of Desmond was accused of treason and the king ordered Kildare as deputy to arrest him. This he failed to do and was accused of helping Desmond instead. In 1526 he was back in London and lodged in the Tower. The story is told that the king's chancellor, Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, tried to have him executed without the king's knowledge and was only foiled by a last minute appeal to Henry himself. But the state papers show Wolsey as anxious to retain Kildare as deputy in Ireland - and hence alive - on grounds of expediency. Wolsey considered that the Butlers could not succeed as deputies because they could not control Kildare and his Irish allies. It was the story as it had been in his father's day when the bishop of Meath had complained that 'all Ireland cannot rule this man' and the king had replied that then Kildare must rule all Ireland. Indeed the ninth Earl actively tried to make it impossible for anyone but himself to govern Ireland in the king's name and in 1528 he was in disgrace again for trying to stir up trouble in Ireland so that his own return to quell it would seem imperative.

He seemed to make his point when he returned to Ireland in 1530 with a newly appointed English deputy, Sir William Skeffington. Within two years Henry had recalled Skeffington and reinstated Kildare in Office. But the end was now in sight. The following year he was again summoned to England to answer the latest set of charges. Before he left he nominated his eldest son Thomas, Lord Offaly, as vice-deputy to act in his place, advising him to 'behave yourself so wisely...' Reports came back to Ireland that he had been beheaded in the Tower of London. Offaly resigned his deputyship in a dramatic scene where he threw the sword of state on the table in the council chamber in St. Mary's Abbey and came out in open rebellion against the king. His father heard of this fatal imprudence as he lay in the Tower and the shock and sorrow were so great that he died there on December 12th 1534.

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KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Councillor Terry Boylan, draws attention to several replies which he recently received from the County Manager, to questions raised by him relating to the Maynooth area in November last: (Extracts from Co. Manager's Letters) :-

Re: Telephone Kiosk at Lady-Chapel, Maynooth.

Reply - 'Kiosks are not provided at places such as Ladychapel where there is no Post Office and it is regretted that it is not possible to meet your request.

Re: Footpath from Doctor's Lane, to O'Briens Supermarket.

Reply - 'There is already a footpath here but it is 50 yds short at Doctor's Lane end. A footpath would be desirable along this stretch to protect pedestrians. There is no money currently available for the work, but I hope to be able to instal the footpath in the coming year. (Ed. 1977)

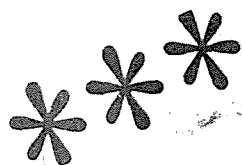
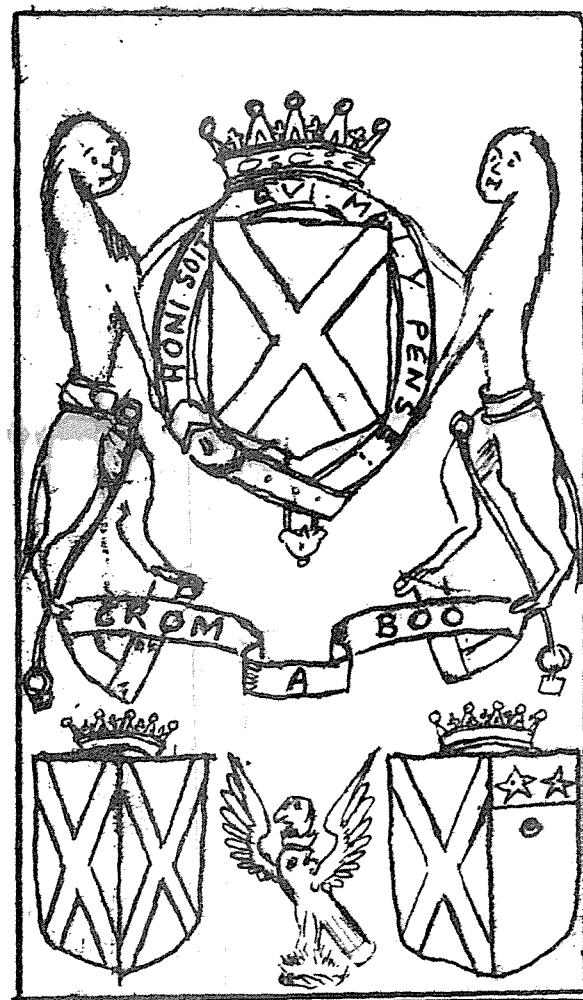
Re: Notice of Motion No. 27 (a) - 'That three public lights be provided at Newtown end of Greenfield Road'

Reply - Maynooth is among the towns for which an overall public lighting design is being obtained from E.S.B. The report is due about the end of December and it might be well to defer consideration of this matter until these plans have been received'

(Note: Cllr. Boylan also mentioned that it is proposed to spend £1,600 on public lights at Main Street in 1977)

Re: Notice of Motion No. 15 (s) - That the County Manager state if he can anticipate the date of approval of the pumping equipment which is required to augment the present water supply to Ballygoran Reservoir.

Reply - 'I wish to state that it is hoped to have water flowing in the mains at the end of March. 1977.



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PALMERSTOWN & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SHOW

This Show was highly successful with increased entries and first-class exhibits. The Committee headed by Mrs. Fleming did an outstanding job in the handling and staging of Exhibits.

Winners of Challenge Cups & Trophies were:-

Anderson Cup - highest aggregate - (confined Classes) - Mrs. Hickey.
Fr. McCarthy Cup- Flowers- (confined Classes) - Mrs. Hickey.
Des. Foley Cup - Flowers - (open) Mrs. Colm Kennedy, Maynooth.
Joe Griffin Cup - (confined)- vegetables - Andy Walsh, Palmerstown.

Mark Clinton Cup - Vegetables - (open classes) - Colm Kennedy Maynooth.

Justin Keating Cup - Best Rose- (open) - Mrs. Hickey, Palmerstown.
Fr. Daly Cup - Dahlias - (open) - Mick McDermott, Finglas.

Sen. Boland Cup - Floral Arrangement - Mrs. M. Wardell, Celbridge.

Palmerstown Traders Cup- (Crafts) - Mrs. M. Wardell, Celbridge.

Vincent Byrne Cup (Cookery) - Mrs. McCarthy, Vernon Ave., Clontarf.

Brian Fleming M.C.C. Plaque (Tie) - Jack Waldron & Mrs. Dowling, Palmerstown.

Michael Gannon M.C.C. Plaque (Crafts) - Mrs. McQuillian, Palmerstown.

Awards Children's Show:-

Dr. M. Walsh Trophy Primary School (Junior) - Miss V. Caulvert, Palmers-town.

Paddy Burke Cup Primary School (Senior) - Not Awarded.

Mrs. Dowling Cup (Highest Aggregate of Show) - M. McGilloway & W. Doyle, Palmerstown.

Colm & Mrs. Kennedy, Maynooth as well as carrying off two major awards won several Special prizes and individual awards.

Another Maynooth prizewinner, with his now famous Cactus was Nicholas (Nicko) Farrell, O'Neill Park, who has figured in the winners enclosure at every Show and they were many. He has outstanding exhibits that have been highly praised by the judges at the various shows in which he has competed. Next Port of call (and we hear he is getting his cactus prepared already) will be Ballsbridge show 1977.

A special word of thanks to Mr. O'Donovan (Manager of O'Briens Shopping Centre who kindly donated a large box of biscuits for the raffle at the Show. This was very much appreciated by the Show Committee.

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Editorial Comment: It was with regret the above results were not published in the December issue due to lack of space.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

No. 1 - Has Santa lost face with these children at the Christmas Party?

No. 2 - Christmas Stuffing?

No. 3 - But a little biddy tear let me down.

No. 4 - No. 8. Senior Citizens at their Christmas Party.

No. 9 - St. Mary's Band Playing Carols.

No. 10 - 12. - More Senior Citizens enjoying themselves but surely to God your man in No. 12 with the guitar isn't on the pension.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association Presentation of Certificates:-

No. 13 - Mr. James O'Neill (Golden) and Mrs. O'Neill.

No. 14 - Mrs. Gallagher (Golden) or right front.

No. 16 - Mrs. Anna Barry (Silver)

No. 17 - Mrs. Nell Byrne (Silver)

No.'s 15, 18, & 19 - At the Lady Chapel Roofing Fund Concert.



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SPORTS PAGE

SOCCKER NOTES

The Committee and players of Maynooth Town A.F.C. would like to wish all their supporters a prosperous and sporting New Year.

Now that the holiday period is over it's back to play again. Both teams are still very well in contention for their respective leagues. With the Sheeran, Cruse, and Giffney Cups still to come there are still plenty of thrills to come. New members are always welcome and a trip up the Moyglare Road any Sunday will provide entertainment.

The first team had a fine 4 - 3 away win against Savage Smyth in the second round of the Leinster Junior Cup on Sunday 21st, the scorers being T. Moore (3) and L. Farrelly (1). The 2nd team continued their fine away form with a 1 - 1 draw against Gardiner Rovers, D. Cowhey being marksman in the Div. 11.

Congratulations to the under - 14s on reaching the Shield Final - let's hope they can equal the under . 16s and win it out. The under - 12s and under 15s are shaping up well since they got their new gear. The best dressed teams in the League are now from Maynooth, and let's hope that 1977 will bring in many fine new trophies to match.

MAYNOOTH TOWN F.C. (Boys Club)

At the recent Annual General Meeting, the following appointments were made:-

President- Rev. Fr. P. Tyrrell C.C.
Chairman - Paddy Foy.
Secretary - Terry Moore.
Treasurer - Gearoid Mac Tiegrnain.
also G. MacTiegrnain (Jnr)
P. Kearns, T. Murray (Dublin Rd.)
M. Donnelly, S. Tracey, S. Feeney,
T. Murray (Maynooth Park)
G. Durack-

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Our year ended on a very joyful note. We had our Swim against, the Children of St. Raphael's, and it was really great fun. Each side cheered themselves hoarse, and in the end nobody had any idea who won, nor did they care, which was how it should be. All our children behaved very well.

To Paula & Veronica, the instructors to the St. Raphael's Children, our congratulations on the wonderful job they are doing, and our thanks to them for allowing Maynooth Club the privilege of Swimming against their children, and for the pockets full of sweets our members took home. We look forward to a repeat performance.

We said last year ended on a joyful note, and now we would like to add that this year has started on an equally joyful note. Father Supple, God Bless him, allowed the Committee to have a draw during the Bingo, for two consecutive Wednesdays. After paying for the tickets and the prizes we now show a profit of £80. This to our Club, who always run on a shoe-string is riches untold, the kitty was completely empty. We just have not words to express our thanks to all the Bingo Fans who so cheerfully handed over their 10ps despite funds being low after the Christmas.

We are very much indebted to Mrs. Carmel Lettuce, Mrs. Ita McTiernan, and Mrs. Nell Byrne, who helped us sell tickets, and moreorless showed us the ropes, as we were very green. Thanks also to our young club members who helped.

All we can say to Fr. Supple is that we are more than satisfied, and to promise him that before the year is out we in turn will help somebody else. Our young Swimmers, are doing very well now, thanks to Bros. Fillan and Brendan, and we should be able to have a sponsored swim before the year is out.

St. Raphael's Pool will re-open for our Club on the 21st January, at the usual time, all those wishing to enrol for another term contact our Secretary, Peig Lynch, 69 Maynooth Park, or Phone 286110. As last term Fee will be £3.90 for 13 weeks. Priority will of course be given to those already on the roll.

A word of warning, ours is now very much a teaching class, if any of our older members think they now know all there is to learn, we would appreciate if they step aside and leave a vacancy for some child on the waiting list..

Happy New Year to all.

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CYCLING:

At the Annual General Meeting of the 'North Kildare Cycling Club. The Chairman paid tribute to Pdraig Byrne on his first attempt at 'An Ras Tailteann'. It was a great achievement for him to complete this gruelling 9 - day cycling event this year. Also congratulations went to William Cannon who was unbeaten in all under 10 year old races held all over Ireland and was placed many times in the under twelve events.

The new Committee elected for 1977 are as follows:-

PRESIDENT: Phil . Brady.
CHAIRMAN: Liam Cannon.
TREASURER: Pdraig Byrne.
SECRETARY: Lily Cannon.

COMMI TTEE: Gearoid Mac Teig-main: Larry O'Brien: Joe Dunne; P.J.Burke; Joe Sheridan Snr. Johnny Sheridan; Vincent Sheridan.



HELLO BOYS & GIRLS

Christmas is gone for another year. I hooe you all had a nice time and that Santa brought lots of toys.

Now the New Year is with us, I suppose you made lots of resolutions, I hope you made a resolution to write to 'Kiddies Corner' and send in plenty of snaps to put in the Newsletter.

We have GREAT THINGS PLANNED FOR YOU THIS YEAR. Please God when the weather gets fine and dry, we will go for a Days outing somewhere. Do write and tell us where you would like to go and the place that gets the most votes will be our destination. Write soon and let us know. Send your letters to 'Kiddies Corner, Maynooth Newsletter, c/o 857 Greenfield, Maynooth.

We have some crosswords for you again this month. There are Prizes for the first three correct answers. Why not test your skill. Win a Prize as well. Until next month Cheerio and God Bless you all.

Answers to Last Months Crossword.

No 1.	No. 2.
ACROSS	ACROSS
1 - Over	1 - Pens
4 - Enrol	4 - Topic
5 - Shaw	5 - Flat
DOWN	DOWN
1 Omen	1 - Pits
2 - Earth	2 - No Pal
3 - Flow	3 - Scot

No. 3.

ACROSS

- 1 - Ford
- 4 - Sever
- 5 - Idle

DOWN

- 1 - Fast
- 2 - Roved
- 3 - Free

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No. 4.

ACROSS

- 1 - Mist
- 4 - Small
- 5 - Alps

DOWN

1. Most
- 2 - Snail
- 3 - Elks.

P.S. The winner of last months Crossword is Teresa Gillespie, Fifth Class, Presentation Convent, Maynooth. Unfortunately Teresa did not give her home address so if she will let us have this we will send on her prize.

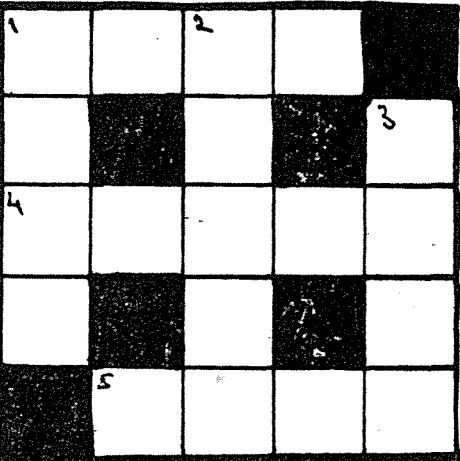
Q. Why is Paris like the letter F?
A. Because it is the capital of France

Q. What is the hardest sort of job to find?

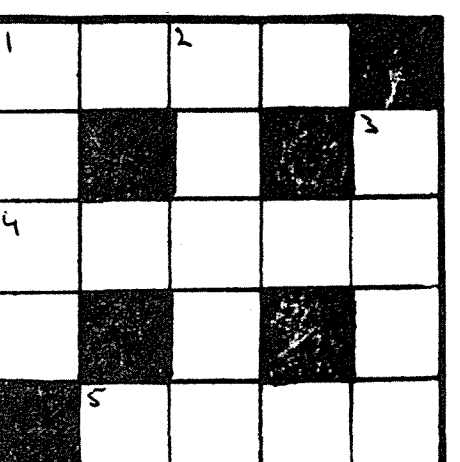
A. A soft one.

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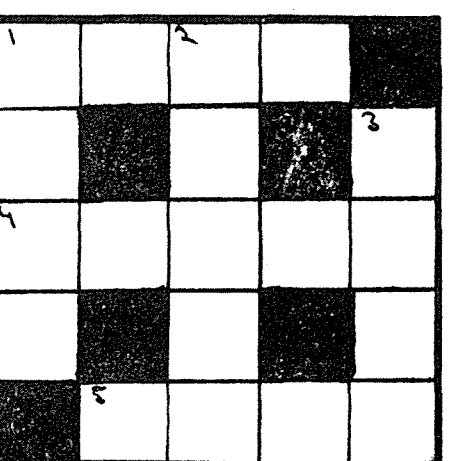
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No. 2.



No. 3.



Q- What happened the boy who swallowed the spoon?

A. He couldn't stir.

No. 1

CLUES

ACROSS

1. Boring tools
2. Important Body Organ.
3. Daze.

DOWN

1. Town in Co. Kildare.
2. Smallest.
3. - Laurel?

No. 2

ACROSS

1. Fly High.
2. Relative.
3. Article

DOWN

1. Oxtail or Vegetable
2. Racecourse
3. 11 or 15 players

No. 3

ACROSS

1. Centre Of Apple
2. Cut of Bread
3. One time

DOWN

1. Price
2. Rule over
3. Brazilian Footballer

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REV. FR. LIAM DUNNE

The following letter was received from Fr. Dunne, addressed to his many friends in Maynooth:-

Dear Senior Citizens & Friends of Maynooth,

To you all my fond greetings. How good it is to write to you for the first time from my new country. - Papua New Guinea. Well after many weeks of preparation and anxiety I am now here, where providence has directed me. Flying in over New Guinea for the first time was a big moment and an historical one for me. How I treasure the first view of the country which was to be my home for the years to come.

I was welcomed at the airport of Port Moresby by two of our priests so I was not lost for long. I was then taken to our seminary in a place called Bomana, near the capital Port Moresby. Bomana is the 'Maynooth' of this country as it is the national seminary and it also has students from the Carmelites, the Marists, the M.S.C. and a few others. It was good to spend these first days with a group of people who understood what I was about and who were sympathetic. I must say that the welcome from all members of the SVD Community and others was very warm and kind. They very quickly made me feel at home in the country and in the work of the Church there. After about three days in Bomana, my Irish companion and I took the Air Niugini plane for the district and diocese of Mount Hagen to which my colleague has been assigned.

Originally, we had expected to go to a place called Madang to learn the language and to get used to the culture, but having met our Provincial in Bomana, he thought it would be better for us to go to our respective dioceses and to do the necessary work there. Some of you will be interested to hear that we were met at the airport by John Ryan, from Wicklow, and Gary Roche from Cork. You can imagine how happy they were to see two more helpers coming out to visit them and to work in Papua New Guinea.

I brought recordings of the two All-Irelands for John from his family so he was more than happy. I was very pleased to see that they both got nice little houses in the Mission compound. In fact, the first thing I saw was a loaf of fresh bread, butter and honey in John's.

While I was in Mount Hagen for the two and half days I visited the convent of our S.Sp.S. Sisters. Their garden was truly paradise. They have all the fruits and vegetables that you can imagine in Ireland. As well as those they have also got oranges, mandarins, lemons, limes, mangoes, avocado pears, pineapples, mulberries and so much more. After my few days, I again boarded a plane, this time for my final journey to my diocese, Wewak. Wewak is beautifully situated on a coral coastline and is surrounded on all sides by coconut trees and bananas with lovely leaves. Everywhere you look here you can see these trees and others. Everything is on a smaller scale in Png. The few cities here are only small towns by Irish standards while there is very little of everything. As you know the country only got its independence a year ago so it is trying to do an awful lot with very little money.

One of the first priorities here are roads. Without a network of roads goods cannot be moved about, doctors cannot get to the sick, ideas cannot travel and so much more.

I arrived in Wewak on the eve of a very important day. The welcome from all the community was really nice. I quickly felt quite at home with my new family. Several of the missionaries took me for drives around the countryside. While one, a Dutch SVD brought me out to the bush to meet the only other Irish SVD in the diocese. He is Brendan McCormack from near Castlepollard. He was really happy to see me and to receive books and a photo from his family. I spent my first weekend with him and I even said Mass in Pidgin, with me as the main celebrant.

The first big event to which I referred above was the inauguration of the new regional government of this part of PNG. That morning I was back at the airport to see the arrival of the Prime Minister and the Governor General, at the airport. They were welcome by a very smart detachment of the local army and by their pipe band. Believe it or not, their musical salute to both leaders was a few bars of 'Scotland the Brave', I got a mild surprise at this. Imagine on my second day in Wewak I met the Prime Minister personally. The Leader of the new provisional government is Fr. Cheribim Dambui, whom some of you may have heard about last year in the WORD magazine article, which was about him as the first native priest of the Wewak Diocese.

On 6th Dec. a second man will be ordained in the Cathedral of Wewak. One of the other surprises I got here was seeing a stained glass window in the Cathedral of St. Catherine McAuley, Irish Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. I have met many Irish Sisters around here, most of them being from Cork and Kerry. Already

Letter from Fr. Dunne cont.

there is talk of arranging an Irish night. Another Irish Sister gave me a box of oranges when I visited her. They are accompanied by many Australian Sisters. After that welcome at the airport everyone went to a big arena for the swearing in. I met Fr. Cheribim on several occasions already. He is a real nice chap. After that there was the first 'Sing Sing' the famous local dance of New Guinea. This was danced in the grass skirts, the paints, and the flowers. Sometimes these sing-sings can go on for hours even days. It is only one or two old men of a tribe or village who know the meaning of such a dance.

A few days later we had another joyful occasion. One of our Brothers celebrated his golden jubilee as a brother. During that time he has built the Cathedral, the Mission House, the workshops, the houses and more things in the Wewak diocese. For the occasion we were all invited to a Bar-b-Q in the grounds of an ex-lay missionary who now has her own business here. It was at that, I met my bishop for the first time. He is Archbishop Arkfeld, an American SVD. He gave me a nice welcome.

For a while we had a bit of a laugh as we sized each other up, because he too is 6ft. 3 inches. There was a great feast on the anniversary itself and after the concelebrated Mass with the Archbishop and all the Community and many of the men from the bush we had another Bar-b-Q behind the convent of the native order of Rosary sisters, founded by the Archbishop.

Some general information. The food everywhere has been great and most edible. Water is all rain water, collected in big tanks beside the houses with their galvanized roofs. The weather is just lovely. Would you believe that in three weeks here already I have not suffered from the sun? In fact, I am gradually getting some tan. I have even played my first game of soccer. These past days have been nice and breezy and we even had some showers which are

fascinating to watch. Before they actually come to where you are you can see and hear them.

Right now, at my own request, I am out in one of the most remote missions with a young German SVD priest, 7 years ordained, learning the language. He is very nice and we are getting on great. In fact, we have even had to do some of our own cooking due to the absence of the man who is cook, because he sprained his foot in the above mentioned soccer match. Only yesterday, we made - wait for it - a loaf! And it was gorgeous. But you should have seen us waiting for the yeast to bubble!! And you should have seen us trying to keep the old fire going, we only have an old range and it is outside the house in a shed, we only had wood to burn. Bread never tasted better, even if it took about six hours.

The days here are only 12 hours long, all year. The name of the station where I am now is Bongos. My friend Waldemar has been here for the past six years approximately. The parish has been in existence for 25 years. The Church is a very poor building with only a mud floor and sago palm wood for all the walls and the sago leaves for the roof. There are plenty of white ants in the wood and they are eating away at the whole place. For that reason it is now necessary to make a new Church next year. Even the wood which makes up the altar and the wooden steps around are not exempt. Then there is the fly and the mosquito. These are always present but they are not in any way dangerous. They are only a nuisance as they keep dive bombing you while you pray and when you read. However, the score is in my favour at the moment. I have killed much more mosquitos with my hands and with books than they have stung me. The only effect of the mosquito when he reaches his target is that you get what looks like a hive and it is itchy, but it is gone in a day and a half. Thanks be to God, I have had no sign of malaria since I came. I am in great form, in fact I have not even had time to be lonely yet.

Description of the house where I am living in Bongos, with Waldimar. It is built on stilts. The walls are built or made entirely of the bark of the sago palm and the roof is made of the leaf of same. There is a big space between each board which is very handy when I am cleaning the floor.

I have only to make sure to sweep all down through the floor. It is useful too, when the rains come through the roof, because the water can simply go out the other end. The house has no electricity, no gas, no glass, and no hot water. Water comes from the rain collected off the shed roofs. Where there should be doors there are only old curtains. We do have a fridge though, which is worked on kerosene and that keeps our food fresh. Our milk is tinned, we have got eggs and bread. We also have honey, soups, cheeses, fruits and other tinned foods. We are going to have some fresh meat tonight and I hope, green vegetables. I must say that the famous yams and the sweet potatoes do not taste too bad at all.

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The next party will be held on Sunday February 27th in the S.V.D. Hostel, at 4 p.m. This is because the Parish Hall is not available on that date.

However the March Party on 20th will be held in our usual place, the Parish Hall.

Looking forward to seeing all our Senior Citizens at both these events.

P.S. Some Pictures of the group attending Bunny Carr's 'Going Strong' programme are included in the Newsletter this month.

IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION.

The Irish Wheelchair Association return very sincere thanks to the people of Maynooth for £34.40 being proceeds of the recent Church Gate collection here.

THE LATE W. FAGAN.

The untimely death of the late William Fagan is regretted by his many friends in the town, and especially by the many students in St. Patrick's College, where he was Security Officer in the Library. He was very popular with visitors to the College during the Summer period and was a great source of information about the College and town.

He is survived by his wife and two sons to whom we offer our sympathy.

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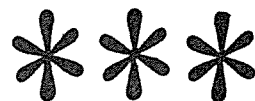
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GRAPEVINE

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

ADULT EDUCATION:- The course which had to be deferred before Christmas due to lack of support is again being held in Maynooth College on Wednesdays at 8 o'clock. The course is 'You, Religion and your child' by Sister Norah Connolly.

This is a fascinating course and we strongly urge everyone who can to attend.

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For one week during February Maynooth College went mad. This was during the Rag-week. We acknowledge that the students must have some out-let for their energies in the midst of serious and lengthy study but we deplore the activities of some who during the festivities caused damage to property, and in one instance put lives in danger. As in all such cases the troublemakers are a very small minority of the student population but they are unfortunately the ones that will be remembered.

It must be said that the basic idea behind Rag-week is to direct the energies of the students into constructive channels and one of the main channels is fund raising for charity. Anybody engaged in collecting or fund-raising for charity, knows very well what a hard and thankless task it is. The jumble sale held by the students was a tremendous success and their efforts in this venture are to be applauded by one and all.

We await with interest the outcome of the sale of Carton House and grounds. It is to be earnestly desired that this fine estate will not be destroyed for a few people's financial gain. At the same time it must be said that this estate has deteriorated in recent years. We do not necessarily blame the last owners but rather the stringent tax laws which put an unbearable burden on the owners and resulted in the run-down of this magnificent property.

Perhaps in the future, some government will realise the value of these estates to the Country as a whole & take steps to ensure that they are made available for the benefit of one and all.

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Maynooth was shocked recently with the death of Fr. Tom Ryan C.C. Macroom, Co. Cork. Having studied for the priesthood at Maynooth, he had made numerous friends with his gentle and friendly manner. His death will be felt most by his family but the friends he made in Maynooth, are also greatly grieved. All can have some solace in the belief that the work he began as a priest on this earth can be continued in the next. It was while going to a meeting of priests, that Fr. Tom was tragically killed in a road accident. His position as C.C. in Macroom is being filled by Fr. Donal Roberts who was equally well known in Maynooth as a driver with Bartons transport, during his spare time from studies.

GRAPVINE

A certain school of thought maintains that plants and trees are encouraged in their growth by people talking to them. Here in Ireland we are of a more practical nature and while it is a fact that members of the Farming Community have been known to stand in their fields and deliver forth some well-choosen words, this has been more an act of temper rather than encouragement to the plants.

Nevertheless we have learned that this 'talking to plants' business has gained some followers in Maynooth and we would therefore earnestly beseech the Community at large to adopt a tolerable attitude to anyone they may see talking animatedly to some tree or plant in the area. We would also ask you to disregard these 'talkies' as some of them have been known to become quite violent when disturbed. Just nod and pass on your way quietly.

P.S. The name given to these people is the 'Studious Talking Up Plants in Depth Club' or S.T.U.P.I.D. for short.

Memories are like books : A few live in our hearts through life and the rest like the bills we pay are read and then forgotten.

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When I came back to Dublin, I was court martialled in my absence, sentenced to death in my absence so they can shoot me in my absence.

Brendan Behan.

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A physician was well known locally for his sour disposition and dubious diagnoses. One day he stopped for some time to watch a bricklayer at work. 'Hal' he snorted eventually, 'I see there are many errors covered up with a trowel!' 'Aye,' said the bricklayer reflectively, 'But more with a spade...'

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Rumour has it that a local talent contest is being organised in the near future.

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DEATH OF PRIEST

The death occurred at the Regional Hospital, Limerick, recently of Rev. James O'Donnell S.D.B., Salesian House, Maynooth. He was on a visit to the Salesian College, Pallaskenry. The funeral took place at the college cemetery, Pallaskenry.

PALMERSTOWN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Annual Dinner Dance in the C.I.E. Club, Inchicore, was thoroughly enjoyed. After a memorable meal (full credit to the C.I.E. Staff) the Hi-Lites provided an entertaining evening. All credit to the Chairman, Tom Toner, and his hard working committee - Andy Walshe, Jack Waldron, Mr. O'Neill and last but not least the very genial Secretary, Mrs. K. Fleming, attending her last function as Secretary, as she is retiring after ten years in Office. Her retirement will be a great loss to the Society as Mrs. Fleming worked very hard during her term of office and knows her job from A to Z.

GRAPVINE

Local commuters will recall a particular Thursday in February when Dublin traffic was brought to a virtual standstill as a result of a bomb-scare. Mericifully this turned out to be a hoax but it was no joke to the thousands of Commuters trying to get home after a hard days work, or to their wives and mothers watching meals slowly burning while at the same time wondering if their loved-ones had met with an accident.

It is to be earnestly hoped that the instigators of hoaxes of this nature are caught and dealt with severely by the courts. It will be sufficient for us to say that whatever punishment is meted out by the courts would be extremely mild in comparison with some of the dire threats muttered by frustrated commuters.

A word of praise here to the personnel of C.I.E. who in very trying circumstances, did a very fine job and got everybody home eventually.

'Freedom of the City' a play by Brian Friel, set in presentday Derry will be produced in the Aula Maxima, St. Patrick's College in mid March. Watch out for posters.

Congratulations to Maynooth Branch Wheelchair Association for a very successful social for members of Kildare Wheelchair Association. About 50 members of the Association were entertained and appeared to have enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

This week's 'Boo' goes to the shopkeeper who refused to sell a bottle of milk to the Association (who were short of milk) while he had plenty on display.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Wall, of Leinster Cottages, who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on March 12. We wish them many more happy years together.

Mrs. Greta Corway wishes to thank all those who have remembered her in hospital over the past few months especially over the Christmas period.

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Editorial

The past few days have reminded us that Spring is with us once again. Of course, Winter is not really over but each day will be a step nearer to the balmy summer days we are all dreaming of.

The coming of Spring gives a certain drive for Spring Cleaning into most of us - the ladies taking out their vacuum cleaners, pails and mops and the man rooting out the spade, rake and wheelbarrow that have been rusting over the Winter. This is, perhaps, as it should be that we, like nature, should put our best foot forward in the house and in the garden to greet the renewing year.

While it is to be recommended that we do our best with our own 'little plot', we should also keep in mind the surrounding area which is also ours, in trust, and it is our duty to keep and preserve it as best we can. How better can we do this than by joining in the Tidy Towns Campaign being sponsored by the Community Council. Although the Tidy Towns Drive has not yet started (it, like ourselves, was in hibernation), but very shortly now it will commence. The first item to be tackled will be the triangular patch on the Kilcock Road opposite the Parish Church. As soon as weather permits, a start will be made and volunteers to lend a hand are needed. Perhaps you would lend a hand and, if so, please notify your local Community Councillor who will pass on your name and you will be notified when work will start. If sufficient help is forthcoming, several squads can be put to work on different projects. Please do not wait to be asked personally to give your physical help as the Tidy Towns Committee cannot read minds and they do not know who might or might not be willing to help. They can only offer a general invitation to all.

There are, of course, many who due to age, or incapacitation of one kind or another, cannot give physical help. They too can assist by giving a contribution to the Tidy Town Fund and by making sure in every way to prevent littering the area generally. They can keep the front of their premises clean and tidy and can encourage others (sons, daughters, friends etc.) to do likewise and encourage them to help physically. (We stress this physical help because it is the most important). The not so agile can also keep an eye open to see who is littering the environment (both in the town and outside) when they could confidentially mention the matter to their local Community Councillor who will see what can be done in the matter either by direct approach or legally. In this context, and in the heat of tidying your own property, do not be tempted to dump even garden refuse anywhere except through the County Council cleansing department.

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NOVEL RACE MEETING

On March 12th next, the Post Primary School Parent Teacher Committee are organizing an armchair Horse Race Meeting. This has got to be quite a popular sport through the country and without doubt most entertaining to all whether they 'follow the horses' or not.

The Race Meeting is run on the lines of an ordinary horse race meeting, but indoors in comfort, and the 'races' are on film. (The results of each race is not known to anybody at the Race Meeting - committee or otherwise - until the horse is seen passing the post as each film comes in a sealed container and is not opened until the race is about to commence). The horses may be backed on a tote system and winners paid accordingly).

Prior to the Race Meeting the horses are 'sold' to various 'owners' and the winning 'owner' of a horse becomes eligible for the 'Stake Money' on the race which is usually donated by a 'Sponsor'. (If you would like to purchase a horse for this forthcoming Meeting, contact the Secretary, Parent/Teacher Association, c/o The Post Primary School. Similarly if you feel you would like to Sponsor a Race and provide the stake money).

All in all, it makes for a very exciting, enjoyable and entertaining night. Refreshments will be available.

Community Council News

The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday February 8th and the Officers were elected unanimously for a further year.

The Chairman addressed the meeting and reviewed the activities of the past year. While some of our targets had been achieved much remained to be done particularly as regards County Council works in the area. The Community Council reiterated its promise to pursue these matters with the utmost vigour in the coming months.

A deputation from the Legion of Mary expressed their desire to help the Community other than by their usual spiritual and social activities. This was welcomed enthusiastically by the Council and progress in this direction should be seen in the near future.

The Treasurer reported that while the Council had met all its expenses during the year, the funds on hands were negligible. This is as it should be as the Council is not a profit-making organisation and money is only required for particular projects.

NEWSLETTER: A vote of thanks was passed to the people involved in producing the Newsletter, who through thick and thin, have appeared regularly outside the Church in all weathers, selling the paper. It was pointed out that, this appearance outside the Church is but a very small part of publishing the Newsletter, and it is to be hoped that these dedicated people will continue their good work for some time to come.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: A petition is being organised at present, and the Council hoped that everyone would add their names so that the strongest possible case could be made to C.I.E. The sub-committee handling this was also asked to request C.I.E. to provide a Bus Shelter at Bachelor's Walk and to have the 66 Buses going to Kilcock stop in the Main Street.

For your information it must be said that the above matters and many others are discussed very fully at Council Meetings but it would be impossible to print here more than a token reference to each topic.

The next meeting of the Council will be on March 8th.

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Many parents mentioned that they would welcome a discussion as to how they, themselves could help and become involved in their children's education. On Feb. 10th it was arranged that Mr. Sean O'Beachain, Principal of Coolmine Community School, would speak on 'You, Your School and the Community'. He had much to tell about his own ideas on education and how he tries to achieve them in his own school. It was such a pity that the attendance of parents was small.

The second discussion this term will be on Tuesday, March 8th, when Mrs. Marie Mullerney, who writes regularly about education and the development of the child and adolescent. Notices will be sent to parents.

CIVIL DEFENCE NOTES:

CASUALTY SERVICES:- Another First Aid Course for a small group has been completed and those who sat for the exam were successful. As soon as all certificates come to hand, arrangements will be made for their presentation.

A further course will commence in the next week or so, if enough interest is shown. Interested parties should contact Mrs. B. Brady, Kilcock Road. (Phone 286308) or Mrs. M. T. Kelly, Main Street.

WARDEN SERVICES: A refresher course for Wardens took place at Regional Headquarters on 20th February.

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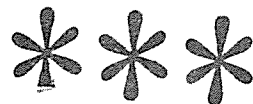
Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Edward Lyons on the Birth of a daughter recently, also to Mr. & Mrs. Gaynor on the birth of a Son recently.

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There is now a Telephone Kiosk erected at Old Greenfield. We hope that this Kiosk will not get the same treatment as other Kiosks in the District have got. It is up to us the Residents, to make sure that it does not, as we do not know when we will have to use it in an emergency, and it would be nice to know it is there when we need it.

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We would like to draw your attention to the fact that the Residents of Old Greenfield have three Representatives on the Community Council. They are Owen Byrne, Mrs. Anne McGarry, and Leo McGlynn. If you have a problem that the Community Council can help you with, please do not hesitate to call on us anytime.



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'SILKEN THOMAS' was the eldest child and only son of the ninth earl and his first wife, Elizabeth Zouche. He was born in 1513, the year his grandfather, the Great Earl died. When his father was summoned to England for the last time in 1534, Thomas was a young man of twenty known by the title 'Lord Offaly'. Before his departure his father nominated him as vice-deputy of Ireland in his place and advised him to be guided by the advice of his uncle, Sir James FitzGerald, and his cousin, Sir Thomas Eustace and also by Sir Walter Deladide of Moyglare and his wife, Lady Janet Eustace, who was an aunt of Sir Thomas. Lord Offaly was now chief governor of the country, but he was far too rash and head-strong a personality to deal successfully with the situation which faced him. This was the gradual but firm extension of centralised control by the English government which was a feature of Tudor rule at this period when Thomas Cromwell was in power. Cromwell had already begun to control the council in Dublin with whom Offaly would have to work, and would tolerate no longer than was absolutely necessary the continuance of a semi-independent lord-deputy, or chief governor, in Ireland, Lord Offaly either did not possess or did not exercise the diplomatic skills displayed by his father and grand-father, who had always been careful to avoid any open challenge to the English king. When in June of 1534 a rumour reached him that his father had been executed in the Tower of London, Thomas determined on open defiance and revenge.

It seems that some of his friends and allies encouraged him in this policy, while others advised against it. However he summoned the council to meet him at St. Mary's Abbey and on 11th June 1534, he rode through The city of Dublin with a guard of 140 horsemen dressed in coats of mail, and with a selken fringes on their helmets which gave him the name by which he is still remembered. He crossed the river and came to the Abbey where in a passionate speech to the council he renounced his allegiance to the crown of England. 'I am none of Henrie his Deputy, I am his fo. I have more mind to conquer than to governe; to meet him in the field than to serve him in office'. In spite of all efforts to dissuade him, he threw down the sword of office and rushed out to join his forces who were gathered on Oxmantown Green. He received considerable support from the gentlemen of the Pale and, following some negotiations with the citizens of Dublin, laid siege to Dublin Castle. He was also supported by such chiefs as O'Neill, McMurrough, O'More, O'Connor and O'Byrne which showed a fairly wide cross section of readiness to resist Tudor rule. But the rebellion never attained very serious proportions. The attempt to take Dublin Castle failed and the murder of Arch-bishop of Dublin, John Alen, by Offaly's followers alienated the sympathy of many. The archbishop was attempting to flee the county but his ship ran aground on the sand near Clontarf. Offaly caught up with him at Artane. The story goes that Offaly uttered the ambiguous words 'Beir uaim an bodoch', i.e. 'Take the churl away from me' meaning no harm to the prelate, but his retainers misinterpreted his meaning.

The king of England's reply to the Kildare rebellion was to send Sir William Skeffington back to Ireland as lord deputy in October, accompanied by a force to enable him to win back control.

Offaly was in possession of a number of garrisoned and fortified castles Maynooth, Rathangan, Lea, Portlester, Athy, Kilkea, Castledermot and Carlow. His chief opponent in Ireland was Piers Butler, earl of Ossory. The war proceeded with much taking and retaking of castles and the gradual dropping away of some of Offaly's allies, but it was recognised that the key to Offaly's continued defiance was the great castle of Maynooth, the centre of the power of the Kildare Geraldines, strongly fortified, still untouched and considered impregnable. It was not until March of the following year that the new deputy arrived at Maynooth to take up the challenge. Meanwhile Lord Offaly had succeeded to the earlship of Kildare when his father died of grief in the Tower of London on 12th December 1534.

In January 1535 the English forces burned the town of Maynooth, and on 14th March Sir William Skeffington laid siege to the castle with all his forces. The earl himself was not there. He had fortified the castle so strongly that he was convinced it could not be taken, and he had left his foster-brother, Christopher Parese, in command while he himself went to raise more forces in Offaly. Skeffington placed his artillery on the north side, beyond the river, on Crew Hill, and from here the castle was bombarded day after day. It withstood the assault until 23rd but then it fell to the besiegers. It is still not quite certain whether Silken Thomas was right or wrong in thinking that the castle was too strong to be taken by force, since two conflicting stories of how it fell survive. Skeffington's own report described the daily battering of the guns until a 'large entrie' was made on the 22nd, and was followed by a successful assault on the 23rd. But the chronicler Stanyhurst relates that the attackers got in through the treachery of Christopher Parese, who, in return for the promise of a money payment, made the watch drunk and then admitted some of the deputy's forces. Whichever account is true, Parese did not benefit as he and 24 others were summarily executed when Skeffington took possession of the magnificent castle. 'Great and rich was the spoil', says Stanyhurst, 'such store of beddes, so many goodly hangings, so rich a wardrobe, such brave furniture, as truly it was accompted, for householde stuff and utensiles, one of the richest earle his houses under the crowne of Englande'.

The fall of Maynooth was the of the rebellion. When it was reported most of Kildare's forces dispersed and returned to their homes. He had one further minor encounter with Skeffington at Clane. His Irish allies also began to submit, and his other castles were taken, except for Crom and Adare. Finally in August Kildare submitted to Sir Leonard Grey the newly appointed commander of the English forces. Ironically, Grey was the brother of the ninth earl, Garret Og's second wife, and so the uncle of Silken Thomas' half-brothers and sisters. The earl was sent to England and the Tower where he was joined early in the following year by his five uncles, James, Oliver, Richard, John and Walter, the surviving sons of the second marriage of Garret Mor, the great earl, to Elizabeth St. John.

At least three of these, James, Walter, and Richard had actively opposed their nephew's rebellion, but this did not save them now. An act of attainder was passed against all six, and Silken Thomas and his five uncles were executed as traitors at Tyburn Hill on 3rd February 1537.

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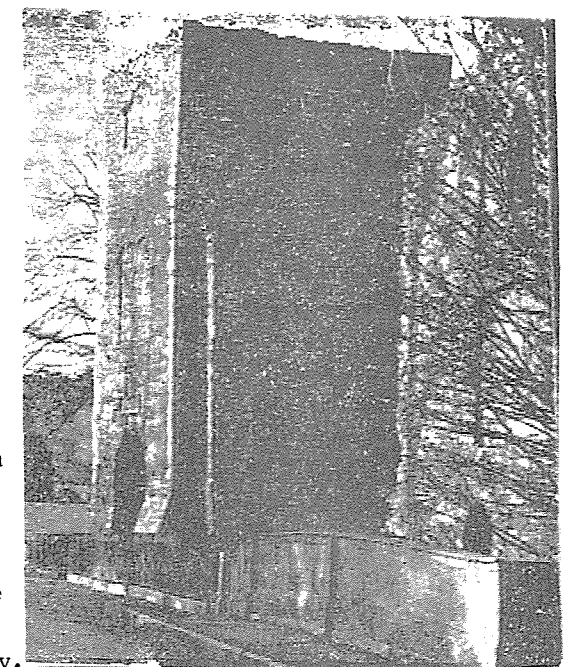
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Sun. 20 - Jason Robard - Ballad
of Gable Hogue

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GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE:-

Our third Annual Dinner Dance took place in the Belgard Inn, Newlands Cross, Clondalkin on Friday 11th February. As was the case in our previous ventures a very enjoyable night was had by all who attended. There were about 130 people present. A large number of spot prizes and raffle prizes were won during the function. These were presented by the business people of Maynooth who as always responded to our request for help with great generosity. Those who contributed raffle & spot prizes were.

Moulin Rouge Bouquet. Happy Families: Huala Bou: Ulster Bank: Allied Irish Banks: Jims Butchers: Caulfields Bar & Lounge: Noones Furnishings: Reillys Dry Cleaners: Roost Public House: McNamara's Newsagent: Appliance Repair: Barry's: Kiernans: Bartons: J. McCormack Chemist: Connollys: Bradys Public House: O'Neills Butchers: Noones Garage: Leinster Arms: Edward Kavanagh Manor Mills: The Car Care Centre: The Garden Mart: Floods Betting Office: Europa Hairstyles: O'Briens Supermarket: Mullallys Filling Station: Jims Shoe Repairs: Conroys Chemist: Liam Walsh Greenfield Supermarket: Leavys Newsagent: Mr. Corcoran D. & C. Meats: Dan Logan Fuel Merchants: George Manzer, Prosperous.

The Chairman of our Association Mr. Dave Lyon, and his wife Marie were in fact celebrating their wedding anniversary on the night in question. To mark the occasion a bouquet of flowers was presented to Marie during the function. (For once Dave was lost for words).

We would like to thank the Belgard for an excellent meal, Appollo Three who provided the music in a very entertaining fashion, and finally and most importantly our hardworking committee who organised the event.

TREE PLANTING:- Further to our tree planting programme, we had a recent visit to our estate, by Mr. John Costin of Sap. Nurseries, Carbury, for the purpose of checking the progress of our trees. He and our Committee member Mr. Tom Purcell, who arranged the meeting, walked the entire estate, checking the growth rate and pruning off the lower branches to ensure their proper growth formation. During their walk, they also noted that there was five failures on the grass verges, 4 of which were Mountain Ash and one Cherry, and that all our Silver Birch, which amounted to 13, on the green areas had also failed, this was probably due to the severe drought during last Summer, Mr. Costin, very generously agreed, to replace 50% of the Silver Birch. All tree failures have now been replaced by our Association and in addition 18 eucalyptus have also been planted, 13 against the wall at the end of Maynooth Park Green, and 5 at the Celbridge end of Lawrence Avenue. The cost to the Association amounted to £72, funded jointly by the Super Draw and by membership subscriptions, and the Committee wish to thank sincerely, all those good people who took part in the project, and hope to continue with the tree programme at a later date.

REGSIGNATION:- It was with profound regret, that the Chairman & Committee received and accepted the resignation of Committee member, Mrs. Eilis O'Malley, Lawrence Ave., Eilis who resigned for personal reasons was an outstanding member of our Committee over the last few years, taking a great interest in all of our Association Affairs. Only recently she was a backbone member of the organising Committee of our very successful Childrens party. We sincerely hope that before very long, she will be able to find, both the time and energy to rejoin our Committee, and in the meantime, we extend our sincere thanks to her for all her efforts in the past. Many thanks Eilis.

A.G.M.:- Our A.G.M. will take place on the 2nd March, in the Geraldine Hall at 8.p.m. The

agenda and nomination papers for the new committee are now in circulation.

The Committee expect a good response to our appeal for nominations from new personal, for places on the New Committee following our A.G.M. thus, ensuring the continuance of our association.

THANKS:- The Committee wish to thank Mr. Bill Donovan of O'Briens Supermarket, for the use of Santa's outfit & Supplying the Childrens gifts at such a reasonable cost, for our Childrens Party at Christmas.

STUDENT REPRESENTATION

The Students Union of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth are seeking Student representation on Greenfield Estate Residents Association Committee. Their request will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

DIRTY WATER SUPPLY:- G.E.R.A. wrote to Kildare Co.Co. on 12th Oct. 1976 regarding a continually dirty water supply to a section of Lawrence Ave. As nothing has happened to correct this position a sample of the water was sent to the Institute for Industrial Research and Standards for analysis a copy of the report has been forwarded to the Manager, Kildare Co.Co. and Eastern Health Board.

GROUND RENT:- The Kildare County Council Manager has requested information as to our ground Rent Strike and amounts of monies involved.

All members are requested to maintain this strike until otherwise advised.

MONTHLY DRAW:- The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank its members for their continued support in this draw.

It is providing a steady income to the association, and this money is being put to good use, for example the Childrens Christmas Party, was funded out of the profits of the draw. This is the reason we would ask you to keep up the effort, and encourage your neighbours to do likewise.

The lucky winners to-date have been as follows:-

Mrs. O'Reilly, Lawrence Ave.
Mrs. Hanley, Greenfield Dr.
J. Holton, Maynooth Park
Mrs. Downey, Lawrence Ave.

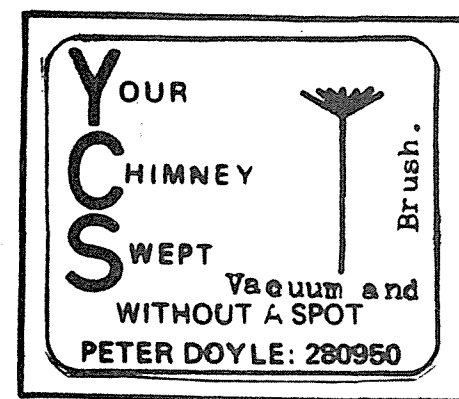
Results of the draw are posted each month on the window of D.C.Meats Greenfield Estate, by kind permission.

Note: there are still a number of tickets unsold. So if you haven't got one, or if you want a second one see your collector as soon as possible.

A special word of thanks to the team of Collectors who have maintained their efforts despite bad weather conditions.

T.V.:- A small group of Residents have been meeting to investigate the possibility of getting piped T.V. into Greenfield Estate and already two sites have been offered for a mast. News will be circulated to residents during this month.

COMPLAINTS:- We have received further complaints with regard to noise from students between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. it is hoped to discuss this problem with the students Union Representatives in the near future.



GARDENING NOTES

By Colm Kennedy

Traditionally the gardening year starts in the Spring. It is not however, a date on a calendar but the time when life begins again a new after dormant winter period. As the sun climbs higher in the sky and the average daily temperature reaches in the region of 43 degrees F. then the clay is warm enough for growth to begin. However, we can still have the occasional sleet shower and cold wind.

Take a look at the early flowering bulbs and when the leaves die down, you may lift the hyacinths, crocuses, early tulip and early narcissi if you wish to change position. Snowdrops are best transplanted while still in leaf.

Remove all flower heads as they fade, cut back the herbaceous perennials and get some new plants where necessary. Hoe in general fertilizer and do a general tidying up. Mid-February is a really good time for pruning roses and it is still not too late. There is still time also for the pruning of discidious shrubs and trees, and these should be hoed lightly and treated with a of fertilizer and peat or compost.

If the weather is favourable, dig over ground for plants such as dahlias, chrysanthemums, adding bonemeal. Also ground could be prepared for newly ordered shrubs and trees and fruit trees and bushes should be staked securely.

When the weather gets really mild, sow broad beans, peas, carrots, turnips, leeks, brassicas and parsnips outdoor. Early potatoes, shallots and onion sets could also be planted.

Brush and sweep up garden leaves and rubbish accumulated during the winter and add to compost heap. Tread down any raised soil areas resulting from frost. Remove weeds and moss from paths and paved areas. Check trellis and see that they are secure and that the timber is not rotting.

All in all, the next month or two can be a very busy time in the garden and, at the same time, perhaps the most pleasant.

Happy gardening.

ICA News

The monthly meeting was held early in February and included a very interesting demonstration on cheese cookery by the National Dairy Council. The demonstration concluded with a raffle when some really delicious dishes were won by Miss Travers, Miss Maguire, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Dunne & Simoson. The Monthly competition 'A cream Flan' was won by Mrs. Brady.

Members are busily preparing for the I.C.A. dinner-dance at the Ardenode Hotel, Ballymore Eustace on 5th March next. Tickets are still available from the Secretary.

The competition for March will be 'A Fish Dish' and the winner will go forward to the Kildare Federation final organised by Bord Iascara Mara.

CHURCH OF IRELAND NOTES

A Mothers' Union Meeting was held in Dunboyne at which a most interesting talk was given by Mrs. McHoul about her holiday in the Holyland last year, most of it spent in Jerusalem and Galilee. Slides and photographs were shown of some of the places she had seen.

A Jumble Sale held in aid of the funds of Kilcock Church realised over £77.

Lenten services will be held each Wednesday in Dunboyne Church at 8.p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Art & Craft Competition organised by the Maynooth Pioneer Council for Junior Pioneers was a great success.

The Judges praised the very high standard of all the entries.

The Judges in the Girls' Section were Mrs. Satchwell & Mrs. O'Reilly. The Judges in the Boys' Section were school Inspectors Mr. McGowan & Mr. O'Mahoney. The Prizes were presented by Fr. Supple.

The Prize Winners were:-

Girls Art:- Jenny Parkes, Emer McCormack; Suzanne MacDonald & Julie MCGivern.
Crafts :- Elaine Bean, Michelle Higgins, Paula Buckley, Teresa Gillespie, Tina Fitzpatrick.

Boys' Art:- Pdraig Travers, Garry Power, David Grant, Barry Farrell.
Crafts:- Patrick Sheeran, Vincent Murphy, Declan Murphy, John O'Connor.

A very successful raffle was held in the school recently which realised over £40.00 for the school funds. We are deeply indebted to Mrs. Anne McGarry of Old Greenfield who very kindly donated the three lovely prizes for the raffle. Many thanks to the boys themselves and their parents who bought thousands of tickets.

Parents of 1st Standard please note. A special parent-teacher meeting will be held in the school on the 15th of March for the parents of boys who will be making their first

Communion in May. You will be informed by post later on.
SPECIAL NOTICE: Lucan Dramatic Society have very kindly offered to stage their very successful play 'JUNO & THE PAYCOCK' in Maynooth Parish Hall, on Saturday night the 26th of March, proceeds to go to our School fund. So please, parents rally round and buy tickets.. As well as helping the school you are guaranteed a wonderful night's entertainment.

Principal

A dim but well-meaning young man called at the Registry Office to report his father's death. 'When did he die?' asked the registrar. 'Oh, he ain't dead yet,' replied the youth, 'But he will be before morning, so I thought I'd see you in good time.' 'I'm afraid it's out of the question,' the registrar explained. 'You see, your father might live for days yet, or even years.'

'I don't think so, sir,' replied the young man dubiously 'Doctor says he won't, and he knows what he's given him!'

If I cut myself, my mother-in-law comes and cries over me. She likes to get salt in the wound.

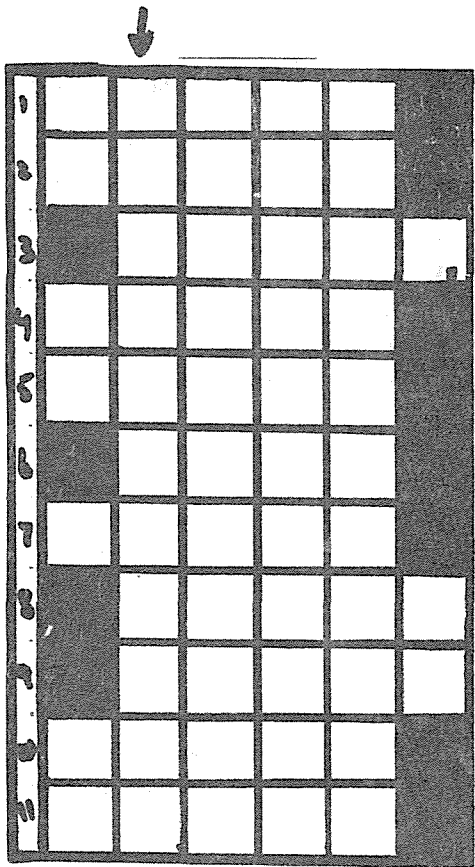
I wouldn't say my mother-in-law is mean, but she's had all her dustbins sealed up so she can't throw anything away.



Hello Boys & Girls,

Well Christmas Holidays are over and you are all back at School. We hope that you all will drop us a line and let us know where you would like to go for a days outing. So far the response to the suggestion in Last Month's Newsletter has not been very good. We are thinking of getting two Boxes put in the convent and the Boys School, so that you can drop in your answers to The Crossword, and where you would like to go for the days Outing. That is with the Teachers' permission to put the Boxes there of course. We hope to have lots of replies this month. The latest date for replies is March 10th. Do write as soon as possible and let us know if you would like to bring an elderly person with you. There will be a fee for this Outing. This fee will depend on where you are going. Later on this year we hope to bring down some Children from Belfast for a day with their Parents. We hope you will all (with your Parents) come along and make these Children welcome to Maynooth. They will be children of all denominations, so that will be our contribution towards peace in the North. Until next Month Cheerio and God Bless you all.

P.S. Don't forget your Entry for the Crossword and where you would like to go. You can send reply to 857 Greenfield or 86 Rail Park. See you all next month Please God.



CLUES

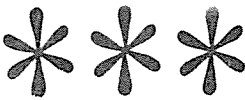
- 1. Slide on ice
- 2. Start
- 3. Call on
- 4. Half century
- 5. Trap
- 6. Flying Toy
- 7. Striped animal.
- 8. Willing
- 9. Irish colour
- 10. Big
- 11. Foe

Fill in the answers and then reading down the arrowed column will give the name of a Liverpool and England forward.

CLUES

- 1. Male Relative
- 2. Dried grape
- 3. Ladies Easter hat
- 4. Below
- 5. Light wind
- 6. Bakers product
- 7. Not dear
- 8. Change
- 9. Keeps liquid warm
- 10. Light meal

Fill in the answers and then reading down the arrowed column will give the name of a famous pantomime.



Answers to Last Months Crossword.

No. 2.

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1. Soar | 1. Soup |
| 4. Uncle | 2. Ascot |
| 5. Item | 3. Team |

No. 3.

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1. Core | 1. Cost |
| 4. Slice | 2. Reign |
| 5. Once | 3. Pele |

Answers to Last Months Crossword.

No. 1.

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1. Awls | 1. Athy |
| 4. Heart | 2. Least |
| 5. Stun | 3. Stan |

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Councillor Terry Boylan, has been informed by the Department of Education that the provision of an extension to Maynooth Post Primary School has been agreed with the Co. Kildare Vocational Education Committee. Due to the financial circumstances at present, they are not however able to inform C/R. Boylan when the extension will commence.

In a letter to C/R. Boylan, dated 26th Nov. 1976 C.I.E. informed him that there is no economic justification for the introduction of services to Maynooth and while such development may be desirable on social grounds in the future, there are no plans at present for the re-opening of this station.

WOMAN will mind (2) CHILDREN from 9.30. till 3.30. Monday to Friday. Apply :- Mrs. Noreen Nevin, Barrogstown, Maynooth.

REV. FR. LIAM DUNNE

Letter from Fr. Dunne cont.

Travelling:- Coming to this station is an extraordinary experience. On the way we drove through five rivers, all shallow, along hair raising gravel roads, up and down hills, through roads which had holes and gullies a foot deep in places. Nearer to home we had to drive through the overgrown road where there was grass (local type) about two feet high. To add to things this grass hid the holes in the road and it was night at that part of the journey. Along side of the road, the grass can grow up to 24 ft- high!

However, every morning at eight o'clock the Central Station speaks to us on radio and we can contact any one we wish. This morning too, we got our first weekly visit from the mission plane since I arrived, and with it the first mail I have received in Png.

Now a few descriptions about the people. Here in the village everyone is very friendly and they smile readily. Their smiles are nice if they have not been eating the betelnut which leaves their mouth and teeth a ghastly red. Here in the house you have to get used to them coming in numbers to look at you, to see what you are doing, to see what you have got. Sometimes Waldi simply has to tell them to clear out. Even during the break from school,

a break of 30 minutes, a large number of the children will come down and hang around the house. Then there is one family, of the cook, and it is hard to get rid of them. They have even been in to see me type this letter to you. It is now after tea and I must admit I nearly cried when I saw that he had minced the good steak instead of serving it as a steak. They have so little experience of cooking for themselves not to talk about cooking for us. Then their concept of hygiene is almost none existent. They all walk about barefoot. Many of the children have got ringworm and scabies and mild tropical ulcers. They are mostly half 'naked' adults included. I must say though that this form of dress is entirely natural here, and we don't even bat an eye - lid. Note that I am describing them not judging them. The women don't normally cover their breasts. Even at Mass on Sunday they were topless.

There are no middle aged looking women here. They are only young then they are looking like old wizen women, due to their hard work of carrying babies, wood food sometimes altogether.

The men seem to look fit and well fed. Many of the children are suffering from some form of malnutrition. That is probably another reason why the women look the way they do. They do a fair bit of gardening, but only for yams, sweet potatoes, and other starchy foods.

Letter from Fr. Dunne cont.

Fruit and fresh green vegetables do not appear to be too common.

The other evening, Waldi and I went to a Church Meeting in the dark, up at a neighbouring village. Before getting down to the meeting I was talking to a lot of them, sitting on the ground. Later for the Meeting they were sitting on the earth in the open air listening to Waldi and the Old Church leader who is a good Catholic. I was sitting on a stone in the background with a local Church leader and a little fellow. Can you imagine what it was like with fluorescent flies flying around, people using burning embers to light their coarse cigarette tobacco, pigs sniffing your shoes and sleeping beside you on the ground, under waving coconut palms and a beautifully starry night? To top it off there was the rising of one of the loveliest moons I ever saw. I cannot help admitting to you that during that meeting, in the still and cool of a pacific evening I was saying to myself how wonderful it was to be an Irish man, so far from home, alive and well. It was a privileged moment. Praised be God.

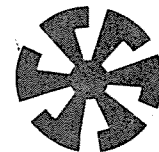
Finally, to give you a laugh, let me mention some of the small things I saw on sale in the most remot country in the world.

These remember can only be obtained in the big centres which are far away. I saw plum - puddings, Fry's Chocolate Creams, John West fish, Kit E Kat, Marmalade, Cosmopolitan, Vogue, Time, Newsweek, and so on. I am seriously thinking of getting a plum pudding for Christmas so that you won't think I am missing it all.

I am still dying to know how people reacted to the American Elections, Cearthuil O Dalaig's resignation, the new Irish election, and such things. Neither of us has a radio. We cannot get newspapers, and there is no T.V. in New Guinea yet.



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So there, dear friends, is my first news from here, I hope you like it and find it interesting.

I hope all my Senior Citizens are keeping very well and still contributing their good cheer to everyone in Maynooth. Fond memories never die!

With prayerful good wishes and love.

Liam Dunne S.V.D.

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MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There was a large attendance at the A.G.M. of Maynooth Football & Hurling Club in the Parish Hall. Elected President, P. Delaney; Vice President, J. Nolan; D. Breen; J. Durran; B. Farrelly; B. Redmond (Snr.); Josie Murphy (Snr.); Chairman, T. Sheehan (outgoing); Vice-Chairman, V. Duff; Secretary, T. Fay (Outgoing), Asst. Secretary, Brian Redmond; Treasurer, M. Gleeson; Committee:- T. Flaherty, B. Casey, A. Graham (Jnr.), M. Gillick, L. Gallagher, T. McMullen, M. Murtagh, B. Mulhern, S. Laheen; Grounds Com. J. Murphy (Newtown) A. Graham (Jnr.) P. Delaney, D. Breen, J. Curran, T. Flaherty; Manager (football); T. T. Sheehan; Hurling selectors, B. Redmond (Snr.), Jim Nolan, Josie Murphy (Snr.); trainers (hurling & Football, senior, junior and intermediate); G. Flanagan and Terry Moore; Trainers (Under 14, 16 & 18 football); B. Edwards (Snr.) P. Kearns, B. Donovan; Trainers (under 12 and 14 Hurling), S. Grant and P. Kearns.

The Chairman, J. Sheehan, thanked everyone for the wonderful work they had done during 1976. He congratulated the footballers on winning the Junior B. Championship and the Jack Higgins Cup. The team plays in the Intermediate Championship this year and the Club would like to see more of the new residents coming along to join the Club.

It was decided that the grounds committee elect, organise the building of the New Club -house at the Moyglare Road pitch - the present building would be completed and greatly extended. The aim is to provide a bar and lounge, a games' room and showers for the Club and members. A playground will be provided for children also.

CLUB DRAW:- This is being organised, and will commence shortly, to fund development of the club-house etc. We hope everyone in the Parish and even beyond will support this good cause and assist Maynooth to the top of G.A.A. activities in Kildare and Leinster. The facilities are also important in order to cater for and encourage young people in club activities. The draw will cost 10p per week. Prizes will be advertised soon. It is a small contribution so please join up and get your friends to do so also - we regard the prizes as being enticing and rewarding. The Club-house will cater for YOU and your CHILDREN.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP:- This is a valuable method in all going concerns nowadays to get much needed funds. All members of the Club contribute £1 per year but you don't have to be a playing member - so if anyone wants to contribute see a committee member.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE:- The dance was held on 14th January last at Osberstown House Hotel. The severe snow and frost and even threatened E.S.B. strikes failed to stop the revellers from enjoying a great night. The special guest of the night was the Vice-Chairman of the Kildare County Board who presented the Championship Medals and Cups to the players.

1977 ACTIVITIES:- The Junior Football League commences on Sunday 13th March. The Minor (under 18) Football League starts on Sunday, 20th March.

All under 18 players are asked to give their names to one of the following as soon as possible:- Pat Kearns, Brendan Edwards (Snr.) Bill Donovan, Tommy Fay: also U - 21 footballers.

We will also have under 14 and under 16 football teams this year.

IN HURLING we are entering an Under 12 team - players should contact Seamus Grant Lawrence Ave. or Pat Kearns, Maynooth Park.

The footballers commenced the League Campaign on 6th Feb. & beat St. Lawrence's by 5 pts to 3 pts. Colm Feeney, Joey Murphy, Jerry Flanagan, & Terry Moore played well for Maynooth.

Suncroft beat us on 13th Feb. by one point - this was a bad defeat as Maynooth had 90% of the play. Final Score was Suncroft 1 - 5; Maynooth 0 - 7: Best for Maynooth the day were Joey Murphy, M. Donnelly, M. Gillick & Seamus Feeney. G.A.A. Photos.

- (1) Mr. T. Sheehan, Chairman of Maynooth G.A. presenting Colm Feeney with his player of the year award in Middle is Tommy Fay (Sec.)
- (2) Mr. Tony Keogh, Vice Chairman Kildare Co. Board, presenting Gerry Flanagan, Captain of Maynooth Football team with Junior B. Cup and The Jack Higgins Cup.
- (3) Mr. Gerry Flanagan presents Tommy Sheehan, Manager of Maynooth Football Team with a special presentation from the team that won the Jack Higgins Cup. In the middle is Secretary Tommy Fay.

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MAYNOOTH G.A.A.

U. 21 NOTES

It has recently come to our notice that there are a lot of young players in both Maynooth itself and surrounding areas that are very interested in playing Gaelic football. Furthermore for many, far too many, years we have not fielded an U. 21 team in the Kildare Championship. In fact our neighbouring town 'Leixlip' have played in this grade, with some of our players, for up to a decade and in that time such a team was not considered possible in our very own town.

Now, we feel, the time is ripe for a differing opinion, a new era of football has begun in the MAYNOOTH CLUB. Success is the underlying criterion. The Junior Club of 1976 was an example of sheer dedication, training and spirited companionship and they succeeded in winning almost everything possible and hence the Intermediate Championship is the new GOAL.

As the younger players are interested in an U. 21 team we therefore appeal to other players and young men of the town, housing estates, and the surrounding areas from Taghadee to Rathcoffey and back, to come forward for training sessions in the near future. Our training is on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.15 p.m.

The U. 21 Championship involves a lot of dedicated training because once it starts, July or late June, a Match is played each week up to the final stages, assuming at all times that each preceding match is won.

G.A.A. FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Sunday	6th February	Maynooth ✓	St. Lawrence's	away	2.30 pm.
..	13th ..		Suncroft	home	2.30 pm.
..	20th ..		Castlemitchell	home	2.30 pm.
..	27th ..		Ballyteague	home	2.30 pm.
..	6th March		Sallins	away	3.00 pm.
..	20th ..		Straffan	away	3.00 pm.
..	3rd April		Tower's	away	3.00 pm.
..	17th ..		Rheban	home	3.00 pm.
Wed	27th ..		Ballymore	away	7.30 pm.
Wed.	4th May		Grange	home	8.00 p.m.
	11th ..		Miltown	home	8.00 pm.
	22nd June		Castledermot	away	8.00 pm.

HURLING LEAGUE FIXTURES 1977

Tuesday	24th May	Maynooth ✓	Leixlip	home	8.00 pm.
..	31th ..		Ardclough	away	8.00 pm.
..	7th June		Naas	away	8.00
..	14th June		Broadford	home	8.00
..	21st ..		Sallins	away	8.00
..	12 July		Eire Og	home	8.00



We have the talent in our very own backyards. We have the renewed interest. Now we only need the lads themselves.

All Newcomers are very welcome so, gentlemen, you have been invited let's see you.

For replies or further enquiry please contact either:-

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Billy Mulhern, Timard, Maynooth.

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MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Well we are off, and with not one New Face. All our Swimmers enrolled again. It was quite on the cards they would as they have now gained such confidence in the water, they are really enjoying themselves, as never before, and are anxious to learn more tricks. Even the most timid have lost all fear.

The names on our roll are as follows:-

James & Margaret Byrne, Rail Park.
Eoin & Ursula Byrne, Old Greenfield
Catherine, Una, & Yvonne Cleary, Collinstown.
Pam Burke, Maynooth Town.
Collette Dunning Greenfield Dr.
Martina & Catherine Fitzpatrick, Maynooth Park.
Bridget Holton, Maynooth Park.
Nuala Kelly, Maynooth Town.
Alan, Lisa, & Nile Leamy, Straffan Way.
Sean & Jeffrey Mahon, Straffan Way.
Helena & Tadgh Lynch, Maynooth Pk.
Michael & David Molloy, Old Greenfield.
Damien Horan, Old Greenfield.
Noel Tracy, Old Greenfield.
Karen & Ann Cassidy, Brownstown.
Michael Hanly, Greenfield Dr.
Patricia Duff, Lawrence Ave.
Caroline, Garry, & Cathal Power, Greenfield Dr.
Suzanne Redmond, Greenfield Dr.
Paul Murray, Maynooth Pk.
Martina Doyle, Old Greenfield.
Patrick Harty, Maynooth Pk.
Caroline Duff, Greenfield Dr.

Perhaps we should mention here, that with the exception of four names which have been added, the roll reads as it did when the present Committee took over last March, you see they inherited (as it were) the old members.

The Club will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 1st March, at 8.30. pm. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend, whether you have children in the Club, on the waiting list, or are any interested in Swimming.

Our Instructors are very anxious to Meet the Parents of all our Young Swimmers, and we hope as many of you as possible will turn up, if only to show your appreciation of the Instructors who are so kindly giving their time to your children.

We wish to discuss what we should do about the long waiting list we have, and to tell you what enquiries we have made. We want new members for

our Committee, our present Committee has been reduced to three, which is a great draw back, the position being even if we did get an extra hour, we have no adult to travel with the Bus, and our Secretary firmly refuses to travel twice in one week.

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ST. MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND

The Band held their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 8th March and looked back over a busy year, a year which brought a number of enjoyable engagements in which our junior members played an increasingly bigger part also a year which saw the retirement of a number of Senior Members.

A New Committee was elected for the coming year and one of the main objectives decided on was to make an effort to purchase a new set of uniforms for the band.

The band broke with tradition on St. Patrick's Day. Instead of parading in the town as in former years they gave a short recital in the Square.

On a final note the band would like to invite any of our newer residents who play or have played any musical instrument or who can read music to join the band and participate in our musical activities.

CONGRATULATIONS CORRECTION

We regret that in our announcement last month we congratulated Barbara and Paddy Nolan on the birth of a daughter - this should have read 'a son'. To Barbara and Paddy our apologies and renewed congratulations.

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John Nolan, Leinster Cottages,
Maynooth; Eileen Kennedy,
Laraghbryan, Maynooth. Ray
Manning, Kilcock; Myles Doyle,
Kellystown, Leixlip.

We wish to thank all who
participated in the draw. Next
draw will start September. 1977.



A grant of £70 is to be made by Kildare Co. Council to the Colmcille Art Competition promoters, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, towards the cost of their annual art competition. This decision was taken at the council's meeting on the proposition of Mr. Terry Boylan, seconded by Mrs. Maura Byrne.

Talent Contest

Will be held on April 3rd & 17th with the final on April 24th in the Parish Hall. Each team will be required to present a show of 40-50 minutes duration. Marks will be deducted for going outside these time limits and also for late starting. At the Committee meeting the draw for places took place and they are as follows:-

Apr. 3rd 8 o'clock Cluain Aoibhinn
9 o'clock Lucan
10 o'clock Maynooth Town

Apr. 17th 8 o'clock Old Greenfield
9 o'clock Rathcoffey
19 o'clock New Greenfield

FINAL

Apr. 24th 8 o'clock Winner 1st. week
9 o'clock Best runner up
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NEWSLETTER

APRIL '77 NO. 18

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GRAPES & VINE

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

News and articles for the May issue of the Newsletter are required by Sunday April 10th.

It appears that the speed limits in the area are being ignored by some motorists. We would appeal to all to take care on our roads particularly in the estates where children are playing. It is much better to be a few minutes late than to kill or maim.

LARAGH BRYAN CEMETRY:- The suggestion has been received that an effort be made to clean this cemetery and in particular to remove all trees as they are disturbing the headstones. Before anything is done, will you please let your views on this matter be known as people's feelings on this are extremely important.

Give your comments in to the Newsletter Committee or the Community Council.

The last issue of the Newsletter contained a reference to the practice of talking to plants and trees. This has unfortunately upset some of the plant life in the area as we have noticed recently that they have tended to pass us by without so much as a nod or a wink.

In view of this and in order not to alienate any more of our foliaged friends, we unreservedly offer our sincerest apologies, and that this apology will be taken in the spirit that it is given.

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In future issues of the Newsletter we hope to include a fully comprehensive list of events during the coming month. This can only be provided with the help of the people organising the events, particularly the Secretaries of the Associations and Clubs concerned.

Remember that the Newsletter gets into the majority of households in the Community and is therefore a marvellous opportunity to achieve widespread coverage of any event.

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John Read, 86 Rail Park (Phone 286051)
Ted Kelly, Main Street.
Leo McGlynn, 857 Old Greenfield

We can also arrange for our photographer to be present at the event, to take pictures for the NEWSLETTER.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gerard & Mary McTiernan 278 Old Greenfield, Maynooth on the Birth of a Son 'Gerard Barry'.

A Grand son for Gerrie & Ita McTiernan, Parson Street, Maynooth.

The Winner of last month's Children's Crossword was Breda McGarry, 757 Old Greenfield.

Congratulations to Mrs. Pamela Fegan who exhibited 2 Shorthorn Bulls at the R.D.S. Bull Show. She carried off 1st and 2nd Prizes and the Reserve Championship of the breed. This is a notable achievement and we wish Mrs. Fegan continued success in future shows.

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MAYNOOTH CHURCH OF IRELAND

NOTES 13th March '77

Our new Bishop, the most Reverend D. Caird paid a welcome visit to four of our churches on 27th February, and preached at all services. He spoke to all the congregations individually after each service.

A small group from this Parish attended the Service for Womens' World Day of Prayer at St. Audren's Church, Lucan on the first Friday in March.

Three groups in this Union are studying the programme 'Partners in Mission' as recommended by the General Synod.

SERVICES FOR EASTER

Holy Week 12Apr. Dunboyne - 8 pm
Good Friday Moyglare 10am.
Dunshaughlin 11am.
Maynooth 2.30pm.
Dunboyne 8pm.

Easter Sunday Maynooth 9.30pm
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Casualty Unit: Members are back again in the I.C.A. Hall each Wednesday night at 8.30pm., the intention being to build up a good Unit to be prepared to any calls made on them.

Anyone interested in a First Aid Course should contact Mrs. B. Brady (phone 286308)

LICENCE GRANTED

Maynooth Students Union Club was granted a licence for its new club at Naas Circuit Court. Mr. Peter Finnegan, Chairman, said it would be completed in about two weeks. The licence was granted subject to the premises being completed to satisfaction of the Garda.

TOWN BRIDGE

Mr. Terry Boylan C.C. informed us that he has been in touch with the County Secretary about the proposed foot bridge over the railway and canal at the Town Bridge. The Co. Secretary replied that C.I.E. has been asked for a contribution but had refused. He further stated that the matter is being taken up further with C.I.E.

Mr. Boylan also mentioned that he had asked the Co. Secretary about a similar footbridge at the Pucks Bridge (Newtown Bridge) but has been informed that 'improvement work in or around the Pucks Bridge is very expensive' and that 'the problem there was not as pressing as on the Maynooth/Traffan Road'.

(Editorial Note - We were of the opinion that work on the Town Bridge has been passed and that only lack of finance had prevented the work being done last year. We felt quite sure that it would be given priority this year. Does it now appear that the work is postponed still further?)

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Editorial

Quite recently the annual Entry to the National Tidy Towns Competition was completed and sent in. This has been sent in annually by the Maynooth Development Association for some years now and, this year, it is being sponsored by the Community Council.

From year to year, we have been getting a reasonable marking in the Competition, considering that very little, if any effort, is being put into the project locally. By this we mean that little or no community effort has been put into the matter and, if it were not for the effort put in by civically minded individuals, nothing at all would have been done.

Least anybody should get the idea that we are running down the efforts of the Development Association, we would hasten to add that they have tried by word and example to try and get various projects off the ground, without success and any failure on their part was due to lack of interest by the general public. Many praiseworthy projects petered out from lack of support and it is to their credit that they refused to be completely disheartened.

The Community Council, this year, have decided to try and 'up' the marking for this year and have plans laid to tackle a project or two this year, commencing with the plot in front of the Catholic Church. This is an unsightly area at the entrance to the town and could do with some attention. Your help in this project will be appreciated when it commences in the very near future, but should you feel that you could organise something in your area, by all means go ahead with this. You will notice that we have said that we are attempting to 'up' the marking for this year rather than say that we are attempting to win this year. Actually what we have in mind is to tackle the matter slowly and, perhaps by doing a little each year, we shall eventually reach the prize winning area.

As well as community effort, individual effort is also necessary and we can all play a part by brightening up our own homes. Very important also, we can individually try and keep the streets cleaner and encourage our families to do the same. Remember one cigarette packet or one sweet paper less on the Street is a start and example grows.

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ICA News

The Guild Meeting at the beginning of March was well attended and many matters discussed.

Two members had been to An Grianain during February and Mrs. Farrell went to Focus on Farming Week, having won the Bank Of Ireland Scholarship. Also Mrs. Satchwell went to the Pork'n Bacon Week, having won the Kildare Federation Competition.

Members also had a very enjoyable evening out at the pantomime, 'Jack and the Bean Stalk'

There was also an admirable display of work and crafts by members who have been working so hard on Monday nights and which included some rush work taught by Mrs. Fields of Kilcock. The rushwork classes have now ended.

Mrs. Martha Howard gave us a very professional demonstration of make-up so there should be more gorgeous faces appearing on the Maynooth scene.

The fish cookery competition was won by Mrs. Mary Doyle with joint second Mrs. O'Brien & Mrs. Satchwell.

The Guild Dance was held on the first Saturday in March organised very successfully by Mrs. Brady and Mts. Barrett.

The February raffle was won by Mrs. McMyler and the March raffle by Mrs. Grant.

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE NEWS:- The Greenfield Estate Residents Association Annual General Meeting was held on 2nd March in Geraldine Hall. Some of the Committee Members declared their wish to step down. Those who resigned were as follows:- Mr. D. Lyon, Mrs. A. McDonagh and Mrs. M. Fleming, and Mr. J. Kelly. In last months issue of the Newsletter we noted with regret the resignation of Mrs. Eilish O'Malley. Well ! our tears have not gone unrewarded she has now rejoined the Committee as Chairman. Other new members are Mr. P. Cahill, Mrs. T. Stack, Mrs. M. Duff, & Mrs. C. Hogan. With the men in the minority it is thought that Petticoat Power is on the way.

At the meeting we heard excellent and detailed reports from Chairman, Secretary, and the Treasurer. The Committee had seventeen meetings in the year 76/77. Much was achieved, including the purchase of a Motor Mower, an outstanding successful Children's Party, Cake Sale, Tree Planting, a clean-up of the green areas and verges, the placing of litter bins in the shopping centre and of course, the Super Draw. The March winner who was drawn at the A.G.M. was Mr. P. Devanney, 19 Greenfield Drive.

This year the new Committee hope to continue all of the above schemes but also to attempt to clear the 'Green' on Greenfield Drive.

It is hoped to have a JCB for this work and we would hope that all the residents, especially those facing the green will give their fullest co-operation in the venture. We also hope to arrange a relay of teams to man the motor mower during the season. Anyone interested please contact any member of the Committee.

BUILDERS:- The problems with the builders are, as yet, unsolved. But there is some action pending on Civil Engineers through the

County Council and on Vaughan Builders through some residents who have gone ahead individually.

RATES:- The Committee wish to advise everyone to pay their Rates. Rates may be delayed as a means of registering protest but must be paid in order to avoid a Court Hearing.

GROUND RENT:- The Ground Rent strike is continuing and all members are advised to withhold their Ground Rent.

WATER:- The water supply which is giving problems to some of our residents, has been tested. The testing was carried out on one of its good days and showed up no pollution. Further efforts in this direction are being carried on.

STUDENTS:- The Students have asked for representation on the Committee, but despite an invitation they failed to attend the A.G.M. The discussion continues. It is hoped to canvass the College Authorities with a view to having the facilities open for use during the Summer.

CIE :- The transport problem was given an airing and it was decided to contact CIE re having a special bus from the city to Leixlip and Maynooth without stopping between the Quays and Leixlip. The Committee hope to discuss the trains stopping at Maynooth Station.

NOISEMAKERS:- The following is an extract from Irish Independent March 10 '77:-

'Those who live near excessively noisy neighbours or factories were told last night that there is something they can do about it.

They can either report the matter to the local council or institute proceedings themselves against the culprit factory.

But if it is noise in a neighbour's house three people must serve notice of intention to proceed against the offender.

A Department of Local Government spokesman, dispelling reports that there is no teeth to the legislation on noise control, said the laws could be used swiftly and effectively to stop excessive noise.

The maximum fine for a first conviction was £50, and a person was liable to a £10 fine for each day the law was broken after conviction.

IDEAS & SUGGESTIONS :-

The Committee would welcome anyone who would like to make a suggestion, either Social or practical, which they would like the Committee to act on. Also anyone wishing to help put ideas into practice.

Remember we are here for YOUR benefit and will be very pleased to hear from you at any time.

THANKS:- A special word of thanks to Mr. Ashe, Principal Post Primary School for the very prompt way in which he did our stencils over the past year.

CONGRATULATIONS:-

Mr. Brian Fleming, 46 Greenfield Drive has been co-opted on to the Community Council to fill a vacancy. We feel sure that Brian will bring his usual zest to this Council as he does in his work as a member of Dublin Co. Council.

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Community Council News

As New Greenfields Estate was short one Council Member due to resignations, Mr. Brian Fleming was co-opted to represent this area.

TIDY TOWNS:- Now that the bright evenings are only round the corner, activity on this project can commence. The Council has had many ideas and suggestions to consider but it is hoped that a start can be made shortly at the green in front of the Church.

KILDARE CO. COUNCIL:- Following our representations and those of Mr. B. Durkin, the New County Councillor, we are beginning to make some progress at last. On the speed limit signs, the new bye-laws have been passed and the extension of the signs should occur shortly. We asked that the pedestrian crossing in the Main Street, be floodlit and the County Engineer is prepared to recommend this. We have asked the County Council to remove the derelict car from the square and to complete the Building. Many other items have been brought to the County Council attention and we will keep you informed of progress as it happens.

COMMUNITY GAMES:- It is hoped this year to enter a team from Maynooth and further details will be announced shortly.

TALENT CONTEST:- This will take place on Sundays April 3rd and 17th in the Parish Hall and the Final on April 24th. Funds from this will go towards completing the Sports Field at the Harbour.

STUDENTS:- Strong complaints have been received from Cluain Aoibhinn and New Greenfields Residents Associations regarding disturbances caused by students in these estates. The holding of parties by the Students seemed to be the root cause of the trouble as they were not controlled and get out-of-hand easily. The Community Council agreed to take this up with the College and Student Authorities.

The next Meeting of the Council will be on April 12th.

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PRESENTATION

At a reception held on Friday March 18th at Baltracry House, a presentation of an 'Old Irish Silver Claret Jug' was made by Mr. Jack Weafer on behalf of the Community to the Rt. Hon. David Nall-Cain and his family who are shortly leaving the area.

Mr. Weafer expressed our thanks for all that had been done for Maynooth by the Rt. Hon. David Nall-Cain and in particular for the gift of the harbour playing field, which is at present being prepared for our use by the Development Association. This kind gift was accepted and signed for on our behalf by the Trustees who are: Fr. O'Higgins, Mrs. Fegan, John Weafer, Fred Leary, Rt. Hon. Nall-Cain, Peter Delaney, Dinney Breen, Tom Walsh, and Tim Toomey.

The Rt. Hon. David Nall-Cain, in his reply, thanked everyone most sincerely for their kind gift and assured us that Maynooth would always have a special place in his thoughts. He also thanked Dr. & Mrs. Fegan for the use of Baltracry House for the reception and also for the refreshments which Mrs. Fegan so beautifully provided.

Also present was the Minister Mr. Tully who presented Mrs. Fegan with a small gift in appreciation of all she had done for the area.

Among the many other prominent persons attending were Mrs. Tully, wife of the Minister, Senator Jack Fitzgerald, Mrs. Weafer, Fr. Supple, Archdeacon & Mrs. Fisher, Sisters Alphonsus & Catherine of the Presentation Convent, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene O'Brien, Mr. & Mrs. David Lawlor, Mrs. Flood and Mrs. Satchwell.

Everyone present joined in the well-wishing and assured the Rt. Hon. David Nall-Cain and his family that should they return to Maynooth, they would receive a most hearty welcome.

SPORTS PAGE

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Something very nice happened to the Club this Month, some of our so very elusive parents turned up to our Annual General Meeting, held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 8th March.

The following Committee were elected:-

Chairman	Owen Byrne
Assist. Chairman	P. Hanly.
Secretary	Peig Lynch
Treasurer	Ann Power
Assist. Treasurer	Margaret Molloy
Committee Members :-	Mrs. Marie Duff, Mrs. A. McGarry, Mrs. A. Dunning, Mrs. A. Mahon, & Mrs. V. Duffe.

The outgoing overworked Committee of three, took heart when they saw the new faces arriving, and our O.G. Chairman, Owen Byrne gave them a great welcome. Poor 'Owen' he was landed with the job again, but sure Maynooth Swimming Club would not be the same without 'Owen'. However this year he has another Daddy P. Hanley to help him out, and it's great to get another 'Dad' involved.

Mrs. Molloy, Mrs. Duffe, and Mrs. McGarry, offered to form a rota to help out with instructions and the Bus. It was suggested at the Meeting that people would like to help but were too shy to get involved - don't be we really need YOU, the children do too!

Several parents sent apologies, and the knowledge that there is new interest in the Club is great. We think the interest is caused by Our Instructors, as it is very likely the children are telling their parents of their achievements.

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Our Instructors were there to meet the parents, and explain what the children were doing, and where it was all leading, this was done by handing around diagrams and then explaining what each one meant, and how they were connected.

The Secretary was instructed to try and get an evening hour for the parents to learn Swimming so as they could be of more help to their children.

A date was fixed for the next Meeting, Tuesday April 22nd 8.30, at the Parish Hall.



CARD DRIVE FINAL

1. Mick Carey I I I (Winner)
2. Joe McLoughlin I I Smithstown
3. Mick Byrne for Jim Bonham, Ladychapel I I
4. T. Murray, Ladychapel I I
5. P. Healy, Smithstown.
6. D. Hosey, Donedeia I
7. M. Murray, Ladychapel I I
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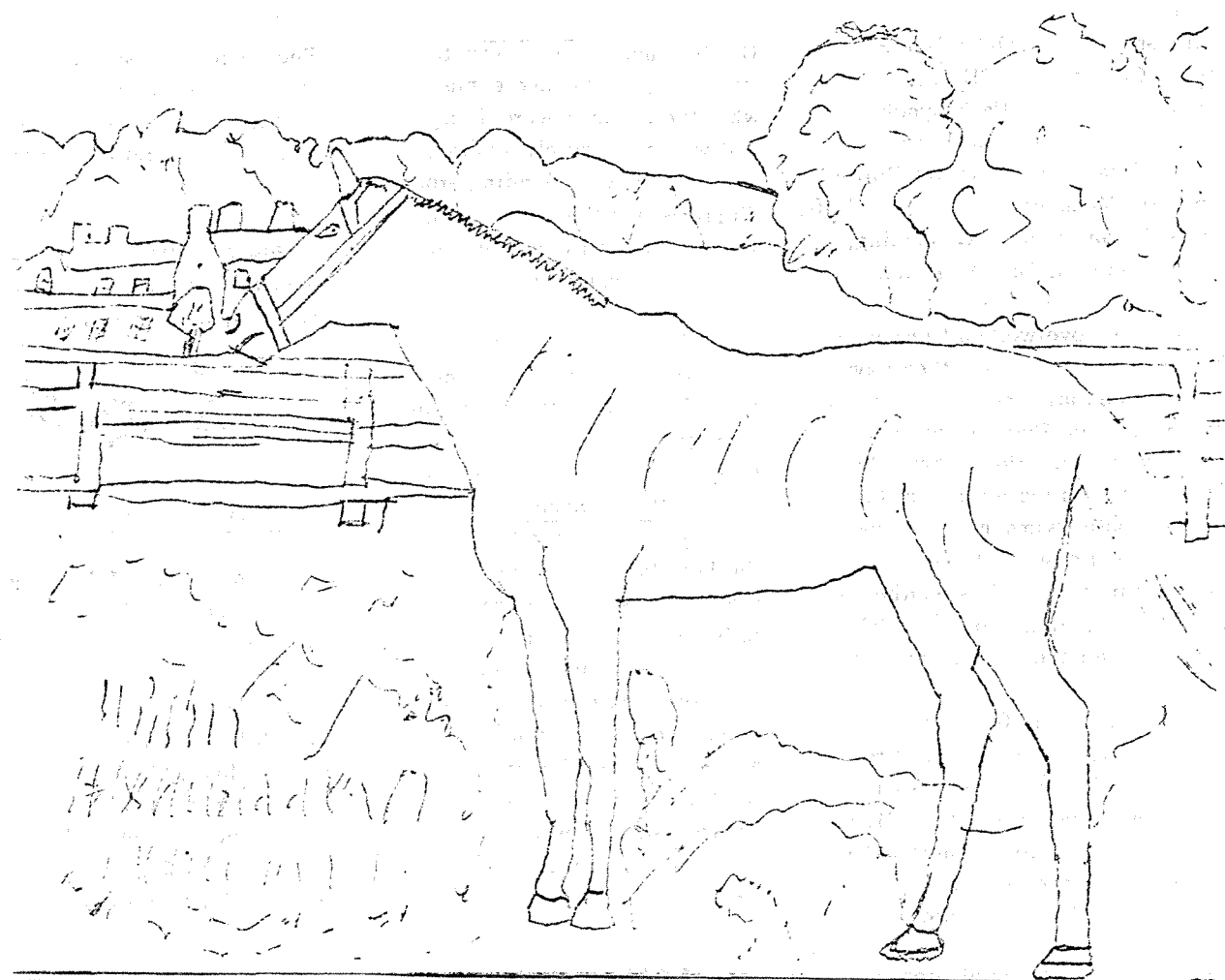
Hello Boys & Girls,

This Month we are having a Painting Competition for a change so get out your Paints or Crayons and get working to win a Prize. The closing date is April 16th. Send your entries to Kiddies Corner 857 Greenfield or 86 Rail Park. This Month we are asking you to make a little effort to keep Maynooth tidy. If you buy sweets or chocolate PLEASE throw the

Wrappers in the Waste Paper Baskets. Help us to keep Maynooth Tidy. Ask your Mammy and Daddy to help also.

Until Next Month, Cheerio & God Bless.

The answers to last Months crossword were Kevin Keegan & Cinderella and the WINNER was Breedra McGarry, 757 Greenfield.



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The force at Maynooth Garda Station has been depleted from five to three with the transfer of Garda P. J. Madden to Naas, and the temporary transfer on border duty of Sergeant M. Higgins.

Stamped insurance cards and cash were taken in a break-in at the Labour Exchange in Maynooth. Staff were put to much hardship due to mix up of files, etc. The fire station in Maynooth was also broken into.

A recent report in the Newspapers stated that the Gardai at Maynooth had been reduced from five to three. At the same time, the Newspapers also claimed that crime was on the increase, particularly in areas where the Garda on the beat had, for all practical purposes disappeared.

From this it can be concluded that the authorities have got their priorities in reverse. Lack of funds inflation etc. can be blamed for many of the economies and deprivations with which, we are at present, forced to live. The area of crime prevention is however an area which requires the full backing of the Government, irrespective of the cost.

It is of no consolation to the victims of theft and violence, that because of insufficient cash, there were not enough Gardai to protect them. Now that we are paying more taxes than ever, it seems reasonable to expect the Government to provide adequate protection to those who are paying the taxes.

When robberies are committed, the taxpayer pays through loss of Goods. Likewise when criminals are in prison it is the taxpayer who pays the cost. As usual the innocent person bears the lions share of the burden while the offenders, are 'guests' of the state.

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The party in the S.V.D. Hostel was very successful. We are indebted to the Hostel for allowing us the use of their hall. Again we were without microphones but things were better on the 20th March for the Easter Party in the Hall.

The selection of Easter Bonnet s were dazzling and with extra musicians it was a resounding success.

It is wonderful to see Mrs. Sherry up and about again after her serious illness. Mrs. Evie Monaghan is also much better and we look forward to seeing her out again soon. Mrs. C. Farrelly is home from hospital again and we hope she has made a complete recovery.

Mrs. Mary Leavy has moved to Celbridge but is still determined to attend our Socials, aren't we lucky that she did not forget us. May we wish her health and happiness in her new home.

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CIVIL DEFENCE NOTES.

CASUALTY UNIT: Three members did duty at the Kildare Civil Defence First Aid Competition in Naas on April 3rd. The new C.D. Casualty Unit from Leixlip took part in the Competition and are to be congratulated on an excellent performance.

The following Questionnaire was recently issued by Kildare Fire Service and seems very appropriate at the moment following the recent most unfortunate outbreak in Old Greenfield. Householders should seriously read the questions. Fires occur so quickly and the damage can be so extensive that it is worth taking the necessary precautions. 'Prevention is better than cure'

Anything short of 22 replys of 'Yes' to the questionnaire shows that there is a serious loophole in the fire precautions in your house.

HOUSEHOLD CHECK LIST

FIRES & HEATERS

1.

Are there proper secure fireguards for all fires & heaters & are they always kept in place?

Yes

No
2.

Do you follow these rules for Oil Heaters?
- Don't fill indoors
- Don't fill or carry when alight.

Yes

No
- Don't place in draughts or where they may be knocked over by elderly people, children or dogs.
3.

Do you regularly sweep the soot away from above the back of the grate?

Yes

No
4.

Do you know that if you have a chimney fire you should call the fire brigade?

Yes

No
5.

Does someone make sure that all fires are safe before the family goes to bed?

Yes

No
6.

Do you close all doors at night,

Yes

No

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

7.

Has your electrical installation been checked during the last five years?

Yes

No
8.

Have you sufficient points to take all electrical appliances you need without use of long leads or multi-way adaptors?

Yes

No

9.

Are you sure that all fuses in use are of the correct rating?

Yes

No
10.

Last thing at night are all electrical appliances not in use switched off and unplugged from the socket?

Yes

No
11.

Do you return your electric blanket for servicing at the intervals recommended by the manufacturer.

Yes

No

FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS

12.

Do you see that petrol or paraffin is NEVER used for lighting fires?

Yes

No
13.

Do you see that petrol is never kept or used inside the home.

Yes

No
14.

Do you keep paraffin out of doors, or if you have to keep it indoors do you restrict this to the smallest necessary quantity and keep it only in closed metal containers in a safe place?

Yes

No

IN THE KITCHEN

15.

Are you careful not to place clothes and linen too near a fire or cooker to dry and air?

Yes

No
16.

Do you know that, if fat catches fire, you should not attempt to remove the pan nor to extinguish with water but should, if possible turn off the heat and then smother the flames with a lid or a damp cloth gently laid over?

Yes

No

IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN

17.

Are matches and lighters kept out of the reach of young children?

Yes

No
18.

Do you ensure that young children are never left alone in the house?
19.

Do you use flame-resistant fabric when making or buying nightwear for children (and also elderly persons)?

Yes

No

SMOKING

20.

Do the smokers in your house USE the ashtrays?

Yes

No
21.

Do you warn them not to smoke in bed?

Yes

No

RUBBISH

22.

Are the attic and cellar and any space under the stairs kept free of rubbish and flammable materials.

Yes

No

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Community Council News

COUNTY COUNCIL :- No further progress was reported on matters relating to the County Council but Councillor B. Durkin is looking after our interests here and rest assured all items will be pursued with the utmost vigour.

CHILDRENS SPORTS COMPLEX:- We are co-operating with the Development Associating on this project and it is hoped that sufficient funds can be collected to allow this to be developed as planned. Some of the functions for this are the Fashion Show on May 2nd and a Sale of Work later on.

TALENT CONTEST:- This event, the funds from which are also going towards the Sports Field, is progressing quite well, and a sincere thanks is due to all who are working hard to make this a success.

CANAL:- A special Public Meeting has been arranged for May 10th at 9 o'clock in the Geraldine Hall. Dr. Ian Bath will give a lecture and show slides and it is hoped that everyone will attend and let their views be known.

The next Meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday May 10th at at i.p.m. in the Geraldine Hall.



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ICA News

The April meeting of the Guild took place at the beginning of the month. Following the business discussion, a 'spot' competition was held, with Mrs. O'Brien coming first and Mrs. Angel second. The raffle was won by Mrs. Gee with the second prize going to Mrs. Connolly.

Some of the members had attended The Federation meeting in March and met the new President, Mrs. Barber.

A beetle Drive to aid the Routunda Hospital Research into the Prevention of Mental and Physical Handicap to babies is to be held on Thursday 12th May at 8.30 p.m. in the Geraldine Hall, Maynooth. There will be many prizes and it is hoped this worthy cause will be well supported.

The competition for the May meeting will be a 'Spring Flower Arrangement' using a maximum of five blooms.

GRAPEVINE

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

The 'THING' in the square appears to have a new lease of life lately. At least there is plenty of activity on top. They could transfer some of the activity to the lower part, its being used anyhow!

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Some very fine talent was to be seen and heard in the recent competition in the Parish Hall, but many of the teams were disappointed at the lack of support from their own areas. This is particularly hard to understand as the acts were quite good and the entertainment value could not be equalled anywhere at such nominal prices.

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Congratulations to the following winners of our childrens colouring competition in the last issue. They are:-

Anita Murphy, 841 Greenfield.
Margaret McGlynn, 857 Greenfield
Brigid Holton, 16 Maynooth Park.
Alan Donohue, 24 Maynooth Park.
Darren Gaffney, 6 Rail Park.

and each will receive £1 shortly.

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The Parents & Friends Association Committee of St. Raphael's, Celbridge wish to thank all who kindly subscribed & supported their Fashion Show & Cabaret. It was a most successful evening.

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The latest date for receiving items for publication in the June Newsletter is May 23rd.

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In our last issue we appealed for news of coming events so that they could be published in the NEWSLETTER. It seems that there are no events planned for Maynooth in the coming months as nobody has contacted us.

This is surely unbelievable, but then perhaps the organisers of the events are so sure of full houses that they don't want free publicity. Perhaps that is where the problem lies. Maybe in future we should charge for this free Publicity?

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In previous issues of the Newsletter we commented on the practice of people talking to trees and plants. During the past month a report in one of our national daily papers carried a news item about an exhibition being held in London at which a talking plant was demonstrated.

Apparently by connecting an activity translator to the plant its reaction to various words can be monitored and the signal received used to activate sounds or lights as required.

The mind simply boggles at the spectacle of plant being used for purposes such as, reading a novel to you as you relax, singing your favourite song, cooking the dinner by turning on the cooker, or perhaps the ultimate of minding the children while you and the missus go off to the Costa Brava on a holiday.

Perhaps we might even persuade a couple of them to produce the NEWSLETTER for us.

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Last month we gave some vital information on the number of teaspoons your car should do per mile. We must warn our readers of the dangers of trying to disprove our figures as one local gentleman in attempting to do so filled the petrol tank of his car with teaspoons and the car hasn't stirred since.

This month we give some data of a more general nature as not everybody owns a car. The average mans shoe is 1 foot long. Laid end-to-end it takes 5,280 shoes to cover one mile or 87,120 to go from Maynooth to Dublin. As the average walking pace is 4 miles per hour you could say that an average man walks at 21,120 shoes per mile. To arrive at the equivalent speed for ladies the above figures should be multiplied by 4.286 for every 2½ ladies shoes.

Editorial

The Talent Contest seemed like a good idea at first and, indeed, it proved itself to be one. It achieved its purpose right from the beginning - the bringing together of the various areas of Maynooth - the old and the new the young and the old. It also showed a wealth of talent in the area as a whole.

Initially, when the matter was first discussed at Community Council level, some considered that it could not be got off the ground and that the various areas would not be persuaded to field teams. Instead of a certain amount of apathy there was considerable enthusiasm from all sides. It was a pity indeed that the ideas was not considered earlier in the year as it was found necessary to rush the arrangements and contestants did not really have an opportunity of producing their best. At the same time, we are not in any way detracting from the very good performances given.

Although it was originally intended that it should be a purely local contest, it would have been just a little mean if we did not allow Lucan to field a team, as they had a team prepared to compete for the Fr. Michael Cleary Cup which was not held this year and we could not let down old friends. The Rathcoffey team is composed of people from Ladychapel/Rathcoffey area and technically from part of Maynooth.

The fine performances in the two preliminary rounds have wetted our appetities for the final, on 24th April. (Unfortunately after we go to press), between:-

Cluain Aoibhinn winners of Section A.
Old Greenfield winners of Section B.
Lucan best of the Losers.

It is very gratifying to see the response from all sections of the community to this inter-area contest and it is to be hoped that it is just a commencement to much more lively and invigourating co-operation in the future. Unfortunately, there is a slight tendency on the part of the older residents to speak of the 'new people' and vice versa. In future we trust there will be neither 'old' or 'new' - just residents, with a friendly but keen rivalry between the areas. This must produce a fine community.

If there is any regret from the contest it is that the whole matter was very rushed and that some teams did not have a chance of showing their best but perhaps this could be rectified with a fresh competition next Season - perhaps towards the end of the year.

Unfortunately, through an error, the Ladychapel team was shown in the Programme as the 'Rathcoffey' team and, to avoid confusion it was thought better to continue to refer to it as the 'Rathcoffey Team' for the rest of the Contest.

FIRE

A COMMITTEE has been formed to help the Victims of the recent fire in Greenfield.

We know that you will support this most worthy cause. You will be contacted about this in the near future.

ROYAL CANAL

A special Public Meeting is being held in the Geraldine Hall, Maynooth on Tuesday May 10th at 9 o'clock to discuss the restoration of the Royal Canal.

This meeting will be addressed by Dr. Ian Bath and will include a slide-show and talk. It is hoped also to formulate a plan of campaign for the future and to elect a steering committee. All members of the Public are cordially invited to attend the above mentioned Meeting, so that all ideas can be fully aired and the interests of all safeguarded.

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SYMPATHY is extended to the Healy Family whose home was destroyed by FIRE recently. A fire disaster fund has been set up, the following Committee have been selected:-

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Eileen Nolan (Treasurer)
Liz. Farrell (Secretary)

Committee Members.

Nellie Finnan, Vera Lettis,
Rose Comerford, Lima Higgins,
Lily Newton, Leo McGlynn,
Brian Farrell, Anne McGarry.

Disco's will be run and a full attendance at these functions will be very much appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS:- To Mr. & Mrs Dominic Nugent, Grange William Stud on the Birth of A Son.

TIDY TOWNS:- Now that Maynooth has entered for the Tidy Towns, we hope that the Residents of Old Greenfield will set an example for the rest of the Community by keeping the front Gardens Tidy and the Paving in front of the house painted. If there is any person Old or Invalided who cannot cope, Please get in touch with Leo McGlynn, 857 Greenfield who will be only to willing to organise a helping hand.

SYMPATHY is extended to Mrs John Nolan on the death of her Sister, and to Mr. Michael Murphy on the death of his Wife.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Pauline McKeown, Ballygoran Stud on her win of £250 in the Kilcullen Draw.



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Maynooth Castle

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Mary Cullen



Maynooth Castle was restored to the earls of Kildare in 1552, but times were changing for the FitzGerald's and for Ireland. From this time the Kildare FitzGerald's virtually disappear from the history books where up to this time they occupy such a prominent place in Irish affairs. The growing power of the English state under the Tudor monarchs from Henry VIII to Elizabeth I was now strong enough to begin the serious attempt to really control and govern all Ireland. For one thing this involved a policy of no longer allowing powerful subjects like the Kildares to rule as deputy of the king, but instead to appoint English soldier-administrators whose first loyalty was to the English state and its ambitions. Religion became a factor in this new Anglo-Irish relationship. The Irish parliament of 1536-7 that had attainted Silken Thomas and his heirs also made the English king legally the supreme head of the Church in Ireland. Legally also Ireland moved in line with England through the further stages of the Reformation but the actual results were very different. Before the end of the sixteenth century England was both legally, and in fact, a Protestant nation, while Ireland was legally Protestant but the vast majority of the population, of both Irish and English descent, remained Catholic. So religion became an integral factor in the last struggle of Gaelic Ireland to resist English control. In this struggle the Kildare FitzGerald's played no leading part though they were involved on the fringes. Their cousins of Desmond played a leading and tragic role for part of this struggle, and it culminated in the almost successful attempt of the Great O'Neill, Hugh, earl of Tyrone, to unite and rally all Ireland against Elizabeth's armies.

During the reign of Mary Tudor, 1553-8, England had become officially Catholic again, but with the accession of her sister Elizabeth in 1558 came the final move to Protestantism. In this year the earl of Kildare conformed to the established religion, and in the following year the queen granted to him the lands which had formerly belonged to the College of Maynooth. The College of course had originally been endowed with these lands by the Great Earl. At this time the government was concerned about the power and rebelliousness of Shane O'Neill. The earl of Kildare, who was a cousin of Shane, was deputed to bring him an invitation from the queen to visit her court in England. Shane asked that Kildare be allowed accompany him. He did so and the visit was a great success though Shane caused some anxiety to the English Privy Council by attending Mass at the Spanish embassy. But the court was impressed by his bearing and his colourful appearance, followed everywhere by his guard of gallowglasses, armed with axes, their heads uncovered and their long hair falling in curls, and dressed in saffron-died shirts and hairy Irish mantles. The amused courtiers dubbed him 'O'Neill the Great, cousin to St. Patrick, friend to Queen Elizabeth, and enemy to all the world besides'

In 1569 the act of attainder of 1536 against Silken Thomas and his heirs was repealed by a new act of parliament. at the petition of the queen's faithful and humble subjects, Gerald FitzGerald now earl of Kildare, Edward FitzGerald, brother to the said earl, Margaret, Elizabeth, and Cicile, sisters

to the said earl'. In 1573 the earl carried out repairs to Kilkea Castle and installed in the dining room a chimney-piece which can still be seen. It carries the monkeycrest and is inscribed with the Kildare mottoes.

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as well as the crest of his wife's family, an eagle

By this time the earl's cousins in Desmond were becoming involved in the resistance to Elizabeth, first the earl of Desmond's cousin, James Fitzmaurice, and later Gerald the fourteenth earl himself. It was impossible that the earl of Kildare would not be suspected of involvement. He was accused of plotting and arrested. History seemed for a while to repeat itself when his son and heir, Henry, Lord Offaly, like Silken Thomas before him, fled to his Irish foster-father, O'Connor of Offaly, who was ready to rise in support of the Kildares. Eventually he and O'Connor decided that the better policy would be to surrender himself to the Lord Deputy. Both father and son were sent to England for investigation of the charges, were found innocent and returned to Ireland. The earl of Desmond was killed in 1583 and the 'Great Geraldine Rebellion' ended.

In 1585 the earl of Kildare was present at the meeting of the Irish parliament, and he died in London towards the end of the same year. His body was brought back to Ireland and buried at Kildare. At his death he held the manors and advowsons of the rectories and vicarages of 'Maynooth, Kildare, Rathangan, Athy, Woodstock, Kildea, Castledermot, and Graney, in the Co. Kildare, Portlester, Ballyboggan, Newtown de Moyagher, Moylagh, and Kildalkie, in Meath, Geashill, in King's County, Ardglass and Strangford, in Down, Crom and Adare, in Limerick, and many other lands'. The manors of Maynooth and Graney he had settled on his countess, Mabel Browne, and she lived on in 'the fair house of Maynooth' until her death in 1610 when she was buried beside her husband at Kildare.

The twelfth earl had their second son Henry, their first son Gerald having died in 1580. The twelfth earl acquired the name Henry na Tuagh, or 'Henry of the Battleaxes' from the Irish. In 1597 Hugh O'Neill of Tyrone tried to persuade him to renounce his allegiance to the crown and join in his rebellion. The earl refused and instead he accompanied the Lord Deputy, Lord Borough, on an expedition into Tyrone against O'Neill. The marquis of Kildare describes what happened:

Having retaken the fort of Blackwater, the Deputy passed over the river on the 20th July, in order to erect a fort on the other bank. Tyrone, who, with his forces, occupied the adjacent forest, endeavoured to interrupt the works, and in the skirmish that ensued the Deputy was mortally wounded, and having been carried to Newry, died there a few days after The Earl, on whom the command of the army devolved, drove back the assailants, but was also wounded, and twice thrown from his horse. and his two foster-brothers, sons of O'Connor Faly, were slain while assisting him to remount. He was so grieved by their death that he left the army broken-spirited, and as he was on his journey home, he was obliged to rest at Drogheda, where he died from grief and fever resulting from his wound, on the 30th September, 1597.'

The thirteenth earl was William, the third and last son of the eleventh earl. He was in England in 1598, and early the following year he planned to come back to Ireland with the Earl of Essex who had been appointed Lord Deputy by the queen to carry on the war against Hugh O'Neill. The Annals of the Four Masters tell the sequel,

'The Earl Of Kildare, whom we have spoken of in the last year as having gone to England, namely, William, son of Garret, son of Garret, prepared to return to Ireland in the Spring of this

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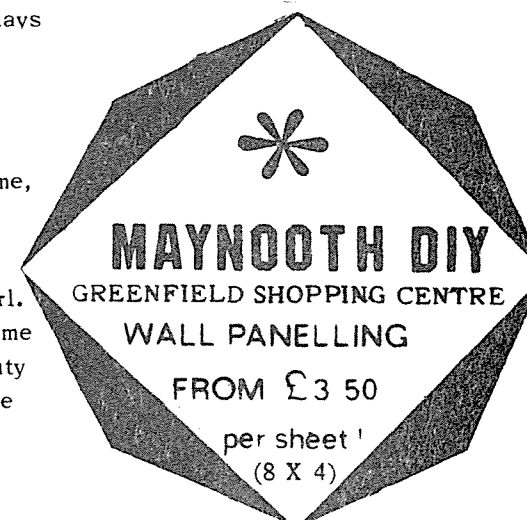
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How you spend your time is more important than how you spend your money :- Money mistakes can be corrected but time is gone forever.

David Norris.



Maynooth Castle continued

year. He went into a ship with eighteen of the chiefs of Meath and Fingall, and after they had sailed till out of sight at sea, none of them was seen alive ever since; and it was from other countries, in two months afterwards, that an account of the certainty of their deaths arrived in England and Ireland.'

References: The Marquis of Kildare
Margaret MacCurtain

The duke of Leinster

Map - The great families of Ireland, from Ruth Dudley Edwards.

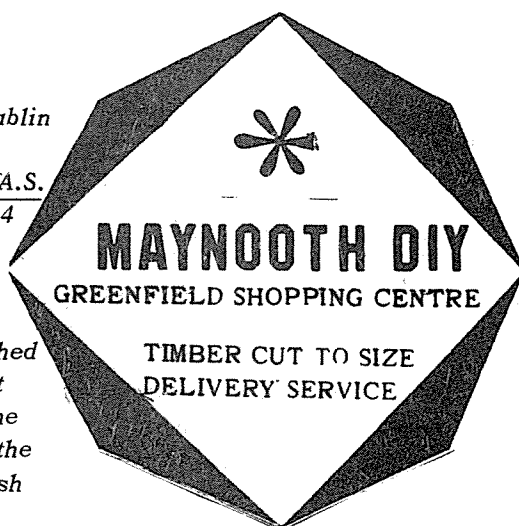
An Atlas of Irish History:- The O'Byrnes & Tooles, the original leading families in the Maynooth area, and now established in Wicklow, were very active in the fight against English rule during the sixteenth century. In the Calendar of State Papers (Ireland) at the end of the century there is a list of the war cries of the Irish clans. It includes:

'KILDARE	CROM ABOE
O'BYRNE	SHILEA ABOE (Shillelagh)
TOOLE	FENNOCK ABOE '



To speak ill of others is a dishonest way of praising ourselves.

(Will Durant)



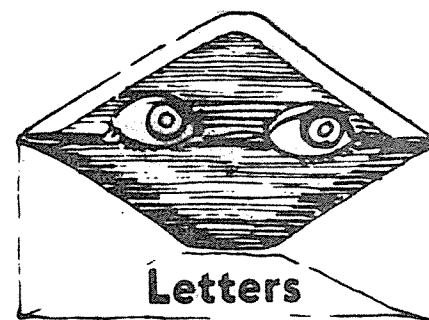
Portrait in the National Gallery of Ireland:-



Eilis, Deirfuir Thomais an t-Sioda.

The Fair Geraldine.

Francois Clouet. 1522-1572.



to the Editor

Dear Editor,

For some time back I have been nursing a grievance, and it has been brought to the boiling point by the Community Council Talent Competition, oh yes, it was an excellent idea, and I congratulate them, and I personally have enjoyed it to the fullest, and am looking forward to the Final. Trouble is I live in Maynooth Park, and I just cannot tolerate the LABEL which has been dubbed on us poor unfortunates in Straffan Way, Laurence Ave. Greenfield Drive and Maynooth Park viz - 'NEW GREENFIELD'.

For some unknown reason 'Rail Park' escaped this grouping and have kept their own identity, even though there was, and still is an older Rail Park. I did note, mind you, that Rail Park took no part in the Talent Competition,

I suspect the reason was they did not know who to identify with, as they do not think of themselves as New Greenfield, but Associate the Term with the 'Greenfield Residents Association'

Could you console me by telling me how long we must remain NEW before we qualify as OLD. For instance will we still be NEW Greenfield 50 years from now. I am quite sure OLD Greenfield resent those three letters before their name too, but then they got the best of the bargain, because the word OLD conjures up vintage, and vintage commands respect.

Why do we have to be NEW Greenfield even at Community Council level, it seems automatic; ally to draw a line between the two areas.

Have you or your readers any suggestions, as to how both Greenfields could get rid of the prefixes some 'NITWIT' gave them. Naturally 'Greenfield' must keep their name, they had first claim to it, but could somebody not think of a new name for the 'four greenfields' (sorry I mean roads) mentioned above. PLEASE HAVE A GO !

Peig Lynch,
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In reply to our query Mr. J. G. Ward County Manager said that this could not be provided for about 3 years at least. The money was allocated in 'other monies' and as only £52,000 of the needed £283,000 was given in the estimates we can't expect any move yet.

Mr. Ward also said that the Co. Council were dropping their proposed Legal Action against 'Carton Homes' as the Builders had promised to comply with all the planning regulations.

DINNER DANCE:- This year we are changing our venue to Osberstown House, and have booked Friday 18th Nov. pin this date in your entertainments calendar!! See you There!!!

CAKE SALE:- Our Annual Cake Sale takes place on Sunday 22nd May and as usual D. & C. Meats have given us their shop. To make it as successful as last year when you see your neighbour don't say 'HELLO' say 'BAKE A CAKE' Committee members will be around with more details this week.

FIELD DAY:- This will be our 1st venture into the Sporting Field. Mr. Paddy Lynch is organising this so we are all sure of a great day. We will give details later but don't anyone book anything else for June 19th.

T.V. AERIAL:- Work on this project is proceeding although at the moment there is little tangible progress to report.

TALENT CONTEST:- Congratulations to all our teams who took part at such short notice. A very special 'Thank You' to May Tynan, who set the whole in motion ably assisted by Carmel Hogan. Considering all the difficulties involved, I think our team acquitted us well. There was one sad note and that is the lack of support from the Estate. The shops had notices saying when we were on so even if you didn't know the actual people involved, you did know the Estate was being represented.

SEWAGE:- It has come to our notice that some Residents - those with the overflow drains in their garden - are having problems not of their own making. It seems that some Builders put in the wrong type of drain and this floods into the garden every few weeks. This is not a very pleasant job to have to do. We are trying to get the Builders involved to return to the Estate and correct this Health Hazard.

SUPER DRAW:- Last month's winner was Sean Dwyer, 50 Laurence Ave. and the collector was Tom Purcell. Keep up the good work!

E.S.B. :- We are still waiting for written confirmation as to the necessity of putting overground cables adjacent to the Green on Greenfield Drive. Mr. B. Durkan M.C.C. posses a letter from Carton Homes which states 'that these lines were only temporary'. But you know the E.S.B.!

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PARISH NOTES

HOLY WEEK & EASTER:-

Congratulations and thanks are due to all who helped in carrying out the Church's Solemn Liturgy so well - especially Sean Bean and his choir, Sisters Joseph & Aquinas at the organ, & Mrs. Ita McCormack who plays the organ occasionally & who sang the beautiful Paschal Praise at the Easter Vigil. A word of commendation is also owed to our part-time sacristan, Michael Lenihan, who really makes bits of himself to prepare all the necessary paraphernalia. The ladies of the Altar Society did their usual fine job, and the altar-boys were first rate. Nor must we forget the inspiring Passion Sermon on Good Friday night by Fr. Gerard McGinnitty, of Maynooth College. And the many readers who read the lessons & Passion so clearly - organized very efficiently by Mrs. Marie Kelly. Thanks, too, to all helpers at Ladychapel.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:-

This great event will take place on Saturday, 14th May, at 11 a.m. Mass. As the numbers grow, the church becomes more crowded, and we may have to consider spreading the ceremony over two days in future years. The Sisters, teachers & parents are doing their best to help the children to realize as well as they can at their tender age what it is all about.

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The Annual Service of the Mothers' Union was held in Dunboyne Church on 21st March.

This marks the end of the Session.

The Vestery Books and other Church records were taken by the Record Office, Dublin, to make micro films for a permanent record. They will be returned in three months.

Three Study Groups in the Union completed the forms on 'Partners in Mission'. We look forward to hearing the findings of other groups.

The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything.

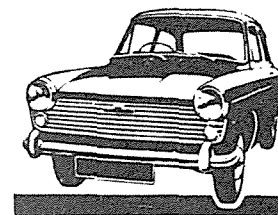
{W. G. Magee}

Senior Citizens

Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely at our last party which was held at our old venue, the Parish Hall, and a special word of thanks is due to all who contributed their time and energy to the occasion.

The next and final Party of the Season will be held on Sunday May 8th in the Parish Hall from 4 'till 7 p.m. Everyone is very welcome and we hope to see you all at this gala event.

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Soccer Club

With the improving weather and the pitches becoming playable again, Maynooth Town is looking forward to one of the most exacting finishes to a Season since the club was formed. The First Team are leading their League - Div. 1 - with two matches remaining and must fancy their chances in the final stages of both Sheeran and Cruise Cups.

The Second Team are lying joint second in their League - Div. 11 - with ten matches remaining, having to play their nearest rivals at home, it would look as if their chances of clinching the title are far from remote.

The opening of the Gaffney Cup campaign was very auspicious with a 5 - 1 away win over a fancied E.P.C. team. Having beaten such formidable opponents, hopes run high

The trip to England by the younger members was thoroughly enjoyed by all and the boys must surely have a few tips of how to keep Maynooth at the top of the boards. All going well, it is hoped to make this an annual event.

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MAYNOOTH G.A.A. CLUB



Our footballers are still going well despite our defeat by Round Towers. Our present position in the league is, - we have played 8 games and we have 12 points and we are still in with a chance of winning this league.

We like to congratulate our Junior Hurdles on winning the 1976 Junior Hurling league. As you all know we have been at the wrong end of a couple of important decisions in the past. - beaten in the Championship final for 3 years. But on Saturday 2nd April we gained some compensation with a clear cut win over Suncroft. We were very quick to settle and by half time we were well on top. In the second half we were on the road to victory. Best for Maynooth with the score Maynooth 5-11 to Suncroft 3-4. Mich O'Brien, Brian Redmond, Cliff Murphy, Tony McTiernan, Seamus Grant, Vincent Duffe, Seamus Feeney, Eddie Bolger. We hope in the near future to arrange a night for all our Club Member's and present the Medals.

Our u/18 Football Team are due to play their first-Round Championship on Sunday 24/4/'77 in Allenwood at 3.00 (V Johnstown)

U/14 League starts in May next
U/12 Hurling League starts also in May.

Our Minors will also have league matches beginning in May and our Junior Footballers also will start the league in May.

SILVER CIRCLE DRAW
MARCH

1st. Prize £50 - Jim O'Reilly, c/o Barton s, Main Street, Maynooth. 431
2nd Prize £20 - Michelle Whelan, Newtown Maynooth. 265

G.A.A. FOOTBALL FIXTURES LEAGUE MATCHES UNDER 16

Friday April 29th	Maynooth	V	Carbury	Home
Friday May 13th	Maynooth	V	Ballymore	Away
Friday May 27th	Maynooth	V	Tower's	Home
Tuesday June 28	Maynooth	V	Clane	Home
Tuesday July 5	Maynooth	V	Allenwood	Away

We hope you will all come along and support your local children.

3rd. Prize £10 - J. O'Neill, c/o I.M.P. Leixlip. 275
4th Prize £5 Karen Body, Greenfield, Maynooth. 114
5th Prize - 5 prizes of £2.

1. John Caulfield, 7 Laurence Ave. Maynooth. 25
2. Jim Graydon, The Mill, Celbridge. 331
3. Mrs. Ann Quigley, Moyglare Rd. Maynooth. 199
4. Seamus Tracey, 20 Leinster Cottages, Maynooth. 368
5. Miss C. Maher, Kilarney Ave. North Strand, Dublin. 87.
6th Prize - 10 Prizes of £1.

1. Maeve McTiernan, 1026 Avondale, Leixlip. 206
2. John Nolan, L Leinster Cottages, Maynooth. 232
3. Eddie Kavanagh, Newtown, Maynooth. 408
4. John Lombard, 32 Maynooth Park, Maynooth. 546
5. Nial Bright, 845 Greenfield, Maynooth. 117
6. Mr. D. Breen, Main Street, Maynooth. 67
7. Mrs. A. Murphy, Newtown, Maynooth. 42
8. Danny Casey, 30 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth. 55
9. Joe Nevin, Ballygoran, Maynooth 90
10 Sean Farrelly, Dillon's Row, Maynooth. 378

We would like to thank you all for your support and we hope that more will join for APRIL. This Draw is for a worthy cause as we intend building a New Clubhouse on the Moyglare Road. We hope to start building in May or June this year.

SPORTS PAGE

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

The children's Term will end on Friday 6th May, the next term will only be for 10 weeks as we will close for the holidays on July 15th. The children were allowed two extra weeks on this term, as the Pool was closed for repair one Friday, and the other in lieu of Good Friday. All those wishing to enroll for next term please notify some member of the Committee, or contact Peig Lynch, Secretary, 69 Maynooth Park. This term we will have to increase the fee a little as overheads are gone up. Inflation has no mercy even on little Swimmers and their parents.

Cheers, the Secretary did succeed in getting an hour for adults, thanks to the kindness of Bros. Malachi, who is in charge of the St. Raphaells Swimming Pool, Celbridge, and we got off to a great start on Friday April 17th from 8.30 - 9.30. As with all new ventures we were a little apprehensive, but it was a great success. Satisfaction and achievement was felt by all.

Our Instructors decided to use the same system with the adults as we have been trying with the children. This is the 'Rackham Method', did anybody ask who 'Rackham' is, just in case they did, he is George Rackham, the only British Swimmer, to win an Olympic Medal for Diving, he got a Bronze.

Approximately ¾ of those who joined were complete beginners, and quite a few actually afraid of water, yet before the hour was over, they could all Tuck Float, and most could push & glide half way across the pool, this without any artificial aids, as our Instructors laughingly remarked, if we give them a crutch, they may become to dependent on it, and reluctant to part with it, so instead let us take the fear of water from them by teaching them first that they cannot sink.

With this method you actually learn to Swim and Dive before you learn stroke. This way it is much easier to concentrate on stroke as you are completely relaxed in the water, before you start on the Breast Stroke. Remember once you can Tuck, Push & Glide - you can SWIM.

The Club sincerely hopes that again this course is over, we will have a couple of parents willing to become Instructors to our Children.

So far we have not succeeded in getting many of our adults to attend the Class held by our Instructor, at the Marist Hostel, Moyglare

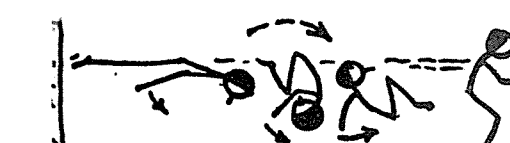
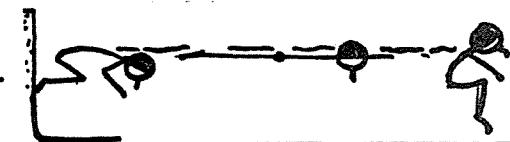
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Here is our programme so far:-

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3. Tuck Push & Back Glide.
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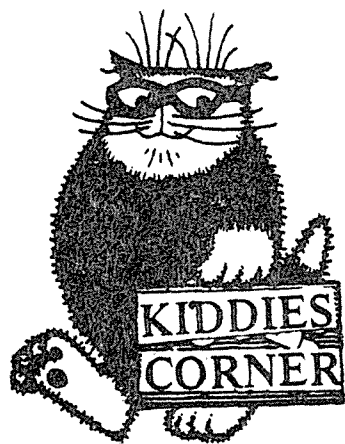
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Hello Boys & Girls,

We had a great response to our colouring competition in the last month's issue. The winners were Darren Gaffney, Rail Park Alan Donohue & Brigid Holton, Maynooth Park, Anita Murphy & Margaret McGlynn, Greenfield.

All the entries were of a very high standard and it is a great pity that we cannot print the winning pictures in the NEWSLETTER.

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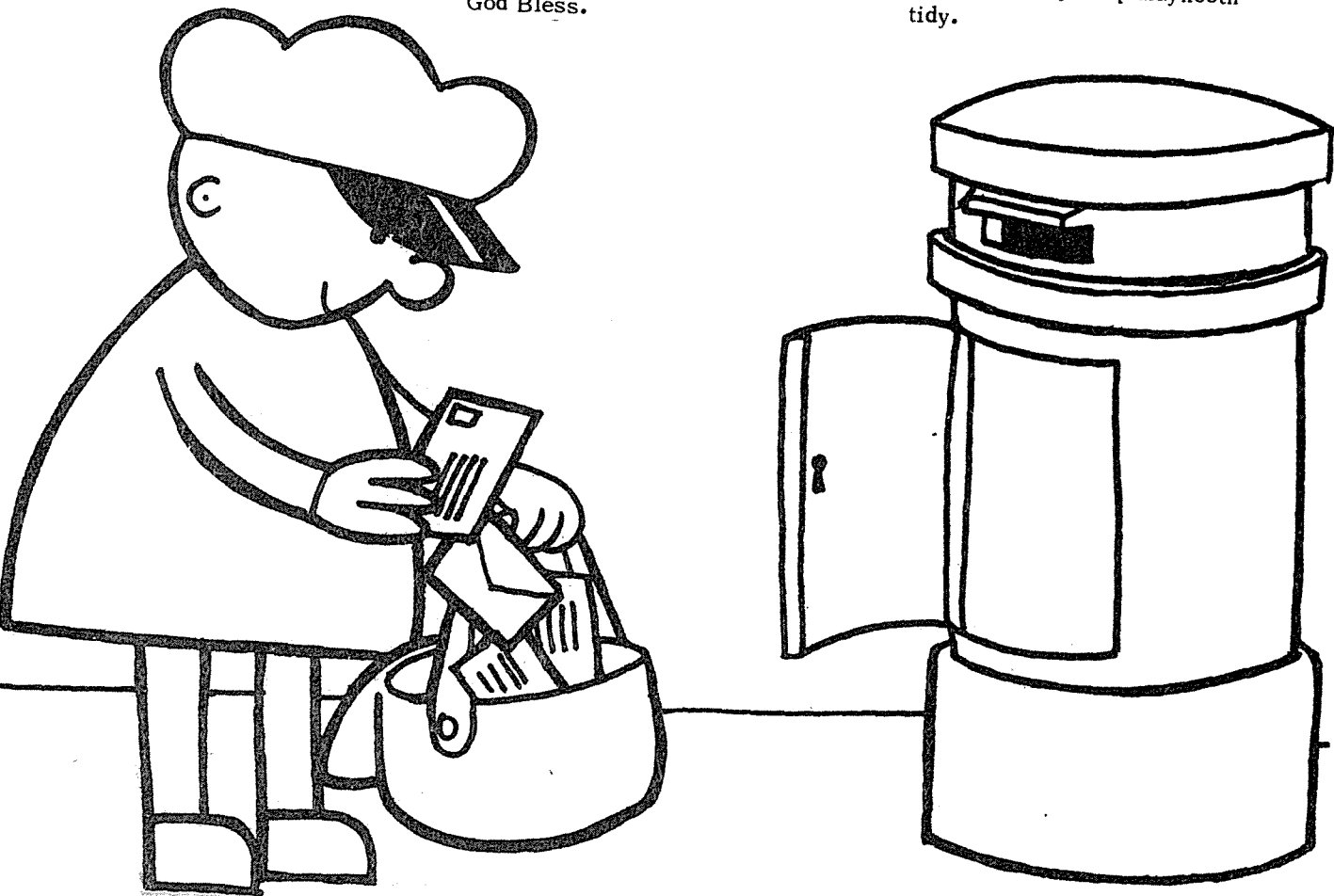
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BOYS NATIONAL SCHOOL

Our equipment fund has increased considerably thanks to Lucan Dramatic Society's production of 'Juno'. To all those parents and their friends who supported us we convey our sincerest thanks. To the members of the School Board of Management who gave freely of their spare time to help make the play a success we also extend our thanks. Many thanks also to the following, who generously supplied us with prizes for the raffle - Caulfields, Bradys - Barrys: McCormacks (Chemist) O'B Markets (Hardware); Pat Noone - furnishers. also Mrs. Satchwell, who supplied six lovely bouquets for the lady members of the cast. Our gratitude too to Mrs. Agnes Boyd who spent a lot of the night dispensing refreshments behind stage, and last but certainly not least - Mrs. Rose Comerford whose tremendous work. before during and after the play ensured its success.

Gaelic Games time is here again and our two teams have had one outing each. The under 13 team had a fine win in dreadful conditions against Kilcock and are confident of going places. Our under 10's went down to a strong Clane team but hope to do better next time out.

Big dates approaching: First Communion 14th of May. Official opening and blessing of School 18th of May. More about this in next issue.

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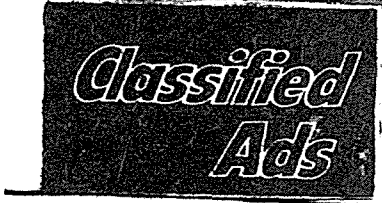
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~~MAYNOOTH FIRE DISASTER FUND.~~

Dear Friend,

In an effort to assist Mrs. Healy and her family, who have lost all their possessions in the unfortunate fire at their residence on Easter Sunday last, in Old Greenfield, a Fund has been set up to assist with the refurnishing of the new house when it is rebuilt.

A house-to-house collection has been organised in the Maynooth area and a collector will call to your house in the near future (if, in fact, one has not called already); when, it is hoped, that everyone will contribute as generously as possible.

To date, the following have been appointed by the Committee to collect:

Old Greenfield - Mrs. N. Fynan & Mrs. V. Lettis.

Greenfield Crescent - Mrs. L. Higgins and Mrs. Newton.

Newtown, Cluain Aoibhinn and Parson St. - M/s. B. Farrell and Leo McGlynn.

Collectors to other areas have not, as yet, been appointed but all collectors will have authorisation notes from the Committee signed by the Chairman - Rev. Fr. Supple; Secretary - Mrs. E. Farrell and/or Treasurer - Mrs. E. Nolan.

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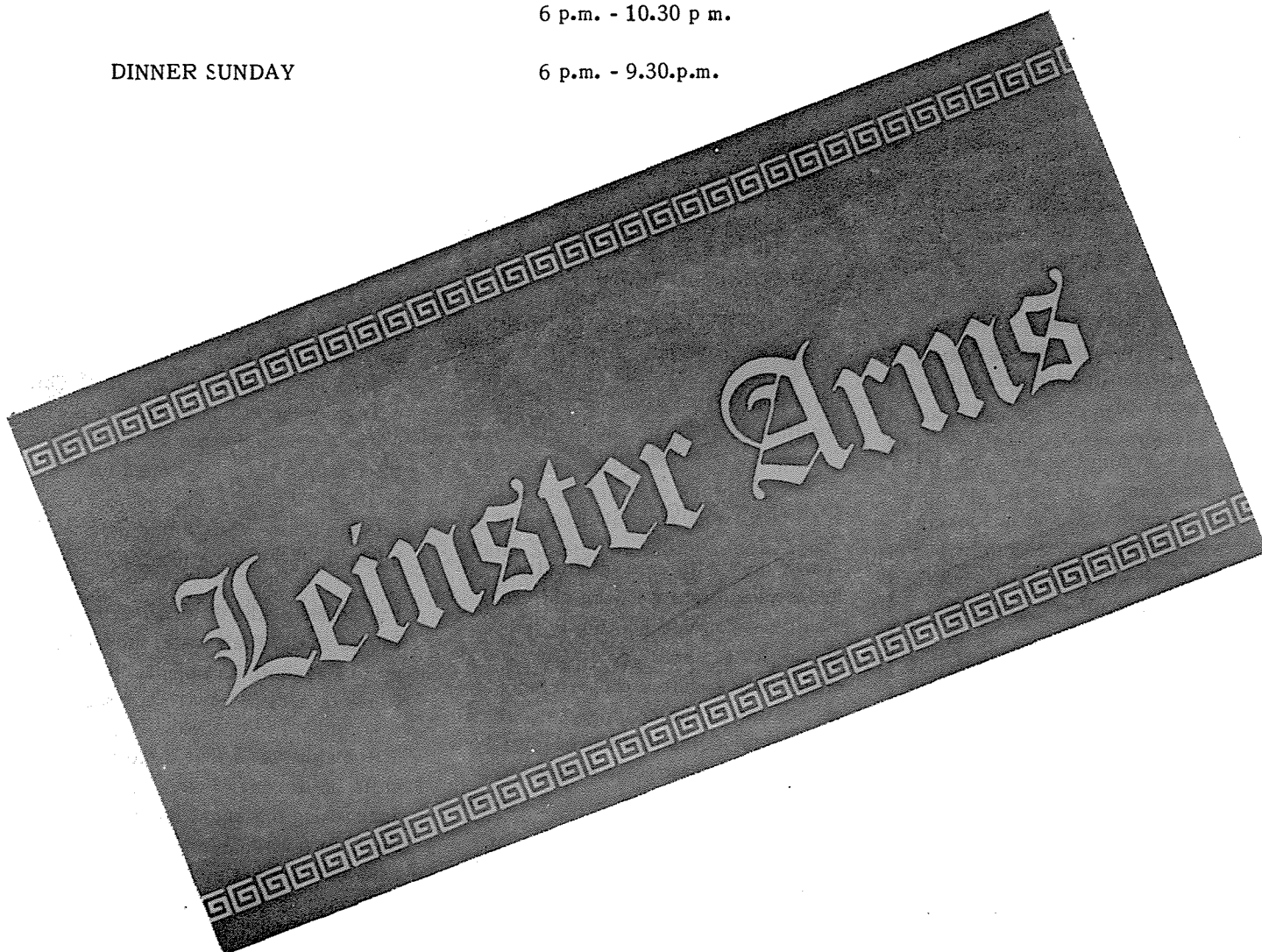
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Community Council News

The last meeting was somewhat curtailed due to the lecture given by Dr. Bath. on the Restoration of the Royal Canal. This was a most informative and interesting talk, supported by slides of the tremendous amount of work (some already done) necessary for the complete re-opening of this Canal.

Regretfully it seems, people are not interested as despite extensive advance notices of the lecture, only 8 people not connected with the organising groups attended. Perhaps the suggestion made some years back that the Canal be closed and motorway constructed in it's place was a good one after all.

However, we are sure, people will in time learn to appreciate the wonderful amenity on their doorstep. The Communities in other areas as far apart as Blanchardstown and Mullingar do, and they are working full steam ahead to repair and restore their own sections. Will anybody who is interested be they Swimmers, Boaters, canoeist or plain canal bank walkers, please contact any member of the Community Council.

The remainder of this short meeting was mostly concerned with matters relating to Kildare County Council. Residents will, we are sure have already seen the replacement of the speed limit signs at more appropriate sites. Provided they are observed, and we sincerely hope and pray that they will be, greater safety for people is assured. Other County Council matters which we are pursuing with the utmost vigour will be detailed here as they are brought to fruition.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be on June 14th at 8 o'clock, in the Geraldine Hall.

Success

This year's Dublin Spring Show could almost have been said to have been a Maynooth Show - in the Dairy Shorthorn section, at least.

Once again Mrs. P. Fegan, of Baltracey House swept the board. Some of her success being as follows:-
The Silcock Cup (for Champion Shorthorn) & reserve.
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Class 1 (Dairy Shorthorn Cow in milk or in calf) 1st & 3rd.
Class 2 (Dairy Shorthorn cow in milk)- 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
Class 3 (Dairy Shorthorn any age) 1st, 2nd, 3rd.
Class 4 (Dairy Shorthorn Cow in milk or in calf) . 1st, 2nd, & 3rd.
Class 5 (Dairy Shorthorn heifer, in milk); 3rd.

This is indeed a triumph for Mrs. Fegan and we offer our sincere congratulations.

Mrs. Fegan, in a newspaper interview paid tribute to Mr. & Mrs. John Farrell who look after the cattle and to whom, as Mrs. Fegan said 'she owes it all'

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Editorial

Some years back families with children found themselves, at this time of year worrying about school fees. This was indeed a major burden, particularly on large families. However our prayers were answered and FREE EDUCATION became available to all. Only minor expenses remained to be paid, such as, uniforms, slippers, pencils, pens, rubbers, copies, sporting equipment, books and EXTRA BOOKS?

The sum total of all this is that now no family, irrespective of size, need pay more than two or three times the amount that would have been due under the old system, even allowing for inflation. Now isn't that a vast improvement!

Seriously though, there must be something very wrong with the Department of Education. Let us analyse the position. First of all a school must be provided in an area. So the Community must find a proportion of the cost be it by contribution or by fund raising. Then when the children go to school we are forced to contribute again for the various items mentioned above.

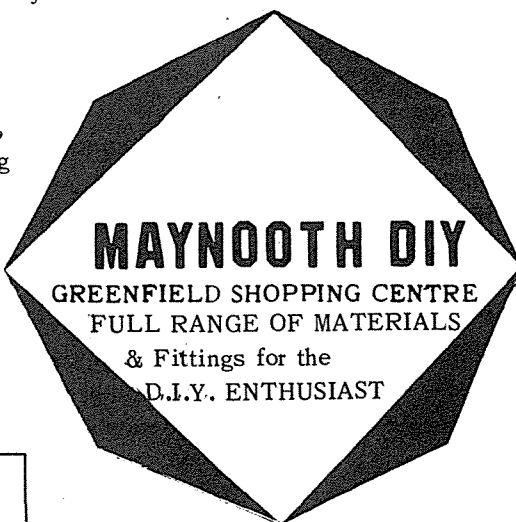
A new twist has been introduced into this whereby during the year further books are required for a particular subject because 'the children learned so fast that they finished the first book'. After all this we are now being asked to pay for heating the school. This has come about due to the rising cost of oil. Surely it is ridiculous to blame the Oil Sheiks for the fact that we cannot properly manage our Schools.

Perhaps if we had some say in the building, running and aims of the school, we might not feel so bad about the cost, but as it is we are merely providing the funds for someone else to use as they see fit.

FREE EDUCATION HOW ARE YE !

FASHION SHOW

The Fashion Show held in the Parish Hall on May 2nd was very successful. The range of clothes shown by our local boutiques was very impressive, and they were backed by collections from further afield. The junior models from Maynooth nearly stole the show from the professionals. In charge of the proceedings was Kay Toal whose versatility and expertise charmed everybody. The Association wishes to thank very sincerely everyone who helped in the organisation and running of the show, in the serving of teas, the beautiful flower arrangements, and the donation of prizes for the raffle. The net profit amounted to almost £100 and it is hoped that next year's fashion show will bring in double or treble that amount.



MAYNOOTH FIRE DISASTER FUND

If you have not already done so, please give a donation to help re-furnish the Healy home which was completely destroyed by fire on Easter Monday.

Donations may be sent to Maynooth Fire Disaster Fund, c/o Allied Bank Maynooth, or to Rev. B. Supple, C.C., Maynooth.

MAYNOOTH VISTA by Newcomer.

Well! Back again after ten weeks and trying now to put some kind of shape on the garden. I hear the weather was not too good during February and March and if it was any worse than April - the last two weeks of which I experienced having arrived home in the middle of that month - I can only sympathise. My sympathy is limited, however, as I have now appropriated the greater part of it for myself. I am trying to dig a garden in which every time I stick a spade in the ground a stream of water comes up and hits me in the face. Mild exaggeration but you know what I mean. The fact that every one assures me that 'everything is late this year' is poor consolation and poorer still is the follow up which further assures me that 'vegetables will be a terrible price this year'

Forgetting about distance in terms of mileage - for the record it is six thousand miles - it is hard to realise that within a twelve hour

journey from Maynooth one could, during the month of March, be planting daffodil bulbs on the Highveld twenty miles north of Johannesburg clad only in shoes and shorts. And another thing - can you imagine planting bulbs in March to flower in September? It's a bit crazy really and a gardening book produced in South Africa reads like a Mad Hatter's Tea Party to the normal Irishman.

While I was away I learned that Carton had been sold but I have been unable to discover who exactly did the buying.

There is some suggestion that the estate is gone to a developer or developers. I sincerely hope that if such is the case our very efficient (?) County Council Planning Authority will ensure that any development which may take place will be in accordance with the rural amenities which Carton represented in our area and that we do not end up with a conglomerate of concrete jungles on our doorstep. One thing they do well in South African townships is their planning. In Randburg - a developing suburb of

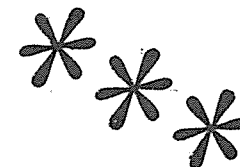
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Johannesburg - for instance one is not allowed under municipal law to build a house on less than half an acre. I realise that there is an abundance of land and much of it not agriculturally workable but the limiting of building density certainly creates an enviable residential environment.

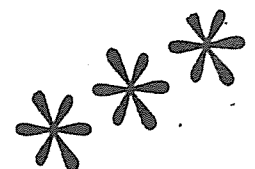
One last thing. Bord Failte has come on 'the box' with a new advertisement for Irish tourism. Now I am not sufficiently square to be unaware that to sing successfully in this day and age one must adopt a spurious American Accent. But when the young lady singing off stage in the Bord Failte presentation suggests that every 'Badie' should visit Ireland I am tempted to ask if we have not enough 'badies' here already without our asking any more to visit us.

So long, now! Keep the Faith!



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The Banquet Season at Maynooth Castle has come around again. This will be the seventh series of banquets since the idea was first raised of bringing the great castle of the Fitzgeralds, still standing after nearly 800 years, back into the centre of Community life. Since then the Banquets have gone from strength to strength and now are an established feature on the tourist beat, as well as being a high point of the year for the local people. By now so many individuals and organisations are involved in the running of the banquets that they have become in a very real sense a community project. This years Banquets will be held on Friday, Saturday & Sunday 1st, 2nd, 3rd July. As usual they will start with a mead reception in the grounds of the castle, followed by a banquet of the usual high standard and quality we have all come to expect. Tickets £6 each, available from Mrs. F. Satchwell, phone 286240 and from Mrs. Toni Read phone 28605.

CONGRATULATIONS to Nuala Dalton, Rathcoffey & John Burke Newtown on their recent marriage.

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Maynooth Castle

A Focal Point of Local History

MAYNOOTH CASTLE

By Mary Cullen

William the 13th earl of Kildare, who was lost at sea while on his way to Ireland in 1599, was the last male descendant of the 11th earl Gerald, the half-brother of Silken Thomas, and the son of Garret Og the 9th earl and his second wife, Elizabeth Grey. The title now passed to Gerald, eldest son of the 11th earl's next brother, Edward. Gerald, who succeeded as the 14th earl, had been brought up in England and had already fought in Ireland for Queen Elizabeth in the war against Hugh O'Neill of Tyrone. He was prominent in government political circles as well in military affairs, and as the nine years' war continued his two castles in county Limerick, Crom, from which came the Kildare war-cry Cromabu, and Adare, were taken by Sугan earl of Desmond and occupied for some months before being retaken. The 14th earl of Desmond had died in rebellion against the queen in 1583. After that his lands had been confiscated and his adherents attainted. Now Hugh O'Neill was trying to rally support to his cause in Munster by sponsoring the dead earl's nephew, James FitzThomas FitzGerald who now claimed to be earl of Desmond. His opponents gave him the name of sugan, or straw rope, earl, and he never succeeded in winning enthusiastic support from the Fitzgeralds of Desmond. Later on in the same year Crom Castle was again taken for a short period, this time by Hugh Roe O'Donnell, O'Neill's ally.

For a number of years after his succession to the title the 14th earl was not in possession of Maynooth Castle, as this had been left for her lifetime to Mabel Browns, the widow of the 11th earl. Unknown to the countess a new insurrection against the English crown was planned at the castle in 1606. Those involved were the great O'Neill himself and Rory O'Donnell, who was married to the countess Mabel's granddaughter Brigid Fitzgerald. In the castle garden they tried to persuade the countess's grandson, Richard Lord Delvin, to take part. Later the countess wrote to the authorities to express her sorrow 'that the late treasons should have been plotted at Maynooth, and strongly protested her own innocence' At this time, around the year 1600, the town of Maynooth is described as being one of the typical small market towns of the settled areas of the Pale. Others in the county were Kildare, Kilkullen, Naas, and Leixlip, and in Meath there were Athboy, Kells, Trim, Navan and Dunboyne. Of the castle itself, Tynes Moryson, whose Itinerary was published in 1617, writing of this period says: 'at the time of the war I did not see any venison served at table, but only at the houses of the said earls (Kildare & Ormond) and of the English commanders'

Countess Mabel died in 1610 and the earl came into possession of the castle but he himself died two years later in 1612. His only son Gerald, an infant of seven weeks, succeeded as 15th earl, but died at Maynooth in November 1620 when he had not yet reached eleven years of age. The succession went back again to the children of Garret Og and Elizabeth Grey. George, the eldest surviving son of their third son Thomas, now became the 16th earl. George was only eight years old when he became earl and so, as a minor, became a ward of the crown. There was often a great deal of money to be made from the guardianship of minors who were heirs to rich estates, as the guardian had the control of the estates and their income during the minority, and guardianships were bought and sold in the hope of profit.



The young 16th earl was placed in the guardianship of the earl of Lennox, who had also been guardian, under the crown, to the 15th earl. When the duke died in 1624 his duchess became guardian and in 1629, with the consent of the king, she sold the wardship of the earl to Richard Boyle, the first earl of Cork. At this time the king, Charles 1, had a letter sent to the Lords Justices of Ireland, stating that the title deeds of the young earl were in the care of Christopher FitzGerald, a servant of the late earl Gerald, but that as he was now a very old man the king directed that they be given to the care of the earl's uncle Aungier and of Sir William Talbot of Carton. They were to be kept in a chest with three locks, and one key was to be kept by the earl's guardians, another by Lord Aungier and the third by Sir William Talbot. Lord Aungier himself wrote to the young earl to keep him informed of what was happening.

My dear good Lord,

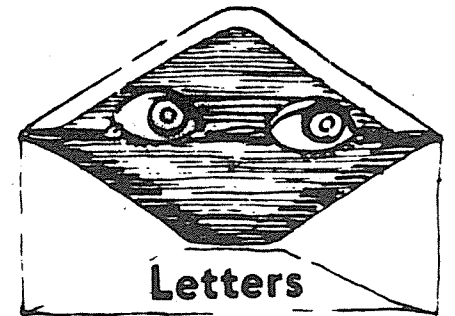
I am certainly informed by a witness sent, that my Lord, the Earle of Corke, hath contracted with the Duchesse of Lennox for your wardship with your consent. Since God hath ordayned it soe, I beseech min to give a blessing to it. I hope he will use you nobly, and looke well to your estate, preserve and increase it, whereunto, God willing, I shall give my best help. It is most requisite you should bee very carefull of your evidences. They are now in the possession of the old steward, a faythfull servant of your howse; they are kept at the howse of Maynooth, in a place there called the Councell howse, strongly built of stone, a little remote from the howse, toward the garden; a place very fitt for their keepinge. If you please, I will cause them to be kept there, under locke and key, untill they may be safely delivered to yourselfe, at your cominge into this kingdome; which I hope now will not be longe. Soe I commend you, My Lord, to the gracious protection of the Almighty.

'Your very affectionate lovinge Uncle,
to doe you service,
Francis Angier.
Dublyn this last of August, 1629.

The Council House stood on the site of the present Stoyte House, the Georgian house at the centre of the present buildings of Maynooth College which face the visitor as she or he enters the main gate. The remains of the Council House were removed around 1780 to make way for the new building, which was intended for the duke of Leinster's steward. The stone table in the illustration, which is dated 1533 and belonged to the 9th earl Garret Og was originally in the Council House.

Richard Boyle, the earl's new guardian, was one of the 'New English' who acquired estates in Ireland during the new plantation in Ulster and the resettlement of lands earlier planted with English colonists which followed the end of the war between Hugh O'Neill and the armies of Elizabeth and the flight of the earls in 1607.

It was the native Irish who gave the names Old English, or Sean-Ghaill, and New English or Nua-Ghaill, to the two categories. The New English were Protestant and closely linked to the government and officialdom. The Old English were mostly Catholic and increasingly concerned about their own standing with the new type of government and policies that were being imposed in Ireland. Boyle acquired vast estates in Munster, was created earl of Cork, and became prominent in the political life. His son Robert, born at Lismore in 1627, became famous as a scholar and scientist and gave his name to Boyle's Law. He was a founder of the famous Royal Society and financed the translation and printing of the Bible in the Irish Language.



to the Editor

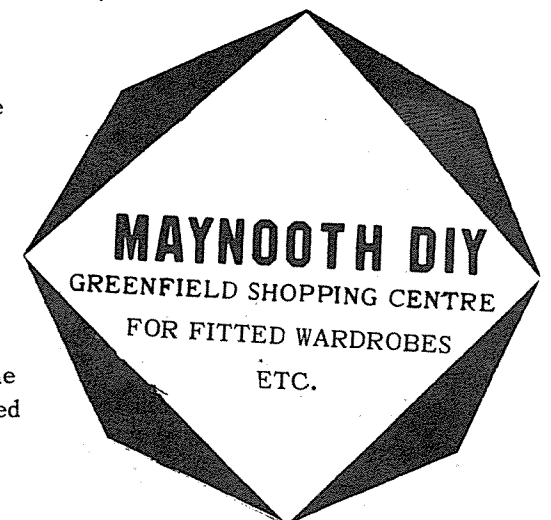
Dear Editor,
Through the medium of the Newsletter My wife and I would like to thank most sincerely all who helped us in anyway when our home was destroyed by fire at Easter.

A very special word of thanks to the neighbours who helped and sheltered us at the height of the fire.

The parish clergy who were so kind to us.

Trusting that this will be received by all in grateful appreciation as it would be impossible to thank each one individually.

Yours sincerely,
Edward & Eileen Healy.
738 Greenfield,
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Maynooth Castle continued

Richard Boyle, now guardian of the 16th earl of Kildare, arranged a marriage between his ward and his daughter Joan with the consent of the king. The marriage took place in 1630 and, for the occasion, Cork carried out restorations and additions at Maynooth Castle, which was by this time in poor repair after two minorities. Over the gateway he placed the following inscription:

This ancient manor house of Maynooth, being totally ruined and ready to fall, was new built and enlarged by the Right Honorable Richard Boyle, Knight, Lord Boyle, Baron of Youghal, Biscount Dungarvan, Earl of Cork, the Lord High Treasurer of Ireland, and one of the two Lords Justices in the Government of the kingdom; who, being guardian of the lands and body of the Right Honorable George, the fifteenth Earl of Kildare, to whom, with Royal assent of the King's Majesty, he gave his fourth daughter, the Lady Joan Boyle, in marriage, built this house for him at his own charge, in Anno 1630.

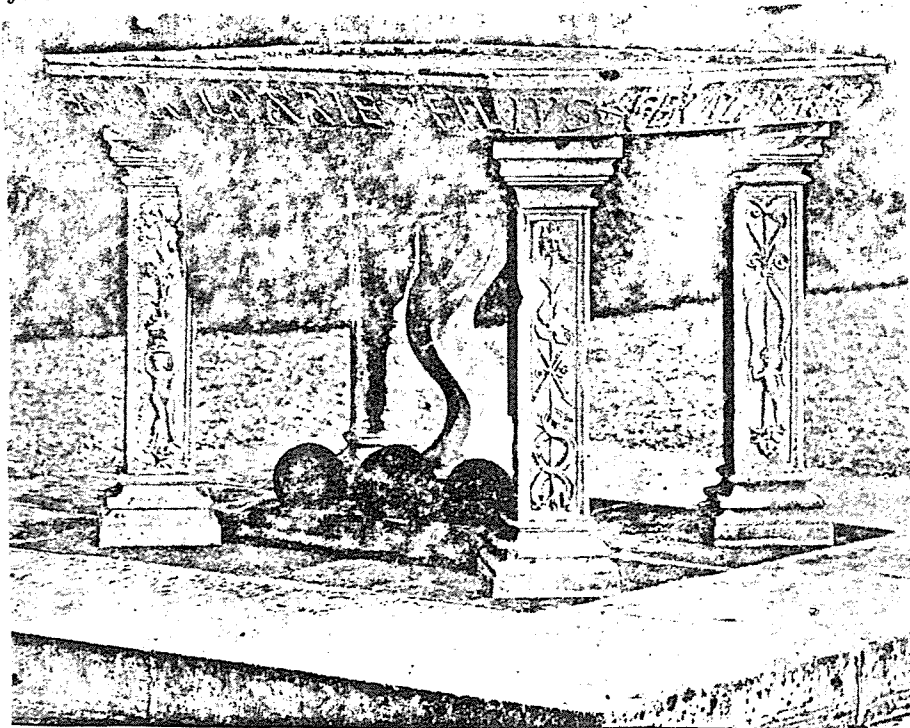
If the earl of Cork could see Maynooth Castle today he would no doubt be surprised and disconcerted to see that his improvements have all but vanished and that it is the 13th century keep and gateway that still stand fairly intact after more than seven and a half centuries.

Sources: *Duke of Leinster, 'Maynooth Castle' in Journal of the Cork Kildare Archaeological Society* 1,4,1894

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The property comprised 4 Bedroom modern residence with out-offices including hayshed and the lands were of excellent quality.

The Agents mentioned that the price per acre £1,930 reflected the continuing increase in land value and from this sale it was encouraging to note that prevailing high prices were not confined to the smaller properties.

The Solicitors acting for the vendor were Whitney, Moore & Keller and the property was bought in trust by Woodcock & Sons, Solicitors, 28 Molesworth Street, Dublin. 2

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GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

A general Meeting was held on Wednesday 4th May in the Geraldine Hall. The main items for discussion were Ground Rent, T.V. Aerial, Cake Sale, Field Day & 'The provision of a non professional labour force' was another item which brought lively discussion. Basically this means that if your neighbours know that you are handy at some things they can ask for your help.

CAKE SALE:- By the time you read this piece we will have had our 2nd cake sale. Hopefully it will be a great success as we intend to use the proceeds to finance the field-day.

FIELD DAY :- (June 26th) This event is at an advanced stage of planning. There will be races for everyone - toddlers included. We have novelty events including a road by road Tug-o-war; obstacle race and relay race. There will be prizes for all. If you feel you could help in any way please contact P. Lynch, 69 Maynooth Park.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:- These are coming in slowly but surely and as these are the main finance of the Association it would be a great help if you had your money ready when your Local Representative calls. If you are in doubt please call to B. Gartland 48 Lawrence Avenue and he will gladly relieve you of your £2.

FENCE ON LAWRENCE AVENUE:- The Residents of Lawrence Ave., with the co-operation of the Association are at the moment looking at quotations for the provision of a 4 ft. post and rail fence along the Celbridge Road. So far the Co. Council have refused a grant of any kind but we will keep pressing. With the opening of the 'Telemecanique' factory at Maynooth Road, Celbridge the volume of traffic could treble on this stretch of road. If you feel you could help in any way either with advice or a quotation for the fence please call to 5 Lawrence Ave.

SECRETARY:- Sadly of late we have been without our Secretary Carmel Hogan, because her daughter Elaine was ill. We are glad to hear, however, that Elaine is getting better and send our regards.

TREES & STUDENTS: This may seem a strange combination unless you live on Greenfield Drive. Last Saturday night 14th May, following a party at '59' Greenfield Drive, the 'Dawn Revellers' broke 4 trees on their way home. This from supposed responsible people, is a disgrace. Surely it is proper to expect that the 'Guests' of our estate will show some respect for their 'Hosts' environment. If any of the 'people' concerned read this I hope they feel some shame.

MONTHLY DRAW:-

Winner of April draw was Tom Purcell, 49 Lawrence Ave., (collector Tom Purcell). We have now got some spare numbers due to people moving house. If anyone would like a second No. please let us know.

THIS MONTH'S PICTURES

1. Nick Farrell with his winning Cacti
2. Jimmy Coughlan - Roost Easter Darts Winner.
3. Finalists in Roost Easter Darts Competition.
4. Debbie Dunne & Michelle Moran in the Talent Contest.
5. Table Tennis Club Members.
6. Mother Agnes & Mrs. Scanlan
7. Mrs. Farrelly.
8. Mrs. E. Monaghan & Mrs. L. Farrelly
9. Mrs. Scanlon
10. Girls Choir
11. Girls Choir
12. Girls Choir

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Nicholas Farrell with his selection of Award Winning Cactus Plants.



Jimmy Coughlan - winner of the Roost Easter Dart Tournament.



Finalists in the Roost Easter Dart Tournament - from left to right - Paddy Rafferty, Jimmy Coughlan (Winner) John (Judy) Bourke (Second) and Bill Deegan.



Debbie Dunne and Michelle Moran who sang for Old Greenfield in the Maynooth Talent Contest.



Some of the Club Members (l. to r.) Willie Saultz, Jene Nolan, Axpel Bunshue, Christina Saultz, Doreen Moore, Joe Wall, Noire Lellon.



Mother Agnes and Mrs. Scanlon - Latest Easter Bonnet.

CLUAIN AOIBHINN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE :- Our second Annual Dinner dance took place at the Belgard Lounge, Tallagh on the 15th April. It was a very enjoyable affair attended by 89 residents and friends. The facilities and the meal was excellent and the music provided by the Resident Band was to everyones taste.

Donated by the local business Community was a large amount of spot prizes:- Kevin McNamara, Brian Noone, Garage, Hideout & Europa Hairstyles, Barrys Newsagent, Allied Irish Bank, O'Neills Butcher, Appliance Repairs, Bartons, Coonans Estate Agents, Jimmy McCormack, Chemist, Buckleys, Moulin Rouge, Happy Families, O'Briens Supermarket, Conroys Chemist, Bellview Cleaners, Car Care Centre, Jim's Butcher, Bradys Public House, Leinster Arms, Noone's Furnishing, O'Reillys Dry Cleaners, Roost Public House, D. Casey, Mr. Edwards, Vegetable Van, Murrays Decorators, P. C. Cahill, Houla Bou.

A Raffle of 4 Waterford Cut Glass, Glasses was won by L. Murphy. Pressure Cooker donated by O'Briens Supermarket won by T. O'Melia. Bottle Whiskey donated by Allied Irish Bank won by J. Ryan. We would like to thank the Belgard and the organisers who made the evening a great success.

NEW RESIDENTS:- We would like to welcome all our New Residents who have joined us in the last year and hope they will all give their full support to the Association.

A New Committee was elected on the 27th April '77 as follows:-

Chairman	T.R. McMullon No. 63
V. '	L. Murphy No. 56
Secretary	D. Houlihan No. 52
Treasurer	J. Ryan No. 12
Joint '	Mr. Murphy No. 22
	Mrs. Murphy No. 22

The New Committee would like to thank all outgoing members and hope that we will all do as well this term.

ANNUAL REPORT 1976 - '77

Committee:- Tony Shine, Thomas McMullon, Liam Murphy, Declan Mulcahy, Jim Ryan.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Association held on 29/4/'76 the members of the outgoing Committee did not seek re-election. The above committee was then elected for the year. The following is the Committee's report for 1976/'77.

LIGHTING

The council has advised us that provision has been made for 3 lights to be erected on the Newtown road at the entrance to the estate. Each lamp-post on the estate has a number on it and the E.S.B. in Leixlip require this number to be quoted to them when reporting a light out of order

NEWTOWN ROAD

The council also advised us that a provision of £3,000 has been made for road improvements between the village and the entrance to the estate and for a foot-path from the bridge to the estate.

WATER SUPPLY:- The committee complained to the council about the poor supply and also the many complaints we had received about dirty water. We also brought up the question of payment of the water rates. The council informed us that all users must pay the water rate and ensured us that improvement in the supply was on its way.

STUDENT RESIDENTS:- As most residents are aware there have been many incidents involving students. Following representations to the College President and the Students Union, two student residents were elected by the students to liaise with the residents committee on student activities on the estate.

ESTATE MAINTENANCE:- It has been the policy of the committee to try and ensure that the estate landscaping has been kept well maintained. This we have tried to do even though it has been badly supported by many residents who do not appear to feel it is their job to help keep the grass level low or that shrub areas require weeding. We and a few of

the conscientious members of the Association have spent much of our spare time cutting grass and ensuring most of the shrub areas are kept weed free but it is an impossible task with so few helpers:-

The lawn-mower again was broken and has cost £70 to repair. All people using it must ensure that the area being cut is stone free and also that oil and petrol levels are correct and that if grass is high two cuts should be made.

COMPLETION OF ESTATE:-

We have tried so far unsuccessfully to get someone to finish off the estate but as the remainder of the houses are being sold by the Commercial Bank, who are the original Mortgagees of the Land, we feel they have a moral and legal duty to see that the Estate is finished.

We have asked them for a letter showing under what authority these houses are being sold by them. Are they giving an 18 month guarantee on the houses and sewers, etc. If so, who is going to do the work etc.

So far they have refused to accept any responsibility but we will continue to pressurise them. The County Council also feel that the Bank have accepted responsibility by selling the houses and are doing their best to push from their end.

The County Council have completed a survey in the Estate at the request of the developers agents and the R.A. and to date we have been unable to get this report from them. Councillor T. Boylan has promised to investigate and to let us have a copy as soon as possible.

TELEVISION AERIAL

The Communal Aerial has been abandoned by the Community Council. It appears that some areas could not agree to the arrangements that were made.

DINNER DANCE:- The Committee has spent considerable time organising a dinner dance which we hope will be a great success.

CLUAIN AOIBHINN -- Continued

CONGRATULATIONS are due to many of our Residents:-
 Mr. & Mrs. Casey No. 30 a daughter Yvonne.
 Mr. & Mrs. C. Hayes No. 69
 Mr. & Mrs. G. Flanagan No. 11
 A son, Adrian.
 Mr & Mrs. D. Mullaney No. 16
 a son Ross.
 Mr. & Mrs. McMahon No 14,
 a daughter Nicola.
 Mr. & Mrs J. J. Costin, No 64,
 a daughter Deirdre .
 and it appears the Stork has
 several more trips to make in the
 near future.

TALENT CONTEST

Congratulations is due to all the
 teams who competed in the recent
 contest, but more especially
 to our own team directed by F. White
 and D. Mullally. It was our first
 venture into this field and it was
 unfortunate that due to the lack
 of time we could not get everyone
 to participate but we hope that
 before the next Concert we will
 be able to produce a great show.

Our team put on an excellent show
 for which the estate should be proud.
 We won the first heat and went
 into the final, it was unfortunate that
 the microphones failed half way
 through the show due to some
 unknown reason. All we can
 hope for in the future shows is
 that the Development Association
 see that all the facilities in the
 Hall, lights and sound etc. are
 functioning properly so that everyone
 can be shown to their best.
 Our congratulations to Lucan, and
 Old Greenfield on their excellent
 shows. We look forward to
 future contests.

CLUAIN AOIBHINN NOTES
Editorial Comment

PARISH HALL:- It must be
 pointed out that the Development
 Association are in no way respon-
 sible for the Parish Hall. The
 hall is administered by the Hall
 Committee on behalf of the Church.
 We agree however that the main-
 tenance of the Hall at present
 leaves alot to be desired.

COMMUNAL T.V. AERIAL:-
 The Community Council did not abandon
 this project. After thorough
 investigation it was found: -

- (a) Nearly a quarter of the houses
in Maynooth were already using
piped systems.
- (b) The cost of the project had
risen out of all proportion.
- (c) The Community Council were
not prepared to commit the
peoples money without some
guarantee of success. This
the licence holder was unable
to do.

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PARISH NOTES

by Fr. O'Higgins P.P.

My reason for signing these notes
 is that some of the views expressed
 are my own, with which the other
 priests might not necessarily agree.
 People may have been surprised
 and even a little hurt at my recent
 announcement that not enough
 revenue was coming in to meet our
 running expenses. In so far as
 this was a complaint, it was not
 against the parishioners but against
 the peculiar financial system under
 which we have to work. The
 Sunday and Holyday collection and
 the dues go to support the clergy -
 not only the clergy of this parish
 but also the retired and infirm
 clergy of the diocese. The weekly
 envelope collection ('planned
 giving') is for the parish building
 fund. The people are giving quite
 generously to both these funds.
 The 'Share' collection, which is
 also well supported, goes to meet
 urgent diocesan needs in developing
 parishes whose problems are much
 worse than ours.

But there is no proper provision
 for the very heavy running expenses
 of the parish - lighting, heating,
 cleaning, insurance, rates etc.,
 for the two churches and the
 Parish Hall. The Schools'
 expenses are provided for, though

inadequately, through a government
 grant to which a local contribution
 has to be added. The running
 expenses accounts for the churches
 and the hall are constantly in the
 red. The bingo, which was our
 mainstay for years, is experiencing
 a recession. The weekly dances
 have been discontinued for several
 good reasons.

The only regular sources of income
 are the hall rents and shrine offerings,
 which are entirely insufficient to meet
 the costs.

We are gradually repaying our bank
 debt, greatly increased owing to
 the Ladychapel roof job, but we
 could do it much more quickly if we
 had some better means of meeting
 our running costs. The parish
 finance advisory committee keeps
 this problem under review, but a
 solution is hard to find. I have
 put the matter before the diocesan
 finance secretariate and have been
 invited in to discuss it with them.
 I hope something constructive will
 result.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION :-

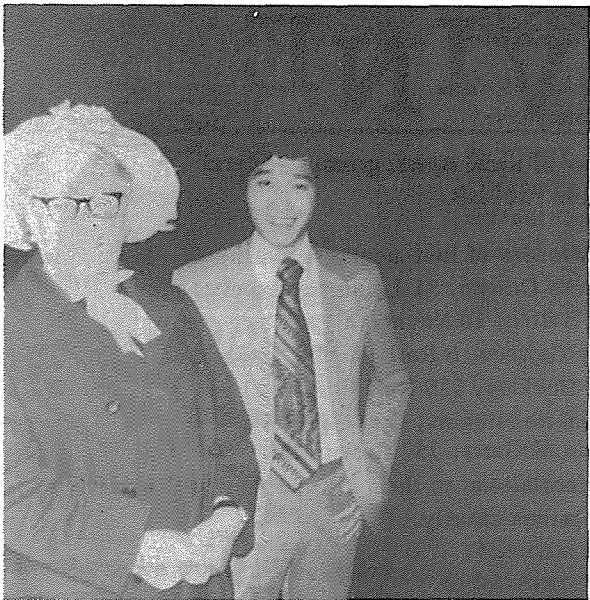
We congratulate the 88 children who
 made their First Communion on 14th
 May. They were a credit to their
 parents and teachers, especially
 Sister Pauline of the Convent School
 and Miss Morrissey of the Boys'
 School. This was the first time
 the Boys' School had a First Communion
 class.

**OPENING & BLESSING OF THE
 NEW EXTENSION.**

Before these notes appear the new
 extension to the Boys' School will
 have been officially opened and
 blessed.

Thanks are due to all who helped to
 organise the occasion, and particularly
 to the Maynooth Guild of the I.C.A.
 who kindly undertook to provide light
 refreshments for the guests.

As from 1st July, when Junior Infants
 come in , every classroom will be in
 use. Plans are going ahead for a
 further extension to bring the school
 up to sixteen classrooms. This is
 necessary because of the continued
 growth of Maynooth.



Mrs. Farrelly -- looking very glamorous.



*Mrs. Farrelly and Mrs. Monaghan at the
 O.P. Party.*



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GRAPEVINE

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

Congratulations to LUCAN the Winners of the recent Talent Contest, and also to Runners-Up, Old Greenfield, and 3rd placed Cluain Aoibhinn. Despite very short notice, the above teams and those eliminated in the heats, contributed to some very enjoyable evenings. In this day and age where on earth could you get some 3 hours entertainment for 50p?

It is intended to run this contest again, sometime in the Autumn, when the long dark evenings are with us again. This time the contest will be definitely confined to Maynooth, as we hope to enter the winning team in the National 'Top of the Forms' competition. So now, all those teams who took part, the areas who didn't, and anyone else wishing to enter, take note. You have been warned well in advance.

A current rumour circulating that the Community Council had purchased Carton Estate, to prevent its development as a housing estate, has been categorically denied by them. The Secretary did admit that they had approached the Banks for a loan, but one of the conditions of the loan, was that the Council put down a ten-per-cent deposit of their own money, and as the council only had 3.69% on hands at present, they reluctantly had to forego this property.

Following an inquiry to the Co. Secretary, Councillor T. Boylan was informed that a submission was made by the Co. Council to the Department of Local Government in Oct. 1975 of plans, specifications and costing of the work of erecting a Pool but sanction had not yet been received.

The Winners of last months Painting Competition were:-
Kenneth Cregan, 31 Laurence Avenue.
Sean Holton, 10 Maynooth Park.
Tracy Gaffney, 6 Rail Park.
Niall Buckley, 125 Rail Park.
Antoinette Higgins, Greenfield.
Breeda McGarry, 757 Greenfield.
Congratulations to them all and they will receive their prizes shortly.

Items for inclusion in the July issue of the Newsletter should be handed in by June 12th.

In the first week of May an E.S.B. breakdown occurred in the area at a very early hour of the day. It has come to our attention that someone was interfering with a lamp-standard at about 6.a.m. Apart from the fact that this is a highly dangerous thing to do, it must also be noted that such an event is liable to prosecution. May we take this opportunity to warn members of the Public about meddling with electricity in the street or at home. Loss of life is poor reward for lost meals or a few hours of darkness.

Maynooth College Authorities have denied that since the female sex have been admitted to their hallowed grounds, the new bridge over the Kilcock Road is known as the 'BRIDGE OF THIGHS'



HELLO BOYS & GIRLS,

This Month we would like to start off by congratulating all the Boys & Girls who took part in the Talent Contest. You were all very good and we are very proud of you. This month we want you to help us to keep Maynooth Tidy and keep Litter off the Streets. We want you to get a plain sheet of paper 12 inches by 10 inches, and paint an Anti-Litter Poster for Maynooth! We are sure your Teachers will be only to Happy To Help with this Problem. Your parents will help you also, so let's have a big Entry for this Competition! There will be a 1st Prize of £3 and 2 Prizes of £1 each. Start Painting Now and send your Entries to 86 Rail Park, Teddy Kelly, Main Street, or 857 Old Greenfield on or before June 16th.

Until next Month Good Luck, God Bless you all, and remember keep Maynooth Tidy.

MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER
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86 Rail Park.

COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRE EIREANN

A Branch has been formed in Maynooth and the following Officers elected.

Chairman James Noonan.
Vice / John Curran
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Treasurer Danny McCarthy.
Auditor Frank McCarrig
Co. Board Delegates - J.Gilton -
J. Noonan.

GREENFIELD

CONGRATULATIONS to Old Greenfield who were Runners-up in a very close Contest with Lucan (Winners) in the recent Maynooth Talent Contest. Old Greenfield put on a very good variety Performance with Little Antonette O'Brien (Newtown) STEALING THE SHOW WHEN SHE SANG 'Who Killed Cock Robin'. Our success was due to the untiring zeal of Mrs. Eileen Nolan (Producer) and Brian Farrell (Assistant Producer) also Mrs. Rose Comerford whose help was appreciated very much.

The cast for Old Greenfield was as follows:- Brian Farrell (Singer) Kevin Boyd (Trumpet) Isa Nolan (Dancer) Shirley O'Brien (Singer) Backed by Noreen Gilton & Bernadette Bourke. A Script called sixpence Each Way - By the Late Jimmy O'Dea. The cast was Mr. Mac the Bookie Played by 'Michael Gleeson'. Mrs. Finnerty (Bengy Bright) and the Man (Leo McGlynn). Brigid Boyd (Singer) Willie Boyd (Drums) James Dowling (Violin) Christy Dempsey (Singer & Guitarist) Paula Nolan (Singer) Alison Conlon, Ursula Byrne & Grainne Malone (Dancers). Our next outing will be a Charity Show in aid of St. Raphaels in Celbridge. A Special word of Thanks to Ollie Bright (Lighting)

TIDY TOWNS:- We wish to thank The Residents who took heed of our Notice in the Last Edition of the Newsletter and painted the Railings in front of their houses.

Royal Canal.:- There will soon be groups of people set up to clean up the Canal. We hope to have a good response from Old Greenfield.

FIRE DISASTER:- There have been three more names added to the Maynooth Fire Disaster Fund Committee, they are Mrs. Mary Cullen, and Mr. Teddy Kelly and Mr. Eugene Reilly.

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION:- Plans are in Progress to bring all of Old Greenfield into one Residents Association! So far there is only the one Residents Association and that is in the New 48 Housing Estate.

CHANGE OF NAME:- There have been suggestions to change the name from Old Greenfield to Greenfield Avenue. The Residents views would be very Welcome on the matter.

SYMPATHY:- The Residents wish to express their sympathy to Paddy Moran on the Death of his Sister. Also Mrs. Blount on the death of her Niece and to Mr. Christopher Dempsey (Newtown) on the Death of his Brother.

CONGRATULATIONS:- to Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Smyth on the Birth of a Daughter.

ICA News

At the May meeting Mrs. Callan, from Athy, came to demonstrate quilting She showed how this was done and displayed some of her own lovely work.

After the most successful Beetle Drive, in aid of the Rotunda Hospital on 12th May some of the members were off to attend the Kildare Week at An Grianan. While the month ends with the Kildare Federation Drama Festival.

The Annual Outing is planned for Saturday June 11th - hopefully a trip on the River Barrow.

Maynooth Flower and Home Industries Show will be held in the Parish Hall, Maynooth, on July 8th and 9th. Schedules available from thr Secretaries, Mrs. P! Desmond, Main Street., and Mrs. J. Dunne, 511 Newtown, Maynooth.

The raffle at the May meeting was won by Mrs. Gee and the competition was won by Mrs. Angel with Mrs. O'Farrell second.

The June competition is 'A paper hat' and we hope to have a demonstration on 'How to make pebble jewelery'

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NORTH KILDARE TABLE TENNIS CLUB.

North Kildare Table-Tennis club is situated in the North Kildare Sports club complex, just one mile outside Maynooth on the Kilcock road. It has been in existence just seven months and since its amalgamation with the successful Maynooth Table-Tennis club, North Kildare has won Division Two of the Kildare League against such strong opposition as Abbeylisle and Newbridge. The present members have also excelled themselves in individual competition which is also noteworthy.

The facilities at the Club are probably the best in Kildare, everything has been taken into account, lighting, tables, and even a bar for socialising after matches. One of the primary aims of the present committee is that these facilities should be enjoyed by everybody who are interested in playing Table-Tennis. New Members both junior and senior are welcome from the Maynooth, Leixlip, and Kilcock areas, so more teams could represent the club in competitions. It is hoped to engage a coach for the coming season, so everybody will be well cared for, with expert advice on hand.

The club is open every Monday and Wednesday night from 8 p.m. to 11.30 p.m., and those wishing to avail of further information should contact the Secretary Jean Nolan, Easton Road, Leixlip. Tel: 775404 or any of the other committee members Axel Bundschu, 297 Castletown Leixlip Tel: 281957, Joseph Wall, 8 Convent Road Maynooth Tel: 286440. Willie Sauls, Patson Street, Maynooth Tel: 280691 or Gene Pears, 86 Oaklawn Close, Leixlip. Tel: 281925

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MAYNOOTH G.A.A. CLUB

G.A.A. FOOTBALL FIXTURES - JUNIOR LEAGUE MATCHES

Monday 16th May	V	Moorfield	-	Away
Monday 23rd May	V	Clongorey	-	Home
Monday 30th May	V	Sallins	-	Home
Monday 13th June	V	Kill	-	Home
Monday 20th June	V	Suncroft	-	Away



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HURLING FIXTURES

Tuesday 24th May	V	Leixlip	-	Home
Tuesday 31st May	V	Ardclough	-	Away
Tuesday 7th June	V	Naas	-	Away
Tuesday 14th June	V	Broadford	-	Home
Tuesday 21st June	V	Sallins	-	Away
Tuesday 12th July	V	Eire Og	-	Home

FOOTBALL LEAGUE: The League has suffered three defeats in a row and are now fighting to get into the top four. There are two matches left in the League, these being against St. Kevin's on Wednesday 1st June in Maynooth at 8 p.m. and on 22nd June they meet Castledermot (away).

The Junior Footballers started their league on Monday 16th May and will have a match every Monday.

Our Hurlers start on Tuesday 24th May with a home Game V Leixlip.

SILVER CIRCLE DRAW APRIL

- 1st Prize £50 Eddie Bolger, 21 Rail Park, Maynooth. 454
2nd Prize £20 Gerry McGlinchey, 10 Lawrence Ave. Maynooth. 415
3rd Prize £10 Oliver Ryan, Toomevara, Co. Tipperary. 53
4th Prize £5 Mrs. S. Downey, 18 Lawrence Ave. Maynooth 23
5th - 5 Prizes of £2
1 - Peter Keegan, Maynooth College,
2 - Mrs. Prendergast, 574
2 Pound St. Maynooth 302
3 - Joe Feeney, 43 Maynooth Park, Maynooth. 179
4 - A. Murray, Greenfield Drive, Maynooth. 150
5 - P. Smith, 60 Coill Dubh, Blackwood, Co. Kildare. 338

6th Prize - 10 Prizes of £1.

1. Eddie Kavanagh, Newtown, Maynooth. 408
2. J. Murphy, 5 Straffan Way, Maynooth. 506
3. T. Kelly, Dublin. 1.
4. Maureen Fortune, 11 Parson St. Maynooth. 385
5. Peter O'Toole, Maynooth Park, Maynooth. 167
6. Willy Keavney, 15 Parson Street, Maynooth. 390
- Paddy Foy (7), 10 Parson Street, Maynooth 208
8. Garry Feeney, Celbridge Road, Maynooth. 212
9. Ollie Durack, Carton, Maynooth. 380
10. D. Moran, Greenfield, Maynooth. 47.

Next Draw will take place on June 9th at 9.00 p.m. in Geraldine Hall and we wish to remind you that we still require more members.

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Soccer Club

MAYNOOTH BOYS' SOCCER CLUB

Tuesday April 5th, 48 Boys left by B. & I. 'The Munster' for a weeks tour in Liverpool.

They were accompanied by their President Rev. Fr. Paul Tyrrell C.C. Secretary Terry Moore; Treasurer Gearoid Mic Teigrain; Committee Seamus Feeney, Tom Moore, Paddy Kearns, Ollie and Gerry Durack

Arrived Liverpool 6.30p.m. their Coach was waiting and went direct to 'Goodison Park' to Manchester V Everton game. Then to Archdiocesan Youth Centre, Evesham House where 34 Boys and 4 Adults were based, 14 Boys and 4 Adults proceeded to their centre, Y.M.C.A. Hostel in Liverpool

Wednesday 10 am - on sightseeing tour of The Docks, Catholic and Protestant Cathedrals, Merseyside & Birdendale Tunnels. Thence for Lunch to Y.M.C.A. after to Crisly Swimming Baths, Woolton, then to Samson Football Grounds for under 12 and under 14 Match with Teresa's Youth Club, and to Evesham House for tea 8.p.m. to Liverpool Liberties Skating rink to 10.30 p.m. where we (our boys) had more spills than thrills, but really enjoyed it. There were 300 Skaters on the rink at any one time.

Thursday 9.a.m. A return visit to Goodison Park for a tour of the grounds and premises thence to Swimming Baths, - after lunch Y.M.C.A. back to Samson Grounds for under 16 Match v Crossholes Street.

Then to Evesham House for Mass and tea, and at request of the Boys back

to the Skating Rink to 19.30 p.m. On this day too, the ninth member of the Committee - Tommie Murray, Maynooth Park joined the group.

Friday 10 a.m. to Y.M.C.A. for Boys there and on to Blackpool for days outing, returning 7 p.m. to Evesham House for tea and once again returned, at the Boys request to Skating Ring and now most of them could get around on this their third visit. To-night the Boys in Y.M.C.A. left to stay in Heswell Youth Camp 20 miles from Liverpool. This can cater for 93 Boys with everything laid on - Volleyball, Squash, Swimming Pool, Billiards, Table Tennis, and various outdoor games, including Football Pitch, Hardcourt Tennis etc.

Saturday 10 a.m. left for under 12 match v Woodstock at Kirkdale, this was played on an all weather pitch. After the game went shopping to St. Martin's open air markets. There were 100s of stalls where you could purchase anything. Returned to Y.M.C.A. for lunch, and back to Goodison Park for Youth's Semi-Final - Everton V Derby, thence to Evesham House for tea. The Boys packed and all went to stay the night at Heswell Youth Camp. A big surprise was in store for all the boys when each was presented with an inscribed trophy, with best all rounder trophy under 14 going to P. Cullen; under 15 D. Heslin; under 16 C. Boyce. Trophies were presented by Rev. Fr. Tyrrell and Pat Kearns.

Sunday 11.00 to Great Homer Street (Liverpool) for under 14 and under 16 V Kirkdale thence to Southport for days outing returning to Evesham House for Mass and tea and then to the Boat 'The Leinster' for home.

Leaving 10.15 p.m. all arrived (some minus a lot of articles) safe, happy, and tired in Maynooth 8 a.m. Monday April 11th.

A trip the Boys and adults will never forget.

APPRECIATION

The Committee wish to express their sincere thanks to all who helped in any way, to make the Trip possible - Sponsors, those

who purchased tickets in recent draw, those who purchased tickets at Bingo draws and to the kind Ladies who helped at the selling of tickets.

PRESENTATION

At a function in Parish Hall the under - 16 team were presented with Shield and Medals as winners of Division 4 Catholic Youth Council Competition and the under - 14 team were also presented with Shield and Medals as winners of Division 6 in their grade. Presentations were made by Mr. R. Leonard Sec. of the Leagues. He congratulated them on their double victory in their first Season and spoke on how much Maynooth had contributed to the League. Fr. B. Supple also praised the Boys for bringing honor to Maynooth and also paid tribute to Fr. Tyrrell their trainers, the men who travelled with them on their trip to Liverpool and who go with them to all their Matches.

The under - 16 team are leading the present League with 4 games to play and hoping for the triple while the under - 14 team are also advancing in their Section with 5 games to play.

After the presentation there was a party, with refreshments served by Ladies Committee and the Club wish to thank the Ladies once again for their wonderful work on this occasion and on previous occasions.

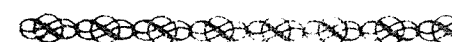
The evening concluded with a Film of Manchester United V Benefica.

TEAMS

Under 14
J. Edwards - D. Foy - P. Cullen.
J. Weafer - D. Murray (Captain)
P. Boyce - B. Murray - N. Kearns -
D. Guest. - E. Scanlon - B. Geoghegan.

Under 16

N. Fitzgerald - M. Scanlon - F. Cullen (Captain) - C. Boyce - J. Nolan -
P. Cowhey - L. Murray - M. Walsh -
V. Moore - N. Farrell - A. Edwards -
J. Heslin - C. Burke.



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MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

This Month we want all of our readers to take note that we have decided to run a Bus to Clondalkin Swimming Pool so as we can reach out and include all of those who wish to Swim but who cannot be accommodated in St. Raphael's small but lovely pool.

We are only taking the Pool on a trial basis of 6 weeks, if we find there is a need for it and the venture is successful we will of course continue it.

This will be a Family Bus, Clondalkin is a lovely Pool, and there is a portion set aside for beginners as well as those set aside for Swimmers at various stages.

The Bus will leave the Square at 6.15 p.m. on Monday 13th June. The Bus belongs to Celbridge Transport, as Mr. Barton had no Bus available for that night, and it was the only time we could get.

Swimming time is from 7 - 8 each Monday. The Fee will be £4.50 for the six nights (payable in advance). This includes Bus Fare, Pool Fee, Life Guards, and Instructors. There will be a special welcome for Cubs, Guides and Scouts. We would like as many adults as possible to travel with the Bus, note we are not appealing to the overworked Scout and Cub Leaders, but to the Daddies and Mammies who would like to Swim with their children for the few Summer Weeks at least. If you are interested please fill in the form you will find in this Newsletter and drop it in the nearest letter box (of those mentioned) to you after which one of our Committee will call on you.

It has been a very Busy Month for the Club. The Children are on their last term before the holidays. The Adult Swimming at St. Raphael's is really going beyond all expectations, and perhaps the nicest thing is that all of those who joined seemed to be enjoying themselves so much.

This week 'Our Young Life Savers' are back on the Job again. They really had a Marathon Course, of two hours each night at St. Raphael's Pool (this was sponsored by the Kildare Water Safety), it was an intensive course, they will take their Examinations on Thursday 26th May, and we wish them luck. Of great pleasure to us is that three adults from Maynooth joined the course, next time we hope to be able to include more.

We heard there was a wonderful film on 'Water Safety' shown somewhere in the Town. We wish sincerely somebody had invited us to it, as it would have been of great advantage to our band of 'Life Savers'. We really would love to know who else in Maynooth Town is interested in Water Safety, we really should band together for our mutual good.

DON'T FORGET YOU HAVE A DATE IN THE SQUARE 6.15 p.m. ON MONDAY 13th.

TIME: That which man is always trying to kill, but which ends in killing him.

(Herbert Spencer)

Soccer Club

All roads lead to Tolka Park on Sunday 22nd May when Maynooth Town play St. Theresa's in the Final of the 'Sheeran Cup'. Anyone who missed the semi-final replay victory over Drimnagh Dynamoes 2 - 1 after extra time (the first match ended 2 - 2 after extra time) will surely book their seat for what promises to be an epic Final.

Let's hope our supporters motto comes true 'we are off to Dublin in the Green - to collect the Sheeran Cup'. The excitement not only ends there for on the following week the TOWN play Trim Celtic in the final of the Cruise Cup, again the venue is Tolka Park. Amid all this Cup involvement the business of winning the league is still on hand having to win our last three matches to have a chance of clinching the title and promotion to the Premier Division

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Father Monahan has just completed his first year of teaching in Castledermot V.S. and is looking forward to his forth coming trip to Tennessee where he will work for the Summer months.

Father Monahan will celebrate his Anniversary Mass in the Parish Church at 1 p.m. on Sunday June 12th.

CONGRATULATIONS Fr. Paddy on your 1st. Anniversary from the 'BIG 5'

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CONVENT SCHOOL

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To defray the cost of this equipment, the Board of Management are organising A Sponsored Walk on Sunday 19th June, 1977. To make this a huge success we ask for your full support.

SPONSORSHIP FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL.

THE ROYAL CANAL

A very interesting lecture, given by Dr. Bath, Chairman of the Royal Canal Amenity Group, at the Geraldine Hall on 10th May drew attention again to the great amenity value of the Royal Canal passing through our village. The good news is that the lock gate at Blakestown is to be replaced in the next few weeks. This will have the effect of raising the water level along this section and the canal will then be open for boating, fishing, etc., and will provide a nice walk along the canal banks in the coming months.

Furthermore, the Amenity Group intend to run their water bus right up to Maynooth as soon as the water is available.

The bad news is that there is still quite an amount of work to be done along the canal banks and the Community Council are still anxious to organise working parties along the banks to clear them. These working parties can be fun as well as useful. Nobody is expected to work over hard and in many areas people take a meal along and have a picnic, sing song etc. (If you have any interest in joining one of these parties please contact the Community Council).

Future work proposed in the course of the next year or so - is to open the canal for boating right up to Killucan where there is still a stretch open for boating of about 60 miles or so. (What an opening for a canoe club - What are you waiting for boys?)



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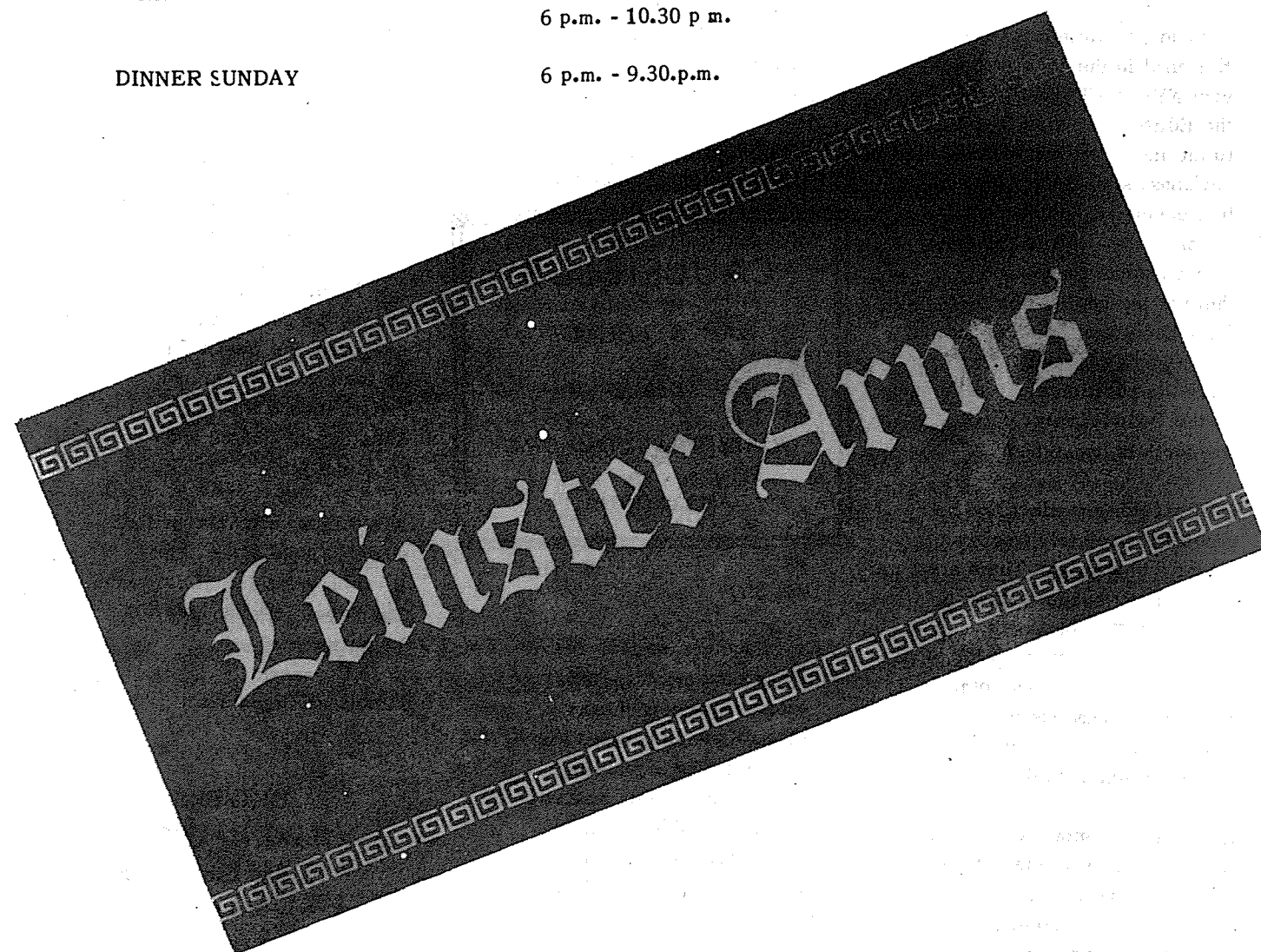
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NEWSLETTER

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ICA News

At a very busy meeting held at the beginning of June, there was a very good and interesting demonstration on pebble jewelery, after which a lovely tea was served by the hostesses for the night .

A number of members who had been to An Grianain, gave details of their activities at the different courses which they completed there.

The Guild is busy preparing for the Annual Show to be held on Friday and Saturday 8th & 9th July and hope that there will be a lot of support and many entries for all the numerous classes. (Let's see all your talent, please! A Flower Show Meeting will be held on Monday July 4th at 8.30.p.m.

The monthly raffle was won by Mrs. Stynes.

The next guild meeting will be held on Thursday July 21st. at 8.p.m. The competition is 'As many articles as possible that you can fit on a larger safety pin' (Not larger than a nappy pin)

FIRE DISASTER

Mr. Edward Healy, writing from Heidelberg, West Germany, wishes to thank all the people of Maynooth for the kindness and help shown to his family following the recent fire disaster.

It might be no harm to mention at this point that the Disaster Fund is still open and contributions may be sent to Rev. Fr. Supple C.C. or direct to the Maynooth Disaster Fund at the Allied Irish Banks Ltd. Maynooth.

GARDEN COMPETITION

The Garden competition confined to students of the Post-Primary School, Maynooth, was won by Andrew Poole, Lucan; Second Fiona O'Brien, Third Ann McLoughlin and Ann Kelly. The competition, sponsored by the Vocational Committee was for the best kept garden planted by students. The overall standard was judged to be very good.

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July 2nd 3rd & 4th
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July 6th
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Meeting, Newbridge.
July 8th & 9th I C A. Flower
Show
July 17th Book, Cake, &
Oddments Sale

GRAPEVINE

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

The Conquer Cancer Association return thanks to the people of Maynooth for £160, collected at the church gate on 12th June last.

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The winners of the childrens' competition in the June NEWSLETTER were:-

- 1st. Anita Murphy, Greenfield.
2nd. Mirriam Higgins, Greenfield.

Congratulations to both of them and they will receive their prizes shortly.

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The latest date for receipt of items for inclusion in the September Newsletter is August 14th

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Now that the elections are over and the hubub is dying down, we trust that the electioneers who put up the posters in the town and surrounding area will remove them. It will be interesting to see which, if any are not removed.

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During the past month, Maynooth Fire Brigade has been sent on some false alarms. On one occasion in particular they were sent to Old Greenfield at 4.a.m. Apart from being an annoyance to the victims, it could easily happen that a real alarm coming at the same time might result in death or serious injury, the fire brigade and ambulance cannot be in two places at once.

May we bring to the attention of those making bogus calls, and anybody who knows about it, the seriousness of their actions. Will they please, in future, think twice before indulging in their deadly games.

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2nd M. McAtamney
3rd. E. Kennedy.

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1st. S. Moore
HIGH JUMP
2nd M. Giblin
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TRIPLE JUMP
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RELAY RACE

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Fitzgerald. V. Moore
3rd.
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D. McGloughlin. F. Murphy.
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3rd H. Doran.
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3rd. C. O'Reilly
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3rd. B. Leonard.
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3rd. B. McAtamney.
TRIPLE JUMP
1st. P. McGarry.
2nd .C. O'Reilly.
RELAY RACE
2nd. A. McGloughlin. A. Dunne.
A. McGarry. H. Doran.

MAYNOOTH VISTA

by Newcomer.

As I write the final returns in the election - or, should it be THE ELECTION with capitals - have just come to hand. I have no intention of writing a political piece for the July issue of the NEWSLETTER and if you ask me how I voted let me tell you that I did not have done in all elections since I first became eligible to vote. I voted for all the candidates on the ballot paper. In what preference I placed them is purely a personal matter and, dear reader, would not be of the slightest interest to you as late in the day as this.

Why I go to the trouble of voting right through the ballot paper is three-fold. One, not only do I like to help put in the candidate of my choice but I like to confuse the ungodly

by making it more difficult for them to get elected. Two, I like to know that my vote, which I so seldom get a chance of using, is working its way right down to the end of the count. And last, but not least, when the canvassers from the various parties call at my door prior to an election I can truthfully tell them all that I will vote for their men. The last is a little devious, I know, but none of the canvassers I have met have ever yet asked me about my preferences.

But all the above is by the way. In mentioning the election at all what I really set out to say is that it amazes me that anybody who aspires to be the Political Correspondent to a national daily could be so far out of touch with the feelings of the general public as to make the predictions that were made by the said Correspondents on

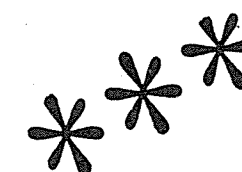
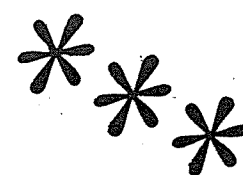
radio on the Sunday prior to polling. If any one of them had come down from their ivory towers and listened in to the women coming out of the supermarket in any town in Ireland he must have been convinced that the Coalition was on its way out irrespective of what Dutch Auctioning was going on between the parties.

However, such is our faith in the written word that I believe half the voters that went to the poles were themselves convinced by what they read in our national press that they were voting only as a matter of form as they were on a certain loser. Having spent half my life on the fringe of the journalistic world - any freelance writer is kept strictly on the fringe by the all powerful National Union of Journalists - let me put you wise as to how news is made. And I mean 'MADE'

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MAYNOOTH VISTA -continued

is either on the spot locally or he is immediately despatched to the location. The editor must have a story. The unfortunate journalist is quite unable to ascertain the facts. Official sources of information won't come clean.

Guess work is the only solution. The editor must have a story. Deadlines must be met. Get a hold of somebody who was on the scene - or who may have been on the scene - or who's cousin was on the scene - or even somebody who might have been on the scene if he hadn't been somewhere else. Then find the operative opening phrase and you can give the editor his story and go happily home to bed.

And what is the operative opening phrase? Well, take your choice. 'It is understood that -' 'It has been learned from a reliable source -' 'While no official information was forthcoming it is believed

that -' and so on with what has been abstracted from hearsay or from the imagination of the writer. But you and I will read it next morning and believe every word of it.

A classic example of such reporting occurred during the 'Monasterevin' siege. A certain lady correspondent was sent by one of the English dailies to cover the 'goings on' but as nothing was going on but the waiting game pressure from her editor for something spectacular became so great that she invented the story of hearing Marianne Coyle crying bitterly all through the night. The lady correspondent was, of course, never within a quarter of a mile of the house.

Moses, too, knew the faith we humans have in the written word. When God gave him the Ten Commandments he insisted in having them carved on tablets of stone - or so Sister Alphonsus told me.

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Editorial

The months of June, July and August are the months of adjudication for the Tidy Town Competition. Although we had started with the very best intentions, the inclement weather at the commencement of the Season put 'paid' to any preliminary work this Season. By the time the rain had ceased and the extremely cold wind, the election fever had taken a grip and in the end little or nothing was done.

Maynooth is almost unique in the fact that little or nothing need be done with the town, except to keep it clean, in order for us to receive reasonable marks in the Competition. We have received quite good comment in previous years although nothing had been done to merit the remarks. This in itself should be an encouragement to us to look to our own little portions of the town and to tidy and titivate it to make it more presentable and beautiful, if possible.

As we have mentioned many times before, if only the litter was kept off the streets, we would receive very reasonable marks indeed and keeping the streets tidy should not present any difficulty for any of us. Thoughtlessness is our greatest sin and. we know it is difficult some times to remember not to drop sweet or ice cream papers on the ground. With a little effort we could train ourselves to put litter in the bins provided. When we, the grown-ups, train ourselves to be tidy, there will be little difficulty in getting children to follow our lead. Children tend to model themselves on older generations so good example will filter down the line. The County Council too could help by now leaving litter in the back lanes for long periods pending collection. This tends to blow back over the town.

One tends to wonder, at times, if some people drop litter around their own homes as they do on the public street. If they do, their homes must be most untidy but, in fact, when we trace back we actually find that, in most cases, the persons who carelessly drops litter on the streets, would be most upset to find the least bit of untidiness in or around their own homes. It is, therefore, quite obviously a question of habit and we appeal to all and sundry to get into the anti-litter habit.

BOOK, CAKE, & ODDMENTS SALE

This event, which we hope will become an annual one, will be held on Sunday, July 17th at 10 a.m.

Why not come along and join the fun. You could renew your stock of books (at give away prices), buy a cake (at a reasonable rate) and perhaps get a table lamp (bargain cost) all at one go.

Collectors will call on you shortly for contributions.

MAYNOOTH GIRL GUIDES

At a little ceremony in the Hall at the Presentation Convent Claire Egan was enrolled as a Guide. Father O'Higgins was present, together with her Parents. Congratulations Claire.

The following Guides were appointed to the position as Assistant Patrol Leaders:-

Elaine Bean ; Noreen Gilton
Mary Bennett ; Helena Lynch.

Almost the whole Company have joined the Maynooth Swimming Club, and will work towards their 'Swimmers Badge'

CONVENT SCHOOL - SPONSORED WALK

The above walk took place on 19th June and was extremely successful. A large number of adults and children started out from the Parish Hall on a 10 mile walk out to Moyglare - Roddanstown returning by Newtown Prospect back to Moyglare and home again and many of the young walkers are to be congratulated on their endurance. The Civil Defence Casualty Service rendered first-aid for some blisters and very minor abrasions on the route.

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POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL, MAYNOOTH

Last Friday 3rd June the gates of the School were symbolically closed to signal the end of another school year. The Final gathering of the year took place in the Parish Church where the Chaplain, Fr. Paul Tyrrell celebrated Mass to thank the Lord for the past year. The Principal wishes all those not doing exams a happy holiday and a safe return next September while on behalf of all in the School he wished those doing exams every success.

The year in the school was a hectic but very successful one. The year began with excellent results and throughout the year many activities were organised and executed satisfactorily. Among the notable successes of the school was the winning of the Co. Kildare school sports for the third year running. Our congratulations are extended to the school team for this singular achievement.

Early on in the year a Staff/Student football match was played and much to the surprise and dismay of many the Staff won the day. Christmas saw the production of the Christmas concert, now a regular feature not to be missed by anybody interested in drama or farce. Here again the Students excelled in Mr. Dockery's production of 'A Shadow of a Gunman'. Particularly exciting performances were given by Matty Holmes and Eithne Bean.

The Staff as usual lived down to their very poor performance of Drama and under the guise of 'The Shabbey Players' gave their own but true account of the 'Cindrella Story'!

The Open-Night was held on May 23rd and hundreds of parents flocked through the school viewing the projects of the Students in the different subjects. Many, who had not been at previous displays were more than surprised at the standard of workmanship. During this project week 25 pupils From First Leaving were off on a work experience week with firms and businesses in Lucan & Dublin. This is the second year Mr. Gaffney, the Careers Counsellor, has organised such a project and it has proved to be very rewarding. The educational horizons of the students were broadened by our very successful and enjoyable trip to London. 37 Students & 6 teachers made the trip and were so pleased with it that next year we intend to go to the Continent.

Our footballers were not without their success either. Our under 15s won the Co. Kildare football championship.

As usual our first year students won more than their fair share Of Irish Scholarships to the Irish College in Gorey. The following were awarded Scholarships Catherine McNamara, Aine McLoughlin, Frank Donlon, John Kennedy.

In a national essay competition on Direct Elections to the European Parliament Finbar Cullen has won his way to the Final 12 and we await the result of his interview to see if he has

captured one of the prizes. Our congratulations are extended to these students for their achievements. So far enrolments into the School for next year are up by 50% so we look forward to another successful year in September.

Our thanks are extended to W. Kiernan for his help and co-operation during the school Sports. At very short notice he provided an efficient public address, well done.

BOYS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

The official opening of our new Extension took place on Wednesday May 18th and was a memorable day. The School was solemnly Blessed by Most Rev. Jos. A. Carroll D.D. and Officially opened by an t-Uasal Padriac Breathnach. Assistant Sec. Department of Education. The O'Riada Mass was sung by the Boys of 6th Class under Mr. M. P. O'Connell, Principal. Organist was Mrs. Ita McCormack.

Our sincerest thanks to all who helped to make this a wonderful day.

Our under 13 Gaelic Football team have fulfilled their early promise and have reached the Final of their Division. After two epic matches they managed to overcome their old rivals Kilcock in the Semi-final and now look forward to the final against Caragh. Go n-eiri an bothar leo.

We look forward to taking in a large class of Junior Infants for the first time on July 1st. We trust they will have a happy and fruitful stay with us.

LEVEL OF AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

By Sean P. Smith.

The sometimes confusing details of Governmental and (voluntary) agency activity in relation to Third World aid, referred to more generally as development co-operation, show our present policies to be less than fully effective in relation to the utilisation of our overall resources in the Western world. It is not surprising therefore to find the weight of concerned public opinion being brought to bear on Governments to increase the level of aid.

The study of international relations and extension of development at Universities and Research Institutes is a further manifestation of the growing official and academic awareness of the need to provide a more comprehensive information - base about our (national) attitudes and obligations in the international sphere. The impact of the Third World upon our society is an ever increasing one, and a greater effort may be needed to promote these studies at all levels of education, together with a more general appreciation of the history and cultures of indigenous peoples.

The problem of aid insufficiency is an affront to Christian and universal feelings towards our fellowmen, but we need to be more fully informed about the situation in order to imbue some of the vaguer aspirations with practical import.

Today the level of interdependence between the peoples of the world admits of a universal common purpose. At the national level this requires a common response to the needs of other peoples - the underprivileged, those who are still oppressed by poverty and suffering from hunger and malnutrition. Effective aid programmes, however, need to be co-ordinated internationally.

The range of our concern, from the egotistical to the universal, needs to be structured in ways which will encourage corresponding action, utilising as is best the good will of people for the allocation of aid to underdeveloped countries. This is assisted by a deeper appreciation that other individuals and societies have indisputable rights of the same order as our own.

When it is realised what is meant by a violation of human rights, that it includes extreme poverty, hunger, and illiteracy, it is plain that specific projects commend themselves for effective action to alleviate this suffering. (Project work has been found to be a very effective way of coming face to face with development needs).

A fairer distribution of the world's natural resources is necessary, especially in view of the present direction of development in the world. By the year 2000 the world will have to sustain seven billion people.

This should engage us in a total commitment; each individual by a more realistic awareness of his personal responsibility should be prepared to answer the call-too often efforts to take effective steps have been fragmented and isolated - but there is hope that by co-operation, both at national and international levels, the relationship between peoples will advance towards the fulfilment of the perfect ideal - the attainment of universal concord and harmony.

Mrs. Smith, 'St. Joseph's', 126 Railpark, Maynooth (next to Straffan Road) is engaged in a project promoting handicrafts from the developing countries, especially the poorer regions, and all interested are welcome.

BANQUETS

The Annual Maynooth Castle 'Banquets' are being held this year on July 1st: 2nd & 3rd. These very popular nights will undoubtedly be a tremendous success as always.

Tickets are now on sale (Price £5) and as demand is great you are requested to make your booking now to avoid disappointment. The format will mainly be the same as in previous years, with a mead reception followed by a Banquet and entertainment.

Proceeds from this go towards the childrens playing field at the Harbour. So, come along, bring your friends, have a magnificent nights entertainment, and at the same time, contribute towards your childrens future.

There will be no Sunday afternoon show at the Castle this year. This will be held at a later date to be announced.

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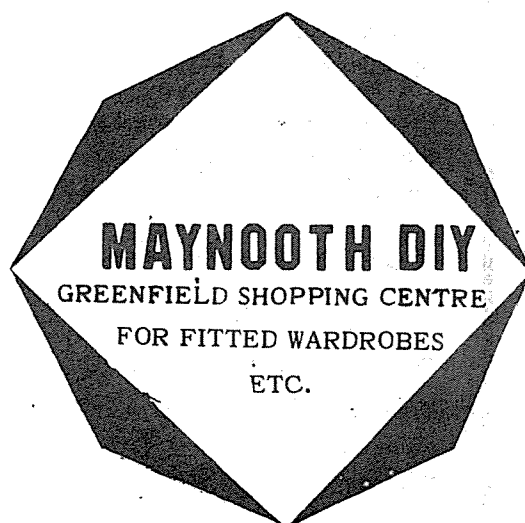
St. MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND

The Band has commenced its Summer Programme and has already visited Lucan, Clondalkin, Walkinstown, Peamount Hospital and Blanchardstown and will be attending the Annual Gala Day at Maynooth Castle early in July. The Junior members are showing a great deal of improvement and have added considerably to the Bands' performances so far this year.

We feel it necessary to advise all our supporters and well-wishers that the recent events in of the School Playground Relation to the Band Hall are not been ignored by the Committee.

It is not possible to divulge our plans at this point in time but you may be assured that a great deal of time and effort is going towards the protection of the Bands' rights and the securing of the property for future generations of Bandsmen in Maynooth. We shall keep you informed of developments over the next few months.

In the meantime, look out for our Sponsored Walk which is due to take place in Mid-August. (date to be arranged later).



Maynooth Castle

A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen



George, the 16th earl of Kildare, acquired two nick-names during his life-time. Because he was so small in stature he was known as the 'Fairy Earl', and his activities in London earned the name 'Mad Little Earl'. His relationship with his father in law, Richard Boyle, 1st earl of Cork, had many ups and downs. Kildare first met Boyle's son, Lord Dungarvan, when they were both students at Oxford. He probably met his future wife, Joan Boyle, and her father when the family visited Oxford in 1629. Kildare had already gained a reputation for extravagance which he proceeded to live up to at his father-in-law's expense in so far as he could manage it. The wedding took place in 1630 when both husband and wife were nineteen years of age. Soon after Lord Cork undertook his repairs and improvements at Maynooth, where he planned to renovate the 'ancient terraced house'. It was decided to rebuild the three existing wings which formed a court around the keep, and also to repair the church and install in it the latest fashion in wainscotted, or oak-panelled, pews. The church, Cork wrote, had been 'God forgive the doers thereof, misapplied to the keeping of cattle, and making of malt and other base uses'. So he began by rebuilding the church at a cost of £120, and then his chaplain preached in it what Cork, no doubt correctly, believed to be the 'first sermon made by a protestant minister in any man's memory herein.' Thus was on All Souls days of 1632.

Next Lord Cork turned his attention to the castle. 'The dining and withdrawing chambers of the house' and 'my Daughter's closet with the parlour were all wainscotted also, and recorded in the earl's diary. All went well while he kept firm control of all payments in his own hands, encouraging the builder a man called Tingham, with the gift of a horse and two cows. But before long young Lord Kildare managed to get his hands on £359 intended for wages. This disappeared without trace and a stoppage of work by the angry workers was only avoided by Lord Cork dipping again into his pocket and agreeing to pay them five marks per working day. Finally in 1635 the work was completed with an agreement with a stonecutter to carve the Kildare arms and the earl of Cork's announcement of all the work he had done on the castle over the main gate. Cork's message has long since been effaced but the coat of arms, with the monkey supports and crest are still to be seen. The paint and gilt that Cork paid for is gone too, but you can still see the Kildare saltire impaled with the Boyle 'party per bend crenellate crenelle' a diagonal division by a crenellated line.

The 16th earl continued to extricate what money he could from his father-in-law. Lord Cork in 1632 recounted one of his ingenious schemes. 'My Lord Kildare, for discovering who it was who had battered and abused my silver trencher plates, was by me promised £5, for which, when he had my promise, he said it was himself with knocking marrow-bones thereon'. Cork paid up with some irritation and Kildare pocketed the £5.

Later on the young earl was reduced to pawning his own plate, and even standing cup that had been a gift to his son and heir from his wife's father.

The earl came of age in 1633 and in that year also a new Lord Deputy Sir Thomas Wentworth, arrived in Ireland. Even before he reached Ireland he had become involved as a mediator in the stormy relations between the earls of Kildare and Cork, and had written to the former advising him 'by a fayre carriage towards him (his father-in-law), to winne upon his affections, which will make a better understandinge between you both'. In 1634 when Wentworth summoned the Irish parliament to meet in Dublin Castle the earl of Kildare took his place in the House of Lords. In this year also his second son was born and was christened Wentworth in honour of the Lord Deputy.

However these friendly relations did not last for long. The Lord Deputy was concerned only with governing Ireland in the interests of his king, Charles 1, who was at logger heads with the English parliament and endeavouring to rule without it. Wentworth soon made enemies of all the different interests in Ireland. The earl of Kildare among others fell under his disfavour and found himself a prisoner in Dublin Castle in 1638 for refusing to surrender to the Deputy the deeds of the manor of Ley. As Joan was in England his father-in-law sent to Maynooth to find how the children were faring. He was told that the earl 'had left at Maynooth his four children and a devouring family of forty idlers, without any provision of meat or money to sustain them, and his children were without any clothes and destitute of victuals'. Lord Cork moved them all to Lismore for the time being into his own care. After a year the earl of Kildare was released and returned to Maynooth. But by now storm clouds were gathering over Ireland which would result in the final departure of the Fitzgeralds from Maynooth Castle.

Wentworth had come to be regarded by the English parliament as their chief opponent in their power struggle with the king. By 1640 Charles had been forced to summon the parliament again to ask their help in his quarrel with his Scottish subjects. Scotland by now was a strongly Presbyterian nation and was determinedly resisting the efforts of the king to impose on it the English episcopalian form of Protestantism. Once summoned, the English parliament turned on Wentworth, and forced his impeachment, or trial by parliament, and finally his conviction of treason by act of attainder and his execution in May of 1641. In October of the same year the Irish in Ulster rose in rebellion, and over the following years a plethora of armies were fighting each other all over Ireland.

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Casualty Unit :- Weekly meeting of the Unit have ceased. These will resume again in September when a new series of First Aid lectures will be run. Anybody interested should contact Mrs. Brady, Kilcock Road, Maynooth (phone 286308) Unit Members have been on First Aid duty for the Convent Sponsored walk on Sunday 19th June.

Six members of the Unit went to the Annual Camp at Gormanstown College. Members also took part in the parade in Newbridge on Sunday 12th May. The Unit extends their sincere sympathy to their Leader, Mrs B. Brady, and all her family, on the recent death of her husband.

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1st. T.V. Set - Breda Connolly, Dowdstown, Maynooth.

2nd. Sarah Connolly, 17 Derheen, Thurles.



Getting set for the Scouts Annual Walk .



Pretty Anna Kennedy at School's Sports day - In background W. Kiernan who provided the amplification



Getting set for the Scouts Annual Walk.



Michael Giblin clearing 5' 4" of the high jump.



The Maynooth Team who won the Vocational School Trophy.



Mr. T. Ashe, Principal, congratulates S. Moore on bring home the 'Tom McDonnell Memorial Cup.



Martin McAtamney breaking the tape to win the 1500 m in front of M. Dunphy .



Michael Dunphy winning the 800m

PARISH NOTES

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:

Despite threatening skies, a very large number of people took part in the procession on Sunday, 12th June. To avoid traffic, the procession went from the parish church up the Moyglare Road and turned left to the College Hostels, ending with open-air Benediction on the steps of St. Catherine's Hostel. Sincere thanks are due to all who helped - the Sisters of Mercy, the Presentation and other Sisters, the Altar Society, the stewards, the canopy bearers, the choir, the teachers, The Guides, the Scouts, the altarboys, the First Communicants. A special word of thanks goes to Councillor Bernard Durkan, who put his loud-speaker car (with himself at the wheel) at our disposal. Nor must we forget Father Michael T. Casey O.P. of Maynooth College, who is always so willing to help in the parish.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:

When this issue of the Newsletter appears, the Maynooth Parish Pilgrims, led by Father Supple, should be in Lourdes. We wish them well, and hope their prayers will bring great blessings on themselves and their families and on the whole parish.

FINANCE: Our bank debt is going down gradually, and now stands at roughly £21,000 plus interest.

As mentioned last month, the parish priest saw the diocesan finance secretariate regarding the problem of how to meet our running expenses. The secretariate was unwilling to allow any part of the clergy income or the 'Share' collections to be used for this purpose. As already explained, there is a diocesan common fund for the

support of retired and infirm priests and a development fund for helping to build churches, schools and presbyteries in newly developing areas. Both of these funds need all the money they can get.

It was suggested that we ought to be able to subsidise our running costs from the 'Planned Giving' fund after making our monthly repayment of £557 to the bank. This fund, of course is mainly for building projects, but when other sources fail, some of it has to go towards running expenses. The secretariate requested that we ask our accountant to draw up a statement of our expected revenue and expenditure over the next twelve months. This will be done when we know what we shall have to pay as local contribution for the building of the further extension to the Boys' National School. Meanwhile, some adjustments have been made to the Bingo charges and prizes which should boost the revenue from that source.

HOUSE FOR PARISH CHAPLAIN

We have been directed by the diocesan authorities to set about purchasing a house for the Parish Chaplain. At present, Fr. Tyrrell is living in a rented house in Greenfield Estate.

It is considered wiser to buy rather than rent a house. It may seem extravagant to do this when the parish priest and the curate are both occupying quite large houses. The fact is that neither of these houses has adequate accommodation for two priests plus a housekeeper, while leaving rooms available for interviews, meetings and so on. To alter or extend either house would cost more than to buy a new one. Besides, it is regarded as desirable to have a priest living in one of the New Estates, where he is more accessible

to the people there. Negotiations are in progress for the purchase of a house through a Building Society.

SCHOOLS: Some of the comments in last month's Editorial on this subject were hardly accurate or fair. While criticising the amount that parents still have to pay towards so-called 'Free' education, such as buying books etc., the editorial goes on:- 'After all this we are now being asked to pay for heating the school. This has come about due to the rising cost of oil. Surely it is ridiculous to blame the Oil Sheiks for the fact that we cannot properly manage our schools'. The writer does not state which schools he means, but if it is the Convent School in Maynooth, he is misinformed. What happened was that the burner of the heating system broke down, and the consulting engineers advised the installation of a new and better type burner, which is very costly.

The School authorities are pressing for a government grant to defray part of the cost, but in the meanwhile the work must be done in time for the cold weather. Hence the Sponsored Walk on 19th June. The nuns, the management board and the staff are most grateful to all the participants and sponsors.

The last sentence of the editorial reads 'Perhaps if we had some say in the building running and aims of the school, we might not feel so bad about the cost, but as it is we are merely providing the funds for someone else to use as they see fit'. Presumably 'WE' here means the parents. As everyone knows, practically all the primary schools in this country are denominational. The aim of every Catholic School is to help its pupils to grow up good Christians and good citizens. This aim includes providing them with

all the knowledge and skills they will need for their lives in this world and the next, and enabling them to develop all their human potentialities to the fullest. If parents want to change this over-all aim and character of our primary schools it is up to them to do it through their elected representatives in government. I don't think many Catholic parents would want such a change.

The thankless task of actually building the schools falls to the local clergy and religious, acting for the patron who is normally the bishop.

The government provides most of the cost; the balance has to be found locally.

As regards the running of the primary schools, it is scarcely necessary to point out that the individual manager has now been replaced by a management board of ten persons (or seven for smaller schools). These include two parents elected by the parents of all the children in the school, two members of the teaching staff and six others nominated by the patron, most of whom are also parents.

So the parents cannot complain that they have no say in running the School. The running costs are met out of inadequate and tardy government grants, to which a local contribution has to be added.

ELOCUTION CLASSES: Miss McDonald, of Celbridge, is to hold elocution classes for girls and boys in the boys' N.S. Maynooth, on Saturday mornings, beginning in September. This is an opportunity for parents to have their children taught to speak well and to develop any talents they may have in that line.

MISS JULIA WEAVER:- We were sorry to hear that Miss Weaver would be leaving Maynooth in the near future. A member of an old Maynooth family, Miss Weaver has been for many years president of the Altar Society and has guided its work in keeping the sanctuary spick and span and providing flowers, vestments, etc. She will be sadly missed, and we wish to thank her and pray that God may bless and reward her.

C.B.S.I. MAYNOOTH - 8th KILDARE.

As you are probably aware this is our Jubilee year. The Catholic Boy Scouts founded in 1927 can now record fifty years of progress and expansion. From a small beginning it now numbers a total of 21,440 - quite an army and still growing.

Our contribution to this impressive record in May included the investiture on Saturday 21st of the following Cub-Scouts, :- N. Bennett - O. Egan - R. Kilduff - J. Kennedy - T. Lynch - N. O'Malley - M. O'Regan - S. Tobin.

In addition the following were also invested L. Gilton - J. Kennedy - A. Madden - L. Murphy - forming the first Venturer Group in Maynooth. This in effect is a Junior Officer Corps. & forms a nucleus for future local leadership. Our new chaplain Rev. M. Kelleher also swelled our ranks that evening.

JUBILEE MASS 27/5/'77
In Brilliant sunshine our entire Unit attended the Diocesan Jubilee Mass in Lansdowne Road (I.R.F.U. Head Quarters)

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Sunshine & soaring temperatures once again blessed our 2nd Annual Sponsored walk by ensuring an almost 100% turnout that Sunday. It commenced from Greenfield Shopping Centre at 3 p.m. following a 'kick off' from the Politicians

Our gratitude to Mark Clinton T.D. & Brian Fleming (Fine Gael) and equally to Senator Brian Lenihan & Terry Boylan (Fianna Fail). Our gallant band of walkers (including Fr. Supple, Mother Raphael and Sisters from the Presentation Convent) Scouts, Cubs and yes! Girl Guides, parents etc. completed the circuit via Ladychapel in record time. The arrival at the Parish Hall was in good (well almost good) order, tired but triumphant. Nice to report there were no casualties or accidents, not even sunstroke. A special word of thanks here to Mrs. McMyler & helpers who refreshed our thirsty troops at Ladychapel with orange drinks and crisps. Thanks also to our stewards, helpers and all who gave of their time and efforts not to mention sponsorship in making this event a success. The cash is now rolling in fast and furious.

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GENERAL MEETING:- On Tuesday 14th June we had the company of Brian Fleming (Fine Gael) Liam Lawlor (Fianna Fail) and Councillor B. Durkin. Mr. T. Cotter who also attended apologised for both Senator B. Lenihan & M. T. Boylan who were unable to attend. A lively discussion took place on the Agenda subjects, namely Ground Rent, Completion of Estate, Structural House Defects, Water & Sewage, Lack of Telephone Service, Planning Permissions.

Mr. L. Lawlor was first to arrive and having answered questions on the relevant issues said that the only way to correlate defects in houses was if everyone made out a list. Brian Fleming in answering agreed with this point and both stressed the need for a united front in dealing with these problems. We have promised to forward these lists to any of the following Committee Members as there will not be time to do a house to house canvas for them!

Laurence Avenue - Nos. 5, 21, 48, 49.
Maynooth Park:- Nos. 69, 79
Greenfield Dr.:- 50, 52, 57
Straffan Way:- any of the above.

There was a very good attendance at this meeting even at such short notice. An inkling of the frustration of the Committee in dealing with Builders Developers Co. Council etc. was felt by a lot of people for perhaps the first time.

GROUND RENT:- Following the discussion at the General Meeting we feel we should bring our list up to date, so during the next week or two we will be calling on all houses in the Estate to find out just how many people are interested in the purchase of same by group scheme.

CAKE SALE 22/5/'77 This raised £44.05 which was marvellous considering the day was one of the warmest this year. The money will go towards financing our 'Field Day'.

FIELD DAY: Well, 26th will have been and gone by the time you read this. Hopefully the weather will have been kind to the 250 children & adults expected to take part in the event. Paddy Lynch has been more like twins in his untiring effort to make this event a success. We hope that it will become an annual event on a much larger scale!

FIRE HAZARD:- It has come to our attention that in some houses the fireplaces instead of being laid on concrete are laid on boards. This is just a gentle reminder to those who feel they may have the same fault and may have it fixed while Summer! is here .

July 19: This is the date that has been set for another meeting to which we propose to invite our new T.D.'s and hopefully we will also have the 7 Co. Councilors for the Clane area. Please attend as this is the only way in which your public representatives can estimate the support for any action they intend taking with regard Ground Rent and Completion of Estate issues on your behalf.

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No, not for Hallow'Een but for the Harbour playing Field. This novel event will consist of laying copper coins in a line starting at the Post Office and going up and down the main street. In return for each twopence contributed you will receive an entry form entitling you to guess the number of coins in the line at the finishing date.

All correct entries will be placed in a drum and from that 5 prize winners will be drawn each receiving £5. If there are no correct answers the 5 nearest guesses will receive £5 each.

There will be collectors at various places around the town and you can make your contributions and get your Entry Forms at these.

The finishing date will be 9 o'clock on Sunday September 3rd and the draw will take place on Monday September 4th. Winning entries will be published in the October Newsletter.

A large crowd attended the Cabaret held recently at the 'Hitchin' Post' in aid of the Maynooth Fire Disaster Fund. Everyone had a most enjoyable time.

We regret that Sandra Moran's name was not mentioned on the List of all those who represented 'Old Greenfield' in the recent Talent Contest, sorry about that Sandra.

Kildare Country Council have advertised for tenders for the rebuilding of Mr. & Mrs. Healy's home, destroyed by fire recently. Let us hope the work on this house will start soon, so that this Family can move back into their home again.

Mr. Bernard Durkin Co.C. has received a letter from Mr. Paddy Cooney, Minister for Justice, stating that he has been informed by the Garda Commissioner that the 30 mile speed limit is **not** been broken by Motorists Driving through Old Grrenfield, the matter will be pursued further.

Mrs. Eileen Nolan is considering entering a Group in the Talent Contest to be held in the Autumn.

So far we have received
NO COMMENTS on the matter
of changing the name from
'Old Greenfield' to
'Greenfield Avenue'

Congratulations to Lennie Murphy who has been appointed Supervisor in 'Leaf Ltd. Kilcock'

The Residents wish to express
their sympathy with the Brady
Family, Kilcock Road in their
recent Bereavement.

The Residents Association
Annual Meeting was held
on the 13th June, The follow-

ing Committee was elected.
CHAIRMAN - M. Gleeson .
SECRETARY - L. Murphy
TREASURER - Mrs. E .Farrell.
Committee Member N. Bright
& B. O'Rourke

FASHION SHOW correction
We are happy to say we made an error in the profit we reported in last month's Newsletter. The profit made was £226.

SPORTS COMPLEX at the Harbour Field. This development is proceeding year by year in phased stages as the necessary finance becomes available. The stages carried out to date are as follows :-

- 1 - The levelling and draining of the field, a lengthy and expensive job which was completed between 1973 & 1975.
- 2 - The development of the children's play area. This involved tarmacadamming an area of 2000 sq. yds. and the purchase and installation of a wide range of playground equipment. Five hundred people responded to the Scroll Collection at Whit 1975 and the £1574 they contributed paid for the swings, roundabout, see-saws and slide. The Association spent another £3000 on tarmacadam and lay-out. The Community Council made a generous contribution to this phase of £800 from the first Sponsored Cycle ride they organised with Fr. O'Higgins. This phase was completed and the area opened for play in 1976.
- 3 - Is now in progress. This will place in the centre of the field a junior pitch which will be available for all games for girls and boys. Surrounding the pitch will be a 440yd, 6 lane running track. The track will be flood-lit, which requires that the under ground cable be laid before the area is grassed.

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Congratulations to Christopher
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 successes in Feiseanna in
 Dublin and elsewhere around
 the Country, is at present on
 a Music Scholarship to
 St. Finians College, Mullingar.
 where he is studying Organ
 and Piano.

Christophers Sister Geraldine who is studying the violin at the College of Music, Chatham Row, Dublin, has also had many successes at feis Competitions throughout the Country, having formerly won the 'Franklin Cup' for junior Violin at Sligo Feis.

Geraldine has also had wins at Feis Matthew in Dublin, where she recently took second place in the under 13 years Violin.

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SPORTS PAGE

Swimming club plans

'We tackled the THING that couldn't be done and WE DID IT'

No way we were told can anybody in Maynooth get parents involved with their children, and we ourselves had tried so many times, without success, we too had almost begun to believe it. Now however we can proudly announce that we have proved you all wrong. It was not just Mammies & either Daddies were there too, with children from about 8 months up. Actually we are still getting over the wonder of it all. They came from New Greenfield, Old Greenfield, Newtown, Cluain Aoibhinn, Collinstown, Rail Park, Pike Bridge, Taghadoe, Larahbryan, Dowdstown, Kilcock, Moyglare Dublin Road, and The Town. 82 in all, and the lovely thing was we did not travel as new or old but arrived at Clondalkin Swimming Pool as 'Maynooth Club'. It was really great to see the parents and toddlers in the water, all having fun. Clondalkin is such a lovely big Pool and of course so many of the children young, it was hard to believe we had so many. Let us hope this involvement of parents is a criterion of things to come.

At least they gave their answer in no uncertain manner, as to whether there is a need in

Maynooth for a Swimming Pool, because as well as this Session to Clondalkin remember the Club runs two sessions a week to St. Raphael's, Celbridge. These Sessions to Clondalkin finish on the 18th July, the cost including Bus Fares and instructions work out at 75p. Bus leaves the square 6.30 each Monday evening. The childrens' sessions to Celbridge end on 23rd July and the Adults Session on the 16th July. We thought it is advisable to discontinue Swimming for the peak holiday period, as that was when we ran into debt last year.

We never did think we could get that Mothers and toddlers off the ground, we were sure 7 - 8 was going to be too late for Family Swimming, but we were back in Maynooth at 8.30, tired but happy, and not one tear to spoil the outing, and fair play to our Older Group who had a great time on the diving board they did not make too much noise to frighten the little ones on the Bus coming home.

Our Band of Life Savers did well too, Margaret Madden, and Helena Lynch, John Byrne and Noeleen Byrne all got their Intermediate Life Saving Certificate, and are now headed for Senior 1.

Nuala Kelly & Brian Eddery got their Elementary and are now head for Intermediate.

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Cathal Power, Garry Power, Peter Madden, Sean Mahon, Paul Murray, got their Junior 1 award and are now headed for Junior 2.

To those who tried hard but did not succeed in getting their awards we say better luck next time.

SILVER CIRCLE DRAW

- 1st Prize- Jim Ryan, 12 Cluain Aoibhinn. 576 £50
2nd Prize - £20 - Bridie Farrelly 9 Leinster Cottages. 299
3rd Prize £10 Michelle Moran, Greenfield 48
4th Prize - £5 D. Mullelly, Cluain Aoibhinn. 77
5th Prize, 5 prizes of £2.

Pat Connelly, Kilmaciedock .383
Mrs. A. McAuley, 64 Maynooth Pk. Mick Fay, Maynooth .363
Helan Redmond, 65 Oaklawn, Leixlip. 503
Sean Byrne, The Mill, Celbridge. 346

6th Prize 10 prizes of £1.

Michael Murphy, Greenfield. 112
Ted Farrelly, Laraghbryan .355
Gerry Coyne, Leinster Cott. 430
Davit Murray c/o The Mill, Lucan. 474
John Ross c/p Terry Moore. 278
P. Reid, 57 Cluain Aoibhinn .75
Jimmy Henry, Beggonstown .183
Miss C. Maher, Killarney Ave. Dublin. 87
Marie McTiernan, Avondale, Leixlip. 206
Micheal Spillane c/p Garda St. Maynooth. 197

NEXT DRAW JULY 14th (Thursday)

SPORTS PAGE

Soccer Club

Maynooth Town has just completed its most successful Season ever, and its achievements include, winning the Cruise Cup, runners-up for the Sheeran Cup (The Leinster Junior League's premier trophy) and runners-up in Div.1 thus gaining promotion to the premier Division next Season.

Being pipped on the post for League honours was a little disappointing, just finishing one point behind the eventual winners, St. Agnes, but after hard months of competitive football, no wonder the players were a little 'jaded' in the last few matches. Injuries to key players were, Liam Farrelly and Colm Feeney and this proved another handicap. Despite all this we did win the Cruise Cup, and needless to say the celebrations lasted into the early hours. Supporters are looking forward to continuing their celebrations at the forthcoming dinner dance. (Notices will be displayed locally when further details are available)

The Officers and committee of the Club take this opportunity to publicly thank Mr. J. Geoghegan for the use of his field at Moyglare Road. For P. Tyrrell for his work with the school-boys, and the committee in charge of the trip to Liverpool, the ladies who supplied the refreshments, the players themselves for their dedication and finally our wonderful supporters. (To these latter we say 'Enjoy the break, next Season is just around the corner')

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MAYNOOTH G.A.A. CLUB



FOOTBALL

Our Footballers fell a cropper in the first round of the Intermediate Championship to Johnstownbridge. This was a game Maynooth could have won it was lost due to lack of match practice. Maynooth got off to a bad start and let Johnstown get too far ahead. By half time the score was 1.6 to 0.1. Maynooth's forward missed many chances in the first half. The second half started better and we put over 3 points without reply and at this stage we were completely on top and then Johnstown got a goal witch knocked the heart out of our lads. The final score was Johnstownbridge 2.9 to 0.8. Best for Maynooth on the day were Willy Moore, Tony McTiernan, Colm Feeney, Seamus Feeney, Terry Moore, Tommy Fay, & Seamus Healy. Maynooth Scores:- S. Feeney 0.3; T. Fay 0.3; T. Moore 0.2. As this was a first year in the Intermediate Championship, it was a wonderful performance and also lined out short, Gerry Flanagan (injured); Liam Farrelly (injured). Better luck next year.

Our Junior Footballers also were beaten in the Championship They lost to Suncroft by 1.7 to 0.2 as this was there first year together it was a wonderful performance. The same team are going great guns in their league and after four games they have only been beaten once so

there is a great chance of them winning their league.

Our u/12 footballers are still in the Championship, they are due to play Rathcoffey or Suncroft in the first Round.

HURLING:- Our Hurlers have got off to a great start after four league matches, they have won the four. Our Championship started on Saturday 25th June V. Naas in Ardclough. All Hurlers are asked to train every Tuesday and Thursday nights at 8.00.p.m.

We are holding our Annual Dinner Dance this year on Friday 11th November in Osberstown House, and it should be another good night.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 27th November in St. Mary's Hall at 3.00 p.m.

Our Football Tournament starts in July and the following teams will be competing, Maynooth-Leixlip - Celbridge- Johnstownbridge, Sallins, - Rathcoffey-St. Kevins - Cappagh -

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Community Council News

A walk along the banks of the canal on Saturday 11th June was not a great success due in the main to the very inclement weather on that day. It will be organised again.

C.I.E. have advised that they have applied for planning permission to erect a bus-shelter at Bachelor's Walk. They also advise that all bus crews on the 66 Route have been told that when operating a journey to Kilcock, that they should stop at Bradys in the Main Street.

Again we have got off to a late start in the Tidy Towns competition, and it is likely that we will get another bad report this year. This is a very hard project to get off the ground but we will keep on trying and sure who knows?

It was agreed that the Community Council would give a trophy at the I.C.A. Flower show in July 8th & 9th. The category has yet to be decided.

As a result of our various communications to the County Council, Councillors and T.D.'s on a variety of subjects we have received replies in duplicate and triplicate. This would appear very encouraging except that the majority of letters state 'the matter is being looked into'. This reply the Community Council does not accept and we will continue to press these matters on your behalf.

The next meeting will be on July 11th.

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produce, arts & crafts, painting, photography to name a few. There are also several sections for children.

Why not try your hand this year. You could win one of the many fine prizes. Or just come along, have fun and perhaps sample the produce?



COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRI
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A branch has recently been formed here in Maynooth and are holding sessions of music on the last Tuesday of every month in the Geraldine Hall.

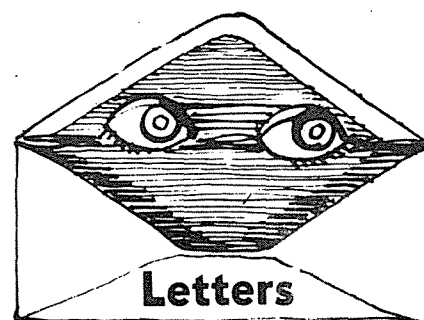
The last session was held on May 24th and was an outstanding success. Over twenty musicians attended. Some came from as far away as Trim, Kilcullen, Ardclough, Dublin and Enfield. Well-known styles of traditional music playing from Clare, Wexford, Sligo, Leitrim, Galway Tipperary, Donegal and Meath were in evidence.

A ladies committee provided Lan-a-mhla with tea sandwiches and cakes.

While John Behan a local youth gave a fine exhibition of step-dancing. There were excellent exhibitions too of set dancing from County Clare.

Very sincere thanks are extended by the Comhaltas Committee to everyone who came wither to listen or perform.

The next session will be held, again in the Geraldine Hall, on Tuesday June 28th. starting at 9.00.p.m. and ending at 11.00pm. sharp. Everyone is welcome to come along.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I would like to refer to the Editorial in the June issue of your NEWSLETTER. In it the Editor complains that due to the increase cost of books, uniforms, stationery, etc. etc. free education has become a bit of a joke. While the claim is not without foundation there is the implication that all schools are the same in this regard. I would like to make the position clear as far as the Post-Primary School, Maynooth is concerned.

(1) Post-primary education is provided absolutely free for all boys and girls. There are no 'voluntary subscriptions' to be paid, no convenents entered into, no charges for special subjects or any other requests or demands for finance from the parents for the education of their children.

(2) Free transport is provided for all students in the catchment area who live 3 or more miles from the school.

(3) Free books are given to those who are in the most need and a great number of students get some assistance towards the cost of books.

It can be seen from the above that the claim of Free Education is not without justification when one speaks of the Post-Primary School, Maynooth.

However, if anybody chooses to by-pass the local school then he can hardly complain about various costs he is asked to pay.

Yours etc.

Thomas Ashe, Principal.

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Dear Sir,

Could you please include in your next monthly Newsletter our sincere thanks to the following people, who all assisted in organising and running a highly successful and enjoyable Beetle Drive on Thursday, 12th May, in the Geraldine Hall, Maynooth.

This was in aid of the Friends of the Rotunda, whose primary commitment is towards financing research into finding the causes of mental and physical handicap in children and so aiming at its prevention.

1. The Maynooth Guild, I.C.A., who actually organised the Beetle Drive and provided tea for all participants.
2. The people who donated the prizes.
3. Mr. Paddy Desmond who did a wonderful job as M.G.
4. The Trustees of the Geraldine Hall who so kindly allowed us to use the Hall for the evening.
5. Finally, and in particular, the people who supported the Beetle Drive by their attendance, and indeed anyone who may have bought tickets and could not attend.

All of those attending with whom I spoke agreed that it was a great social occasion. Thank you for your help,
Yours sincerely,
Joan Clooney,
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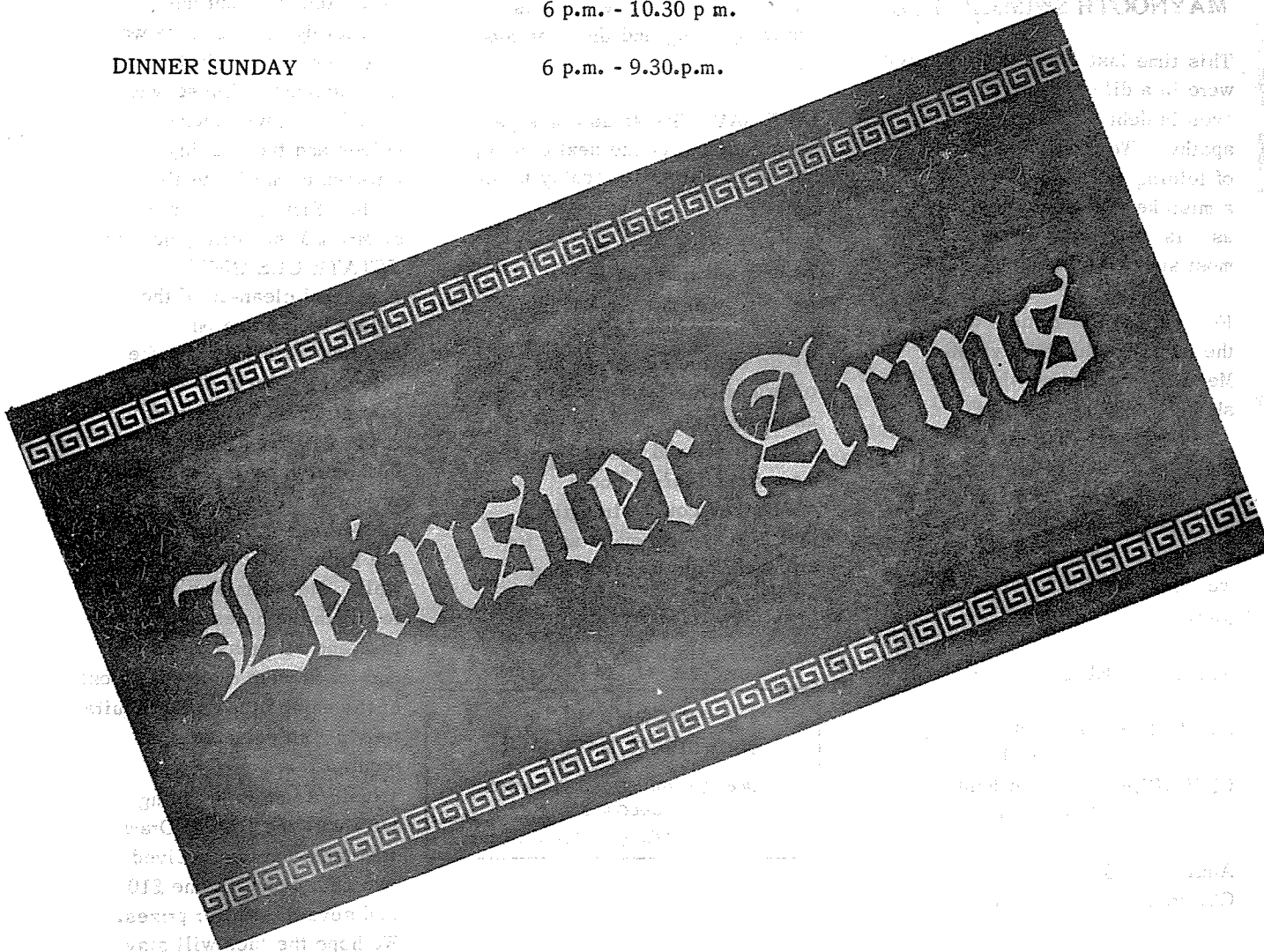
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GRAPEVINE

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

A word of welcome to Garda Peadar Haren who has taken up duty in Maynooth. A native of Clones, he has been in the Force for the past five years.

Congratulations to:-

Peter McTernan, Parson Street, Maynooth, on his recent Marriage to Jackie Harnett, St. Patrick's Park, Dunboyne.

John & Nuala Burke, Ladychapel on the birth of a Son.

Vincent Moore, Straffan Road, winner of the Community Council Trophy for the best Exhibit at the recent Flower Show.

'Farmers will now have to finance their Farm Projects with their own money' - Mr. Lane L.F.A. in a recent edition of the newspapers (We often wondered where ours went to !)

The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland tender their very sincere thanks for £55.85 the proceeds of the recent Church Gate collection! They thank sincerely the organisers & collectors and last and by no means least those who contributed so generously.

All items for publication in the next issue of the NEWSLETTER, should be handed in before September 18th

Many people are still puzzled about the 'THING' in the square. The County Council recently threw some light on this subject.

A word of farewell to Rev. Enda Lloyd, Chaplin to St. Patrick's College who has been appointed C.C. in Portmarnock.

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Community Council News

The Book & Cake sale held in July was a huge success and it is intended to hold this again in the coming months.

Recent communications with the County Council regarding the water supply have intimated that until the New Water system for North Kildare is finished, there will not be any improvement in the situation. We intend to take samples of the water and send these for analysis.

Coming events discussed include the Cycle Ride in October, and the Talent Contest in the same month.

It is intended to enlarge the membership and scope of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL and there will be more about this in the next issue.

The main portion of the last meeting was taken up with the revised draft development plan for the area. A joint sub-committee has been set up with the Development Association to formulate our ideas for forwarding to the County Council. Anybody having any ideas on this should contact the Community Council or the Development Association.

The next meeting will be on September 13th.

CIVIL DEFENCE NOTES: MAYNOOTH CASUALTY UNIT

CASUALTY UNIT:- First aid course will commence during September. Those interested in doing this course should contact Mrs. B. Brady, Kilcock Road, Maynooth (Phone 286308)



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MAYNOOTH VISTA by Newcomer

I complained, about a year ago, that the title of my little monthly piece is no longer appropriate but as I have been too lazy to change it or to think up anything else to call it there is nothing for it but allow it to remain. It will be particularly inapt on the present occasion as the two subjects I propose to deal with have no connection whatever with the home front - or at least not directly.

At their meeting in Geneva a couple of weeks ago, that august and most Christian body the World Council of Churches allocated a sum of two hundred and sixty five thousand United States dollars to 'freedom fighters' in Southern Africa. Two days after the announcement of this most generous grant the 'freedom fighters' exploded a bomb in Woolworth's in Salisbury, Rhodesia, killing eleven people. Eight of the eleven were black.

Since then two more Missionaries have been murdered by the 'freedom fighters' bringing to thirteen the number of Catholic Missionaries killed in the last nine months in Rhodesia - or should it be Zimbabwe? Of Missionaries of other denominations killed in the same period I am unaware but no doubt the World Council of Churches would have exact figures.

The Geneva 'hand-out session' of the World Council of Churches was, however, a grave disappointment to me. Do you realise that the Ulster Volunteer Force or the Provisional I.R.A. got no grants at all?

But never mind. The good work still goes on. As I write news is coming in of a bomb blast at the underground

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Basilica in Loudres. I wonder what 'freedom fighters' are responsible for that and do they also get their expenses from the World Council of Churches.

But to come down to the more prosaic. What is happening to our English Grammar? Time and again on both R.T.E. and B.B.C. one hears the plural verb used with the singular nominative and invariably where the expression 'a number of' is employed the verb is in the plural instead of the singular. How anybody with even the minimum knowledge of English could follow 'a' meaning 'one' with a plural verb beats me. As for the past participles of the irregular verbs, they seem to constitute a mystery to all news-writers and journalists. Do we no longer teach our children their 'Sing, Sang, Sung - Spring, Sprang, Sprung' etc. I read in the Evening Press some time ago an article by a well known lady writer in which she wrote 'I should have RANG the Gardai' And what has become of that bete noire of our youth the Collective Noun? It is, alas no longer singular except in the sense of the misuse of its plural verb.

There is, of course, the contention that the written and spoken word are mere vehicles of communication and that priority lies in the conveying of the thought; if the message has been understood then whether conveyed grammatically or ungrammatically is of no consequence. That could be right, as far as it goes, but if we must use English for Pete's sake let us use it correctly.

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PARISH NOTES

DEVELOPMENT:- Maynooth is obviously growing. How big is hard to foresee, but we expect six to seven hundred new houses within the next five years. The newly extended Boy's School is already fully occupied, and plans are going through now for seven more classrooms. More or less the same goes for the Convent School. Soon, another school will be needed on the south side of the town, and eventually another Church. In the meantime, as the population grows, the parish hall or school halls may have to be used for extra Masses on Sundays.

The need for more buildings means that fund-raising must continue. The weekly envelope collection (Planned Giving) is our mainstay. It now averages something over £200 per week, which is good but not brilliant. Forty per cent of households are not giving. Many of them could and should. Of those who do give, many are very generous, while others could easily give more.

Our Bank Debt is not going down as quickly as we had hoped. One main reason is that our income for running expenses is inadequate, despite economies recently effected. The Parish Bingo is not as well attended as in previous years, but we hope it will improve. About £250 is given in prizes every Wednesday night (9 p.m.) in the Parish Hall.

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The collections for the clergy and the diocesan development fund (Share) are doing very well. If Planned Giving and the Bingo could be brought up by fifty percent, our troubles would be nearly over.

BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL

The Boys' School has suffered three severe blows in quick succession. First, Mr. William Flood N.T. was appointed Principal of Donabate Boys' School. He will be sorely missed. We thank him for his excellent work here and wish him success. Next, Miss Connie Brennan, N.T. from Kilmessan, who joined our staff on 1st July and married Mr. Jim Farrell of Longwood, on 12 July, was tragically killed in a road accident on 2nd August. Our sympathy goes out to her bereaved husband, parents and family. Several members of the Staff attended her funeral. May She Rest In Peace! Finally Miss Mary Morrissey, N.T. who had taught here for one year, left us to take up a post near her home in Co. Tipp. We are sorry to lose her, we thank her and wish her well. Three newly trained lady teachers are replacing these three, and we are confident that they will maintain the high standards of this school.

Sponsored Cycle Ride

This event, jointly promoted by the parish and Maynooth Community Council, will take place on Sunday, 16th October - probably through the bog country around Carbury and Allenwood. Further details later. Meanwhile, get in some practice.

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On Tuesday 19th July we had a very successful meeting with our Co. Councillors and T.D.s. This was a followup to a Meeting held prior to the General Election. Those who attended were Mr. Liam Lawlor T.D., Mr. Mark Clinton T.D., Mr. Bernard Durkan M.C.C., Mrs. Mick Brady M.C.C., Mr. Oliver Cooney M.C.C., Mrs. Maura Byrne M.C.C. & Mr. Austin Groome M.C.C. Apologies were received from Mr. B. Lenihan, Minister for Fisheries who was in Brussels on Dept. business.

Mr. L. Lawlor T.D. who had already been very helpful in dealing with our builders took some further details with regard to the developers - Civil Engineers - to try and assist us in our efforts to get the Estate finished. The Co. Councillors and in particular our local Co. Mr. Durkan gave their up to date information with regard to road works, sewage, water, and lighting. We also discussed numerous subjects which have a relevance for the village as a whole and asked all those present to use their powers towards the provision of our Swimming Pool.

On 12th August following representation on our behalf Mr. B. Durkan M.C.C. had a letter from the E.S.B. This letter stated that the E.S.B. had not taken the lighting in charge to date, but that following correspondence with the Co. Council they will put the lights on the Estate into working order and maintain it to the Kildare Co. Council specifications.

Mr. L. Lawlor T.D. received acknowledgement from J. J. Mullaney, Co. Secretary re town Bridge.

Mr. O. Cooney M.C.C. received acknowledgement re Lighting, Sewage Overspill, condition of roads after laying of water mains and condition of Bridge and road leading from Square to Celbridge Road.

Mr. P. J. Reynolds health Inspector called to the Estate on 20th July as a direct consequence of our meeting on 19th. This was proof that where we had failed over 6 months it only took 1 day for Public Reps. to get action when united.

ROAD SAFETY:- The "silly" Season is nearly at an end and we will all be getting ready for back to school again, so please remind all those who use the roads to use the 'safe Cross Code'

DINNER DANCE:- Once again a reminder of our dinner dance in Osberstown House on Friday 25th Nov. All are Welcome.

GYMKHANA

There was a good entry for the Second Annual Gymkhana on Saturday 16th July even though the Renault Competitions were held at Athlone on the same day. The course built by Sgt. Major Hickey was a testing one and received high commendation.

The winners of the events were as follows:-

PONIES, 12.2 open - Val Larkin's Come Dancing (Val Larkin); 2, Noel Casey's

Toddler (Robert Casey); 3, J. Gleeson's Little Dainty (David Maguire); 4, S. Loughlin's Dunmore (Mary Loughlin); 5, S. Ryan's Pop Call (David Larkin)

PONIES, handicap, under £75 - Divided between Sovereign Star; Rainbow End; Bank Strike Silver Light; Donna; Tuckers Pet; Fleeting Shadow; Newtown Don; Come Again; and Twinkle Light; 55 competed.

PONIES, 13.w. open - 1, Owen Carty's Stylish Boy (Declan Carty) 2, J. Sargent's Fricka (Rita Sargent); 3, M. Molloy's Lein Laneaca (Rita Sargent); 4, Helen Power's Blackfoot Sue (Owner).

PONIES, 14.2, open - 1 & 2 divided between Owen Carty's Fleeting Shadow (Declan Carty); and P. Tobin's Schutless (Sallyanne Tobin); 3, W. Heatley's Sandyman Rusty (Ann Heatley);

5 & 6 divided between E. Doyle's Carraig na Suire (P. Doyle); and A. O'Loughlin's Newtown Don (A. O'Loughlin).

HORSES, under £75 - 1 & 2 divided between Lorna Nolan's Castletown Lad (Owner); and Frank McGarry's Nephin Mor (Declan McGarry); 3, R. Jolley's The Lodger (J. Ryan) 46 competed.

HORSES, under £100 - 1 to 6 divided between Grove Chopsticks; Phizz; Hong Kong; Garryowen, Simona; Towerwalk; and Green and Gold.

HORSES, over £20 and under £300 - 1 & 2 Divided between T. Moran's Derrycarne (Cecil Mahon) and H. & J. Kyle's Hey - Boy (John Kyle); 3, Ned Cash's Hong Kong (M. Cash) 4, Mrs. C. Boland's Ruscai (Miss C. Finn).

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There was a veritable feast of traditional music at the Seisuin in the Geraldine Hall on Monday 28th June and it was thoroughly enjoyed by a full house. Quite a number of musicians from Maynooth & other Branches attended and it was most encouraging to see so many young people both dancing and playing different instruments. Tea was served during the Seisuin.

The Branch were very sorry to learn that Charlie Hussey (Accordeon player, Trim Branch) is in hospital and we trust he will soon be out and about again.

The Seisuin on 26th July was by far the best attended, and musicians from as far away as Drogheda and Moone attended. A family of three sisters (the O'Donoghue's of Borrisokane, Co. Tipp.) who are on holiday in the area, thrilled the big crowd with their music, on the accordeon, bodhran and spoons.

NEXT SEISUIN WILL BE
ON AUGUST 30th.

POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL, MAYNOOTH

A Full-time Secretarial Course will commence next September. The Subjects will comprise; Shorthand, Typewriting, Commerce & English. Students will be prepared for the usual examinations - Bank, Civil Service etc.

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Maynooth Castle



A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen

The rising that took place in Ulster in October 1641 had been planned by the Old Irish as a country wide insurrection. The over all plan went astray but the Ulster Irish rose. Basically the aim was to demand the restoration to their former owners of the lands confiscated during the plantations. This was not an objective with which the Old English had much sympathy, but they did fear that they too, because they also were Catholics, would become the victims of confiscation. The government did nothing to allay these fears, and its attitude seemed to justify them, so the Old English joined the Old Irish in rebellion. Catholicism, though in a negative rather than a positive way, was the unifying factor holding the two groups together, and Catholic Churchmen were prominent in setting up their organisation, the famous 'Confederation of Kilkenny'. A provisional government was established to carry on the struggle. But the alliance between Old Irish and Old English was always subject to tension, especially when the two successive Papal representatives in Ireland, Scarampi & Rincuccini, tended to dominate policies. Command of the confederate armies had to be divided between leaders of the two different stocks. Owen Roe O'Neill and Thomas Preston, both of whom returned to Ireland with reputations established as Soldiers in the armies of Spain since 1605.

The situation became more complicated as the conflict in England between the King, Charles 1, and parliament escalated into civil war, and the Scots joined the parliament as their allies. This split Protestants in Ireland into opposing camps, as some supported the King and some the parliament. Over the next years the armies of all the conflicting groups fought each other in Ireland, punctuating their clashes with truce negotiation and sometimes a change of alliance. Finally the English parliament defeated the King, and beheaded him in January 1649, and Oliver Cromwell subdued all Ireland for the parliament in a brief and fierce campaign between August 1649 and May 1650.

Maynooth Castle was one of the victims of these years of violence and upheaval. When the war began in 1641 George the sixteenth earl, was in residence at Maynooth. The Irish had hoped to persuade him to join them but he refused, and in October, he called a Meeting of the Gentry and commons of County Kildare at Naas. Here he was nominated Governor of the County to take charge of putting down disorder. We are not told how effective he was in this role but his father-in-law, the earl of Cork, seems to have been highly pleased with his stand against the Rebels. The captain he appointed to command at Castledermot, one Piers Fitzgerald, who had served under Owen Roe O'Neill in Flanders, soon defected to the Confederation.

The Duke of Leinster relates what happened next in the following January when 'Lawrence Walsh, of Moortown, a priest, with Patrick Welsh of the same place, and their followers rifled and spoiled the Castle, and took away such arms as they could find, leaving some of their party to Keep the Castle. On the next day, Saturday, Edward Fitzgerald, of Belagh, John Fitzgerald, a sergeant major, Christopher FitzGerald of Kilcock, and his sons

James and Edward with about a hundred men, took possession of The Castle, and park. The household furniture, etc, was worth at least £200; the stock, including thirty-nine English cows and oxen, and thirty horses, worth £270 and corn and hay valued at £390. They destroyed the library, which was of great value; and kept the Earl out of possession of lands and rents amounting to £600 a year'

So perished the magnificent renaissance library and plate. But the Fitzgeralds regained possession of the castle. In July 1643 troops of the royalist forces occupied Maynooth. The royalist forces were commanded by the earl of Ormond, and the Officer in charge of the occupation of Maynooth was Captain Michael Jones. Shortly after this Jones resigned his commission in protest at the truce that was agreed between Ormond and the Confederate Irish in September 1643, and he later became a commander on the parliamentary side. The earl of Kildare seems to have shared Jones' view of the truce as it was at his house in Dublin in October that a meeting of Protestants drew up a memorial to the King praying that no treaty should be made with the Catholics to the disadvantage of the Protestants. The earl was one of the signatories.

From Maynooth he wrote to Ormond in July 1644 asking for me and powder to help in the defence of the Castle against the Scots who were reported to be advancing on it. Ormond did not think the danger imminent but promised to help when needed.

In November 1646 the Castle was again occupied by an attacking force, this time a detachment of the Confederate Leinster army, commanded by Preston. Preston was camped at Lucan, on his way to attack Dublin. The attack did not come off and when Preston retreated the parliamentary army once again took the castle.

The next year 1647 found Owen Roe O'Neill himself encamped at Trim, and he too sent a force to occupy Maynooth. The duke of Leinster quotes the account in the Rinuccini Commentaries:

"23 July the Irish took the very strong and very ancient palace of The Earl of Kildare (Moynudium, anglice Maynooth) scaling through the windows and losing sixteen of their men. The Besieged losing courage submitted themselves to the mercy of the Catholics.

The plunder was given up to the soldiers, two captains, as many lieutenants, and six inferior officers, and a hundred men were made prisoners, besides women and children; and three standards were taken. Among the English garrison were some Irish, of whom the old men and women were spared, but twenty-six men, some officers were hung'

The duke adds one sad final sentence. "The castle was then dismantled". From now on Kilkea Castle became the chief residence of the sixteenth earl and his successors. Maynooth Castle was described in 1682 as follows:-

"Maynooth, where is to be seen the remains of an ancient pile, venerable in its ruins, and which did partake of the hottest, and felt the fiercest mallice of a revengefull enemy in the last rebellion"

The Geraldines never lived in the castle again. Its days of glory had come to an end.

Chief source - Duke of Leinster "Maynooth Castle" in
Journal of Co. Kildare Archaeological Society.
Vol 1, No. 4.



G. N. S. TENNANTS
ASSOCIATION

This is a combined tenants
Association covering Greenfield,
Newtown, & Straffan Road.

The first Meeting was held
early in July and the following
Officers were elected for
three months. - Mr. P. Nolan -
Chairman, Mr. L. O'Brien, -
Vice- Chairman, Mrs. L. Higgins,
Secretary, & Mr. V. Mulready,
Treasurers.

The next meeting will be on
Thursday 18th August and all
tenants from these areas are
welcome.

Three coaches took children
and adults to Skerries from these
areas. Despite a damp start the
sun broke through and those
who travelled were rewarded
with beautiful weather and a
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Another outing is planned for
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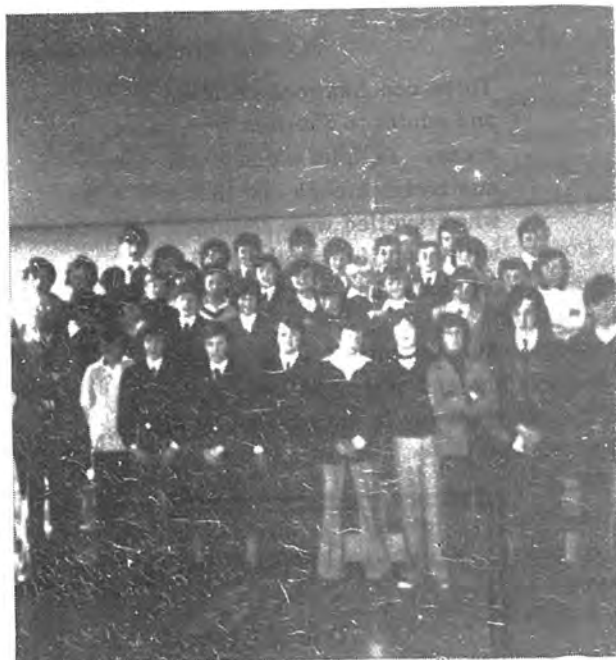
Some Children enjoying the Sunshine at Skerries on the Old Greenfield Outing to the Seaside.



Enjoying a spin on the Roundabouts at Skerries are some children from Old Greenfield under the Watchful Eye of Mrs. Vera Lettis one of the Organisers of the Outing.



"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" Pike caught in Royal Canal by Pat Burchell with help from David Thompson and Bernard and Philip Flanagan.



The Choir from the B.N.S. with their Conductor & Teacher Mr. P. O'Connell, who participated in the Mass for the Official Opening of the School.



The Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin Dr. Carroll who officially blessed the Boys' N.S.



ENJOYING THEMSELVES ON THE SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING



PRIMARY SCHOOL

July 1st '77 a momentous day in our history - as it was the first time we had taken in Junior Infants - passed relatively quietly and successfully. The young boys, some of them just four years of age settled in wonderfully. They were a credit to themselves, their Mothers and Fathers, and the two teachers who took charge of them; Miss Morrissy & Miss Brennan were delighted with their behaviour. On the previous day we also received a large group of new Senior Infants from the Convent and they were as always, coming from the Convent, excellently behaved.

Friday the 24th of June will long be remembered as one of the great Sporting Red Letter days for our School. Our under 13 Gaelic Football Team which had battled on gamely through April, May, and early June, finally achieved ultimate success. They beat a gallant Caragh Team by 4 points in a memorable Final in Straffan and so won out Division 2 of Kildare Primary School League. Every boy in the team played his heart out and huge crowds of young supporters cheered them on to victory. Our special thanks to the other members of the panel who turned up for training

without fail even when they knew their chances of playing on the team were slight. Our thanks too, to the small but loyal band of parents who were always available with their cars & vocal support.

Here is the line-out of this fine young team:-

Tony Kearins - Hugh O'Donnell - Joe Conway - Kevin McNamara - Michael Cooke, - John Reilly - Donall Lawless - Dessie Farrell - Ollie Reilly - Paul Murray - Morgan Lettis - Brian Boyd - James Mee - Martin Foy - Brendan Malone - Declan Travers - John McGarry - Mark Cribben - John O'Connor - Jack Farrelly - Dermot O'Donoghue - John Comerford.

We end on a bitter sweet note. One of our teachers - Mr. W. Flood is leaving us to become Principal of Donabate National School. This fine and dedicated teacher will be greatly missed. We wish him every success in his New Post.

GREENFIELD (OLD) RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Outing to the Seaside at Skerries took place recently. The weather was very bad when we were leaving Maynooth, but the Sun broke through and everyone had a most enjoyable day. The weather was glorious for our Second outing to Skerries, our next outing is to Bettystown.

Many thanks to the Organisers of these Outings for the hard work they put into them.

Mr. Bernard Durkin Co. C. has informed Leo McGlynn that the County Council have agreed to erect 'Children Crossing' signs at the junctions of Old Greenfield and The Straffan Road. We have also been informed that the Supply to water should have improved by now, especially in the Fire Hydrants.

The Residents wish to extend their sympathy to the 'O'Neill Family' on their recent Bereavement.

Maynooth was deeply saddened recently by the tragic death of Bernadette O'Neill, in a Road accident whilst cycling on the Straffan Road. Her parents, Brothers, & Sisters will feel her loss the greatest, but her many friends and classmates will also feel her loss greatly. The Scenes at the Removal of the remains and the Burial Ceremonies were unprecedented in Maynooth, and were indicative of her popularity and high regard in which the O'Neill Family is held by all.

The Memory of her Popularity will be some solace to her Family in their great loss. For them one must feel the greatest sympathy.

Congratulations to the following on the Birth of their Babies:-

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ICA News

July has been a very busy month with so many events taking place.

A most successful Flower Show was held at the beginning of the month. There was a big increase in the entries for the flower and children's sections.

The Cup winners and first prize winners were:-

Flower Garden Cup - Mrs. McFadden.
Vegetable Garden Cup - Mr. J. Doyle
Best Exhibit at show Trophy - Mr. V. Moore.
Overall Cup - Mrs. Wardell
Flower Cup - Mrs. Haefner & Mr. D. Darlington.
Vegetable Cup - Mr. Colm Kennedy.
Fruit Cup - Mrs. Wylie.
Art & Craft Cup - Mrs. M. Doyle
Home Produce - Mrs. A. Howard.
Children's Cup - Meta Gee
Teenager's Cup - Carol Acton
Perpetual Plaque - Gerard Kennedy.
Best Exhibit in Flower Section - Mrs. Doyle.

First Prizewinners:-

Class 1 - Mr. D. Darlington.
Class 2 - Mrs. S. Angel.
Class 3 - Mrs. B. Farrelly.
Class 4 - Terry Smyth
Class 5 - Mrs. Hickey.
Class 6 - Mrs. L. Rowley.
Class 7 - Mrs. C. McFadden.
Class 8 - Moyglare Stud Farm
Class 9 - Moyglare Stud Farm
Class 10 - Mrs. Kealy.

Class 11 - Mrs. B. Connolly
Class 12 - Mrs. Mitchell
Class 13 - Mrs. Hutton.
Class 14 - Mr. D. Darlington.
Class 15 - Mrs. M. Doyle.
Class 16 - Mrs. M. Wardell.
Class 17 - Mrs. A. Howard.
Class 18 - Mrs. M. Wardell
Class 19 - Mrs. Howard Williams.
Class 20 - Mrs. Wardell.
Class 21 - Mrs. P. Acton.
Class 22 - Mrs. M. Sylver
Class 23 - Mr. Colm Kennedy.
Class 24 - Mrs. B. Shiel
Class 25 - Mr. Colm Kennedy.
Class 26 - Mrs. L. Rowley.
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Class 30 - Michael Shiel
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Class 36 - Mrs. Gee
Class 37 - Mrs. Geraghty.
Class 38 - Mrs. Gilton
Class 39 - Mrs. A. Howard.
Class 40 - Mrs. Joyce.
Class 41 - Mrs. R. McDermot
Class 42 - Mrs. B. Shiel.
Class 43 - Mrs. M. Doyle.
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Class 72 - William Moore
Class 73 - Mrs. Satchwell
Class 74 - Seamus Brennan
Class 75 - Elizabeth Satchwell
Class 76 - David Wardell
Class 77 - Pamela Burke
Class 78 - Bridget Halton.
Class 79 - Stephen Gillespie
Class 80 - Kenneth Quinn
Class 81 - Ursula Byrne
Class 82 - Teresa Gillespie
Class 83 - Meta Gee
Class 84 - Patricia Duffe
Class 85 - Maria Gillespie
Class 86 - Joanna Gardner
Class 87 - Meta Gee
Class 88 - John Gillespie
Class 89 - Christina McFadden
Class 90 - Caroline McFadden
Class 91 - Gerard Kennedy.
Class 92 - Anna Kennedy.
Class 93 - Miss A. Laidlaw
Class 94 - Patricia Satchwell
Class 95 - Rena Daly
Class 96 - Michael McCourt
Class 97 - Mrs. Gillespie
We are most grateful to all those who sponsored and presented prizes for the different classes and those who gave us donations. Also many thanks to everyone who supported and helped the show.

At the July meeting Mrs. Farrell and Mrs. Gee won the competition. Mrs. McMyler won the raffle. The competition for next month will be decided at the Meeting which will be on September 1st.

Mrs. Satchwell and Mrs. Angel went to the Kildare Federation Flower Festival in Newbridge and came 1st & 2nd respectively.

We are now settling down for a month's holidays, and hoping the weather will be fine

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Editorial

With the approach of Autumn the various clubs, societies, and Committees start reviewing the year gone by and planning for the year to come. Whether the committee relates to inside or outside affairs, or both, the vast majority consider the autumn as more or less the commencement of the year.

Of course, it is one thing for a Committee to plan and arrange a programme for the year but unless it receives the support of the club or organisation or the general public, as the case may be, it is, in fact, only wasting its time. Unfortunately, many people who have the happy knack of avoiding work on Committees, and who are very often very valuable about 'what is not being done and what is being done wrongly', fail to see that they too have an obligation to actively assist their club or organisation.

Too often people feel that, when they are not sitting on committees, have no obligation whatever to help with the organisation and often do not even bother to attend functions organised. This is a miserable attitude but unfortunately is all too common. Membership of an organisation brings with it the obligation of supporting it and the committee to the limit.

'Yes' you will say, 'we know all this so what is the point'? Naturally, we are trying to get a point over and what we are really driving at is that the Community Council are now arranging their programme for the coming year and will be expecting your help and support as the programme unfolds itself. Firstly, your physical support on community projects, your financial support in the various fund raising projects and last but not least your moral support including urging other people to support the Council.

Your Council has been working steadily over the past two years and has done quite a considerable amount of work on behalf of the town. Few of the items have been spectacular because spectacular projects require spectacular support and indeed the Council are disappointed in the assistance it received in very many of the proposals put forward. There is a fund of goodwill towards the Council but goodwill is not enough, active support is necessary also and we make this request that each of you should make a point in the coming year of giving your full support to the Council in all its projects.



TUG-O-WAR

The Ladies with the greatest pull in North Kildare, surely this is an apt description for the MAYNOOTH TUG-O-WAR team which won the Straffan tournament beating such teams as Broadford, Celbridge, Donnelly Mirror, Naas, & Carbury in the pull.

The ladies in question are :-
L. Higgins - R. Comerford-
B. Flaherty - N. Feeney,
R. Cassidy & C. Flaherty.
COACH:- Tommy Flaherty,
what an envious job.

Plaques were presented to the winners at a Victory Dance in Straffan.

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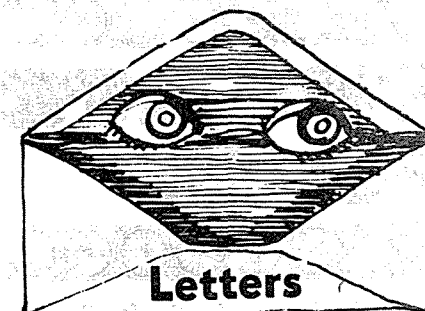


HELLO BOYS & GIRLS,

By the time you read this Letter, School will be nearly starting again, and Holidays will be over. Dad will be back at work, and Mammy will be back in her Kitchen Cooking and doing her Housework, for another year. So when you think of all the hard work Daddy and Mammy has to do so as you can go on holidays again, next year Please God, try and be a little helpful to them. There are lots of little jobs you can do for them. For instance Boys can help Daddy with the work Outside and Girls can help Mammy with the Housework and no matter how little you do I am sure it will make them very proud of you and you and you will be proud of yourself.

Well now children this month I am not going to ask you to write letters or Draw Pictures because you will have too much of that when you go back to School. Therefore I am going to Give you an Easy Competition this month. What I want you to do is to send us a Photograph that you had taken on your holidays or one that you took yourself of anybody or the Place where you spent your holidays. All you have to do is to write your Name and Address and where the Photograph was taken on the back of the Photographs and they will be published in the NEWS LETTER next Month. Your entry can be posted or handed in to Kiddies Corner, 86 Rail Park, Maynooth, or Teddy Kelly, Main Street, or 857 Greenfield (Old) Maynooth-

Now this competition is open to any age up to 14 years and the closing date is Monday September 12th, so hurry up and Let's have those snaps. You can send in as many as you like, so until next month CHEERIO and God Bless you all and PLEASE BE CAREFUL on the ROAD AND WATCH OUT FOR TRAFFIC.



to the Editor

A Chara,

Congratulations are extended to the following students who attended the Post-Primary School Maynooth and sat for the Leaving Certificate last year. - John Bean Ann Kelly and Thomas Nelson have all successfully passed their 1st Arts examinations in St. Patrick's University while Mark Cullen was successful in his exams in Trinity College. Catherine Malone and Bernadette Brady got their London Chamber of Commerce & Industry Exam in shorthand having completed a Secreterial course in the Post Primary. They now await their typing exam results as do those students from the school who attended other third level Colleges.

To these we wish a successful conclusion to the years work & to those who have already succeeded we offer our congratulations. It is indeed gratifying for a school & its Staff to see its pupils progress & reach high standards in Universities & other 3rd level educational institutions.

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SPORTS PAGE

The Junior Hurlers for the fourth year were beaten in the first round of the Championship. The team never seemed to settle down at all and the final score was 16 pts. to 1 - 6 pts.

The U. 21 footballers were also unfortunately beaten in their first round of the Championship by Suncroft (by three points). Again it was an uninteresting match and we will have to wait again until next year when, we trust, Maynooth will show more of its old brilliance.

The Annual Sports and Field day will be held in the Moyglare Road Field on Sunday 4th or 11th of September (The exact date to be fixed later). The sports will be confined to the people of Maynooth.

The Club will hold Flag Days on 24th and 25th Sept., and the Annual Dinner Dance will be held this year at Osberstown Hotel, on Friday 11th November. Tickets are available from Tommy Fay, Parson St., Maynooth.

The following are the results of the Silver Circle Draw for June & July

June:-

£50 - F. O'Melia, 59 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth. 174
£20 NOT WON will be drawing next month
£10 Kevin Boyd, 847 Greenfield, Maynooth. 116
£5 Margaret Gillick, 56 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth. 550
£2 - Pat Corrway, 353 Greenfield, Maynooth. 382
£2 Seamus Healy, 31 C. Aoibhinn, Maynooth 152
£2 Mrs. A. Melton, 10 Maynooth Park. 170

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MAYNOOTH G.A.A. CLUB



£2 H. Gilligan, 32 Lawrence Ave., Maynooth. 29
£2 Maureen Fortune, Parson Street, Maynooth. 385
£1 Jim Burke, Greenfield, Maynooth. 264
£1 Jim Ceary, 5 Dara Court, Celbridge. 345
£1 Des Coughlan, Mariavilla, Maynooth. 461
£1 Mrs. K. Dunne, Celbridge, Maynooth. 626
£1 Larry Reilly, Kearans Stud, Kilcock. 460
£1 Jerry Pidgeon, 30 Greenfield Dr. Maynooth. 231
£1 Sean Tracy, Greenfield, Maynooth. 291
Vincent Duff, 12 Laurence Ave. Maynooth. 26
£1 Patsy Devine, c/o Guinness, Dublin. 512
£1 Mrs. Coughlan, Mariavilla, Maynooth. 464
Next Draw 11th August.

SILVER CIRCLE DRAW (July)

£50 Tommy Byrne, Spin Bridge, Kilcock. 276
£20 Fergus White, 58 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth. 72
£10 Jim Tracy, Leinster Cottages, Maynooth. 508
£5 Mrs. Mary Connolly, Robertstown Kildare. 443
£2 Ollie Dennehy, St. Patrick's Park, Celbridge. 336
£2 Micheal Dempsey, 283 Greenfield, Maynooth. 366

£2 Mary Burke, 15 Parson St. Maynooth. 194
£2 Valerie Rafferty, Mayglare, Maynooth. 401
£2 T. McMullon, 63 C. Aoibhinn, Maynooth. 78
£1 F. Feeney c/o R.H. Burke, Dublin. 315
£1 D. O'Dowd, 21 Lawrence Ave. Maynooth. 22
£1 Patrick O' Sullivan, 60 Greenfield Drive. 132
£1 P. Watkins, Oaklawn, Leixlip. 106
£1 A. J. O'Hanlon, c/o R.A. Burke, Dublin. 316
£1 B. Redmond, 481 Straffan Way, Maynooth. 482
£1 T. Breen, Railpark, Maynooth. 597
£1 J. McLoughlin, c/p C.I.E. Conyngham Rd. Dublin. 190
£1 Eddie Noon, Main St. Maynooth. 239
£1 Angela Murtagh, 852 Greenfield, Maynooth. 395

£20 - June Redrawn:-
Miss Catherine Maher, c/o T. Flaherty, Ballygoran, Maynooth. 87

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SPORTS PAGE

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

This time last year the Committee were in a dilemma, up to our eyes in debt, and surrounded by apathy. We thought seriously of folding up the Club - what a mistake that would have been, as this last year has been our most successful to date.

For the last few months of the year we had roughly 160 Members - Here we think we should pause and ask the Development Association' for the latest News of the 'Maynooth Pool'. We know you are working away behind the scene, and we are grateful, but we would love to be put in the picture.

ST. RAPHAEL'S POOL:-

ADULTS -re-open on Tuesday 6th September.
CHILDREN - re-open Friday 9th September

Adults - 8.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Children - 5 - 6 o'clock

CLONDALKIN:- As the Manager, Michael Spillane is on holidays and will not be back before this Newsletter goes to print we are unable to say what the position is.

Actually although this venture was a great success, we are abit uncertain of your continued support, now that the Schools are re-opening, and the evenings closing in.

LIFE-SAVING:- No date has yet been decided for the next course, but we feel it will probably be in October.

All Swimming Fees must be paid in advance, as is the practice with all other Clubs.

We do not intend taking the older children back to Celbridge, as we feel they are now ready to leave us, and would benefit more from a larger pool, where they could strengthen their stroke, and make way for a few children from our long waiting list.

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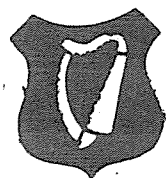
CLUAIN AOIBHINN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

TREASURE HUNT:- The recently held 'treasure hunt' was organised by Fergus White & Dara Mullally, with some co-operation from the Residents Association. They put a fantastic amount of work into it and the clues were excellent, but unfortunately the response was very poor especially from the residents. Those who attended enjoyed themselves and the evening finished at the North Kildare Club. First prize was won by Mr. & Mrs. Kelly, Main St. **ESTATE CLEAN-UP:** A general clean-up of the estate took place on Saturday 27th July and the following Saturday. It was attended by the faithful few. Several new faces, however, appeared and, although all were enthusiastic 100% effort is required if the Estate is to look really well. Macadam was available to fill in the holes in the road and all grass areas and roads were cleaned. Most of the shrub areas still require weeding so volunteers are required.

Cluain Aoibhinn is doing well with the G.A.A. Draw residents having received two £50, one £20, one £10 and several smaller prizes. We hope the luck will stay with us.

Rumour has it that the next talent contest is soon to take place so have your party pieces brushed up. Congratulations to:-

Mr. & Mrs. M. Murphy on the birth of a daughter Claire Annette.
Mr. & Mrs. J. Ryan on the birth of a son - David Philip.
Mr. & Mrs. J. Dempsey on the birth of a son - Michael.
Mr. H Mrs. S. Healy on the birth of a daughter - Deirdre.
C.A.R.A. wish to thank everyone who helped with the treasure hunt and with the clean-up of the Estate.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

The School re-opened after the Summer vacation on the 1st of September. It was a case of having to start all over again as far as the Junior Infants were concerned, but they settled down quickly and now after a fortnight, have almost completely adapted themselves to school life.

The tragic death of our fine young lady-Teacher, Mrs. Connie Farrell, - nee Brennan still casts a shadow over the school. Although she only spent one day with us she made a deep impression on us all. A special Mass attend-

ed by the pupils was offered for the repose of her soul on Thursday the 15th of September. Ar dheis laimh De go raibh a h-anam.

The last edition of the Newsletter showed a photo-graph of our victorious under 13 foot-

ball Team. The list of names was some-what incomplete so here again is the full panel of young heroes who brought honour to the school:

Tony Kearins - Hugh O'Donnell - Pat Travers - David Tracey - Joe Heslin - Gary Power - Joe Conway - Michael Cooke - Kevin McNamara - John Reilly - Donal Lawless - Ollie Reilly - Dessie Farrell - Paul Murray - Morgan Lettis - Brian Boyd - Martin Foy - Jimmy Mee - Declan Travers - Brendan Malone-

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GRAPEVINE

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

The Sponsored Cycle Ride in aid of Parish Funds and Community Council Funds will be held on Sunday the 16th of this month. Your wholehearted support (as usual) will be greatly appreciated.

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Fr. O' Higgins has emphatically denied that he will ride a penny-farthing machine in the Cycle Ride this year.

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Fr. Supple said he couldn't rise to a penny-farthing (bicycle of course)

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Fr. Tyrrell said he never heard of a penny-farthing and did we mean a 1.25 bike (That's decimilisation for you)

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Continuing our statistical section, this month we give the ladies first preference. Did you know that the average sewing needle is 3 inches long? This means that there are 21,120 in one mile, or 348,480 between Maynooth and Dublin.

If therefore a lady travelled to Dublin in one hour and was sewing at the same time, (She was a passenger, of course), she could claim that she had travelled at 348,480 sewing needles per hour or that she had sewed a speed of 16½ miles per hour.

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At present we are investigating the possibility of providing strong leather-bound covers in which you can put your vital statistical information as furnished from time-to-time in the NEWSLETTER. These will be available at a nominal cost and we feel sure that everyone will want one, as who knows when these statistics will be needed to solve some important problem.

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The latest date for receipt of articles for the November Newsletter is October 16th.

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All articles, news, letters etc. for publication in this NEWSLETTER may be handed in to any of the following:-

J. Read, 86 Rail Park.
Joe Donlon, 53 Rail Park.
Ted. Kelly, Main Street.
Liam Bean, Main Street.
Vincent Duffe, 12 Laurence Avenue.

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A shorthand - typist is required for Community Council affairs. Very light work of about 2/3 evenings per month. If you are interested phone 286051

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The long awaited footbridge at the Town Bridge is on the way at last. Replying to a question by Councillor B. Durkin, as to why the work was not being proceeded with, the Secretary stated that tenders are out for the construction of the bridge. It is hoped that work will commence as soon as possible.

Councillor Durkin was also informed that an order prohibiting the erection of temporary dwellings on the Moyglare road is to be made. Councillor Durkin had a motion down seeking such an order. This should eliminate the unsightly itinerant dwellings which have disfigured this road for some time past.

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A rumour has been spread that the Civil Defence Casualty Unit in Maynooth has been disbanded. The Civil Defence Unit in Maynooth would like to point out that this is entirely incorrect and, on the contrary, the various units are very much alive and active. (Also see Civil Defence Notes elsewhere in this issue).

MAYNOOTH VISTA

by Newcomer.
I have been reading the short version of the recently issued Irish Bishops' pastoral letter on Justice. No! Although recommended to do so I did not get a copy of the full text. In fact, let me confess, if the short version had not been delivered to me, free, gratis and for nothing I doubt if I would have sought it out for perusal at all. Human nature being what it is and I being endowed with more than my fair share of laziness I would probably have been contented with the random readings from the pulpit or the references made to the pastoral in the daily press.

Now, I wonder did you read it?

Had I relied on the pulpit readings you would have been spared the question I am now about to ask as I could never pluck up the moral courage to pose questions to a priest giving a sermon at eleven o'clock Mass on a Sunday, even if I could make myself heard above the uproar of the kids.

Let me quote from the short version of the Pastoral Letter. 'It is for governments to ensure that systems of taxation are just and are equitably distributed over the different sectors of the community; but there is also a moral obligation on citizens to pay their just and lawful share of taxes'.

No one could possibly quarrel with the first part of that statement but does not the inclusion of the word 'lawful' in the second part negate the whole?

Every government in this country in the past twenty years has admitted that our tax system is unjust but it has always been 'lawful' because its injustices have been upheld by law and no government yet elected has done anything to rectify the position. I am no moral theologian but it is my understanding that it is immoral to uphold or obey an unjust law and it is no sin to evade it.

Pay your just taxes - Yes; therein lies the moral obligation. And the merely 'lawful' ones? Well! Force Majeure! My conscience is clear.

However, I do believe that the word 'lawful' strayed in unwittingly and that in the drafting of the pastoral letter somebody succumbed to the cliché 'just and lawful' without fully analysing its implications in the particular context.

Am I right? Or am I just a crazy mixed up kid?




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By the way I can't find anything about justice or injustice of the ground rent system or the leaving of whole estates unfinished or the collection of rates and charges by Local Authorities for services they do not provide. Perhaps somebody should look at Maynooth from outside the College walls.

POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL

The following night classes will be available in above school starting on the first week of October.

1. Woodwork
2. Arts & Crafts.
3. French
4. Commerce
5. Shorthand & Typewriting
6. Book-Keeping.
7. Motor - Maintenance.
8. Maths (To Lev. Cert.)
9. English (To Lev. Cert.)
10. Dressmaking.
11. Christian Awareness
12. Photography.

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RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Last month we had some omissions from our news, but as the holiday Season was still on we hope all is forgiven by those concerned. On 26th June we had a very successful venture into the sport-ing field and to add to our numbers we had children from Moneycooley, Taghadoe, & Railpark. A most enjoyable day was had by all and this was added to by the help of very many people. Fr. O'Higgins & Fr. Supple were in attendance and Fr. Supple presented the medals. Mother Raphael, Sister Joseph and Sister Alphonsus, & Sister Pauline came to cheer and Mother Raphael gave a very generous gift for our raffle. The music was supplied by members of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann and their stage was courtesy of Mr. B. Noonan - his lorry. Dunboyne A.C. provided mats and bars for Athletics. The local shops at this stage are probably sorry they opened because without their continued generosity in time as well as gifts none of our endeavours would be the success they always are. The last word of thanks is to the Sports Committee and all those whose names we have forgotten to mention,

DINNER DANCE:-

WHEN - 18th November
WHERE - Osberstown House.
HOW MUCH ? - only £4 each.

Everyone knows how good the dances to date have been and being an optimist this will be better still but only if everyone gives their support. Tickets can be had from all committee members and any queries will be answered at 79 Maynooth Park, or 5 Laurence Ave. We will have spots galore and who knows maybe an extra item or two.

CHILDRENS PARTY:

Just a reminder that we have booked the Parish Hall for Sunday 18th December for this years party. So please mark your diary.

E.S.B. Lightning:

In a recent letter to Mr. B. Durkan, the E.S.B. promised to fix the lights but despite persistent complaints we are still in the dark.

GENERAL NEWS

Mr. L. Lawlor T.D. has made representations to various bodies on our behalf including C.I. E. and also to some Ministers. Mr. S. Barrett, Minister of Inviron-ment has stated that on 20th June of this year a letter was sent to the Co. Council stating that the plans and specifications submitted for Maynooth and Kildare Town Swimming Pool were in order with minor changes, Mr. Mullaney, Co. Secretary has also given these details but doesn't know when money will be available for either pool as all money available was being used to meet commitments on existing pools and those under construction.

FOOT BRIDGE: Co. B. Durken has tabled a motion asking for this footbridge as Co. Manager has stated in a recent letter that at no time would it be possible to put footpaths on the existing bridge.

NOW STARTING

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CHRISTMAS CLUBS!

A special word of thanks to the New Proprietor of the Supermarket for tidying up the area in front of the shop & for cutting the grass. This was very much appreciated by the Residents and we now trust the residents themselves will give their support to keep this spot clean by using the Bins provided for refuse.

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		* TWIN PACK TOILET ROLLS 15p
		* TINS OF BABY FOOD 10p

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Editorial

Another Academic New Year is on us and once again our thoughts go to the many students among us who are starting a fresh year, both in the schools and university. To some of the students it would sound a little facetious to wish them a 'happy new year' but we can wish them all a successful year of study.

To the students who are coming to live with us for the coming year, we trust you will be happy among us and we trust we may be able to make your stay with us as pleasant as possible. What, if in the past, a few students (in fact a very few) may have annoyed some of us, we feel sure this will improve and, conversely, if we have been a little inconsiderate or rude, we too shall try to improve matters.

While we started this editorial with good wishes and bouquets, perhaps we will be forgiven if we pause to throw a few bricks. When thinking of students we think of many young people on the footpaths of our town and, at the risk of being called selfish, we also think of ourselves on those same footpaths. At the moment, one has to 'run the gauntlet' with cats and bicycles on these same footpaths, and, unfortunately it will not be long until somebody is seriously hurt if not killed. As we have mentioned before, the fact that some people park their cars on the paths is quite understandable, and may, in fact, make the street safer but what we refer to is the unnecessary use of the paths for vehicles. The unfortunate part is that very many, too many indeed, drive along the footpaths at a very dangerous speed. Not alone do they speed on the footpaths but they drive as close as possible to the walls and doors of the houses and shops. Furthermore cars are driven unnecessarily on the paths when there is plenty of room for parking on the streets. Many of these drivers also show their lack of consideration and downright rudeness by sounding their hooters at pedestrians young or old, healthy or feeble, who will not dash out of their way apparently forgetting that they (the motorists and cyclists have no right whatever to be on the footpath at all.

May we appeal to those who do take cars or bicycles on the footpaths to drive, or ride and bikes, as slowly as possible and as far away from the doorways as possible. Failing this people will only have to insist that the law be enforced and all vehicles be banned from the paths. If you, a pedestrian, see somebody driving dangerously on the footpath make a point of giving him, or her, a piece of your mind. It will do a lot of good, and perhaps save an accident.

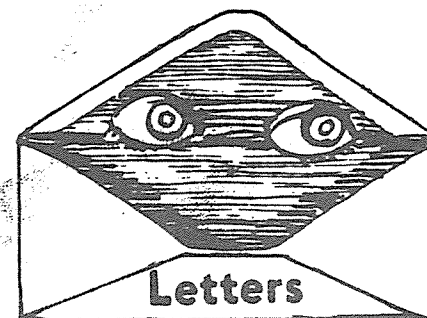


ENGAGEMENT

At a party in Osta John Devoy attended by parents and many friends, Raymond McTernan announced his engagement to Miss Noelle Corrigan, Palmerstown Ave., Palmerstown. Raymond also celebrated his 21st Birthday, while his parents, Gearoid & Ita celebrated their 30th Anniversary and Noell's parents, Frank & Maura celebrated their 25th wedding Anniversary.

RECENT MARRIAGES

Congratulations to Liam Nolan, Leinster Cottages, Maynooth, on his marriage to Collette Behan, Easton Road, Leixlip. Yvonne Farrell, O'Neill Park, Maynooth, on her marriage to Peirce Cassidy, Palmers-town.



to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Having enjoyed Newcomers' articles under the title of 'Maynooth Vista' in your previous issues. I was disappointed to see that bias and slant has appeared in the column in the September issue which gives an unfair representation of the action taken by the World Council of Churches in allocating money to the freedom fighters that are attempting to dislodge the racist minority regimes in Southern Africa.

The World Council of Churches, as Newcomer says, is an august and most Christian Body and did not take this action without first debating the issue. For Newcomer to insinuate that the Patriotic Front, Frelimo, Swapo, to name but three groups of what could be described as Freedom Fighters, are murderers is somewhat naive. The violence is a result of years of suppression, the deprivation of the democratic right to vote, the attitude exuded by the regimes of South Africa and Rhodesia of the white population being the superior race.

We see how these regimes operate to suppress justice and truth i.e. the expulsion of the Rev. Lamont and many other clerics. At present Sister McLoughlin, Press Secretary of the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace in Rhodesia has been arrested and is awaiting trial.

In South Africa the funeral has taken place of Steve Biko who died in detention after seven days. This is another death in a long list of people who have been taken into detention in South Africa and died under suspicious circumstances. Biko was involved

in political agitation for rights for black students and workers through the South Africa Student Organisation.

The longer the majority of the population in South Africa or Rhodesia are deprived of their rights the more inevitable it becomes that violence erupts.

I do hope Newcomer will be more just in his comments in the future should he so stray from his heading of Maynooth Vista and dwell on politics.

Yours,
J. Donlon,
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Over 10,000 Scouts from all over Ireland and Europe attended the BIG CAMP, which was held in Mount Melleray, Co. Waterford, from 26th July to the 5th August '77.

Included in the programme was an activity called Cap Handi. Here the Scouts got some idea of what it is like to be handicapped. The programme for the Camp is constructed around the theme of fun, friendship and challenge. The highlight of the programme undoubtedly was 'Fionn's Trail'. This event was a twenty four hour hike in the Mountains around Mount Melleray. The significant feature of the hike was that each patrol of eight was made up of Boys from different parts of the Country and from overseas. They trekked over some of the most beautiful countryside in Ireland, with spectacular views of the Golden Vale and the Nore Valley. The Trail gave them the opportunity to explore unknown country. It also provided an ideal environment for making new friends; some of whom did not even speak the same language.

On the 200 acre camp site in Mount Melleray, the 10,000 Campers were divided into different sub-camps. Each of these accommodated about 2,000 Scouts and had all the necessary services. The Scouts from 8th Kildare (Maynooth) enjoyed their stay immensely.

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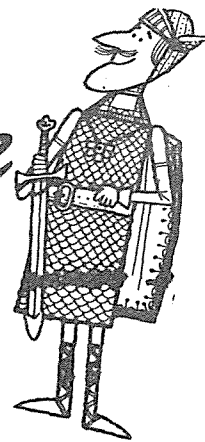
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Maynooth Castle



A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen

Maynooth Castle was never lived in again after the Irish Wars of the 1640s. It was nearly one hundred years before the Fitzgeralds came back to live in Maynooth, this time at the opposite end of the town in Carton House. During these years of absence the earls and their families lived for the most part at Kilkea Castle and then Dublin house. Kilkea Castle, now modernised as a hotel is five miles from Athy near Castledermot, in the old Irish territory of Ui Muiredaig, the land of the O'Tooles south of Ui Faelain of the O'Byrnes. The name Kilkea comes from the Irish Cill Caoide, the Church of Caoide or Kay. At the time of the Norman invasion this part of modern County Kildare was granted by Strongbow to Walter De Riddlesford, baron of Bray in County Wicklow. Hugh de Lacy built a castle here for de Riddlesford. The manors of Kilkea and Castledermot later passed to the Geraldines as the inheritance of Emelena de Longespee, a granddaughter of Walter De Riddlesford, when she married Maurice Fitzgerald, third baron of Offaly. Kilkea Castle, like Maynooth, was captured by Catholic forces during the Confederate wars but was re-taken unharmed and restored to the sixteenth earl of Kildare.

Wentworth the seventeenth earl lived mainly at Kilkea until he died in 1666. John the eighteenth earl lived in England all his life in Oxfordshire. In 1701 he died and Robert, a nephew of the seventeenth earl, succeeded as nineteenth earl. It was he who brought the family back to live at Maynooth.

Carton was part of the original manor of Maynooth granted to the first Maurice Fitzgerald. Its name, Baile-an-Cairthe, means 'town of the Pillar-Stone'. At different times the anglicised forms 'The Carthyn' and 'Cartown' are found before the modern form Carton established itself. There seems to have been a castle, or fortified house on the property. In 1603 the earl of Kildare leased the Manor of Carton to William Talbot of the old Norman family of Talbot of Malahide. The manor then contained the castle, it seems at Old Carton, ten farmsteads, a Mill, a fishing weir, and 352 Irish acres. Its new owner had a distinguished career. He was made recorder of Dublin and sat as the representative of Co. Kildare in the Irish Parliament of 1613-15, the only one to be held during the reign of James 1. Sir William Talbot was one of the most outspoken supporters of the Catholic cause and was regarded as the leader of the Old English, or Catholic, a group in the parliament. His activity so displeased the authorities that he was dismissed from the recordership. He went to England to expose the corrupt methods used in electing members to the parliament. This resulted in his prosecution in the notorious court of Star Chamber by Sir Francis Bacon, then attorney-general, and Talbot was imprisoned for a period in the Tower. Some years after his return to Ireland he was created a baronet in 1622.

At some time between acquiring Carton in 1603 and his death in 1633 Sir William built Carton House, the nucleus of the present house. He was said to have been buried in the Church of Maynooth. Lord Walter Fitzgerald has pointed out that this was unlikely since Maynooth

Church was the church attached to the Castle, and by that time a Protestant establishment, while Laraghbryan remained the Catholic grave yard. he thought it more likely that Sir William was buried in the Church Yard of old Carton, just outside the desmesne walls to the North east.

Two of Sir William's sons made names for themselves in Irish History Peter Talbot became Catholic Archbishop of Dublin in 1660, when Oliver Plunkett, a member of another well-known Old English family of Co. Meath, was made Archbishop of Armagh.

Richard Talbot, later known as 'Fighting Dick', and 'the great Tyrconnell' grew up at Carton and was a very young man at the time of the Irish wars of 1640s. Like many young men of his background he went to the Continent but came back to serve under the royalist commander, Ormond. By 1649 the forces of the parliament in England had decisively won their struggle with the King Charles 1., who was executed in January of that year, and the parliament's most famous military commander, Oliver Cromwell, came to Ireland to bring it too under the parliament's control. This he did in a brief and ruthless campaign. During it the armies of the Confederation of Kilkenny, and the royalist forces under Ormond often joined forces to oppose him, and so young Richard Talbot found himself at Drogheda when it was taken by Cromwell's forces in August 1649. He survived the following massacre and sailed to Flanders where he entered the service of James, the exiled younger son of Charles 1. James' exile ended when the English people grew tired of Cromwell's rule and, when he died, brought back the eldest son of the executed king as Charles 11 in 1660. Richard Talbot was by now a close friend of Charles' brother James, the Duke of York, and returned with him to England.

James became a Catholic and when he succeeded to the throne in 1685 as James 11 England had its first Catholic king since 1558. Talbot was made earl of Tyrconnell and then Lord Deputy of Ireland in 1687. He and James both promoted Catholics to high positions with such enthusiasm that there was a reaction. James was deposed by the ruling classes in England in favour of his son-in-law, William of Orange. Tyrconnell held Ireland for him and welcomed him at Kinsale in 1689, when James arrived to fight William for his kingdoms. When the two Kings met at the Battle of the Boyne, Tyrconnell was with James, and with him also on his return to Dublin where James was met at Dublin Castle by Lady Tyrconnell. In reply to James' complaint that his Irish troops had run away she made the famous rejoinder that 'Your Majesty has won the race'.

Tyrconnell died at Galway in 1691 and after the final victory of William of Orange and Protestantism, his estates were forfeited to the Crown. In 1703 Carton was sold by auction in Dublin to Major-General Richard Ingoldsby. In 1739 the nineteenth earl of Kildare brought back the property from the Ingoldsby family and set about rebuilding and extending Carton House.

Main sources - Lord Walter Fitzgerald, 'Carton' in J. .K.A.S. vol. 4 No. 1

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The congratulations of her many friends in Maynooth go to Mrs. Ann Tracey, Leinster Cottages, who recently celebrated her 88th birthday. Ann is a patient in St. Vincent's Hospital, Athy, and she was given a big party by the Nursing Staff to celebrate the occasion.

We all wish Ann a speedy recovery and many more happy years.



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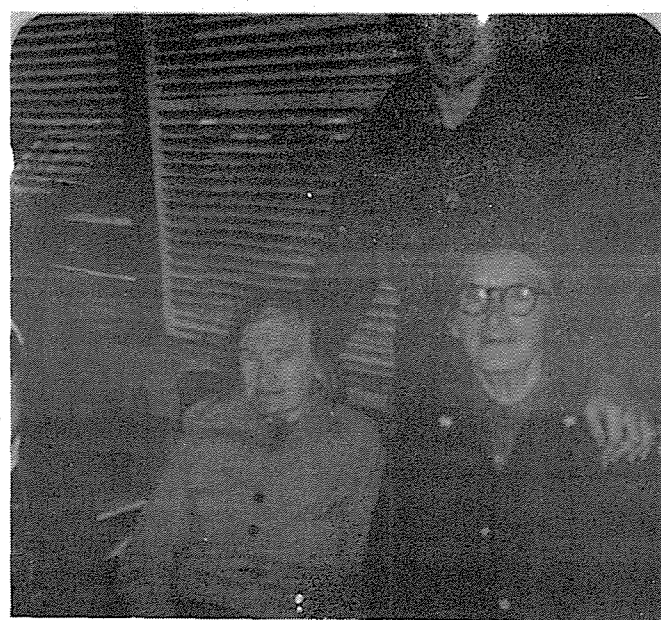
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STUDENTS' NEWS

The New Students' Union Building which will be in full operation from October onwards is the first of its kind in the republic. It contains Offices, T.V. & Reading facilities as well as a bar and junction Hall.

It was built at a total cost of over £60,000 which had been provided by the Trustees of the College after numerous protests by Students over lack of facilities.

U.S.I. SEMINAR

A seminar for incoming officers to Students' Unions was held in the S.U. Building over the first four days of September last. It was attended by Students from about 25 Colleges North and South. Areas covered included administration, negotiation, welfare, entertainments etc.

NEW ARTS BLOCK

This year also sees the opening of the New Arts Block on the

Kilcock Road. It contains two main Lecture Halls, with a seating capacity of about 240 as well as a number of smaller rooms. There is also Library Canteen and Staff Office space. The building will ease the pressure on space in the Old Campus. Although the original intention was for all Art Departments to be transferred to the new Building some, including Geography, will be remaining where they are. Courses for Theology, Science and the H. Dip will also remain on The Old Campus.

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

For the first time this year the Students Union are publishing a Student Handbook. It

gives 60 pages of information on Student affairs, accommodation, health and a number of other areas. It is available for 35p (including postage) from the Students Union, Maynooth College.

Two other Student Magazines 'Educational Matters' & 'S.U. News' will also be on sale in paper shops in Maynooth.

FOR THE FUTURE

It is planned to include information on College Activities & events each Month. The matter of freer access to the college amenities for the local Community is also being raised at present, for instance, Meetings, Swimming Pool etc. The Students Union also intends to provide some of its services to the local Post Primary School e.g. cheap-travel tickets, etc.

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Community Council News

Discussion at the last meeting concentrated mainly on the revised draft development plan for the area. While much of this plan is in broad terms, specific sites and projects are contained therein.

The overall picture for Maynooth is that it is designated a general development area i.e. mainly housing. The Council agreed that while it would not like to see an industrial estate here, should the right type of small light factory be attracted to the area, then the entire position should be reconsidered.

Representatives of the students attended this Meeting also and pledged their support in any way they could to help improve the area, and in particular the community projects. They are at present making representations to the College Authorities to have the facilities therein made available to us. We will keep you informed of progress in this matter.

Final detail were discussed for the Cycle Ride on October 16th and the Talent Contest (late October). Both these events have in the past proven to be great successes and we look forward to your continued support this year.

The next meeting will be on October 11th.

ICA News

At the September Guild meeting, a most interesting and informative talk was given on Crime Prevention by a member of the Garda Siochana and for which the Guild tender their sincere thanks.

The monthly raffle was won by Mrs. McDermott. The next meeting will be held on October 6th, when a cookery demonstration will be given by a representative from Boland's Flour Mills. The competition at this meeting will be a 'Sponge Cake'

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OBITUARY

During the past month several of our fellow townspeople have died and the town is the poorer for their passing.

PATRICK MORROW

Early in the month the town was stunned by the news of the sudden death of Patrick Morrow. The proprietor of Connolly's, Main St. He was very popular with his customers and is mourned by his many friends. Of a very retiring disposition, he, nonetheless, had a lively interest in Maynooth and its people.

LUKE O' SHEA

At an advanced age, Luke O'Shea, of Smithstown, passed to his eternal reward. He was in mediocre health for some time past and his death was not altogether unexpected. He will be remembered by his friends,

neighbours and acquaintances as a kind old gentleman.

MRS. MARGARET (Gret) CORRWAY

After a long, tedious and painful illness, Gret Corrway finally died at her home, at Old Greenfield, among her family and friends. During her lifetime her infectious good humour brightened the lives of her many friends and acquaintances, and through her long illness she never lost her wonderful cheerfulness. Maynooth has lost a wonderful person and kindly neighbour.

JOHN CURRAN

In practically the same week, the townspeople were further shocked to hear of the death of John Curran, of Mooneycooley, after a short illness. Of almost limitless energy he, together with a most successful business life, found time to give of his time and energy

to the betterment of the town. He was always willing to help with any worthwhile project. In particular, he did trojan work in the development of the G.A.A. Grounds, at Moyglare Road. He was, for many years, a member of various G.A.A. Committees and had a very special interest in the junior teams. Later, with the establishment of the Development Association, he continued to give his physical help and valuable advice.

To go into details of his work in the town would take many pages and we can only sum up by saying he was an excellent husband, a good father, and a first class citizen.

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The remainder of the students returned the following day, greeted by an ever industrious Mr. Ashe, who, incidentally has joined the Archbishop's Commission for the formation and Development of religious education in post-primary schools.

Some new faces on the Staff testify to the expansion of The School and this year Students can avail of the very welcome services of a new Physical Education Teacher who will be co-operating with the university to avail of their recreational amenities. A full time Rededial teacher has also joined the school, and these two important additions together with the Careers Counsellor complete a trio, sadly lacking in so many of the country's schools.

Added to the expansion are two H. Dip. students. The school is also co-operating with Sion Hill College of Home Economics and Maynooth University in the new block-release course for H.Dip, Students. Again a recent development which the post primary school has been quick to participate in.

Plans are already under way for the school tour this year to Scotland and the Lake District of England. So, parents encourage your children to start saving straight away. Assistance from the school fund should help keep the fare to a reasonable modest £37.

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The school misses the faces of last year's leaving certificate class and those who have left us after Inter. cert. to take up employment. Results of all our examinations were very satisfying, but once again let it be stressed that examinations results, which forms the basis of many people's opinion as regards the success of a school, is not the only yardstick of the schools development. I'm sure that many parents will agree that the overall happiness and development of the child in the school must rank as a priority, in the hectic and often times difficult adolescent years.

We look forward to the year ahead and hope to meet many New Parents and see increased numbers at our Parent-Teacher meetings, and meetings of the Parents Association, which we can all learn and exchange information about what concerns us all - - our children's education.

CIVIL DEFENCE NOTES:

CASUALTY SERVICE: Contrary to rumour, this Unit is still alive and active and, in fact, on Wednesday 28th Sept., at a small ceremony at the I.C.A. Hall, Comdt. O'Shea (Asst. County Civil Defence Officer) presented the following with First Aid Certificates:- Mrs. Rachel Cassidy, Brownstown; Mrs. Ann McGarry, Greenfield; Miss Maureen Gill, Crinstown; Francis & Seamus Kennedy, Laraghbryan; Miss Ann Jackson, Laragh, and Mrs Lillian O'Rourke, Laragh. Also present at the ceremony were Capt. W. Reid, Knights of Malta (examiner with Dr. Healy of Newbtidge) and Mr. T. Kelly, Civil Defence District Warden.

On Wednesday 28th Sept. at the I.C.A. Hall, Mr. Michael Stone (Lecturer from the Civil Defence School, Phoenix Park) demonstrated artificial respiration and cardiac massage. Resusce-Anne Models were available for practice. Practice continues each week at 8.30 p.m. in the I.C.A. Hall

WARDEN SERVICE: Members of the Maynooth Unit took part in an exercise in Rathangan at the beginning of the month. The exercise simulated a factory explosion and Warden, Fire, Casualty, Rescue & Welfare services from the County were involved.

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We delayed the Childrens' Session while we endeavoured to find some such person, and had reached a stage when we decided to cancel The Swim altogether, when the wife of our Chairman, Mrs. Nell Byrne, offered to come to the rescue. However as most of you are aware Mrs. Byrne, is very active in the affairs of the town, and has many other commitments, and cannot continue to Travel with the Bus indefinitely.

They are your children, all 35 of them, is there not one among you, who will come forward and offer to help. We have the Pool, we have the instructors, we have a long waiting list of young hopefuls, surely there must be somebody who will Steward the Bus, otherwise Swimming for the children will have to come to an end.

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FAMILY SWIM CLONDALKIN

As the evenings are getting cold and dark we have decided to postpone this Session until April, we think this will meet with approval from all the parents.

News that the College has arranged to share their Swimming Pool with the Post Primary School, has made us very happy, as many of the School Pupils were members of our Club, and it is really great to know they can now continue with their Swimming, and we hope they share their experience with us, by helping those who cannot Swim. Mr. Ashe may not know it, but he even has a few Life-Savers among his pupils. We hope to have our next Water-Safety course sometime in October.

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a 36 year old Swede who can
claim to be probably the world's
only qualified dog psychologist.

If the thought of a wolf lurking
inside the tiny snapping dog
seems a little ludicrous, Mr.
Hallgren's message is that it is
forgetting the wolf that leads
to all the traumas of a neurotic
Dog. from shyness to excessive
barking to naked aggression.

'A Dog is quite different to a
man' he said. He is not a
person on four legs. Inside he
is his ancestor the wolf and he has
basic needs which must never be
neglected.

'He needs companionship, free-
dom work and the right food'.
Neglect those, and a lazy, irritable
neurotic and aggressive 'problem
Dog' can result, he said.

Swedish survey showed that two-
thirds of dogs spent 19 or 20 hours
a day just lying around (That's
the most common way of living
for a Dog today, yet in the wild

a wolf works for eight perhaps
16 hours a day.'

TROUBLE

A dog does not need that much
stimulation, he said. But any
dog left alone for hours or
allowed to sleep its way through
the day could be trouble.

The problem with untrain-
able dogs was training the
owner, said Mr. Hallgren.

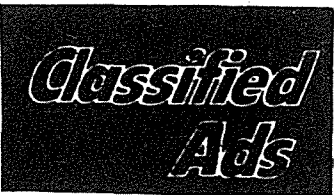
'Usually the dog owner
is the cause: the dog is
just the symptom. Mostly
the owner is not meeting
one or more of the basic
needs.' Once they are
met training the dog be-
comes relatively simple.

But owners were not sole-
ly to blame. He criticis-
ed breeders too, for pro-
ducing 'dumb blondes' -
'all good looks but with
physical and mental illness-
es built into the breeding.'

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The usual monthly Seisúin
was held in the Geraldine
Hall on September 27th.
There were twelve Musicians,
and the music was good.

Gus Malone & P. Sheeran
danced the old style reel
and Hornpipe.

Songs from T. Madden,
P. Sheeran & Joe Harris.

A one minutes silence was
observed for Mr. John Curran
R.I.P., Vice Chairman and
founder of the Branch.
John will be sadly missed not
only by the Branch, but by
the Community as a whole,
for his unselfish Co-operation
and dedication to all the
Parish activities. To his
wife & family we extend our
deepest sympathy.

Go ndeana Dia trócair e ar a
anam.

NEXT SEISUIN OCT. 25th.

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NEWSLETTER
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GRAPEVINE

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

The official report sheet of the casualty unit
of the Civil Defence service after the sponsored
cycle ride showed no casualties. We know
different.

A large lump of surgical sticking plaster had to
be used to repair the directional sign at Lady-
chapel, which the breeze had blown down. That's
what might be called 'first aid the fence'

Transcendental Meditation classes were being
tried in Maynooth during the month of October.
These classes are apparently to help the
people relax and cope with life better. It is
not needed in Maynooth - people are very relaxed
at all times. As a matter of fact we thought
most of them were asleep.

CONGRATULATIONS:- To Stephanie Noonan
Ladychapel & Christopher Malone, Clane,
on their engagement.

A number of arm bands will be made available
to Senior Citizens by Courtesy of Messrs
Car Care Centre.

The sponsored cycle ride on Sunday October
16th was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all,
even if numbers were somewhat below last
years. The weather was magnificent, as
were the refreshments both official and un-
official (those half-minutes of darkness)

We have been asked to state quite un-
equivocally by the two silvery - haired
gentlemen living side-by-side on the Main
Street, that they are not in the habit of
taking each others wives for a walk. If
you see them out walking you may take it
they are with their respective wives.

At least that's what they tell us !

The latest date for receiving items
for inclusion in the December issue of the
NEWSLETTER is November 13th.

Remember that plant that someone was
talking to in the early issues, well it
is thriving. The person in question
claims that it was the talking that did it.
Personally we feel it was all the publicity
we gave it in the MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER.

GRAPVINE

Not many people are aware that most nights trains pass through the station carrying acrolyne for the Japanese factory in Mayo. This is a highly dangerous substance and should an accident occur, the whole town would be in serious danger and would have to be evacuated in minutes. The worst feature is that our Fire Brigade are not properly trained or equipped to deal with any leakage of the Chemical. Is it not time we asserted ourselves in this matter. Can these trains not be prevented from passing through at least until suitable arrangements are made to deal with possible accidental spillage.

A recent stroll along by the Harbour and Playing Field revealed that Brambles are growing out of the I.C.A. Hall. The inference is that good ladies of the I.C.A. are taking their home wine-making very seriously indeed or else they have stagnated inside and become overgrown.

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With Christmas coming up soon we must advise everyone to be careful of their Wallets & Purses. This is the best time of the year for pickpockets and they are not fussy who they steal from. So be warned - **WATCH YOUR MONEY!!**

GREENFIELD ESTATE

RESIDENCE ASSOCIATION

CAKE SALE:- On Wednesday 12th October we had our most successful cake Sale to date. We would first thank D & C. Meats for the use of their shop and also all those residents and students who supported it so well.

DINNER DANCE

Our sincere gratitude to Mrs Mary Fleming who was co-opted on to our Committee to help with the running of the Dinner Dance.

FINAL REMINDER:-

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MAYNOOTH VISTA

by Newcomer.

I note that a correspondent did not like my article in The September issue and was disappointed to see that it contained bias and slant. Indeed it did. It had bias against a Christian body allocating money to killers and it was slanted one way because it dealt only with the action of the World Council of Churches and the august and Christian body has not yet made an allocation to Ian Smith or to John Vorster but if and when it does I shall as roundly condemn it.

The trouble with us Irish is that when we embrace a cause we refuse to admit of anybody standing on impartial ground. He that is not with me must be automatically against me. If one condemns the killings one one side then ergo one condones the killings on the other. One is 'naieve' if one considers the killing of non-combatants by African 'Freedom' Fighters as murder on the plea, presumably, that the end justifies the means. Unfortunately they have killed more black non-combatants than white so that plea for ultimate justification will hardly hold up. Before lauding the Frelimo one should have a good hard look at Mozambique as it is today under the rule of the Freedom - Fighters of yesterday.

The pigmentation of a man's skin does not dictate the colour of his soul.

I hold no brief for the regimes of Vorster or Smith nor do I condone their oppression or their killings but when I condemn the World Council of Churches for allocating funds to those who slaughter

indiscriminately I am indeed in good company for so also does the Church of Ireland which is a member of the Council. My September article dealt with morals and not politics as our correspondent contends. Or, at least, I thought it did but if his contention is right and the World Council of Churches is a political organisation I apologise for my error.

I do not ask the colour of the skin of him for whom the bell tolls. I do ask whose hand held the gun or the bomb and was I instrumental in putting it there. If I was, may God forgive me for I could never hope to forgive myself.

However, it is nice for a columnist to learn that he is read by even one person despite any misinterpretation.

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And now - to fresh woods! We are to lose our priceless historic and pre-historic art treasures for almost two years while they go on exhibition in the United States. This, it appears, results from the decision of one man,

the previous Minister for Education, who, during his term of office was responsible for the National Museum. Included in the objects already in the U.S.A. are part of the Book of Kells, the Tara Brooch, the Ardagh Chalice, the Cross of Cong, and many gold ornaments. Such objects are irreplaceable and if lost, stolen or damaged what amount of money can compensate? Irish art treasures belong to the people and not to any Minister or Government and priceless objects of our heritage must never again leave this country by some backdoor method and without the full consent of the Irish people. I understand that even our elected representatives in Dail Eireann were not given the opportunity of voicing an opinion on the desirability or otherwise of these treasures going abroad. The decision to send them was arrogantly taken and foolishly implemented.

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## ST. MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND.

The Band would like to thank the people of the town for their wonderful support in our recent flag week-end collection which netted £240. Your support is especially welcome at this time as very shortly we will be purchasing a new set of uniforms for our members. It is hoped to have the Uniforms in time for Christmas.

The Band's Annual Mass for deceased members will be on Sunday 6th November.

Our junior members have made very good progress in the last year. Those playing with the Band during our Summer programme added greatly to the Band's performances in places like Clondalkin, Malahide, Coolmines, Walkinstown and others and benefitted greatly from the experience gained. Our remaining juniors are now practising with the Senior band and we hope to see them out playing with the Band for Christmas.

With these promotions we will be shortly starting a new junior class. A limited number of places will be available to boys and girls between the ages of 9 - 14 years. Those interested should attend at the Bandroom on Tuesday 15th November for an aptitude test at 8 p.m. Parents are also very welcome to attend on this night.

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## PRIMARY SCHOOL

Medals were presented to all the members of the victorious Under 13 football Team at a function in the School G. P. Room on Friday night the 7th of October. All the boys of last year's 6th Standard were invited in appreciation of the hard work they put into pre-paring for the Official Opening of the new Extension last May. A great night was had by all, thanks to the wonderful support we got from many generous people in the town. The huge amount of delicious food and drink supplied by these people had to be seen to be believed. To all these kindly parents and also to those ladies and girls who helped to prepare and serve the food on the night we extend our deepest gratitude. A special word of thanks to Maynooth G.F.H.C. who donated a very substantial sum of money and set of jerseys to us and whose amiable chairman - Mr. Sheehan presented the medals to the players. Also, many thanks to Mrs. Comerford and Mrs. Mc Ternan, without whose efforts the function would never have got off the ground.

Lastly - a word of apology to one of the footballers - Thomas Dunne of Old Greenfield, through an over-sight on my part, Thomas was not presented with a medal. I hope you will accept this apology, Thomas, and be assured that your medal is on the way.

*Michael P. O'Connell,*

PRINCIPAL.

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The Maynooth Branch of the Kildare Association of Parents & Friends of handicapped children wish to convey their

K.A.R.E. continued.

sincere thanks to all those who supported them in their recent Fashion Show in the Hitchin' Post, which was an outstanding success.

We wish also to thank most sincerely all those who contributed prizes. They were:-

Programme Prizes:-  
Maynooth D.I.Y. New Greenfield and D & C. Meats, New Greenfield.

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Hula-Bou Fashions, Main St. Maynooth.  
Jim's Shoe Repairs, Maynooth Shopping Centre.  
Mrs. J. Mahon: Mr. Patrick McEvoy.  
O'Briens Supermarket, Maynooth Shopping Centre.  
Reilly's Dry Cleaners, Main St. Maynooth,  
& finally a special word of thanks to the Presentation Convent for their generous contribution.

A special word of thanks go to three young ladies, Ann Kelly, Nuala Kelly, & Orla Shannon, who having bought their tickets, forfeited their right to see the Show, and gave their full time to helping the Committee and Models. Well done girls, with you as an example of our 'YOUTH', we 'older ones' need have no worry about tomorrow!

A big 'THANK YOU' also to the Scouts & Cubs of Maynooth, who so cheerfully delivered our Annual Newspaper.

## Sponsored Cycle Ride

This Annual Event held on October 12th was again a great success and the participants enjoyed the beautiful weather. The successful entrants are now collecting their sponsorship and this should be returned to any of the following as soon as possible.

- 1) Any of the local clergy.
- 2) Mrs. Kennedy, Mill St.
- 3) Ted Kelly, Main Street.
- 4) John Reid, 86 Rail Park
- 5) Leo McGlynn, 757 Old Greenfield.

The services of the stewards were very much appreciated as it is no joke to have to stay at the same crossing point all day waiting for the entrants to come by

A special word of thanks is due to the good ladies ably directed by Mrs. Fegan who provided the light lunches during the day and to the I.C.A. for the use of their hall and equipment.

And where would we have been without our own St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band to play for us before the start and sooth our ragged nerves. Well done lads and Thank You Very Much.

The local casualty unit of the Civil Defence provided a first aid service for the event, but happily although they were not required to act, their presence was very much appreciated, and made everyone feel that much safer.



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# Community Council News

The October meeting of the Community Council was reasonably well attended and quite a number of items were attended and discussed.

The Results of the Tidy Towns Competition was read and discussed at length. (It is hoped to print this Report elsewhere in this issue or in the next issue.

A Representative of the Students' Union, St. Patrick's College also attended the meeting, taking the seat on the Community Council reserved for such representative and items of mutual interest were discussed at length.

Other items attended to included:- Alteration of the Consitution of the Council. The Constitution was amended to permit the co.option of extra members to permit greater selectivity of specialist members

**RIVER CLEANING:-** The Council were very pleased to see the the County Council had made such good progress in cleaning the Lyreen River and were very pleased indeed to hear from Councillor Durkin that the cleaning of the river in Parson Street is also under consideration. He also mentioned that some of the pollution in the rivers at the moment will be eliminated as soon as the new regional sewage scheme is in operation.

**BOY SCOUTS ORGANISATION:-** A letter was received from this Organisation thanking the public in general for their support of Jamborora 1977 and the Scouts, by way of a 'thank you' have offered to carry out some work as a practical 'THANK YOU' to all. At the request of the Council the Scouts have agreed to carry out certain surveys, etc. in this area.

**PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY:-** The Council are having the water from public mains tested to see if it is up to standard. Many complaints have been received recently of discolouration, etc. in the supply and the water does not, at least, look wholesome. The report will be made public when received.

**MAYNOOTH PLAYGROUP:-** This recently formed service in the town to cater for very young children (3 - 4 years range) are making good strides and, like most services are limited in finance. They would be obliged if anybody who might have toys to spare would donat them to the Group - Large Leggo, plastic Meccano or similar items would be ideal.

ITEMS discussed with the Students' Union Representative included a proposal from thd Students' that the College Rag Week this year might be united with a Community Week thereby linking College and Town more closely. The Rag Week/Community to take place early in the New Year.

Next Meeting of the Council will be on Tuesday Nov. 8th.

## POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL, MAYNOOTH

A Scholarship valued at £500 and tenable at St. Patrick's College Maynooth has been awarded to Mary Boyd of Laraghbryan. Mary is a past-pupil of the Post-Primary School in Maynooth and is one of the many former students of this school at present studying for a degree in the College. This scholarship was open to students from 7 surrounding parishes, Leixlip, Kilcloon, Dunboyne, Celbridge, Kilcock, Clane, & Maynooth. Mary had previously secured one of the coveted places in the College of Speech Therapy, a position she now regretfully relinquishes.

Indeed, this is the second Scholarship awarded to students of this years Leaving Certificate Class in the Post Primary School in Maynooth, Gerard Nelson, Mariaville, Maynooth has already been awarded a scholarship and is now studying for his degree. Others from the Leaving Class to go on to third level educational institutions are Sally Barton, St. Patrick's, Maynooth. Kevin Eskins, U.C.D. Alan Burchell, Bolton St. & John Parkes, College of Art, Cork.



Mary Boyd, Winner of Maynooth College Scholarship.



# Maynooth Castle



## A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen

FROM MAYNOOTH CASTLE TO CARTON HOUSE

Robert, the nineteenth earl, hoped at first to restore Maynooth Castle. When he found that this was not a practical proposition he turned his attention to Carton. He invited Richard Cassels to remodel and rebuild Carton in 1739. Cassels was a German architect who had first come to Ireland to rebuild Sir Gustaves Hume's house in Fermanagh. Later he moved to Dublin and became the most sought after architect of his day. His popularity seems to have been due to his charm as a dinner guest as well as to his ability in his profession. Carton was now remodelled to his design. This involved making the original back of the house the front, lengthening the body of the house and raising both it and the wings an additional storey. They were now joined to each other by open colonnades. Inside there were magnificent state apartments, and the ceiling of the Saloon was decorated in stucco by Paul and Peter Francini. The Francini brothers were Italian artists who made stucco modelled plasterwork, fashionable and popular in Ireland. The ceiling of the saloon at Carton is very ornate and elaborate with little putti, 'sitting on the cornice and dangling their chubby legs over the heads of the assembled company.'

Cassels' design for Carton, as for all his other buildings in Ireland, was in the architectural style known as English Palladian, which flourished during the eighteenth century. Palladianism derived from the buildings and ideas of the Italian architect Andrea Palladio (1508 - 80) who aimed to recapture the splendour of the buildings of ancient Rome. For twenty years Cassels was the most prominent architect in Dublin. He helped create the new fashion in town houses of cut stone for the nobility in place of the older timbered style. His public buildings included the Printing House in Trinity College, described as a 'little Doric Temple', and the College's new dining Hall. One of the best known was the new Music Hall in Fishamble Street opened in 1741. This was very successful. It could accomodate over seven hundred people, though this was only possible if the ladies left

### MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP.

May we take this opportunity to thank all those who helped make our Bazaar a tremendous success.

We would be extremely grateful for any donation of small suitable toys, for example, Junior Lego and Mecanno etc.

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their hoops at home and the gentlemen their swords. In the next year it was the scene of the first performance of Handel's Messiah, presented 'for the relief of the prisoners in the several gaols and for the support of Mercer's Hospital...and of the Charitable Infirmary' - Maurice Craig tells how the Rev. Dr. Patrick Delany of Delville, Glasnevin, the friend of Swift was 'so transported by Mrs Susanne Cibbers' rendering of 'He was Despised' that he rose in his seat and exclaimed, with more enthusiasm than tact, 'Woman, for this, be all thy sins forgiven'.

Records of the materials used in the rebuilding of Carton survive. These were drawn from many sources, from very near home and from far away.

They included home-made bricks, and Ardraccan limestone from the White Quarry which supplied the material for many of Dublin's great eighteenth century buildings. There were also Mountmellick flags, black-stone from the Leixlip Quarry, Portland stone imported from England, mountain granite, Palmerstown stone, and stone from the local quarries at Carton, Moygaddy and Maynooth. The beautiful pediment at the front of the house, was carved by John Houghton and John Kelly, for a charge of £60. It is made of Ardraccan limestone from Co. Meath and shows the impaled arms of the Kildare and O'Brien families. Robert, the nineteenth earl, was married to Lady Mary O'Brien, daughter of the Earl of Inchiquin, and one of the most famous beauties of the day. The earl was reputed to be extremely pious, and also 'extremely formal and delicate, in somuch, that when he was married to Lady Mary O'Brien, one of the most shining beauties then in the world, he would not take his wedding gloves off to embrace her'. However, they managed to produce a large family of eight daughters and four sons.

The earl served as a privy councillor over a long period, during the reigns of Queen Anne, and of George 1 & George 11, and also as lord justice. He was a founding member of the Incorporated Society for promoting Protestant Schools in Ireland, the organisation responsible for establishing the Charter Schools. Conditions in these residential schools were later to be the cause of much scandal and the subject of much inquiry. The earl provided the site and the money for the building of the first Charter School in Ireland at Castledermot, and in his will he left it £500 and another £500 each for charter schools at Maynooth and Strangford. He died in 1744 and in his will, left resources to his wife for completing the building at Carton.

Chief Sources: *The Marquis Of Kildare, The earls of Kildare.*  
*Maurice Craig, Dublin 1660 - 1860*  
*Lord Walter Fitzgerald 'Carton' in Journal of the Co.*

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Rathfarnham £18,000
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Prosperous.  
Withdrawn Auction £62,000  
and sold afterwards at a  
higher figure.
- 10) Plot - 9 Acres,  
Ballinafagh, Prosperous  
£15,000

The Agents stated that the continued high percentage of properties being sold by Auction was an excellent indication of the current strength of the Market.



# Editorial

The results of the Tidy Towns Competition are now available and it is old news now that 'Multifarnham' were outright winners this year. Indeed very worthy winners, and great credit must go to all who organised and worked so hard to have achieved such success.

It is not without a shade of jealousy that we look on such an achievement. Jealous of the great spirit of co-operation that some towns seem to be able to whip-up on occasions like these while we cannot seem to get any response at all. A little jealous, perhaps, of the organisers who seem to know just how to get it over to the people in general that it is only with their whole-hearted help that any real progress can be made.

Reading over the lesser awards and the various placings we see that Maynooth even with no effort whatever is not at the bottom of the scale and, as a matter of fact with just a very modest effort on our part, we could be appearing in the category placings, if not at the very top itself. This is a very pretty little town, very nicely laid out and could easily be made very attractive.

Most of the work required to put Maynooth in the picture depends on the individual and on the way he, presents his premises (e.g. painting the outside, keeping the front tidy, keeping the public road and footpath outside his premises clean and neat). This should not present any problem to anybody but there are also areas which require the attention of work parties and this is where the co-operation of all able bodied townspeople is needed. This, indeed, is where we have always floundered in our efforts to sponsor Tidy Towns effort. This is why we speak of the 'shade of jealousy' that we feel as we do not appear to have found the secret to inspiring that sense of co-operation needed.

As it is intended to enter the town in next year's Competition, could we ask individuals to see what they can do with their premises to make them look good and can we also appeal to the younger and more energetic generation to rally round next Spring (or sooner for that matter) to try and tidy up some of the eye sores around us and make our town an attractive, pleasant place to live in, and a joy to behold.

## ICA News

The Guild has come back to full strength after the Summer recess and the October Meeting was well attended. A most interesting film and slides were shown by Bolands Mills, and as well as this, a very successful Bring & Buy Sale was held in aid of An Grianan.

The Guild is now busy helping and catering for a dinner & auction in aid of the Friends of the Rotunda, to be held in the Mansion House, on October 20th.

The 25th Anniversary Dance to be held on November 5th in the Parish Hall is keenly looked forward too.

The competition for October was a sponge cake and was won by Mrs. Bradshaw. The raffle was won by Mrs. Howard Williams.

Next meeting on Thursday Nov. 3rd. will be the Annual General Meeting.

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#### HOMEMAKER FINALIST

Mrs. Marie T. Kelly, of Main Street, Maynooth, was one of nine contestants who qualified from several hundred entries for the final of Ireland's Homemaker of the Year, sponsored by Great Wool Carpets of Ireland Group. The finalists were interviewed in Dublin on Wednesday and at a reception later, Mrs. Rita Childers presented the prize of £1,000 to the winner who was from Limerick. The eight runners-up each received a rugplan kit.

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#### TIDY TOWN REPORT 1977

The following are the marks received by and comments on Maynooth in the 1977 competition organised by Bord Failte.

**EFFORT** - Marks 25 out of 35  
There was a falling off in effort throughout the town this year, and there will have to be a coming together of the community and County Council to seek to improve marks under all headings and a good example can be taken from the high maintenance standards of the Ecclesiastical properties throughout the town. There were a few isolated cases of well maintained individual houses and open areas, but these unfortunately were in the minority.

#### TIDINESS - Marks 11 out of 20

Quite a number of litter bins were to be seen in the main street, but where they were missing, there were some signs of scrap paper. The derelict sites to the rear of the Presentation Convent must receive attention as they give a bad impression on the rear approach. On the Dublin Road a little flyposting was to be seen - this should be removed as soon as possible and this practice discouraged. The four derelict cars at the railway bridge on the Rathcoffey Road should be removed.

#### PRESENTATION OF BUILDINGS.

The Church property was very well presented.  
The Garda Station and Coonan's shop were well maintained. The Shopping Centre on the Dublin Road also looked well. The new toilets and sub-station in the main square have yet to be completed and it is hoped that the site works will be of a good standard. The forecourt the carpark of the Livestock Sales will have to be screened with mature trees to soften up the

appearance of the large amount of tarmac.

#### PRESENTATION OF NATURAL AMENITIES

Marks 19 out of 25

Maynooth has many natural amenities, including its ancient and modern architectural character, its fine main street and stately home, but probably most of all, and most neglected, the canal area. This area could be a key issue in Maynooth winning an award in the Tidy Towns Competition and an action plan should be drawn up to capitalise on the wonderful possibilities that this waterway presents. The children's play area near the fire station is a fine amenity, but its unfinished condition gives a depressing appearance. The two old caravans parked near this area could easily be dealt with by the efforts of the community and the local authority combined.

#### APPEARANCE OF ROADS - Marks 10 out of 20.

The general appearance of the approaches was spoiled by lack of attention to verge, and weeds growing at fences and on top of walls.  
In back streets, where smaller properties have distinct, charming and colourful appearances, the road surfaces leave a little to be desired. There is a need for more floral displays which always add to the overall presentation of an area. The approach from Dublin is somewhat spoiled by inattention to verges on the approach to O'Neill Park, and the approach from Celbridge has too many weeds which detract from the fine open space allocated for the new swimming pool.

#### APPEARANCE OF ESTATES Marks 12 out of 15

Some excellent estates were noted. However, there is

still plenty of room for community effort in maintaining open spaces to a higher standard. Greenfield Estate has some very fine open spaces, but the area around the Shopping Centre and in particular the long space along the field at Greenfield Drive remain unattended. Clooneeven Estate has great potential, with its tree-lined avenue, but the road surface here is very potholed and uneven. The fences and gates on Old Greenfield Road need to be painted. The telephone Kiosk and goal posts also need to be painted. Railway Park looks very nice, its grass having been cut, but there is still more work to be done, particularly to verges and the main road.

O'Neill Park has good entrance verges, but the small roundabout was completely overgrown and gives a very bad impression. Houses on Rathcoffey Road have a depressing air, with overgrown verges, fences needing attention etc. Only a few good individual efforts were noted here.

#### STREET FURNITURE - (Road Signs, litter bins etc.) Marks 9 out of 15

All the water pumps need a coat of paint and that with the water handle could have its protective jacket removed. There is a need for more public seats and it is suggested that these could be placed in open areas in residential estates.

#### COMMENTS:-

The total marks received by Maynooth were 102 out of a possible 150 and we were placed in 15th position out of 18 entrants. While this is not very good the winner of our section was 'DUNMANWAY' with 130 marks which is only 28 more than we got. So with a little effort on our part, we might get among the prizes next time.

## CHURCH OF IRELAND

### MAYNOOTH PARISH NOTES

Harvest thanksgiving Services were held in Maynooth & Kilcock Church on different Sundays. The churches were decorated with flowers and vegetables and all the well loved harvest hymns were sung.

Kilcock Church had previously been damaged by lightning. The conductor was torn off the tower, there was a hole in the roof of the church, the E.S.B. fuse box torn off the wall and fittings damaged. However it was cleaned up in time for the service and the hole in the roof repaired at once. We hope soon to have everything in order again.

A Jumble Sale will be held in the Parish Room, Dunboyne on Saturday, 26th November, in aid of the Heating fund of Dunboyne Church.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

**CORRWAY:** The Family of the late Margaret Corray, Greenfield, Maynooth, wish to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavment. Those who sent Mass Cards, wreaths & messages of sympathy. Those who attended the removal of the remains and the funeral. A special word of thanks to all who were so kind to her during her last illness. The Clergy, & the local nurse & Doctor who were always at hand when needed.

Trusting that this will be received by all in grateful acknowledgement as it would be impossible to thank every-one individually.

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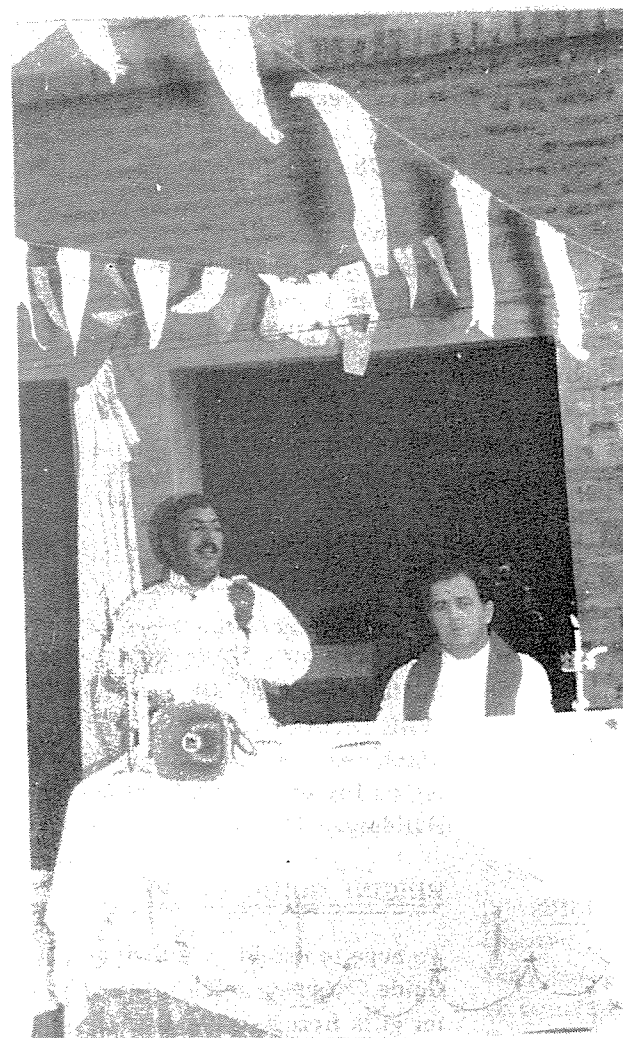
## CIVIL DEFENCE NOTES

**CASUALTY** - Members of Casualty Unit are busy at present preparing for Team Competition.

Anyone interested in First Aid are welcome to come along any Tuesday night at 8.30 pm. in I.C.A. Hall.

First Aid Lectures will commence in the New Year.

Members were on duty for Sponsored Cycle Ride on Sunday 16th October.



# PICTURE PARADE

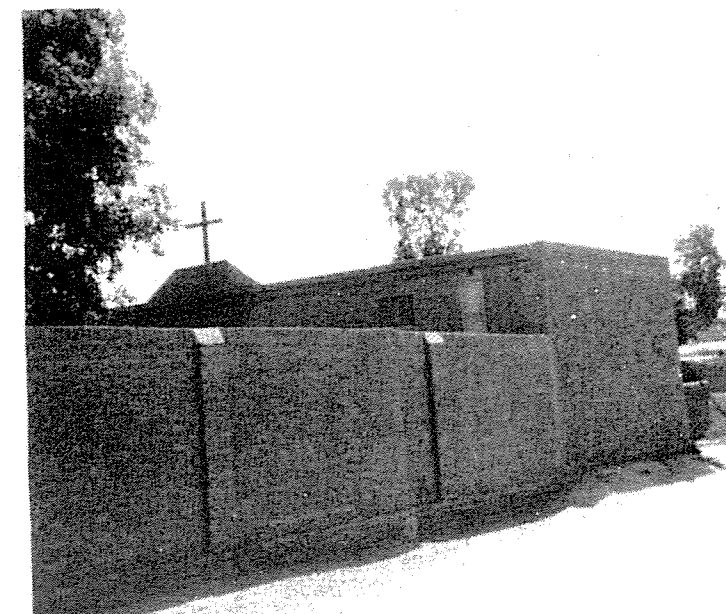


*Above & below*

*Church built by Fr. Nevin mainly with contributions sent from here*

*Top & Bottom left .*

*Scenes at the opening and blessing of Fr. Nevins Church.*



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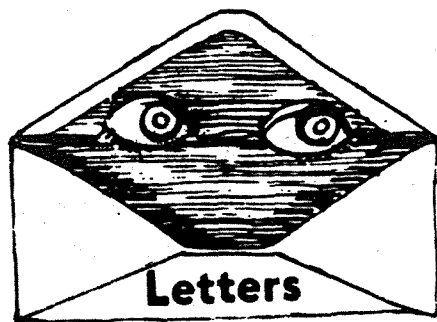
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## to the Editor

Extract from letter sent by  
Fr. John Nevin to Mr. G. McTernan

'As to what I have been doing recently, we completed the little church in village 88. The blessing was in June and I enclose some photos of the occasion which may give you some idea of the scene out here. You all got honourable mention at the blessing and prayers were asked for your intentions. I hope you felt the effects.

I have a group of about 40 kids here. They form the choir for the church and also play a bit of football and cricket together. I took them on a camping trip to the mountains up north for a week, financed by your collection at home. They really had a wonderful time. They cooked for themselves and had a rare time running up and down the mountains. We live about 200 miles from these mountains and it was the first time the kids saw mountains. I think it was money well spent and thanks to you and your collectors for making the trip possible.

With more of the money collected I opened a tailoring centre in one of the poor slum areas in the City. We bought four sewing machines, plus all the other equipment. There was a tailor in the area and now he is teaching two classes of 15 boys. They can already make their own shirts and pants and it is really a great help to the people. Some, we hope, will pick up the trade and will carry on. The others will be able to make their own clothes and those of their children in later years.

*I think most of the money has reached me now and please thank all those involved and let them know what I have been doing with the funds.'*

This letter was not sent by Fr. Nevin for publication and the extract is from a personal letter to Mr. McTernan. However, we thought that Fr. Nevin's own words were far more eloquent than ours.

You will have a further chance to help Fr. Nevin in his work in Pakistan towards the end of the month, when the annual Joint Sale of work will be held (see details elsewhere in this issue or watch out for posters).

### MAYNOOTH GIRL GUIDES

### BUION CATHERINE LABOURE

The Anniversary of our First Enrolment is on 14th November and we are glad to record a very successful First Year.

We now have 24 members and while we emphasise that quality is more important than quantity, we would be very pleased to welcome some new members

During the year we took part in several Guide activities despite the fact that as a new Company we were not eligible to take part in Official Competitions. One of the highlights of our year was our participation in the Organisation's 'Parents Day' at Iveagh Gardens in June.

We were very pleased to take a special part in the Parish 'Corpus Christi' Procession

We are planning several hikes and other outdoor activities for this year and we have already entered teams for the 1977/78 competitions.

We have entered for the Shield Competition in which one of the tests is called 'The CARRAUNTOOHIL CHALLENGE' - the challenge is to climb as much of it as possible - but as we live so far from Carrauntoohil, we are allowed to climb a number of 'known heights' in or around Dublin & Kildare.

We have also entered teams for the 'NATURE STUDY CUP' - the 'CAMP-FIRE CUP' and 'THE IRISH HISTORY CUP' which consists of a project on an Historical Monument or Building.

### BRIGINI GUIDE COMPANY

We hope to establish a 'Brigini' Guide Company which caters for girls from 7 - 11 and we would be glad to hear from those who are interested.

Girl Guides Meet every Saturday, at 3.30 pm. in the All Purposes Room of the Presentation Convent, Maynooth.

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## STUDENTS' UNION NEWS

The Students Union is currently organising a Babysitting service in conjunction with the Community Council. It is hoped to have everything organised by the beginning of November.

Under the system the Students Union would compile a list of students in different areas (e.g. Greenfields, Cluain Aoibhinn etc.) who are interested in Babysitting work. They could then be booked by Residents in these Areas over the Telephone as required. About one days notice would be required. Wages have not been finally decided, but although normal rates will be charged, a fixed rather than a negotiable rate would be preferred.

### COMMUNITY ACCESS:-

The College Governing Body discussed the possibility of increased freedom of access to the College by the local Community, at its last Meeting. It was finally decided to view favourably the possibility of allowing Students permission to use the 'COLLEGE POOL' during certain morning hours for Swimming Classes. No final decision was reached, however.

Access to College functions and Meetings is fully allowed.

## UNION CLUB:-

Legal Rules do not allow the automatic entry of non-members to the Student Union Club on the New Campus.

Students & College Staff may, however sign in a limited number of non-members over the year.

### EVENTS:-

Two important dates however may be mentioned here. The first is a Seminar on Unemployment which is being held from 10am. - 6 pm. on Saturday Nov. 5. Among the list of invited Speakers are Prof. Liam Ryan, Bros. Vivian Cassels, U.S.I. Dr. Noel Browne, Bros. S. O'Suilleabhain, Eamon Smullen, etc.

The second major event will be on the first weekend in December when it is hoped to present the 'Ronnie Scott Quartet' in concert. Ronnie Scott has gained a reputation as being one of the Top Jazz Musicians in the World, and is paying what will probably be a once only visit to Maynooth.

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## Senior Citizens

At the Annual General Meeting the following officers were elected:-

Chairman - Toni Read  
Secretary - Marie Kelly  
Treasurer - Bridie Brady.

Our first fund-raising event this year will be the Annual Sale of Work on November 29th in the Parish Hall and our first function will be a bumper Christmas Party on Sunday 4th December in Parish Hall, with invitations to all our old and new friends and also some friends from Newbridge and a special guest - SANTA

We hope also to have a raffle during the Wednesday Bingo session sometime before Christmas.

A fashion show will be held in the Parish Hall on February 23rd 1978.

Now we appeal to all organisations, clubs and associations to put forward 2 members for our Committee, and anyone else who might care to help are very welcome. The wages are the satisfaction of a job well-done and the work is great fun.

For further details contact any of the above officers or the Newsletter Committee.



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# SPORTS PAGE

## ATHLETICS N.A.C.A. (I)

In the 26 mile French Marathon Road Race in France on Sunday Oct. 9th, Peter Keegan (Staff) St. Patrick's College, was on the Irish team, together with John Fox, and Christy Keogh of Cucullain A.C. Dublin. Out of a field of 280 runners, from several countries, they finished 5th, 8th, & 10th and won the Team Award.

Peter, a member of Dunboyne A.C. trains five hours per day (5 am. - 7am. and 6pm. - 9pm.) covering 30 - 40 miles each day.

Congratulations - Well done Peter!

## BOYS' SOCCER CLUB

| Under 17s | Played | Won    | Lost   |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
|           | 6      | 4      | 2      |
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|           | 4      | 2      | 2      |
| Under 15s |        |        |        |
|           | 5      | 2      | 1      |
|           |        | Drew 2 |        |
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DANCING: to Jim & The Hi-Lits.

DINNER - 8.30 pm. sharp.

DANCING: 9.30 - 2.00

TICKETS: £4 each - from  
Tommy Fay, 14 Parson Street.

BAR EXTENSION 'till 1.30.

### SILVER CIRCLE DRAW

We would like to thank all who are helping out with this draw. We hope to start shortly with our New Club House on the Moyglare Road. When we start we hope to get all the Voluntary help you can give us.

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### SILVER CIRCLE DRAW AUGUST

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bryne, Maynooth - 354  
£10 - W. Fogarty, 65 Maynooth  
Park - 534  
£5 - G. Kennedy, 47 Greenfield  
Drive, Maynooth - 141  
£2 - T. McGorven, Greenfield,  
Maynooth - 466  
£2 - W. Moore Straffan Road,  
Maynooth - 191  
£2 - P. Kerns, 37 Maynooth Pk.  
Maynooth - 219  
£2 - E. Dunne, 860 Green-  
field, Maynooth - 115  
£2 - K. Murphy, 482 Straffan  
Way, Maynooth. - 487  
£1 - E. Kavanagh, Newtown,  
Maynooth - 408  
£1 - A. Graham, Greenfield,  
Maynooth - 412  
£1 - P. Reilly, Ferins Stud,  
Kilcock - 458  
£1 - P. O'Toole, c/o 5  
Maynooth Park - 167  
£1 - A. Kerwin, Cluain  
Aoibhinn - 329  
£1 - Mrs. A. Kenny, Straffan  
Road, Maynooth - 485  
£1 - D. O'Dowd, 29 Laurence  
Ave. Maynooth - 22  
£1 - P. Connolly, c/o  
B.& I. Dublin - 8  
£1 - Mrs. Pendergast, 2 Pound  
Lane, Maynooth - 302  
£1 - P. Smith, 60 Coillduff,  
Naas - 338



### SILVER CIRCLE DRAW SEPTEMBER

£50 - Andrew Graham Senr.  
Greenfield, Maynooth - 411  
£20 - Brian Wogan, R.A. Burke,  
Dublin - 320  
£10 - Leo McGlynn, Greenfield,  
Maynooth - 468  
£5 - Celine & Charles Murphy,  
Lucan - 109  
£2 - Michael Daly, 42 Maynooth  
Park - 178  
£2 - Frank Feeney, R.A. Burke,  
Dublin - 315  
£2 Peter Nevin, Barrelstown,  
Maynooth - 473  
£2 - P. Reid, 57 Cluainn Aoibhinn,  
Maynooth - 75  
£2 - L. McNally, Lucan, Dublin  
478  
£1 - Bill Allen, Moyglare, Maynooth  
469  
£1 - Jack Tierney c/p B. Redmond  
519  
£1 - Jimmy Leavy, Celbridge,  
345  
£1 - Mary Carroll, 39 Rail Park,  
Maynooth - 591  
£1 - F. Kelly, St. Patrick's Rd.  
Celbridge - 339  
£1 - Benny Farrelly, Kilcock Rd.  
Maynooth - 354  
£1 - Tommy Murray, 7 Maynooth Pk.  
Maynooth - 216  
£1 - Mrs. O'Flaherty, Ballygoran,  
91  
£1 - Lenny Murphy, Greenfield - 268  
£1 - Pat Sherlock, R.A. Burke,  
Dublin - 317

Next Draw 10th November.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held in St. Mary's Hall  
on Sunday 25th November 1977  
at 3.00. All Members and  
intending members are welcome  
to attend.

Our Football Season starts  
in February 1978 and we  
hope to see New Member's  
playing with us.

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### MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Well it did not happen, we just thought it might, they say even in these days miracles do happen, and we hoped one would happen for 'The little Swimmers at St. Raphael's', and that contrary to our expectations some parent or parents (especially those who have children going swimming for the last couple of years or more) would come forward in answer to our appeal and offer to Steward the Bus, and supervise the children, even on a rota system. - alas there were no Takers. The Childrens Session ends on Friday December 9th, when we are afraid they must say Goodbye to Swimming and St. Raphael's Pool, as it is too nerve racking and time consuming each week trying to find out if there is any-body available to go with the Bus. We in the Club feel responsible for the Children given into our care, but unfortunately no member of our little Committee can at present travel with the Children's Bus. We are very grateful to Mrs Nell Byrne, Old Greenfield, and Mrs. Murray, Greenfield Drive, who have been helping us out on a temporary basis, only for them we could not have continued this Session.

The Committee wish also to say a special word of thanks to John Burns of Maynooth Park, who though a comparative-ly new Member of the Club, has taken on the responsibility of collecting, and returning the Floats and Roll Book. These Floats cost the Club over £1 each so you can understand why we appreciate John taking care of them.

ODD ISN'T IT WE HAVE 35 CHILDREN ON THE ROLL, AND ROUGHLY 40 ON THE WAITING LIST, EVERYBODY WANTS TO GET THEIR CHILDREN INTO THE SWIMMING CLUB, BUT NOBODY WANTS TO TAKE THEM SWIMMING !

The ADULT SESSION at St. Raphael's will end on Monday 5th December, and we have opened a List for a further 10 weeks course starting about mid January, once again the membership will be limited, so if you are interested give your name to our treasurer Ann Power, 51 Greenfield Drive, Phone 286404 or Eoin Byrne our Chairman, Greenfield, Phone 286514.

As stated in our last notes we hope to get the 'Family Swim' going again when Spring comes.

**gerry cosgrave**

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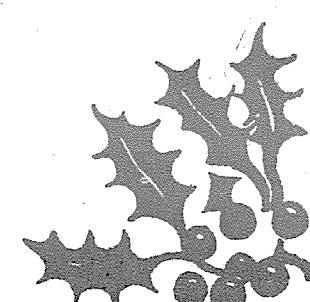
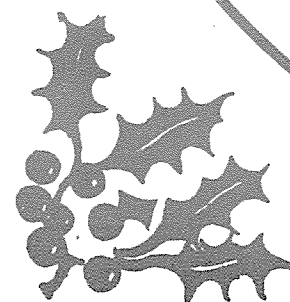
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# GRAPEVINE

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

**CORRECTION:-** In the November issue it was stated that the Annual Sale of work for the Senior Citizens would be held on November 29th. This should have read Sunday November 27th. We sincerely hope no one was inconvenienced by this error.

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May we, the editors, sub-editors, committee, staff, reporters, type-setters, news collectors, stenographers, typists, office boys, cleaners and last but not least the three nice men who appear outside the Church on the first Sunday of every month (in all weathers - nice indeed) take this opportunity to wish all our Readers, both for and against, a very Happy and a Holy Christmas and a Prosperous & Successful New Year.

We forgot the tea-ladies - wish you a merry christmas also. Now we're in trouble for sure.

Again it cannot be stressed that this is the time of the year for Pickpockets and Petty Thieves. Please be careful. Don't carry large amounts of money with you and don't flash it around. Keep different amounts in different pockets. Don't take your eyes off your parcels or handbags.

Remember this is a joyous time of the year, make sure it is happy for you and not for a sneak-thief.

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This time of the year is also a dangerous time for fires. In fact we have noted of late an increase number of calls on our Fire-Brigade. These men would much rather be at home with their families than risking their lives. Be extra careful especially with Christmas Trees and decorations.

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Road accidents are on the increase again and with a surfeit of Office Parties, dinner dances and other activities looming in the weeks before Christmas, everyone is in danger. Take extra care on the roads particularly at night and if you drink - - **PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE**

\* \* \* \* \*

The latest date for receiving items for inclusive in the January./February issue of the NEWSLETTER is January 8th 1978.

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Eilis O' Higgins who teaches in the Boys Primary School, on receiving her B. Ed. from Limerick College of Education.

**gerry cosgrave**  
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# GREENFIELDS SUPERMARKET MAYNOOTH

We wish to thank the people of Maynooth for their support during our difficult opening weeks. We promised than and we will live up to our promise to give all round quality and value.

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# GREENFIELDS SUPERMARKET



# GRapeVINE

This is the Season for making those New Year Resolutions, but not everyone agrees as to what exactly the resolution means. Here are some examples to help you decide the true meaning of the statement.

I will give up drinking - I will not stand at the Bar again.

I will give up smoking - I won't eat ham

I will give up sweets - I will only buy plain chocolate.

I will give up potatoes - I will only eat chips

I will not watch television. I will go back on the night - shift

I will take more exercise - I will move the bed upstairs again

These are just a few samples. You can have great fun making your own meaning for some well known resolutions.

Two American golfing brothers always outdid each other, or tried to. John led the way, and Bud always tried to keep up. John got gold-plated clubs and an electric buggy, and Bud quickly did the same.

A man who had been found unconscious in the street was rushed to the local infirmary. There, the nurses were about to strip him for examination when the casualty officer found a note pinned to his jacket:

'Dear Doctor,

*I am just dead drunk. Kindly allow me merely to sleep it off. In any case do not attempt to remove my appendix. You've already done that twice.'*

She wrote off for the Charles Atlas course, but it was a tragic business. She ticked off all the things she would like to develop . . . firm, strong chest, hefty biceps, square, strong shoulders and solid muscular neck. She got everything she wanted, but it didn't do her much good. She forgot to tick off the 'Strong muscular legs' and now she can't stand up.

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'Hold on,' said John. 'There's someone on my other line.'

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## MAYNOOTH VISTA by Newcomer.

So, the National Teachers have successfully kept six hundred University Graduates from working! Do you, gentle reader, know why? I don't nor do I know anybody who does. In their arrogance the National Teachers have not deigned to inform the public the reasons for their rejection of the Minister's scheme to reduce class numbers in our Primary Schools and provide employment opportunities for select-ed suitable Graduates at present unemployed. It could not possibly be sheer bloody-mindedness and that they have not the guts to admit it. Or could it be?

Let me ask a simple question. Would you, as a parent, prefer to have your child from the age of four to ten years in a school class of forty-six taught by a National Teacher or in a class of twenty-three taught by a B.A. or a B. Sc. ? If the former, then the only ones wronged are the unfortunate out-of-work Graduates but if the latter, and you agree with me, then not only is an injustice being done to a section of our unemployed but to your children and mine.

What are A.C.R.A. our Community Councils and our Residents' Associations doing about it? Is it not time we spoke up for our Children?

When I was very young and went to the nuns my teacher was a monitress whose academic qualification was Middle Grade under the old Intermediate educational system. With her dedication and a modicum of help from Vere Foster I could read and write before I reached the age of six. So could the rest of my class, so I was no genius. How many of our present day children could tackle Gulliver's Travels or Glenanar by Cannon Sheehan at the age of seven? Those were our 'readers' when we moved to Sister Alphonsus' class and were 'the big boys' in the Convent National School. What Sister Alphonsus' teaching qualifications were I never knew but I would have grave doubts that they exceeded those of our monitress. Never-the-less when we graduated to 'The Brothers' we were not behind in the 'larning'.

And in the Brothers? A monitor who had got his 'Senior Grade' and who had hopes of going to University and a Brother who had not got anything and who had no hopes of going anywhere ; but could those two teach!

From that class I could name Doctors, Dentists, University Professors, Business Tycoons and even National Teachers. But then with the help of the monitors - who were in many cases taking extra-mural lectures for extern degrees At University . and the Brothers who gained their qualifications by 'on the job training' we seldom had more than twenty five pupils in any class and all classes were duplicated or if necessary triplicated. In other words, the pupil and the pupil's education were the top priorities ; teaching was a vocation and our teachers had not yet joined the Union.

But enough ; except to draw to your attention that the National Teachers are the men and women to whom you entrust your children for six hours a day to have them instructed in accordance with the Christian ethic - and to give you a laugh, I have just hears somebody on the radio say that some organisation or other - I did not catch the name - wants children in the Primary Schools taught 'justice' in accordance with the Bishops' Pastoral. There was no indication as to who was to teach it /

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# Editorial

May we take this opportunity to tender our sincere apologies to Miss Carol Owens of Ballyfermot for omitting her name from our list of helpers at the Fashion Show. Carol in fact did sterling work and was actually our biggest ticket-seller. Well done Carol.

The Childrens Christmas party will be on Sunday December 11th in the Parish Hall at 2 pm. This promises to be a great success, so why not come along, bring the children, have a good time and help a worthy cause at the same time.

Some of the attractions will be Wheel-of-fortune (toys only) film shows, fortune teller, cake stall, mineral bar, and of course parcels from Santa Clause. It is also hoped that a famous personality will be there to entertain.

Please come early.

Our Annual Church-gate collection will be held on Sunday December 4th.

PLEASE COME EARLY

From time to time we hear of the Authorities condoning or, perhaps we should say overlooking, practices which are not to the benefit of the Community at large and, from time to time, we ourselves overlook these matters, either through laziness or lack of interest. As a rule these are matters of a petty nature and do not threaten the lives or even health of anybody. It has, however, come to light recently that 'the Authorities' are apparently overlooking or ignoring a matter that may be of serious consequence to those living in towns along the Western Railway Line and we have in mind particularly in the North Kildare area. If rumour is correct, already acrylin, acrylic acid, or whatever it is called, is passing through the railway station at night to the Asahi factory in Ballina, or at least it will in the very near future. This we understand is a highly dangerous substance which was considered too dangerous to be transported by road. It has now apparently been decided to transport the substance in much larger units by railway, passing through built up areas on the Western line.

The substance is considered extremely dangerous if it comes into contact with persons and further, as it is highly volatile, the fumes are also highly dangerous if inhaled. Should it happen that there is an accident at or near any of these stations, people residing nearby are at high risk more particularly as the substance is being carried at night time when people are asleep in bed.

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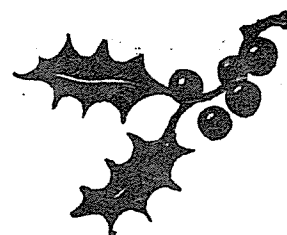


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It would be, perhaps, too strong to say that the Public Authorities are actively condoning this, but at least they come under fire for not protecting the public sufficiently if indeed the acrylin has actually passed through here, or any other towns in the country.

It is a fact that firemen have been instructed not to approach close to an accident involving acrylin but the public have not been warned WHY?

It is apparently possible for firemen to approach such accidents with special gear, but this has not yet been issued. WHY? A boat containing the substance was not allowed into Waterford port. WHY?

It seems as if there is official hush-hush in the matter. WHY

C.I.E. has refused to carry gear and a crew to deal with accidents involving the substance. WHY ?

The only positive action, so far, is that Maynooth Community Council have decided to ask Councils from neighbouring towns to a meeting to discuss our common interests and, perhaps, take further steps to prevent the transport of further acrylin through the built up areas unless and until they are satisfied that proper precautions are taken.

C.I.E. has also been written to requesting that transport of the substance should cease.

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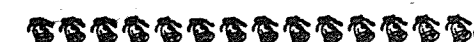
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BRAIN OF MAYNOOTH ?

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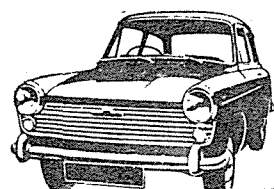
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## QUESTION TIME

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# Maynooth Castle

## A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen



It was just as well that the rebuilding of Carton House was virtually finished when the nineteenth earl died in 1744 because his son and heir did not fully share his and his wife's enthusiasm. On one occasion, when the twentieth earl was in Dublin and word was brought to him that Carton was on fire, he is said to have answered 'Let it burn'. It appears that he had plans for extensive changes which did not materialise. He was however deeply interested in the desmesne. He enlarged it and enclosed, 1,1000 acres with a high wall by 1760. As well as the townland of Carton itself, included in the enclosure were parts of a number of other townlands, Moygaddy ( in Co. Meath) Old Carton, , Catherinestown, Kelleptown, Blakestown, Kilmacred-dock, and Maynooth. There were also three other entire townlands whose names have since then fallen out of use, Waterstown, Cool-na-Thomas, and Criefstown or Creestown. Part of Waterstown had been leased in 1683 for three lives by John Nelson, the three lives being those of his sons and daughter. Nelson's lease included 80 acres of Waterstown, 26 acres of land parcels of Donoghmore, 30 acres called Railed Park, (the present townland of Rail Park) and other smaller lots, as well as 17 acres opposite the present Catholic Church at the juncture of the Kilcock and Moyglare Roads, and then called the Linka fields. When the earl was enclosing the extended Carton desmesne a Richard Nelson was living at Waterstown in a tatched house. He was allowed live on there until he died. His house, or part of it, later became the nucleus of the present Shell Cottage.

James the 20th earl married Emily Lennox, daughter of the Duke of Richmond. Her younger sister Louisa lived with James and Emily for some years and married Thomas Connolly of Castletown in 1758, when she was fifteen years old. Castletown House was about twenty years earlier than Carton, and was the first house in Ireland to be built of stone in the classical style. It set the fashion followed by later great country houses, with colonnades and wings on wither side of the central block creating a wide front facade. Up till now brick had been the usual building material. Castletown was built of stone and this too became the fashion. The architect of Castletown was an Irishman, Colonel Thomas Burgh of Oldtown, Co. Kildare, who held the post of overseer of Fortifications and Buildings in Ireland

The 20th earl also built Leinster House in Dublin, which though it was called Kildare House until he was made Duke of Leinster in 1766. The family already had a house in Suffock Street, built mainly of timber as most town houses of the period were.

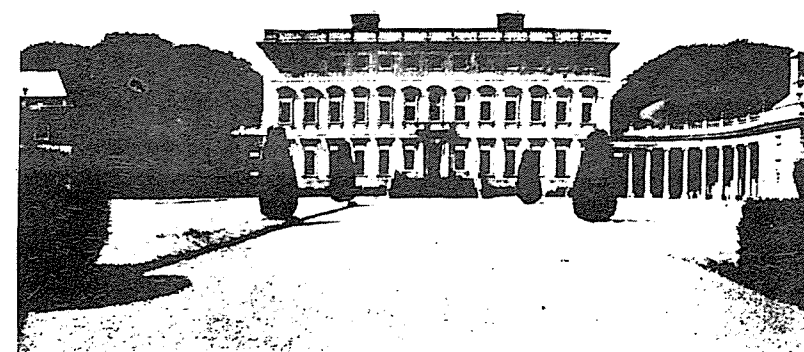
For the site he chose Molesworth Fields, then in the country. He employed the architect of Carton, Richard Cassels, to design his house like one of the great country house cut of stone, with the central two-storied block joined to wings by Doric colonnades. In the front was a walled courtyard with a gate leading to Kildare Street. At the back were gardens and spreading lawns, and from the upstairs window there was a magnificent view of Dublin Bay. When the earl was asked why he had chosen such an odd and unfash-ionable area in which to build he ansered that fashionable Dublin would follow him. And it did. Kildare Street, Molesworth Street, and Merrion Square were rapidly completed. It was the start of Dublin's greatest age of building which made the city one of Europe's finest capitals. Economic conditions were improving in an age of peace, the population was growing, and the value of landed property was in-creasing. For the landlord class at any rate it was a period of pros-perity. More and more of them wanted town houses, and impressive ones, as the Irish parliament became more important in their lives and it became imperative for all the best people to be in Dublin during parliamentary sessions.

The earl himself played a prominent part in Irish political life. This was the age of Protestant nationalism, when the patriot party within the Irish parliament began to assert the right to the complete independ-ence of the Irish parliament. It was a Protestant nationalism because Catholics by law could neither sit in parliament or vote at parliament-ary elections. Kildare was a leader of the popular party in the Irish House of Lords. At this time the Irish parliament met in its magnificent new Parliament House (now the Bank of Ireland) opposite Trinity College. In the 20th century Leinster House was to become the meeting place of Dail Eireann, the parliament of the Irish . Free State.

After the act of Union the great day of the Dublin town house began to decline. In 1815 Leinster House was sold to the Royal Dublin Society who added an octogonal lecture theatre on the South Side. In 1922 the Free State government bought it.

From Lady Louisa Connolly by Brian Fitzgerald, London 1950

Chief Source:- The Marquis of Kildare, The earls of Kildare.



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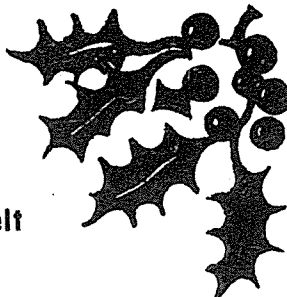
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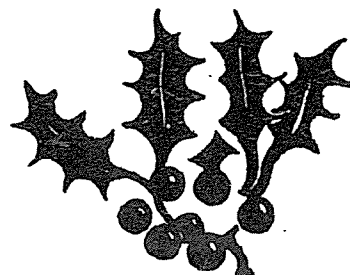
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The Band attended a Mass for deceased members on Sunday 6th November at 12 o'clock. Our Junior Members paraded with the Band for the first time. A Group from the Band played sacred music during the Mass and a short recital of marches followed a parade to the Square.

During the weeks prior to Christmas we have been rehearsing our Christmas Carols which we will be playing around the town at Christmas time. Carrying on a long tradition the Band will parade on Christmas morning after Mass.

We would like to thank the people of Maynooth again for their wonderful support in our fund-raising activities, such as our recent flag day etc. For those who might wonder where the money goes we would like to mention some of our main expenses.

The Band provides all the instruments used by the members along with servicing and repairs of these. With the increase in members in the Band over the past few years we are trying to buy a few instruments each year, and in the past few years these included 2 flutes, 3 clarinets, & a trombone.

This year we are purchasing a new set of Uniforms which we hope to receive about the end of December.

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These spots will add greatly to our night out.

CHILDRENS PARTY:- This will take place on Sunday 18th December in the Parish Hall at 3 o'clock. We will be around the estate with more news before then.

SUPER DRAW :- The winner for September was :- Kevin Shark-ey, 28 Laurence Avenue. Collector: T. Stack, 21 Laurence Avenue.

### BIRTHDAY WISHES

Our Best Wishes this month go to Mrs. Brigid Keely, who in November, celebrated her 80th Birthday. Mrs. Keely who is well known in Maynooth is a staunch member of our Senior Citizens Group and we wish her and all her friends many more happy Birthdays.

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# Community Council News

The November meeting of the Council was postponed from November 8th until the 15th and dealt mainly with two very contentious issues.

The first was the transferring by train of a highly dangerous substance, ACRYLIN, to the Asahi Chemical factory in Ballina, and the almost non-existent equipment to deal with any emergency that might arise from leakage, spillage or fire. Please see the special article in this issue on this controversial subject.

Secondly was the quality of the water being supplied for domestic use. While the colour ? had improved of late, it was felt that the quality was not yet okay and the council decided to again approach Kildare County with a view to having the situation rectified immediately. An interesting piece of information to come to light recently is that there is more antibiotic for Gastro-enteritis sold in the 26 counties than in the whole of the United Kingdom. This fact speaks for itself.

Other matters in hand with Kildare County Council include the improvement of roads and footpaths in the town, the lighting, 'the thing' in the square and the footbridge over the railway on the Straffan Road.

The next meeting of the council will be in December 13th.

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At a party in West County Hotel Chapelizod, Babs & Dan Newton, Greenfield, celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary. The Party was given by their family and attended by a large circle of friends from around and from England. They received numerous presents. There was a special round of applause for Bab's Father - Jack Corray, Greenfield who on the same occasion was celebrating his 72nd birthday. Congratulations, Jack, Babs & Dan.

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## EDUCATION & THE THIRD WORLD.

Sean P. Smith

One effect of the far reaching changes in Western policies on aiding the poor and helping the Third World attain a better living standard, has been the greater emphasis on the development of humans in their total (social as well as personal) environment. This is manifestly good while there remains such a great need for education of whole sections of the world's population.

Our western system of education in the developing countries in which it operates, has been taken to task for not corresponding to reality, and fundamental questions have been asked about the purposes of this education and its usefulness in a Third World situation. Indeed, the whole subject of education is the target

of much intellectual ferment in western countries at present.

However, the essential problem in education for developing countries is the extent to which social background, worldwide, can determine the level of successful educational achievement. This then hits so very much harder at non-western countries where illiteracy on a massive scale is amongst the most pressing problems that developing countries have to solve.

It is now widely accepted that conventional schooling will not overcome illiteracy in the developing world; nor could the system cope with the demands placed on it - the resources are wither inadequate or hardly existent. The mere physical problem of providing schools and teachers for growing populations, would mean building

about 1,000 classrooms per day, and training 1 1/3 million teachers every year from now until the year 2000. The problem is compounded by the 'diploma-hunting' mentality of the western-styled schools, which inhibits and obstructs the speedy progress of making people literate on a wide scale, as required. (But, it is a matter for each state to decide its own methods, some not entirely free from ideological indoctrination.)

The equation of education with diplomas is now recognised as harmful to co-ordinated progress in the countries, concerned, as many people are needed for basic job of development - expanding agriculture and maintaining useful light industries alongside traditional handicraft skills.

Yet with few exceptions, little attempt has been made to solve their literacy problem by searching for alternatives to the western system. The vast

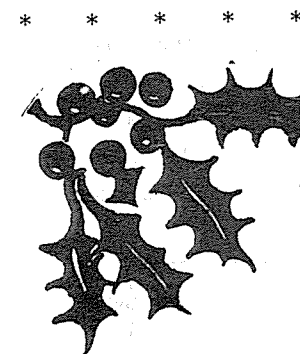
majority of people in Third World countries are rurally based and educationalists working there stress the importance of making adult literacy the prime education target - connected in the widest context with basic needs for living, work, health and food. In this way, the emphasis is now being placed on providing basic education for all - literacy and numeracy and those skills that are relevant to the mainly rural and 'traditional' employment opportunities available.

In this field of working for basic needs and towards the higher purpose of man's essential religious vocation and ultimate destiny, tremendous work is being achieved by Christian Missionaries, and we should avail of any opportunity to become personally involved with specific projects at this end.

In the widest sense, education

should serve humanity; instead are people conditioned to meet its needs rather than it meeting theirs! The problem is not altogether confined to re-designing the education system on more pragmatic lines, but to re-assessing relationships within society, thus making it easier for all peoples to meet on terms of equality and common concern. Does this not involve 'working in aspirit of partnership

with people in the poor countries' for building anew and forging the means of unlocking the realities inherent in all human development.



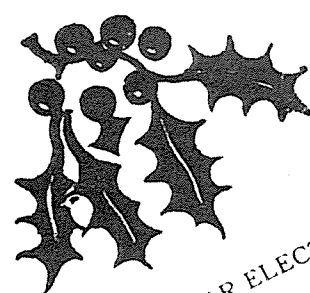
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The response to date has been most encouraging, but still the need is very great to increase our efforts to help. Thanking all concerned for their kind co-operation and support.



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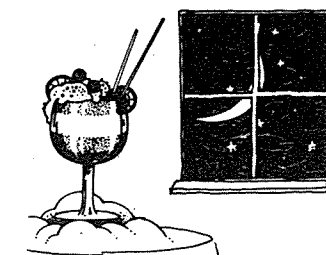
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nights of Music and perhaps become involved in the making of this Music.

Next Seisuin will be held in the Geraldine Hall on Tuesday 29th November, we will welcome all who attend.

*Nollaig faoi shean agus faoi shonas diobh.*

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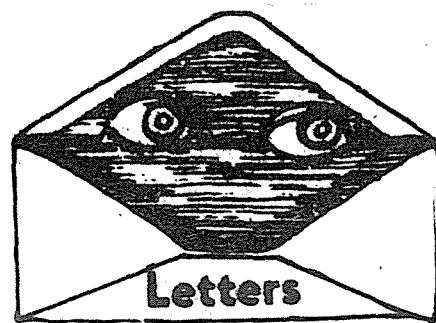
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## to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Maynooth Community Playgroup Association, I'd like to say a sincere 'thank you' to the Maynooth Community Council for it's very generous donation to out playgroup. The Community Council's generosity is very much appreciated and I can assure you made great use of.

Our playgroup is well under-way and is a terrific success. Far beyond our expectations. We have a full house every day. We now have a mini-bus service

bringing children & Mothers literally from one end of Maynooth to the other, to the Geraldine Hall each Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings.

We have a lot to do, but generosity like that of the Community Council has given us the confidence to tackle anything.

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Yours sincerely,

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Please have some consideration for others.

### CHURCH OF IRELAND NOTES

Some members of the Mothers' Union from Maynooth travelled to Kildare Cathedral for the Diocesan Services. It was good to see the beautiful building so well filled.

After the service we looked at the Bookstall and there was a pleasant tea and chat.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS

Maynooth - Christmas Eve  
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One of the most encouraging aspects of education in recent years is the increasing interest being taken by parents. There was a time, not so long ago, when pupils were deposited in a school by parents who made little or no effort in ensuring that the school was able to provide for the needs of the pupils. At a parent teacher meeting for 6th class boys in the national school recently it was very encouraging to confront parents who had questions to ask, comments to make, praises and criticism to offer regarding the Post-Primary facilities in this area. The deep interest was obvious, and in order to keep residents of Maynooth up to date and especially the more recent ones, I have been asked to write a note on the Post-Primary facilities offered by the Post-Primary school in Maynooth.

The school was established in 1971 in answer to a long felt need for a Post-Primary school in Maynooth. It is a Vocational school under the Co. Kildare V.E.C. and caters for Boys and girls of all denominations up to and including Leaving Certificate level. It offers a wide and comprehensive range of subjects and prepares students for The Inter. & Leaving examination.

One of the more recent innovations has been the provision of a Post-Leaving Secretarial course. It is intended to develop this course yearly by equipping it with the machines of the modern business world. Students in this class are prepared for Civil Service, Bank exams etc.

The subjects offered at Junior cycle are as follows:-

Irish - English - French - History - Geography - Maths - Science - Commerce - Woodwork - Metalwork - Mechanical Drawing - Art - Physical Education - Religious Instruction - & Careers.

As it is not possible for students to take all the above higher courses, they have been devised so as to ensure that students can take the course best suited to their needs and capabilities. Help and advice is given in this but generally speaking the parents decide which course suits their child best. After three years normally, students enter the senior cycle of the school to prepare for the Leaving Certificate. The following range of subjects are offered at higher and lower levels:-

Irish - English - French - History - Geography - Maths. - Physics - Biology - Accounting - Business - Organisation - Technical Drawing - Art - and in addition Careers - Religious Instruction - Physical Education as non examination subjects. Here again, it is not possible to take all of the above.

We recommend 7 subjects at Leaving Certificate level and the subjects have been so arranged so as to provide the

best options bearing in mind future prospects in the employment market or entry to third level Education Institutions. The post leaving secretarial class offers shorthand, Typing - English - Commerce. When proficiency in Typing and Short-hand has been attained, job-experience in the use of certain business machines is given.

Free books and travel are given to eligible students and a scholarship scheme tenable at 3rd level Educational Institutes is operated by the V.E.C. There is no fee of any description for students attending the Post-Primary School in Maynooth.

The above is the bones on the skeleton of the school and a very important part of any school.

However the soul or the Spirit of the school is by far the most important feature of any school. What is the concern of the staff and management for the Students attending the school? What about, their religious moral development of pupils attending? Is there any concern about their future employment prospects and are there extra curriculum activities

Post-Primary School continued which involve students? In a way, I suppose, I am the worst person to ask these questions on account of my obvious bias in favour of the School, but I've had enough feed-back from parents, students, past and present to state that the Post Primary School in Maynooth scores very highly in these matters. There is in the school a resident Chaplin who teaches religious education and gives the students a wide variety of help in many other areas. Many of our past and present students were involved in our work experience week, held annually and benefited from our after sales service by being helped and informed of courses, careers and vacancies in these difficult times of employment. The advice in this field is second to none.

A.P.T. teacher was added to the staff this year and again it is a development of policy of the V.E.C. to offer the best possible all round education to the children of the residents of the Maynooth area. A very large extension to the school is at an advanced stage and it is hoped that the actual building of this extension will commence about this time next year.

Thomas Ashe,  
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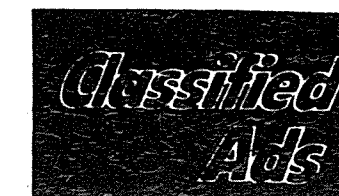
## Senior Citizens

Our first party this year is being held on Sunday December 4th and will be a bumper party with our friends from Newbridge coming to help with the festivities. One special person has already accepted our invitation and he is of course - SANTA. This will be the party to end all parties so tell all your pals to make no other dates for this day.

The fashion show in February is in the advance stages of arrangement and we also have some other activities lined up for the NEW YEAR. Watch the Newsletter for details.

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## MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Well sad to relate despite our appeal, we had no offers from any parent to Steward the Bus. The children's Session ends on Friday the 9th December, and it will be their last Swim, unless Santa, send us a present of a Steward.

I wonder. children, would it work, if we tried the same trick they used in the Curly Wee Strip. Remember when we were all asked to shout at the top of our voices 'Go to Prof.' and Curly Wee heard us. So now, Little Swimmers, all together, shout as loud as you can 'Santa please send us a Steward for our Bus' now we will have to wait to see if he heard us.

The Adults Session will end on Monday 12th December. As mentioned in the last issue of of the Newsletter, we have opened a List for a new 10 week course, starting Mid January, if you are interested please contact, Ann Power, 51 Greenfield Drive 286404, Peig Lynch, 69 Maynooth Park, 286110 or Eoin Byrne, Greenfield, 286514. As we have to book the Pool in advance, we would appreciate very much if you let us know if you intend joining. Membership is limited to 30.

The Committee, and all Club Members wish to say a 'Big Thank You' to our Brothers, and to wish them every blessing for Christmas, and the New Year.

## Cumann Lútleas Sael MAg NuAIST MAYNOOTH G.A.A. CLUB

### ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

We would like to thank all who supported this Dance. We would like to thank, M. P. O'Brien, Jim's (shoe Shop), Conroy's Chemist, Buckley's, McCormack (Chemist) Kieran's, Caulfields, Brady's Barton's, Barry's, McNamara, for the lovely spot prizes they gave us.

We would like to congratulate Brian Redmond on Winning the Senior Footballer of the Year. Ray MacTiernan, Junior Footballer, and Seamus Grant, Hurler of the year.

Mr. Peter Delaney our President presented Mr. Jim Nolan with a Silver Tray to mark his retirement as Chairman of Maynooth G.A.A.

Maynooth Swimming continued

To Mrs. Imelda Delaney, from the Committee, and all the 'Bad Ones' Happy Christmas & God Bless you and yours.

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"No!" she said "gripping the club more firmly "I've been ironing all day"

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