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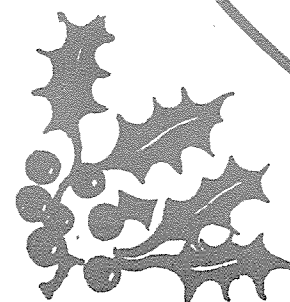
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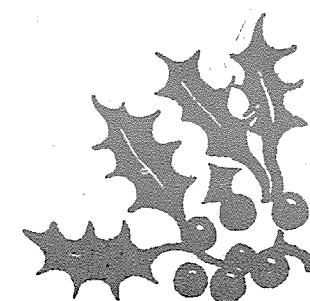
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GRAPEVINE

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**

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The latest date for receiving items for inclusive in the January./February issue of the NEWSLETTER is January 8th 1978.

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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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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 /

To my readers: - Happy Christmas and a Just and Christian New Year !



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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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Editorial continued

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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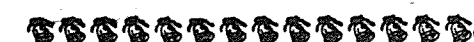
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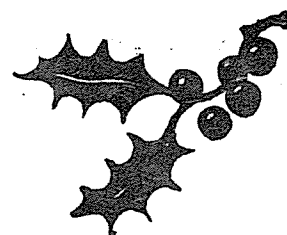
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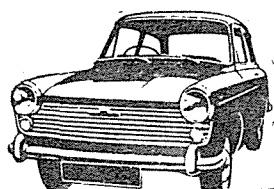
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Mary Cullen



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.

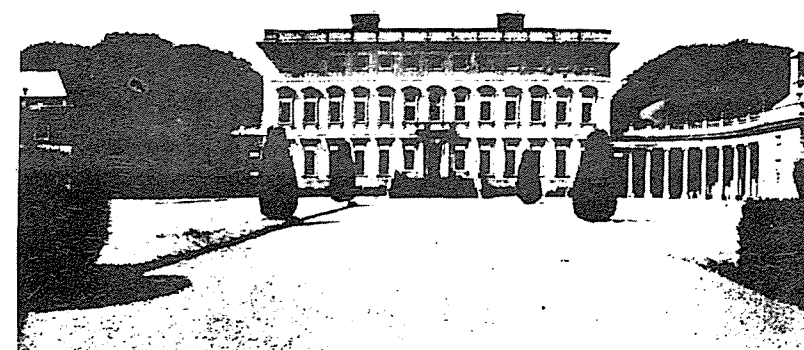
For the site he chose Molesworth Fields, then in the country. He employed the architect of Carton, Richard Cassels, to design his house like one of the great country house cut of stone, with the central two-storied block joined to wings by Doric colonnades. In the front was a walled courtyard with a 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

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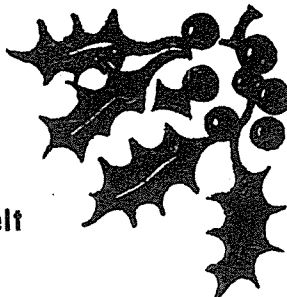
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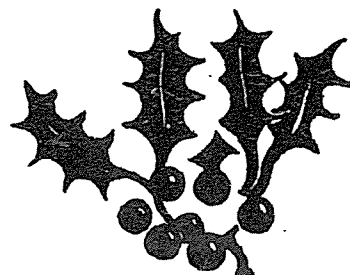
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During the weeks prior to Christmas we have been rehearsing our Christmas Carols which we will be playing around the town at Christmas time. Carrying on a long tradition the Band will parade on Christmas morning after Mass.

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.

Maintenance and repairs to the Bandroom take quite a bit of an income. This year this included installing toilets in the Bandroom and erecting a wrought iron gate at the entrance.

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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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SILVER WEDDING

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

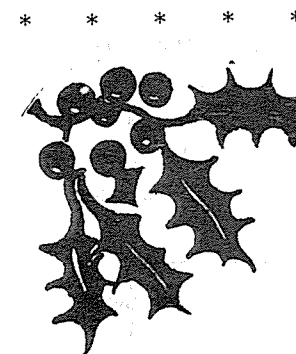
majority of people in Third World countries are rurally based and educationalists working there stress the importance of making adult literacy the prime education target - connected in the widest context with basic needs for living, work, health and food. In this way, the emphasis is now being placed 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.



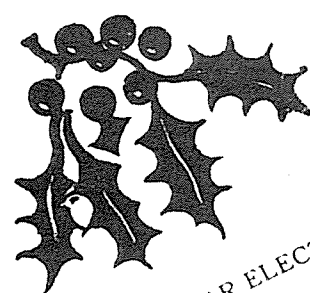
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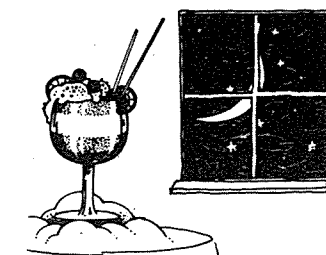
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The local Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann held its usual very Successful Seisuin in the Geraldine Hall on Tuesday 25th October.

Twentyone Musicians from Maynooth, Trim, and other Areas served up the best in traditional Music to the large attendance present.

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We do sound a sad note here in that this great tradition of Irish Music is not

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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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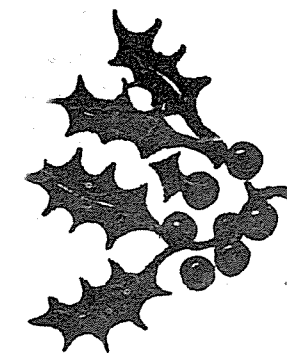
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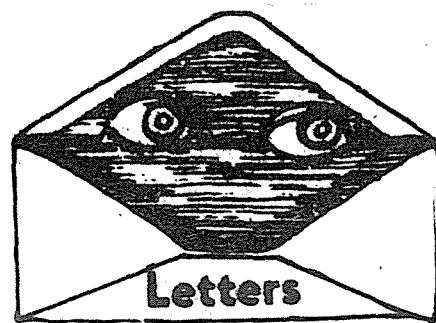
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to the Editor

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,

Eileen Ruddy.



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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

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POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL, MAYNOOTH

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.

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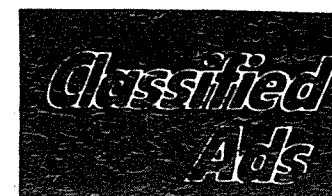
Senior Citizens

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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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.

Merry Christmas also to our elusive parents, and to the Little Swimmers themselves, and I do so hope 'SANTA' will hear you shout.

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"No, not that one dear" he said "To start with you use an iron"

"No!" she said "gripping the club more firmly "I've been ironing all day"

You never know what makes some people tick until they unwind. - (The Kiplinger magazine)

Success is often just an idea away - (Frank Tyler in Forbes Magazine).

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