

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.

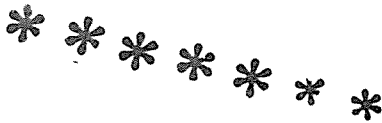
Our first date will be in Naas on 15th Jan. when a 5-a-side boys indoor soccer team will compete against other clubs in the Kildare Region in the first set of the Regional Competitions.

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.

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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# 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 DEVELOPEMENT:-** 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.

Brian Fleming M.C.C.  
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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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## 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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## A Focal Point of Local History

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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 civillitie.'

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 Kilkullen. 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)'

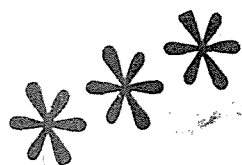
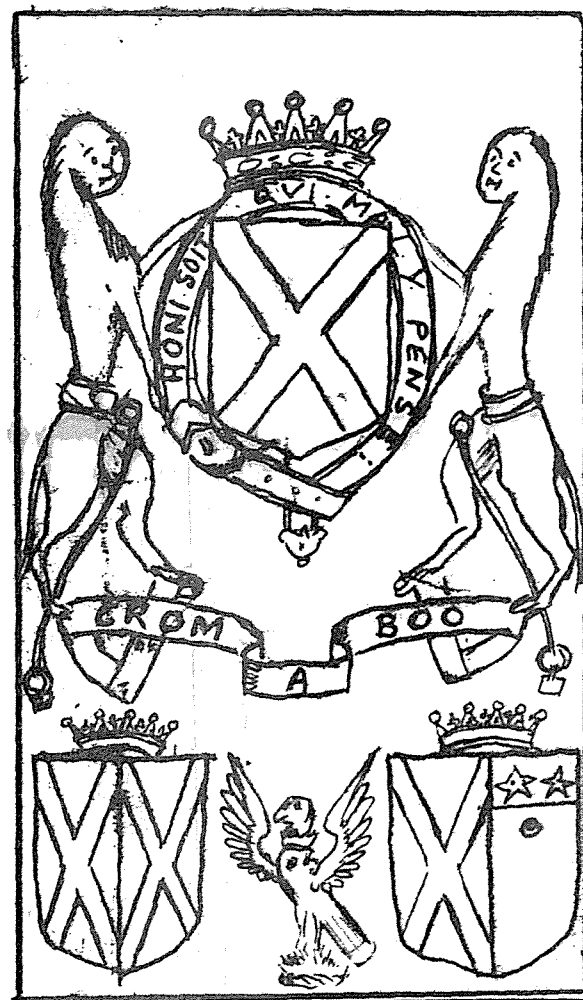
Re: Notice of Motion No. 27 (a) - 'That three public lights be provided at Newtown end of Greenfield Road'

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 - Dhalias - (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 (Tia) - 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

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.

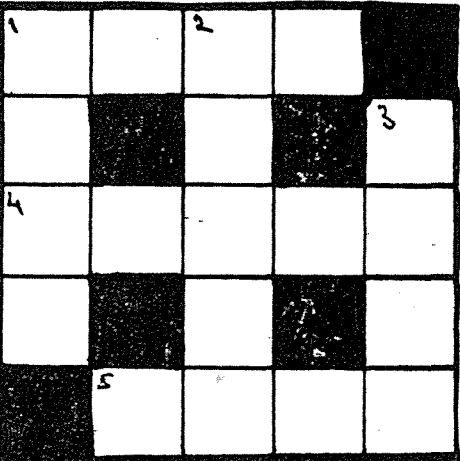
Q. Why is Paris like the letter F?  
A. Because it is the capital of France

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

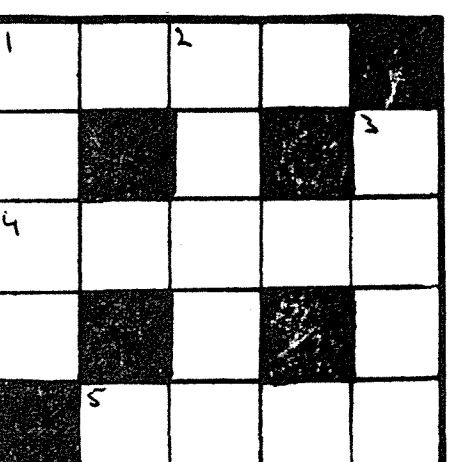
A. A soft one.

## CROSSWORDS

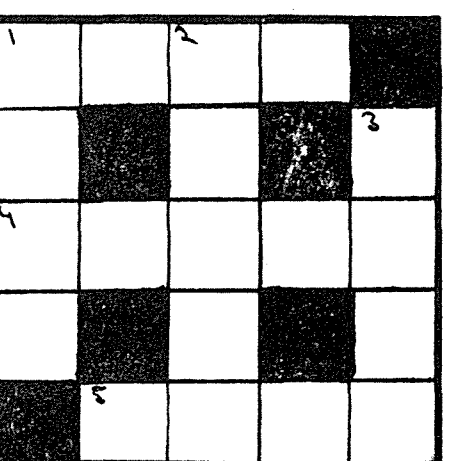
No. 1.



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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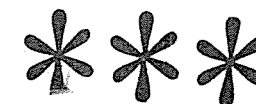
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