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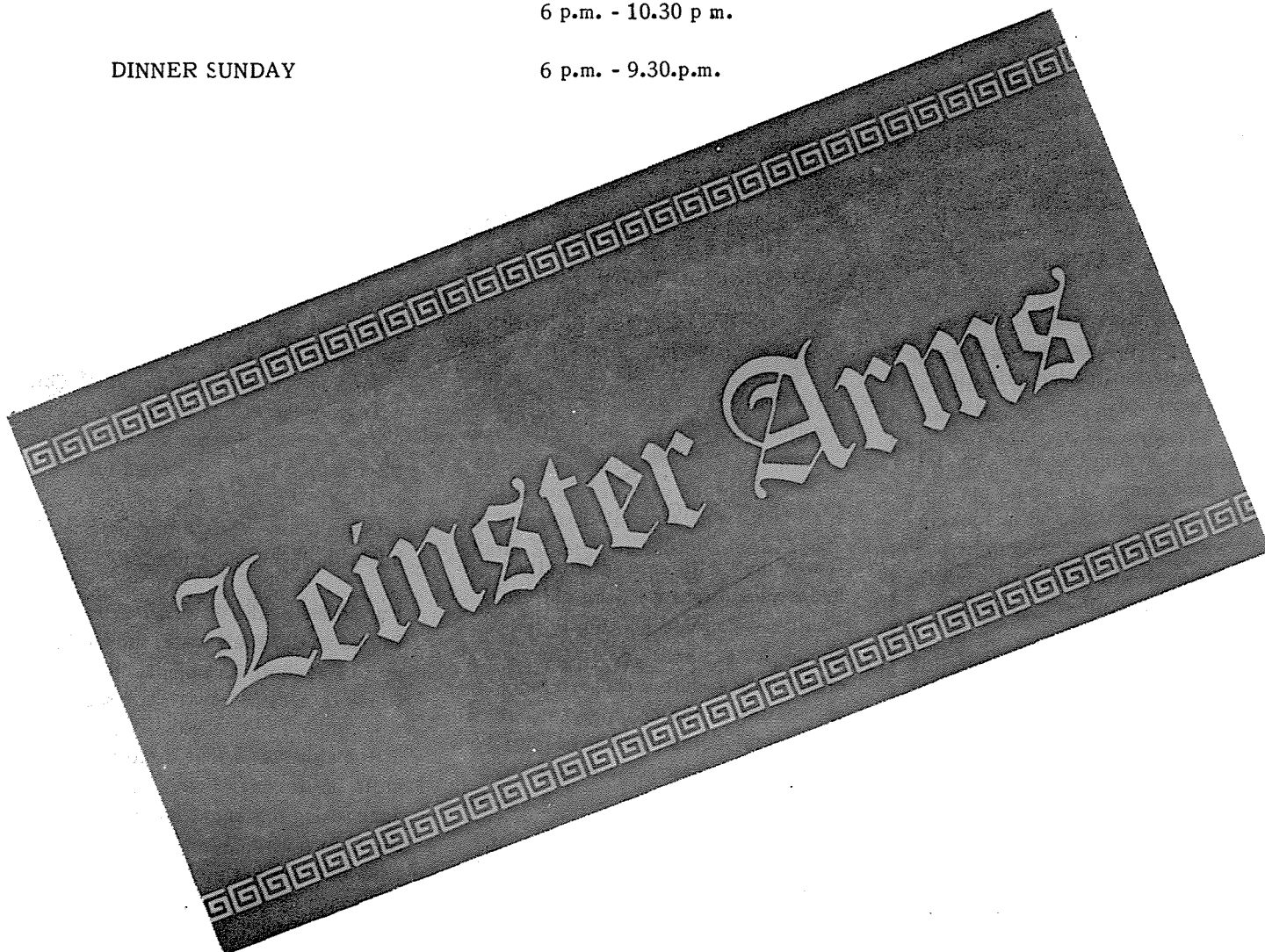
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NEWSLETTER

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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. Domville Cup (for Champion Cow) & reserve.

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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.

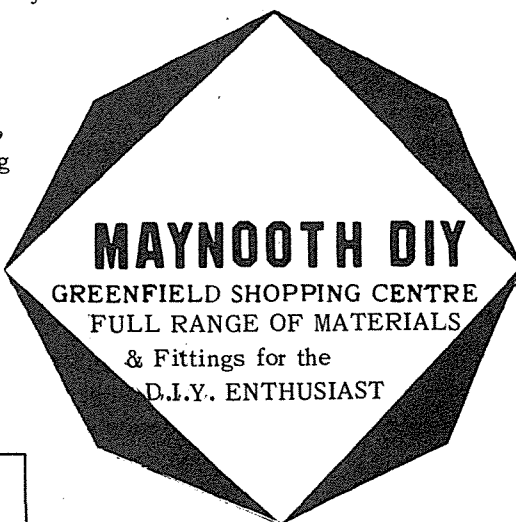
A new twist has been introduced into this whereby during the year further books are required for a particular subject because 'the children learned so fast that they finished the first book'. After all this we are now being asked to pay for heating the school. This has come about due to the rising cost 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

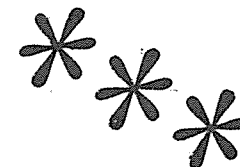
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Johannesburg - for instance one is not allowed under municipal law to build a house on less than half an acre. I realise that there is an abundance of land and much of it not agriculturally workable but the limiting of building density certainly creates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

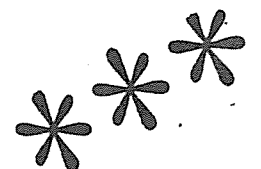
One last thing. Bord Failte has come on 'the box' with a new advertisement for Irish tourism. Now I am not sufficiently square to be unaware that to sing successfully in this day and age one must adopt a spurious American Accent. But when the young lady singing off stage in the Bord Failte presentation 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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MAYNOOTH DEVELOPMENT
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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,

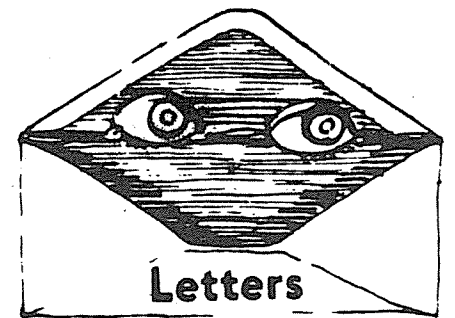
I am certainly informed by a witness sent, that my Lord, the Earle of Corke, hath contracted with the Duchesse of Lennox for your wardship with your consent. Since God hath ordayned it soe, I beseech min to give a blessing to it. I hope he will use you nobly, and looke well to your estate, preserve and 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

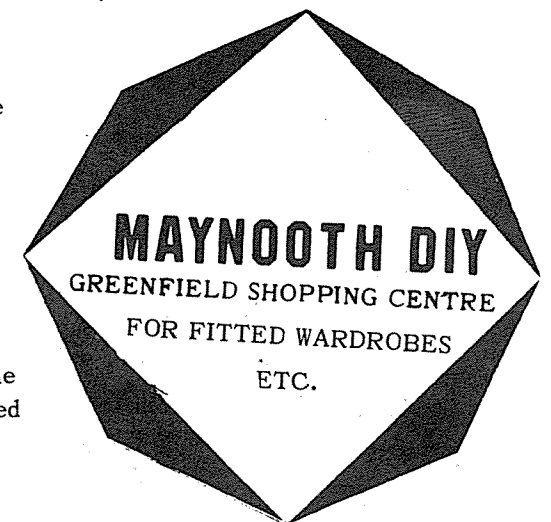
Dear Editor,
Through the medium of the Newsletter My wife and I would like to thank most sincerely all who helped us in anyway when our home was destroyed by fire at Easter.

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 greatful appreciation as it would be impossible to thank each one individually.

Yours sincerely,
Edward & Eileen Healy.
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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.

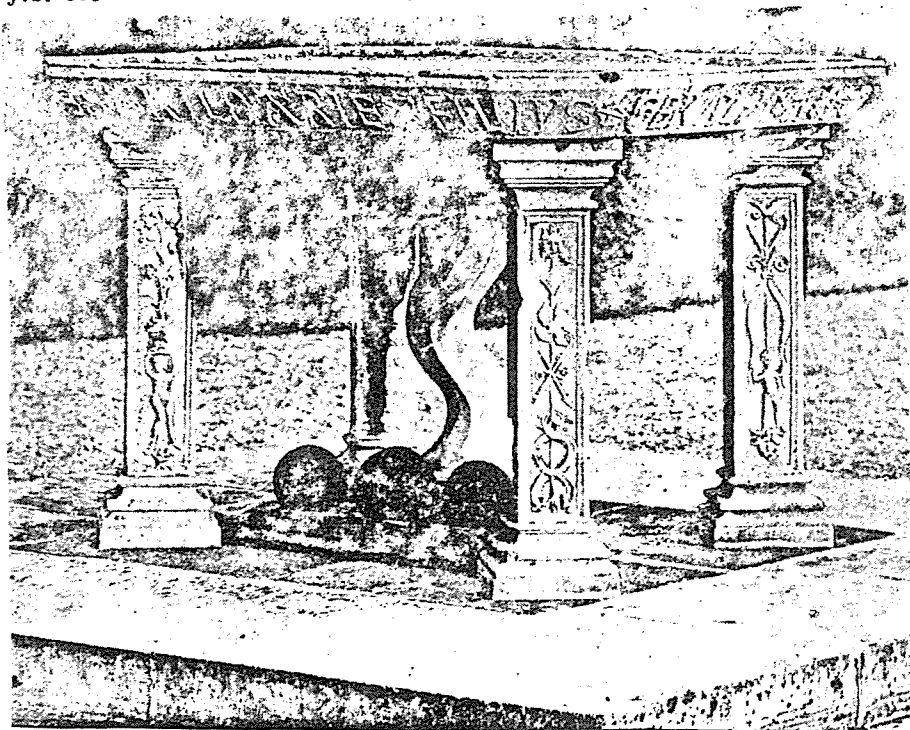
If the earl of Cork could see Maynooth Castle today he would no doubt be surprised and disconcerted to see that his improvements have all but vanished and that it is the 13th century keep and gateway that still stand fairly intact after more than seven and a half centuries.

Sources: Duke of Leinster, 'Maynooth Castle' in Journal of the C6 Kildare Archaeological Society i,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:-

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| 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 responsible for the Parish Hall. The hall is administered by the Hall Committee on behalf of the Church. We agree however that the maintenance 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:-

- Nearly a quarter of the houses in Maynooth were already using piped systems.
- The cost of the project had risen out of all proportion.
- 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.

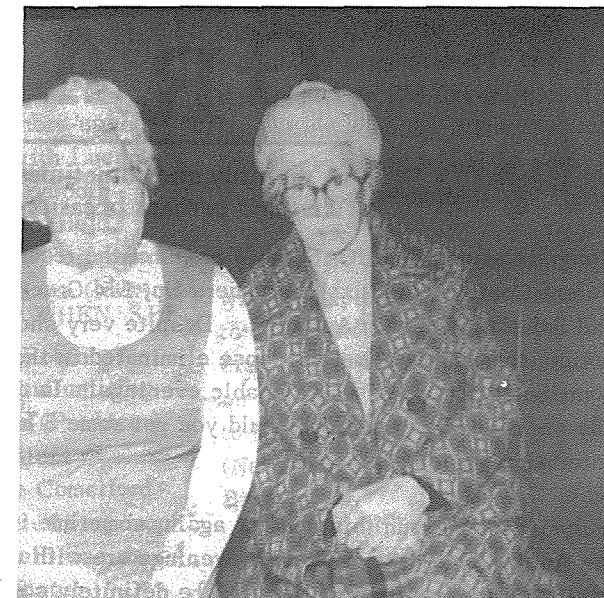
Before these notes appear the new extension to the Boys' School will have been officially opened and blessed.

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.

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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 the 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 Abbeylisk 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

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| 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

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| 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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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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CONGRATULATIONS:-

To Father Monahan and Father Kavanagh on their coming 1st. Anniversary of their Ordination to Priesthood.

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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It was only with great difficulty and expense that we were able to maintain adequate heating in the school for the past year. To effectively secure a proper standard of heating in the coming year, we have been advised by our consulting engineer to renew some of our heating equipment.

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.

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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?)