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Community Council ELECTIONS

For the purpose of the above elections. The Maynooth Area has been divided into 10 areas which are as follows and the number of seats in each area is given also.

A	AREA TOWN	SEATS 3	F	AREA CLUAIN AOIBHINN	SEATS 2
B	COLLEGE	2	G	NEWTOWN	2
C	RAIL PARK	2	H	OUTLYING EAST	2
D	GREENFIELD OLD	2	I	" NORTH WEST	2
E	GREENFIELD NEW	3	J	" SOUTH WEST	2

Townlands included in areas H - I - & J - are listed hereunder

AREA H - OUTLYING EAST :- includes Carton, Old Carton, Barrogstown, - Toolestown - Corbally, - Ballygoran, - Dowdstown, Griffinath, - Moneycooley, - Donaghmore, - Kellystown, - Blakestown, Kilmacraddock, - Moyglare

AREA I - OUTLYING NORTH WEST:- includes Mariaville, Crewhill, - Timard, - Laraghbryan, - The Maws, - Threadstown, - Crinstown, - Cormickstown, - Donaghstown - Derrinstown.

AREA J:- OUTLYING SOUTH WEST:- includes Taghadoe, - Bryanstown, - Kealstown, - Graigullin, - Cowanstown, - Graiguesallagh, - Smithstown, Rooske, - Windgates, - Johinstown, - Clonaugh, - Ovidstown, - Newtownmacabe.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The Parade, organised by St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band, was most impressive, and it is hoped, it will be the first of many bigger and better parades in the area.

Headed by a Colour Party, provided by the Scouts, and followed by the Band, the Scouts, Girl Guides, Pupils of the several Dancing Classes, and last but not least members of Civil Defence Services, the parade provided a very colourful spectacle. Starting from the Castle, they marched up to the Super Market, returning to the Castle where the Band gave a short recital before dismissing.

The Band must be given great credit for their initiative and all those who helped and took part deserve our best thanks. It is hoped that next year many more associations, clubs, etc., will join in and make it an even finer display.

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Another year has passed and we are very pleased with the results. People are inclined to look at 'tangibles' and I'm afraid The Sports Day, Dinner Dance, Cake Sales and Children's party while not in this category were enjoyed by all. Any undertaking by our association that had a "family" flavour was guaranteed to be a sell out.

During the year our Public Representatives both T.D.s & M.C.s were very helpful and we were glad to hear that the foot-bridge will be a reality pretty soon, also sets of traffic lights will help lessen congestion in the village.

POST PRIMARY SCHOOL:-

It's very seldom that the Post-Primary School gets into the 'news' but without their continued co-operation our News-Sheets that are distributed during the year would not exist. Mr. Ashe has printed all our hand-outs during the year and has also invited any of our members who would like to avail of the opportunity to speak in the school. We would like to wish the "School Drama Society" good luck at the finals of the Muintir Na Tire competitions in Thurles. Once again our sincere thanks to Mr. Ashe and the teachers in the P.P.S.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our 5th A.G.M. was held in the Geraldine Hall on Wednesday 15th March at 8.30 p.m.

The minutes of the previous A.G.M. were read by Mrs. M. Duff and duly proposed and seconded. Mrs. T. Stack was acting secretary. The Annual Report was given by the Chairwoman Mrs. Eilis O'Malley. She mentioned the social and fund raising events together with our involvement with the Community this year, also some areas where our Co. Councillors and T.D.s have been helpful. She thanked the Community Post - Primary School for its help. We were also informed of a Meeting with the Developers. She thanked everyone for their support during the year. This report was then proposed and seconded.

The financial Statement was then read by Mr. B. Gartland, Treasurer who said that while membership had dropped slightly our finances were still very healthy. He hoped that people would continue to subscribe to our monthly draw as it was a very valuable fund-raising enterprise. This statement was proposed and seconded.

The Chairwoman then asked for views on our recent meeting with Civil Engineers. A lengthy discussion took place and it was proposed by Mr. B. Fleming that the incoming Committee meet with the Developers again. This proposal together with a further 2 were carried by a show of hands.

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The next item was the election of the New Committee and the Chairwoman and some Committee members said they were not going forward for re-election.

The election of the New Committee then took place and resulted as follows:-

CHAIRMAN: P. Tynan
SECRETARY: M. Fleming.
TREASURER: B. Gartland.

COMMITTEE: - E. Caulfield - B. Cunningham - D. McDonagh - T. Purcell - D. Hogan - D. Lyon - M. Lyon - J. McGinley.

In handing over to Mr. Tynan, Mrs. O'Malley, thanked the members for their support and asked for it to be continued for the New Committee.

A vote of thanks for the outgoing Committee was then proposed by M. Fleming & Mr. Tynan took the Chair, and said that although he had not been completely in touch for a while he would soon remedy this. He asked for our continued support for our local shops as we would all be sorry if we had to walk to the village again much less LUCAN!

The Meeting then concluded.



Editorial

It used to be a quiet town - Maynooth we mean, of course - but, unfortunately this is not altogether the case now. At one time a man or woman could walk the streets at any hour of the day or night without being annoyed or molested but the situation appears to be changing. We are hearing more and more reports of people being threatened, assaulted (mainly of a minor nature) but perhaps even worse for all we know. This is something that we, in this town, cannot allow.

Least anybody should rush in here and say "Yes, these noisy students are at it again" we hasten to add that we are not referring to students in this particular instance but, if the 'bush telegraph' is correct, to young thugs born and reared in Maynooth, as well as some unknown.

It is not for us to go into details of any one incident but sufficient to say they are happening and not sufficient is being done about it. Again, if reports be correct, drink is the root cause of these incidents but we are told that "What's in sober comes out in drink"

For our own good, it is absolutely necessary that any serious misbehaviour or thuggery should be reported at once to the proper authorities and we should insist that appropriate action be taken. It is absolutely essential that this type of bad behaviour must be stamped out ruthlessly or there will shortly be no peace in this community and everybody (and we mean everybody) must join in to help stamp it out. Everybody, and again we say everybody, must give the police any details they can that will help out thuggery of any shape or form.

We would appeal to parents to keep a close eye on their children - where they are, and who they are with. We would appeal to those serving drink to refuse drink to those who have too much taken (and we don't mean drunk) and to serve a minimum to the local thugs (and, in the main, these are well known). Also drink should not be served to anybody under age under any circumstances - and, again, most of the people serving drink know who is under age and who is not. To students we say, conduct your 'parties' in a better manner and, if you must have a party keep quiet about it, don't advertise it generally and you will have no gate crashers.

In general, be vigilant at all times and do all you can to help stamp out this bad behaviour before it gets out of hand. Always help the authorities in every way you can - let nobody put you off by remarks of any kind, - you will be only doing your duty to yourself and others.

RAIL PARK ESTATE

At a Committee Meeting on Friday March 10th it was agreed by the Committee to follow up the taking over of the Estate by the Co. Council as soon as possible. This matter will be pursued vigorously.

Tentative plans were discussed for the cleaning up of the estate and we hope that these will commence in the near future.

The position of the ground Rent is being reviewed by the Committee.

Other matters taken up with The County Council include lighting, road safety, and cleaning of the estate.

The next Committee will be on April 7th at 8.30 p.m. in the Geraldine Hall and remember you are all welcome.

CIVIL DEFENCE FIRST AID COMPETITION:-

Couny Level.
We congratulate our Team on their performance in Newbridge on Sun. 12th March. They have great prospects for next year's competition. Congratulations to the Ladies Casualty Teams from Leixlip who came second. We wish the winners - Kildare Red Cross Team every success in the Regional Final in the Mansion House on Sunday 9th April.

NEXT MEETING OF GROUP

- TUESDAY 11th April.

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SCHOOLS IN MAYNOOTH

By Mary Cullen

In 1824 only 10 of the total of 232 children listed as attending school in Maynooth went to the Church of Ireland parochial school. Of the rest 115 went to the free school under the patronage of the Catholic Clergy & Parishioners, and the Duke of Leinster, and the other 107 went to the pay schools conducted by Mary Roe, James Reilly, John McSweeney and the Rev. Andrew Staunton. This distribution means that Maynooth does not quite fit the general pattern at the time. The Commissioners inquiry into the state of Primary Education found that the overwhelming majority of school-going Irish children went to pay schools' otherwise 'hedge schools'. These schools were defined by the Commissioners as schools which were unconnected with any Society that supported Schools of a particular denomination, and which were "held by individuals for their own profit". Out of a total number of Irish School Children of about 565,000 the number in independent pay schools was about 400,000, which is about 73%. But in Maynooth nearly 50% of the school going children attended the free school conducted by John Deane and Elizabeth Mahon, and patronised by the Catholic Parish and the Duke of Leinster. This school fell into another category defined by the Commissioners as "supported by the collections and subscriptions of the R.C. inhabitants of certain parishes, and under the superintendence of the R.C. priests."

The difference between these two types of school is explained by the historical background. Schools run by Catholics were illegal under the system of Penal Laws and to circumvent this the system known as the hedge schools developed during the 18th century. There was usually no fixed school house, but the teacher moved around the country, staying in an area for as long as parents were prepared to pay, in money or food or lodgings. The school house might be a barn, a shed or the shelter of a hedge depending on the time of year. As the enforcement of the laws was gradually relaxed schools became more permanent. Because they were a way of livelihood for the teacher they were called "pay-schools" as well as "hedge schools". Because Irish parents wanted education for their children the schools multiplied and flourished. Because there was no way of ensuring uniform standards the quality of the education provided varied enormously, from schools taught by very incompetent schoolmasters & schoolmistresses to the many schools, particularly in the South of Ireland, where Greek and Latin as well as mathematics, geography and history were taught to a high standard. The schools in Maynooth 1824 taught by Mary Roe, James Reilly and John McSweeney fall into this category but we do not know just what subjects each taught or how good the schools were.

The free school under Catholic patronage was one of a newer type to arrive on the Irish Scene. Once legal restrictions on Catholic Schools were removed at the end of the eighteenth century the Catholic ecclesiastical authorities began to aim at developing a net-work of schools linked to the Catholic parish Clergy.

In 1824 there were only 352 schools of this kind in the country, but the Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Daniel Murray, explained to the Commissioners that the Catholic Authorities were reluctant to have Catholic Children attend schools where the Parish Priest had not access to the children or which were not under Catholic supervision.

FINE GAEL NEWS

Residents of Maynooth and surrounding districts will be glad to learn that Kildare Co. Council has agreed to the following, which have been the subject of Notices of Motion and representations submitted by Councillor Bernie Durkan, during the past year . . . and all of which will be provided in the current year . . .

1. Provision of pedestrian footbridge at Town Bridge, - Work to commence soon.
2. Install motorway lighting at Main Street and further lighting at Moyglare Road, Dublin Road, Straffan Road, Kilcock Road and Newtown . . . work to be undertaken during the Summer.
3. Extension of the domestic refuse collection service, to take in Graiguesallagh and Crinstown.
4. Provision of footpath at Pound Street.
5. The removal of dangerous bend at the junction of the Celbridge Road with the Maynooth Barberstown Road (between Railpark and Greenfield Estates) and the provision of a footpath at same.
6. The provision of a footpath at Moyglare Road.
7. The provision of traffic lights at Main Street.
8. In a reply to a question to the Co. Council, Cll. Durkan was informed that Phase 1 of the Lower Liffey Valley sewerage scheme (Maynooth Section) should commence in April next, the necessary contract having been signed.

Persons interested in joining the Maynooth Branch of Fine Gael, should contact Mr. W. Coonan, Main Street, Maynooth. Tel. :- 286128

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Our heritage continued.

Another pointer to the Catholic authorities policy in primary education at the time, and one which seems to still exist today, is seen in the slightly different form, the description of these schools takes in the returns sent in by the Protestant and Catholic local clergy respectively. The Protestant return describes it as one co-educational school of boys and girls, while the Catholic return divides it into two single - sex schools. This trend to favour separate sex schools was noted as a consistent Catholic policy by a later education report on Foundation Schools in 1835 - 6 which pointed out that convenience and economic considerations made separate single - sex schools more attractive to the Catholic Authorities who were dealing with large numbers of pupils than to the Protestant Authorities who found that the small numbers of pupils they were dealing with made the co-educational school the only viable one, and sometimes failed even to do that. This Catholic policy has continued in Maynooth up to the present day.

The education commissioners inquiring into the existing school system in 1824 - 5 among other things asked whether schools were connected with any of the societies. None of those in Maynooth at the time were, but there had been one in Maynooth until just a few years previously. These societies emerged during the eighteenth century after the outlawing of Catholic education by the series of acts of parliament passed during the reigns of William and Anne at the end of the 17th and the beginning of the 18th centuries. The earlier idea of parish and diocesan Protestant Schools had failed to provide education for Catholic Irish Children and now a new pattern emerged in efforts by voluntary Protestant groups, using money raised by themselves and government subsidies, to educate the Catholic children of Ireland, and hopefully to convert them to the Protestant religion and to loyalty to the English crown. Most of the societies date from the end of the 18th century when the Church of England and the Church of Ireland experienced a religious revival and evangelical fervour, but the Maynooth school was the creation of the earliest of these societies, established in 1733 by royal charter which led to its schools being known as "Charter Schools". The charter described the objectives of the plan as aiming to have "the children of the popish and other poor natives . . . instructed in English tongue and in the principles of true religion and loyalty in all succeeding generations". The method adopted to achieve this was the establishment of boarding schools so that the children could be removed from all harmful home influences which might militate against the success of the education. But as parents could not be forced to send their children to the Charter Schools there was always a problem in providing pupils, and many of these were orphans and foundlings. Maynooth Charter School was founded in 1749 and was closed by the Society in 1819, just five years before the Education Commissioners investigated the School Situation.

OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

FASHION SHOW: This was a great success and we thank all who helped make it a success. A special word of thanks to Freddie Leavy & Denis Breen who gave so generously of their time and energy.

FR. JOE DILLON: It is hard to believe that it is now almost 5 years since Fr. Joe left us. We are delighted to learn from Mrs. Dillon that Fr. Joe is due on or about April 16th. Please God we'll have him at our next Party on 7th May.

EASTER PARTY: March 19th.

Our thanks are due to all who helped make this party a great success. A special word of thanks to our friends Kilcloon Macra Na Feirme who provided the main entertainment and to all those who contributed as well. We wish all our Senior friends a very Happy Easter.

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DRAMA COMPETITION:-

Maynooth Post Primary School "swept the boards" at the Kildare Finals of Muintir Na Tire, Drama Competition for Post Primary Schools.

The winning production 'A Burglary is arranged' was produced by Mr. Dockery and was splendidly acted by a very balanced cast.

Pat Cowhey won the best actor award while Sylvia Dunne won best actress which she shared with Eithne Bean for her performance in another play 'The Bishop's Candlesticks'. In addition to winning all the major awards the players from the Post Primary School also got the nomination for the All-Ireland Final in Thurles in March 10th.

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QUESTION TIME:-

The Final of the Clondalkin Junior Chamber of Commerce Question Time for Post Primary Schools is arranged for Moyle Presentation College in (Feb / Mar.) Maynooth Post Primary School won its way to the Final by beating Colaiste Padraig Lucan, and Vocational School Lucan.

TRIP TO SCOTLAND:-

Recent trip to Scotland was an unqualified success.

Everything fell into place as if arranged! Even the weather was mainly bright and sunny and such rain as fell didn't dampen any spirits. The couriers were courteous, the coach was luxurious and the driver George was informative and friendly. The journey north through Penrith, Carlisle, and Hawick to Galashiels was interesting and educational in the best possible sense. The higher mountains were still mantled with snow and the Esk, the Teviot and Tweed were swollen with snow water.

The varied landscape held our interest all the way. One amazing feature was the obvious number of Moles! They must be more than nuisance to farmers than rabbits.

The Douglas Hotel in Galashiels was first class. The rooms were exceptional, the meals were appetising and the service surpassed all. Our stay there was as pleasurable as it could possibly be. The teachers managed to organise a super disco for themselves but being big hearted they didn't mind the students joining! Another social highlight was a singsong which just happened the previous night in the residents lounge. Some hitherto unsuspected? - and indeed some highly suspect - talent was unearthed! Rickety Tickety Tim!!

Trips to Abbotsford House, Eginburgh Castle, Gretna Green, Lake Windermere etc., were enjoyable and the return journey through Cumbria was tinged by shades of sadness. It was all over too soon. Still there's next year to which to look forward and "Gaff" is the "Geyser" to see, I'm told!



MAYNOOTH PIONEERS

The Annual Art and Craft Competition was held in the Boys' and Girls' Schools on the 16th March. Mr. Sean McGabhann, School Inspector was the Judge and he could hardly find words to Express his appreciation of the very high quality of all the Exhibits in both Art & Crafts. He was particularly impressed with the extraordinary variety of craft-work on display.

Having remarked that all the entries deserved very great praise. He awarded the special honours to the following.

GIRLS:- 6th Class.

1st - Ursula Byrne
2nd - Jacqueline Nolan
3rd - Meta Gee

5th Class.

1st - Tina McFadden.
2nd - Anne-Marie Sheehan
3rd - Carmel Harrington.

BOYS:- 6th Class

1st - Barry Farrell
2nd - Oliver Reilly
3rd - Brian Sheehan.

Highly Commended - Thomas Bean.

5th Class:-

1st - Cathal Power
2nd - Richard Boyd
3rd - Michael O'Regan.

Fr. Supple congratulated the winners and thanked Mr. McGabhann for coming to judge.

The Trophies will be presented to the Prizewinners at the 'Pioneers Concert' in the Parish Hall on Sunday 16th April at 8 p.m.

GREENFIELD (OLD) RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

We would like to condemn very strongly the person who is responsible for dumping the household rubbish at the top of Greenfield and WARN the person responsible that if there is a recurrence of this their names will be sought out and stronger action will be taken against them.

The resurfacing of the road will start shortly, and the road-signs for Children Crossing the Road at the Junction of Greenfield and Straffan Road will be erected shortly.

Kildare Council have announced that they intend to hold a Competition this year to improve the condition of the Estates under their care. So let us hope that Greenfield will figure well in the Final Judging of this competition. There will be more about this Competition in the next issue of the MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER

The Annual Dinner Dance was held in the Osberstown House Hotel on St. Patrick's night. Everyone had a most enjoyable night out and would like to thank the organisers for making it such a success..

The Residents would like to welcome Mr. John Nyland and his Family who have taken up residence among us and wish them the very best of luck in their new home and hope that they will remain on with us for many years to come.

The Residents would like to express their sympathy to Michael Gleeson and Family on the death of his Father recently.

Congratulations to Mr. James Dauby and Miss Maura Kenny who were married recently.

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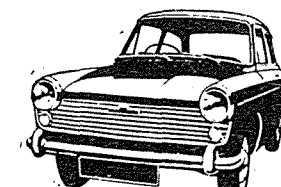
Mr. T. Boylan asked at a Meeting of Kildare Co. Council that priority be given for arterial standard road lighting for Maynooth. The Co. Engineer, Mr. M. J. Dunne, reported that there was provision in the current estimate for installing lighting to traffic route standard in Maynooth this year, and that work would probably start in the next few months. Because of the character of the town, it would be necessary to have a discussion with the E.S.B. on the siting of lighting columns.

He was not in favour of widening the rest of that road, as it would only encourage additional traffic and might make more dangerous the Maynooth Road / Newtown junction. So reported the Co. Engineer, Mr. M. J. Dunne, at a meeting of Kildare Co. Council when Mr. T. Boylan asked him to improve Greenhills Cottages Road, Maynooth.

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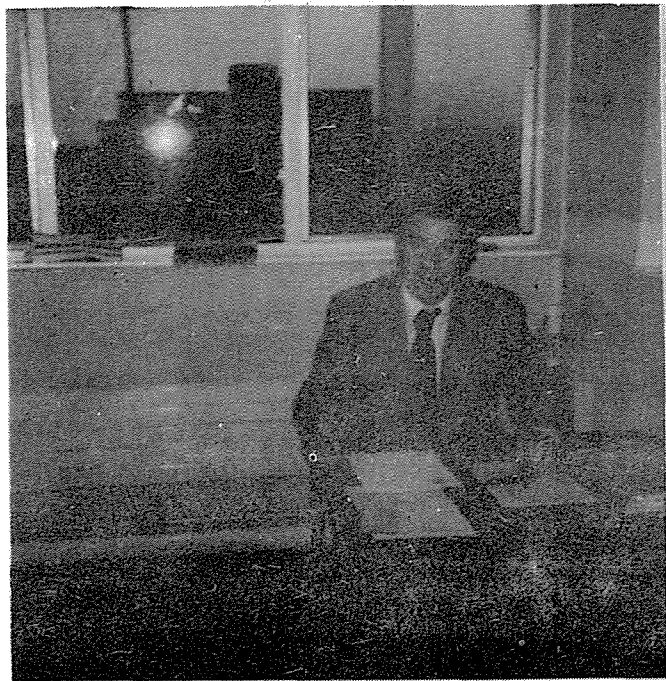


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(left) Mr. K. Dockery, Vice Principal of the Post Primary School, who was producer of "The Bishops Candlesticks" & "Burglary is Arranged" the Prize winning plays Naas Macra Na Feirme Festival.

A Group taken at the Maynooth Parish Social held at the Hitchin' Post recently. The group includes:- Anne Murray - Gessie Doyle - Christina Dowling - Eileen McGlynn and Rosie Commerford.



COMPETITION

How many children can you name in the PHOTOGRAPH. (MAIDEN NAMES ONLY). The person who names the most Children in the Photo will receive a Prize of £5. In the event of two or more Winners, names will be placed in a Hat, the first name out Wins the Prize. Teachers and Members of the Community Council or their Families are not eligible for this Competition. Entries should be posted or handed into - John Read, 86 Rail Park - Teddy Kelly, Main Street, - or Leo McGlynn 857 Greenfield (Old) on or before Sunday the 9th April.



Pupils who played in the "Bishop's Candlesticks"

(right) Prize winners E. Bean, P. Cowhey, & S. Dunne.



Pupils who played in "Burglary is arranged"



Miss Julia Weaver, with Rev. Fr. O'Higgins & Rev. B. Supple C.C. at the recent presentation to her of the "Benemerenti Medal"

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Cake-and-Plant Sale, which was held on the 19th February was an outstanding success. Combining what we took in, that morning with the many donations which came in during the following week we realised the handsome sum of £179.00. To all the good people who baked or bought or contributed in any way - and I must add here that not all were people with boys coming to our school - we extend our deepest gratitude. Many thanks also to the kind ladies and children who helped on the morning of the Sale.

Two very important dates on our school calendar are fast approaching. On the 27th of April the boys of 5th & 6th Standard will be confirmed by most Rev. Dr. Dunne.

On the 13th of May, the boys of 1st Standard will receive their First Holy Communion.

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Congratulations to both groups of boys and their Parents.

Finally, would the parents of young four-year old boys please note. If your child is four or will be four before the 1st July next and you have not already given in his name, could you please do so quickly if you wish him to start school on the 1st of July.

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Items discussed are treated in strict confidence

EVERYONE WELCOME

COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP NEWS.

The quilting Session with Jennifer Mortell was well received, our thanks to Jennifer for travelling from Gormonstown, and showing us her beautiful patchwork.

Our Film evening on the importance of Play was a great success. Our thanks to Una Walsh who gave a lively commentary on the Film and to Phil. Saunders who spoke on Child Art.

Both were from the Irish Pre-school Playgroups Association.

Thanks also to Sheamus Barnewell for help both technical and practical. Thanks also to Kaye & Fran. A special thanks to Ann Morane of East Wall Playgroup for her support.

We are very much in need of a few tricycles for our Toddlers and would appreciate any donations of ones you no longer require. Those in need of minor repairs will also be welcome.

Welcome to our new members Sarah Brady & Kate Ruddy.

For further Information contact:-

Angela Barnewall, Dublin Rd. Suzanne Pegley, 22 Leinster Cottages.

Kaye Harte, 91 Rail Park. Norita Robinson, Donaghstown. Carmel Hogan, 52 Greenfield Dr.

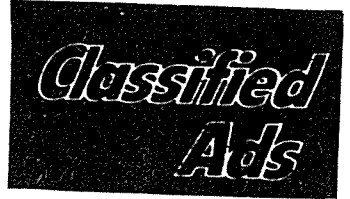
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It is intended that our 3rd (Annual) SPONSORED WALK will be held on Sunday 21st May. We would like to once again thank our many past Sponsors and hope that the same generosity will be forthcoming.

Proceeds will be applied to our "DEN" project, and further detail of the walk will appear in subsequent issues of the News Letter.

UNIT FLAG:- A special word of thanks to Mrs. E. Flood for the time & effort required to make and hand embroider our flag. We are deeply indebted to her for her kindness.



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ICA News

Our Guild held two very successful meetings in February and March. Some of the activities which took place were our German International Night on the 28th February, participation in the Elenora Dance Competition and catering at the Pioneer Dance on February 24th.

The Raffle for February was won by Mrs. Bradshaw & the competition for same month was 1st - Mrs. Farrell & 2nd Mrs. O'Reilly. At this Meeting a very interesting demonstration on the making of Boxty Bread was given by Mrs. Curran and a sample was enjoyed by all present.

The Raffle for March was won by Mrs. Moore and first place in the Competition went to Mrs. Satchwell & 2nd to Mrs. Farrell. Guest speaker for this Meeting was Mr. Martin Kelly, Celbridge who is Co. Kildare Agricultural Advisor and he gave a very interesting talk on History of Maynooth from the earliest times to the present day. This was very much appreciated by the Guild.

Our Guest Speaker for next month i.e. April, will be Mrs. O'Cuilleainain, who will speak on Musical appreciation.

Our Competition for next month is B. I. M. Fish Cookery, and the winner of the Guild Competition goes forward for the Kildare Federation Contest.

Those who took part in the Elenora Dance Competition on 19th February, were as follows:- Mrs. Deane - Mrs. Leavy - Mrs. Howard - Williams - Mrs. Scanlon - Mrs. Farrell - Mrs. McMyler - Mrs. Shannon - Mrs. McDermott & Music was provided by our able Musician - Mrs. Curran. Even though

we did not win it was greatly enjoyed by all. A number of Guild Members attended the Kildare Federation Meeting at Naas on Thursday 2nd March, at which Mrs. M. Doyle received a Brainnre for hand-

knitting.

The Guild intends to take part in a Question time with Celbridge in the near future. A date has also been arranged for Guild Members to attend "Gigi" in the Gaiety and a number of members will be present at the Drama Festival in Newbridge.

The International Night on the 28th February was most successful and catered for approximately 500 people. The emphasis was on Germany, and his Excellency, the German Ambassador, Herr Gerhard Fischer was guest of honour; with the German Cultural Attachee, Fran Johanna Hoenig; and Herr Dobiess, Director of the German Institute Choir, which entertained at Maynooth, with conductor Cait Lanigan. Dr. Emma Mallin gave an informative talk on Life in Germany and Maire Geoghegan - Quinn talked on "Consumer Protection". Guild Members put enormous work into the programme, with President - Mrs. Pamela Fegan, Hon. Sec. - Mrs. Rita O'Reilly & Treasurer - Mrs. Gee keen to make the event a highly interesting one. Only for the marvellous Committee and efficient members, such as Mrs. McMyler, International Officer and Mrs. H. Staunton, who thought up many contacts, the evening could not have been such a success. These two members deserves main credit for the affair.

Among the Guests was Thomas Wolfangel, who entertained the audience by playing the Zither. Clover Meats provided - Frankfurters and various types of Salami which all present enjoyed for supper. Tennant & Ruttle gave a sample



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of German Nutella on fresh Rolls, which was delicious. Anybody who fancied a drink, was able to sample a non-alcoholic wine from Johnson Brothers; who sponsored a display of their goods.

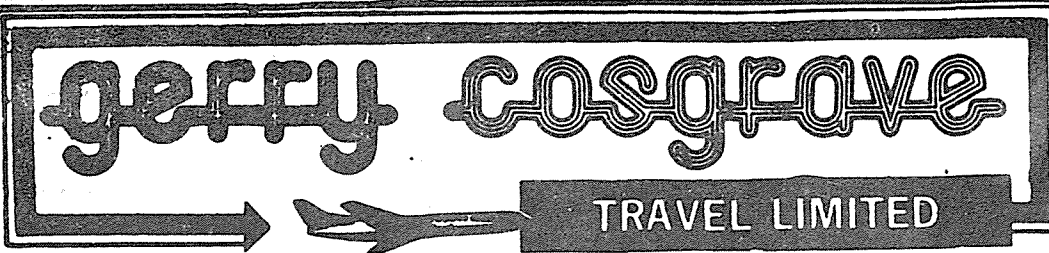
German cakes were also in great demand for the evening.

At the close of the evening a flower - bouquet was given to Herr Fischer for his wife; Maire Geoghegan - Quinn received a gift of an I. C. A. designed luncheon set and Dr. Mallin an Irish tweed length.

An excellent supper provided by Guild Members, was served and this concluded a very successful night.

Correction on Jan./Feb. issue as follows:- Catering at our 25th Anniversary Dance in the Parish Hall was carried out by Peter O'Brien, Catering Co., Newcastle, Co. Dublin and not by O'Brien Catering, Rathmines as previously stated.

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MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parents Teachers Association:-

Our meeting in February brought a good number of new faces. At this meeting our Chairman Mrs. Cullen offered her resignation from the chair & committee. We regret to see her going and thank her most sincerely for all the work she has done for the school.

At our March Meeting our numbers were small, this was disappointing. Our next Public Meeting for Parents will be after Easter and the talk will be on "Teen-age Drinking".

The Debs. Dance will be held on Thursday 6th April in the Hotel Keadeen, Newbridge. Tickets £5 each and Dress Formal. Tickets can be had from Mrs. Brid Farrell, Greenfield, from the School, or from Past Pupils - Frank Kennedy, Laraghbryan, Sean Bean, Ann Kelly, Catherine Malone, & Peter Brady.

A BEETLE DRIVE will be run on Sunday 23rd April in the School. Tickets 50p each, this will include light refreshments. This is open to all the Family and a good evenings fun is assured. More details later. Tickets will be on Sale by Members of P.T.A.

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ENROLMENT IN MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY

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MAYNOOTH BADMINTON CLUB

Result of 300 Club Draw, held in the Parish Hall on Monday March 13th.

1st Prize £100 - Colm O'Rourke, 752 Collins Avenue, Dublin 9.

2nd Prize £50 - Owen O'Reilly, c/o A.I.B. Maynooth.

3rd Prize £25 - Pat & Aileen Dunne, 5 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Club will take place in the Parish Hall on Monday 10th April 1978 at 8.15 p.m. sharp.

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MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Congratulations to our Treasurer Mrs. Ann Power and her husband Paddy 51 Greenfield Drive, the 'Easter Bunny' came to them, and gave them a present of a beautiful Baby Girl. Weren't they lucky!

All Club Members are having an Easter Break just now, the Children have still one Swim left to them from last Term, which they will have on April 7th. Friday 14th April will start the New Term, all those who intend enrolling for another Term, are asked to get in touch with our Secretary, Peig Lynch, 69 Maynooth Park, Phone:- 286110, or Nell Byrne, Old Greenfield, Phone :- 286514

We still intend to bring the older children back to Celbridge, so as they can get their awards before Bros. Fillan returns to Scotland. This will be his last term with us, so we want all you children to listen very hard to all the instructions you get.

We had planned to give these awards before Easter but as so many Families had illness in their homes, we decided to postpone matters until Easter was over. There will be awards for our young members too, before this next term comes to an end.

The Adult Classes at St. Raphael's, Celbridge, will re-open on Monday 3rd April, once again we would like all who wish to enroll to contact our Secretary, or Chairman Eoin Byrne.

Clondalkin Family Swim :-

We hope to have news for you about this in the next issue of the NEWSLETTER.

Progress in schools extension

The outline scheme for the extension of Maynooth post-primary school has been approved.

This information was given at Monday's meeting of Co. Kildare Vocational Education Committee by the C.E.O., Mr. G. Commins.

He went on to announce that a formal application had been lodged with the Department of Education for a 275-pupil school in Rathangan, and that a development sketch plan for Naas vocational school extension, with detailed specification for electrical equipment, had been requested by the Department.

"All these schemes have advanced a step further since the last meeting," added the C.E.O.

Next he said that tenders for the erection of Droichead school had been invited.

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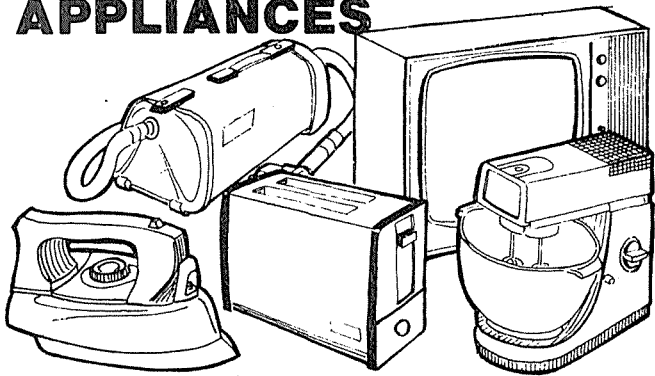
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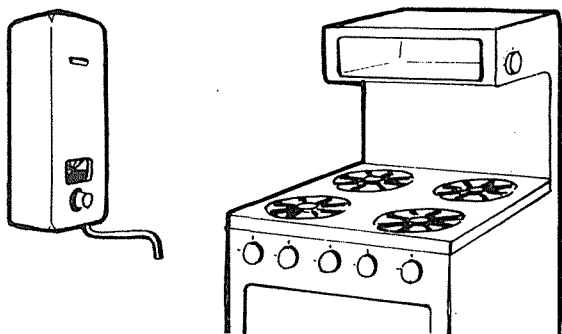
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ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES



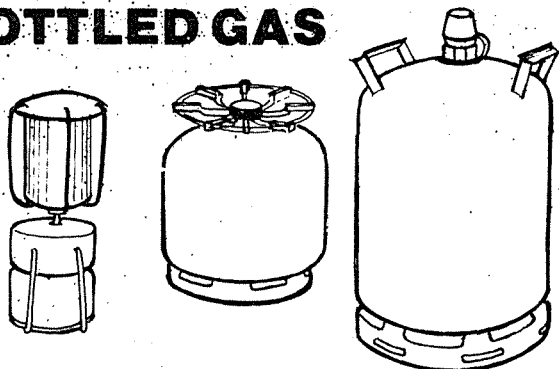
Electrical points must not be overloaded; a lot of appliances wired to one point can lead to overheating and a serious risk of fire. The ideal is "one appliance, one socket". Keep flexes short and replace them when worn. Never allow the flex of an electric kettle to drag over the cooker; and don't run flexes under floor coverings — they can be chafed or damaged without being noticed. Never run an iron or other appliance off a light socket and never leave an iron unattended when it is plugged in. All appliances not in use should be unplugged.

GAS APPLIANCES



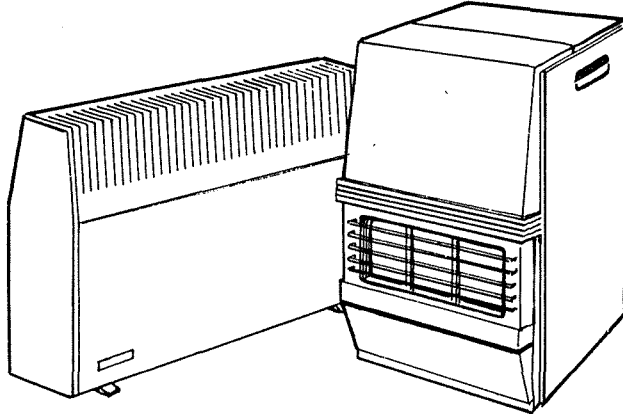
Gas and air may form an explosive mixture. If you have a gas cooker or water heater, make sure you are ready to light it before you turn on the gas — especially when lighting the oven. If the pilot light does not ignite the burner at once, turn off and see whether the pilot light is properly alight.

BOTTLED GAS



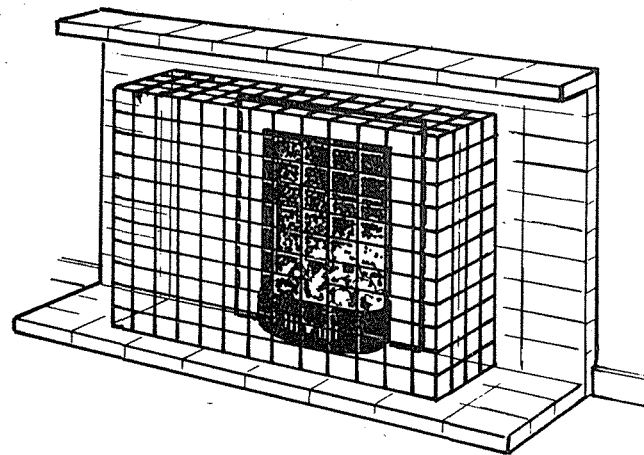
If you are using bottled gas (appliances) follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully when changing cylinders. If possible, cylinders should be kept outside and changed outside. If they must be kept inside, make sure they are well away from heat and have good ventilation. When the appliance is not in use, close the valve on the cylinder. Check the flexible hose periodically for signs of age or cracking.

HEATING APPLIANCES



Keep heaters well away from curtains and furniture. Ensure that appliances are securely sited against being knocked over. Never move or refuel an oil heater when it is alight. Keep it clean and well maintained; and refuel out of doors if possible. Convector heaters get dangerously overheated if clothes are draped over them, depriving them of air circulation necessary for their proper working.

OPEN FIRES



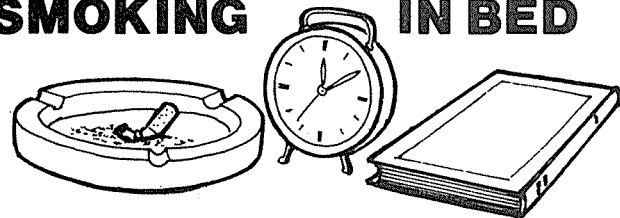
In rooms used by children or old people, always have a fire guard fixed in front of a fire. Never leave a room without putting a spark guard in front of a fire. Don't bank a fire up too high — the chimney could catch fire or burning fuel fall out. Don't use petrol, paraffin, etc. to light the fire.

Don't hang a mirror over a fireplace — it invites people to get too near a fire; don't put anything on a mantelpiece which a child might try to get at.

Burning soot falling down from a chimney may set fire to furniture and carpets. Sparks flying out of the chimney may set fire to surrounding property.

Have the chimney swept regularly — at least once a year.


SMOKING IN BED



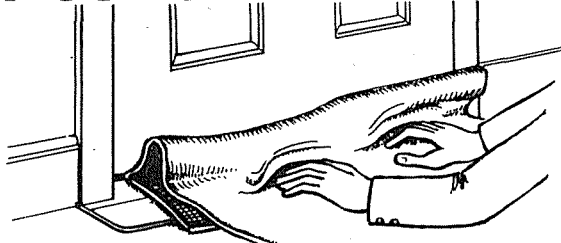
It is advisable not to smoke in bed. "Nodding off" with a lighted cigarette can be fatal. If you must smoke in bed, be careful about putting out your cigarette; and see that the ashtray is stable.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF FIRE —

A PLAN OF ACTION SHOULD BE PREPARED SO THAT EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY KNOWS WHAT TO DO.

- 1** CALL THE FIRE BRIGADE AT ONCE — there is **no charge** for the services of the brigade.
 - 2** GET EVERYONE OUT OF THE HOUSE. Plan safe escape routes for your family **NOW** — even if you never have to use them.
 - 3** Do everything possible to **REDUCE DRAUGHTS** which may fan the fire. Close all doors and windows, even in rooms away from the fire.
 - 4** You can then try to extinguish the fire, but only if you can do so without endangering life.
-  If the chimney goes on fire, move furniture and carpets away from the fireplace, if possible.

IF CUT OFF BY FIRE



The spread of fire and smoke through open doorways may result in people being trapped and overcome by smoke, and hot poisonous fumes. If you are trapped upstairs by fire, the best thing to do is to go into a room (preferably one looking onto the street), **shut the door behind you** and put a rug or blanket at the bottom of the door to keep out the smoke. Then shout for help from the window. Do not jump unless you are forced to do so; unnecessary injuries are caused in this way.

IF YOU HAVE TO JUMP...

Throw whatever bedding or other soft materials are to hand onto the ground to assist in breaking your fall.

Lower yourself full length from the window sill before letting go — this will reduce the distance of free-fall.

IF CLOTHING CATCHES FIRE...

A person whose clothing catches fire should be laid on the floor and rolled in blankets, rugs or a thick coat.

If your own clothing catches fire, roll on the floor to put out the flames.

HOW TO PUT OUT A FIRE

... IF THE FIRE IS SMALL ENOUGH TO TACKLE SAFELY YOURSELF.



For most fires use water

For a fire involving fats or oils —

Do not use water directly on burning fats or oils. Never carry a pan of burning fat. To extinguish a pan of fat on fire, turn off the heat and cover the pan with a lid, a plate or a damp cloth, smothering any spilled fat with a damp cloth as well.

For a fire in electrical equipment —

Unplug the appliance involved or switch off the current at the mains. Then you can use water to extinguish the fire. **Water must never be used on live electrical equipment.**