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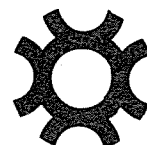


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GRAPEVINE

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

The Student Rag week this year is being geared towards a community week eventually. This year sees a start with various types of sporting activities taking place mainly between the college and the town. Any monies collected will as usual be donated to Charity. Your support is needed and the dates to watch are from February 13th to 17th.

The Old Peoples' Committee also would like to sincerely thank Mrs. P. Cullen, The Maws, for a very generous contribution to the Coal Fund, being proceeds of a raffle at the Irish Farmers Association Dance, and also the Maynooth Guild I.C.A. for a donation of £24 to the Coal Fund.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER :- for information contact:-

David & Marie Lyon, 33 Maynooth Park.
Telephone 286136

or

Ray & Ann Moulton, 19 Balally Park, Dundrum.
Telephone 985802

or

Fr. Paul Tyrrell, St. Mary's Church, Maynooth.

Showing international class on the field, young soccer star David Cowhey (son of Dr. & Mrs. W. Cowhey) has signed up with Bohemians. David played on Maynooth 1 team, being on the team that won the Cruise Cup last Season. He has already clocked up a number of goals to his credit and the Bohemien's Manager has expressed considerable satisfaction with his new player.

Mrs. Betty Farrell, Pound Hill, Maynooth, is to be congratulated on being awarded a scholarship from Kildare County Committee of Agriculture to the I.C.A. College at An Grianan the subjects dressmaking and cookery. Mrs. Farrell is a member of the Maynooth Guild.

It has been said that the 'thing' in the square should be properly named. We are offering a prize to the most suitable name for this edifice. Entries to any of the NEWSLETTER Committee.

GRAPVINE

Among 24 delegates from I.C.A. guilds throughout the country to receive the Board Iascaigh Mhara Seafood promoters diploma was Mrs. Felicity Satchwell, of Mariaville, Maynooth, a member of Maynooth Guild.

The presentation was made by Mr. T.F. Geoghegan, Market Development Manager for the Bord. The delegates were selected from I.C.A. federations, and through a programme of activities assisted the B.I.M.'s marketing division in expanding the use of fish and fish products. A special training course was organised for the delegates at An Grianan and B.I.M.'s Fish Cookery Centre.

Congratulations to John and Marion (nee Troy) Walsh, Avondale Leixlip, on the birth of a Son. This is the sixteenth grandchild of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Troy, O'Neill Park. (Marion's parents).

Every good wish also to Caroline Farrelly, Greenfield, Maynooth, and Brian Walsh, Kilgrague, on their recent marriage.

Congratulations to :-
Sean & Maureen Fortune, Parson Street, on the birth of a daughter.
Eddie & Patricia Cusker, on the birth of a Son.
Seamus & Margaret Tyrell, on the birth of a daughter.

Our much maligned youth seldom get a pat on the back but we must highly commend three young people who gave a three hour concert to patients at St. Loman's over the Christmas period. The group, comprising Kevin McGovern, electric guitar, Ken O'Brien acoustic guitar, and Finola Lyons, vocalist, were greatly appreciated and many patients contributed items. The group were very well received by the Vocational Officer, Mr. Colm McGlynn, and received every assistance from the staff.

We wish a speedy recovery from recent illness to:-
Mrs. K. Dunne, Celbridge Road; Mrs. Nan Connolly, Greenfield; Mrs. McGovern, Leinster Cottages, Ned Merton, Leinster Cottages, Jack Corrway, Greenfield.

The Irish Wheelchair Association wish to return sincere thanks to the people of Maynooth for their very generous contributions to the Associations collections recently, i.e. Maynooth £82.60, Ladychapel £18.50. Maynooth College £44.33.

All items for publication in the March issue of the NEWSLETTER should be handed in by February 12th.

MAYNOOTH VISTA by Newcomer.

Anybody writing a column for a monthly publication is at a distinct disadvantage. If the writer treats with a subject that is current at the time of his writing ten chances to one it will be old hat by the time of its appearing in print and he must therefore confine his remarks to on-going topics or run the risk of having to eat his words in consequence of subsequent developments having caught up with him before his article appears. Editors take a poor view of their contributors asking for their articles back for amending the day before a magazine is due to go to press.

I have stuck my neck out on a few occasions and had my head chopped off - or partly chopped off - by events which ensued between writing and publication. Last month in the NEWSLETTER was one of these.

Subsequent to my writing about the blocking of jobs for our Graduates by the National Teachers a compromise was come to by allowing those already chosen for jobs to attend The Teacher Training Colleges for a year before taking up work. Big Deal! It does nothing to improve class numbers in the present year and damn little for brotherly love.

It does not tempt me to ask the Editor to amend anything that I wrote.

At last, as I write, the Government has announced its intention to introduce a bill for the abolition of existing ground rents. I see some danger there. If we, in the New Estates, buy out our ground rents, who is going to finish these estates where the developers have gone into liquidation or bankruptcy? Do we also buy that liability?

It is possible, of course that the bill will cover such a contingency but the White Paper not having yet been published it is not possible to tell. If I might make the suggestion to our Community Council it is something they might actively pursue with whatever similar bodies they are in touch or with out local T.Ds. to ensure that the residents are not left holding the baby if they take up the option to purchase.

To expect the County Council to do anything if the matter is not covered in the bill would indeed be a forlorn hope. Existing conditions in these estates would deter any redisent from wishing to own the land on which his house stands and the No Rent Campaign could go on into the new century as a result.

Which brings me, finally, to the Community Council itself. Is it hiding its light under a bushel or is it another "talking shop"?

Could we be allowed to know what it has achieved - other than was already being done by other action groups and taken over - since its inception? And when I say "achieved" I mean done - completed - finished with-

out any hedging or side tracking or circumlocution. Let's have a list in next month's NEWSLETTER.

(I know the Editor won't like that last paragraph . but being a fair man I bet you he prints it !)

CIVIL DEFENCE NOTES:

CASUALTY UNIT:- It is hoped to commence Unit meeting on Tuesday 24th January when it is hoped to see all Unit members . commencing at 8.30 p.m. in the I.C.A. Hall. Any group wishing to have First Aid Lectures should contact Mrs. Brady (Phone 286308) or Mrs. Toni Read (Phone 286051)

A member of the Unit was called to a very serious accident in Maynooth Park shortly before Christmas which involved a milk delivery boy who fell on a broken bottle. The Unit member was congratulated by Premier Dairies Ltd., as well as the Hospital Staff for her excellent handling of the situation, which probably saved the boy's life.

This only shows the necessity of having trained personnel available in all areas to give immediate assistance at accidents or disasters of any kind. You too could help in a case like this so why not take a First Aid course? You could also have yourself trained in the Warden Rescue, Fire Fighting or Welfare Services.

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Community Council News

Affairs in the Council have been rather quiet of late mainly due to the Festival periods. That is not to say that nothing is happening but rather that members naturally devote a good deal of time, at this time of the year to their families.

A meeting which was organised with other Community Councils regarding the transport of the Chemical ACRYLIN through North Kildare was not very successful. Apparently others do not view this as seriously as do we. We will continue to protest with the authorities on your behalf in this matter for as far as we can ascertain there is no overall plan in existence to deal with this chemical should there be an accident. The reason for this is that it is practically impossible to contain once a spillage has occurred and the gas is deadly poisonous and cannot be combated by masks.

On a happier note we offer our congratulations to Mr. Bernard Durkin, on the occasion of his recent marriage.

We take this opportunity to remind you that the life of the present Council is nearly over and that nominations for the next Council will be issued shortly. This is your chance to make your views on the Council known and to ensure that you are represented on the Council by the person you name. Watch the NEWSLETTER for details.

The next Meeting of the Council will be held on February 14th.

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The Committee would like to thank sincerely the community and surrounding area for their magnificent support at the 'Toy Fair' and Sale during December. A special word of thanks to the Sisters of the Presentation Convent for their generosity, time, gifts, and effort. Also deserving of special praise is Greenfield Supermarket, who at the last minute made arrangements, at their own expense to bring Santa all the way from Iceland.

A word of thanks to Michael O'Reilly, for giving us Turkeys, Joe Buckley for Hams and other gifts, and to Patrick Lavin, Moyglare for his help. We were also very thankful to the various people who gave up their free time to help us during the day, namely Paddy Desmond, Mr. & Mrs. Owen Byrne, Brid Farrell & Family, members of the Old Folks Committee, Mrs. Kennedy & Family, Mrs. Owens (Ballyfermot), New Greenfield Residents Association, Mrs. Houlihan for presenting the beautiful cake for the raffle, Community Council, Mr. & Mrs. Nial Hart for the films, Badminton Club (donation) and last but not least Tommy Leonard.

We take this opportunity to wish them all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Also sincere thanks to Sonny Knowles and the Management & STAFF of LEAF of Kilcock for their generous donations.

Editorial

In a University town such as ours, it is almost impossible, during the Academic Year, at least, to get away from students, that is, of course, if we want to get away from them.

The word 'Student' can sometimes be a highly emotive word to some, a very attractive word to others or, to the majority perhaps, a very ordinary word. A very few of the townspeople have run foul of a student or two and the word is inclined to rouse the blood pressure. We are inclined to hear a lot of these type of student. On the other hand some have had a very pleasant association with students and we do not hear enough of these. But to the majority the word 'student' rouses little or no emotion whatever and these people are not sufficiently informed of the 'real student', nor, perhaps are the students sufficiently informed of the 'real townspeople'. What it really boils down to is that there should be quite a lot more contact between student and townspeople.

Just to keep matters in proper perspective, for less well informed, our student friends have made very considerable mark on the town since the college has been opened up, and we are sometimes inclined to overlook this. They have put in endless work organising our young people, by way of youth clubs, Scouts, play groups, etc. and, it is to our discredit that we have not helped sufficiently in this work. Students have also, from the very first, taken a keen interest in our older citizens and have helped very considerably with the entertainments and fund raising etc. More important still they have organized regular visits to elderly people in their homes and have done endless work for them. Students also have subscribed very substantially to charitable work in the town and have actively assisted those in distress. This is practically unknown in the town and it is great credit to these young people that they have handled this work in a truly Christian manner. Among the other contributions of the students to our community are: assisting 'slow learners' in our schools, giving grinds to our primary and secondary pupils, giving sports instructions, baby sitting etc.

We have only scratched the surface here of the various ways in which students have enriched our community and have unfortunately been taken for granted by us. It is not too often either that any of us parade the student virtues whilst the vices of the few are frequently paraded. It is hoped that students past and present will accept this as an acknowledgement of our thanks to them.

To compliment what they have already done, we understand that the Student Union are anxious to take an even more active interest in the town and a representative of the Union sits on the Community Council. It is expected we shall be hearing a lot more in the

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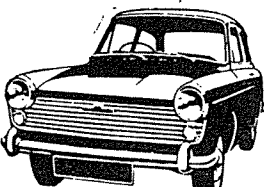
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D.J.L.

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TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION

Having received good marks in the Tidy Towns Competition of 1977, this would be a very good time to start improvements in the town and housing estates with a view to improving our position in the 1978 Competition.

D.J.L.

Greenfield Estate Maynooth

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

CHILDRENS' PARTY:-

Well !this is one event that doesn't need much said about it as the attendance must have been nearly 100%. The party mood got a fine start when everyone - parents and children were given party hats. Before, during and after the Film the younger ones ate and drank to their hearts content. SANTA arrived to cheers of Hip - Hip very ably led by Mr. Morgan O'Sullivan who was also our projectionist. After the cheering Santa gave out over 340 presents to all the boys and girls. The mums & Dads went in and had a cuppa while all this was going on.

We would like to thank some helpers and first must be 'our teenagers'. They are the most marvellous group ever, all week they helped blow balloons get sweets ready etc., and on Sunday they were first to arrive and among the last to leave. They deserve at least 3 cheers. Many thanks also to the Priests of the Parish for the Hall, The Old Folks Committee for the use of their cups, Sean Dwyer, Tom Geraghty, Morgan O'Sullivan, and all the other people who helped in any way

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to make the party the success it was.

SCHOOL BUS:- Mr. P. Barton has asked us to remind parents that Bus money should be paid on Monday of each week, also that it should be put in an envelope, clearly marked with name, address, amount, and date. We would ask your co-operation on this matter as this is a service which would be a great loss.

RESIGNATION:- It was with regret that the Committee accepted the resignation of Mrs. Carmel Hogan, our Secretary. In the hope that perhaps she would somehow find time, we have only now accepted this. As most of you know Carmel is one of the founder members of the Maynooth Community Play-group and the demand this makes on her time is enormous. Many thanks for all your work and help even after you had actually resigned. Good Luck with the Play Group.

APOLOGIES:- In last Dec-embers issue of the Newsletter we printed what was supposedly a full list of acknowledgements for Spot Prizes donated for our Dinner Dance. By accident the name of two of our regular contributors was left out and we would like to rectify this niw. The two in question were D & C Meats and Hula-Bou Boutique. There were

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FR. SUPPLE:- Sincere thanks for the house Masses which are being said on the Estate. It is a lovely old custom and brings our Faith back to the homes again.

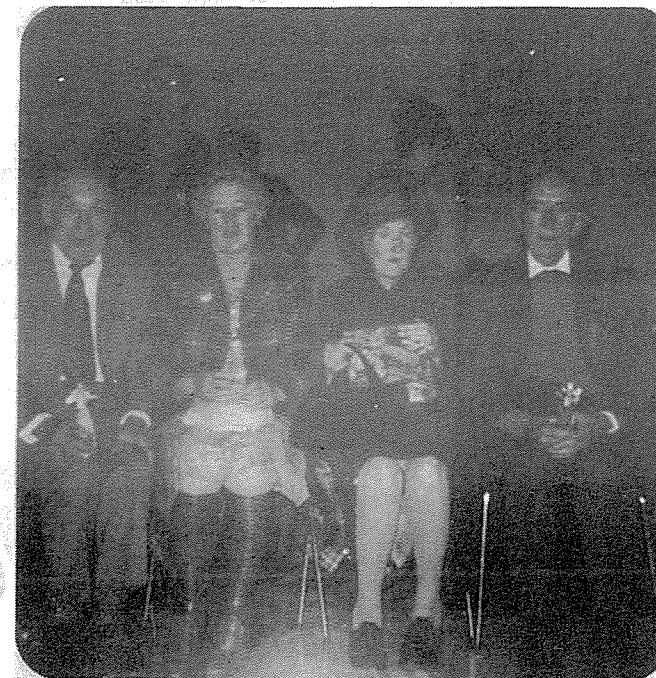
LIAM LAWLOR. T.D.:-

Strange heading perhaps! Now so. Two years ago over 70 people put pen to paper and made lists of complaints which we in turn used in trying to get the builder to complete maintenance. We have been asking politicians in the meantime what we could do but it was only last June that anyone showed any interest. Mr. Lawlor took these lists and as each person can see, has taken the time and trouble to make representatives to the Minister for the Environment, Kildare County Council and the Solicitors for the builders. Perhaps even at this late stage, we could get some action!

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PICTURE PARADE

Senior Citizens at their Christmas Party.



ICA News

The Guild members were thrilled with the news that, with their help, the Friends of the Rotunda Hospital succeeded in raising the marvellous sum of £10,030 for the Hospital.

The Twenty Fifth Anniversary of the Founding of Maynooth Guild was celebrated with a dinner dance, held in the Parish Hall. Everybody enjoyed themselves thoroughly and were especially pleased with the excellent catering by O'Brien's Catering, Rathmines.

Cake icing was made to look so easy in the hands of an expert, Mrs. Brid Farrell, and many useful tips gained. It was also revealing to see just what could be made exciting enough for a Christmas present for just under 50p as demonstrated by our

monthly competition. This was won by Mrs. Mary Doyle, with Mrs. Lis O'Farrell second.

The special raffle, for a turkey, was won by Mrs. Stynes. The annual Children's Party on 6th January was its usual big success, and the outing to the Gaiety was also enjoyed.

The competition for January will be "A Pork 'n Dish" - details in I.C.A. magazine.

The committee for 1978 is as follows:-
President - Mrs. Fegan; Vice President - Mrs. Curran; Hon. Sec. - Mrs. O'Reilly; Hon. Treas. Mrs. Gee; An Grianan Rep. - Mrs. Satchwell; Press Rep. - Mrs. M. McDermott; International Rep. Mrs. McMyler; Contest Sec. - Mrs. Connolly; Crafts & Produce Promoter -

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Buion Catherine Laboure

On 3rd. December Maynooth Guide Company held their 1st Parents Night. We had a very good attendance of Parents and I would like to thank everyone for coming.

Games were played, involving parents & guides and the guides performed many items of entertainment. A campfire was enjoyed by all.

Prizes for the year were presented by Fr. O'Higgins P.P. in the absence of Fr. Supple our Chaplain.

PRIZEWINNERS WERE AS FOLLOWS

Patrol of the Year - Heather Patrol.
Elaine Bean P.L.

Neatest Guide - Tie - Helena Lynch -
Caroline Power - Janet Byrne.
Bob-a-Job - Noreen Gilten.

Attendance - Tie - Elaine
Bean & Mary Bennett.

New Patrol Leaders &
Assistants were appointed: -

Heather Patrol -
Elaine Bean P.L.
Sophia Burns A.P.L.

Chaffinch Patrol -
Helena Lynch P.L.
Caroline Power A.P.L.

Rose Patrol -
Mary Bennett P.L.
Breda Edwards A.P.L.

Robin Patrol -
Noreen Gilten P.L.
Shirley O'Brien A.P.L.

As we have passed our first Anniversary, we are eligible to take part in Official Competitions and we have gotten off to a great start.

Sunday 15th January, the Company started on the Carrauntoohil Challenge, and a great time was had by all.

Sunday 22nd January, our Team goes to Dublin to Compete in the Games Competition.

The Company is ready and on call to compete in the Camp-Fire-Cup.

The project for the Irish History Cup is completed, so you can see we have gotten off to a great start for 1978.

New Recruits between the age of 11 - 16 would be very welcome.

The Girl Guides Meet every Saturday at 3.30 pm. in the All Purposes Room of the Presentation convent, Maynooth.

JUST COME ALONG & JOIN.

Maura Creevey (Captain)

BRIDINI GUIDE COMPANY

We hope to establish a 'Brigini' Guide Company which caters for girls from 7 - 11 and we would be glad to hear from

those who are interested in joining. All you have to do is go down and give in your name and address and age.

SCOUT INVESTITURE

The 8th Kildare held its joint investiture of cubs and scouts for the first time in St. Mary's Church on Saturday 10th December. Mass was celebrated by Fr. M. Kellagher S.M.A. who is chaplain to the troop. Fr. Higgins & Fr. B. Supple were also present.

Mr. N. Keegan Commissioner in Scouting for the region was there to congratulate the boys who were invested. We wish to extend our congratulations to the boys who were invested and to Anna Kennedy who was invested as an assistant Cub Leader.

If any boy over 18 years of age wishes to become a Scout Leader please contact Pat Begley.
We also extend thanks to all those who helped in any way to make the event so successful.

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STUDENT UNION NEWS

COMMUNITY WEEK:-

This is traditionally the time when Student "RAG WEEKS" are organised. This year in Maynooth, however, it is hoped to arrange functions with increased involvement by the LOCAL COMMUNITY; and to begin the idea of a Community Week, which has been developed in other college & towns.

Some activities planned at the time of going to press include a pool tournament, darts competition, soccer & other games. It is also planned to have an Old Folks Party, and a clean up of the pathway on Carton Ave. involving Students from the College and the Local Post-Primary school.

Due to lack of time for organisation, this first "COMMUNITY WEEK" will probably be on a small scale, but if successful could be expanded further next year. For further information please contact the Student Union (phone 286035)

SWIMMING POOL

The College Executive Council decided before Christmas to allow access to the Swimming Pool for Students from Maynooth Post-Primary School.

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The decision followed representations from the School itself, Members of the Community Council, and the Students Union.

No decision has yet been reached on 'the question of wider community access to college facilities - particularly during the quiet Summer Months.

U.S.I. Congress

The 20th Annual Congress of the Union of Students in Ireland took place in White's Hotel, Wexford from Jan. 13 -15th last.

Topics discussed ranged over Education, Welfare, Academic Pressure, Womens Rights, unemployment, Administration, etc.

U.S.I. - represents over 65,000 Students from 57 Third Level Colleges, North & South.

STUDENT FINANCE

You will no doubt have read about the campaign by Students on the question of finance for education. The campaign resulted in an announcement by the Minister for Education a few days later that the maximum Student Grant would be increased from £350 to £500 per annum.

Although this modest increase leaves a lot to be desired, e.g. Students in N. Ireland receive over £1,000 p.a., other aspects of the U.S.U. campaign, which were largely ignored by the Press remain unaltered.

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U.S.I. consider that is a Student satisfies the entry requirements for a course, he/she should get a grant; and that the wage limit after which the grant begins to drop is far too low.

These are areas on which the New Government made specific promises before election, but so far have not fulfilled.

YOUTH TRAVEL

If you are under 26 years of age, and not already the holder of a Youth International Educational Exchange Card, then perhaps 1978 is the time to consider your losses - and rectify them. For those of you who up to now were not even aware of it's existence or it's Benefits here is a brief outline.

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Martine McAuley,

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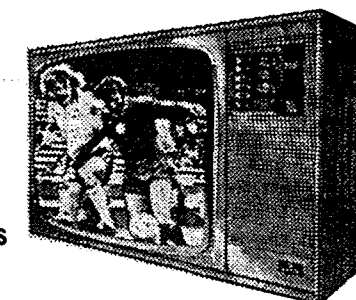


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Congratulations to the Development Association on winning the Project Award in the competition sponsored by the Central Council of the G.A.A. Congratulations also to Mr. Fred Leavy who presented the entry 'Project in Progress' dealing in detail with the provision of a sports and recreational project for Maynooth. Mrs. P. Fegan received the Award cheque, £300 from Mr. K. Donlon, C.S.R. Executive Secretary of the Religious Press Association, on behalf of the Development Association at a small function in the 'Leinster Arms'. Also present were members of the Maynooth Development Association.

Back Row:- Left to Right, Joseph Lynch (Irish Handball Administrator) Paul Hand (Maynooth Handball Representative) Phil Burke (Committee) Tim Toomey (Chairman) Dennis Breen (Care Taker) & trustee. Eugene O'Reilly (Committee) Mary Cullen (Secretary) Pamela Fegan (Trustee)

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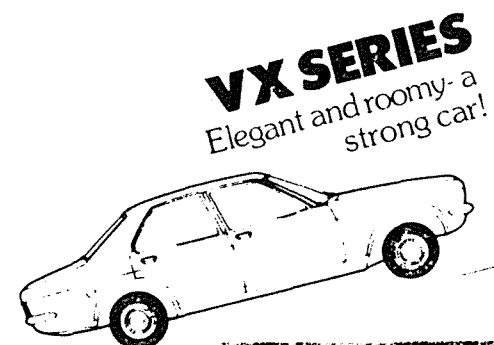
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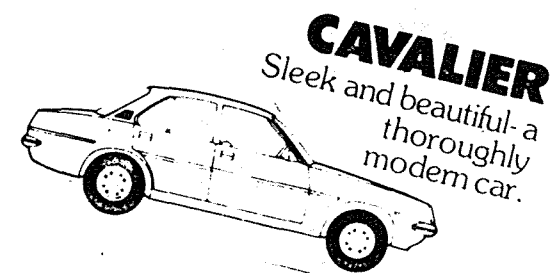


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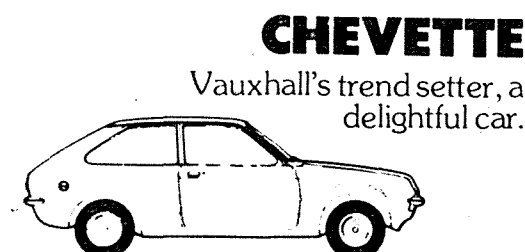
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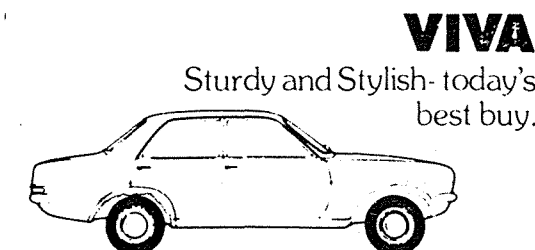
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Dear Editor,

I would like to remind your readers of the current wave of tree destruction which is taking place in Carton, which should be a matter of concern to us all.

Since the change of ownership of this estate the annihilation of trees particularly on the parklands has been stepped up and now what was once the finest parks in these islands is almost ruined. There is little need to remind Maynooth people of how Carton was so carefully created, the length of time it took to possess a natural beauty which most of our parents had such fortune to witness. Even up to recently Carton showed shadows of its former glory.

However all is not lost and immediate action is necessary to prevent further destruction and commence restoration. This appears a tall order but I believe we should not let the present situation continue without taking some action. Carton should never have been subject to commercial exploitation it should have been purchased by the Government for use as a National Park which is becoming more necessary with current housing programme in the districts of Leixlip, Celbridge & Maynooth.

Few of us agree with the political situation which brought Carton into existence but this should be no excuse to allow such landscaping to disappear. Even in Soviet Russia palaces and estates of imperial days are preserved as places of recreation for the people.

Perhaps action through the Community Council would be appropriate, in any event let us not be adjudged acquiescence by posterity while Carton passed into oblivion.

Peter Nevin,
Barrogstown,
Maynooth.



DRIVERS MAKE MAYNOOTH
A SAFER PLACE TO DRIVE

Dear Editor,

Through the medium of the 'NEWSLETTER' we would like to express our thanks to all the generous people who contributed to the fund to help us refurbish our home after the disastrous fire which destroyed it last Easter. We received £598.47p and in thanks-giving for our safe deliverance from the fire we have contributed £100 to send a child to Lourdes in 1978 D.V.

We are now back in our home and we thank God for giving us the strength to keep going during the ordeal of waiting for our home to be rebuilt.

We will always remember the committee who helped to raise this money and those who contributed, in our prayers. A very special word of thanks to Fr. Supple.

Yours sincerely,
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LETTER

The following letter was received from Rev. Liam Dunne S.V.D. to his many friends in Maynooth.

P.O.Box 107
WEWAK E.S.P.
22nd Dec. '77

Dear Old Folks, &
Committee Members,

Here I am again writing to you from my parish of Boram, on the outskirts of Wewak. It is a great pleasure to be in contact with you again through this letter. How have things been for you during the year which has just gone by? I hope well. For myself, with little variation in the seasons, it is hard to believe that a whole year has gone by since I came here.

Since the 28th September, the Anniversary of my departure from my home in Ireland, I have been in my own parish house in Boram. I am enjoying the house very much, as I can meet people there, because in my parish where people can see and meet me and because I can rest and relax in my own way when I come home from a day out in the bush. Right now, I am really very happily involved in my work and enjoying it. Right now, I am involved in visiting every single village and compound to hold a Bible Service or say a Mass in preparation for Christmas.

Another interesting development which I have discovered in myself is that I have become more outgoing in some of the villages where there are those new groups such as the Assemblies of God, the Jehovah's and so on.

One of the villages in my parish, Sawarin, was formerly all Catholic. Now it is mostly Jehovah. Because of the confusion this change brought to the people many are now nothing. It is now my hope to be able to bring the majority of them back to our Church. As a pastor, I feel it is my duty to go and 'inform' the people about the Church which they really belong to, through Baptism and which they left because of confusion. I had a talk with one of the Jehovah's last week and I was surprised by his message. Renewal is the vital task everywhere in the Church here. Education too! Before, in some places, people joined these new Churches because they were promised something. It is well known that A. of G's attract people with rides in lorries and free books, and such things. Anyway, please remember this work in your prayers and masses.

During the past year I have remained in excellent condition. I am as white as you always knew me. Coming to the tropics does not seem to guarantee a nice brown colour. Even when I go to swim at Wom beach, where the Japanese surrendered after the war I don't even get sunburnt.

To my delight I don't have any problems here with the weather. Right now, we are in so called rainy Season, which means that every so often we get cloudy days. This means cool days and sometimes nice winds. These are always followed by sunny days and so there is always variety. The food too is agreeable here. In fact, in town now I see that there are Australian turkeys on about every meat shelf. Plum puddings are also available in tins

while one shop sells Erin Foods & soups, and vegetables.

Among some of my pleasant diversions here are my visits to Irish Sisters and their communities. Here in Wewak itself, we have about four Irish sisters of Mercy and one Franciscan Missionary of Mary. In Ireland, they are based in Loughlynn, Co. Roscommon. There are others around the diocese too. Only last week a new FMM. arrived from Rialto, to work in another big town called Lae. Unfortunately, just the other day one of my good friends, Sr. Mary Scanlon, from Kerry, went altogether to Australis. In January Sr. Abina will go on transfer to Australia.

She by the way has been the first person from Papua New Guinea to visit my home and family, since I came here. She is from Co. Cork. Right now as I write to you, there is another priest at home in Killarney from our neighbouring diocese of Aitape. He is Fr. Dennis Dennehy from Artigallivan. He brought some mail for my family and for two friends in Killarney so I hope that somebody will meet him. I must add that I have no shortage of friends among the people here too. It is interesting to get to know the local teachers, the members of the civil servants and such people. One of the things which might surprise you about the people here is that there is a very strong regionalism in the Country. The people from the East Sepik, Wewak, have nothing in common with the people from the mountains and the

Fr. Dunne's letter continued

islands and so they are not always happy to see these outsiders getting work in their province. One of the big jobs for the country and the government here is to hold all these different people together in 'Papua New Guinea'. Recently, I saw and heard the P.M. Michael Somare. He was addressing the graduate teachers from all over PNG, who were getting diplomas from the Dioscesan 'Kaindi T.T.C.'

During the past few months the people of my parish have brought a lovely new altar for the Church. This was made possible by showing films on Sunday nights against the wall of my house. The people also bought some nice cloth which we hung up behind the altar for our Confirmations. Our next 'big' item is going to be the Microphone set up which is vital since the Church is built across the road from the oil fired electricity power station. Can you imagine trying to make yourself heard above that noise?

Another project which I am trying to get off the ground is a Youth Club. But finding the people with the dedication and the ability is hard. One of the big tasks of everybody in the country now is to help the many pupils who have had to leave school after primary school. Example:- In My Mandi village school, there are 28 pupils in the 6th class. Only 7 of them can go on to high school. 21 must leave. They will be lucky to find more education somewhere else now. They could become the troublemakers of tomorrow so everybody is being encouraged to help in whatever way they can to make these child-

ren of society. There are so many things to do...if I only had time!

Now.....Can I ask you a favour? Could I ask you to send me some simple religious magazines, such as the Word, Messenger, Reality, & especially CTS pamphlets for the parish here? Some little holy pictures would be good too. Now, I am only asking for your help if you see some old editions of these things around the place.

Well, at this point I will sign off, so that there will be some space left for writing a personal note to you. Special greetings to you all once again from your old

NEWS HEADLINES

FROM

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friend Liam. Congratulations to Mrs. Keely, amazed that you are now 80. I really thought that you were only about 68. Hope Mrs. Morrow Brady, Fagan and others are all in good form again, and that things have worked out well for you. Did you have a good cold Christmasy Collection and Sale of Work this year? And so now you are going into the Fashion Show Business - "And now here is Yvonne modeling a flared skirt - made of grass, and some cowery shells to cover her bosom" - - Tut - Tut - I am getting carried away: For 1978, Greetings & Prayers to all.

Liam.

DRIVERS - MAKE MAYNOOTH A SAFER PLACE

LATE NEWS

MAYNOOTH I.C.A.

Our New Year got off to a good start with a full meeting. Everybody had an enjoyable Christmas, and now its down to the work and fun again.

The Childrens Christmas Party was a big success and well attended and an enjoyable time was had by all.

The work nights have commenced again on each Thursday night. The January Competition was a Pork & Bacon Dish & was judged by Ann Mitchell of Donnelly's Dublin Ltd. and was won by Mrs. Farrell, 2nd place went to Mrs. L. O'Farrell.

The Raffle was won by Mrs. Connolly and 2nd was Mrs. Gee. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd February at 8 p.m.

SPORTS PAGE

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Children by now you all know the Good News 'SANTA CLAUS' heard you shout, and we have Stewards for the Bus. For those who had not heard the good news 'Children's Swimming' was resumed on Friday the 13th January. PARENTS PLEASE NOTE ALL CHILDREN, BOYS & GIRLS ATTENDING ST. RAPHAELS POOL ARE NOW REQUIRED TO WEAR CAPS. This term will end on Friday 31st March.

Adults Classes:- at St. Raphael's Celbridge, were resumed on 9th January, these now seem to be every bit as popular as the Children's Session This term end on Monday 27th March.

CLONDALKIN FAMILY SWIM:- which was so popular last year - we hope to resume in April of this year, further details later.

All in all Swimming seems to be off to a very good start for 1978.

Happy New Year to all.

The Students of Maynooth College would like our Club to take part in their Community Rag Week, we have pleasure in accepting and ask all our Older Children to stand by for further information. This applies to all children who ever had any connection with the Club.

When our Secretary has further details she will get in touch with you.

Cumann Lútleas Gael M₂S Nu₂15₂

MAYNOOTH G.A.A. CLUB



SILVER CIRCLE DRAW NOVEMBER.

£50 Jonny Tracey, Green - view, Maynooth. 407
£20 M. Shiel, Maynooth Park 526
£10 Pat Cahill, 66 Maynooth Park - 549
£5 D. Warren, c/o R.A. Burke, Dublin - 324
£2 James Doyle, Greenfield, Maynooth - 61
£2 B. Walsh, c/o R.A. Burke, Dublin - 578
£2 Mick Nevin, Newtown, Maynooth - 571
£2 Joe Whelan, Moyglare 408
£2 S. Murphy, Courtown Rd. Kilcock - 351
£1 - Mrs. S. Hughes, c/o D. Breen 70
£1 Peter Delaney, Newtown - 6
£1 - Mrs. Travers, Newtown - 60
£1 - Mary Redmond, Straffan Rd. Maynooth - 481
£1 - Mrs. S. Glennon, Newtown 122
£1 - Lenny Murphy, Greenfield 268
£1 - J. Quinn, 31 Railpark - 100
£1 - Joan Burke, 7 Greenfield Dr. 160
£1 - R. Cummins, 55 Greenfield Dr. 136
£1 - Mary Hughes, Leinster Cottages - 625

Next Draw January 12th 1978.

SILVER CIRCLE DRAW DECEMBER

£50 Mary Tobin, 8 Clauin Aoibhinn, Maynooth. 481
£20 Jon Tracey, Green View, Maynooth 407
£10 Una Dunne, Celbridge Rd. Maynooth 623
£5 Rita Madden, 15 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth. 156
£2 S. Murray, Lucan, 102

£2 O. Dennehy, St. Partick's Pk. Celbridge. 336
£2 K. Maher, c/o T. Flaherty 87
£2 T. McGovern, Greenfield. 466
£2 S. Fogarty, 68 Maynooth Park 536
£1 T. McMallon c/o Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth 78
£1 L. McNally, Lucan 478
£1 L. Murphy, Newtown. 43
£1 F. White, Cluain Aoibhinn 72
£1 S. Hughes, Main St. Maynooth 402
£1 Helen Redmond, 65 Oaklawn, Leixlip.. 503
£1 Micheal Shiel, Maynooth Park. 526
£1 Patricia Burke, 135 Old Hill, Leixlip. 237
£1 Mrs. S. Hughes, Main St., Maynooth 70
£1 Kevin Boyd, Greenfield 116

Next Draw 9th February.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN GERALDINE HALL ON MONDAY 16th Jan. '78

President :- Jim Nolan
V. Presidents:-
Dinny Breen - Benny Farrelly -
Bartle Redmond- Josey Murphy.
Chairman :- Tommy Sheehan
V. Chairman:- L. Gallagher
Secretary:- Tommy Fay
Treasurer:- Mick Gleeson.
Committee:- T. Flaherty -
T. McTiernan - Jim Doyle - Tom Kane.

There were 2 sub. Committee elected to look after Hurling & Football.

Hurling Committee:- Fred Leavy .
Cliff Murphy - Mick Gleeson -
B. Redmond - Tom Kane.

Football Committee - T. Flaherty -
T. Sheehan - L. Gallagher -
T. McTiernan - S. Healy .
B. Mulhern.

Television Programmes on Mental Handicap.

The following programmes will be televised on R.T.E., commencing Sunday 29th January, 1978, at 10.30 a.m. and on following Sundays at the same time:

29th January: Film - "The Special Percent", produced by St. Michael's House, dealing primarily with the cause, incidence and in a very special way, the care of moderately and severely handicapped.

7th February: Part 3 of "The Special Child" film, made in association with the Hester Adrian Unit in Manchester. In two parts, it deals with care and management and a psychologist shows how to develop the capacities of mentally handicapped children in certain tasks - walking, feeding, dressing, fine motor play, language development, etc. Basic guidelines and principles demonstrated which could be used as a basis of tackling tasks.

12th February: Second part of "Care & Management" programme above.

19th February: Part 5 of "The Special Child" programme on physical handicap, dealing largely with the problems of the cerebral palsied child. A Paediatrician explains the cause of problems, and a psychotherapist demonstrates correct handling of a child and how to undertake everyday physiotherapy at home. The programme ends with a look at a Resource Centre where a variety of mobility, sitting and feeding aids are shown.

All the films are of special interest to Parents and Friends of the mentally handicapped children.