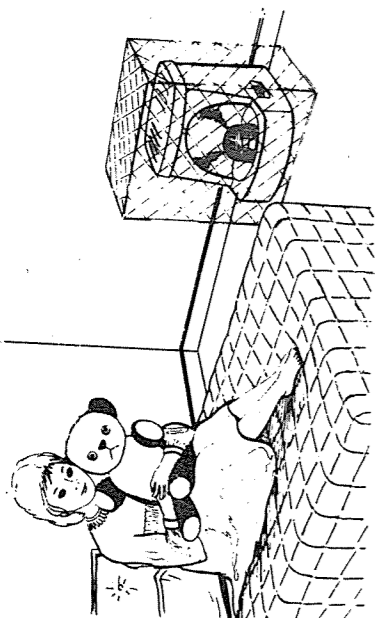


CHILDREN'S ROOM



Don't leave matches or cleaning or lighter fuels around where children can reach them. Ensure that bedding is kept well away from any source of heat. See that all heaters and fires within reach are properly guarded and unplugged or put out after children are in bed. Children will be safer in night clothes made from flame-resisting material bearing the mark 'complies with I.S. 148 — low flammability' or an equivalent fire safety mark.

STORAGE

Materials like newspapers, rags, polishers, aerosols, or similar articles should not be kept under stairs, near heat or open fires where they could create a hazard.

CLOTHES DRYING

Don't leave tea cloths or any articles of clothing over the cooker to dry.

CEILING TILES

Never use gloss paint on expanded polystyrene tiles; this can cause fire to spread rapidly.

CHECK LIST LAST THING AT NIGHT

It is especially important to make a final safety check around the house before retiring at night, to ensure that there are no potential sources of ignition. The following checks and precautions are recommended as a minimum:-

★ Unplug electrical appliances — radio, television, kettle etc.

★ Switch off gas appliances.

★ Check that the fire is out; if it is still smouldering, place the fireguard in front of it.

★ Check that ashtrays do not contain smouldering cigarettes.

★ Check that smouldering cigarettes have not fallen on or underneath the furniture.

★ See that oil heaters are safely off.

★ CLOSE DOORS TO ALL ROOMS — this will assist in reducing the spread of fire and smoke should fire break out after you have gone to bed.

FIRE DANGERS IN THE HOME

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MAYNOOTH

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NEWSLETTER

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Community Council ELECTIONS

The term of Office of the present 'COMMUNITY COUNCIL' is drawing to a close, and NOMINATIONS for NEW COUNCIL are invited.

NOMINATIONS PAPERS ENCLOSED

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NOMINATION PAPER TO BE RETURNED

to the Secretary or any Community Councillor.

FURTHER DETAILS ON INSIDE PAGES

MAYNOOTH BOYS' CLUB

GERMAN EXCHANGE TRIP:-

The boys leave Maynooth on Tuesday, March 21st at 7.30 a.m. for the boat to Holyhead, departing Dun Laoghaire at 9 a.m. Arriving at London at 6 p.m. They leave again for Ostend at 10.45 p.m. which they expect to reach at 5.55 a.m. Leaving Ostend at 8.50 a.m. they will arrive at Frankfurt at 4.09 p.m. on Wednesday 22nd March.

During their stay in Germany they will visit Heidelberg (of 'Student Prince' fame), Sandhausen, Mainz, as well as several sports stadiums, playing games with German Boys teams. The boys will visit German homes, etc. but probably the high-light of the tour will be a twelve hour cruise on the Rhine.

The boys will leave on Thursday arriving at London at 9 a.m. leaving there at 9 p.m. arriving at Dublin at 7 a.m. on Saturday 1st April. In all there will be 25 boys on the trip and they will be accompanied By Rev. Fr. Paul Tyrrell C.C. In July 25 German boys will visit Maynooth.

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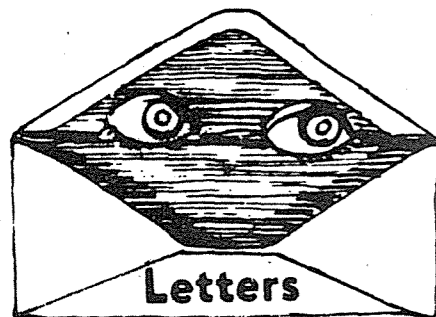
A monthly and sometimes satirical review of local news, gossip, general chat and perhaps occasionally unbelievable rubbish.

Congratulations to Mary McEllroy, of Cluain Aoibhinn who will act as co-driver to Sheila Ennis, of Dublin, in the Circuit of Ireland rally at East. Mary has quite a bit of experience in similar rallies and she hopes to raise a sizeable sum of money from sponsors to aid the Irish Cancer Society.

We wish Mary and Sheila every success.

In fairness to the County Council, they may have made a mistake with the building in the square, but we must commend the layout and landscaping of the surround. It will certainly help to take some of the ugly look off the remainder. The flowers, shrubs and trees should be quite pretty in time.

All items for inclusion in the April issue of the Newsletter should be handed in by SUNDAY MARCH 12th.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We the undersigned teachers of Maynooth Post Primary School whole-heartedly endorse the sentiments expressed by Mr. Nevin in your Jan-Feb. issue. It would be a pity if Carton were desecrated in the interests of private profit. The estate with its lake and woods is a delight to visit and is also a valuable sanctuary for wildlife.

What a shame that the destruction of our forests which commenced in the Seventeenth Century under the new Cromwellian landowners should be continued in the Twentieth Century by the Irish themselves. This commercial vandalism should not be meekly accepted by the public. The great Anglo-Irish estates are part of our heritage and should be preserved for further generations.

At present Maynooth is greatly deficient in out-door amenities. People who wish to go for a walk along the roads have no proper footpaths, and the path along the canal is overgrown with weeds and briars. Only in Carton can one escape from the noise and danger of traffic into peaceful, idyllic surroundings. If those are destroyed they can never be replaced.

Surely the Community Council could make representations to the new owners of Carton to preserve this beautiful parkland and also to follow the lead of the last owner in opening the house and grounds to week-end visitors.

If the Council fails to get satisfactory assurances it should then contact An Taisce with a view to having part of the estate purchased outright for the Irish Nation.

Yours sincerely,

Rena O'Donnell
Paul Tyrrell (Rev.),
M. O'Flaherty,
B. Larkin,
W. J. Coughlan,
B. Harford.

An article in one of our National Evening Newspapers this week, reported the fact that "a spokesman for the Irish Housewives Association said -----"

We would very much like to meet that person. He must be a very unique man, and indeed our mind boggles at some of the questions we would dearly love to put to him.

The present Community Council's reign is coming to an end. This is your chance to say whether you agreed with them or not by electing a candidate of your choice. Just fill in the leaflet enclosed in this Newsletter and return to any of the Newsletter Committee or the Community Council.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31st MARCH 1978.

John Holt
M. Cauldon.
Mary McNamara.
Senan Griffin
Padraig Devaney
Richard Hayden
Ciaran Dockery
Catherine Ashe
Thomas Ashe
John Gaffney
Sean Ashe
D. McGovern
P. Hickey
Anne Norris
Michael O'Donnell.



MAYNOOTH VISTA by Newcomer.

I have just about succeeded in getting my head above the snow to pen my monthly few lines and then not without some editorial pressure. My idea of the good life during those unpredictable months of February and March is to flee the country entirely or to curl up for the greater part of the day before a roaring fire with a good book and an inexhaustible jug of punch. Alas! I can afford to do neither so like you, I must suffer on and hope that better weather conditions are really only round the corner.

The telecommunications problems which we are suffering while I write have brought to mind something I have been wondering about for some time past. I understand that there is some proposal to allow a remission of the rental charges on telephone to old people living alone. It seems to me to be of little value as a means of preventing untimely deaths or alleviating hardship. If the elderly person has not already a telephone in the house it may take a year to have one put in and if as a result of the concession the demand rises in proportion to the number of elderly citizens living alone half of them will be dead before installation - even on a priority basis.

Now, let me stress, the concession applies only to an old person living absolutely alone. If there are two elderly people - husband and wife, brother and sister, two sisters, or two old unrelated people the 'phone bill must be paid in full. So far so good!

Right! The one old person gets a telephone. Where in the house is it to be sited? If in the hall and the old person has an accident in the kitchen how does he or she get to the telephone?

If it is on a table in the kitchen and she - or he - collapses over at the sink or the cooker how does she get to the 'phone, even if she is conscious, which is unlikely. Isn't it a bit cock-eyed?

If somebody is in distress a telephone is quite useless, unless there is another person there to summon help. Unless the lone individual were to go round the house all day with the telephone strapped to his chest and half a mile of flex attached to allow manoeuvrability I doubt if the gesture of free rental will be much of an asset.

There would be some sense in granting the concession to two or more elderly people living together where there would always be one person capable of 'phoning for Priest, Doctor, or Ambulance but otherwise it strikes me you might as well give our lone Senior Citizen a half-dozen rockets to fire through the window should he require help.

I wonder who thought up such a marvellous piece of crass stupidity and thought it was the greatest thing since the sliced loaf?

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We wish to thank everyone for their support and we look forward to the next event, which we hope will be equally enjoyable.

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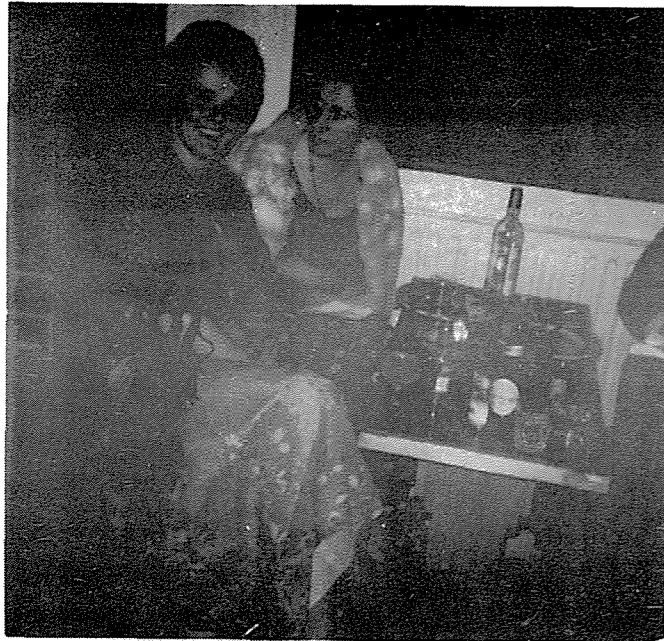
PICTURE PARADE



(1) Anne Waldron, Mrs Jackson,
Sean Reilly & Carol Higgins.



Mrs McLoughlin & Mrs. Jackson



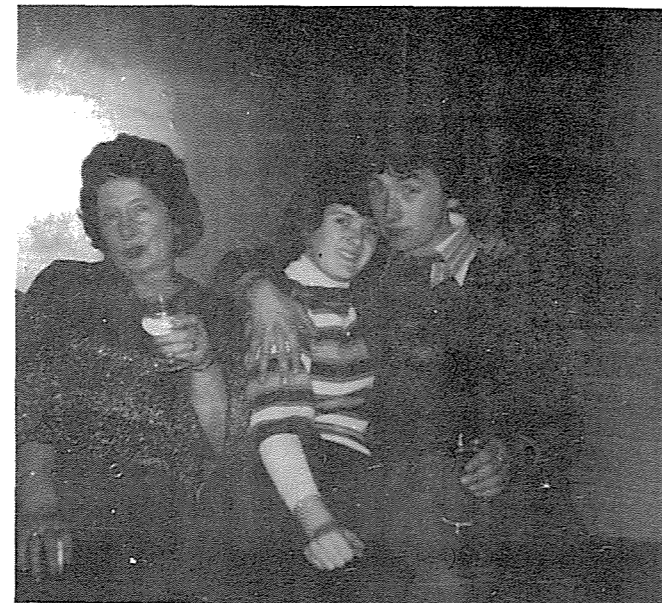
Mrs Higgins & Mrs McLoughlin



Liam Higgins & Anne Waldron



Noeleen Byrne & Sean Reilly.



Mrs Comerford & Mr. Higgins &
Mrs. Jackson.

Editorial

Lack of recreational facilities is used these days as an excuse for the increasing crime rate in all Countries of the World. No doubt there is some truth in that statement but the real reason for the increasing crime rate must surely be the spare time available with nothing else to do. If therefore the provision of recreational facilities helps in some small way to occupy the leisure hours then these facilities should be provided on a large scale.

Have we these facilities in Maynooth, This question is an intriguing one that will surely arouse much discussion. Many will state, and rightly so, that there are enough Clubs in the area, providing an outlet for exercising of excess energy. There are plenty of people each week taking part in the activities of the G.A.A., Soccer, Swimming, Badminton, Rugby, to name but a few and hopefully in a short time the Harbour Field will be available for Athletics.

But is this enough ! Not everyone wants to kick-a-ball, jump in the water or run around a field. What about Chess, Debating, Skating, and fishing and in the more energetic vein, hockey, tennis, volleyball, squash etc. The list is endless.

Obviously the more facilities there are, the more people will make use of them and accordingly the less time available for mischief. No town, no matter how large or small should be without its own recreational centre. The onus is on the Government and County Councils to provide these centres but as everyone knows Councils and Governments need pushing, prodding and poking for many moons before action ensues. So it is up to each man, woman, and child to plead, beg and demand that recreational facilities be provided in MAYNOOTH.

Perhaps the existing Clubs might spearhead a campaign and guide all our energies into one massive campaign?

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& Claire Fitzpatrick,
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& Nuala McNamee, St. Patrick's Park, Celbridge.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Following on a scheme initiated by the College last year it has again been decided to offer five scholarships in academic year 1978-79 to intending students. All but two of the scholarships are specifically in the field of Arts or Science and will be awarded to somebody embarking on a first year course in either the Arts or Science faculty. The scholarships will be awarded to someone in each of the following categories:

- 1 - A student from the Gaeltacht;
- 2 - A student from the area immediately surrounding Maynooth
- 3 - A handicapped student.

In addition, there is an offer of a scholarship for a student from a third world country and also a scholarship for a lay student intending to study theology. The awards will take effect from the commencement of the academic year 1978-'79

Applications should be made to:-

The Secretary,
Scholarships Board,
St. Patrick's College,
Maynooth.

In addition, candidates in Arts or Science should make the normal application through the Central Applications Office, 7 Clare Street, Dublin 2. or P.O. Box 33, Eglinton St. Galway, before March 15th 1978.

BIRTHS:-

Congratulations to Martin Speight and his wife Patricia (nee Troy), Leyland Grove, Clondalkin, on the birth of a Son.

Community Council News

We are not surprised that the question has arisen, but we did not quite expect it out of our own columns. Last month 'Newcomer' required the Community Council to give an account of its stewardship and in this, we note with regret that he does not appear to read the Newsletter very carefully, as we have tried to keep people informed through these columns.

At the same time it is a pertinent question and one which we cannot and will not rush in to answer. The Council has not, in all fairness, received the support it should from the townspeople, and any fair minded person must accept this, as shown in the lack of support given to various appeals for voluntary assistance in different projects - i.e. in the canal banks project, - the tidy towns project, etc. as well as the lack of support in functions organised by the Council.

On the other hand, some things did tend to get done. There has been a marked improvement in footpaths, roads, and street lighting, the removal of unsightly itinerant camps, alterations in bus schedules, bus stops, placing of traffic signs, etc. These things were done by the County Council no doubt but not without prompting from the Community Council. Some funds have been raised and various donations were given and gratefully received.

Agreed nothing spectacular has been achieved and completed but then public support was sadly lacking and it was not intended that the Council members should be the only workers for the benefit of the town. It is all very well for the armchair critic to say his piece but actions do speak louder than words.

There is, however a ray of sunshine for the downhearted, time has slid by, and it is now time to prepare to ELECT A NEW COUNCIL. Nomination forms are enclosed with this Newsletter and those willing to sit on the next Council should complete the form and return to any members of the Newsletter committee, (or the present Community Council).

The next Meeting of the Council will be on Tuesday March 14th.

KEEP LITTER OFF THE STREET

Jims Butchers

MAIN STREET, MAYNOOTH

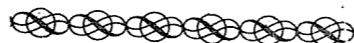
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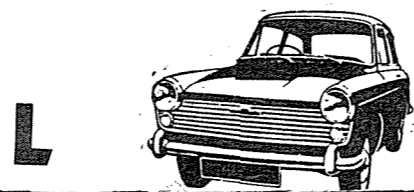
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RECENT DEATH

The news of the death of Mr. Christopher McGovern, in his ninth year, was received with the greatest regret by his many friends in Maynooth. Although he had gone to England with his family for some years now, he is still well and kindly remembered.

He served as signalman in Maynooth station for forty years, until his retirement in 1952. He had a lively interest in the Maynooth G.A.A. during his long years with us.

He was a keen hurler and handballer, and was a member of the Maynooth team which won the Senior Championship in 1924

He was also very interested in all parish activities and was always ready to lend a hand to anything that was for the good of the town. He retained his interest in the town while he was in England and was always delighted to meet any of the townspeople who might be in his area.

To his son and other relatives we offer our sincere sympathy.

DEATHS:-

Sincerest sympathy to the Heneghan Family, Smithstown, on their recent bereavement.

Community Council

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	F	AREA CLUAIN AOIBHINN	SEATS
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, Griffinrath, - Moneycooley, - Donaghmore, - Kellystown, - Blakestown, Kilmacraaddock, - 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, - - Johnstown, - Clonaugh, - Ovidstown, - Newtownmacabe.

PIONEER COUNCIL NOTES

The Centre in Maynooth is attached to St. Mary's Church and applicants are received into the Association on the first Sunday of each Month, in the Sacristy, after 12 o'clock Mass. The monthly Council meeting takes place on the following night, also in the Sacristy at 8.30 p.m. Rev. Fr. B. Supple C.C. is the Spiritual Director, Jim Doyle - President, Owen Byrne - Secretary - Georgina Mulready - Treasurer. Other Council members include Pat Travers, Pat Begley, Mona Murphy, Frances Judge, Monica Keoghegan, Anna Barry. We also welcome three new members, Mrs. Lynch, Paddy Power, & Des. Walsh, when we hope we will have new ideas to help the movement.

The centre is running a Social in Association with Kilcloone Centre on Friday 24th March.

The tickets are £1 and music by Starlight Soup. Supper is available. We hope you will come and bring your friends.

Also the Centre will be running an Arts & Crafts Competition for the Juvenile Centre in both Schools and it will be judged on the 16th March 1978.

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Each of these areas has an area Representative Couple as follows:-

Lucan - Brian & Eileen Lynch - 281001
Leixlip, Paddy & Ann Caulfield - 281976
Clondalkin - Kevin & Catherine Sherwin - 514898

Rathcoole - Donal & Marie
& Dixon - 589536
Newcastle

Celbridge - Sean & Mary Glynn
288160

Maynooth - David & Marie Lyon
286136

From whom any information regarding 'Marriage Encounter' may be obtained.



USEFUL LINES

The following local telephone numbers are for your information in case of need:-

Garda Siochana, Maynooth - 286234
Garda Siochana, Naas - 7333
Fire Brigade & Ambulance - 286222
Rev. Fr. O'Higgins, P.P. - 286220
Archdeacon Fisher - 286233
Rev. Fr. Supple, C.C. - 286210
Cut out and keep in a convenient place.

Senior Citizens

Seventeen O.P. went to Newbridge as guests of the Old People's Committee for their party. Wonderful time was had by all. Mrs. Coughlan, Mrs. Flo Farrelly, Mrs Bennett, Mrs. Mary Murphy, were successful at the Bingo Session held there. Our sincerest thanks to Barton's Transport and to their driver Jimmy Reilly, who was so attentive to our old people.

PANTO:- Olympia Theatre, 40 Old People had a wonderful night out at the Panto in the Olympia on Thurs. 2nd Feb. Jack Cruise gave them a special word of welcome to the show.

OLD PEOPLE'S PARTY:-

February 19th - This party was given by the Students of Maynooth College as part of their efforts in helping the local Community during Ragweek. Mass was said in the Canteen, followed by Tea and a Sing-Song & dance. All had a great time and it was much appreciated by 'The Old Folk'

NEXT PARTY - March 19th.

APPEAL

We appeal this month to relations of the Old Folks attending our parties to offer their services as chaffeurs to and from the parties.

The situation is now, to our great joy, that there are so many attending the parties that our present taxi services are unable to cope with the demand.

It is our intention that in the near future, our free fuel scheme should be expanded. This will stretch our resources to the utmost so all our monies must be devoted to this. If we have to direct funds to providing transport to and from parties then our plans for enlarging the fuel scheme would have to be shelved. So come along all you Sons & Daughters, Nephews & Nieces and offer your services and most important your cars in a very worthy cause.

As there are only about six parties each year and the time involved is minimal, please help by driving the Senior Members of your family who wish to attend, to and from the parties.

OUR HERITAGE

Since the Reformation in the sixteenth century successive English Governments attempted to use education to convert the people of Ireland to English ways in language, religion and culture. An act of parliament of the reign of Henry VIII was entitled "An act for the English Order, Habite, and language". It directed, among other things, that the incumbent of a benefice, that is the Clergyman who was entitled to the living should "Keep or cause to be kept ... a school to learn English, if any of the children of his Parish should come to him to learn the same". There were further attempts to achieve similar results by legislation. An act of parliament of 1570, during the reign of Elizabeth 1, ordered that there was to be a free school in every diocese, with an English Schoolmaster. These schools were to be built at a charge of the County and the salaries of the teachers were to be paid by the diocese. The intention here was to provide English-style second level or grammar school education while the parish school was to look after elementary or primary schooling.

The parish school system as set up by the act of Henry VIII never flourished. The schools seem to have only begun to appear early in the eighteenth century and by this time tended to concentrate their efforts on converting Catholics to the Established Church rather than an English language and customs. By the early nineteenth century the authorities recognised that they were inadequate and ineffective as far as their original purpose was concerned. They were also very few in number. The Commissioner of Irish Education Inquiry in 1824 found only 782 parish schools in existence, in a total of 1,242 benefices.

A benefice or living might contain a single parish but could also combine two or more parishes in a union which would then make a single benefice. This explains why the total number of benefices was considerably lower than the total number of parishes in the country which was near 2,500.

In 1824 the Education Commissioners classified as parish schools all those to which the incumbent of the benefice paid an annual contribution of 40 shillings. This was the original contribution fixed by the authorities and by the early nineteenth century inflation had made it, in the words of the Commissioners, "utterly inadequate at present". So it is not surprising to find that most of the Parish Schools that did exist were pay schools, that is they charged fees, and many sought help from various support societies, which will be discussed in a later article. Maynooth Parish School in 1824 was school No. 5 on the list compiled by the Commissioners. It was run by Samuel Brett, was a pay school, and received no help from the Societies. Ten children, just over 4% of the total number of school going children in Maynooth, attended it, which supports the view that the parish school system had failed to achieve its original objectives.

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OUR HERITAGE

Maynooth Parish School dates at least from 1702. This date is mentioned on a stone tablet preserved in the parish Church. The tablet was taken from the wall of the old school-house adjoining The church. This was demolished in 1859 when a new Parish School House was built near the Duke's Harbour on the Royal Canal, the present front section of the Geraldine Hall.

The tablet is inscribed as follows:- "This school-house was built Anno Domini 1702, with a legacy left by Mr. John Foulkes, wherein the master, that inhabiteth, is to teach the boys of the parish, and to have his freedom in the house." The school-house actually taken down in 1859 was not the original one of 1702 but a later one built by the first Duke of Leinster in 1770 as commemorated in the tablet to be seen on the east wall of the church, but it may well have stood on the same site.

"James duke of Leinster, having at his sole expence, repair'd, and beautified this church and also having built the adjoining Vestry-room and School-house, the Parishioners have erected this Memorial of their gratitude. A D MDCCLXX

This tablet has a charm of its own because the stone mason found he had left out the second "i" in "parishioners" and then inserted it :-

"parishⁱoners"

The parishioners also paid for the maintenance of the school-house, and in the Vestry books there are records in 1805, 1806, and 1810 of payments for repairs and painting. In 1820, after the closure of the Charter School in Maynooth (to be discussed in a later article) it was decided to pay £10 to a school-master to teach the "poor Protestant Children of the union gratis", and a committee was appointed to access the school and to "ascertain that the Schoolmaster fulfils his duty". However the school was listed in 1824 as a pay school, not a free school, and there was no mention of a salary paid by the parish, so it does not seem that this resolution had been put into effect.

References:- Report of the Commissioners of Irish Education Inquiry.

I am indebted to Mrs. Fisher for the entries concerning the school in the vestry book, and for information about the stone tablet preserved in the church.



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***** **No appointment necessary** *****



ST. MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND

The Band held their Annual General Meeting recently with a good attendance of members.. Rev. Fr. O'Higgins was re-elected President & Outgoing officers re-elected were Patk Boyd - Chairman - Path. Dunne - Vice-Chairman - Michael Dempsey - Secretary - John Bean was elected Treasurer.

The Band has made good progress over the past year. Most of the junior members have been promoted to Senior Status, and a new class has just commenced with 20 beginners.

The Band is organising a St. Patrick's Day Parade in the town this year. A number of other local organisations have been invited to take part and have accepted. The parade will be held after 12 o'clock Mass and will start at the Castle Gates.

The Band is awaiting the arrival of a new set of uniforms and are hoping to have them in time for St. Patrick's Day. With the inclusion of other uniformed groups such as Scouts, Guides, Civil Defence etc. the Band is hoping the parade will provide sufficient colour and spectacle to make this a desirable event for the future on a day traditionally set aside for parades in many parts of the country.

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RAIL PARK ESTATE

The Residents of Rail Park at a Meeting on February 3rd elected a new committee for the coming year.

THOSE ELECTED WERE :-

Joe Buckley No. 125
Colm O'Regan - No. 60
John Read - No. 86
Paul Sherlock - No. 4
Eddie Tobin No. 108
Mrs Bradshaw - No. 70
Mrs. Dumbrell - No. 88
Michael Gaffney - No. 6
Liam McCall - No. 20

At a subsequent meeting of the Committee the following officers were elected.

CHAIRMAN - John Read
SECRETARY - Mrs Bradshaw
Treasurer - Paul Sherlock

It was agreed that the Association approach the Kildare Co. Co. with a view to having the estate taken over, and to pursue this vigorously.

You may have seen that the Council is at present using the entrance to Rail Park as a dumping ground for their gravel etc. We will ask the County Council to restore the entrance to its former state at least.

The inadequacy of the public lighting on the Straffan Road from Canal Bridge to Carton Close will also be brought to their attention and we will also ask them to erect the foot bridge that has been promised for some time now.

Residents at the Meeting expressed the opinion that the position of the ground rent be re-investigated, as you may know the present Government is preparing a new Bill

on this and it was agreed to delay action until this became law. In the meantime we will seek legal advice and be prepared. Legal advice was also to be sought in the position of Developer not completing the Estate.

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the fact that some person was making anonymous 'phone calls, as the Secretary of the Rail Park Residents Association. Would this person whoever they may be, take note that any further occurrences of this nature will be brought to the notice of the Gardai.

Will all residents please note that there are now many children living in this estate and with the coming of the long evenings they will be undoubtedly be playing all the childhood games that their parents enjoyed long and not so long ago. We therefore appeal to all residents and their visitors to drive slowly and carefully in the estate. It is much better to arrive late than to kill or maim somebody's child, after all it could be yours.

Space does not allow us to discuss each item in full but we will in this NEWSLETTER over the coming months keep you informed on all the matters on the Agenda such as Communal Aerial, Playing facilities in the Area, and trees in the estate.

For your information the next Committee will take place at 8.30 p.m. in the Geraldine Hall on Friday March 10th and thereafter on the 1st Friday of every month.

ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Specific matters for discussion should be given to any of the new Committee Members.

SEND A PATRICK'S DAY
CARD

FROM:-

LEAVY'S
Greenfields Estate.

COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

On Wednesday March 8th in the Geraldine Hall at 8 o'clock sharp we are showing three short films on the uses of clay, water and playdough in pre-school playgroup activities. All parents are cordially invited to attend, especially those whose children attend our sessions.

Admission (including refreshments) - 30p

Also there will be a demonstration on patch-work quilting during the mother and toddler session on March 1st from 10.30 am - 12.30 p.m. Anybody interested in this subject is welcome to attend

Children of all ages will be looked after by the playgroup personnell during the demonstrations.

SITE WANTED:-

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EMERGENCY

As we are living in the 01 phone area the instructions for calling the emergency services, that is, gardai, fire brigade and ambulance are to dial 999.

However, as we have an ambulance and fire station situated in Maynooth itself the logical and quicker method is to dial these services direct.

The phone numbers are:

Ambulance and Fire Brigade
286222

Please keep in a convenient place for future reference.

PARISH NOTES

MISS JULIA WEAVER:-

Her many friends in Maynooth were delighted to learn that Pope Paul VI had awarded to Miss Weaver the "Bene-merenti" Medal, which is given for distinguished service to the Church. Miss Weaver, a member of an old Maynooth family, had already been tending the altars in the parish church for some years when in 1941, in conjunction with the local clergy, she organized the 'Altar Society'. She remained its President until she left Maynooth in 1977. She recruited many members over the years, arranged a monthly rota system of two or three members per month, and kept the work going efficiently and devotedly during all that time. The members of the Altar Society provide and arrange flowers, make and repair vestments, clean and polish brasses and look after the altars and sanctuary. They also make an annual house-to-house collection for altar expenses. The work continues under the guidance of the new President, Mrs. Betty Murphy.

We thank Miss Weaver, for her long and dedicated service, we congratulate her on the well-deserved Papal honour, and we wish her every blessing in the years ahead

NOVENA OF GRACE:-

This very popular Novena is to be held in Maynooth for the first time from 4th to 12th March. The preacher will be Fr. Brian McNamara S.J. who has great experience in conducting this Novena elsewhere. There will be two sessions daily - on the weekdays at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Masses, and on the two Sundays at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Masses. The Novena always ends on 12th March, the Anniversary of the canonization of St. Francis Xavier, one of the greatest missionaries of all time, through whose intercession innumerable miracles occurred, both during his life and after his death in 1552. The novena began after the miraculous cure of another Jesuit Missionary, Father Mastrilli, in 1634. and since then it has spread all over the world, bringing wonderful spiritual and temporal blessings to those taking part. We pray that the Novena will be an occasion of abundant grace for the parish of Maynooth.

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RETIRED:-

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COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRI EIREANN

The Maynooth Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann held two very successful Seisúins of Irish Music Song and Dancing in the Geraldine Hall on the 27th December 1977 & January 31st '78.

The Seisúin on the 27th Dec. was a delightful gathering of Distinguished Musicians and a very attentive Audience. A young Traditional Music lover Tadhg Lynch caught the imagination and ear of the entire audience with a fine rendering of the 'Croppy Boy', as did Miss Darcy of Taghadoo with an "Old & beautiful Irish Ballad"

The January 31st Seisúin was one of the most successful to date. It was surely a night to remember, with Musicians like Mrs. Traynor, Concertina - Padraig Reilly - Bartley Flaherty - Button Accordians. Peter Clancy Mrs. Mary Burke, Mrs. Curran, - Fiddles and Frank McCarrick - P. J. Walsh to name but a few.

Catherine Maher, all Ireland Step Dancer gave an example of her abilities, stepping out a fine Reel, as also did Miss Curtin of Kilcock with as good a jig as we could wish to see.

During the latter part of the Seisúin we had a further surprise when Art O'Duffy a Derry Man - and one time close friend of Cardinal O'Fiach gave us a rendering of that great Irish Ballad "Major McBride". This boy has a great voice and we hope to have the pleasure of hearing alot more of him.

The night concluded with the Musician's giving us a brace of Reel's that the most Critical would nod with approval.

It would be an injustice to our Ladies Committee if we did not mention their great effort in ensuring that everyone filled themselves with Tea and Goodies, during these seisúins.

The Annual General Meeting of the Maynooth Branch of Ceoltoiri was held on the 7th February - More details about what took place next issue of the Newsletter.

NEXT SEISUIN - Tuesday

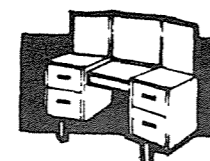
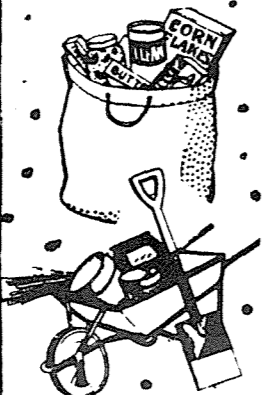
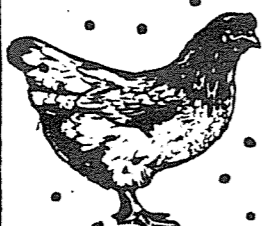
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PICTURE



Roost Pool Team which defeated the College team L. to R. John Flemmings, Ted Connolly, Gabriel Flood, Brendan Edwards, Eddie Hayden & Nicholas (Nikko) Farrell.



A Word in Santa's ear?



Grub for all



Children at Old Greenfield, Christmas Party.



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MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Well the "TOWN & THE GOWN" did not get to meet in the College Swim Pool, during Rag Week, and everybody was disappointed, but it was just one of those things that happen, and it was a nice thought. The problem was Insurance, next year Please God, we will get working on it earlier, there is always away around these problems if time is on your side. For now lets us hope all who took part had great fun.

Once again we mention that we are really delighted that The College has opened the Pool, to the Comprehensive School, it is really a wonderful step forward. And since lots of our Club members will be using it next year when they pass on to 2nd grade education, we think that step was much more important than the "FUN SWIM"

Good News for you, Bros. Fillan has gotten details of lots of Junior Rewards, so you will all have to work very hard between this and the Summer to qualify. We expected to have details of the Awards for you, but so many people got the Flu it was impossible to get a Meeting. We are calling our older members back for a few weeks so as they can qualify for the Rewards.

Further details next Month.

MAYNOOTH ATHLETE

Peter Keegan (Staff), St. Patrick's College, a member of Dunboyne Athletic Club, N.A.C.A. (I) who was awarded Athlete of the Year award by his Club. The award was presented at the Club's Annual Dinner Dance, by Mr. Paddy Grehan, President of N.A.C.A. Peter was also a member of the Club's team which took part recently in an international 6 miles cross country run in France. Dunboyne were a very creditable 2nd. - 40 teams competed.

Cumann Lútleas Sael Mas Nuaisc

MAYNOOTH G.A.A. CLUB



SILVER CIRCLE DRAW
JANUARY

£50 - Geard McTiernan, 278 Greenfield, Maynooth.
£20 - Martin Duggan c/o C.I.E. Conyngham Road, Dublin.
£10 - Jody Murphy, Old Mill, Leixlip.
£5 - Mick Dempsey, 549 O'Neill Park, Maynooth.
£2 - Mrs. K. Fay, Parson Street, Maynooth.
£2 Margaret Gillick, 56 Maynooth Pk.
£2 - Paddy Gannon, Sarsfield Park, Lucan.
£2 - Mick McCormack, c/o R.A. Burke Dublin.
£2 - Mrs. O'Flaherty, Ballygoran, Maynooth.
£1 - Marie Duff, 57 Greenfield Dr. Maynooth.
£1 - S. Murphy, Courtown Rd. Kilcock.
£1 Martin Donnelly, Convent Lane, Maynooth.
£1 J. McHugh, 56 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth.
£1 - Pat King, 6 Greenfield Dr. Maynooth.
£1 - Tom Nolan, 35 Rail Park, Maynooth.
£1 - Tin. Casey, 30 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth.
£1 - M. Flanagan, Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth.
£1 - A. Cummins, 55 Greenfield Dr. Maynooth.
£1 - Angela Caffrey, Kilcock Rd. Maynooth.

NEXT DRAW 9th MARCH.

The first League match, on Sunday 5th February, was a home match with St. Laurence's. Maynooth got off to a good start and by half-time were leading 4 - 9. After the break St. Laurence's came more into the game eventually drawing level. At this point Maynooth were unfortunate when T. Fay missed a penalty but a brilliant goal from Liam Farrelly brought them into the lead. After some further scores on both sides, a late penalty left the final score Maynooth 1 - 6 St. Laurence's 1 - 6. Maynooth scores were: L. Farrelly 1 - 3, S. Healy 1 pt., V. Moore 1 pt. G. McTiernan 1 pt.

Best for Maynooth were:- M. Donnelly, P. Mulhern, L. Farrelly, and Cliff Murphy.

Any new residents wishing to play Football or hurling should contact the Secretary, Thos. Fay, at 14 Parson St. or Tommy Sheehan (phone 286416) All are welcome. Training: Tuesday & Thursdays at 8 p.m. at Moyglare Road. field.

LEAGUE FIXTURES FOOTBALL

Sunday 12th Feb.	Maynooth V Suncroft (away - cancelled)
19th Feb.	Castlemitchell (away)
26th Feb.	Ballykelly - (away)
5th Mar.	Rathangan . at home
19th Mar.	Kill - at home
5th Apr.	Celbridge - away
19th Apr.	Towers . at home
2nd May	Rheban - away
16th May	Ballymore - at home

Hurling Fixtures will appear in next issue.

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The form below should show the name and signature of the candidate and also the signatures of the two proposers.

If there are more candidates than seats in any Area, a ballot will be held to decide the elected councillors.

A list of the Electoral Areas appears in this (March) issue of the Newsletter.

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I, the undersigned, wish to put myself forward as a candidate for the Maynooth Community Council in Area No. _____

Name of Candidate (in block letters.)

Signature.....

Witness..... Date.....

We, the undersigned support the above person as a candidate for Maynooth Community Council.

Signature of proposers.

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(This application, when completed, must be returned to any members of the Community Council, or of the Newsletter Committee, before 31st March, 1978)