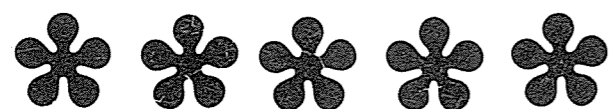


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St. Patrick's Day Parade in Maynooth.



Girl Guides in St. Patrick's Day Parade

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Greenfield Estate Maynooth

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Since the A.G.M. of 5/3/'78 the New Committee of G.E.R.A. are getting into the swing of things very rapidly, already they have had a number of very lively committee Meetings.

All going well it is expected to have another good year all round.

Hereunder is a list of the New Committee for easy contact.

Chairman: Pat Tynan, 55 Maynooth Park.

Secretary: Mary Fleming, 45 Greenfield Drive.

Treasurer: Bill Gartland, 48 Laurence Ave.

Committee: Eleanor Caulfield, 7 Laurence Ave.

Breda Cunningham, 79 Maynooth Park.

David McDonagh, 38 Maynooth Park.

Tom Purcell, 49 Laurence Avenue

Dave Hogan, 11 Greenfield Drive.

David Lyon, 33 Maynooth Park.

Marie Lyon, 33 Maynooth Park.

John McGinley, 50 Greenfield Drive.

GREENFIELD ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

At the A.G.M. proposals from Messrs. Civil Eng. I. Ltd., regarding Final development of the Estate, and Ground Rents due to Civil Eng. & Vaughan Builders, were put forward

by the outgoing Committee. The proposals were rejected unanimously on the grounds that the terms were inadequate, and that no mention was made of a number of outstanding matters including structural repairs to Vaughan Built houses. As we go to press yet a further meeting with Civil Eng. is taking place in Maynooth., and it is hoped that much improved proposals will be put forward by Civil Eng. Ltd. Residents will be notified of any further developments, in the meantime the full ground rent strike is still in operation.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE:- The Committee are at present planning for the 5th Annual Dinner Dance, and it is hoped to have news of time and place in the near future.

ROAD FENCING:- We are at present following up on the plane of last year's Committee, regarding Fencing on Laurence Ave. and Straffan Way.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:- Treasurer Bill Gartland requested as many members as possible forward their yearly Subscriptions of £2.00 direct to him at 48 Laurence Ave. or any Committee member. This will make the work of collecting so much easier for the committee.

EQUIPMENT:- It is hoped to purchase more equipment Ladders etc. in the near future.

GRASS CUTTING:- Until such time as the estate is taken over by Kildare Co. Co. G.E.R.A. will maintain as far as possible grass cutting, road cleaning etc. A second Motor Mower has been purchased and the Committee

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would like to hear from VOLUNTEERS from each ROAD for grass cutting etc., for the coming year.

GREEN AREA, GREEN-FIELD DRIVE.

Vaughan Builders have stated that they are going to clear level, and grass the green area at Greenfield Drive - this will be welcome news for those residents living along Greenfield Drive.

TREES:- It is planned to replace a number of broken trees this year.

G.E.R.A. Monthly Draw:-

Plans are under way to restart the monthly draw. Residents will be notified in the near future. The committee request very full support for this draw as the monies made are being ploughed back in to the estate.

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First Aid Classes are nearing their end now in the Estates and exams will be taking place shortly. The Presentation of First Aid Certificates will take place about 2 weeks after the exams.

Casualty Unit is available to help at any Sports Fixtures etc. over the Summer Months - Contact Mrs. B. Brady, St. Brighids, Kilcock Road, Tel. - 286308 or Mrs. T. Kelly, Main Street, Maynooth.

Editorial

The response from the community to the notice for Nominations to the new Community Council is, to say the least of it, disheartening. Not nearly sufficient nominations have been received to form anything like a representative Council for the coming three years. In an endeavour to try and rectify this, the Council have decided to extend the date of receipt of Nominations to 8th May next. (Additional Nomination Papers are available at Leavy's Shop, Greenfield and Barry's, Main Street, if required).

This apathy on the part of the public is somewhat typical of the interest generally in the Community Council for some time past, or since its inception for that matter. It is as though people believe that having elected a Council they themselves have no duty towards it. Time and Time again the Council asked for assistance to carry out projects without response from the electors. It is time, it was understood that such a Council is not elected to do all the work themselves but are there to organise projects that they consider necessary for the betterment of the town and community. All townspeople are then expected to pull their weight, both manually and financially, to carry out these projects. The Council members are expected to do a bit too but not all the work.

This leads to the question "IS A COMMUNITY COUNCIL NECESSARY AT ALL?" and it is a question that must be answered now as Maynooth Community Council will cease to exist if a lot more interest is not shown.

Apart from the fact that there are so many things to attend to around the town and which must be organised systematically, there is the future function of Community Councils. There is a tendency in governments in recent years to pass on part of its administration to County Councils and they, in turn, are expected in the future to pass on local affairs to be handled by local or community councils where such councils exist. It is therefore absolutely necessary that our Council should continue to exist so that our town may derive the maximum benefit from this. Also, in the interim, County Councils are more inclined to listen to Community Councils as time goes on and Maynooth will be the loser if we have no Council to speak for us.

We hope therefore that people will rally around now and allow their names to go forward for election to our Community Council and, particularly, when a next Council is elected that the public in general will come forward and help in the improving of our town with both manual and financial help.



CO. KILDARE FARM MAKES £2,500 PER ACRE.

Messrs. E. A. Coonan & Son, M.I.A.V.I. Auctioneers & Valuers, Maynooth, & Athy last week sold by Auction a residential 23½ acre farm at Mount Armstrong, Donadea, Co. Kildare for the sum of £58,600 which is a figure in the region of £2,500 per acre.

Willie Coonan commented that the lands were of good quality and the residence a 4 apartment bungalow style. The out-offices included a hay shed.

He expressed satisfaction with the price obtained and mentioned it showed the continuing demand for farms at constantly increasing prices.

The auction was an extremely lively one and the property was brought by an adjacent farmer.

Also offered for sale on that date was a 10 acre parcel of land which was withdrawn at £25,000 and is presently under active negotiation.

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GRAPEVINE

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

Welcome to Maynooth to Noel and Ann Cassidy and daughter Tracey. Noel and Ann are the new proprietors of the well known tavern - 'THE ROOST'. We wish them every happiness and success.

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Andrew Graham, Greenfield, who recently retired from C.I.E. had over 30 years service and J. J. McLoughlin, The Maws, who also retired had 47 years service. We wish them both many happy years in retirement. At a special function in the Hamlet, Johnstown Bridge, organised by C.I.E. Social Club, Enfield, they were presented with Electric Clocks by Mr. D. Redmond, Chief Inspector P.W. Dept. C.I.E. Also retired at the same time, and presented with clocks, were Kit Keenan & Tom Lynch, Ashtown, Barney Mooney - Enfield & Mick Croach and Johnny Quinn, Hill-o-Down.

Again congratulations to Geraldine Bean, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sean Bean, Riverhill, The Green, Maynooth, on her latest success at Feis Maitiu. Geraldine came third in U.13 violin solo to add to her many successes at this and other Feiseanna. This talented young lady and her brother Christopher show great promise in the musical world and we wish them every success.

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RECENT BIRTHS - Congratulations to Mary Hutton (nee Farrell, O'Neill Park) and George Hutton, Dunboyne - a daughter.

To Ronnie & Brian Cassidy, Convent Road - a daughter.

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If a little late with our news, we trust we are not too late in congratulating the Students in the Post Primary School on their generosity at Christmas in presenting hampers to the Dublin Simon Community for distribution. Each class donated a hamper, contents of which were donated by the Students themselves.

The administrative Secretary of the Community wrote thanking the pupils stating that the hampers were distributed to people who once used their night shelter and houses and were now settled in flats. All the hampers were received with much appreciation. (Now, who complains of the younger generation)

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WEDDING BELLS - Congratulations on their recent marriages to: - Mr. W. Moore, Straffan Road and Miss Angela Kelly, Trim. Also Miss Beatrice Hendrick, O'Neill Park, and Owen Duffy, Harold's Cross.

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The Sponsored Walk in aid of the Convent Primary School will take place on Sunday 11th June. Sponsors are asked to contribute generously.

All items for inclusion in the June issue of the 'NEWSLETTER' should be handed in on or before Sunday May 14th.

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CORRECTION - We regret error in wording of advertisement of Councillor Durkin's "Clinic" last month.

Councillor Durkin in fact attends at the Geraldine Hall every Saturday at 7 pm. "except at Bank Holiday week-ends" to meet his constituents.

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Quotation "People who would carry on great public schemes must be proof against the most fatiguing delays, the most mortifying disappointments, the most shocking insults, and worst of all the presumptuous judgement of the ignorant upon their designs" - Edmond Burke.

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FIRST ANNUAL BALL:-

This event, which was held in the Keadeen Hotel in Newbridge on Thursday, 6th April turned out to be one of the school's greatest successes to date.

Teachers, pupils, past-pupils, parents and friends all mixed together without any reservations or regard for which side of the desk they occupy. Peter Brady - Chairman of the Past Pupils Union - welcomed everybody and introduced Mr. Ashe, who presented the Leaving Certificate Students with scrolls and carnations. Billy Neville gave the acceptance speech on behalf of the Students and Evelyn Byrne presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. T. Ashe. We must congratulate the Leaving Certs on their dress - the ladies really can make themselves eye-catching.

With the formalities over, the dancing began. Mr Ashe gave some inspired displays of agility for the twist and rock'roll numbers; Ciaran Dockery's jive was raved about by all the "over 40" Mums; Paddy Higgins, partnered by Mrs. Willie Coughlan, led a tango. His performance was surpassed in brilliance by the intricate steps of Eithne Bean (carnation in teeth) and Thomas Farrell.

Mary Deane & Breda Farrell (Representing the parents) wish to congratulate the Pupils & Past Pupils of Maynooth Post Primary School on their magnificent turn out at their first Annual Dance, which was held in the 'Kadeen Hotel' Newbridge recently.

A special word of thanks to Mr. Coughlan and Mr. Griffin for their very helpful Co-operation

A surprise was in store for Fr. Tyrrell later in the night Word had leaked out that it was his birthday and Brid Farrell - always on the ball - produced a fine birthday cake for the occasion. The bold Father proved to be in good voice when he sang his birthday song with the Sean Keogh band who provided a varied selection of music throughout the night. Peter Brady and Richard Hayden added their Golden Voices at various stages of the night's entertainment. All in all, it proved to be a night not to be missed. It only remains to thank the staff of the Keadeen for their efficient and friendly service, and an excellent meal. The organizing committee, too, are to be commended for the fine work done in preparation for the dance. We're looking forward to next year's ball already.

Thanks to the following for Spots and Donations:-
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John Young.

CONGRATULATIONS:-

To Barbara & Paddy Nolan
of 286 Greenfield, Maynooth
on the birth of a daughter -
Mary Bridget.

To Pat & Helen Murphy,
Clondalkin (Formerly Helen
Hand, Maynooth) on the
Birth of Twins. - Brian
& Jennifer. - Brother &
Sister for Paul.

To Pat & Michelle Farrell,
Railpark, Maynooth on the
Birth of a Son - Patrick
James Fitzmorris, a brother
for Jackquiline.

RETIREMENTS:-

Mr. Bill Allen who has
retired after many years
of employment as a Groom
at Moyglare Stud was present-
ed with a Transistor Radio
by the Staff of 'Moyglare Stud'
to mark the occasion. The
presentation took place in
the Leinster Arms Hotel.
We wish Bill every happiness
in his retirement and hope
that he will be around for many
years to come.

NEW APPOINTMENT:-

Well done Thomas Farrell
on your new appointment in
R. T. E. as Electronics
Technician.

POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL,
MAYNOOTH

PAST-PUPIL UNION NOTES:-

At a general meeting of the
Past-Pupils in the school on
February 15th, the following
people were elected to the
Committee:-

P. Brady - Chairman
C. Malone - Secretary.
J. Bean - Treasurer
J. Penny - P.R.O.

Committee:- P. Kelly -
F. Kennedy - D. Heslin -
M. Boyd - D. Nyland -
A. Kelly - S. Barton.

The aims of the committee
include the following:-

Acting as a pressure group
for the school.

Creating a better understanding
of the school and its principles
among the community and
thereby improving the status.

Providing a type of "After
Sales Service" for the present
students.

Collecting funds with which
to help finance some of the
school's undertakings.

On Sunday 9th April, we held
a Cake Sale and a novelty
Rugby Match in the school.
Both were very successful
and drew quite a number of
people in support. The final
score of the Rugby Match was
8pts in favour of, naturally,
the Past Pupils. Afterwards,
all the players were revived
with cups of tea, and we were
surprised that we didn't need
any ambulances after all -
except perhaps for our gallant
referee, Marie Kiernan.

The winners of the "Guess
the Score" competition were:-

1st - Ken O'Brien.
2nd - Margaret Scanlan.
3rd - Ned Malone.

Molly Kiernan won the iced
cake in the raffle and the

prize for "Guess the number
of peas" was shared between
Maurice Flynn and Seamus
Kennedy.

We thank all who donated to
Sunday's events and a special
'Thank You' to Una Kiernan,
Main Street, who supplied
all the last minute require-
ments. We are planning some
more events, so be on the
look-out for information.

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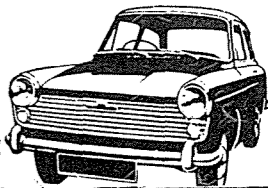
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RAIL PARK ESTATE

At a committee meeting on Friday April 7th the members discussed the progress on the taking over of the estate by the Co. Council. After having approached the Co. Council on the dumping of the gravel at the entrance to the estate efforts have been made by them to clear it.

The Association is pursuing the matter of the ground rents actively as you know. We hope to have some more definite news in the near future and will keep you advised.

The committee are planning to have a Cake Sale on Sunday 7th May in the Parish Hall, so ladies get working on the baking. Details will be advertised at a later date.

The committee will meet again on 5th May in the Geraldine Hall and remember you are all welcome.

MOUNT SACKVILLE HORSE

SHOW

Sunday 30th April at 12 o'clock

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OUR HERITAGE

Mary Cullen

The Church of Ireland Primate, Archbishop Hugh Boulter of Armagh, an Englishman and an active political supporter of the English Government, explained the motivation behind the Charter School project in a letter to the bishop of London in 1730. "I can assure you" he wrote "the papists here are so numerous, that it highly concerns us, in point of Interest, as well as Concern for the Salvation of these poor Creatures, who are our Fellow Subjects, to try all possible means to bring them and theirs to the knowledge of the true Religion". The scheme was one of the rather few positive attempts by the resident gentry in eighteenth century Ireland to achieve some degree of social reform. The plan for these schools was first financed by private donations and later received substantial Government Support, as well as the royal charter. Schools were established all over Ireland, but the scheme totally failed to achieve its original purpose of converting the Catholic Irish, and the scandal caused by reports of inefficient and corrupt management, neglect of the children and exploitation of their work was a considerable embarrassment to the authorities.

Conditions within the Charter Schools were revealed to the Public in 1784 when the English philanthropist - John Howard published an account of his visits to the schools. They caused such an uproar that the Irish House of Commons set up its own committee to carry out a separate inquiry. This committee reported back in 1788. The report included evidence given by Sir Jeremiah Fitzpatrick, inspector - general of prisons, who visited the schools in 1786 and 1787, and from John Howard who saw them again in 1788. They found that in many schools the children were badly fed, badly clothed, badly treated and badly educated. The Education Commissioners in 1825 themselves visited the schools and found that conditions had not improved in the interval. This they found hard to explain in view of the earlier reports and concluded that the House of Commons had expected that the publication of the damning evidence would have been in itself sufficient to bring about a cure. This obviously had not happened. The Commissioners found instances of cruelty, exploitation of the labour of the children at the expense of their education, and particularly noted the instances of severe punishment meted out to children who complained. "No offence that a Charter School child can commit", they commented, "seems to be less pardonable than daring to utter a complaint." If we add to this the fact that the public at large rated the unfortunate "Charter School brats" at the very bottom of the social scale, it is not surprising to find the Commissioners asking themselves what had gone wrong. It is interesting that they finally concluded that the basic fault of the system, greater even than the publicised mismanagement and abuses, was that they took the children away from their home environment and family support. They were founded, the Commissioners explained, on "the mistaken principles of a system of Education which separates children from their kindred and which turns them out into life when just arrived at Maturity, without Friends or Relations, and without that practical experience which Children under ordinary circumstances usually acquire."

Maynooth Charter School seems to have been one of the better run establishments. Robert, 19th earl of Kildare, who died in 1744, left £500 "for building a charter school at Maynooth". His son James, 20th earl and, from 1766, first Duke of Leinster, also contributed and the school was built and opened in 1749. Later the building was taken over by the Presentation Nuns when they came to open a convent school in Maynooth. The Annals of the Presentation Convent describe the building as the Nuns found it in 1824, "a little two storey house with door and three windows in the upper storey". The present convent lane is called Charter School Lane on eighteenth century maps of Maynooth.

There are a number of reports on conditions in the Maynooth Charter School. It was visited twice by Sir Jeremiah Fitzpatrick in 1786 and again in 1787. He mentions the Master, one Henry Ogle, and goes on "This house, which contains thirty-nine boys, is tolerably commodious, with a convenient garden, but being constantly flagged with limestone, the ground floors are constantly damp in wet weather, which might be easily remedied by flooring them with tiles or fire-stone. Many of the boys were barefooted, which the Master said they prefer, and others are deficient of clothes. There are seventeen beds, all in very good order and clean. I recommended that fires should be made up in the damp rooms, as some of the children had croups, and that three more beds should be set up, so as to have but two in a bed. The children's health is impaired by the constant discharge of saliva in spinning flax, but the exercise in the garden recovers them. There is no usher allowed. In June 1787, I found matter more pleasing to me". Sir Jeremiah explicitly included the Maynooth school among those he found "in the best order" though none was "to his entire satisfaction".

John Howard, also giving evidence before the House of Commons Committee reported a visit to Maynooth on April 26th, 1788, where he found "thirty-five healthy boys. The house, bed-rooms and bedding were perfectly clean. Ten or twelve boys were at work in the garden which contains about three acres (Irish), and is kept in the nicest order by the Master and his boys. The allowance for diet is 3d per day. There is no infirmary, which is less necessary where the boys are thus employed."

Sources:- Report on the State of the Protestant Charter Schools
1788

First Report of the Commissioners of Irish Education.



Ulster Bank

The Bank's sub-office at Maynooth has been upgraded to Branch status. Business continues in the present premises at Main Street, but these premises are shortly to undergo extensive improvement when business will be temporarily conducted in premises on the opposite side of the street.

Mr. Tony McArdle has been appointed first Manager of the Maynooth Branch. He served for some years past as personal assistant to the Area Director.

Mr. McArdle is a native of Cootehill and is a keen sportsman, with particular interest in Gaelic football.

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Our Drama Group, supported by well over a hundred happy students, travelled to Thurles recently to take part in the All Ireland Drama Festival for Post Primary Schools. We were placed third over all. Pat Cowley again won the best actor award adding this to the trophy he already won as best actor in Naas, and certificates of merit were earned for their superior acting by Sylvia Dunne, Pauline Dowling & Ruth Henricks.

Our question time team was also recently on stage in Moyle Park where it was narrowly defeated in the final by St. James Street C.B.S. This was a very creditable display because there were a total of sixteen teams in the competition and Maynooth took care of such opposition as Lucan C.B.S. Vocational School Lucan, Green Hill College and Moyle Park itself to get into the final. The team members are Marion Duffy, Michael O'Reilly, Gerard Donavan, & Paul Cullen all Inter. Cert Students at the moment. After the competition the team and mentors repaired to 33 Esker Lawns where all the right questions were asked and all the correct answers were given - Full marks here !

A Parent/Teacher meeting concerned specifically with this year's exam candidates was held recently in the school. A Bumper attendance of both parents and teachers show that everyone realises the importance of co-operation between the home and the school and shows also the

continuous need for a free flow of information between them. Ultimately it is the student who profits. There will be a Parent Teacher meeting for the non-exam students arranged in the near future. More about this anon.

MAYNOOTH POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL - PARENTS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday 18th April we had Mrs Mary O'Hagan from the Irish National Council on Alcoholism to talk on "Teen-Age Drinking". Mrs. O'Hagan gave us much food for thought prevention was the operative word. She laid great emphasis on introducing children from the age of 8 - 9 years to hobbies - outdoor and indoors - and other outlets of interest especially music of any kind, learning to play an instrument, Cubs, Scouts, Girl Guides etc. This was most important as it helped lay a foundation for them in their teens. Boredom is very often the cause of Teen-agers drinking. Also suggested was, that Parents in the Community should be Vigilant about the Sale of drink to under -age children both in licensed & off Licensed premises, even to the point of forming a Committee for this purpose. On the whole we as Parents are too reluctant and lazy to take an active part in matters like this concerning our children and are inclined to sit back, hoping someone else will do it for us.

This was reflected at the Meeting in the fact that quite a number of Parents did not attend. All who



were present were very pleased and impressed with the talks and discussion afterwards.

It is hoped that at the end of September we will have Mrs. O'Hagan back to talk to our Senior Students.

Senior Citizens

So far Fr. Joe Dillon has not arrived but we are keeping our fingers crossed that he will be with us for our Final Party on Sunday, May 7th. This will commence with a Mass. We are looking forward to seeing all our old friends there.

Plans are now in hand for our Annual Outing. This year it will be on a Saturday and the date fixed is Saturday 24th June.

Welcome home to Mrs. Woods of Straffan Road after her illness.

J. BARRY

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T. Smith	M. Dempsey	E. Twomey	B. Lavin	C. Sullivan
C. Murphy	M. Corraway	B. Graham	T. O'Malley	N. Moore
B. Kelly	T. Walsh	P. Sheehan	B. Kelly	P. Connolly
L. Hally	P. Gallagher	K. Clarke	D. O'Connor	? Carter
M. Dempsey	B. Breen	C. Cusack	P. Murphy	P. Burke
N. McDonagh	B. O'Grady	T. Kenny	R. McLoughlin	T. Leonard
P. Timmons	J. O'Brien	A. Morrissey	E. Morrison	J. Murphy
	S. Kearns		M. Dolan	
	S. Harte			

There were only two entries received for this competition and neither were correct, but as both had only two errors we have decided to divide the £5 prize between them. Each will therefore receive £2.50. Their names were:-

Mrs. Mary Mahon, 42 Arthur Griffith Park, Lucan.
Mrs. Theresa Doyle, Ballymagill Ave., Maynooth.

Congratulations to them both on their good memories.

BEREAVEMENT

It was with deep regret that the Residents of Greenfield Estate learnt of the very sad news of the tragic death of 'Little Elaine Shiels of Maynooth Park.

The committee on behalf of the Residents extend their very sincere sympathy to her parents and family on this very sad occasion.

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

New Residents who are interested in offering Student Accommodation.
Please contact

Residence Officer,
St Patrick's College,
Maynooth - 286101

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

The children in Celbridge have started to work for their awards, and we wish them luck.

Our very special thanks to Jim McLoughlin of Maynooth College, who so very kindly help us, by instructing our children on Friday 21st & the Adults on Monday 24th when our own Instructor Bros. Fillan was unable to attend. Three cheers for the man from the West, !

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PARISH NOTES

CONFIRMATION:- By the time these notes appear, the confirmations will have taken place. Congratulations to the Children who have now become fully fledged Christians, and to their parents and teachers who prepared them so well.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:- This will be on Saturday, 13th May, at 11 am. Mass. There are about one hundred & ten children this year. If the numbers grow much bigger, it will be necessary to divide them over two or more Masses, as in Leixlip, Lucan and elsewhere.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION The Feast this year occurs on 25th May, so the Procession will be on a Sunday near that date. It will probably follow a route similar to last year's, ending with open-air Benediction in the grounds of the Hostels on Kilcock Road. Details will be announced in due course.

SPONSORED CYCLE TOUR Because of heavy financial commitments looming up (further extensions to the existing primary schools, getting a site for a new school and eventually another Church), we have to plan ways and means to supplement the regular weekly envelope collection. One such scheme is a four-day cycle tour in mid June to Ballintubber Abbey and Knock Shrine, taking in Mullingar, Athlone, Clonmacnois, Ballinasloe and Tuam on the outward journey and Roscommon, Longford, Fore Abbey and Trim on the return.

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The total distance is about three hundred miles. The proceeds will be divided equally between Maynooth Parish Building Fund and Concern Third World Aid, whose officers are helping greatly in organizing the tour. It is expected that a few other cyclists will ride with the parish priest, and it is hoped that the effort will be heavily sponsored both here and along the route.

LADYCHAPEL COMMITTEE While thanking all our regular collectors, subscribers and fund-raiders for their constant good work, a special word of praise is due to the Lady-chapel Committee and their helpers, who have raised almost £5,000 to date towards the cost of re-roofing their beautiful chapel-of-ease. This, together with generous donations amounting to over £3000, has gone a long way towards meeting the cost of the work (£13,000).

SISTER M. GERARD:- Warmest congratulations to Sister M. Gerard, of the Presentation Convent, Maynooth, who recently celebrated the seventieth anniversary of her religious profession. Her many friends and past pupils rejoice with her and wish her many happy years in the Lord's service. By all appearances, we may look forward to celebrating her centenary!

CAKE SALE

will be held in the

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Rail Park Residents
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Family Planning

It is proposed to begin an advice centre on the Ovulation Method of natural Family planning (Billings Method).

A number of couples in the parish have found this method very helpful and they feel that many others could benefit from it. This advice is available for married couples and engaged couples - of course it is completely confidential.

The Advice Centre will be held in the Boys' School, Maynooth, from 8 - 9 pm. on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the Month beginning on the 8th May.

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ICA News

Our April meeting was smaller than usual but, nevertheless, a long and busy one.

A number of Members took part in a question time during the month and, although they did not make the final, a lot of new knowledge was acquired.

Some Members attended a Dairy Demonstration in Kilcloon Hall, on the request of Kilcloon Guild, on 5th April last.

Our B.I.M. fish cookery competition was won by Mrs Satchwell, who now moves forward in the Competition to Federation level. The contest was judged by Mrs. Hill, who incidentally won the Raffle of the night.

A full report on the Seminar in Blessington was given by Mrs. M. McMyler. This event took place on 22nd March and was attended by some of our members.

Organisation for our Flower Show is now in progress and this event will be held on Friday and Saturday 7th & 8th July.

Guild Members are holding a Craft Exhibition in the Boys' National School on Sunday 28th May from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Work is in progress at the moment for this event.

It is hoped that it will be well attended as the proceeds are for the Boys' School.

Our Youth Officer, Mrs. Bradshaw is organising an event to entertain some German Boys who are coming to Maynooth 22nd July for a holiday.

Our next Meeting is on 4th May at 8 p.m. and new members are always welcome.

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FINE GAEL NEWS

Councillor Durkin reported replies to the following motions submitted by him to the County Council.

1 - Kildare Co. Council proposes to build 37 new houses at Greenfield - work to commence during the Summer.

2 - Further public lights to be provided at the Maws, Laraghbryan East, Laraghbryan West and Leinster Park.

3 - A sum of £20,000 is included in the current years National Primary Roads Improvement allocation for work at Blakestown - a continuation of the improvement work in progress for the past few years. The Council is requesting a further allocation of funds to expedite the completion of this work from the Dept. of the Environment.

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4 - On a motion by Councillor Durkin "that the Co. Council approach the Dept. of the Environment and C.I.E. with a view to having the section of the Royal Canal between Kilcock and Leixlip made navigable and the banks cleared for pedestrian traffic" - the Co. Secretary replied "The Royal Canal has been closed for navigation under the 1960 Transport Act. C.I.E. has no obligation to maintain the water in the Canal.

An ad hoc committee..... was set up by the Minister for Transport & Power in 1973 to examine the future of the Royal Canal. This Committee has recently reported to the Minister who is at present considering its recommendations "

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SPORTS PAGE

CYCLING

The cycling season has started once again for Juveniles.

Over the Easter week-end the two Cannon boys from Rail Park had a very successful week-end.

On the Sunday, in Longford, William took 1st place with his brother Michael coming in 2nd & 3rd place went to Adrian Moran from Navan.. The race was over a 4 mile circuit.

On Easter Monday in Monaghan, John Nolan from Navan was 1st William Cannon 2nd, Joe McLoughlin from Belfast 3rd and Michael Cannon a close 4th.

On Sunday 2nd April, John Nolan (who incidentally is formally from Maynooth) took 1st place again, with William Cannon, Maynooth 2nd and Barry McKenna, Palmerstown 3rd place.

Sunday 9th April, John Nolan - 1st place - William Cannon - 2nd place & Aidrian Moran 3rd - Michael Cannon 4th.

Any boys/Youths interested in taking up this sport -

CONTACT:- Liam Cannon, 2 Rail Park or Gearoid McTiernan, Parson Street, Maynooth.

HANDBALL HAPPENINGS

With the interest in handball growing in Maynooth it seemed an excellent idea to train a league. The competition commenced on Sunday 26th Feb. for beginners and Novices 1. The first game was from Div. 1 with strong competition between Derek Leavey V Paul Hand.

FIRST ROUND GAMES

Derek Leavey made it apparent that he was determined to do well in this League. He showed the spectators this in convincing style when he beat Paul Hand 23 aces to 9. The latter although an experienced

player could not settle down with the strong play from Leavey who used defensive shots which are quite effective in this alley. If leavey can hold this form he will do well in the League

Div. 1 - Thomas Foy V Bob Walshe (17 - 19)

This game provided two well matched players making this a very enjoyable game to watch. The play was close from start to finish with never more than four aces between them. Foy placed his serves very well winning many aces from the back wall. In the rally's it was Walshe who played some very good side wall to front wall shots which gave him the advantage in Front Court.

RESULTS

Paul Hand - 9 aces
Derek Leavey . 23 aces.

Bob Walshe - 17 aces.
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BOYS' SOCCER TEAM GERMAN TRIP

The excitement was such that some of the 'Prize Tulips' of the under - 17 team forgot to bring the football gear, on a tour that was to include two football matches, against youth teams, which by our standards were very professional in outlook and approach. I though - 'if this was to continue for the next ten days, maybe we had better stay at home.

My anger was at boiling point as we awaited boarding the ship that first morning at Dun Laoghaire. Still worse given the ages of what now looked like Ragball Rovers, and my pastoral responsibility to them, what was felt inside could not verbally be expressed. For those brief moments I had to suffer in silence, further angered by the fact that Gerry McTernan, Senior, thought the whole thing so funny that he practically laughed all the way to Holyhead. It was only as we approached the end of this brief journey that I began to see the funny side myself. We were going to have great fun explaining to the German's that here was the football team from Maynooth, fully equipped to take them on, without gear or ball.

This first day started the ball rolling on what was to be for me, and I'm sure, for every other person on this trip the happiest and most unforgettable memory to take with us through life.

The porter at Crewe Station must have thought here is a typical mad Irishman, as I ran up and down the platform, like a lunatic, after John Nolan - who was busily occupied buying cake at the Station Shop - unaware that the train was moving off without him. He was back on the train and it was I who nearly got lost in the long run.

Our few hours in England were enjoyable but the thoughts of everyone were on the following day when we would arrive at Frankfurt - we were both excited and a little apprehensive. On being met by the Leaders of the German Club at Frankfurt Station, apprehension soon faded, for it was obvious by their greeting that everything would go great. From the first day the friendship between the German's and Irish was truly cemented, it became a group of people living, sharing and enjoying themselves.

What did we do? - Indoor football training, a meeting with the Lord Mayor of Bischofsheim and a Disco on May 1st. This introduces the Fraulines into the picture and they remained very much part of it until the end of the trip.

Would you believe it, wine Tasting on Good Friday; touring the Rhine - a most scenic and breathtaking experience; Heidelberg with its famous castle and university; winning a football game against our hosts (with their jerseys) 3 - 9 and losing the other in Sandhausen - wait for it, 9 - 9 (Editor please make a typographical error here)

Of everything we did, the outstanding feature was the people of Bischofsheim and the Sports Club which entertained and looked after us. They couldn't do enough to make our stay happy. They accepted us from the beginning and the comment in their local newspaper sums up what they thought of us: I quote "From the first day, it was obvious to all, that this group of Irish Boys from Maynooth, were well disciplined and mannerly, - a credit to their Club, Town and Country. It is a pleasure to have such boys as our guests" (Lokal Annizger). This comment sums up how we got on together (To the boys who were there, I say 'Thank you') the tears on both sides as we left, confirmed the bond which had grown.

In July, our friends from Bischofsheim return to Maynooth. It is our task to make that trip equally as memorable for them. We have established the first 'Twin Town' with another country and, in the long run, can only benefit the Community as a whole. Through the columns of the NEWSLETTER, I ask the help of all people in the Community to assist us in giving the German party a wonderful time in Maynooth - by helping with catering, welcoming committees, Fund raising committees, etc. Finally the cost of the venture will be in the region of £800, and I appeal for sponsorship and donations in raising this money. The best tribute we can give ourselves is to send the Germans home with a lasting happy and lifelong memory of Maynooth and its people.

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