

MAYNOOTH

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We wish Messrs. G. Brady & Co. a very successful future.

LARAGHBRYAN CEMETRY

Councillor Durkan was informed, in connection with a Notice of Motion to the County Council, that an extension was planned to above cemetery, rating next in priority after extensions to Kilcullen, Droichead Nua and Kildare cemeteries. Preliminary negotiations are in progress with this in view.

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The problem we gave in last month's issue was only solved by one Reader who was B. Mulleage, 91 Rail Park, and the £1 is on its way.

The sentence was of course correct and should be read as follows:-

The Son, of Pharaoh's daughter, is the daughters of Pharaoh's , Son..

The words that are underlined should be said as one pieces.

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Residents may not be aware that the ambulance is not stationed at Maynooth any longer. This could have serious consequences in cases of emergency. Remember as we are in the 01 phone area our quickest way to call an ambulance is to dial 999. The Fire Brigade is still in Maynooth and its number is 286222.

Book, Cake & Oddments Sale in aid of Community Council funds will be held in the Geraldine Hall on Saturday October 21st from 10 am to 2 pm. Collectors will shortly be calling, so have those old books and magazines ready.

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 1st is NATIONAL SPORTS DAY. Everyone should take part in some Sporting activity however small, or in a related activity such as helping pick stones from the harbour playing field which is being organised this day also.
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The latest date for receiving items for inclusion in the November issue of the NEWSLETTER is October 15th.

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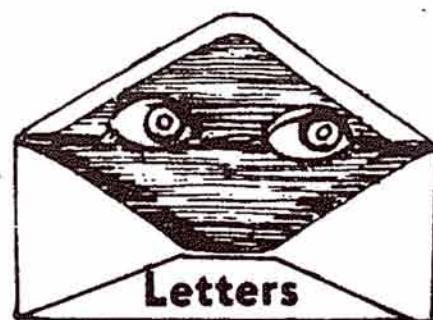
GROUND RENTS : Following recent negotiations, those people owing Ground Rents to Civil Engineers may buy out their freehold including arrears for £60. We would advise people to do this as soon as possible. A General Meeting will be held shortly regarding the above issue.

APPEARANCE OF SHOPPING CENTRE: - Tom Purcell must be the hard working man on the Estate these days. His general clean up operation around the Shopping Centre is a Credit to him and makes a most pleasant environment for shopping for shopping. A little word of encouragement from parents to children not to discard their litter would be of enormous help in keeping the area looking clean and tidy.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: It is hoped to hold our Annual Childrens Christmas Party in the Parish Hall on Sunday December 17th. More details later regarding this.

CONGRATULATIONS : To Sheila and Jim Downey of Laurence Ave., on the birth of a baby daughter.

COMMUNAL ARIEL : By the time this goes to press, some of you will probably already have a picture from the Communal Ariel. The rest should have theirs within a short time. The picture at the moment will be coming from a temporary Mast but should be coming from the permanent one within six months.



to the Editor

Dear Sir,

The Annual Pilgrimage which is 'Cemetery Sunday' gives us one day in the year on which we can reflect, in communion with others, on those who have gone before us. It enables us also to give expression to our belief that, though the deceased of our parish are no longer with us, they and we together form part of an organic whole, and that their lives have, to an extent determined the courses of our own.

However, there are three cemeteries serving the people of Maynooth, yet for only one of these is a 'Cemetery Sunday' organised. The others, at Grangewilliam and Moyglare, lie in a 'Limbo of weeds and forgetfulness' Why is this ?

These cemeteries are still in use, and a number of Maynooth residents, for many years to come, will go to their final rest behind their tranquil walls. Why then, it must be asked, do they linger in neglect ?

I wish to make a plea, to the Clergy and people of Maynooth, than an end be called to this neglect, and that a day be set aside, each year, on which we, as a community, may visit those of our bretheren who are interred in Grangewilliam and Moyglare cemeteries, in order that we not forget them, and pay them the respect they fully deserve.

Parishoner.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21st.

10.00 AM. - 2.00 pm.

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

BOOK : CAKE : AND ODDMENT SALE

IN THE GERALDINE HALL

CONGRATULATIONS:-

To Peter and Jacqueline McTernan, on the birth of a son.

To Mary Power, Windgates and Paul Houraghan, Portrane on their recent marriage.

To Maurice Cowhey, eldest son of Dr. & Mrs. Cowhey, who was conferred with M.B. B. Ch. & B.A.O. Degrees at U.C.D. He will take up an appointment at the Mater Hospital.

OCTOGENARIAN:-

Our heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Nan Tracey, of Leinster Cottages, who celebrated her 89th birthday on Sept. 10th last. We wish her many more happy years.

SILVER WEDDING:-

Further congratulations to John & Bridget Sauls, of Parson Street, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on September 14th last. We trust they too will have many happy years in the future.

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Editorial

The Tidy Towns Report, shown elsewhere in this issue, makes rather dismal reading for Maynooth. Granted, no organised effort was made by the people to improve our town but this is no excuse. 'Dear Dirty Dublin' may have a somewhat pleasant ring about it but the only counterpart we can think of is "Messy Mucky Maynooth" which does not sound so pleasant.

Time and time again, we have advocated that something positive should be done to improve our town without any concrete result. It would appear that few, if any, of the people have the slightest interest in the Town. This would not seem to be true, taking into account the interest shown in other aspects of life but it does seem as if we are quite prepared to live in the litter and filth thrown around the town and surrounding area without doing anything to improve matters.

Is it that we are unable to do anything positive to stop the littering of our streets? Roads and Estates? Is it that we are happy to live in a dirty, insanitary and unpleasant town? Is it just a matter that a minority of the towns people are just careless, untidy and dirty living, or are we all to blame?

No! It is not true that we can do nothing to stop the littering - just look at all the clean and tidy homes in the town. No! it is not true that we all are happy to live in a dirty town - just look at the many well kept and tidy gardens. No! it is not true that only a small minority are responsible for the dirt. But, Yes! we are all to blame for the untidy look of the town.

It is difficult to put a finger on the reason why we are so indifferent about the matter. It is more than difficult when we consider that the vast majority of the homes and gardens are neat, tidy and clean. Should we enter somebody's home we would not dream of dropping litter on the floor, or throw it in his garden, nor would we permit our children to do so, but we have no inhibitions whatsoever of dropping dirt on the street outside his door. WHY?

(Would you consider helping in a Tidy Towns drive - See Community Council Notes? Think it over!)

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RAIL PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The September Meeting was again very poorly attended. It would seem the Residents are just not interested in any activities other than those which immediately concern them yet some are quite vociferous in demanding to know what the Association is doing about this or that.

The work-load of the Association cannot be carried by the faithful few. Each resident must do their part to keep things moving.

Approaches have again been made to the County Council about taking over the estate and their replies are awaited.

It has been brought to our notice that rubbish is being dumped in the ditch and waste ground at the Celbridge Road entrance to the Estate. Some of this rubbish has been dumped by people from other estates. Will anyone who sees rubbish being dumped please report it immediately to any committee member, as it can be a health hazard and we intend doing something about it.

It has been brought to our attention that the trees on the Estate are being strangled by their own stay wires. Will all residents please examine the trees outside their own house and loosen the stay wires or replace them by longer ones if necessary. It would be a pity if after all our trouble in planting them they were to die through neglect.

The next meeting will be in the Geraldine Hall on Friday October 6th at 8.30 pm. and all are welcome.

Community Council News

The first Meeting after the Summer ? holidays was well attended and productive. Replies were received to letters sent to C.I.E. and the Eastern Health Board. C.I.E. has promised to mark the bus stops to help in our drive against parking and the E. H. B. has told us that plans for the clinic are well advanced and that work should commence in 1979.

Childrens' Day in 1979 will be Sunday 10th June and it is intended to make this day the last day of a Festival week for the area. Details as they are finalised will be published in future editions of the NEWSLETTER.

The Boy Scouts approached us as they are hoping to start an adventure section and urgently require a Scout Den. Will anyone who has suitable premises or a site please contact Pat Begley.

The Community Council definitely intends to start improvements in the area with a view to seriously taking part in next years Tidy Towns. Everyone must help in this project and do their utmost to make Maynooth a better place to live.

As part of our fund raising activities, a Book, Cake & Oddment Sale will be held in the Geraldine Hall on Saturday October 21st from 10 am. to 2 pm. and early in 1979 a Talent Contest will be organised.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday October 10th and all are invited to send representatives.



NEW SOLICITOR

A long felt need has been filled with the opening of practice by Mr. Patrick Neligan B.C.L., LL.B., Solicitor at Main Street, Maynooth.

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Obituary

SISTER ANNETTE

The news of the death of Sr. Annette was received with the deepest regret by the residents of Maynooth and surrounding area. During her long association with the town she was always deeply interest in the people and their activities.

Prior to entering the Convent, she taught dancing, etc. to the children and continued to do so afterwards. After some years she commenced a commercial course for girls and many of her pupils returned to thank her in after years for the excellent start in life they received at her hands.

On the social side she drew on her many talents to assist others and, among many things, was of great assistance to the Dramatic Societies over the years. She was a mine of information and a tower of strength to other projects and enterprises.

Her many charitable acts will not

be known in this life and the true extent being only known to herself and God.

To the Rev. Mother and Community of the Convent we offer out sincere sympathy as also to her brother and sister. (Sr. M. Rosario, Mater Hospital)

DAVID LALOR

After a comparatively short illness, the news of the death of David Lalor of Newtownmacable was received with great regret by his numerous friends and acquaintences. In his younger days, in particular, he was most active in this community and and in the County at large. As a milk producer himself, he was very active in the Milk Producers Associations and was a member of various deputations to the Agricultural Ministry, as well as joining many delegations abroad to meet milk producers of other countries.

We offer our sincerest sympathy to all members of his family.

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JOHN O'NEILL

The death also took place in recent weeks of John O'Neill, of Greenfield, after a short illness. For many years he carried on business as a carrier and was known far and wide. He was also well known in dog racing circles and reared and trained some fine animals.

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INDUSTRIALISATION

In connection with a further motion moved by Cllr. Durkan, he was informed that the Council had further discussion with I.D.A. re further industries in Leixlip, Clane, Maynooth area. The I.D.A. are aware of the population growth in these areas and have been informed of the Councils projections to the year 1991. The Council have pressed the I.D.A. in regard to the necessity of providing industrial employment in these areas to meet demands of the rising population.

The Council have made their submission with regard to I.D.A. Plans and the necessity of having North East Kildare dealt with as a separate town grouping, and will continue to press them to provide industrial development in this area.

The Council pointed out the recent establishment of an industry in Celbridge which will eventually provide 500 jobs as well two further industries - P.W.S. Ltd. and Ardagh Trailers Ltd. in the Council's industrial Estate at Celbridge.

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OUR HERITAGE

Mary Cullen

The National Board of Education, which was set up by the Government in 1831, profoundly affected the pattern of primary schools in Maynooth. Within a few years of its establishment the number of schools in the town had fallen from the seven counted in 1825 to five and by 1871 the Census Report listed only three. These were two large schools, the boys' national school with 88 pupils, the convent school with 162, and the parish school with 10 pupils. To understand how this came about it is necessary to look at the purpose and operation of the National Board of Education.

The Board itself was a highly interesting innovation which throws a good deal of light on Irish History during the first half of the nineteenth century. By setting up the Board the state took on responsibility for a huge nation-wide system of primary education, subsidised and controlled from the centre. It was financed by an Annual grant voted by the United Kingdom parliament. Out of this the Board put up two thirds of the money needed to build and equip schools, and to pay teachers' salaries and other recurring expenses. The Board also prescribed teaching methods and school books and had the power of veto over appointments. A system of inspectors was introduced to report to the Board on the running of all national schools and to see that the Board's requirements were observed. A teacher training scheme was devised to secure uniformity and also a system of "Model Schools". At local level schools subsidised by the Board were to be managed by local committees representing the different religious denominations. Catholic and Protestant children were to be educated side by side in the same class, separating at certain times for religious instruction which was to be provided by the local clergy. This combined education of children of different religious denominations was what was meant by the term "mixed education" in 19th century Ireland, and it was a key part of the government plan.

This plan was interesting because a system of subsidised nation-wide uniform schooling, under central state control, was in total contradiction to accepted economic and political philosophy of the English statesmen who devised it. The accepted philosophy was what was called the doctrine of laissez-faire the French phrase meaning "let it be" or "don't interfere". Laissez-faire expressed the belief that if individuals acted freely in their own best interests the resulting society would be the best possible one for everyone. The government should interfere or regulate people's affairs as little as possible. Belief in this doctrine was very strong in England, and it made it very difficult to get the United Kingdom parliament to pass legislation to regulate working hours and conditions in factories and mines, or to sanction trade union activity. When the Irish Potato Crop failed during successive

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years between 1849 and 1845 it was laissez-faire thinking that prevented the government from taking adequate measures in time to prevent famine. In 1831 it would have been impossible to have introduced a state-controlled system of education in England. That an English Government did introduce such a system in Ireland needs explaining.

The explanation is that the government was responding to the problems it faced in Ireland, and these seemed serious enough to persuade it that laissez-faire theories would have to be ignored. In the first place the government wanted the people of Ireland to be educated. It was generally believed that lack of education was one major cause of economic backwardness and distress in Ireland. Education would make the Irish more able to help themselves, more able to plan and work effeciently and to understand and adopt new methods of agriculture. It was also hoped that it would make them less ready to listen to agitators and trouble makers. (By this time Daniel O'Connell had demonstrated what trouble could be caused for government by an able leader who could use the sheer moral weight of numbers in a massive pressure group.)

But there were also particular problems in the Irish situation that had to be overcome if the government was to improve the educational position. It was by now clear that giving government subsidies to Protestant Missionary type schools would not work because Catholics would not attend them. The Catholic authorities were beginning to organise strictly demoninational Catholic Schools, but the government did not want a system that would increase the power of the Catholic Church over the minds of the people. The only solution left seemed to be to run a system of inter-denominational schools itself, and control them from the centre.

So the Board was set up with three Church of Ireland members, two Catholic and two Presbyterian. A letter from the Chief Secretary at Dublin Castle to the Duke of Leinster, the President of the Board, explained how the government hoped the scheme would operate.

"It is the intention of the Government", he wrote in October 1831, "that the Board should exercise a complete control over the various schools. . . As one of the main objects must be to unite in one system children of different creeds, and as much must depend on the co-operation of the resident clergy, the Board will probably look with peculiar favour upon applications proceeding from either

- 1st The Protestand and Roman Catholic clergy of the parish or*
- 2nd One of the Clergymen, and a certain number of Parishioners professing the opposite creed, or*
- 3rd Parishioners of both denominations"*

The Chief Secretary added that if an application came from members of one demonination only the Board was to ask for an explanation.

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 Mrs. Curran, Dowdstown - The J.F. Walsh Cup.
 Mrs. Desmond and Mrs. Satchwell 2nd & 3rd in Morney Award.
 Mrs. Mary Doyle, Greenfield - four awards in the Handcraft Section.
 Mrs. Gee, Carton - 7 awards, in the Handcraft, Bread Baking, Cakes and Preserves Sections.
 Mrs. Desmond, Main Street, 2 Awards in the Horticultural Preserves and the Decorative Sections
 Colm Kennedy, Laraghbryan, 9 awards in the Honey and Vegetables, and Horticultural Sections.
 Mrs. Wylie, Moyglare - 2 awards in the Horticultural Section
 While Clair Higgins, Mrs. Graham, Vincent Duff, Mrs. Satchwell and E. Stafford also received awards in various sections.
 In the Childrens' Section - Geraldine Doyle, Martina Doyle and Meta Gee also received awards.

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SCOUT CAMP:- Mount St. Joseph's Abbey, Roscrea was our home for his years camp. On July 15th, 6 Scouts and leaders pitched our tents against a backdrop of trees with a stream in front. We used this stream for our project and built a bridge across it - photographs give some idea of the work involved, between felling and stripping branches and trees and digging out the steps. The bridge which was officially opened by Fr. Henderson was christened "The Bosco Memorial Bridge"

One of the highlights of the camp was as having Fr. Ciaran O'Reilly our former Scout Master and Unit Leader say Mass on Sunday 23rd for the many parents who had arrived. We thanked Mr. H Mrs. O'Reilly who were also present.

A 24 hour endurance hike took place and thankfully Sean Donovan, Peter Kennedy, Albert Boyd, Noel Kerins, and Liam Scanlon, not alone survived. They really enjoyed their trip back to nature.

The scenery around the Abbey is magnificent and the whole area was adored by the troop.

Many people may not know that the mill in the Abbey is famous for wholemeal bread every day we got freshly baked bread from the Monks.

We would like to thank all our parents and friends who helped make this year a success especially the MONKS of the Abbey, in this their centenary year.

IS:- 9n Sunday last 17th Sept. Maynooth were host to their first annual Sports Day - St. Cronan's won. Units from Maynooth, Leixlip, Lucan (Essex), Chapelizod and Clonsilla took part in the fun. The overall winners were the 1st & 2nd Kildare which is the official county for Leixlip but all the boys enjoyed themselves immensely. The weather was ideal for the events. We would like to thank the G.A.A. for their efforts.

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of a Son.

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Vincent & Catherine Mulready,
Greenfield, on the Birth of a
DAUGHTER.

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Mark & Dolores Keely, Greenfield
on the Birth of a Son.

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James and Maura Dowling, Green-
field on the Birth of a Daughter.

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George & Clair Green, Leixlip,
on the Birth of a Daughter. Clair
was formerly of Newtown, Maynooth

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Congratulations to Coleman Cambell,
Rathcoffey (former pupil of the
Post Primary School) who won the
Aer Lingus Shield in the Appren-
tice Class at Baldonnell Aerodrome,
being the best all-round apprentice
over two years.

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Congratulations to Peter Dowling
who has left Maynooth to join
the Blessed Sacrament Community,
All Hallows, Drumcondra, where
he will under go training for the
Priest-hood.

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well liked by Mr. F. Caulfield and
Mr. & Mrs. John Carey.

Peter is Son of Madge and the late
James Dowling, 16 Leinster Cottages,
Maynooth.

We all wish him every success in
his new Career.

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Deepest sympathy to the wife and
family of the late George Moynan
of Convent Road, Recently Deceased.
R.I.P.

NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

This month sees the commencement
of a new academic year in the Univer-
sity and may we take an opportunity
of welcoming the many students who
will be with us this coming year. To
the students who have been here be-
fore we say "Welcome back". We
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PROPOSED NEW YOUTH CLUB

On Wednesday 13th Sept. - 30 young people from the ages of 12 to 16 met in the Post Primary School and planned to form a new Youth Club in the Village. As we have only been in existence a week at time of going to press we can't tell you many details of our activities.

We will affiliate to the Kildare Federation of Youth Clubs and also the National Federation Youth Club and hope to participate in Competitions, Talent and Swimming events as run by the K. F. T. C. this year.

We are a new group and are determined to learn by our previous mistakes and hopefully, be a success. Maynooth has a huge population of young people and a Youth Club will help them, if run well, to develop their personalities in many different ways and to respect and work with others of the same age group. Eventually we would like to be able to say we have all learned something by being a member of a Club. This is an Aim and without the support of Parents and the Community we will fail.

We would welcome any person willing to donate a few hours to running Club activities and helping supervise generally, - not as a Major General type figure but as part of our team ! You'll have fun I assure you.

CLUB NIGHT - Tuesday (at the moment)

TIME: 8 pm. - 10 pm. St. Mary's Hall
AGE : over 12 on Sept. 1st. '78

All members are requested to put name, age and address on a sheet of paper with the permission of Parent/Guardian before you join the Club. Also we decided on £ 1.50 subscription to cover costs of affiliation to N.F.Y.C. & K.F.Y.C.

We have been invited to Naas Y.C. ON Wednesday 27th Sept. for a Social evening, and to Edenderry on 29th Sept. for a Disco. Details re Bus, Money etc. in Club.

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SPORTS PAGE

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Three Cheers for Maynooth Swimming Club, we finally succeeded in bringing to a successful conclusion our Annual General Meeting (only took 4 months !). The attendance was good, and wait for it we actually have a New Secretary, - Eilis O'Malley, 5 Laurence Avenue, Maynooth and a new Treasurer - Margaret Molloy, Mill Street, Maynooth. No we didn't part with our Chairman - Owen Byrne, we think having Eoin at the top lends prestige to our Club. Mind you Eoin does not regard this as a compliment, he says it makes him feel to much like a 'Pressure Cooker' however we don't think that a bad simile at all, knowing our Eoin's involvement in everything to do with the Town there are times when he appears to have more Steam than any 'Pressure Cooker'.

The outgoing Treasurer Ann Power transferred the Clubs Funds over £500 to the new Treasurer, and wished her every success.

After alot of debating it was decided to hand the Adults Hour in St. Raphael's, over to the children. Our list was growing longer and it was impossible to cope. Now we can take 70 children. We placed notices in both Schools, to make sure all parents from all areas had a chance to enroll their child.

SWIMMING TIMES, :-
Up to 8 years - Fridays from 5-6
Over 8 years - Mondays 8.30 - 9.30

This arrangement is working well. Parents and Children alike please note - no child can stay longer than 2 years in St. Raphael's Pool, as it is ideal for beginners. In fact if the list keeps growing we may have to reduce this to one year. Some children are already there too long, so look out and learn all you can as this is the last year for many of you.

We have two Instructors, both very good, one Male and one Female (equal rights! /)

We would like parents to understand that it is the policy of the Club, not to start two children from the one family at the same time, as we feel it puts the older child at a disadvantage, and stop him or her making progress. We in the Club fail to understand why this Rule should cause trouble in a Family, after all the eldest always has to go to school first, and this seems to be easy understood.

Don't forget there is a waiting list, so get your child's name on the Book. Only children of parents who are willing to help steward the bus, on a rota basis, need apply for membership.

If any of the adults who attended St. Raphael's, or indeed any Adult who would like to learn to swim, thinks it would be a good idea to form a group and organise an hour in Kingshospital Pool, will you ring Eilis O'Malley, phone : - 285131

To date we do not know the position about Life Saving, but may have news next month.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

As and from Monday 2nd October the revised rates for School Buses from all Greenfield Estates (New & Old) will be as follows:-

£1 - for 1 child
£1.50 for a family of up to 3 children
£2 - for a family of 4 or more children

Please note also that payment **MUST BE** made on the first school day of each week. There will be no reduction for days off. Money must be enclosed in envelope bearing child's name and Address.

BARTON TRANSPORT

ATHLETICS (N. A. C. A. (I))

Peter Keegan (Staff), St. Patrick's College, member of Dunboyne A.C. received his reward for tireless training when he won the N.A.C.A. Nation Marathon (26½ miles) Championship. Having stayed with the leading group during the race, Peter went to the front with about 2 miles to go and romped home in a time of 2 hours 26 mins. 49 secs.

In 1975 Peter was second in this event and last year he finished 5th in Cork. Earlier in the year he finished in a similar position (5) in the French Marathon.

In training for such events, Peter covers 200 - 250 miles per week.

Congratulations Peter on your elevation to "The Gold"

Another Gold Medal winner was 17 year-old Loughlin Murphy, of Newtown who collected his at the All Ireland N.A.C.A. All Ireland (under 18) One mile Walk, at Belfield on 9th September.

Loughlin won many events in cross Country and track when attached to Dunboyne A.C. and this was his first attempt at 'walking'. He is now attached to Kilcock A.C. (N.A.C.A.)

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TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION **1978**

EFFORT:- Community effort is best measured by the presentation of the streets and open spaces. If these areas are found to be littered and badly utilised then it is obvious that the whole community is not acting together. As such, the general impression of Maynooth this year is one of limited community effort in these areas. There are obvious individual efforts that are outstanding and serve to highlight the relative neglect of other areas. The whole community must become more involved and co-ordinate more with the County Council.

MARKS:- 25 - Max. 35

TIDINESS :- There were sufficient litter bins along the main street but there were some signs of litter being indiscriminately thrown about. Derelict sites beside Mooney's on the main street and that on the Dublin road, opposite and up from the shopping centre, must be attended to before they deteriorate further. Throughout the town as a whole there was too much flyposting which cheapens the look of the town especially if bills are posted on the large trees in the main street. The four cars mentioned last year still remain.

MARKS :- 11 - Max 20

PRESENTATION OF BUILDINGS: -

As usual, the many ecclesiastical buildings in the town set a very high standard of presentation and should be copied as far as possible. The new foot bridge, while being an undoubted necessity, appears to be out of place, in the way it sweeps down into the grounds of the religious centre. The Garda Station, Health & Social Welfare building are both well presented. The Post Office and Library look rather dull. The shopping centre on the Dublin road and that at the

Greenfield Estate were both well maintained with tidy surrounds. Caulfield's Lounge was particularly appealing with some fine lettering taking the place of plastic neon signs. The Moulin Rouge shop too had a most fitting frontage on display that blended in well with the area.

MARKS:- 17 - Max 20

PRESENTATION OF NATURAL AMENITIES

Maynooth is a centre of great historical and architectural character. Such characteristics are best shown off in certain surroundings of well maintained and presented open spaces. It is unfortunate that while Maynooth's

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greatest amenity is lots of open space much of it is not used to the full e.g. the whole area of the canal is neglected while many of the open spaces associated with the housing estates are poorly maintained and unimaginative when they are used. Such areas should compliment the surroundings therein, as does the area of the old castle. Finally the children's play area should be much better maintained, not only for visual reasons, but also for safety reasons.

MARKS:- 18 - Max 25

APPEARANCES :- The nature of appearance of approach roads varied according to the type of establishment that occupies the road site next to the road. The verges along the Kilcock approach are maintained for part of their length by the ecclesiastical complex. Other verges leave much to be desired. Some of the back lanes are quite well presented while others are in a very poor condition. The County Council must be urged to clean these areas up. In the town, the main road is quite clear while the footpaths could do with



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some sweeping in places. Poor approaches and roadways can detract a lot from the character of any town. MARKS :- 9 - Max - 20

PRESENTATION AND APPEARANCE OF RESIDENTIAL AREAS :-

With a little more effort some of the housing estates in Maynooth could win individual prizes. However, before they could hope to seriously compete, there would need to be considerably more attention paid to details. While some of the open spaces on the Greenfield Estate are quite presentable, others are in a deplorable condition. Secondly throughout most estates there needs to be concerned effort to remove weeds and grass from the footpath. The use of trees is very good in several estates. The presentation of residences in the town is very good. The row of cottages on the Dunboyne road is particularly appealing while the cottages in the back road behind Noone's garage are very attractive with their creeping plants and floral displays. There are some very fine two-storey dwellings in the town with a few really good examples of climbing ivy. MARKS : - 12 - Max - 15

PRESENTATION OF STREET FURNITURE:-

Road signs are good throughout but more direction signs might be appreciated for the side roads. Several telephone kiosks needed painting while most litter bins were in good order. The water pump beside the Moulin Rouge shop was particularly bad. Some advertising signs are completely out of char-

acter with the town and often detract much from the fine buildings they may be placed upon.

MARKS:- 10 - Max - 15

MAYNOOTH in fact was placed 24th in its section with 102 marks, with the section winner getting 133 marks, and the overall winner getting 144. This is not surprising as we did nothing since last year to improve our position.

It is to our shame that the situation is as bad as it is. Let us sincerely hope that the Community Council will do something positive for next year and get everyone to do their part.

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