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RECENT DEATHS

We extend our sympathy to the Relatives & Friends of Joe & Peter Coyne of Dillons Road, Maynooth, also to Relatives & Friends of Edward Merton, Convent Road Maynooth, also to Relatives and Friends of Miss A. Cox of Winegates, Maynooth also Relatives & Friends of Bridget Barton, Main Street, Maynooth, also Relatives & Friends of Michael Carey, Main Street, Maynooth.

NEW PARISH PRIEST

A very cordial welcome to Very Rev. Fr. Walsh who comes to us from Drumcondra Parish and was installed as our Parish Priest on 22nd January. We are aware that he will have a hard task a head of him to administer the growing Parish but we have no doubt his parishioners will be prepared to assist him as far as they can.

Fr. Walsh has a task ahead of him to 'fill the shoes' of his predecessor, Fr. O'Higgins, but from what we hear he will be equal to the task.

APPRECIATION

While wishing Very Rev. Fr. O'Higgins every peace and contentment in his retirement as Parish Priest, there is not one of his parishioners here but will not regret very much his leaving. It is a further tribute to Father that he still fondly remember in his former Parish (Aughrim Street) where he served some 10 to 12 years ago, before coming to Maynooth.

Fr. O'Higgins never spared himself in his administration of the Parish and was attentive to every last need of his parishioners. His considerable personal effort at fund raising for the parish and local organisations needs no listing here. He is leaving a pretty clean sheet for his successor, Very Rev Fr. Walsh

Maynooth has expanded very considerably during his administration and the burden of office has doubled and trebled in the years and is growing daily. It is typical of Fr. O'Higgins that he should feel obliged to leave the running of the Parish to a younger man, whom he believes will look after us better.

We can assure Fr. O'Higgins of the prayerful remembrance of his many friends in Maynooth and we trust he will have many peaceful, happy years in front of him.

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The NEWSLETTER Committee apologise to you all for the untypical errors which occurred in the December issue. This was mainly as a result of the print room staff being rather fuller than usual and earlier than usual of the Christmas Spirit (or was it Jamesons?) Anyway they have all been given their redundancy money and a new lot take over this month.

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All items for inclusion in the March issue of the NEWSLETTER should be handed in by Sunday Feb. 11th.

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Don't forget the Children's Tidy Towns Art Competition entries will be on display in the Parish Hall on Sunday February 11th from 3 to 5 pm. The presentation of prizes will take place at 4.30 p.m. approximately.

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A special meeting has been arranged for Wednesday February 7th at 8 p.m. in the Geraldine Hall to discuss the participation of a Maynooth Team in the National Community Games. Anyone who can help in any way should do their utmost to attend this meeting.

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Due to the enormous response to our December painting picture in Children's Corner, the prizewinners are announced on another page

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Incidents have occurred in the area recently where young children have been intimidated and even assaulted by others. Parents are strongly advised to report all these events to the Gardai as soon as they are aware of them. It is no use complaining about the Gardai if we do not co-operate fully with them.

The Gardai will take steps to ensure that these young thugs get their punishment. So remember report all incidents no matter how trivial - it might prevent a similar occurrence happening to your own child.

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Congratulations to Mary McDonald, Kilcock Road on winning four prizes of £20 each in the Royal Society of Antiquaries essay competition, with her school mate Marie O'Connell, of Clane (Group Project) entitled 'Our Heritage - Misty Memories'

Birthday Congratulations to :-

Eugene Sullivan (81) on January 24th
John Saults (68) on January 30th
Mrs. Foy (69) on January 2nd
Mrs. A. Connolly (81) on February 1st.
Michael Dowling February 4th.

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Thanks to the efforts of Councillor Durkan a much needed 'STOP' sign is to be erected at the junctions of the College entrance and the Newtown Road. This had become quite dangerous latterly.

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Birthday greetings to John Saults, Parson Street, who celebrated his 21st Birthday on January 13th, with a super party in his home - attended by his many friends

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CONGRATULATIONS :-

To Sam & Ann Feeney, Celbridge Road, Maynooth, on the Birth of a Daughter.

To P.J. and Christine Daly O'Neill Park, Maynooth on the Birth of a Son.

To William & Elizabeth Coughlan of Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth on the Birth of a Son

To Niall & Ann Fagan, Ovidstown, Maynooth on the Birth of a Daughter

To Laurence & Ann King of Greenfield, Maynooth, on the Birth of a Daughter.

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Congratulations to Kiernan Cowhey, of Dublin Road (Son of Dr. & Mrs. Cowhey) who has passed his final examination of the Incorporated Law Society, qualifying as a solicitor. He passed his B.C.I. degree at U.C.D. in October.

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Editorial

1979 has been designated as International Year of the Child and, no doubt, we in Ireland should play our part. It is fitting, therefore, that we in Maynooth should do our share.

Why should we have a Childrens' Year? Why all the fuss? Don't we always look after our children? But do we? Children, we are told, are 'the wealth of the nation but we do not always appreciate our wealth and utilize it as we should. All adults do not give children the attention they merit and too many of them are neglected. Children are people and need to be treated as such, deserving our keenest attention. They are the future caretakers of to-morrow's Ireland and it is our duty to see that they are properly trained, spiritually, morally and physically to carry out this task.

We do not intend to deal here only with actual physical or neglect of children, which is abhorrant to any reasonably minded person and which, obviously, must be an important study this Childrens' Year. We must also call to mind the very many children who suffer, to a lesser extent, from mediocre upbringing, lack of appreciative parents and those children of deprived parents, who through no fault of the parent, do not get a reasonable chance in life.

It is only right that adults (parents or not) should use this Year to take stock of their treatment of children. They should consider the problems of the younger generation, try and rectify them, see that children have the means and proper direction to make them good citizens in every way. See that they have proper study facilities (not necessarily at school), facilities for body development and leisure and, most important of all, see that children are given assistance and direction to help themselves. Do not just put your hand in your pocket and hand out a few miserable shillings and feel that you have done your duty - there is far more to helping children.

There are many things we can do here in Maynooth, so organise and try and make this an outstanding year for the younger generation in all respects. Do not wait for the next man to make the first move - go ahead and try and get things moving yourself. What about finishing the SPORTS FIELD for a start and work on from there? Get going now!

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COMING EVENTS

Jan. 29th - A.G.M. Post Primary Past Pupils Union in the School at 8.30

Jan. 31st - Closing date for Tidy Town Roster Competition.

Feb. 1st. - I.C.A. Guild Meeting

Feb. 2nd - A.G.M. Rail Park Residents Assoc. in Geraldine Hall at 8 p.m.

Feb. 6th - Scouts A.G.M. at 8.30 in Boys' N.S.

Feb. 10th - Geraldine Hall - 8 p.m. Special Meeting re Community Games.

Feb. 11th - Display of entries for Tidy Town Art Competition in Parish Hall 3 - 5 p.m.

Feb. 13th - Community Council - Geraldine Hall at 8 p.m.

Feb. 17th American Tea Party in Parish Hall 9 p.m. - run by Post Primary School Parents / Teachers Association.

Feb. 28th - A.G.M. Greenfield Estate Residents Association - Geraldine Hall 8.00 p.m.

March 3rd - Scouts' Dinner Dance - Springfield Hotel - 9.30 p.m.

March 23rd. - St. Mary's Band - Annual Dance and Dinner in Kinnegad.

March 29th of Post Primary School 2nd Annual Ball - Keadeen Hotel.

RECENT MARRIAGES

Congratulations to:-

Mr. & Mrs. Seamus Cummins of Crew Hill, Maynooth.
Mrs. Seamus Cummins was formerly Bridget Lyons of Crew Hill, Maynooth

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Mr. & Mrs. Tom Cummins of Clane.
Mrs. Tom Cummins was formerly Maureen Gill of Crinstown, Maynooth.

The marriage ceremony was performed in Rome by Very Rev. Fr. O'Higgins P. P. Maynooth, and Monsignor Hanley formerly of Old Castle, Co. Meath.

The Wedding took place on 21st November '78. We wish them every happiness

Community Council News

The January meeting of the Council was very poorly attended mainly due to the very bad weather at the time and possibly the fact that it was the first meeting of the New Year.

Many of the items on the Agenda were to do with the County Council. Some of these have already been resolved such as extra lighting in the area while others are still under negotiation. Residents of the estates on the Straffan Road will be interested to hear that the footbridge over the canal will be erected shortly.

The display of the entries for the Childrens Art Competition will be held on Sunday February 11th in the Parish Hall from 3 to 5 p.m.

A special meeting was arranged for January 23rd to discuss the Community Week in June. Further meetings will be held later about this and if you cannot attend at least please ensure that your association takes part in some way.

Elections for the positions as Officers of the Council will take place at the next Meeting on February 13th at 8 p.m. in the Geraldine Hall, so a full attendance is desirable.

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Maynooth Guild elected at its Annual General Meeting, the following:-

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 Treasurer:- Mrs. O'Reilly
 Grianan Rep. :- Mrs. Brady
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 International Officer:- Mrs. Bradshaw
 Craft Promotor:- Miss McGuire.
 6outh Officer:- Mrs. Bennett.
 Chief Hostess:- Mrs. Gee .
 Arts Promotor:- Mrs. Farrell.

After the Christmas holidays everyone has settled back to the Meetings of work and fun for the coming year.

The December raffle - a turkey - was won by Mrs. Staunton and the monthly competition by Mrs. Bradshaw.

Mrs. Farrell won the Youghal Interior Design Challenge at Guild Level, and we wish her every success in future competitions at Federation Level. The outright winner of the Competition wins a Youghal carpet worth £500.

Maynooth Guild won the inter Guild competition for a half hours light entertainment and won a most attractive Cup, now taking pride of place in the I.C.A. Hall. Our Arts Promotor, Mrs. Farrell, is now getting the Guild ready to take part in the Drama Competition and also in the Eleanor Gibbons Trophy Competition in February, both of which are contested at Federation level. We are not, of course, forgetting our local Community Talent Contest, which is to take place in the New Year.

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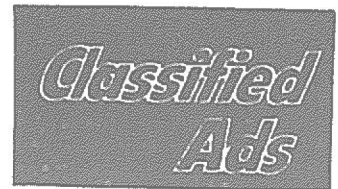
The January Guild Meeting was well attended, despite very cold and icy conditions. However, it did not take too long to thaw out and get down to business. While welcoming the new members, the Guild hopes to retain all its old members.

Heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Edwards on winning the Bank of Ireland Scholarship to An Grianan, and trusting she will enjoy her week and find it very fruitful.

The January competition was won by Mrs. Higgins, and the raffle by Mrs. Holton, with Mrs. Satchwell taking second prize.

The Meeting concluded with some story telling, followed by tea, with home baking, served by the Hostesses.

Next Meeting will be held on Thurs- day 1st. February.



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The story goes that while in prison he restored the sight of his jailors blind daughter whom he had befriended. It is said that on the night before his execution he wrote her a farewell note signing it "From your Valentine"

Among the earliest known Valentine greetings is one by a French nobleman captured at Agincourt and imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1415. His Valentine to his wife can still be seen in the British Museum.

Henry VIII who, with six wives, had more cause than most for sending Valentines, established St. Valentines Day by Royal Charter in 1537.

Queen Victoria herself sent 2,500 printed Valentines during her reign - an average of 40 cards per year!

Perhaps the most elaborate Valentine ever was one sent to Empress Eugenie, widow of Napoleon II. It is said to have cost £4,500 even in those days and must have been quite a work of art!

OBITUARY

The death of Michael Carey came as a profound shock to his many friends in Maynooth, coming as it did without any warning.

Michael, formerly a men's hairdresser in the Town was deeply interested in all aspects of the area, and worked closely with the various societies and organisations throughout his life time. In particular he took the Mortality Society under his care, when it was at a low ebb and mainly through his efforts built it up to a strong Society.

There are very few if any aspects of life in the Town in which he did not play a part and the town will be the poorer for his passing.

We offer our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Carey and family in their bereavement.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

In reply to a question by Councillor Boylan, the Co. Secretary agreed to include questions for the Co. Engineer at the next meeting, on the advisability of public lighting from the town to Cluain Aoibhin and also of the advisability and of extending the Newtown Canal and Railway Bridge for pedestrians.

The Co. Secretary also informed Cllr. Boylan that the design of the Kilmacraddock/Maynooth Water Scheme has been approved and that tenders are being sought for the work for costing.

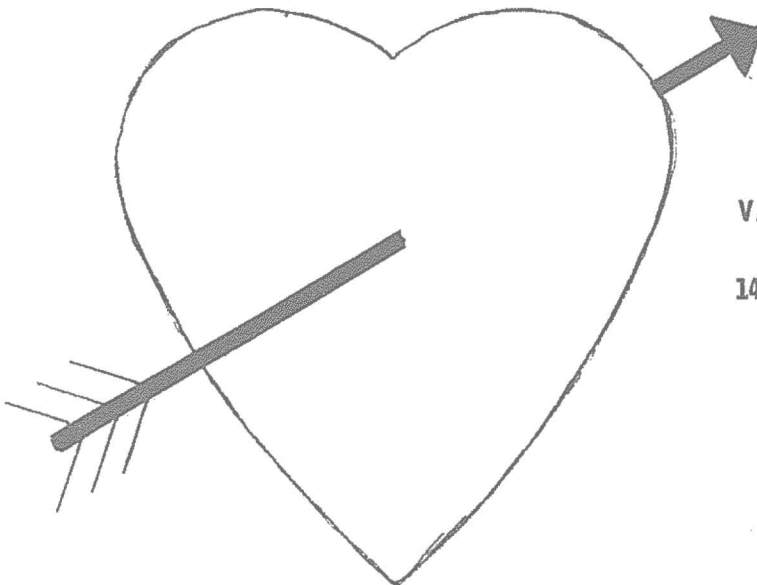
Cllr. Boylan also made inquiries about the public lighting and sweeping of Leinster Park, which matters are to be investigated.

In addition Cllr. Boylan was informed that the Gardai Authorities are investigating the question of a "Stop" sign at the College.

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Once again Christmas has passed and with it another season of Carol playing. We would again like to thank the people of Maynooth for their generosity towards our Annual Carol collection. This year the Band gave two Carol recitals. The first at the Greenfield Shopping Centre was on an extremely cold evening and our thanks to the group of hardy people who braved the elements to come and listen. The second was a joint effort with the Parish Choir on Christmas Eve. This was almost cancelled at the last minute because of the non-stop rain. However the "THING" in the square provided the much needed shelter and the Choir sang with great enthusiasm in spite of conditions.

On New Year's Eve a brave group of band members overcame the snowy conditions and snowballs to play the Old Year out. Never was the arrival of a New Year more welcome.

Some items arranged for this year are the Annual General Meeting on January 18th and the Band's Dance Dinner on March 23rd in Kinnegad. We will be looking forward to a big demand for tickets for this when the word gets around so keep this date free.

Plans will shortly be drawn up, for Maynooth's 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade which will be on the same lines as last year's. Organisations interested in taking part should contact the Band Secretary well in advance. Floats would also be welcome so anyone with any ideas should get working right away.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The sisters, brothers, and relatives of the late Joseph Coyne, and Christopher (Peter) Coyne, Dillon's Row, wish to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavements; those who sent Mass cards, floral tributes; those who called personally, attended removal of remains, Masses and funerals. A special word of thanks to the kind neighbours, Rev. Mother and Community, Presentation Convent, Very Rev. Fr. O'Higgins, P.P. Rev. B. Supple C.C., Nurse Hyland, Dr. Cowhey, the Caulfield Family, Geraldine Bar Staff & Customers, Brady Family, Clock House Staff & Customers, Cassidy Family, The Roost Inn Staff and Customers.

Trusting this will be accepted by all in grateful appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for their intentions.

CLINIC

Councillor Bernard Durkan attends at the Geraldine Hall every Saturday evening at 7.00 pm. to meet constituents (Bank Holiday week-ends excepted). Items discussed are treated in strict confidence.

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PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ETC.

Clr. B. Durkin has informed us that the pedestrian bridge over the canal is now ready for delivery on Sunday February 18th. The delay, we understand, was due to industrial action at the suppliers.

All along Clr. Durkin has been making every effort to have the matter expedited and has made strong representation to ensure that the erectors keep this deadline.

Among other items followed up by Clr. Durkin is the question of itinerants. In a letter the Council set out its policy as follows:- Firstly to appoint a Social Worker to deal exclusively with itinerants. to try and re-house and integrate regular families, subject to the recommendation of the Co. Medical Officer and Social Worker. Secondly (for transient families) to set up suitable serviced sites as halting places in Naas, Newbridge, Athy, and Maynooth and to acquire land for this purpose.

The Councillor was also informed that the Council will erect a 'Dangerous Bend' sign at Laragh-bryan West beside the small group of houses there.

The Secretary also informed the Councillor that there are no funds this year to complete the footpath to Cluain Aoibhin Estate but the matter will be considered with the 1980 estimates. The Secretary also stated that it is hoped to do some work on the Barrogstown - Kilmacradock Road this year.

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The Beginning & The End

I was nearly inseparable from my rather unglamorous blue cardigan from September to May. During the summer I forsook it for a chic little number with a matching tank top, but as the temperature dropped we were back together again.

It wasn't always out of shape and middle-aged. I remember the day my mother bought it for me. It was my first nursing job and one of the requirements was a navy cardigan.

It had started out looking like the size ten it was, with two pockets in a twist pattern and ten dark blue buttons. It wasn't at all fitted, just straight up and down, safe, reassuring and guaranteed not to give the wrong impression. The buttons over the years faded slowly to purple pink and toward the end one was lost. But how do you replace a button aged eight years in Lux soap?

The rot began to set in when night duty began. To immerse oneself further into a cardigan, the cardigan can only come off the worse. The pockets began to bulge; often filled with hands (mine), large numbers of handies, contraband oranges and even a raw egg, which, only to prove crime doesn't pay broke while in my pocket. I recall I only put the pocket under the tap, without removing the cardigan, student nurses are notoriously lazy when off duty.

By this time it has passed its' prime and was worn exclusively for going to and from work. However night duty has a nasty habit of recurring and out into public life it came once more.

Two golden rules of nursing: never run (this does not apply to the pursuit of men) and never wear your cardigan while on the wards. But by the time three years of training are up, the fear of God and Matron have gone out of you and rules are bent completely out of shape. Anyhow who in their right mind would

take off a warm cardigan, in the depths of winter, in the middle of the night just to see if everyone is still breathing? Things got so that in the end I would simply roll up my sleeves and carry on, with result the poor cardigan showed its' age more and more.

It had suffered its' own mishaps. Babies had christened it more than once, its seams had weakened and a moth got it in the back one tropical summer when I neglected it. It even suffered abuse from my husband, not surprisingly, when I wore it to bed.

The end was not worthy of the long service; rather grubby but maintaining a brave front, into the washing machine it went. Fifteen minutes later (too late) I realized the water was near boiling.

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I wish, on behalf of my Committee, to extend sincere good wishes to each and every member of our community, that you all may have, a very happy & peaceful 1979, and I would like to extend a "get well soon" to all those who have been ill during the very severe weather conditions, and now that the tough weather has eased somewhat, it gives us fresh hope, that perhaps the worst of the winter has now past. However, for many of us the cruel weather left an aftermath, - burst pipes, tanks & frozen water mains etc., and I do hope the financial burden has not been too great, for those unfortunate people who experienced such terrible hardship.

I know our Dinner Dance Event is somewhat stale news now, but because of the timing, it couldn't be included in our last news item. Nevertheless, I must extend sincere thanks to all those who supported our function and made up such a lovely party at the 'Osta John Devoy' in a fine spirit of neighbourliness and friendship, and if I was to judge from the feedback, I think

I can take the liberty and say, that everyone had a "bumper" nights entertainment, good value, at a well organised event. I must say, a very special 'THANK YOU' to each of our Committee personal, though small in numbers you did an excellent job, even when it seemed our backs were to the wall, and of course not forgetting any of those good people who helped in so many ways, towards the success of our annual event, again I say many thanks to you all, you were all wonderful indeed. Our local traders were again very good to us, in providing us with some beautiful Spot Prizes and I extend sincere thanks on your behalf to :- T. Geraghty - Leavys - D.C. Meats - D.I.Y. - Ultra Vision - Pop & Gay - Cut & Curl - Lee Autoparts - The Mans Shop - Jewellers - Ryan & Tyrrell - Europa - Cardinal - press - O'Briens - Conroys - Happy Family - Dry Cleaners - O'Briens - Moulin Rouge - Sport Shop, - Hula Bou - Jim McCormick - Bartons - Bartons Transport - O'Neill's - Electrical Appliance - Barrys -

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We then moved on quickly to our Childrens Christmas Party, and as in other years, Santa Claus was again very good to all the three hundred children who attended, and both parents and children enjoyed another smashing childrens' party, Again my special thanks to all those marvellous people who helped to



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to organise the event.

Most of you will have made lots of New Year resolutions, and I do hope you have not forgotten your Association, and the part you play, within it, there is no doubt, that it would be most helpful if most of us decided to put something extra into our efforts and to be a little more generous to those good people, who offer themselves unsparingly in their efforts to give good leadership. I do know, only too well, that this term hasn't exactly been "Scintillating" those close to the helm, will freely admit that it has been a very difficult term, and for very many reasons, but at least we are still in 'BUSINESS', and perhaps with your greater involvement next term, you can help transform us, from being just another association to a healthy, caring, community. Our A.G.M. is fast approaching, this year, the date will be 28th February at 8.00 pm. in the Geraldine Hall, and the time is right for considering, offering yourself for Committee service, and all positions on your Committee will become vacant at A.H.M., and we all know how welcome an infusion of new blood would be, rather than continuously recycling the old Brigade. How about it then?

I would like to make a special request to all our residents to look after our trees, they are after taking an awful bashing during the severe weather, many need tidying up, re-tying, and the removal of dead wood. Do spend ten minutes on the tree outside your home. I would also like to ask all our residents too, to discontinue the practice of parking vehicles on our green area's and verges, much hard work has gone into cultivating and tree planting on those greens, and it is only when grass-cutting begins in the Spring, that those holes and bumps will cause a real problem. Do be considerate!

More chat next Month.

W. J. Gartland,

Hon. Treasurer, acting Chairman.

RAIL PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of this Association will be held in the Geraldine Hall on Friday February 2nd at 8 p.m.

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In other words Maynooth Cubs & Scouts. Well Parents, it's Annual General Meeting time again. We are having the meeting in the General Purposes Room of the Boys' N.S. on Tuesday 6th February. This year we are hoping that some of the boys enthusiasm will have rubbed off and we can persuade some of you to join the Unit Council Committee. The most badly needed person is a Unit Leader, as it's hard for any group to function without a leader.

We have booked a Dinner Dance also, on Saturday 3rd March in Springfield Hotel with dinner at 9.30 p.m. sharp, we will have music by the GAYTIMES. As space in Springfield is limited early booking is essential

Again PLEASE PARENTS for your sons sakes - as this is "The year of the Child" come to the A.G.M.

Many thanks to all who have helped with our activities during the past year especially the hardworking Leaders and Committee.

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The Association are planning an American Tea Party and Dance, on Saturday February 17th, in the Parish Hall, and hopes to get the all-out support of all parents and teachers in the School. Admission is by ticket only.

Congratulations are due to Mr. Ashe and his Staff on getting the new computer for the School. This will be of great benefit to the students.

Shortly the School hopes to instal a Video Casette Recorder which will be of immense value to all students. This Association is delighted to be able to help the School by providing the balance of funds necessary to buy this piece of equipment. This, of course, will put a considerable hole in our Bank balance, but with a successful American Tea Party we should have a good Bank balance soon again.

Requests will be going out to the parents of children in the 1st - 2nd - & 5th year classes for the annual subscription of £2 per family for 1978/'79 (Parents of the 3rd and 5th year classes were generous in their response to our previous appeal.) We trust they will all respond.

Congratulations to the Past Pupils' Union on running a Disco and Beetle Drive to send some second-year students to the Gaeltacht.

The Parents are running a Cake Sale also, to help the Past Pupils with their finances. Please come and support this.

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PAST PUPILS UNION

Now that it is time to elect a new committee for 1979, the out-going committee would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and exciting new year. The 2nd Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday, January 29th at 8.30 p.m. in the Post Primary School and all Past Pupils should attend.

The first school ball was such a success in the Keadeen Hotel last April that the Keadeen has been booked again for Thursday, March 29th. The organizing committee has been formed and is already at work. Past Pupils had the chance of another reunion in November at a Cabaret in the Hitchin' Post. This too could be an annual get-together.

Our first money-spending project this year was to have been an award of two scholarships to the Kerry Gaeltacht for 2nd year students in the school. Due to the high standard of results, however, and on the advice of the examiners, the number of scholar-

hips was increased to five. We therefore congratulate the following five students on their success:

Declan Murphy : John McGarry,
Tina Barrett : Elaine Bean and
Maureen O'Flaherty.

All five will spend three weeks in July in the Kerry Gaeltacht. We hope that these scholarships will be awarded annually.

On the subject of money, we would welcome any ideas from teachers and students in the school on how to spend it. We're not over-burdened with it or anything like that, but we would like to use what we have in the best way possible.

As it is the end of a year, there are some people we would like to thank for their assistance, support and donations.

Mrs. Una Kiernan: Joe Wall -
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Mary Hannafin and Anna Bale -
St. Patrick's College: Mr. Colm
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their co-operation and especially
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A special thanks to all of those people who attended functions throughout the year.

Watch next month's NEWSLETTER for other coming events and A.G.M. news.

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OLD PEOPLES COMMITTEE

Our Christmas Party, held in the S.M.A. Hostel was up to standard, if not better than usual. The evening commenced with a concelebrated Mass of Christmas Liturgy with beautiful singing and music. Our sincere thanks to the S.M.A. Community for their hospitality.

Again we welcomed our friends from Newbridge and Dunboyne. The excellent Christmas decorations were provided by the First and Second Year students of Maynooth Post Primary School, under the direction of their Art Teacher, Miss Rafferty. They were tastefully put up by a Third Year Student and a Past Pupil of the School.

Our Christmas Tree was provided and beautifully decorated by the Donovan Family. Santa Claus arrived to distribute all the Raffle presents. Bingo was again a great success. Top prize £3 was won by Mrs. Flynn, Old Carton and each of the following received a £1 prize :- Michael Dowling. Mrs. Kenny - Mrs. King (Dunboyne) - Mrs. O'Brien (Newbridge). We wish to thank all who entertained our guests, especially Sr. Maria and her group of Carol Singers from the Post Primary School, Aisling Barton for her Irish Dancing and Maynooth Brass & Reed Band for their recital.

Fifty of our Senior Citizens went to the Olympia Theatre for the Jack Cruise pantomime, which was thoroughly enjoyable. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Pat Barton who provided the transport and our driver "Peader" who was so good and helpful.

Our Sale of Work in December was a great financial success and we wish to return our thanks to all who kindly donated to the Sale and to our many helpers and supporters.

We are very thankful indeed for the sum of £22.11 collected from Carol Singing by the following children from Greenfield Estate, under their director Frank McFadden :- Caroline, Tina & Michael McFadden, Caroline, Theresa, Stephen, Maria and John Gillespie, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Brigid Halton, Fiona Kearns and Patricia Duffe.

We wish all our friends, young and old, a very happy and peaceful New Year.



CHILDRENS COLOURING PICTURE

December Newsletter

The response to the Colouring Competition in the December issue was magnificent, so much so in fact that we had great difficulty in picking the best. However after hours of deliberation we eventually called in an independent referee who picked the following as being the five best, and not necessarily in this order.

Eoin Egan, 289A Old Greenfield
Sharon Dumbrell, 88 Rail Park.
Michele Mooney, 27 Maynooth Park.
Miriam Higgins, 740 Greenfield
Alan Buckley, 37 Greenfield Drive.

In view of the high standard achieved by all the participants it was decided to give the rest sets of colouring markers in appreciation of their efforts and they are:-

Antoinette Higgins, 740 Greenfield
Alan Lavin, Moyglare
Orlaith Buckley, 36 Greenfield Drive
Claire McTernan, 278 Greenfield
Noel Boyd, 847 Greenfield
Antoinette Boyd "
Tracy Gaffney, 6 Rail Park
Maria Mulleague, 91 Rail Park
Pamela Lawless, 861 Greenfield
Craig Read, 86 Rail Park.
Tina Read "
Gordon Read "
Tracey Dumbrell, 88 Rail Park.
John McGlynn, 857 Greenfield
Jacqueline Connolly, Dowdstown
Niamh Dawson, 69 Rail Park
John, O'Neill, Greenfield.
Ted Kavanagh, Millhouse
Thomas Whelan, Newtown
Caroline Dunne, 860 Greenfield
Nicholas Donlon, 53 Rail Park
Brigid Halton, 10 Maynooth Park
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The prizes will be distributed to all shortly and once more we thank you all sincerely for your great effort.

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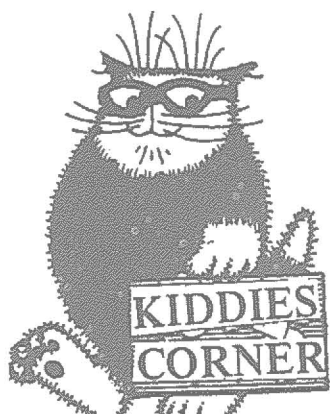
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Hello Boys & Girls,

Christmas is over once again and Santa has gone back to the North Pole, to get all the toys ready for next Christmas Please God. I am sure he would have been very pleased if he had seen all the Entries we got for the Santa Painting Competition. They were lovely, and we had a very hard task trying to pick out the winners. I would like to thank you all, most sincerely and congratulate the Winners.

We have good news for you, this month we are starting a Swop-Shop. So if you have anything you would like to swop, just write and tell us about it and we will print it in the NEWSLETTER.

Hello Boys & Girls continued.

I won't ask you to do a Painting this month as I am sure you are busy doing your painting for the TIDY TOWN Painting competition.

As time is getting short don't forget to get your entry in now. Instead I would like you to write a Little Poem about A Child.

You could win a Prize for it.

As you are aware by now, 1979 is the International year of the Child, so there will be lots for you to do including 'The Maynooth Community Week' later this year. But in the midst of all our fun wouldn't it be nice to spare a little thought for the millions of Children, especially in the Third World, who have absolutely nothing, not even a slice of Bread. It would be very nice if you could all get together and organise something to gather funds in your area. I know that there are Children in the Straffan Road area who hold a little Jumble Sale each year among themselves, and I would like to say to them, well done children, and God will Bless you all. So get busy Children and organise something among yourselves and write

and tell us about it. Perhaps we could hold a BIG JUMBLE SALE among ourselves this year in the Parish Hall. and let everyone see that the Children can do as good a job as the Grown-Ups, to help other Poor Children.

Before I close I would like to remind you that there are little Lambs born now and if you have a Pet Dog as I am sure many of you have don't forget to keep a check on it especially at night time as it may ramble of with other dogs and the can do a lot of damage to sheep and Little Lambs.

I will say Cheerio for this Month and God Bless you all, and don't forget that Poem and The Swop Shop.

Send your Entries to John Read, 86 Rail Park, Ted Kelly, Main Street, or Leo McGlynn, 857 Greenfield.

Due to enormous response to our December Painting Picture in Childrens' Corner the prize-winners are announced on another page.

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SOCCER NOTES

The Committee and all the lads of "Maynooth Town A.F.C." would like to wish their supporters and friends a prosperous and sporting New Year. If our space seems a bit smaller than usual, we must claim your indulgence, but Mr. Snow and his cousin Jack Frost, have tended to extend the traditional holiday period at this time.

At this point of time, may we remind all those who watch and enjoy "Match of the Day" on T.V. that you can come along any Sunday afternoon to The Boreen (opposite the Cattle Mart) and see some real live action with players and friends whom you meet every day in the street, and be well entertained. This can be one of the healthier and better ways of spending a Sunday afternoon. If you are out for a walk you could drop in for an enjoyable half hour.

Did you know that Liam Devine, recently transferred from Shelbourne to Dundalk, was transferred to 'Shells' from "Maynooth Town". Also in the news lately is David Cowhey, now a regular on Bohemians first team, getting the headlines in the daily Newspapers for scoring a gem of a goal from 14 yards, with his head, to save a point for the League leaders against Thurles Town, in the League of Ireland. He also played with "Maynooth Town" up until the middle of last Season.

While congratulating these two young men on their excellent achievements, we might mention that we have a few other up and coming young players.

Maynooth Town are looking forward in 1979 to winning at least one Cup and at least one Division Championship. With teams playing in Division 1b and Division 3 of the L.J.L. and being involved in the Leinster Junior, Sheeran, Mitten, Cruise and Conway Cups, we strongly hope that this is no idle wish. We trust to see many new players and supporters in the coming year.

We trust also that much valued selectors, Mick Murphy, Liam Farrelly, Shamie Tracey and Gerry McTernan, Jnr. will stay with us and keep up their good work and that their judgement will reward us with lots of trophies in 1979.



CYCLING

The North Kildare Cycling Club has been dissolved and a new cycling club has been formed. It will be known as the 'MAYNOOTH CYCLING CLUB'.

Presidents:- Phil Brady & Gearoid McTernan.
Chairman:- Billy Higgins
Secretary:- Lily Cannon
Treasurer:- Pat Byrne
P.R.O. :- Liam Cannon

The Maynooth Club got off to a great start, with three New Riders, namely Joe Conway & Owen Byrne who will ride U/16 and David Treacy who will join William Cannon U/14 events. We have Michael Cannon U/12 to represent the Club also.

Any more boys? Now is the time. School-boys racing will start 1st April '79.

If you join the Club now, you can have some training. The Senior members of the Club meet every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in the square and take the schoolboys out with them part of the way.

Any boys interested is welcome to come along on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

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G. A. A. NOTES

Our A.G.M. was held in the Geraldine Hall on Tuesday 9th Jan. '79 at 8.30 p.m. There was a very good attendance. Officers elected :-

Joint Presidents - Jim Nolan & Josie Murphy.
Vice Presidents :- Benny Farrelly - Phil Brady - D. Breen - B. Redmond.
Chairman - Tommy Fay.
Vice Chairman - Jim Doyle
Secretary - Tommy Sheehan
Treasurer - Michael Gleeson
Committee - Tom Kane - Dinny Breen - Bartle Redmond - Brendan Edwards - and Mick Gillick

Our New Season will commence early February, we would appeal to all Players (including new players who have moved into the community)

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to forward their names to the Secretary for registration. Unfortunately our pitch is unfit for training at present, but we hope this is only a short term measure.

Results of 300 Club.

November

£100 - P. Holmes, Cluain Aoibhinn
£50 B & P. Petrol c/o A.G.S.
£20 - Mick Carey. R.I.P.
£5 - Mrs. R. Burke
£5 - Jimmy Bennett, Manor Mills
£5 - P. Murphy c/o E.S.B.
£5 - Top Of The Pops, 751 Greenfield

December

£100 - Dan Newton, Greenfield
£50 - Mrs. Dan Newton, "
£20 - Martina Doyle c/o R.A. Burke
£5 - Mick Gleeson, Greenfield
£5 - Ken Dowling c/o B. Redmond
£5 - John Paddy, Main Street
£5 - John Saults Jr. Parson Street.

The Committee thanks everyone for their continued support and wish you all a Happy New Year.



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MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Despite the frost, snow and water shortage, the Club got off to a start on Monday 15th January, and again on Friday 19th, so let us hope that things are back to normal.

For many of you this will be your last Term at St. Raphael's Pool, your two years will be up, and you must leave and continue your swimming at one of the bigger pools, to make room for more little ones to get the same chance as you have already gotten. So make the best of the time left to you, and learn all you can.

We would like to send out a call to all our Past/Pupils (doesn't that sound grand!) to be on the alert, as there is a big possibility that we will be gathering you all together again soon, as Maynooth hopes to compete in the Community Games this year. Indeed we will be calling on some of our present members too! Further details next month. Meanwhile we will try and find you somewhere to begin training. Oh! for that elusive POOL.

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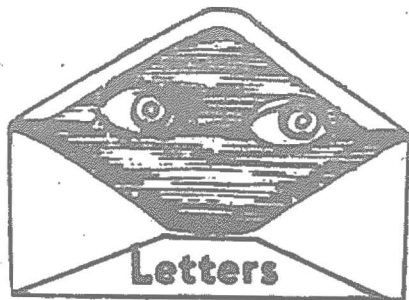
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to the Editor

My dear Friend among the Old Folks of Maynooth,

I am delighted to take this opportunity of writing to you once again for Christmas. For many of my friends it has been such a long time since I wrote to you but then we can only adopt the local attitude of 'Maski' when things get bogged down etc. They would say "Why get in a huff over something"? That comment reminds me of the headmistress in our local girls Secondary School, who said to me the other day "I'm sure God didn't make life to be so hectic". However, that is how it is and has been.

I am still working as the parish priest of Boram, the place with the airport, the hospital, the police, the beaches and so much more. In addition to that, I have been working as the Diocesan Health Secretary for the past nine months, a job which has kept me very busy. This job has meant my going to a week long conference in Mount Hagen, running a course for 28 people in our Province for members of the Health Committees, looking after the worries of the 16 nurses or so, from all over the diocese who are working as Catholic nurses in more remote parts of the bush. These are the places where the government nurses don't like to go. I also gave a recollection to a group of about 40 aid-post orderlies in Timbunkee, on the Sepik. My trip there, by mission plane was paid for by the government. The biggest work involved in all this is trying to find new nurses to keep the centres open.

I am happy to say that despite all this work for the "health" of the province, my own health is first class. I am in really good form. D.G. It always remains one of the things about which I can be happy. Many is the time I heard said, "if you have your health then you have everything." Now it means a lot to me.

So what has been happening in Boram during the year. One happiness is to see the Parish Church improving.

A few months ago, a final year student from the Government High School came and painted the back wall of the Church in a nice local design. Since then a crew of workers have started to put in new windows, so far, 3 out of 12. This work was a big priority due to termites and rotting. This time hard wood is being used for the frames so they should last now for a very long time. Around the gardens too many people from the parish have been involved with making the grounds more beautiful by planting shrubs and flowers etc. So I think that we shall have a nice

place here when someone else comes from Ireland for a holiday here. Did you know that the Provincial of the SVDs in Ireland was here for the retreats during this year?

Talking about Irish people here, I am sorry to say that one of my friends in the army recently left for Australia, via Dublin. Their names are Strunks. The Missus is from Glasnevin area, where her mother has still got a little store. Her maiden name was Kit Whelan and she too worked in the Bank of Ireland. I expect that they are going to pay a visit to my home while they are home so that will give me a lot of pleasure. Next year or the year after another good friend is going to Ireland. She is Sr. Anne Francis O'Carroll, Wexford, and a Mercy nun here. She is going to go to Maynooth for the course in Mission Studies.

The other night we had the graduation of 121 teachers from our Catholic Teachers Training College. A good night!

Well here we are again coming to another Christmas. As always it is full of excitement and anticipation. Needless to say the work in the Parish is also building up. I am hoping that one of the highlights this year will be our Carol Service which I hope the "Choir" of the parish will hold in three different places. I must say the "choir" is not great by any means but the fun of participating has been good. On the Friday before Christmas, we are hoping for another "first" here. That will be a party for the very sick people in house sick, that should read hospital. This will be prepared for them by the members of the parish. During the evening we will probably show some slides of Pope John Paul II, sing and eat. Let us hope it turns out good. Christmas will be a busy time as usual with all the various functions.

Tomorrow, I will have two groups receiving their First Communion in

two different places. On the 22nd December I will have a wedding. Last night I had a mass of farewell for the Sisters of Mercy in Yrapos, the girls secondary school. Several of them are going into different works now. One is in fact going from teaching into pastoral work.

Here, today, the sun is shining. But it has not been for a few days. Our rainy season is back again. Man I have seen some rain now which literally came in buckets. The other day I was out in one such shower cutting the big six feet high pitpit grass and other stuff right through such a downpour. It was nice. No need to worry about sunburn then.

How are things with you? Are you keeping well? I guess that you are getting ready for Christmas in your own way, with cooking and baking and shopping.

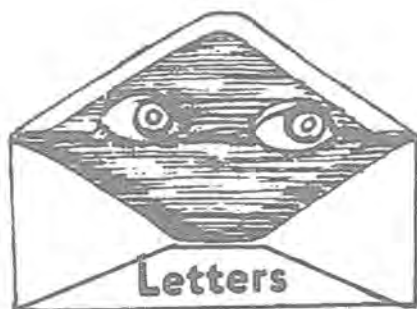
Here now in PNG the children in all the schools will be going on their summer holidays this week. That will give us a bit of a break too. With the holidays there is always the increase in the unemployed school leavers too. This is a dreadful problem. Can you imagine this situation. If there are 100 pupils in a class, nine can go on to high school for two or three or four years. Of this nine six must be boys and only three girls. After two years in high school the numbers will be weeded down again and the weak will have to leave.

In February, our provincial government hopes to have its first elections to the Provincial Assembly of the East Sepik Province. For the past two years we have had an interim government.

Well dear friends, I will now say good bye for the present. All the best to you this Christmas feast. My wish is that it will be a spiritual occasion in your family. That is what can bring us together as we wish. All the best for you in 1979.

I follow all your parties etc. in the Parish Newspaper. Always, I am pleased to see your photos in the paper too!

Love and Greetings from,
Liam Dunne,
Peris Bilong Maria,
Mama Bilong Marimari,
P.O. Box 107,
Wewak. East Sepik Province.
8th December 1978.



to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I enjoy reading your NEWSLETTER which my family sends to me regularly. It keeps one in touch with all the happenings around one's home place.

I would be very grateful if you just print a word of thanks from me to Mrs. Hannah Flood, The Old Folks Committee, the Development Committee and every one who helped and sponsored the Wheel Of Fortune in the Parish Hall recently. The money that was donated to me is really tremendous and will be of great help in the work here. I am at present building a Church/Community Centre in a place 30 miles from here and this donation from Maynooth will be of great help in speeding up the work. May God bless all those people.

May I wish you and your Staff a very Happy and Holy Christmas, and every success for the coming year. Please wish all my donors and benefactors on my behalf all the blessings of the season

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John Nevin MHM.

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Friends of Father John Nevin, will be delighted to hear that we have a lovely long letter from him, which arrived too late for inclusion in this month's NEWSLETTER, you can look forward to reading it next month.

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Dear Sir,

As everyone is well aware by now, 1979 is the International Year of The Child, and it would be a good year for the Various Organisations in Maynooth to organise some little thing for the Children of the Parish, in return for all the great work they have done through out the years.

Many of you know they have walked miles on sponsored walks, sold tickets and lines to help various organisations in the town, and were only too willing to do so. I know that the Community Council is organising a Community Week later this year, but it would be very nice for the organisations to get together and arrange something else, as a special way of saying 'Thank you Children' for a job well done.

Yours sincerely,

Leo McGlynn.

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