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OBITURY

Our sincerest sympathy to the Families, relatives and friends of the following, who died in the past month.

Henry McAssey, The Harbour - whose sudden death came as a shock to his many friends. Harry carried on a car repair service at the Harbour and had been under medical care

for some years.

Christopher Dempsey, Newtown - following a long period of ill-health. He is survived by his wife, sons and daughters

Michael O'Riordan, Cluain Aoibhin (late of Copperalley) - whose death at an advanced age had been expected for some time. He farmed for many years at Copperalley, Moyglare and was well known over a wide area.

James (Sonny) Keamey, Moyglare - Although he had been under medical care for some time, his death came rather unexpectedly in the end. He is survived by his wife, sons and daughters.

Anne Fullain of Narraghmore, Co. Kildare. Anne was sister of Mr. Bill Donovan, Manager of O'Briens, Supermarket, Maynooth.

Eileen McDonagh (Nee Caulfield) late of main Street, Maynooth.

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McASSEY -- The Mother, Brothers, Sister, Sisters-in-laws and relatives of the late Henry McAssey, Harbour View wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, those who sent wreaths, messages, telegrams, letters of sympathy, Mass Cards. Those who called personally, attended removal of remains & funeral. Special word of thanks to the kind neighbours - Rev. Fr. Supple C.C. - Community Presentation Convent. Trusting this will be accepted by all in grateful acknowledgment.

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

The last Meeting scheduled to discuss the Community Week did not take place due to the snow and ice. It has now been arranged for March 13th at 8 p.m. in the Geraldine Hall.

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Maynooth Community Council have denied the rumour that they were asked to host the next Winter Olympic Games.

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The latest date for items to be included in the April issue of the NEWSLETTER is Sunday March 11th.

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During the wintry conditions prevailing in February, one gentleman in Dublin went to work on Skis --- Now that is the height of endeavour. When interviewed he denied that he was a Kerryman who could not afford to go to Austria.

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Sincere congratulations to all the children who entered the Tidy Towns Poster Competition. It was a magnificent success and it is to be hoped that it will inspire the rest of us to put their ideas into practical use.

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Congratulations to the Post Primary School U. 14 boys cross country team on winning the Tony Donoghue Trophy, they were first out of 25 teams.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sean Ralph Diamond & Jem Jewellers, Greenfield Est. who has a new Baby daughter called Julia.

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We have been asked to advise Shopowners and their Customers in the New Greenfield Shopping Centre not to use the side entrance onto Lawrence Avenue for their vans and cars as it is very dangerous for PEDESTRIANS ESPECIALLY CHILDREN.

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FOR PUBLIC SPIRIT, we must heartily comment Gerard Brady Auctioneer, Main Street, who donated a scholarship to the Kerry Gaeltacht for a pupil of the Post Primary School. (This could be a headline for others to make similar donations to our schools. What about a University Scholarship? Perhaps some business man or group of business men might consider this ?)

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The Irish Wheelchair Association return their very sincere thanks to the people of Maynooth for £194.44 donated at the Church Gate Collection some weeks ago. (Parish Church £127.32 - Ladychapel £16.04 Clerical Students £23.26, Campus (lay Students) £27.82

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Congratulations to Siobhain Bennett and Teresa Gillespie on winning last months Poetry Competition.

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Editorial

TIDY TOWNS: The recent Childrens' Poster Competition in the Parish Hall was quite an eye-opener to all who attended the exhibition. We ourselves were astounded at the wealth of talent shown and, indeed, we did not envy the Judges task of choosing the winners. We would say that in each category there were at least seven or eight potential winners and the judge must have had to study them very finely indeed to pick out the successful ones.

The entries on the whole showed a well thought out approach to the subject. In some cases, however, an excellent idea was lost through a lack of expression and vice versa. It was a pity indeed that some excellent ideas and some excellent expression had to be passed over for this reason.

While there is no doubt in our minds now that the children of the town understand the subject of keeping our town tidy it would be wonderful if these children will now put their knowledge into practice and help to keep our town tidy. We are not saying for one moment that children are the worst offenders, (from observation we would say they are not) but if all children put their litter in the bins, perhaps they might then shame our untidy adults into doing their share also.

ACRYLIN: Might we again raise our voices about the passage of dangerous chemicals, etc. through our town or any other town for that matter. It is a subject that is receiving quite a bit more notice lately, and since the unfortunate Whiddy Disaster there has been alot of re-thinking on the question of transporting these items.

We mentioned acrylin some time ago in these columns and this is not the only dangerous substance passing through. Petrol - gas- explosives, to name but a few pass through here on a regular basis, often in heavy lorries and tankers moving at an excessive speed. Excessive for the open road let alone for passing through a town. There seems to be little or no legislation to convert the safety factor in transporting such items and the vehicles carrying them are not always clearly identifiable.

In so far as the 'common' man is concerned it is not possible to get any proper assurance that these items are safely stowed and, in the event of an accident, in, say the middle of the town, it is quite possible that the whole village could be wiped out. Remember, the Whiddy Island set up was supposed to be safe until it was blown apart. Do we have to wait for the same sort of thing before we know that we are safe?

It is up to us to raise our voices and see that our politicians press for a proper safeguard to be introduced without delay. See your local representative and put the matter to him. Demand that he brings the matter to the Dail quickly whether he is in government or not.

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We hope you will display your usual generosity when the collectors call at your door for a contribution to the Sale, or by attending the actual Sale, which is being held in the Aula Maxima, from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

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Our A.G.M. duly took place on 6th February in the Boys' Primary School. In attendance were Chairperson A. Gargan - Chaplain Fr. M. Kelliher S.M.A. Leaders K. Kennedy - F. Tuohy - O. Martin - B. Begley - A. Kennedy - B. Boyd - W. Crowley - and Committee members - Mrs. T. Bennett - Mrs. M. Murphy - & Mr. B. O'Malley, Treasurer.

We were delighted to have Mr. Pat Lee the new Commissioner with us for the second time within a week. He had previously attended our Joint Scout/Cub investiture and Mass celebrated by Fr. Roe C.C. on Saturday 3rd in S.V.D. House. Unfortunately Mr. Pat Begley, Scout Master, was laid low by the 'flu bug and could not attend. Hopefully he will have recovered by the time of publication.

Following the Leaders & Committee members reports a brief address was given by Mr. Pat Lee who highlighted the problems

of scouting in General and of the Unit in particular. Namely - (1) support in the form of Leaders from the Local Community and an active PARENTS COMMITTEE.

(2) - DEN as base facility for meetings, storage of equipment etc.

A general discussion following the election of a new committee made some good points, in which our audience actively participated. Having just denounced all our local representatives for their lack of support we were glad to welcome Mr. Charles McCreevy T.D. who although late was very welcome Deputy McCreevy will be reporting back to us on the setting up of a meeting between ourselves and Kildare Co. Manager on the matter of a site for our Den on Council property.

While the response from the parents present was heartening as a general comment, it is disappointing to see the very poor turn out of parents at A.G.M. If one regards it as a measure of interest by the Community in today's youth, there

seems little future for Scouting in Maynooth nor indeed in continuing to burden the too few volunteers who already do trojan work. Of the Cub/Scout leaders almost half are comprised of clerical students, that is the "floating population" who of necessity are only a short time with us. There is little point in wailing however, if tomorrow apathy was diagnosed by the Department of Health as an infectious disease -----would Maynooth be quarantined?

May we PLEASE PLEASE appeal for support! from YOU the parents. One note of regret - Our Chaplain Fr. Kelleher will be retiring at Easter and we take this opportunity to express our thanks for his help both spiritual and otherwise.

To end on a more hopeful note our Audience at A.G.M. made a positive contribution by swelling the ranks of our depleted parents Committee with the addition of the following Sean Dwyer - Maurice O'Regan - Terry Stack - Fionan Hardiman - Pat Kiely - Carmel Dolan - Robin O'Reilly - John O'Connell & Michael Stynes.

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Community Council News

The February meeting of the Council was held on an extremely cold night and unfortunately the attendance was very poor.

The election of Officers and the rest of the A.G.M. programme was held over 'till the March Meeting. However the Secretary reported on replies received to various letters.

The County Council agreed to provide litter-bins in the Town and we are asking them to make the bins free-standing and not attached to the trees.

C.I.E. had painted the Bus Parking places on the Main Street and it is to be hoped that residents and others will now obey the law at these places.

The Students have advised that during rag week they hope to paint derelict house in the Main Street, as a contribution to the Community.

Let us hope that the weather will have improved considerably for the next Meeting in March 13th at 9 o'clock in the Geraldine Hall. This will now be the A.G.M. and the time of 9 o'clock has been chosen to allow the Community Week Meeting to take place at 8 p.m.

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COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 27 -- N.A.C.A. at 8.30 in the Geraldine Hall.
- Feb. 28 -- A.G.M. -- New Greenfield Res. Assoc. in Geraldine Hall at 8 p.m.
- March 5 - 9 Student Rag Week
- Mar. 7. - Community Games at 8 pm. in Geraldine Hall.
- Mar. 8 Jumble Sale - St. Patrick's College
- Mar. 9. - Entertainment at Divine Word Hostel at 8.15 pm.
- Mar. 11 - Old Folks Party in College Mass at 3.30 pm.
- Mar. 11 - Closing date for April Newsletter.
- Mar. 13 - Community Week Meeting at 8 pm. Geraldine Hall
- Mar. 13 - Community Council Meeting at 9 pm. Geraldine Hall
- Mar. 17 - St. Patrick's Day Parade in Maynooth
- Mar. 23rd - Dinner Dance - St. Marys Band in Harrys, Kinnegad
- Mar. 29 - Annual Post Primary School Ball in Keadeen Hotel - Past Pupils Union.
- Mar. 31 - Flag Day - Old Folks Funds
- Apr. 1 " " " "
- Apr. 22 - Old Folks Easter Party.



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PAST PUPILS UNION NOTES:-

As you all know, the 2nd Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, 29th January in the Post Primary School. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who came to this meeting for showing their interest although attendance was very poor indeed.

The new committee is as follows:-

Chairman : Peter Brady
Secretary: Rose Burke
Ass.Sec. Eugene Fitzgerald
Treasurer: John Bean.

Committee Members:-

Catherine Malone; Desmond F.A. Bell; Frank Kennedy; Ann Kelly; David Heslin; Edel Bean; Mary Kennedy; Sheelagh Deane; Joe Farrell.

We hope to continue organizing events as before, including discos if at all possible, as requested by students in the School.

It was decided at the A.G.M. that we should have a formal membership for the Past Pupils Union. In other words, anyone who wishes to be a member must pay a subscription of £1 to entitle them to vote at the A.G.M. next year. These subscriptions may be paid to the treasurer, John Bean, at any time before September next when we shall hold a General Meeting to issue membership cards, and decide what way to use the money - assuming that we get some.

A special thanks to Mr. Gerard Brady, Auctioneer, Maynooth & to Cumann Na Sagart who have very generously undertaken to finance two of the five scholarships to the Kerry Gaeltacht. We are deeply grateful to Mr. Brady & to Cumann na Sagart (Colaiste Phadraig,) as this means that we shall only have to pay for 2.

The mothers of the P.T.A. have decided to run a cake sale to finance the fifth scholarship and so we are indebted to them also. It's very encouraging to both the Past Pupils Union and the students themselves when the people of Maynooth take an interest in such a venture.



That's all the news for the present. We should have details of coming events in next month's NEWSLETTER. Meanwhile don't forget to buy your tickets for the Annual School Ball in the Keadeen on March 29th.

Catherine Malone.

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The monthly meeting of the Branch was held in the Geraldine Hall and among the large attendance was deputy Mark Clinton and Councillor Bernard Durkan. The Secretary reported a considerable increase in membership and the Chairman Mr. W. Coonan extended a warm welcome to all members old and new.

The recently removal on food subsidies was vigorously condemned, as the chief victims of such ruthless treatment were the old, the poor and the parents of families, who have to provide such necessities from an income which is already overburdened.

Mr. Clinton mentioned that he had lodged a strong protest about the recent increase of 2¼% on mortgaged repayments. Originally the Government tried to justify the increase by stating it was necessary to prevent a rush of Capital out of the country to benefit from the increase in English Bank Rates. However, since the restrictions on the movement of money had been imposed the reason given for the 2½% increase was no longer valid.

Mr. Clinton believed it was the duty of the Government to immediately instruct the Building Societies to reduce their interest rates by at least that amount. Deputy Clintons remarks were loudly applauded as the amount of money paid by householders in the Maynooth area each year to already wealthy Building Societies must be Colossal.

The following replies have been received by Mr. Durkan from various Co. Council Departments

Water supply to North Kildare --
The Dublin Authorities have agreed to restore the supply to almost maximum requirements and with the co-operation of users the supply should be adequate.

Laraghbryan Cemetery --
The provision of an extension to the cemetery is included in the Councils priority list.

Road widening at Blakestown --
As soon as the necessary finance is made available by the Department the road improvements, will be continued.

Public Lighting --

The first phase of public Lighting in Maynooth is well advanced and should be completed within two months.

Carton Court --
Two public lights to be erected at this location.
Cluain Aoibhinn --
Every possible pressure is being exerted on the Developer to have this estate completed.

Picnic area at Blacklion --
It is hoped that funds will be available in the current year to complete this project.

Rail Park Estate --
The Roadstone strike followed by the very inclement weather prevented the Council area Staff from completing the landscaping. Every effort will be made to proceed rapidly with the work and on completion the estate will be taken in charge.

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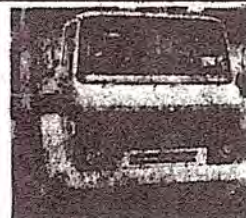
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COMMUNITY WEEK

The last meeting for this event was cancelled due to the snow and ice. The next meeting will be held on March 13th at 8 p.m. in the Geraldine Hall. Progress for this has been very satisfactory and it is hoped to draw up a timetable of events at the March Meeting.

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Our first engagement for 1979 is the St. Patrick's Day Parade in the town, which will again start from the College entrance at 11.30 a.m. and which we hope will be just as successful as last years.

It is hoped to have some floats in the Parade and anyone wishing to help in this direction should contact the Secretary, Peter Brazil, Ballygoran, without delay. We have also been engaged to play at the Naas Parade in the afternoon so perhaps MAYNOOTH are setting an example for the larger towns in Kildare to follow.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking 'Bartons Transport' for their co-operation in the past which is greatly appreciated.

We have set ourselves a target of £2,000 which is urgently needed to carry out repairs to the outside of the Band Room and we hope to have the support of all the residents for any fund raising activities which may be undertaken during the year. You have always supported the Band in the past, we hope we can count on you this year.

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Her voice so weak and indistinct
Her small face shrivelled, her
nose pink.

Her eyes so sad they seemed to say
"Please play with me, don't run
away"

I touched her hand, so frail and cold
It felt to me of one more old.

I asked her to come home with me
And mother made us dome nice tea.
Some cakes we had, some ice-
cream too
And then we played 'till half past
two

I said I'd walk her to the town
And then again she made a frown
As if to say "Please let me stay,
If only for one more day.

Then I knew her life was sad
She really had no Mum and Dad
Within a dreary tent she slept
I felt so sad I could have wept.

In this the year of the child
Let's hope it will be very mild
We'll work together hand in hand
For all poor children in our Land

Then please God some day we may
meet in Heaven, oh so gay
That same child, now so thin
Walks the street, so cold and grim.

*Teresa Gillespie (age 13)
51 Maynooth Park,
Maynooth.*



ICA News

The monthly meeting on the 1st Feb. was well attended. Work nights are again in operation on each Monday night at 8.30. The Flower Show Committee have also resumed their meetings for the organising of the Annual Flower Show next July.

Practice still continues for the Eleanor Gibbon Competition which will take place on 22nd February.

The winner of the Pork and Bacon Competition in February was Mrs. Satchwell, who now goes forward to take part in the competition at Federation level and we wish her every success.

The Raffle was won by Mrs. Satchwell with Mrs. O'Reilly taking second place.

Tea was served by the hostesses and this concluded the Meeting.

The next Meeting will be held on the 1st. March.

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COMPETITION

The response to this was absolutely magnificent as anyone who visited the Parish Hall on February 11th will testify. The Hall was a blaze of colour with every available inch of wall covered by pictures. Indeed, at one stage when putting up the posters it was thought that the Parish Hall might not be big enough but in the end by using the curtains of the stage as a wall it sufficed.

And what a multitude of thought, ideas, wit and effort was put into the Posters by the Children. The adjudicator, Mrs. Norrby, was both delighted, at the response, and appalled, at the magnitude of her task. However she did make her decisions and the winners are listed below :-

UNDER 6 YEARS

- 1 -- Darren McDermott
- 2 --- Connor McCormack
- 3 -- Neville Dunne.

UNDER 8 YEARS

- 1 -- John Gillespie
- 2 -- Alan Boyd
- 3 -- Aideen Bennett

UNDER 10 YEARS

- 1 -- Thomas Hannigan
- 2 -- Stephen Gillespie
- 3 -- Antoinette Higgins

UNDER 12 YEARS

- 1 -- Declan Doyle
- 2 -- Robert McNamee
- 3 -- Gerard Farrelly

UNDER 14 YEARS

- 1 -- Maureen O'Flaherty
- 2 -- Breda O'Flaherty & Breda McGarry
- 3 -- Alison Conlon.

JUMBLE SALE - THURSDAY 8TH MARCH IN AULA MAXIMA

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- 2 -- Teresa Powderly
- 3 -- Jarlath O'Brien

OVERALL WINNERS

- 1 -- £15 -- Caroline Gillespie
- 2 -- £10 -- John Gillespie
- 3 -- £5 -- Teresa Powderly

A special word of thanks is due also to our New Parish Priest, Very Rev. Fr. Walsh who presented the prizes. It is hoped that some of the winning posters can be used to promote the idea of Tidy Towns in our Community. This will depend on cost. The remaining posters will be given to an organisation for use with handicapped children.

Pictures taken of some of the prize-winners appear in this NEWSLETTER and copies of the photos may be had from Leo McGlynn, 857 Greenfield for a nominal cost.

HIGHLY COMMENDED:-

Kenneth Hyland
Rowan Cleary
John O' Malley
Ronan McCarthy
C. Cassidy
Brendan Tyrrell
John O'Toole
Raymond Richardson
Carolyn Grehan

Paul O'Rafferty
John Tyrrell
Edward Hyland
Sharon Dumbrell
David Burke
Michael Molloy
Michael Cannon
Francis McMyler
Derek Hardiman
Michael Hanley
Darren Gaffney
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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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RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Hello Residents,

I wish to take this opportunity of giving you a last minute reminder of our Annual General Meeting in the Geraldine Hall on Wednesday next the 28th February at 8 p.m. sharp. Many of you will be aware that the hall is presently undergoing an extensive face lift under the direction of ANCO. However the Management assure me that the work should almost be completed by the time of our Meeting, or in any event should be advanced enough to allow our meeting proceed in reasonable surroundings. The heating system didn't escape the rigours of the weather and the second rate oil, during the severe spell of cruel weather, but already we have that problem under control, for three kind members of your Committee have volunteered their Super Sers for the occasion, and perhaps one of you could make it four, as the event draws near, one way or another our meeting will be held in reasonable comfort, "lets hope you turn out in throngs". Speaking of the A.G.M. and in support of my letter circular to all of you, I am sure you will all agree, that it is indeed a time for all of us to stock-take, and to come to terms with the idea that your Association does genuinely make a generous contribution towards the betterment and common good of our Community, surely running projects like, keeping the greens cut, keeping the area surrounding our homes clean and tidy, running Childrens Sports, Childrens Parties, Social Functions etc. together with keeping a watching brief on those people who make the decisions that affect our Estate and indeed our very lives are in themselves good and commendable acts of socially and community minded people, and deserve much more support than many of us are prepared to give them.

I would readily agree that those who serve on Committees, are not always the right people, neither do they always make the right decisions but they do honestly try to serve their Community to the best of their ability and give leadership at a time when those in our midst with greater brain and talent are prepared to conserve those gifts for their own self expediency.

I also agree, as I stated in an article recently that there is a great need for an infusion of new blood to the leadership of your Association, rather than recycling the old guard, but how do we bring that much needed situation about. I for one have given many hours of careful thought to the problem, but I must admit that I have not come up with the panacea. One idea I did bandy about for sometime was perhaps the Title of our Organisation was wrong, with its possible rabble-rousing and banner carrying connotations. There is justification for closely examining whether there is any possible truth in the assumption that the very Title itself could in some way mitigate against talented people in some areas of our Estate, not aligning themselves with the activities, leadership, or the very Association - itself. I would certainly be interested to hear other peoples views on the subject, and of course if changing some of our structures and procedures, and even our Title itself would make us acceptable as an independent, open minded and self-sufficient organisation appealing to all our people, then lets have change, but only if change is in the best interest of your Association.

All of you will now have your notification and agenda for the Meeting, please do not hesitate to put forward any ideas, you may have that you feel would be, beneficial to our community under the heading "Motions to be proposed", and let us have a healthy discussion, in the true spirit of A.G.M. I would appeal to all of you, to give sufficient thought to the idea of

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serving on the Committee or sub-committees next term, please fill in your forms and have them properly proposed and seconded and return to our Acting Secretary in accordance with our constitution, thus, ensuring that when we reach the time for election of our New Committee, we will not be confronted with the farce of last year. In conclusion I ask you all to turn out for our Meeting and pledge your support for our activities for next term, particularly those concerning children, since it is "Their Year"

I look forward to meeting you at the A.G.M.

W. J. Gartland, Hon. Treasurer

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We were very pleased with your response to our Tidy Town's Painting Competition. It was marvellous and heartiest congratulations to the Winners. All The Paintings were very good and we are very proud of you all. I am afraid the Entries for Last Months Competition was very poor. But never mind, we have another competition this month.

We have printed the names of eight well known sports personalities. The letters spelling their names are all mixed up. Now what you have to do is guess the name. Here are the names.

- 1 -- Hamoem Lia
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We received only two Entries for the Poetry Competition, Siobhain Bennett, Moneycooley and Teresa Gillespie, Maynooth Park, who will each receive a £1 prize. Their Poems are elsewhere in the NEWSLETTER.

This month we want the boys in each of the Estates to form a Soccer Team of Eleven aside, and two subs. We will be having a Soccer Tournament, between the Estates in the Community Games in June, when you have your team formed please get in touch with Leo McGlynn.

So until next month Good Bye and God Bless you all

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The County Secretary has included on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council, A Motion submitted by Mr. Boylan - "That the services in Leinster Park, Maynooth be taken in charge by Kildare Co. Council

Cllr. Boylan also asked for 4 lights on the Moyglare Road, at the following locations:-

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FIANNA FAIL - LOCAL ELECTIONS

Gerard Brady, Maynooth, member of Fianna Fail National Executive has been nominated by Maynooth Cumann Fianna Fail to contest the Local Election convention for the Clane Electoral Area at Rathcoffey Hall on March 1st.

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OLD PEOPLES COMMITTEE

Students in the College are giving a Party in the College Canteen on Sunday 11th March. The party will commence at 3.30 pm. with Mass.

Around the Easter Period the MONSTER CAKE SALE will take place. More details in next issue.

COMMUNITY WEEK: The Final of the Talent Contest will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 10th June and a concert will be held on Sunday 17th June. To each of these functions free passes will be issued to all Old People attending. These passes will be given out by members of the Old People's Committee at the door each night.

Flag-days for our Funds will be on Saturday 31st March and April 1. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

Our Easter Party will be Sunday 22nd April. We will be running an Easter Bonnet Competition, Let all our Old Friends keep this in mind and get going on their Easter Bonnets.

RAIL PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. held in February 2nd was a complete wash-out due to the very poor attendance. As it was apparent that residents are not interested in their Association, it was agreed that meetings of the Association be suspended until May when perhaps the warmer weather will attract an increased attendance.

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As you are probably aware we are having the school completely re-furnished and re-painted. This has resulted in some disruption of classes a situation which has been further aggravated by the Bus Strikes, Central Heating difficulties, and Power failures not to mention Student and Teacher sickness. The signs are that we are now coming back to normal and with this in mind we would like to mention some of our plans for the future.

The '66' bus service to and from school is deplorable at the moment and has been for some time now. Students have been left standing for long periods at bus stops in the cold and wet. Parents are advised to complain to the District Manager, C.I.E. Cunningham Road as soon as possible and as often as necessary to bring about an improvement.

Parents are reminded that if their son/daughter is to progress in school then punctual and regular attendance in class are of course necessary prerequisites also.

Congratulations to our under 14

boys cross-country team on winning the County Kildare Schools Championships. Twenty five teams participated and it was open to all Post-Primary Schools in the County. Representing Maynooth were David Cunningham, Kevin Breslin, Paddy Travers, and Colm Myles. All credit to the Team and their Coach John Holt. The U. 15 Girls team met with less luck when they finished only 3 points adrift of the medals, while our U. 14 Girls team ran a very creditable race particularly Shelly Breslin.

If sufficient numbers are interested, it will be possible to organise in the School an Audio/visual course in Oral Irish during the

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Arrangements are being made in the School for Hire and Fittings of Gents Suits. Inquiries can be made to Mr. Coughlan in the School. Transport will be arranged for non lemonade drinkers at a moderate cost.

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N.A.C.A. ATHLETIC CLUB FOR MAYNOOTH

The N.A.C.A. wishes to start a CLUB in Maynooth. In the opinion of the N.A.C.A. a Town the size of Maynooth really needs this type of Club, to keep the population (old & young) mentally and physically fit.

The Community Council give this venture their full approval. The Club will cater for Juveniles - Seniors - Male & Femals, Joggers etc. and will start right away weather permitting.

A Meeting will be held in the Geraldine Hall on Tuesday 27th February at 8.30 p.m. and all interested Parties are invited to attend, your help and advise will be greatly appreciated.

Tommy McDonnell, National Organiser of the N.A.C.A. will be there to give you further details, and start the Club rolling.

COMMUNITY GAMES

There is no doubt in our minds, that all the various Sporting Clubs in Maynooth, and the Schools will be delighted to learn that Maynooth is now affiliated to the Kildare County Board, the affiliation Fee which had to be paid by the 8th March, has been handed over, therefore Maynooth will participate in 1979 Community Games.

All this has been brought about by Pearse Breslin, who is now our County Delegate.

A Meeting was held in the Geraldine Hall on Wednesday 7th February, and the following Committee were elected:-

Chairman & County Delegate. Pearse Breslin
Assist. Chairman Eilis O'Malley
Secretary Peig Lynch
Treasurer. Paddy Boyd
P.R.O. Nora McDermott

Committee Members:- Paddy Foy & Margaret Molloy.

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It is very important to stress even at this early stage that all participants must be under the various ages mentioned on the 31st July of the given year. In the event of any team getting to the Finals, each member will have to produce his or her Birth certificate, and if they have not complied with this particular Rule they will be disqualified.

We hope this much information has given you a desire for further details, which you can have if you come to - Geraldine Hall, on Wednesday, Mar. 7th at 8 o'clock.

Remember these Games will not be a success without the co-operation of Clubs, Teachers, Parents & indeed the whole Town, so do come along and let your views be known.

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SPORTS PAGE

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

This year looks like being one of the busiest to date. We are starting 'Adults' Hour' within the next few weeks, so if you haven't enrolled please hurry. Ring 285131

By the time the Newsletter is printed we will have finalised our extra coaching sessions for former Junior Awards winners and any other Swimmers in need of extra coaching. This is with a view to big achievements during the Community Games. It may seem that June is very far away but it takes time to perfect strokes and get a reasonable speed as well and we must remember that many of our "older" swimmers are doing their Inter. as well.

If you feel you could help in any way please call us.

As some of the Swimmers will be finishing at Easter (their two year term being up) we may have vacancies on the Senior list that is children from 8 upwards (non-swimmers) --again put your name on our list.

With the extra hours this means, WE have 4 hours per week in St. Raphaels, the scouts are going to King's and other Clubs also, surely it's about time we put some PRESSURE on for our pool !!

All other Swimmers in Maynooth, who may not belong to the Club are welcome to contact us, re training Sessions, with a view to getting a team ready for the Community Games.

If you want any further information about swimming, you can phone Owen Byrne - 286514
Margaret Molloy - 286363
Eilis O'Malley (Secretary) 285131

RESPOND

Evening of Entertainment - Oiche Scoraíochta at Divine Word Hostel,
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MAYNOOTH CYCLING CLUB

Delighted to tell all you cycling fans in Maynooth that our new Club has grown another bit since our last Newsletter. We have John McGarry, Old Greenfield - David Grant, New Greenfield - Patrick Sheerin from Leixlip

Now we have seven youths in the Maynooth Cycling Club. These boys are now preparing for their first race, which will be on the 1st April. Races will be held through out the Country every Sunday until the end of September.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Frances Malone, Greenfield, on her recent marriage to Michael Kennedy, Belfast.

To Noel & Ann Cassidy, the Roost, on the birth of a daughter.

To Kevin & Maria Flood of Dublin Road, Maynooth, on the Birth of a Daughter.

To John & Elizabeth Travers of Taghadoo, Maynooth, on the Birth of a Daughter.

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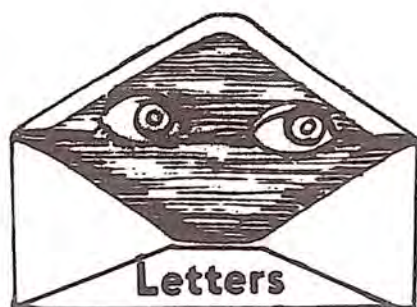
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Ní mar masla a thugaim 'tinnceire' ortha, ach nach bhfuil gach mac mathar i lathair na h-uaire ag lorg a sinnear.

Ailis Bhean Uí Droineáin

Dear Sir/Madam,

As one of the many students who live half the year in Maynooth, I feel I have been able to observe the community here through the eyes of an outsider. The people here are both friendly and helpful, but what is more important, the fact that Maynooth has branches both of Care of the Elderly and Kare amongst others, illustrates the willingness of the people to show responsibility towards others, and an anxiousness to give a little of themselves in return for what they receive.

However, I have noticed that there is one area where the people have overlooked the chance to share with their fellow men and that is in the Sacrament of the Mass. I have attended Mass here on a few occasions and it is hard not to notice both the lack of response and further the fact that so many people leave Mass as Communion begins. To me this is a great pity because this is the one hour on a Sunday where we have an opportunity to crown all our good actions of the week through prayer, gain strength to carry us through our difficulties and most important

of all come together as a Community and share in the Sacrifice of the Mass, yet all of this is lost through what appears to be apathy. It is sad also, in the fact that it is this example upon which our Younger Generation must base their attitudes, seeing their elders as their Guides.

I think that in both of these areas lack of response and early departure from the service are not intentional but merely a justification of the plea that people get nothing out of Mass and I feel that people should assess fully in their own minds firstly, what God means to them in the everyday life and secondly how they can relate this to their worship at Mass and to their motives for attending the service.

Finally I believe that if we allow God to enter every aspect of our lives then our communal Mass on Sunday will be our opportunity to adore God and also to thank him for our success during the week.

Yours sincerely,

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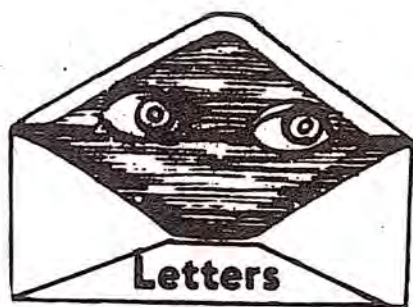
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to the Editor

My dear friends everywhere,

Greetings to you all in the Lord Jesus Christ. Each year I have tried to contact you all at this time of year. Letter writing is not & never has been my strong point and maybe some of you will find this effort very impersonal. But please see it as an effort on my part to thank you all and to let you know that I am thinking of you and praying for you at Christmas. In this short letter, I would like to give you a very short report on the work you are all helping me to do. Out here with your prayers and material help.

If you glance at a map of Pakistan you'll probably find two important cities marked; one in the north of the country, Rawalpindi, and one in the centre, Lahore. Both are historical cities but especially Lahore. In between these two cities, in a good map of Pakistan, you'll discover Sargodha. It is an agricultural city, a centre for the many, many farmers in the area around. We have 15,000 Catholics in this area. Some live in the city itself and the others scattered around in communities in the various villages. Since the people live a good distance from the main Church and form their own communities, we have to visit them often and administer the Sacraments. So that the pastoral work in our parish involves a lot of travelling. The parish is an old one. It was established by the Capuchins of the Diocese of Lahore and taken over in 1939 by the Diocese of Rawalpindi, then manned by the Mill Hill Fathers. At present I am the parish priest. My assistant is a Pakistani, Fr. Younas Azad. Father John Taylor helps out in the parish on week-ends. He is working in the Hostel for boys we have here attached to our technical School. He is a Mill Hill Father from England. On an ordinary Sunday we have seven Masses in different places. From September until April Father Younas and myself are constantly on the dusty

and bad roads touring the various villages, saying Mass and administering the Sacraments and also helping people to tackle their problems.

To give you an idea of the kind of activities we are involved in here let me tell you about some of our projects. At the main Church here in Sargodha we have a large Church Our house is just beside the Church. In the same compound there is a technical school for boys. There are two hundred boys in this school. The school is managed by us. A Mill Hill Brother is the chief technician and he is assisted by a staff of Pakistani technicians, mostly old students of the school.

One hundred and ten boys stay in the hostel attached to the school. These are all Christian boys. The school has a great record. Most of the boys get work quickly after they have passed out. Since the majority are Christians, we aim at building up the Christian Community and in this way help in the development of Pakistan.

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Outside the main Church area, we have, as I say, many small communities living in villages and specially areas in the city which are called 'bastis'. In 13 of these we have a

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The 'Basti' Churches and small village churches have had the effect of getting the people closer together; becoming aware of their community and working together. And so we are trying to build more and more of these small churches. We try to get the people to contribute as much as they can and seek help elsewhere to complete the job. At present we are trying to build such a church in a place called Bhalwal, 30 miles from Sargodha. We need £2000 to complete the job. So, if you have a few pence left over after Christmas please put it in my name in the Allied Bank Ltd., Maynooth. I can get the money out through the bank. In this way you will be helping the people in Bhalwal to become better people and a better Christian Community. You can drop me a line telling me about your donation, if you like.

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These are some of the many things that we do here in Sargodha. It is a very active place and the Church is really alive here. A lot of the work I do is done with your help. I am extremely grateful for all you have done and for all your prayers. Please remember Sargodha this Christmas. Please pray for us all here. I will not forget you in my humble prayers. May God Bless you all and may the Light of Christ be re-kindled in all your hearts and in your lives this Christmas.

Thank you all very much,

As ever,

Father John Nevin. M.H.M.

Catholic Church,
College Road,
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Christmas - 1978

THE CHILD

I am a child, you are a child
We are all children in our own way,
No matter what age you maybe,
In the sight of God you maybe only
three
Not all children get to school by bus,
Not all children are as well off as us,
Not all children get enough to eat,
Most of the poor children are often
beat,
This is the special year of the child
So we must try to be humble and
mild
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