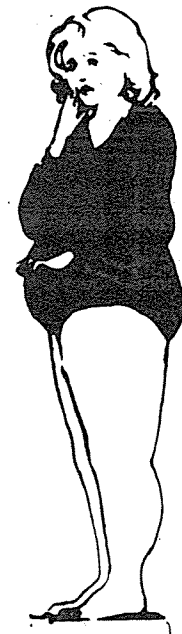


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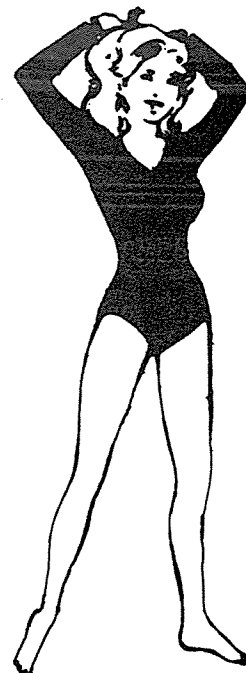
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In this time of controversy in taxation, referendi and politics in general, we are getting more and more worried about the honesty of our public figures. We are not speaking in particular of the present Government, as the last certainly had its share of dishonesty, but we are thinking of all public representatives and officials. After the last election we wrote on this subject, hoping that somebody would make a move towards honesty in everyday affairs, but our appeal seems to have fallen on deaf ears.

We are not, at present anyhow, accusing any body of downright theft of funds, or such like, but we are definately accusing all Parties, and our County Council, of distorting matters until they are no longer what they seem. For instance, Rates were abolished and health charges, road fund charges, etc. were absorbed into Central Funds, the Central Fund being adjusted accordingly.

Now new charges are being introduced by County Councils on a scale almost as bad as former Rates with no reduction in Central Fund Taxes. Is this honest. Something similar was done with regard to the Road Fund Tax, which was replaced immediately with 'Registration Fees' which have now climbed as high, if not higher, than the original Road Fund Tax, again without a reduction in the Central Funds Tax.

Can anybody be blamed for thinking that this is dishonesty and it is the style of dishonesty that is really maddening people. It is being perpetrated by our public representatives from whom we expect much more.

We have not gone into the juggling of figures i.e. tax income, tax requirements, unemployment figures, etc. which are being daily churned out day by day with the obvious object of deceiving us. We are referring to those half true figures that are presented from time to time with the essential truths being left out.

If we cannot get more honesty from our public figures, what can we expect from the rest of the public. It is surely time to call a halt to this dishonest approach to public affairs and return to the good old fashioned definition of honesty. However, we have it in our own hands, with regard to elected representatives to remedy the matter somewhat. If, therefore, we find our representatives are not being really honest, kick them out.

FIANNA FAIL NOTES

At the last meeting of the Maynooth Cumann, the officers elected were, Chairman, John Cosgrove.

Secretary, Paddy Foy.

Treasurers, Mary Kennedy and Peter Finan.

P.R.O., Liam McNamee.

Mr Brian Lenihan T.D. was guest speaker at the meeting.

The Maynooth Cumann and Cllr. Gaery Brady M.C.C. have offered full support to the save Carton Estate campaign. Cllr. Brady has given a commitment to oppose any possible re-zoning of Carton Estate.

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Last november the Lions Club sponsored a lecture on "Drug Abuse & Our Children", in the Arts Block, James Comerton of the Coolmine Drug Centre being the guest speaker. Most of the Maynooth Parents were there, the hall was packed. What James Comerton kept emphasising was **PREVENTION** and he kept repeating, "What you parents must do is be on the alert. Keep your eyes and ears open. Watch for children at risk and act to **PREVENT**". We Salesian Co-Operators have never forgotten that lecture and we consider that the group which are at risk in Maynooth are the 16+. Why? Because they have no place to go, no corner to call their own. The problem was what to do about it, no use approaching Fr. Supple, there is such a demand for the Parish Hall that he would nearly need a secretary to look after dates. Then we thought about the Geraldine and decided to offer the Trustees constructive help to put the Hall in order so as the youth of Maynooth, described by one person as "the ordinary rank and file", could use it for their own.

It is a huge undertaking, but the Co-Operators, backed by their Salesian Family, who intended doing a project in Maynooth this Summer, with the full Blessing and prayers for success from our Parish Priest Fr. Walsh, and of course Fr. Supple, and we hope, the Parents and Youth of Maynooth, intend doing their best to make this project a success. Bernard Durkan, T.D., Gerard Brady, Cllr. and Emmet Stagg are also with us and will help all they can.

The Geraldine hall was built in 1859 near the Duke's Harbour on the Royal Canal as a Parish School by James, Duke of Leinster and was later left in trust by Lord Brockett to the children of Maynooth, (hope I have these facts right, remember! am only a runner, and am therefore open to contradiction). For some time a very thriving C.Y.C. was run there. I do not know what happened to close that. There is a beautiful snooker table in the front of the Hall, which is the Old School House. It needs complete recovering before our youth can enjoy it. There is also a piano ther which of course needs tuning.

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The front door which was the original door of Stoykes House, the main College building, and was vandalised, is in safe hands and can be re-hung. The toilets need to be repaired. We could do with a good glazier as the old windows, with all the little diamond panes, could present a challenge. Actually to put this Hall back in condition, all hands are needed. Of course all work would have to be voluntary, as we have no funds. We are hoping to raise funds for to buy material.

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I think what we need now is a surveyor who would tell us what needs to be tackled first, then after. We are launching a fund raising campaign with a run from Maynooth to Salesian House, Ballinakill, and are hoping to collect our first few pounds outside the town. The run will take place on Saturday 4th

June, after which we intend calling a public meeting, hopefully to get moving on the project when school exams are finished.

This whole campaign really depends on you, the Parents of Maynooth. **PUT YOUR LOVE AND CONCERN FOR YOUR CHILDREN INTO ACTION**, by coming to the meeting and helping to form a committee. This Hall, when finished, is for your children. You must be the work-force and encourage your children to join. What they make themselves, they will not destroy. They have ideas, let everybody listen.

Remember this project is not for any particular section of Maynooth, but for **ALL** the youth. Do not let us get bogged down in anything that happened in years gone by. Let us all instead look to the future and make it a good one for the youth of Maynooth.

When the meeting is called, I sincerely hope that every parent who was at that Lecture on Drug Abuse, will come. Now is **YOUR** opportunity to show concern for the 16+ of Maynooth and to do something constructive about it.

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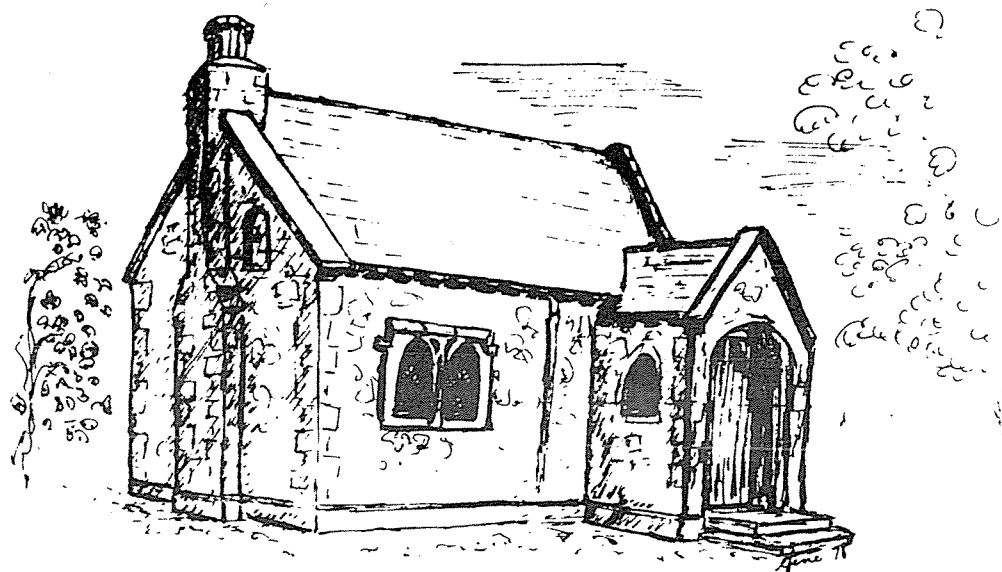
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8th KILDARE CUB SCOUTS

The cubs beat all opposition to win the 'Macaoimh Regional Quiz' which took place on Sunday March 24th in the spacious Clondalkin Scout/Cub den. Cubs from all over St. Cronin's region were represented at the competition. The final was between Leixlip and Maynooth. Leixlip cubs had won this quiz in 1980 and 1981, and vowed beforehand that they would give up the perpetual trophy 'over their dead bodies'. Our cubs kindly obliged.

The perpetual trophy will be put on display in various shop windows around the town, once the plaque has been suitably engraved. Each of the winning team members received a commemorative trophy.

The winning team was as follows:- Captain, Paul Daly from Moyglare Rd., Christopher Gallagher from Greenfield Drive, Gerard Horn from Maynooth Park, Evan Igoe from Carton Court. Subs:- Alan Buckley from Newtown, Daragh Lane from Greenfield Drive.

A party was held in the Geraldine Hall on the first Saturday after

the Easter recess. The reason for this party was to celebrate our quiz victory. In fact, this is the first time Maynooth cubs have won the regional quiz.

Minerals, crisps, cakes and biscuits were consumed in plenty. Party games, such as the sleeping pirate, the ballroom relay and bombardment added to the fun and laughter.

Hard working cubs were out and about with their Bob-a-Jobs during the Easter recess. The cubs and leaders would like to thank all those who supported our 'pack' generously.

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of Lullymore Briquette Factory and the adjoining peat lands. Watch this space for news of these events.

Parents of boys born in 1976, 1975 or 1974 are advised to put down their sons names on the waiting, now being prepared. The earliest age for joining the cubs is eight, but names will be taken of seven year olds interested in joining. Parents who think their sons are already on the waiting list should check to be sure.

Names can be left with:- Betty Begley, 3 Pound St. Gerard McMahon, 54 Rail Pk. David Dolan, 102 Carton Court.

David Dolan has been helping out with the 'pack' since after Easter. His experience is very welcome and should benefit the cubs greatly.

Six new boys will be invited to join the pack in June, all going well that is. At present, there are fifteen cubs in the pack so there's room for at least as many more. Let's hope we have sufficient experienced leaders to allow us to reach that number by this time next year.

NEW GREENFIELDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

At our recent Annual General Meeting, the the association brought to a close, a most successful first year, highlighted by hard work and much endeavour. Great strides have been made in many areas of general life on our estate and sincere thanks are extended to all outgoing committee members for their interest and genuine involvement.

Notable advances include, the erection of a new communal T.V. aerial, a most successful children's party at Christmas and since then, the holding of a "sell-out" 500 club draw, to raise funds for our little friend Gavin Kavanagh, who is going to Lourdes shortly. On behalf of his parents, Deirdre and John, we say thanks to those who supported the draw.

If we have one regret over our first years activities, it would be our failure to ensure that those responsible for our landscaping and house repairs did not in fact return to fulfil their promises. It is our main objective for the coming year, to have our open spaces properly

developed and a motion was passed at our A.G.M. that the residents in fact would get out to do the necessary themselves, if required.

For his persistent representation and hard work on our behalf, we sincerely thank Councillor Emmet Stagg. His invaluable guidance and advice are greatly appreciated.

Result of 500 club draw,
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Some years ago, when it was first proposed that Acrolynitrile (Acrolyn, for short) should be transported across the country (through built up areas) rather than imported through a Western port, we were assured that adequate steps would be taken to protect the general public in case of spillage. Furthermore, it was in the teeth of considerable opposition that the Authorities overrode public opinion and insisted on importing Acrolyn. through Dublin and transporting it across country through built up areas). We decided, at that time, to keep a 'weather eye' on the situation.

At this point, for the benefit of those who do not know the properties of Acrolyn. and Methyl Acrylate, (and we quote roughly from the C.I.E. Special Instructions) they are "Colourless liquids, with perceptible odour - immiscible with water - lighter than water - highly inflammable (flash point below 21° C. - volatile - vapour invisible and spreads along the ground - poisonous by inhalation and absorption through the skin - irritant to eyes, skins and air passages - highly explosive" In short, a highly unattractive substance to have in ones neighbourhood, don't you think. Now to the various 'Plans' for our protection (?). The Government, we believe, issued details of "A Scheme for co-ordination of Emergency Services (and other Organisations) in the event of an Accident Involving Dangerous Substances (or Unclean Tank Cars, Tank Containers, or other Receptacles which Contain Such Substances) in transit by Rail". Part 1 of this Scheme deals with the labelling and issue of transport licences for dangerous substances; Part 2, confirms that, in the event of an alarm being raised by a member of the train crew or signaller that a train has met with a mishap, or of an alarm by any person of a leak or fire, or in the event of the Gardai confirming that a train is lost, stolen or strayed the following people should be notified Well to cut it short, everybody but the President, and the General Public and, we forgot, the Navy. It is not very clear

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who is to notify all these people. There are also instructions about making the area safe (after all officials not near the scene have been notified we presume) and for recovering the train.

Appendix 2 is more down to earth, it more or less states that 'it's C.I.E.'s job anyway so why bother us' They do suggest that the train crew after looking after the train (along with a dozen other things), should notify the public in the area (Ed. that is if they can catch up with the vapour cloud, in the middle of the night, in a strange area. Nowhere does this plan suggest setting up a temporary morgue for the hundreds of casualties incurred while the officials are being notified.

The instructions to the police are somewhat in the same vein, i.e. the notifying of superiors and officials with just a casual mention of notifying the general public.

The County Plan (for Kildare is somewhat in the same vein as the previous one mentioned except that it is a bit more reasonable (Although the idea of the County Engineer being sent from Naas to inspect the scene to see if it might be considered as a serious emergency is laughable, to put it mildly. Just imagine ringing up the County Engineer in an emergency to ask him to call over here to see if a couple of leaking tanks of Acrolyn. might be termed as an emergency while C.I.E. personnel were busy looking after their train and others were engaged in phoning up several officials. Hundreds of sleeping people might be wiped out in the meantime).

Now to the C.I.E. plan on which all the rest seem to revolve. This, under the title of "Chemicals Traffic, Dublin - Killala via Ballina, for Asahi Synthetic Fibres (Ireland) Ltd. Rail and Road Special Instructions) runs to almost 100 pages. After describing the liquids and their properties i.e. to quote" the liquid behaves like petrol in so far as it tends to evaporate, can easily be ignited, and will float on water. The vapour is heavier than air so it will tend to remain near the ground and is explosive in air. The difference is that acrolynitrile has a pleasant peach seed smell." (It is nice to know that what may kill us will have a nice peach-like smell). The plan goes on to explain how to protect the termini and the fire and other arrangements, the speed at which a train may travel in the termini (5 m.p.h.) while somebody walks in front with a red flag (we wonder why since we are assured there is no danger). A further section deals with labelling, the issue of certificates, etc. etc. Section IV deals with emergency equipment which is mainly stored at the termini (only one set of breathing apparatus & protective clothing is carried on the train). The next sections deal with shunting of trains at the termini.

Section 10, dealing with Emergency Procedures is interesting: After listing off six or seven items which they must do, as well as putting out any fires, the Guard shall walk to the nearest signal cabin and notify emergency services. Last of all, to quote "Both crewmen will endeavour to warn people in the immediate vicinity" (Along with notifying the general public the crew are to stay with the train and keep onlookers away. How one minds a train and goes away to call other people at the same time is a mystery to us. As well, to call up perhaps a couple of hundred homes at night - even at 60 seconds per house would take about three man hours)

This Plan does not seem to be much good either and, having read down the contents list of the Emergency Packs carried on the trains and noted that it contains 'One pack of Sodium chloride eyewash' one can only assume that this and all the Plans are just eyewash also and that nothing at all has been done, or can be done to protect the general public. Of course, as the people who drew up these Plans do not reside on or beside the Western Line they just have no interest. People are expendable but Government and C.I.E. property must be protected whatever the cost.

From the foregoing it would seem that we cannot trust our elected representatives to look after our interests, so, if you see any area where your interests are threatened, make sure to see, in black and white, the steps taken for your protection before allowing your interests to be prejudiced.

It would be as well for ourselves that we should press to have the transport of acrolynitrile and related substances banned until some proper protection for the general public has been arranged. We trust our local representatives will be foremost in this.

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LABOUR PARTY NOTES

It was decided at the April branch meeting that the annual walk in aid of the Old Folk's Committee will be held on Sunday 26th June. Sponsorship cards will be available shortly.

The next branch meeting will be held on Monday 9th May in the Geraldine Hall at 8.30pm. All members and intending members should attend.

The branch has asked councillor Emmet Stagg to try to have the following ideas adopted as part of the environmental schemes for the county,

- (A) Protective fencing along river at Pound Park, also provision of seats and further development of park.
- (B) Erection of bollards at Carton end of Carton Avenue and provision of seats for the avenue.
- (C) Renovation of Geraldine Hall.

Councillor Stagg is seeking the use of one of the pre-fabs, which have now become vacant due to the opening of the school extension, as a scout den. He has been in contact with the C.E.O. of the Vocational Education Committee and is hopeful of a favourable outcome.

The following motion was submitted by Cllr. E. Stagg to Kildare Co. Co. "That Kildare Co. Co. examine the report 'A plan for Carton', in conjunction with its preparation of the county development plan and that the council study the proposal in that report suggesting various means

of acquiring the property by the local authorities or by the state, and further in this regard, that the council reject the application for re-zoning of Carton Estate".

Following replies received from the Co. Engineer, Re pedestrian crossing at Mill St., traffic counts are being taken and I will report further when results are to hand.

Repair of public lighting between phases 3 & 4, Greenfields has been referred to the E.S.B.

Following matters have been referred to the Engineer by E. Stagg, pending of water at Dublin Rd., and repair of footpath near Kavanagh's Mills.

Cllr. Stagg has been asked to pursue the following matters,

- (a) Provision of public light at Farrell's Bridge, beside Castle.
- (b) Removal of cars dumped at Moyglare Rd., Greenfields and at lay-by on Dublin Rd.
- Repairs to be carried out to decorative wall at entrance to the Crescent, Greenfields.

(d) That finance be provided in order that proper repairs be carried out on roads in the built up areas of Maynooth.

Following reply received from Co. Engineer, Regarding provision of light at the back lane of Leinster Cottages, a light was recommended here some time ago but due to lack of finance it was not possible to provide it. There is a possibility that when the new traffic route lighting is provided in Leixlip, the

existing lighting will become available. The E.S.B. had indicated that they would be willing to re-erect these lights elsewhere for the Council.

CLLR. E. STAGG'S NOTES

Extract from letter addressed to Cllr. Stagg from Mr. Barry Desmond, Minister for Social Welfare, replying to a letter which he (The Minister) received asking that the Parish Hall be used for the registration of the unemployed:

The Minister pointed out that it is the business of the Branch Manager to provide accommodation but suitable properties seldom become available in the Maynooth area. The use of the Parish Hall would not be possible as it is used for social and other functions. However, pending the acquisition of suitable premises, the Branch Manager is reviewing the signing arrangements of the claimants at Maynooth office.

Cllr. Stagg is anxious that the people of Maynooth should take an interest in its development. The most effective way is for individuals or groups to make submissions/amendments to the Draft Development Plan which will be available for inspection at the Library. He considers also that planning applications should be monitored and support or objections brought to the attention of the Co. Council. Lists of these are also available at the Library.

The current list of applications include some for Maynooth (all dated 3rd March last) viz. Refce. No. 348/83 - 12 flats at Doctor's Lane, Maynooth; Refce. 450/83 - 20 houses at Dillon's Yard (or should it be Row?), Maynooth; Refce. 451/83 - 119 houses and shops at Crewhill, Maynooth; Refce. 454/83 - Rezoning of land at Railpark, Maynooth, for housing; Refce. No. 494/495/83 - 2019 houses at Kilmacreddock, Maynooth.

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The Post Primary School was officially opened by Mr Alan Dukes, Minister of Finance and blessed by Bishop Mahoney and Archdeacon Finney. Mass was celebrated in the Gymnasium afterwards and what a splendid occasion that was. The school grounds and inside were very well turned out. Many parents had contributed plants and trees for the occasion and a bit of hard work by teachers and students had the whole school looking most attractive.

The Gym was something else. Under the capable direction of Fr. Liam Roe and Sr. Isabella, the Mass proved to be a most memorable one. The arrangements of gifts and flowers were carefully planned and chosen by Sr. Isabella and Fr. Roe had his choir tuned to perfection and duly rendered a virtuoso performance. It was also nice to see the participation of past pupils in the whole affair.

All in all, it was a most memorable occasion and received the accolades of one and all. It was the culmination and co-operation of the work of a great number of people and it was nice to see everything turn out so well.

The American Tea Party also proved to be a very successful function. The hostesses generous and charming as usual, had everything prepared to perfection and the dance afterwards was a most enjoyable affair. Many thanks to all who gave spot prizes.

Monday nights have been chosen by the parents of the school for their keep-fit and social evening. Basically, what is being proposed is that the Gym and its facilities will be available to parents on Monday s from 8 to 10pm. It will give parents the opportunity of playing and learning to play basketball, badminton, table-tennis, volley-ball, watch films on video and a cup of tea afterwards. It seems an idea that could take off so why not come along on a Monday night in your gear.

One final reminder to parents who wish to pay their subscription of £3 to the P.T.A. It is not too late to do so yet, and remember all of it is spent on providing extra facilities for the pupils in the school.

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Mike Murphy opened the new Maynooth Shopping Centre, part of the M. P. O'Brien Group, Edenderry, on Saturday 12th March.

The fun began at 10am and Mike joined 150 other invited guests as well as the general public at 12 noon behind the centre. On a day

packed with music, comedy and surprises, Mike also announced details of the O'Brien Star Offers, some of which include the unbeatable New Metro City, the much acclaimed family car from B.L. Cars Ireland, which has a mileage of 51.5 miles per gallon.

Other prizes include a Phillips portable T.V. and an O'Brien Star Hamper. Details of the star offers are available at the Supermarkets.

Originally opened in 1973, Maynooth Shopping Centre was recently completely modernised and extended, giving extra space and comfort. The centre now specialises in new areas of interest to the consumer.

Located directly on the Maynooth-Dublin Road, it services over 50,000 people from areas including Lucan, Leixlip, Celbridge, Enfield, Dunboyne, Dunshaughlin, Summerhill and from Maynooth itself.

Under one roof, the Centre houses 12 shops and a supermarket and is one of the main retailing centres in the area. According to Mr. Eugene O'Brien, the Managing Director of the M. P. O'Brien Group, "The fact the centre is now expanding in this recession is a sign of how well it had been supported by the local population. We hope that the new remodernised Centre will have an equally prosperous future and will continue to offer secure employment".

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MAYNOOTH LIBRARY

Some readers may be interested in the letter I received recently from an tUasal S. O. Concubhair, the County Librarian. I was enquiring as to whether the Library could be opened on Saturday, as I have a young family.

Dear Mrs McMahon,

It is very pleasant to hear that all the planning and preliminary work over so many years are appreciated by some of our readers. You may not know that we also opened a large library in Celbridge on that same day. My minimum needs to staff each library adequately was four. Unfortunately I was only given three each.

As I expected there was an unprecedented influx of new registered readers and to meet the situation I had to take two staff from headquarters to help out.

We are now commencing operations to change the Naas branch library in two separate rooms in the Town Hall, to one large premises on a temporary basis, pending the building of the new branch library in the harbour area. This means I should have recalled my two headquarters staff. Instead I have only recalled one but this member I have had to send to Celbridge and Leixlip. In the case of Celbridge, one of the three staff is only part time, and at present our library in the Community School in Leixlip has

got altogether too much for one person. With only three of a staff, it is not easy to arrange a rota of opening hours, and reasonable staff attendance and off period hours.

In the case of Droichead Nua, our other large branch, where we did have four of a staff, we found that to cater for Saturday opening, we had to loan staff from headquarters to help out and we just cannot afford to loan any further staff. The appointment of additional staff is controlled by government order and local financing. This year I have received no extra money to pay for the two new branches in Maynooth and Celbridge, and the entire book fund has been excised from my estimates.

There is a further estimates meeting on Monday at which I shall be working to try and recover at least part of the book fund, but money for extra staff is beyond hope. However if money and approval for extra staff were forthcoming, I should be only too happy to oblige. But this would need to be supplemented with more money for books, for I feel with Saturday opening, the fast depleting shelves might empty themselves altogether.

Many thanks for writing and please God times will improve.
Yours Sincerely,
Leabharlannai Contae.

The book fund is something we can do something about ourselves as a community. I for one would gladly donate the price of a new book. Is there anyone else who is of like mind? I'd be glad to act as a focal point for a "Sponsor-a-Book" fund.

Mrs Carol McMahon,
54 Rail Park.

JUNE ISSUE

All articles for inclusion in the June issue of the Newsletter should be handed in by May 15th.

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CLLR. B. DURKAN'S NOTES.

Replying to CLLR. Durkan, re the transport of acrolonitrile through the County, Mr. Dick Spring, Tanaiste and Minister for the Environment, stated that "It is primarily a matter for each local authority concerned ... to ensure that their services are adequately prepared to perform their assigned roles under the plan. I have brought your representations to the attention of Kildare County Council and to the notice of the Ministers concerned with the other emergency

FINE GAEL NOTES

The usual monthly meeting of the branch was held on Tuesday April 15th and was well attended by members.

Following representations made by Bernard Durkan T.D. to C.I.E., the following reply was received from Mr Liam St. John Devlin, "With further reference to your letter of March 4th, in which you requested that the train which leaves Sligo at 18.25 hours should stop at Maynooth for the benefit of students attending the University. Arrangements have been made that on and from Sunday April 17th, this train will stop at Maynooth."

It was decided, by members, in a unanimous vote to support fully any action which may be taken by the Academic Staff Association in St. Patrick's College, to preserve Carton House and Demesne. The proposal that we support the Association's Committee and the teachers of Maynooth Post-Primary School, in requesting the Co. Manager to oppose any application which would seek to have Carton Estate rezoned for residential development, was adopted in the same manner. Deputy Bernard Durkan is a member of the group formed by the Academic Staff Association and fully supports their objectives.

General discussion took place regarding issues of local and national importance. Our next branch meeting will take place on Thursday May

3rd at 8.30pm in the I.C.A. Hall.

10 More council houses for Maynooth.

Deputy Bernard Durkan has been informed that ten Local Authority houses are to be provided in Maynooth. Construction is due to start in the near future. While not resolving the housing problem, Deputy Durkan stated that it would help alleviate the serious housing shortage.

Disgraceful conditions of roads in Kildare.

Kildare has the worst roads in Ireland and the worst roads in Kildare are in the north of the county. This was stated by Bernard Durkan T.D. at a recent County Council meeting when he was seeking extra funding for roads and footpaths in the county. He has requested a special allocation of funds specifically for this problem, and hopefully he will be successful.

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FINE GAEL.

On March 24th the Fine Gael Agricultural Panel, including eight Kildare delegates met the Minister for Agriculture in Dail Eireann. Many aspects of farming problems were discussed, particularly pertaining to the small farmer. This interview was held before the meeting of E.E.C. Agricultural Ministers and was found to be a very satisfactory meeting.

The following reply was received by Deputy B. Durkan, regarding representations made by him on behalf of residents of Maynooth: From the Co. Engineer:

Re representation to have certain streets in Maynooth made one-way.

.....The matter has been examined.

The four streets referred to, Double Street, Double Lane, Pound Street and Leinster Cottages, constitute one continuous road parallel to and at north side of Main Street.

It is estimated that at least 90% of the traffic which uses this road are residents of those streets. Although the thoroughfare narrows (13 ft. at one point) the Garda cannot see any necessity for restricting it to one-way traffic. It would not solve any problems but would have the effect of creating further problems.....

J.A.Grassick, Co. Engineer.

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Rounders has become very popular. Why not get a few of your pals together and form a team. When you have done this get in touch with Mrs Peig Lynch or Leo McGlynn and we will arrange for the teams to play against each other. You can have mixed teams if you wish but all players must be under 12

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years old. As far as I know the Maynooth Athletic Club has a team, so you must not be a member of the Athletic Club. Get started now.

You can get Mrs Lynch's and Leo McGlynn's addresses, if you look through the pages of the Newsletter. We hope to be hearing from you soon. Hand your entries for this months competition to John Read, 86 Rail Park or Leo McGlynn, 857 Greenfield, on or before Sunday May 15th.

So until next month, cheerio and God Bless you all.

The winners of last months competition were
Colin McColl, 20 Rail Pk.

Deirdre O'Dowd, 8 Kilcloon Lawns, Dunboyne.

David Kennedy, 111 Carton Court.

Michael Meally, 1 Rail Pk.

Louise Kiely, 42 Greenfield Dr.

And the runners up were

Anne Purcell, 49 Laurence Ave.

Claire McTernan, 278 Greenfield.

Veronica Nolan, c/o 26 Leinster Cottages.

Denise Conway, 746 Greenfield.

Thomas Fay, 14 Parson St.

Caoimhe O'Sullivan, 6 Laurence Ave.

Helen Buckley, Newtown.

Philomena Madden, 4 Straffan Way.

Christopher McMahon, 554 Rail Pk.

Catherine Devaney, 19 Greenfield Dr.

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In view of occasional adverse criticism the E.S.B. receive in our community, I would appreciate it if you would publish the following message in your magazine, on behalf of Mr Seamus Nolan, District Manager of Dublin North-West District and Public Relations Office, Fitzwilliam St.
Yours Faithfully,
Robert J. O'Reilly.
(Leixlip Area).

To all staff in Dublin North-West District.

Kinsale Gas and the E.S.B.

A recent message from the Chief Executive.

You have been seeing on the television and in the newspapers for the past six months, messages like "Kinsale gas is coming to Dublin", "Kinsale gas has arrived in Dublin", "Kinsale gas is alive and well and will be staying in Dublin".

In fact Kinsale gas has been in Dublin and Dingle and Drumshanbo and everywhere else in the country for the past four years because the E.S.B. has been using it for that long, to generate electricity, and giving the benefits of it, not just to those privileged enough to be in a particular area, but to everybody in the country.

Without the E.S.B. being the major customer that it is, and without the E.S.B. being able to respond quickly by building the plant which could use it four years ago, Kinsale gas would still be under the sea.

The plant we built cost £100m to date and for this investment, electricity costs have already been £173m less than they would have been with oil. The country was saved £200m in oil imports and we have paid taxes to the state from gas usage amounting to £70m. By the time our present allocation of gas finishes in five years time, we will have saved the electricity consumer £704m. We will have saved the country £837m in oil imports and we will have paid taxes on gas amounting to £284m.

It is a return on investment unparalleled in the history of the state and it is why I say with great pride that the E.S.B. has brought Kinsale gas to Dublin, Dingle and Drumshanbo and everywhere else, long before others got around to building pipelines and making a great song and dance.

Dear Editor,
I wish to thank you for greetings sent to me at Christmas and now again at Easter, through the Newsletter. I appreciate very sincerely indeed your thoughtfulness. Thank you.

As you see, I am here at Maynooth at the moment and will be visiting the schools in the Diocese of Galway after Easter, searching for "Vocations" for the Mill Hill Missionaries. We need many young men to answer all the calls made on us from the Third World. Indeed, should any of your readers wish to have more information on the subject, they can contact me at home.

I think I'll be on this vocation work for some time, so I'll be in and out of Maynooth for a couple of months at any rate.

I'd like, if I may, use this opportunity to thank all my benefactors and well wishers. Thank you all for your prayers, kind thoughts and gifts. May the Risen Lord reward you all.
With renewed thanks,
Sincerely Yours,
John Nevin (Pakistan).

LABOUR PARTY ADVICE SERVICE

Councillor Emmet Stagg will be in attendance at Caulfield's Lounge every Saturday from 4 to 6pm.

He is also available at his own home, Lodge Park, Straffan, every Saturday night.

If requested, Councillor Stagg, will attend meetings of Residents Associations, Sports Clubs and other voluntary organisations, to assist and advise them with problems and programmes.

Dear Editor,

The Maynooth Milk Run took place on Sunday 20th March. Despite the bad weather, about 300 people took part. The runners were led off by Bernard Durkan T.D. and Cllr. Emmet Stagg, both completing the 10 mile course. Congratulations and well done. Participants were accompanied to the Square by St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band. Maynooth Gardaí and Civil Defence were on duty for the event. Milk drinks were provided on route and at the finish by Premier Dairies.

The proceeds of this year's Milk Run go to the Mental Health Association of Ireland. It is hoped to raise £1,000. My special thanks to Eilish O'Malley, Mary Brosnan, Sarah Meyler, Tom Purcell and Peter Holland who worked so hard to make the event the success it was.

And now a gentle reminder to people who have not yet returned cards and money, to please do so as soon as possible to the address below.

On behalf of the Mental Health Association, I wish to thank the people of Maynooth who participated, sponsored or contributed in any way to the run.
Yours Sincerely,
Breda Cunningham.
79, Maynooth Park.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

McGovern: The son and daughters of the late Mary McGovern, R.I.P., Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely, all those who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement. Those who sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy, floral tributes and wreaths. Those who attended the removal from the hospital, Mass and funeral. A special word of thanks to Fr. P. Walshe, P.P. Fr. B. Supple, C.C., Fr. L. Roe, P.C., Maynooth and Fr. G. Begley, Leixlip, Fr. Peadar Cirain, Chaplain Peamount Hospital, Rev. Mother and Sisters Presentation Convent, Maynooth. Rev. Mother, her niece Sr. Imelda and Community, L.S.P. Montonotte, Cork, Folk Group and Church Choir, Maynooth, Dr. Cowhey, and Hospital Staff. Trusting this will be accepted by all in grateful appreciation.
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

RECENT DEATHS

Deepest sympathy to
The Son, Daughters, Relatives & Friends of the late Eugene O'Sullivan, Coneyboro, Celbridge and formerly from O'Neill Pk.
The Wife, Family, Relatives & Friends of the late Harry Murphy, Dublin. Harry was the brother of Joe Murphy, Leinster Cottages.
The Son, Daughter, Relatives & Friends of the late Catherine Fay, Parson St.

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In particular we should like to thank our kind neighbours who helped so much in every way possible, Fr. Brendan Supple, C.C., Fr. Pat Egan, Fr. Michael Ross and the Salesian Community, Fr. A. McEvoy S.D.B. and Fr. C. Archer S.D.B., Celbridge; Doctors William & Maurice Cowhey; Nurse B. Landy and St Mary's Band for their special tribute which Daddy would have appreciated.

As it would be impossible to reply individually, we trust that this will be accepted by all as a token of our appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice if the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

O'Sullivan. The Son and Daughters of the late Eugene O'Sullivan, Coneyboro, Celbridge, and formerly of O'Neill Park, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement; those who attended Removal of Remains, Mass and Funeral. All who sent Mass Cards, Letters of Sympathy and Wreaths. Also the kind neighbours and friends who called to the house and helped out in any way.

From their sympathy we received great consolation in our sad loss. A special word of thanks to the Priests of the Parish, also to Dr. Freyne for all his kindness during the illness.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Fay: The son daughter and family of the late Kathleen Fay, 14 Parson Street, Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement. Those who attended the removal of remains, Mass and funeral. All who sent Mass Cards, Seraphic Certificates and floral tributes and those who called personally to the house.
A special word of thanks to Fr. Walshe, Fr. Supple, and Fr. Halpin from Dunboyne and all our kind neighbours and friends.

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3rd Fr. Gerry Thompson, African Missions, Cork from the McGovern & Tracey families, Greenfield.
5th Joan Coughlan, Woodgreen, London formerly of Maynooth.
5th Mrs Donovan, Greenfield.
11th Paul Thompson, Summerhill, Enfield.
18th Jackie Coughlan, Laragh.
23rd Suzanne Coughlan, 2 years.
24th Sean Tracey Sen., Greenfield.
25th Brigid Thompson, Fernslock.
30th Siobhan Tracey, Greenfield.
24th Tom Collins, Greenfield.

May

4th Elaine Bean, Rye View.
8th Owen Donovan, Maynooth Pk.
10th Breda Donovan, Maynooth Pk.
1st John Casey Jr., Moyglare.
1st Claire Barnwall, Dublin Rd.
31st Nora Begley, Pound St.
12th Benny Farrelly, Kilcock Rd.
6th Joe O'Neill, Greenfield.
3rd Mrs Kelly, Ladychapel.
6th Mrs Annie Burke, O'Neill Pk.
28th Kathleen O'Neill, Greenfield.
29th Mark Rochford, Australia, 7 years, from his Grandparents, Mr & Mrs Pat Hand & family also Liam, Mgt., Tony & Thomas Bean.
15th Stephen McCarron, 60 Greenfield Dr., from Auntie Ann in England.
14th Caroline Duff, 57 Greenfield Dr. from Tina.

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION FORMED.

At a meeting in the Geraldine Hall, under the chairmanship of Cllr. Emmet Staggs, the residents of College Green formed a Residents Association. They elected a committee to serve for six months, which will pursue the urgent needs of the residents, e.g. the installation of piped T.V., public lighting, and landscaping of the estate and general works which need to be carried out before the builder leaves the estate.

The Committee elected are as follows: Chairman - R. McDonnell; Vice-Chair - K. Diggins; Secretary - P. McGovern; Asst. Secretary - E. McGovern; Treasurer - M. Campbell; P.R.O. - I. Harpur.

General meetings of the Association will take place on a monthly basis.

OLD PEOPLES COMMITTEE.

The Committee would like to thank all those who contributed graciously and generously to our recent Church Gate Collection. This collection realized a total of £513.75 (including Maynooth and Ladychapel). Please be assured that this money will be put to the best possible use to make life a little easier for Old People.

Since the last Newsletter six of our Old People have gone to their eternal reward, and we would like to offer our deepest sympathy to the relatives and friends of Mrs. M. Kelly, Mr. Mick Murphy, Mrs. McGovern, Miss Eileen Walshe, Mr. Eugene Sullivan and Mrs. Kathy Fay.

The last party for this Season was held in S.M.A. House on Sunday 17th April. We are, as always, deeply indebted to the S.M.A. Fathers and Students for all their help.

This was our Easter Party and we had a lovely array of Easter Bonnets. We awarded prizes in different categories as follows: Prettiest - Mrs. Canavan; Most Colourful - Mrs. Leavy (Celbridge); Most

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Our next major function will be our Annual Outing and we have arranged this for Saturday 11th June. We are keeping the destination a surprise for the present but the coaches will depart from Barton's at 2 o'clock sharp. Members of the Committee will be in touch with the Old People during the coming weeks.

Carol Barton, Hon. Sec.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Happy wedding anniversary to Brigid & Paddy Thompson, Fernslock, Summerhill, on April 25th, from Una & Tommie McGovern & family, Greenfield.

RECENT WEDDINGS

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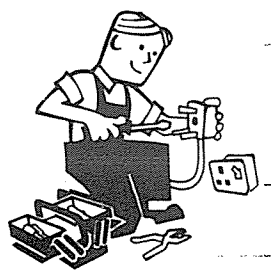
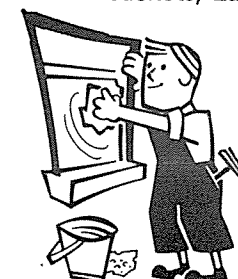
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SPORTS PAGE

Maynooth 0-13 pts. : Moortown 2 - 4 pts.

For this, our first game in the League, we were away to Moortown.

Maynooth, playing with the wind in the first half, got off to a good start, with 2 pts. from C. Boyce and one from D. Farrell and another from a free from T. Moore, left Maynooth leading by four points to nil. A point for Moortown in the fifteenth minute and then points from C. Boyce, S. Moore and T. Moore, left Maynooth leading by seven points to one. Moortown then came more into the game and a goal and a point just at half time left the score at the interval Maynooth 7 pts. Moortown 1 - 2 pts.

On the restart, quick points from T. Moore and C. Boyce left Maynooth well in front. Moortown struck back with a goal and a point to leave the score, with ten minutes to go, a draw (9 pts. to 2 - 3 pts.). At this stage Maynooth started playing football and points from C. Boyce (two), D. Farrell (one) and S. Moore (one) left Maynooth winning by three points at the final whistle. Maynooth will have to improve on its game. Best for Maynooth were C. Boyce (5 pts.), T. Moore (4 pts.), S. Moore (2 pts.), D. Farrell (2 pts.). In defence M. Donnelly had a great game. T. McTernan, D. Murray and N. Kearns also played their part.

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Maynooth Team: P. Lafferty, T. Gilligan, C. Feeney, N. Kearns, D. Murray, M. Donnelly, T. McTernan, V. Moore, T. Moore, O. Durack, C. Boyce, S. Moore, D. Farrell, P. Carr, J. Edwards, Subs: P. Nevin for J. Edwards, 45 mins. N. Boyce for D. Farrell 50 mins. J. Conway, M. Murtagh, M. Scanlon, S. Feeney.

Maynooth 15 pts : Robertstown 2 - 4 pts.

This game opened slowly for both teams, with Maynooth playing against the wind. They opened the scoring with a point from C. Boyce and further points from V. Moore, D. Farrell and J. Edwards left Maynooth well on top. However, a mix up in the Maynooth goal mouth let Robertstown in for a goal followed by a point. Further points from V. Moore, D. Farrell, S. Moore and T. Moore left the score at half time Maynooth 0 - 8 pts. Robertstown 1 - 1.

The second half started with Maynooth completely on top, with points from C. Boyce (three), T. Moore (three) leaving Maynooth leading, with fifteen minutes to go, 14 pts. to 11 pts. Robertstown got in at this point for 1 - 3 pts. Maynooth returned with the score of the match. The move started with John Nolan who ran twenty yards and crashed the ball into the net. Another point by Sean Moore left the final score Maynooth 1 - 15 Robertstown 2 - 4 pts. Best for Maynooth were, Sean Moore 1 - 1 pt, Colm Boyce 0 -

4 pts. Terry Moore 0 - 4, Vincent Moore 0 - 2 pts., Dessie Farrell 0 - 2 pts. Joey Edwards 0 - 1 pt. John Nolan 0 - 1 pt.. In defence Martin Scanlon, Martin Donnelly, Mick Murtagh were best.

Maynooth Team comprised G. Feeney, T. Gilligan, C. Feeney, M. Murtagh, M. Scanlon, M. Donnelly, T. McTernan, J. Nolan, T. Moore, O. Durack, C. Boyce, S. Moore, D. Farrell, V. Moore, J. Edwards. Subs. J. Conway for T. Gilligan (45 mins.) P. Carr (not used)

Sunday 20.3.83. Maynooth 3 - 5 pts : Two-Mile-House 2 - 3 pts.

This was a tough game of football with Maynooth coming out best. Maynooth scores: P. Lafferty 1 - 2, J. Conway 1 - 0, O. Durack 1 - 0, T. Moore 0 - 2, S. Moore 0 - 1.

Sunday 27th March. Maynooth 2 - 7 : Grange 1 - 6.

Maynooth made the long journey to Grange and came away with both points.

Best for Maynooth were C. Boyce 2 - 1 pt., T. Moore 0 - 4 pts. S. Moore 0 - 1 pt., V. Moore 0 - 1 pt.

Sunday 17th April. Maynooth 1 - 11 : Caragh 1 - 6 pts.

Maynooth made a very slow start to the game but by half time lead by 4 pts to 2 pts.

Best for Maynooth were: J. Edwards 1 - 1 pt. T. Moore 0 - 2 pts., S. Moore 0 - 3 pts., P. Carr 0 - 2 pts., P. Lafferty 0 - 2 pts., G. McTernan 0 - 1 pt.

Next match Sunday 8th May. - Home to Athgarvan.

500 Draw Result.

£100. Mrs. K. Nevin, Ballygoran; £50. Bridget Paula Nolan, 277 Greenfield; £20. M. Gaynor, c/o. B. Foran; £5. John Doyle, 24, Leinster Cottages; Mrs. Nellie Nolan, 1 Leinster Cottages; John & Jack Nolan, 1 Leinster Cottages; Joe Corrigan, Hazelhatch.

Next draw 28th April

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26th March. Giffney Cup. Maynooth 2nds 2, Blackditch Utd. 1. This was a fine win against tough opposition. Nil all at half time but J. Nolan & N. Boyce netted two good goals in the second half, and advanced to the quarter finals of this competition. The firsts and thirds were both idle.

2nd April. Maynooth 2nds 4, Valley Celtic 1. Very valuable two points against the closest rivals in the league. J. Nolan 2, D. Farrell and P. (Doog) McCourt scored the goals. First and third teams again idle due to unplayable grounds.

7th April. Maynooth 2, Dunboyne 1. The first mid-week match of the season and a great result for the first team who won this local derby much easier than the scoreline suggests. J. Nolan & D. Farrell scored the vital goals.

9th April. Cashel Celtic 2, Maynooth 2nds 4. The seconds again came out on top after a tough encounter. O. Durack, N. Boyce, T. Moore and D. Farrell scored.

10th April. County Celtic 1, Maynooth 3rds 1. Played in dreadful conditions a "Frank Stapleton" special from J. Saults stylish back-heel earned the town a good draw.

11th April. Newbridge 1, Maynooth 2nds 1. An injury time equaliser from B. Carruthers salvaged a point and kept the second teams unbeaten league record intact.

12th April. Maynooth 3, N. Eanna 1. A good home win and two more points for the first eleven. N. Boyce 2 and D. Farrell found the net for the homesters.

13th April. Ringsend Rvs 1, Maynooth 2nds 4. Another good away win but much tougher than the scoreline suggests. S. Moore, J. Nolan, D. Farrell and V. Moore scored.

15th April. Giffney Cup Quarter-Final. St. Vincents 3, Maynooth 2nds 4. This game was all about courage and determination from Maynooth. The Saints found themselves 3-1 up at half-time but a tremendous second half fight back, brought the sides level after 90 minutes with J. Nolan 2 and N. Byrne being the town scorers. Vincents had no answer to T. Moore's winner and J. (Budgie) Graham's outstanding save 3 minutes from the end of extra time and so the seconds move on to another Semi-Final v City of Dublin Working Club on a date to be announced. Venue is Richmond Park.

16th April. Maynooth 2nds 3, Alfie Byrne 1. The tired limbs from the previous night were again in action less than 18 hours later, 1.30 k.o., and a superb hat-trick from S. Moore proved too much for Alfie Byrne.

17th April. Maynooth 3, Markevich Ath. 3. This must rate as a little disappointing for the homesters, because they led by 3-0 after an hour but the opposition forced a share of the spoils in injury time. P. Laffey 2 and E. Moen scored the goals.

Maynooth 3rds 3, Greenhill Boys 2. The thirds came back in the second half to win this by the odd goal in five. N. Farrell, S. Nyland and K. Kilduff were the scorers.

18th April. Maynooth 2nds 3, West Park Albion 1. Despite falling a goal behind, the seconds came back strongly in the second half to wrap up the spoils with goals from D. Farrell 2.

20th April. Mitten Cup Semi-Final. Maynooth 2nds 1, Drimnagh Dynamoes 1. Played at Richmond Park, the seconds took awhile to settle down and found themselves a goal down at half-time. In the second half the town came to life and equalised per T. Moore, but somehow the winner would not come. Extra time still could not divide the two teams and so the tie goes on to a replay. On this performance Maynooth must fancy their chances of reaching the final.

As can be seen from the above fixtures, the club is practically playing six days a week, trying to catch up on the back-log of matches. There is at least two midweek matches at home every week from now until seasons end, so why not come along and support your local team, and help them bring home the silverware in some form, either league or cup.

The 300 club weekly draw has commenced and the first winners were, 20th April, £100 - Mrs Gret Dunne, Greenfield.

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SWIMMING CLUB

Hello boys and girls and welcome to your new swimming sessions. Due to reconstruction work in Stewarts it had to close. Our new sessions are as follows,

Friday; Kings Hospital, 6-7pm. Bus departs from Greenfield Shopping Arcade at 5.15pm.

Thursday; Kings Hospital, 8-9pm. Bus departs from Greenfield Shopping Arcade at 7.15pm.

Saturday; Clondalkin, 1-2pm. Bus departs Greenfield Shopping Arcade at 12.15pm.

There is also a pick-up point in the Square for all these sessions.

We were all sad at leaving Stewarts but were lucky to get into Clondalkin and Kings. If your children are feeling sad about Stewarts, remember how much greater the loss of that pool to the handicapped children, who found so much pleasure in it, and say a little prayer for them.

Members of the committee wish to thank the parents of our club, for the wonderful response they have given us for early payment. We regretted having to take this decision and having to instruct our Bus Secretaries (who are wonderful dedicated parents), to do the nasty job of actually turning a child away

from the second session if he was not forthcoming, unless of course the parent had the courtesy of contacting us with an explanation. There was of course the possibility that some parents who have always paid promptly, would take exception, but our struggle was **SURVIVAL**, and as we ended the Easter term £350 in the red, we had little choice.

Great has been our relief to find that most parents are with us all the way, and are concerned and indignant that there should be fees outstanding for the last 2 terms. The instruction our Bus Secretaries got was to adopt the attitude of every other swimming club, make no exceptions when asking for fees, otherwise it would appear that we were favouring some. At the moment we are busing out 250 children to swimming each week, a tremendous undertaking and all of you parents are indebted to the Bus Secretaries and their helpers who turn up week after week, some of the mothers actually leaving

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small babies with their husbands.

We wish also to thank those who look after the small ones and let the other partner go. Would'nt it be wonderful if we had no fees to pay, still come to think about it, even charities need money to keep them afloat.

The Community Games will be held (athletics), on 14th & 15th May in the G.A.A. field and it is hoped to have our swimming events before that date. Watch out for news on posters and announcements in schools.

Swimming queries will be answered by Mrs Susan Igoe. Phone 285497.

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COMMUNITY GAMES

Well we are off in earnest now. The date has been fixed for the Games, Saturday & Sunday, 14th & 15th May. Please, please come out and support your children. Hopefully we will get a fine week-end. Make the Parade, which will leave the Mart at 1.30 as colourful as possible. Cubs, Scouts, Guides come in uniform and be sure and bring any flags you have. Let the various districts bring their flags as they did that first year which was the most colourful parade we had. If it is fine bring prams, go-cars, the lot. The clubs are asked to pick two members from a hat. Two children 16+ will be needed to read the pledge. Draw will take place in public before the parade moves off, the other children will help to carry the torch to the bowl of light. It would be nice if teams competing turned up in their coloured jerseys.

The date for swimming has not yet been arranged so watch posters and listen to school announcements.

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Our house to house collection will take place from the 6th to the 13th May, be as generous as you can as this is our main source of income. The committee appreciate that times are hard, but money for the activities of children is like an insurance policy.

The Chairman of the Games, Willie Coughlan, Post Primary School, has asked me to state that our policy re funding of children to Butlins will be as follows:- the committee will fund all children to Butlins as far as monies will allow, after which parents will have to subsidise on an equal basis. The trouble and the wonder is that our children are reaching such a high standard in all events that each year more and more make the All-Irelands. Something for Maynooth to be very proud of.

Don't forget that there will be something for all at the Games from Parents to Toddlers, and this year all events qualify for points in the overall trophies, even those held at local level only. Remember as well as a relay for U/17 there is also 100M.

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ATHLETIC CLUB

The past few weeks have been busy ones in the NACA calendar, with events at Clare, Dunboyne, Lusk on St. Patricks Day and Dunleer in Co. Louth and at all these venues the members acquitted themselves with distinction, and at the end of it all had several titles to their names.

Dunleer on March 20th, brought Betty O'Connor an All-Ireland medal in the Ladies O/40 event and together with Brid Breslin and Barbara Tracey, Maynooth achieved "first team" status. This was a very good performance from Betty, who in winning this race, crowned what has been for her, a very successful season. The Ladies O/30 were not in the individual medals, but Maynooth were placed third in team events, through the placings of Mgt. Noonan, Anna Kelly and Mary Farrelly.

The men were not in the medal shake-up either, but again a good performance from the usual groupings of Brian Redmond, Tony Callaghan, Mick Gleeson and Noel Farrelly.

The Ladies O/20 event was run at a cracking pace, but a good run from Gillian Deane, who was our lone standard bearer in this event and finished in 5th place.

On St. Patricks Day, following the clubs participation in the parade, a fairly strong contingent headed off for Lusk and that clubs annual festival of road racing, and here competition was very keen. Fiona Lawlor and Grainne Farrelly were individual "gold" winners, both running exceptionally well, and as the first six home in these events are awarded prizes, the following duly received plaques, Emer Farrelly, Mary Farrelly, Mairead Noonan, Gillian Deane, Mgt. Noonan, Betty O'Connor, Mick Gleeson, Paula Kelly, Frank Desmond, Michelle Ennis and Enda Gleeson.

March 27th was a beautiful sunny day in the West & South of Ireland, and several of Maynooth A.C.'s members headed off for the "Hills of Clare" in the early hours of that morning, following the celebration of Mass for them in the Hostel. Stopping for a rest and some food at Gort in Co. Galway, they then journeyed on to Bearfield in Co. Clare for the All-Irelands (uneven age group) Juvenile section. Here it was that Enda Gleeson brought her stamina and courage to the forefront with a magnificent victory in the Girls U/13 event. All year long Enda has been running well, had good placings in the Leinster Championships and also was a

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very good second in the U/14 All-Ireland, but it is always nice to win an All-Ireland, and here in Clare, Enda achieved that win. Going strong from the gun, Enda was never out of the first three runners, but with competition from all over the country in the race, it was a hard struggle all the way, and only in the last metres did she finally manage to shake off all pursuers, and to the roars of the Maynooth contingent, duly passed the post.

In the girls U/15 event, Maynooth had their second "gold" winner of the afternoon with the usual fluent performance from Grainne Farrelly. Grainne had been unbeaten on the cross country scene this season

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and here in Co. Clare she was never in any danger of defeat. Going on strongly from the start, Grainne had opened up a long lead by the half-way mark and came home the easiest of winners. Winning, however never comes easily, and it is only the training and dedication that Grainne puts into her preparation that makes it look so easy on the day. In winning here, Grainne duly recorded the double of All-Irelands for the second year running, having already won the U/14 title at Lusk earlier in the season.

As well as winning an individual "gold", Enda Gleeson led her team of Sharon Ennis, Nuala Noonan and Paula Kelly to second club overall, and together with two Kilcock girls, made Kildare second county overall.

The Girls U/11 had a good performance from Michelle Ennis, who finished in 4th place, Emer Farrelly, who having been up with the leaders all the way, finished 6th, Catherine Gleeson and Carmel Noonan, and although these girls were not in the medals at the end, a very good race from each and every one of them.

The boys of the club are not as successful as the girls, and one can only wonder have the boys too many other activities to occupy their minds, but in the U/13 event in Clare, Frank Desmond, Enda Breslin, Darren Moran and Dara Callaghan managed to beat more than beat them, did their best and that is what the game is all about. Indeed Anthony Smith is included in these remarks as he ran a very good race in the U/11 event.

Finally it was all over and a happy but tired contingent mad etheir way home, with song, story and food in Athlone to shorten the journey, and indeed it was rated as one of the most enjoyable days outings that the club has had. I would like

to pay tribute here to the parents who made the journey, and to Pearse Breslin, who not alone procured the mini-bus, but drove it as well. and with his good humour and interest in the children, made it a day to remember, and all for the right reasons.

While all this activity was taking place in Clare, over in Bohermeen in Co. Meath, Betty O'Connor was winning the O/40 event in the National Half Martathon, and so finished the season, not alone Leinster Champion, but All-Ireland Champion as well.

Easter Sunday, as is now usual, brought the club in force to Dunboyne for that club's annual festival of road races, and here on a rather cold and windy day, Maynooth literally cleaned up.

The day opened with a resounding victory for Michelle Ennis in the U/10 event, where she led all the way and had good support from Carmel Noonan 8th, Catherine Gleeson and Ashling Kelly.

In the Boys U/10, Anthony Smith ran his best race for a long time and can be looking forward to the coming track season with a lot of hope.

The Girls U/12 looked "on" at one stage for Fiona Lawlor, but as the race neared its end, a prolonged bout of sickness took its effect on Fiona and she had to be content with third place in the end. Paula Kelly finished in 7th place here after a great tussle and Sharon Ennis was 11th.

The Boys U/12 was won in good style by Frank Desmond, who was well clear of the field at one stage, but was caught, headed and then came again over the last 50 metres to take the title on the line. Darren Moran was well up in this event as well.

The Girls U/14 provided Maynooth with first and second place per Grainne Farrelly and Enda Gleeson, and once again Grainne demonstrated her ability to get away, open up a long lead, and then maintain her rythm to the line. In finishing second here Enda Gleeson, who was conceeding a year to most of the opposition,

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ran her usual good gutsy race. Other Maynooth girls to the fore her were Nuala Noonan, Sarah Breslin and Celine Flanagan.

The Girls U/16 race was won in fine style by Mairead Noonan, who always reserves her best for the hard ground and showed that she will take all the beating in this years track events, and our final gold was won by Mary Farrelly in the Ladies O/30 event, when in winning for the third time in a row, Mary showed that her long lay-off due to injury is now all behind her, and she too can look forward to the track season.

The Senior race was won in fine style by Georgie Hutton of Dunboyne A.C., but Georgie is married to a Maynooth girl and so Maynooth can take some satisfaction, but a very good run for Maynooth here by Kevin Breslin, who was well up with the leaders all the way, and from Brian Redmond, Tony Callaghan, Mick Gleeson, Noel Farelly and Mick Gillick.

To finish Dunboyne on a sad note however, the club would like to express its sympathy to the relatives of Sgt. McLoughlin who was the man on point duty in Dunboyne on Easter Sunday, and who kept the traffic under control so well and enabled our children to have their fun in safety around the streets of Dunboyne. It was hard to believe that a man who was so thorough and efficient on that day could be so senselessly shot down only a few days later. "Ar Dheis De

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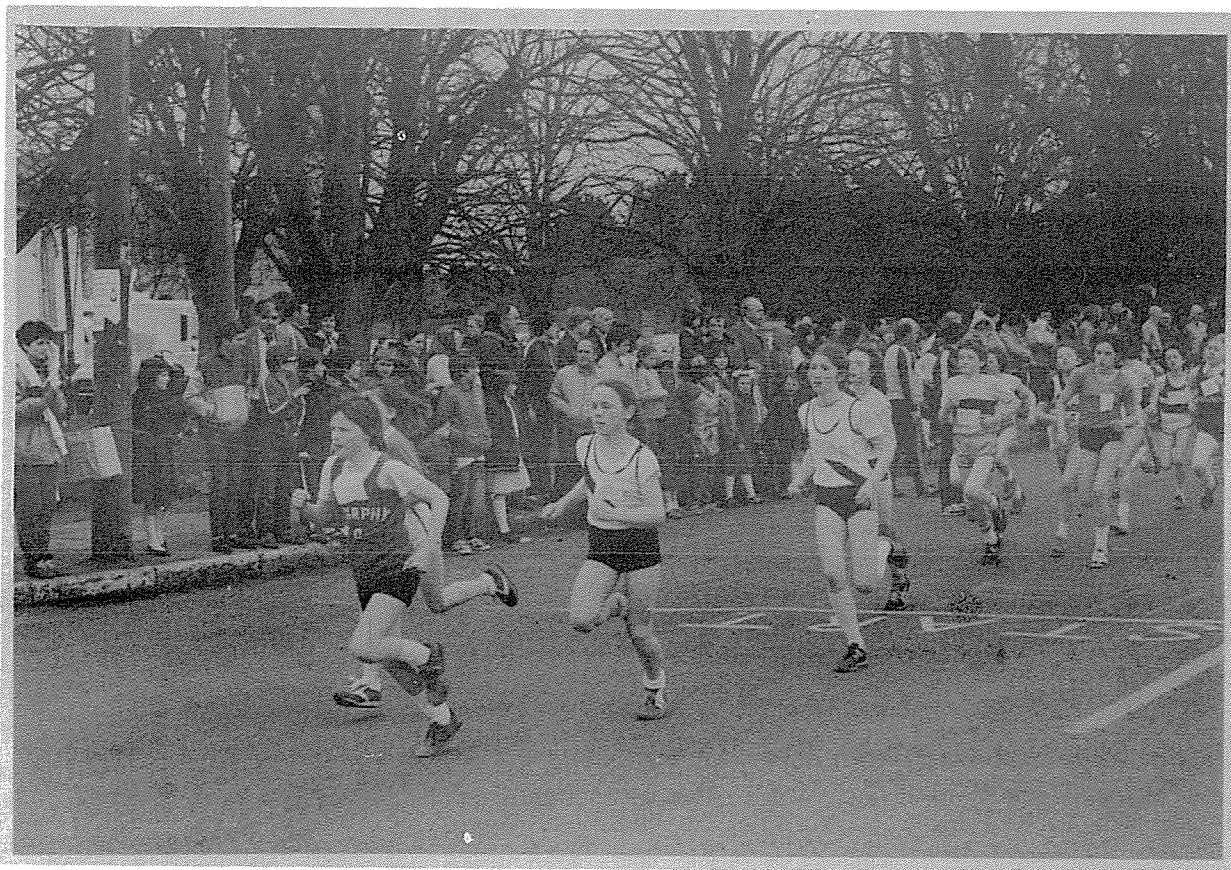
The club intends to have a beginners night on Wednesdays for the coming weeks, and would like to invite anybody, and we mean anybody, who wishes, to come along to the G.A.A. field and partake of the facilities we have, and please note that ther is no need to join the Athletic Club unless you wish, and no need to take part competitively in any event. The club feels however, that with so manay people now taking up jogging and marathon running, that it would be nice to have a get together. Indeed the club are having a "night out" at the Spa Hotel on May 20th, when as well as a fine dinner, we hope to have music and song. Tickets for this event can be had from the club Secretary, Mrs Brid Breslin, Leinster Park, or from any club member.

The Cross Country season ended in style at a disco on April 15th at which the medals won by the athletes during the season were presented. The presentations were made by Frank Hughes, Chairman of Maynoth A.C. and it was heartening for the committee to see almost a 100 per cent turn out of athletes to recieve their trophies. Music was provided by the "Moyglare Sound" and a good night was had by all.

The club is now looking forward to the start of the Track and Field season on May 1st.



The U/12 & U/14 Badminton teams who won the double in the Leinster Juvenile League Competitions at the Badminton Hall, Terenure on 12th March. Front row l. to r. Sandra Gillick, Clodagh Desmond, Lynn Power, Collette Duff, Anne Marie Twoomey, Fiona Kearins and Siobhan Kearins. Back row l. to r. Paul Guest, Fergus Ashe, David Burke, Thomas Ashe, Mark Burns, Tadhg Lynch, Barry Desmond and Dudley O'Donnell.



Paula Kelly and Fiona Lawlor of Maynooth well to the fore at the recent Road Races in Dunboyne.

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JUNIOR BADMINTON

On March 12th, the Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals of the A.L. Yth B.L. U/12 and U/14 took place in Terenure. It was a memorable occasion for Maynooth Club. It made history by becoming the first club ever to complete the double in the league.

Each match consisted of seven games. The U/12 team met Kildalkey in their quarter-final. At first, both teams seemed nervous but soon settled down and gave us some close, exciting games. Everything rested on the seventh game, but after some anxious moments Maynooth took the match. They also won their semi-final against Leixlip.

In the final, they met the Dublin club, K.A.D.K.A. Both teams were evenly matched and it turned out to be an enthralling match. Every point was fought for to the last shot. Once again the last game was the decider. Tension was high amongst both sets of supporters, but did not seem to affect the players. It was a relief, when the last shot was played and Maynooth emerged worthy winners.

The U/14 team had a bye in the quarter-final. They won the semi-final against St. Benedicts, Dublin in comfortable style. The final against Ferns, Co. Wexford was a different matter. Both managers took a gamble and changed their players about. We were treated to some excellent and heart-stopping games. However, in the end, our tactics proved super-

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ior and Maynooth had won the double. Mary Dinan, International player, presented the shields and trophies.

On the way home, the teams had a little celebration in McDonald's Grafton St. Everybody concerned with the teams can be very proud of their achievements. I would like on behalf of both teams, to express a special word of thanks to Miriam Twoomey and Dominic Guest, who trained both teams throughout the year.

The Allied Irish Bank, Maynooth, marked the occasion by generously donating a cheque to the club to help with expenses. We have come to the end of our season and hope all the children had an enjoyable year with us.

The community games teams were selected last month and the players are:-

Fiona Kearins, Clodagh Desmond, Melanie Oliver and Anne Marie Twoomey.

Mark Burns, Thomas Ashe, Tadhg Lynch and Michael Molloy.

Though only one player from Maynooth won a prize in the Enterprise Invitation singles tournament in Clane at the end of March, several players had good results. Tadhg Lynch won a very tight third section defeating players from Naas, Carlow and Rathcoole, and narrowly losing to Andrew Nethercott of Navan. Tadhg was however, overall winner.

Tony Kearins reached the semi-final of the senior section while Mark Burns and Thomas Ashe did well against older opponents in this group. In the younger age group, Paul Guest did extremely well against slightly older opponents, finishing in second place with David Burke a very close third.

In the girls events Maeve Kennedy headed the list of Maynooth players. Mary Burke lost only to the eventual winner of her section. Other players in this tournament were Denise Guest, Fiona Kearins and Anne Marie Twoomey.

The players came from five different counties, Kildare, Meath, Wicklow, Carlow and Dublin.

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