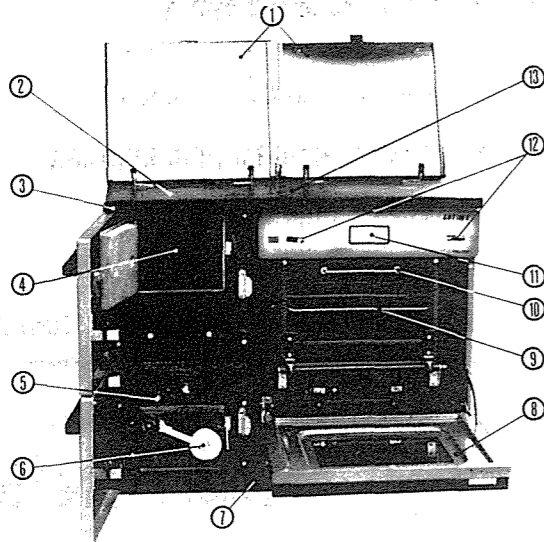


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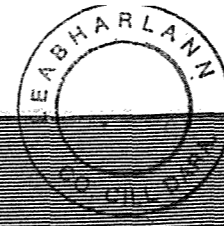
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FOLK GROUP NEWS.

Hello once again from your Folk Group.

Many things have happened since you heard from us last. Firstly, our sponsored 'Sing and Skip' marathon, which we held on August 20th and was very successful.

Despite the early poor weather conditions, it went very well, and the money is still coming in. We don't have a grand total yet. We would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all who contributed so generously. Thanks also to Mr. Bill Donovan for allowing us to operate outside the Shopping Centre.

On the 5th September, we were invited to sing at a special 'Youth Mass' in Leixlip to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Church there. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Roe and it was a very beautiful occasion.

We are hoping to organise a Christmas Concert for December 17th, and 18th, to raise more money for 'Folk Group Funds' and have been working on it for a while now. It is a lovely thought that we could come together with the Band and the Choir to do a concert at some stage but, unfortunately, we had already arranged, a while back, to do one ourselves and we look forward to doing one with the Band and Choir in the future.

We would like to extend a warm word of welcome to some new members Maria Brennan and Jacintha Nolan who joined us recently. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our very best wishes

to Fr. Supple on his induction as Parish Priest. May he have many years of happiness in his new post. Also, welcome to Fr. Denis Cogan who became our new Curate. We wish them both every blessing. It was a great honour to be asked to join with the Choir and the Band at Fr. Supple's induction ceremony.

This was a very beautiful occasion. We really enjoyed singing and playing with the Choir and Band, who were really fantastic.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Eithne and Elaine on the recent death of their Aunt R.I.P.

CORRECTION.

Mrs. Maura Cullen, of Laraghbryan, Maynooth, wishes to point out that she is NOT the Mrs. Cullen involved with activities on behalf of local itinerant groups. Mrs. Maura Cullen is not involved in any way with activities on their behalf.

GRAPEVINE

The next issue of the Newsletter will be the Christmas issue and all articles for inclusion should be handed in on or before 13th November. This issue will also cover January 1984.

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We wish to apologise to our regular contributors, whose articles do not appear this month. This was because our typesetter broke down. We have sent him to the Bahamas (all expense paid), and we trust he will be better next month. All the articles which do not appear will be printed in the next issue.

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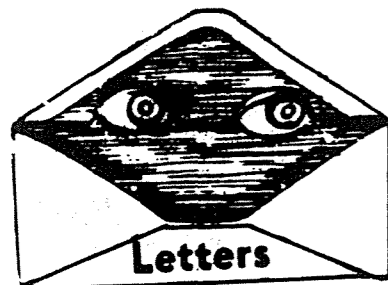
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to the Editor

Dear Sir,
Your October editorial on the itinerants was disturbing. Granted that young itinerants begging in the Town are a nuisance. Granted that some itinerants can be rowdy and that some are undoubtedly capable of theft, it ill behoves the settled community to point a finger at them when we have failed to provide halting sites as recommended by the Itinerant Settlement Committee established by Kildare County Council, in a report which was unanimously adopted by the full Council on 7th March 1983.

This committee decided that we in Maynooth should provide one serviced halting site for the four families in our area and that there should be two further sites in isolated areas for itinerants other than the 34 families indigenous to Kildare for which the Council is responsible. Had such sites been provided it would be legally possible to move those families camped at the Town entrance who are causing such disquiet. But we refused to comply with the committee's recommendation and we are now reaping the consequences.

While it is easy to understand and sympathise with the fears of the settled community, a moment's reflection will convince any fair minded person that without halting sites the itinerant problem will be perpetuated and exacerbated. Families will not be able to send their children to school and a new generation of semi-illiterates will roam the land. The location of halting sites is obviously a thorny question, but

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if each area in the county played its part, the burden would be reduced to manageable proportions.

Sooner or later Maynooth will have to shoulder our share of that problem. If we continue to balk, we will find more, not fewer, itinerants camped on our doorsteps.

The unsightly loads of earth that the council has dumped along the roadside in front of the S.V.D. Hostel and opposite the Parish Church to discourage camping is mute testimony to our present shortsightedness. Talk about fouling our own nest!

A Concerned Resident.

MAYNOOTH STUDENTS' TRAVELLERS' RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

St. Patrick's College,
Maynooth,
14th Oct. 1983

Dear Editor,

We wish to clarify the following facts:

1. Our Group did not smuggle secret legal documents to the travellers, as implied in last week's 'Leinster Leader'.

2. At no stage did our group invite travellers into rented accommodation. Following a discussion with members of Laraghbryan Residents Association, we, as a group, have agreed to approach the travellers in an effort to get them to:

1. Clean up their sites.
2. Stop begging.
3. Stop harassment of local people on the streets.

Hence forward we shall keep you informed on all our activities through the medium of this paper.

Yours sincerely,
Aine Maire Ni Chaomhain,
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One of our committee members, Gareth Fitzgerald, who sat his Leaving Cert in June, has been offered a place in Trinity and we wish him all the best in his next four years as a student.

We would like to congratulate our former P.R.O. on her M.A. in French which she received this past September. Ann Kelly is now teaching in the Cameroons and we would like to take this opportunity of thanking her for all her years dedication to the P.P.U. Ann is, in fact, one of our founder members.

Congratulations are also due to another committee member, Anne Malone, who recently announced her engagement. We wish herself and Stephen, the very best in the future.

Of the scholarships awarded to second year pupils to attend the Kerry Gaeltacht, there were two fine performances. Thomas O'Neill from Rathcoffey and Thomas McGarry from Greenfield, were placed first and second respectively in their class as outstanding pupils.

Indeed this Summer has been a very successful one for all our members. Our Secretary, Dominick Nyland, passed his C.P.A. examinations and our Chairperson, Patricia McGarry, will be conferred with her B.A. on November 8th. She is now working in the Library in Maynooth College.

The P.P.U. has the use of the School Gym on Wednesday night between 8 and 10pm. Facilities available to us include, basketball, badminton, weights, table tennis, etc. All the past pupils are welcome to join us on Wednesdays.

CLLR. E. STAGG'S NOTES.

The following are some replies received by Cllr. in response to inquiries made by him on behalf of constituents:

1. With regard to dumping at Connolly's Folly (The Obelisk), the County Engineer informed Cllr. Stagg that the main trouble seemed to be from dumping of car bodies in the area, as well as some dumping of household refuse. He stated that every effort would be made to have as much as possible of the rubbish removed as soon as possible.

2. With regard to an inquiry by Cllr. Stagg about provision of a telephone kiosk at College Green Estate. The Secretary of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs that

it is intended to provide a kiosk at the Estate but there would be some delay as there are already 400 other places listed for such phones.

3. With regard to the surface of Moyglare Road, Mr. Ward, Co. Executive Engineer, stated that he inspected the road and regretted that he could not see his way to reshaping the surface of the road to prevent ponding of water. He agreed to discuss the provision of lime trees, etc. with the Environmental Section. In response to an inquiry by Cllr. Stagg re rodent infestation at Straffan Road (between the Square and the Bridge) The Health Inspector, Eastern Health Board, agreed to look into the matter.

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Editorial

Reluctantly we have to say that our last Editorial on the local 'Itinerant Problem' has not brought about much, if any, improvement in the situation. (Not, indeed, that we really expected it would.) On the contrary, we hear disturbing rumours of further misbehaviour by itinerants from petty theft to harrassment, even to indecency. This does nothing to assure the people of the town that their interests are being looked after by those who are appointed to look after such matters

One good outcome of the situation is that it has tended to get more of the people to join together to look after their own interests. It has shown us also that it is very necessary that we should have strong organisations to look after ourselves when the properly appointed officials neglect their duty as they are doing now.

As we said, strong vigilant organisations are necessary and, even more so, a strong central organisation for the whole town, such as a Community Council is even more desirable. A strong representative Community Council could keep its finger on the pulse of the town and would be in a position to act swiftly on behalf of of the townspeople, as one body.

We did, of course, at one stage have a Community Council which did a certain amount of valuable work for the town. Due, however, to apathy and perhaps some confusion with the Maynooth Development Association, it folded up. This was several yearsago when Maynooth was much smaller and less organised.

If the present upset in the town does nothing else but stimulate a new interest in a Community Council, representative of the town in general, it may even prove to be a blessing in disguise. We suggest that the present Residents associations should get together as soon as possible and form a Community Council. Such a Council is an urgent necessity if we are to get just treatment from the County Council from its present limited resources. Other neighbouring towns, with Community Councils, seem to be stealing a march on us.

SWIMMING CLUB.

Our new swimming year commenced on Saturday Oct 1st. with a session for our most advanced swimmers in Coolmine. The following Thursday the next session got under way in Kings Hospital. However, due to the numbers turning up for these two sessions being low, it was found necessary to amalgamate them.

So now there is just one session which is in Coolmine on Saturdays.

The bus departs at 12 noon and the cost of this session is £14.00. The good news for our younger swimmers was that on Saturday Oct 22nd two sessions commenced in Stewarts Hospital. The times of these two sessions are as follows: Saturday: Bus departs 4 p.m. for swim at 4.45p.m.

Saturday: Bus departs at 4.45 p.m. for swim at 5.30 p.m.

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The same agents also sold a 28 acre farm at Ovidstown, Straffan. This non-residential farm comprised excellent quality lands all in grass, well fenced with good water supply. Located off Celbridge/Clane Road, 3 miles Straffan, 5 miles Maynooth/Celbridge, 17 miles Dublin. The property was withdrawn at £46,000 and sold afterwards for a higher figure in the order of £1,850 per acre.


The agents commented that there were several bidders for both properties and there was keen demand for similar type properties in both Kildare and Meath.

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The first Party of the Season took place on 23rd October, with a Halloween Theme. It was held in S.M.A. House. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the two new priests in charge of S.V.D. and S.M.A. Houses - Fr. Shane Fitzgerald and Fr. Dunne - for their kindness in facilitating us for all our future Parties. Our next Party will be held in S.V.D. House on Sunday 27th November. We would like to mention that any person who has reached pensionable age is very welcome to attend any of our Parties. Any Committee Member will be only too willing to bring them along and introduce them to everybody so there is no need to feel shy about attending. Our Annual Sale of Work will take place in the Parish Hall on Sunday 20th November, at 2.30 p.m. and, as always, we are depending on the continued generosity of our many friends to make this Sale a great success. Members of the

CLINIC
COUNCILLOR G. BRADY
 Councillor G. Brady will attend at a clinic every Friday Evening 7pm - 9pm at Main Street, Maynooth.

Committee will visit every house in the area during the coming weeks for donations, etc. for the various stalls. As this is one of the major fund-raising events undertaken solely by the Committee, we would appeal for the kind support of all age groups in the Parish. The Committee would like to congratulate Very Rev. B. Supple on his appointment as Parish Priest and look forward to his joining some of our Parties. We welcome also our new Parish Curate, Rev. Denis Cogan and hope he will have a happy stay with us in Maynooth. Perhaps he would join us occasionally also. We pray God's Blessing on their work. Carol Barton, Hon. Sec.

8th Kildare Cub/Scouts

Congratulations to our Unit Leader Tony Muldowney on his promotion as Assistant Regional Commissioner for the scouts in the Kildare/Meath region.

Our "Penny-a-Mile" took place on Saturday 22nd October. Thanks to everybody who contributed. On 23rd October a Colour Party from 8th Kildare attended First Investiture at Confey, Leixlip. It is hoped to have a First-Aid course for the scouts conducted by the Eastern Health Board.

Five new members joined the scouts recently. They are Alan Buckley, Ivan Igoe, Michael Kennedy, John McElhinney and Stephen Molloy. We welcome back David Stynes as assistant Scout Leader.

St. Cronin's Scout Quiz takes place on the 9th November at Esker, Lucan. Cub 'Gang Show' takes place November 20th at 2 pm. at Palmerston. We wish to thank most sincerely all those people who assisted in repairing our Den. Our task is not finished yet and we request anybody who can assist, to please do so. The Den is open every Saturday.

Our next Investiture takes place on November 26th in the Den. Our A.G.M. takes place on Tuesday November 15th in the Post Primary. Please support. Yours in Scouting, Annette Killoran.

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School crossing, Presentation Convent. Interviews are being held for the appointment of a School Warden, which should take place within a few weeks.

Under age drinking. The Minister states that under existing law it is very difficult to prove that a particular licensee committed an offence by selling or serving drink to under age children with the full knowledge that the child was under the relevant age. However the Minister is considering

various measures to enable legislation to be introduced to combat the problem.

Regarding the road between Pikes Bridge and Ballygoran Cross, remedial work cannot be undertaken this year but the County Engineer will endeavour to ensure a reasonable surface.

APPRECIATION

I would like to express my appreciation on behalf of my wife and myself, for the generous presentation made to me on my recent retirement from St. Patrick's College, and in particular I wish to thank Security and Cleaning Staff, Student's Union Staff and Office Personnel, Arts Block. Patrick Collins, 112 Rail Pk.

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THE GAEL NOTES

Our last meeting was held on Tuesday 1st October in the I.C.A. Hall. Maurice Manning T.D. was guest speaker at the meeting, organised by local Branch Chairman Senan Griffith and Secretary Claire Cullen. The Minister for Finance Alan Dukes, E.P. Mark Clinton and our local T.D. Bernard Durkan were among the guests at the meeting. Members from other branches in the Clane Electoral area were also present, which gave us a very large attendance.

Maurice Manning is a T.D. in the Dublin North East constituency. He is a lecturer in Political Science U.C.D. and is the author of two books, "Irish Political Parties" and "The Blueshirts" and he has also written a pamphlet on the History of Fine Gael called "The Courage to Succeed," to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Fine Gael and which will have been made into a video film which will be shown at the Ard Fheis on Saturday 22nd October at the R.D.S.

M. Manning also spoke about his involvement in the Forum for a New Ireland. He said it allowed for the first serious attempt by the main constitutional parties to set down exactly what they mean when they speak of a United Ireland. All sorts of options would have to be considered although some of these would be totally unacceptable to people in the Republic.

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In posing these questions, Deputy Manning declared that as a nation, certain home truths must be faced and a note of realism must be injected into the whole discussion on Irish Unity.

The second subject Deputy Manning spoke about was the Foundation and History of Fine Gael. He told members that a video and book on the party, would be available at the Ard Fheis. He said that down the years certain characteristic qualities have remained ingrained

within the party since its foundation. Fine Gael has never shirked from telling people the truth, even though it is not always popular. Fine Gael would be failing in its duty if it did not do this.

He described the party as being very idealistic but that that idealism is always tinged with pragmatism. Some people say we are a conservative party but that assertion is not consistent with the facts, as we have never been against change, but have always been a radical party with innovation being part and parcel of the party. We are a very open organisation and seek the opinions and views of our members. Everyone wants to make their contribution to debate & discussion on the topics of the day and this should not be misinterpreted as dissension by those outside the party. Any organisation which does not encourage discussion is

heading towards dictatorship and loses touch with the very people it is meant to serve. The people and not the party must come first. The Minister for Finance Alan Dukes T.D. at his first meeting in Maunooth spoke extensively about the current economic situation. He said he hoped people would appreciate the difficult task facing the Government and that he found no pleasure in preaching doom and gloom. The Minister also stated that he was not very happy with the high level of taxation but that change can only come about when the economy is back on an even keel.

Mark Clinton M.E.P. who is an old friend of the branch and who took time out of his busy schedule as our representative in Europe, spoke about the importance of the Agriculture Industry to Ireland. He said that the proposed milk super levy which is under discussion would be far more detrimental to Irish

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Our local T.D. Bernard Durkan, then spoke of the economic difficulties facing the country but he warned that in overcoming these difficulties, the people and the Government have a joint responsibility towards the less well-off members of society. Government must be human to appeal to young people and they must feel that there is a future for them. The Government must always be for the people and any further increase in personal taxation could not be borne by the work force.

He then went on to speak about bureaucracy and red tape and that it must not be allowed to slow down the process of paying Social Welfare benefits. He concluded by telling us that he had recently headed the Irish Delegation at a conference in Luxemburg on the environment.

The theme of his speech at the Conference was the dangers of dumping nuclear waste in the Irish Sea.

We would like to congratulate Bernard Durkan on his brilliant playing in the football match played in U.C.D. Grounds, Belfield on Sunday 16th, in aid of the Rehabilitation Institute. An Oireachtas Selection versus R.T.E. Personalities. Final score, Oireachtas 3, R.T.E 2.

Our thanks to everybody who supported our national collection on Sunday 16th October. We were very pleased with the amount collected.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st November in the I.C.A. Hall at 8.30 pm. New members are welcome. Andree M. Eddery.

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Remember you can still have fun without making a nuisance of yourself and be very careful playing around the bonfires. Stand well back in case of flying glass.

We see that the Geraldine Hall has been opened and there is one pool table in it at the moment. There is also cards and darts but Peig Lynch informs me that they still need money very badly. So why not get the youth of the Parish together and have a sponsored walk or cycle ride. There are a lot of boys and girls in Maynooth who own bicycles and it would be a lovely days outing. If you do decide to have a sponsored cycle ride or walk, get in touch with Leo McGlynn,

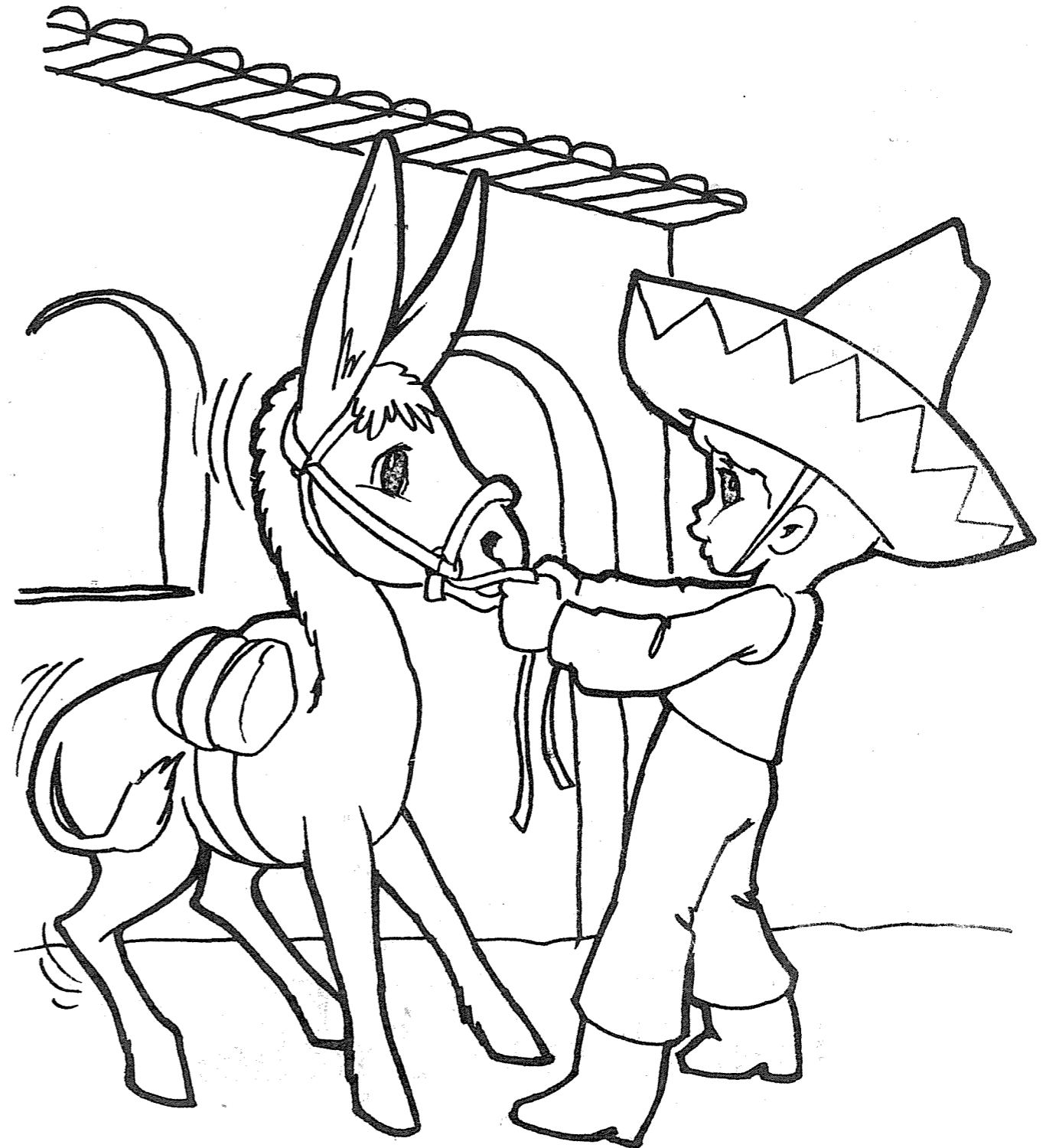
857 Greenfield, who will put it before the Geraldine Hall Committee and I am sure they will be only too glad to help you with it.

Now that the dark nights are her again, please have a light on your bicycle and don't forget to wear a reflective arm band if you are walking out in the dark. Remember, **BE SAFE - BE SEEN.** Don't forget to tell your Mammy or Daddy where you are going, who you are going with and what time you will be back home.

Please send your entries for this month's competition to John Read, 86 Rail Park or Leo McGlynn 857 Greenfield on or before 13th November. So until next month, cheerio and God Bless you all.

The winners of last months competition were
 John Fanning, 819 Greenfield.
 Declan Gaffney, Bellview, Mariaville.
 Suzanne Higgins, Laurence Ave.
 Stephen King, 1200 Greenfield.
 Andrew ?, 286 Greenfield.

And the runners-up were,
 Stephen McCarron, 2 Greenfield.
 Marlene Filbert, 47 Cluain Aoibhinn.
 Margaret Tumelty, 86 Maynooth Pk.
 Gillian Barton, 2 Doctor's Lane.
 Deirdre Behan, 'Frendraugh', Blackhall Little, Dunboyne.
 Ruairi O'Carroll, 2 Brownstown, Dunboyne.
 Allen Gaffney, Bellview, Mariaville.
 Roisin Madden, 15 Greenfield Dr.
 John Paul McMahon, 54 Rail Pk.
 Karen Killoran, 81 Maynooth Pk.



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BAND BULLETIN.

The Monster Bingo in the Leixlip Amenities Centre dominated the month of October and, as is usual on these occasions, there was much work for few hands. From 10 a.m. on the big day, this small group toiled man(and woman)fully setting up the portable stage, hauling 500 seats from our own Parish Hall and setting these, plus a further 500 into neat rows in the Hall.

12.30 p.m. saw the 'donkey-work' done - just enough time to grab a fillet steak (between the lot of us), then back to the hall to handle the early arrivals.

From the organisational point of view, the day was an outstanding success. Congratulations were showered on us from all sides, especially from many bingo promoters - the comfort of the hall, the quality of the public address (thanks to Willie Kiernan) and the standard of prizes all scored ten out of ten. 'What about the financial side?'

we hear you ask. Well, that's a horse of a different colour. The attendance fell short of our target by nearly 400. Maybe the wet day was a factor or it could have been the unusual venue - we'll really never know.

Despite many rumours to the contrary, we had to buy the raffle prizes plus the 'free' holiday and the buses also cost money, as well as printing and hall rent. We were, indeed, grateful to the three Banks for their financial help towards the

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raffle prizes, it certainly kept the cost down. Despite all these expenses, we did make a few bob and the exercise was certainly worthwhile. We have already had enquiries about our next Monster Bingo. Who knows

Our flag days in September were, as usual, really well supported and we can only once more say a very sincere 'Thank you' for your unflinching faith in the 'Village Band'. October saw another instrument - a gleaming silver trombone - make its appearance in the Band, courtesy of those wonderful people in the Lions Club. The donation came through the success of their pony racing at Laraghbryan and, I, being the lucky trombone player, cannot speak too highly of the gesture. (In this instance, they really have made a silk purse out of a sow's ear).

You shall be hearing more of this at the official presentation before the end of the year. At this time of the year, we recall our deceased members and our annual

Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 6th November, at 11 a.m. Needless to say, we shall be honoured to share this occasion with the relatives of all those members of St. Mary's Band who have gone to their eternal reward and, as usual, we shall be doing our utmost to make this Mass something special. We hope to see you there. Until the next Band Bulletin - take care.

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Sunday 11th September, Fr. Supple and Fr. Pat Egan S.D.B. concelebrated Mass in the grounds of the Geraldine Hall, in thanksgiving because our project was nearing completion and to ask God's Blessing on all those who helped or contributed in anyway to make a centre for our youth. It was perhaps Fr. Supple's first official function as Parish Priest. It was the Sunday before his induction and what more fitting than a Mass for Youth for whom he had always shown such concern.

At the Mass, a cheque for £335.60, proceeds of a Jumble Sale, was presented at the Offertory to the Hall Restoration Fund. It was cold but dry and the children sang with great joy. The effort to clean up the hall and put it on show the day of the Mass was tremendous.

The ladies scrubbed and cleaned,

polished windows, put up curtains. Mooney's, Straffan Way, donated a bowl & cistern, and of course Mick & Noel made sure it was installed. Mag., Myrth and John worked on the roof of the toilet into the small hours. Leo & John took to painting. All the week in preparation, Eva Whelan, Mary Fortune, Ann McGarry, Ann Power, Paddy Power, Ellis O'Malley and Margaret Kirwan never left paint brushes out of their hands.

The Jumble Sale was truly a great effort. The pity was the day of the sale turned out so wet but it was a heartening sign to see so many people outside of the committee ready to work for the youth of the town. I wonder should I dare to mention names. If I forget anybody, please remind me. There is so much happening, my mind blanks at times.

I know Mrs Chris Dowling was there and of course daughter Angela Murtagh

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ke that. That's women's business." Did somebody say we were liberated!)

eo McGlynn, wife Eileen and family ohn, Robert & Geraldine were all here, as was Mrs Murtagh, Angela's Mother-in-Law. Ann McGarry and ilis O'Malley were running around with teapots all the morning. Marie

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Birchell and Densie Cleary were helping too. Vincent Duff, Patricia & Robby were in charge of books. Mag, flirted with all the ladies, who bought rubbish for bargains to gain a smile. Myrte and John Dowling looked after everybody. Other children sold tickets. It was a great community effort and argues well for the youth centre.

Thanks too to the friendly farmers, who loan us the tractors to clean up the grounds and to Philip Ward of the County Council and Patsy, the J.C.B. driver. Don't forget, Patsy you promised to come back with that bucket, and to Kevin Kennedy who spread the weed killer and helped in the big clean up.

Three young ladies from Greenfield Drive, ran a very successful jumble sale. Sandra Gillick, Caroline & Collette Duff raised the large sum of £28.17 (fantastic) for the Geraldine. Brid Breslin raised £20 on the Mini-Marathon with sponsorships and Margaret Gillick £6. Brian Stewart is running in the Dublin City Marathon. Many thanks to you all.

October 11th saw the Geraldine Hall doors open to the youth of Maynooth and "Bru Bosco" was born. The hall was not and is not finished but it seemed necessary to open to keep faith with all the young people who worked so hard to help themselves.

We boast of one 6 x 4 pool table (no charge). If you read this Mick Nolan, we went all the way to sutton to purchase this. Pauline Burke did the driving with a trailer on the car. Strange to say the man from whom we bought the table was enquiring about you. His name is Des Campbell. He played you last in the Geraldine in 1956. He also told us he was last to cover that Billiard Table, and is coming out to quote us for recovering (small world).

Many thanks to Bernie Durkan and his supporters who helped us bring the table in during his clinic. I suppose we could say it was a good job in the public relations sector.

We also boast of two dart boards, 1/2 dozen or more games, table tennis to be delivered any day now, a kettle and a few cups. Yet it can already be termed the best thing that happened to Maynooth in years. Our youth have a home, and they are really enjoying it.

We invite anybody interested to come along between 8 and 10 any night except Saturday and see how things are going. In fact we would love if you came and joined in the cup of tea. We need more volunteer workers especially "Dads" to help supervise. If we had sufficient, we could have a rota which would only call on a parent once in three weeks.

There are a few things we need that somebody might like to donate. More odd cups or mugs, small tables with sturdy legs (not the folding type), to be used for games, chess,

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Despit the wonderful collection and free labour, our well is dry, and we still have to fix up with Mr. Barrett for the plumbing parts. Mick & Noel Bennett are still giving their services free and with a smile thrown in. The youth of Maynooth have a lot to thank them for.

We are waiting to be connected up with the E.S.B. and we will soon have heat. John McGarry (another hero, though he insists it was Cathal Power did the work), is back again and John Flynn, Carton Demesne has joined the electrical work force. Winter is closing in and we cannot work any more at night as we are only working on a lead. However we have paid our fee for connecting to the E.S.B. and should have power shortly.

John O'Connor, Greenfield, sanded the floor for us. We hope to have it sealed when we get a few bob again. Thanks John, it was really hard work. John Caulfield donated lino. Don't forget the adhesive John.

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We are anxious to do justice to your generosity. Joe Buckley, Rail Park, with the help of David Burke & Pascal Ennis, built the boiler house. It still needs a door hung on it.

Paddy Power and Garry finished the screen wall. Garry plastered the ridge in the Function room, a good job too. Philip McDermott (to the rescue again), Paddy, Garry and Ann tackled the windows. There is still one to do. Believe it or not, Freddie having produced 'Stoykes' door for the front, has now come up with the missing section of the window between the Billiard & Function room, and even the stone missing from the side. Freddie is such a controversial person in this town, yet he never ceases to amaze me.

If anybody else out there would like to come along and help, don't be shy. Would it help to know who is the committee at the moment? Here goes. Des Walsh, Chairman. Peter Madden, Secretary (minutes). Ellis O'Malley, Joint Secretary. Treasurer, Ann Power. P.R.O., Peig Lynch. Committee members:- Eva Whelan,

Margaret Molloy, Maureen Fortune, Claire Higgins, Helen Doyle (who offered to help of her own accord, though her young man is only seven. Helen also delivered our appeal leaflets, Leinster Cottages & all around), Barney Boyd (another volunteer), Paddy Power, Joan Grant, John O'Connor, Ann McGarry and Margaret Kirwan. Lovely cross section of the community there, which is the beauty of this project. To help, you do not have to become a member of the committee. Just come along and join in where you feel you might be of some use.

We had hoped to be completely snuggled up for the Winter but we had a real run of bad luck. It all started with Maggot Cleary going to Dublin one Friday evening to meet a friend, and he was jumped on. Of course he gave as good (maybe better), then he got, but he ended up with a broken nose and black eye. Now Mag was very important, because he was our 'Clerk of Works', and a great man to motivate. he has a tidy organised mind. Nothing daunted, back bounced Mag.


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Two Fridays later he was finishing a job in Mullingar and nearly sawed the thumb off his left hand with an electric saw. Stitched back on and back to the Geraldine arrived Mag. Then the following Friday, Mag & Myrth tok a ride with a stranger, who it seems was under the influence. Result, the hole you all saw in the Church wall. Our Motivator was laid low. Forty-two stitches, loss of blood, slight concussion. Thank God he is up and out but not completely recovered. We wish him a speedy recovery to full health.

Can you blame me if I began to get slightly annoyed with 'Don Bosco.' Still optimism and joy, when the



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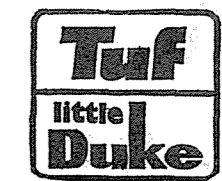
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SOCCER NOTES

23rd Sept. Maynooth 2nds 4, K. C. O. Another impressive performance by the Saturday team when they disposed of K. C. with goals per P. Doyle, D. Farrell 2 and E. P. Ledwith.

24th Sept. Killester 4, Maynooth 4. An entertaining game with plenty of goals and a share of the spoils a fair result. D. Murray 2, P. Doyle and S. Moore were the marks men for the town.

Maynooth 3rds 1, Woodview Celtic 1. Another draw to share the points.

2nd Oct. Maynooth 8, Valley Park 3. A very easy win in this Glen Abbey Cup game with the Valley

men scoring late in the game to bring respectability to the scoreline. The game was all about one man and his ability to score goals - Sean Moore who fired home no less than 6. Great stuff Sean. W. Saults & P. Doyle added the other two. The second and third teams were idle this week-end.

8th Oct. Maynooth 2nds 4, Leixlip 1. This Leinster Junior Cup game had all the ingredients for a thriller but it turned out to be a damp squib. Leixlip were completely out-played in all departments by a rampant Maynooth who were in complete control throughout. J. Nolan 2 and T. Moore 2 scored for the home side who led 2-0 at halftime.

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9th Oct. Blanchardstown 4, Maynooth 4. Another high scoring draw with both teams claiming they should have won. W. Saults, J. Hughes, P. Doyle and J. Nolan scored the goals.

Dunaleigh 4, Maynooth 3. The third string were as little unlucky to come away empty handed from this game. J. Doyle, J. Kinsella and M. Murtagh scored the goals.

15th Oct. Yellowstone 2, Maynooth 2nds 3. The Saturday team kept up their unbeaten run with another fine win against tough opposition.

16th Oct. Maynooth 1, St. Pauls 6. In this F.A.I. Junior Cup tie, played in very difficult conditions, the Saints went marching on with a very impressive performance against a very poor home side who came out the wrong end of a six goals to one defeat. The consolation goal came late in the game per P. Doyle.

Maynooth 3rds 4, Bromley 3. The 3rds had a well earned win over a useful Bromley side and came out on top in a seven goal thriller.

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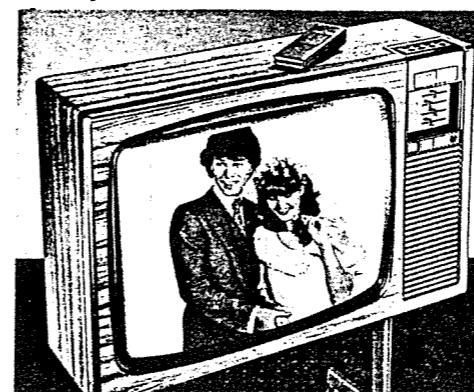
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