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SEASONS GREETINGS

Editorial

we make our way to another Christmas, the gloom and the doom around seems to deepen, until we feel almost pressed down with the weight of News from home and abroad is grim and generally frightening. Unemployment, social upset and death seem to be the order of the day. Few rays of light shine out but, happily, at least a few odd rays show to keep us from sinking in to despair.

We do, of course, tend to overlook our blessings, and we have many. For instance, few in this land of ours are desperately hungry. We may not have what we wish for, but at least food is available. We have not shortage of water in most many countries, let alone areas, are turning into dust bowls. We could not live on with the list of commonplace things we overlook and take for granted. We are thankless and thoughtless people when it comes to the ordinary everyday blessings we tend to ignore. How many in Africa, for instance, at the moment would be pleased to have what we feed to our dogs - they, in their extremity, have already eaten their animals. No doubt the world is unjustly divided. Let us this Christmas, think about and count our blessings rather than our losses. Let us think of our fellow men and women who are in dire trouble through drought or famine or such like. Let us think of those we can help and forget our own restrictions. We do not ignore that fact that many among us are doing things difficult, even very difficult, but even they can afford at least a thought or a prayer for their worse off neighbours.

There will be a lean Christmas for many in our country this year but, at least, they will not be hungry. Let us make this a giving Christmas and remember those who need our help desperately. Let us put our hands down deep in our pockets - deeper than ever before - lives depend on us.

Perhaps the depression we are living through at present is just a reminder to all of us of the unequal distribution of the world's goods. A reminder that we too had a famine not so many decades ago and should be more thankful to others now. Would it be too outlandish to think that this Christmas could be a turning point in all our lives when we all might begin to think of the general good rather than our own selfish whims? It could be, with God's grace, the time when the 'haves' might commence to see the light and use their money and goods for the betterment of mankind. This would be the real spirit of Christmas.

We wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.

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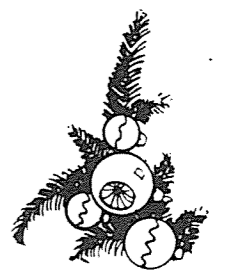
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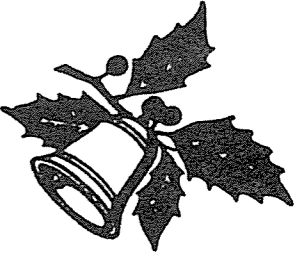
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don't rely on this column alone to keep you informed of our activities so much of what is said here will probably be known to you already through our circulars, given, of course, at even those are read!

The major item of recent news was a letter from the County Council dated 10th October '84 in which it is stated unequivocally and without reservation that -

Kildare County Council at its meeting on the 30th July '84 passed the appropriate resolution to take the roads and services in the Greenfield estate, Maynooth, in charge.

When we received this letter from the Council itself, we had no really authoritative written assurance that the estate had been taken over. Hence the value of that letter, coming as it does from the principal party involved. So it has taken us about ten years to achieve what our sister estates now springing up in Maynooth, we hope, have from the beginning.

At the time you read this, we will have planted many trees on the Greens of the estate. Please adopt the one nearest you and help it, if need be, through its growing years.

We have explained in our last circular why you should go about registering your vesting certificates. We hope we have thereby cleared up any uncertainty remaining on this matter.

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We have fortunately a very numerous committee this year which meets once a month in each member's home in turn. We're planning a get-together for all residents for some time round Christmas. So, see you there.

Donal McMahon, Secretary.

Recent Birthdays

Birthday Greetings to the following:
Michael Higgins (Jnr), Laragh, Maynooth who celebrated his first birthday on Oct. 25th. Happy Birthday from Granny and Grandad Higgins, Greenfield.

Jim Kenny (Snr), Straffan Road, who celebrated his birthday on Nov. 18th. Happy Birthday from his wife Annie and family.

Belated Birthday Greetings to the following:

Jason Devine and his Daddy, Joe, who both celebrated their birthdays Oct. 5th.
Leo Bean, Rye View. Oct. 22nd
Eithne Bean, Rye View. Oct. 22nd.
Clodagh Farrelly, Kilcock Rd. Oct. 25th
Tracey Cassidy, Main Street. Oct. 8th
Joyce Carroll, Moyglare Rd. Oct. 10th

FIANNA FAIL

A Cumann meeting was held at the I.C.A. Hall on Tuesday 13th November 1984, and the chairman Mr. John Cosgrove was pleased to welcome the very large member attendance.

The meeting was attended by both Mr. Paddy Power, Shadow Minister for Defence, and Cllr. Gerry Brady.

Mr. Power spoke at length on economic matters, and particularly in relation to Co. Kildare, following which the members were delighted to have an insight to the future economic measures which are presently under consideration by the Fianna Fail Party.

Cllr. Brady informed the meeting on his successful negotiations at council level, which should shortly have funds available to deal with many matters of local complaint, such as street and road lighting requirements and the condition of public footpaths, along with minor local roads. In the latter regard, Cllr. Brady intends to take the County Engineer on a tour of the area within the next few days.

Ogra Fianna Fail

Brid Feely is the Ogra Youth Officer for the Kildare area, and at the meeting she was complimented on the excellent report which she submitted to the Cumann, outlining Ogra's many and vigorous activities at county level.

G. Higgins, P.R.O.

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the Newsletter will be the February 1985 issue and all articles for inclusion in that issue should be handed in on or before 13th January 1985.

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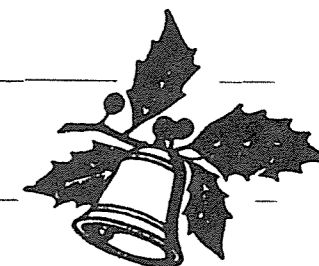
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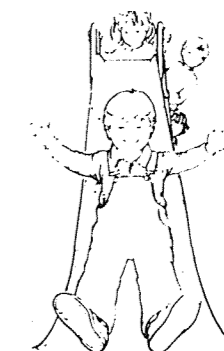
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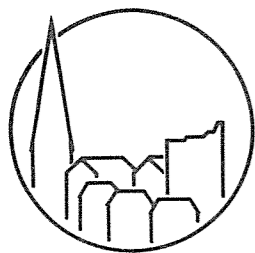
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Maynooth Community Council

Comhairle Phobail Mhá Nuad

At the November meeting of Maynooth Community Council, the Chairman expressed the Council's condolences to Willie Saults, the Council's Minutes Secretary, on the recent death of his father. A period of silence was observed.

Two new Council members, Seamus Smyth (representing Maynooth College Executive Council) and Claire Casey (representing Maynooth College Student Union) were welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman.

The Chairman reported that a joint working party, including representatives of the Community Council, Maynooth College, and Maynooth Post Primary School, has been established to pursue the development of a major Sports Complex in Maynooth. There was a lengthy discussion on the itinerant situation at the meeting. An official of the County Council is to be asked to attend the next

meeting of the Community Council to provide information on the County Council's intention regarding this matter.

A public meeting is to be held in the near future with a view to re-establishing the Tidy Towns Committee.

The Council is investigating the possibility of establishing a Community Information Centre in Maynooth. Members of the public who would be interested in participating in this (volunteers will be needed to run the Centre) should contact the Council Secretary, John McGinley (Tel. 285293).

Other Council Matters

The Community Council organised a public meeting on October 20 to discuss the issue of local authority charges. The meeting, which had an attendance of about 150 people, was addressed by Bernard Durkan,

T.D., M.C.C., Emmet Stagg, M.C.C., Gerry Brady, M.C.C., and a representative of the Association of Combined Residents' Associations (ACRA).

On Nov. 16, a delegation from the Community Council appeared before the Clane Electoral Area Committee of Kildare County Council to make representations on behalf of Maynooth concerning the forthcoming County Development Plan. The Community Council is compiling a comprehensive dossier on improvements which need to be carried out in the Maynooth Area. All members of the public are invited to send in submissions for this dossier. These should be sent, as quickly as possible, to Jim McManus, Architect, Main Street (beside Hula Bou).

Colm Nelson, P.R.O.,
Maynooth Community Council.

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Our last branch meeting was held on Tuesday, 6th November, in the J.C.A. Hall. Despite the bad weather there was a good attendance.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking all our friends who contributed to our National Collection on 21st October. Despite the recession, the amount collected was up on last year's, which we were very pleased with.

There will be a function held on Thursday, 29th November in the Hamlet, Johnstownbridge, by all the branches in the Clane area to present Certificates of Merit to branch members in this area. These Certificates of Merit are presented to senior members of the party with 40-50 years outstanding service to the party. Our Deputy, Bernard Durkan has invited former Taoiseach and leader of Fine Gael, Liam Cosgrave to present the Certificates, and it is hoped he will be able to attend. There will be a four course dinner and dancing from 9-2 for only £5, which is certainly good value!

Bernard Durkan was recently Guest of Honour at a function in Dunleer, Co. Louth, presenting Certificates of Merit, and he was also requested to speak at a Branch meeting in Ballsbridge.

The Branch would like to congratulate Vincent Kelly on his excellent campaign for a seat on the National Executive at our Ard Fheis. Vincent is a very hardworking and popular member of the party, and very narrowly missed being elected. As this was Vincent's first campaign he did extremely well and we feel sure that he will be elected next year. Congratulations, Vincent, from all your friends in Maynooth!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 4th December at 8.30 p.m. in the J.C.A. Hall. New members are always welcome to attend.
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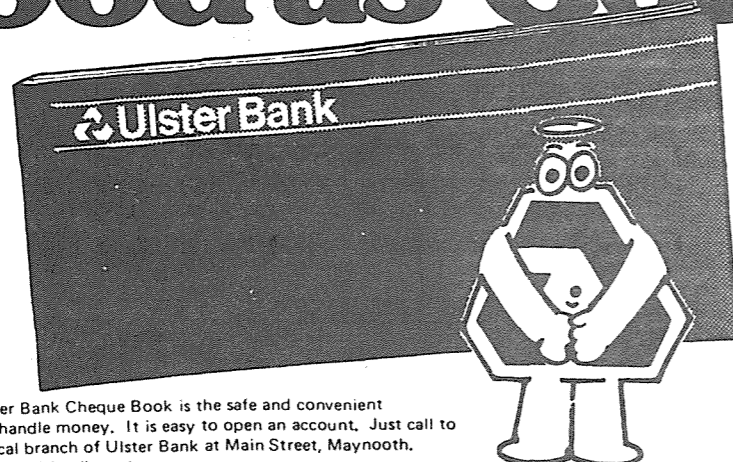
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MOOTH OLD PEOPLES COMMITTEE

first Party for this season took place on Sunday 4th November in the Word Hostel. This was our between Party and we had eighty of our Old Folk with us for this occasion. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr. Shane Gerald and Sr. Lucille for their help and co-operation and of course special thanks to Fr. George Millar who celebrated Holy Mass for us. Entertainment for the evening was provided by members of the Brass Reed Band. We also had Sara Tyler with her accordion, Roisin on with her organ, three lovely Irish Dancers, Tracy and Mandy and Tanya McDermott, and our own Treasurer Kevin McGovern, who is also given to singing a few songs!

we were also joined by members of the Labour Party who presented with a cheque for £940, being the proceeds of their annual Sponsored Party. We thank them most sincerely for all the hard work and effort which they put into this event to make it so successful.

As the Newsletter goes to press we are busily organising our Annual Sale of Work. We thank everybody for all their help and contributions for this event. Depending on the financial success of the Sale, we hope to be in the happy position of distributing fuel etc. to all our Old People for Christmas. We also received a cheque recently for £120 from Mr. Francis Conway of Old Greenfield. He took part in a sponsored cycle and gave the proceeds to our funds. Thank you Francis, we appreciate your generosity.

Joan Downey, S.R.D.

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On Sunday 9th September, our ten Old People who were lucky to come "out of the hat" spent a week's holiday in Kirdiffsdown

House, and from their glowing reports they all seemed to have a fantastic time.

Regrettably during the past month we have lost one of our most loyal, longest serving committee members, Miss Phil Donovan. Phil, because of other commitments, has decided to resign and we would like to say 'thank you' Phil for all your hard work during your years as a committee member.

We were saddened by the recent sudden death of Mr. John Sauls and would like to express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Sauls and family in their sad loss.

We hope to have our Christmas Party on Sunday 9th December in S.M.A. House. Santa is due to drop by, so it should be another good evening.

May I, on behalf of all the committee, take this opportunity to wish all our dear friends a peaceful and happy Christmas.

Carol Barton,
Hon. Secretary.

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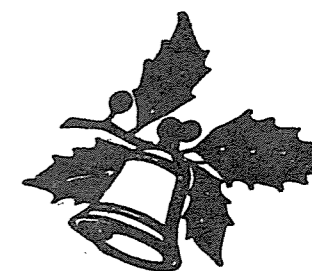
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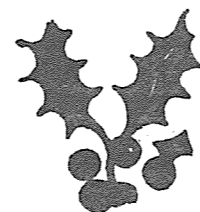
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TES FROM BERNARD DURKAN, T.D.

ard Durkan, T.D., has received following information from Mr. m Kavanagh, T.D., Minister for Environment, in reply to various queries:

The Minister has approved the sing of loans by Kildare Co. Council hich would include £30,000 for development of the burial ground Laraghbryan.

Regarding plans to introduce toll on any of the proposed by is roads in Kildare, the Minister ited that the making of such scheme is a function reserved elected members of a local author- and no such scheme has been omitted to the Minister for his proval.

On the subject of the proposed -pass which would facilitate Kilcock, laynooth and Leixlip on the N4, d also the Newbridge by-pass, was expected that documentation cessary to hold a public inquiry each of the proposals would available by the end of 1985. the meantime, the local authority proceeding with the design of ese schemes.

4. Regarding the amount of money allocated to Co. Kildare for the maintenance of main and county roads by way of block grants, the Minister stated that the overall road grant allocation to Kildare Co. Council since 1981 (including that for the Naas by-pass) has been reasonable relative to other areas. Also, in recent years, in addition to the block grant, special grants have been provided for strengthening works on regional roads. New grant commitments notified in 1984 to Kildare Co. Council total £450,000. The following are examples of Block Grant Allocations from 1981 to 1983:

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Ve look to the future with optimism
ortified by a keen body of musicians,
with ages ranging from 10 to 45,

and with this blend of youth and
experience we would hope to take
a step near to 2039.

The future also holds the prospect
of the Band Stand in the Green
beside the Band Hall. This is provided
for in the Co. Council's plan for
Maynooth and we sincerely hope
this will not be one of the casualties
of the current Local Authority cut-
backs. When it does come to fruition
we shall at least be in a position
to entertain without the distraction
of the "music" of Main Street traffic.
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for that long overdue Band Stand.

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Christmas during the annual carol
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the little children.

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machines into space, we cannot
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Maynooth who are also in need,
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to care for them or visit them at
stmas. Make a promise to yourself

(and keep it) to visit some old person
in your district this Christmas and per-
haps bring them a little gift.
This is a time of year when mummies
have to do a lot of extra work,
baking, cooking and cleaning. Why not
give her a hand without her asking for
it. Who knows but she might have a
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that can only do you good.

Stephen Brennan, 61 Cluain Aoibhinn
Tracey McCarthy, Laraghbryan
Deirdre Devaney, 19 Greenfield Drive

and the runners-up were:
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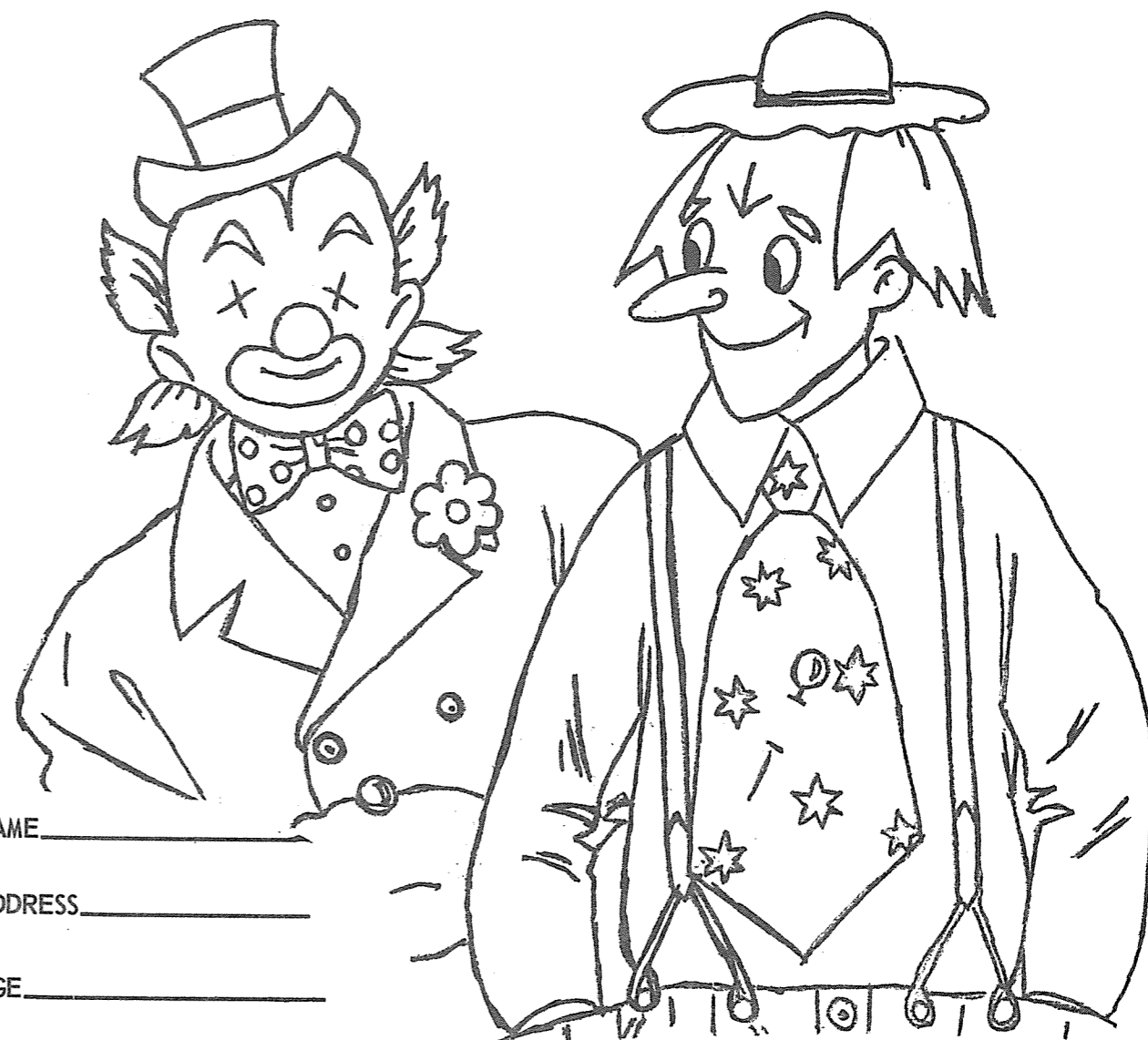
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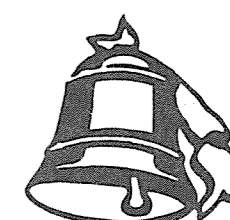
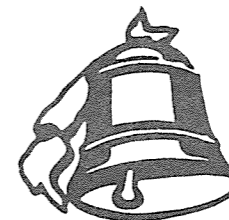
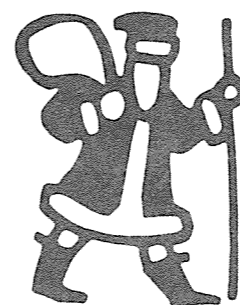
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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Best wishes to Karina McGovern, Greenfield, who will be 4 years on Jan. 14th. With love from Mammy, Daddy, sisters Stacey Ann and Michelle.

Mrs. Ray McTernan Greenfield. Dec. 10. Siobhan O'Keeffe, Enfield. Dec. 10th. Clare McTernan Greenfield. Age 10 Dec. 13th.

Noel Tracey, Greenfield. Dec. 16th. Maria Morrissey, Enfield. Dec. 17th. Garry Thompson, Summerhill. Dec. 25th. Noel McGovern, Greenfield. Dec. 31st. John Fanning, Greenfield. Dec. 31st.

Best wishes to Lorna Byrne, age 10 on Dec. 15th, from Grandad and Granny, O'Neill Park.

Doreen Tracey, Greenfield. Jan. 14th. David Tracey, Greenfield. Jan. 17th. Hazel Thompson, Summerhill. Jan. 27th.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Eileen and Michael McGovern, Greenfield, who celebrate their 5th Wedding Anniversary on January 26th.

GREETINGS ABROAD

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There is no point in coming along afterwards and complaining that your club was ignored and not included. Now is the time before plans are finalised to make your ideas known to the Community Council. Many clubs have not sent their representatives to the meetings. Please now do so urgently by getting in touch with Larry O'Brien, Newtown, or any Community Council member.

Maybe your particular interest or hobby does not have a club at present. This does not prevent you having facilities included in the Complex and forming clubs now or later. So come on - get moving all you Tiddlywinks, Ludo, Snap and other energetic gamesters.

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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.

PRESENTATION CONVENT PARENTS ASSOCIATION

At our A.G.M. held on 23rd October in the school, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Chairperson; Mary Farrell. Vice-Chairman; Michael Meally. Secretary; Patricia Rice. Assistant Secretary; Annette Killaran. Treasurer; Ann Naughton. Assistant Treasurer; Kathleen Kinsella. P.R.O.; Paul McCarthy and Mary Murray.

We are holding our Christmas Bazaar in the Parish Hall on Saturday 1st December at 2 pm. We look forward to seeing all the parents and children there. Looking forward to your co-operation in the coming year.
Patricia Rice,
Secretary.

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CYCLING CLUB

The Maynooth Cycling Club held their Annual Cake Sale in the Parish hall on Sunday 28th October '84. It was a great success. The Club wish to thank the people of Maynooth, Leixlip and Ladhymore who so generously supported this event. A raffle was also held. The result of the raffle was as follows:

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P. Nolan, Hon. Sec.

K. Murphy, A/Sec.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE

The Community Council is considering establishing the above in Maynooth, but support from the clubs and organisations most concerned in this type of activity has been very poor. Will all clubs and associations who have already been asked many times please send their representatives to the meetings. It is very important that this Centre be established, and again maybe facilities are needed in the new Complex, but unless their views are made known, they will not be catered for.

RECENT DEATHS

Sympathy to the Brothers and Sisters of the late Tommy Tracey, Leinster Cottages, Maynooth.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The wife and family of the late John Saults, Parson Street, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, those who sent Mass cards, Seraphic certificates and floral tributes, those who attended removal of remains, Mass and funeral. Also the many kind people who called to offer help.

A special word of thanks to Fr. Supple P.P., Mrs. Eithne Harney, Parson Street (Nurse), Dr. Maurice Cowhey, the clerical, academic, catering, cleaning and security staff Maynooth College, and the Presentation Convent sisters. Last but not least, the very kind neighbours who helped so much and worked so hard to help us in our great loss.

We trust this will be accepted by all in grateful acknowledgement. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

CLINIC COUNCILLOR G. BRADY

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Now that the days have got colder and shorter, we praise God for the lovely long warm summer we've had, but just as every cloud has its silver lining, sometimes the little cloud still exists. Our little cloud this year was the departure of our much loved founder/spiritual director, Fr. Liam Roe, to New York. The Folk Group was founded six years ago by Fr. Roe, and as in everything he touched, he gave unselfishly and with love. Among his many charisms was his devotion to the people of Maynooth, especially the pupils of the Post Primary School, the Folk Group, and the other groups he was part of. He cared very much for the less privileged, and like the "Good Shepherd", he took care of his "lambs". Fr. Roe is greatly missed by all, but we wish him every success with his studies in New York.

We would also like to welcome Fr. Eoin Tynne to our parish. By all accounts he is settling in very well, and is loved by the pupils in his school. As a group in the parish, we are delighted to welcome him. So to Fr. Eoin Tynne, a big "Cead Mile Failte" from us.

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Anyone out there playing a musical instrument? At the moment we don't

need guitarists, but perhaps there are musicians around who would like to join us. And we would like some male singers. Anyone wishing to join - just come along to the Boys N.S. any Wednesday evening at 8 pm. If a musician, bring along your instrument. Please don't feel shy - we're lovely!

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Recent Deaths

We wish to express sympathy to the wife, family and relatives of the late John Saults, Parson Street.

We also express sympathy to Mrs. Kathleen Murphy, O'Neill Park, on the death of her uncle, Mr. Michael Hughes.

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ABOUT PARTY NOTES

ony Smith Memorial Walk

The proceeds of this walk, which amounted to £940, were handed over to the Maynooth Old Peoples Committee at a party held in the Divine Word Hostel on Sunday Nov. 4th. We would once again like to thank all who took part and their sponsors. The picture in the Newsletter shows Cllr. Stagg handing over the cheque to Kevin McGovern.

Flag Day

We would like to thank all who contributed to our Flag Day collection which was held between Friday 16th and Sunday 18th November.

Cabaret

The recent Cabaret held on October 18th in the Hitchin Post by the North Kildare Divisional Council of the Labour Party was a great success, financially and socially. The funds raised will be used in the forthcoming local elections. We thank everyone who supported the Cabaret and particular thanks are due to the following for providing Raffle prizes:

Caulfields, O'Briens Supermarket, Tom Geraghty, Jim Smyth, New Waves, Kiernans, Jimmy McCormack, Elite Confectionery, Brady's, Ryan & Tyrrell and Cissie and Marie Dempsey.

Footpath - Parsons Street

The Branch is pleased to note that the

footpath at Parsons St. has been re-instated. This is the first of the 1984/85 Other Works schemes for Maynooth to be completed. Finance for the scheme was provided by Cllr. G. Brady and Cllr. Stagg from their allocation for other works.

Royal Canal Restoration

The Branch notes that the restoration of the Royal Canal is specifically mentioned in the National Plan as a suitable project for utilisation of the Social Employment Scheme outlined in the National Plan.

The Branch further notes that legislat-

operation is required to make any scheme for re-opening effective, Cllr. Stagg has now tabled the following motion for consideration by Kildare Co. Council:

"This Council calls on the Manager and the County Engineer to prepare a programme of work to bring about the restoration of the Royal Canal in the functional area of the Local Authority by the following measures:-

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ion is in the process of finalisation which will result in the ownership of the canal being transferred from C.I.E. to the Office of Public Works.

Joe Bermingham T.D., Minister of State at the Office of Public Works and Labour Deputy for Kildare, has indicated his support for a proposal to re-open the Royal Canal.

As the canal passes through six local authority areas and as maximum co-

specify the works required.

2. Establish an ad hoc group representing the six Local Authorities through which the Royal Canal passes.
3. Establish contact with the National Manpower Service and the Department of Labour with a view to using the Social Employment Scheme as the method for financing and implementing the Restoration Project."

Representatives of all parties should support this very constructive proposal.

John Saults

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Maynooth's best loved senior citizen, John Saults. His sudden passing has shocked his many friends and we will all be the poorer by his absence. To his wife and family we offer our sincerest sympathy. Ar son De go raibh a anam.

Greenfields Shopping Centre

Cllr. Stagg has received the following reply from the County Engineer to representations concerning the condition of the manhole over the storm drain in the car park of the shopping centre at Greenfields:

"The car park to the Shopping Centre is not in the charge of Kildare Co. Council but it still remains private property. I have, however, asked the area engineer to contact the property owner to have the matter rectified."

Thank You

The Branch wishes to thank all who supported it during 1984 and the Editorial Committee of "Maynooth Newsletter" for continuing to provide an excellent forum for the dissemination of ideas and news.

Happy Christmas and a Prosperous 1985 to all.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Newsletter takes this opportunity to thank all our readers for their support during the past year, and wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. See you all in 1985.

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

I.D. System - Re: Under-Age Drinking

The Community Council, with the valuable assistance of its Youth Affairs Sub-Committee, are at present working on a scheme to deal with the problem of under-age drinking in Maynooth. The main theme behind the idea is the introduction of a workable Identification System for young people. Obviously, in order to have such a system introduced, the Community Council would need the help of the general public.

Already the Gardai and some of our publicans are very much in favour of this scheme. The Community Council, clearly aware of the dangers of under-age drinking, are planning to hold a Public Meeting soon after Christmas to discuss the matter. At this meeting it is hoped to have

representatives present from relevant Bodies and Organisations, i.e. Gardai, Publicans, Medical People, etc. and also concerned members of the public.

Further details and the date of the Public Meeting will be announced after the December meeting of the Community Council.

Colm Nelson, P.R.O.

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BRU BOSCO GERALDINE YOUTH CLUB

All of us are aware by now that Christmas is only a few weeks away. It will be Bru Bosco's second Christmas in existence, and despite all the pessimism, optimism has won the day. The Youth of Maynooth have shown their appreciation of what has been done for them, and more important than that, what they were capable of doing for themselves. We expect the Geraldine Hall Restoration to be finished completely before Christmas when we will have a grand opening, and hope you will all come and admire and be proud of what the Youth of Maynooth can do when somebody gives them a lead, a word of encouragement, a sense of importance and belonging. In other words, saying we know you can do it, we believe you can do it, out you go and prove to all those who doubted you how wrong they were. They have a Club House they can take pride in, knowing they each had a part in the re-building of the place where we hope they will learn many skills, find companionship, have a great deal of enjoyment and, because of it, become better Christians and citizens.

Once again, at the risk of repeating myself, I will say a very sincere thank you on behalf of the Youth of Maynooth to everybody who in any way contributed to make this project a success. This must include all those who were there at the very beginning, and may feel now, because of the AnCo Project, that their contribution was not important. Believe me your help last year was invaluable. Know in your hearts that if last year had not happened, this year could not have been. So, from the youngest lad who helped last year to the oldest, I say feel happy that the work you did last year was the means of giving 12 jobs to youths this year. When they finish in the Geraldine they will all be transferred to various AnCo Projects and courses, where they will be given an opportunity to

develop their talents. Bru Bosco too was responsible for negotiating the Canal Project, so as more of our Youth can continue to work for their own Community and to learn skills which will benefit themselves.

Youth of tomorrow, down to the youngest babe in arms. It was done in the spirit of Christmas, the spirit of giving, the Babe in the Manger became a Youth too.

Next year argues well for the Club. Now we have extra space and, what is more important, extra help, we can hope to accomplish very much more. People are now taking notice of our efforts and are really believing that this is a Youth Club with a difference. Our latest offer of help has come from no less a place than Maynooth College. Father Nial Ahern has expressed a wish to have some of their First Divine lads come to the Club to help with activities, and thus learn to relate

to the Youth of today. Nice thought, the Town and the Gown coming together. (One could get into trouble for remarks such as that!) Our programme for the Year of the Youth 1986 is very wide indeed. It will include all types of sports, such as Basketball, Football, Canoeing, Orienteering, Indoor Games and Competitions, Pool, Snooker, Table tennis, Darts, Quiz, Crafts, Drama, Ballroom Dancing, Ceili Dancing, Music, our very own Folk Group, by kind permission of Fr. Supple Mass in our Hall every few weeks. Here nobody will fault me I am sure if I give a special Thank You to Fr. Supple, who has been so generous to us in making the Hall available for so much of our fundraising. The first priority of Salesian Co-operators is to be good parishioners, and as soon as we are really going Father, you can be sure we in turn will help you, as you help your flock now. Our clergy are so over-worked now it is up to us lay folk to carry some of the weight.



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From last year to this year. Our Treasurer Ann Power, has just phoned me to say she has completed our Balance Sheet and, to her amazement, we have collected and spent over £7000. No wonder we are feeling tired just now. Most of this collection - as you are all aware - was done in small amounts. For this we are indebted to all those people who have come out and helped in our door to door information week, house bingos, house dinners, sales in garages and elsewhere, Poker Classic, and of course the Athletic Club 10K which was such a great success, fun for all, and realised the large sum of £500. Behind the 10K was a tremendous amount of hard work, but I have been given orders not to mention any names because what was done was for

the Youth of Maynooth, by another Youth Club. One of our committee, who also shall remain nameless (hint, she was last in), collected over £100 sponsorship - that is in addition to the £500 received. The American Tea Party again was a lot of hard work, and realised, with all expenses paid, around £700 profit. The Committee, on behalf of the Youth, once again thank all those Hostesses who worked so very hard. This too was another very enjoyable event.

The above figure mentioned as having been spent on the Geraldine does not include the massive donation of raw materials from the public, and the gift of the whole roof from Maynooth Lions Club, without whom it is very doubtful the project could have gotten off the ground in the first place as we had no funds to

buy materials to start the work. Blame Bernie Durkan for that - he rushed the AnCo project through so fast.

Could I stop here and mention something the Presentation Sisters said, when it was remarked to them at the Sunday Stands that the amount of materials they were donating was too much. The answer they gave was very simply, "It would be a poor day indeed if we could not help our very own". That simple statement seems to say so much about all the hard work so many people have put into this effort of collecting. It was all done for our OWN, not for thanks, but to protect the Youth of today in Maynooth, and therefore ensure the safety of the So he formed a three tier structure. At the top S.D.B., then the Sisters F.M.A., and lastly the Lay Fold,

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whom he called co-operators. So that they could never be separate from each other, he made each an autonomous body with their own set of regulations, but bound together by one word and one spirit, SALESIAN. S.D.B., by nature of their very calling and being the centre part of the whole, are answerable for the life of the Salesian Family. Why this explanation now? Because it is necessary to say that without the help of the rest of our Family, the Salesian Co-operators could not have gone it alone. We had the will, we could go places they could not go, do things they could not have done, but we had not the expertise they had acquired. When it came to structural alterations we were greenhorns, so we have to admit that a large extended three tiered Family is a wonderful thing to have around. I am sold on the idea that large Families are just Great.

Are we going to sit back now that the Geraldine is almost completed? How can we, when 1986 is to be the Year of the Youth. The ideal thing now would be a piece of land on which to build some kind of a little industry for the employment of Youth. Good idea if it could be adjacent to the Geraldine, in

other words within that area. It might not be a bad thing to throw this one at Emmet. Why? Because I imagine it is a hard nut to crack. I am remembering a conversation heard from two shawlies many moons ago. (Dublin accent).
Mollie: What saint do you pray to?
Mary: I don't pray to any of them.
Mollie: Who do you pray to then, the Sacred Heart or Our Lady?
Mary: No, I don't pray to them either.
Mollie: Who do you pray to?
Mary: I always pray to the blessed,

because I think they are like the T.D.s, you always get more from them on the way up!

From the Salesian Co-operators and the members of the Bru Bosco Youth Club, a very happy Christmas to everybody in Maynooth (which includes all catchment areas) and also a special thank you to the Trustees of the Hall and the Development, who trusted us.
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Since the last appearance of these notes, the situation regarding the Dublin Road pitch has improved considerably. Without saying anything that might prejudice future developments, it is to be hoped that common sense will prevail and that we can continue to provide entertainment and recreation for the locality. Our thanks to the Community Council officers and the local public representatives for their efforts in this matter. Now for some news from the playing fields.

October 20: Shangan Celtic 6, Maynooth Town 5.

The second team were unlucky to lose to a strong Shangan team in Ballymun, as they had two goals disallowed. K. Breslin 2, J. Doyle 2 and T. Kearins scored.

October 21: Donore Celtic 4, Maynooth Town 3.

The third team should never have lost this game as they held a 3-1 lead at one stage.

October 28: Maynooth Town 2, Annamoe Rangers 0.

The first team continue to lead the way in their division and fully deserved their win through second-half

goals from B. McCall and P. Lafferty. October 28: Maynooth Town 6, Millbrook Celtic 2.

The thirds got back on the winning trail with an impressive performance. G. Tracey 2, K. Kilduff 2, K. Walshe and T. McTernan were the scorers.

November 3: Maynooth Town 2, Aungier Celtic 4.

Another hard-luck story for the seconds. They got off to a bad start but fought back very well and deserved a draw. K. McAtamney and J. Doyle scored.

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November 4: Maynooth Town 1, Glenmore Celtic 5.

A very strong Glenmore side proved too good for the firsts in the F.A.I. Junior Cup. P. McCourt was the

scorer.

November 10: Links Athletic 3, Maynooth Town 2.

The seconds still have no luck as they led the League leaders, only to concede the winner in the last minute. J. Edwards and T. Kearins were the scorers.

November 11: Harold Celtic 3, Maynooth Town 3.

A good away point for the firsts against one of their main challengers for League honours. D. Farrell 2, and P. Doyle got the goals.

November 12: Maynooth Town 2, Lansdowne Celtic 3.

Back to the old careless ways for the thirds, losing a game they should have won. G. Tracey and T. McTernan scored.

Recent Winners in our Weekly Draw:

October 24: Mrs. B. Phelan, c/o Bingo, £100. Mrs. M. Bright, Greenfield, £25. Mrs. C. Daly, O'Neill Park, £10.

October 31: Tommy Gilligan, Carlton, £100. Mrs. Cusack, Main St., £25. Noel Horan, Greenfield, £10.

November 7: Mrs. B. Farrell, Greenfield, £100. Jim Tracey, Moyglare Road, £25. Nell Byrne, Greenfield, £10.

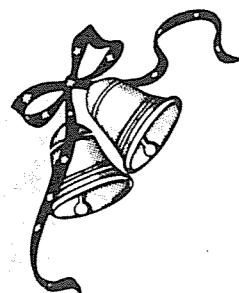
Finally, our deepest sympathies go to the family of the late John Saults, Parson Street. John was the father of two of our most prominent members Willie and John (jnr).

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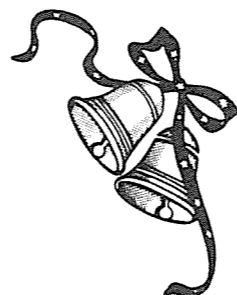


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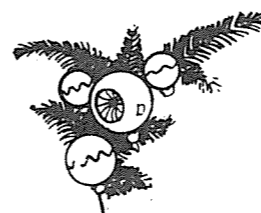
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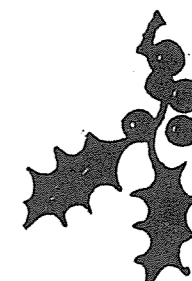
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ATHLETIC CLUB NOTES

Maynooth 10K "Bru Bosco" Road Race

The Maynooth 10K Bru Bosco Road Race, run on October 21st, proved to be an overwhelming success, both in the financial and sporting sense, and with runners from Lucan, Palmers-town, Clonsilla, Blanchardstown, Kilcock, Leixlip, and even as far away as Kilkenny, together with a large local contingent, a great day's entertainment was enjoyed by almost all.

The race began and finished at Parish Hall, having in the meantime traversed the streets of Maynooth and the beautiful Carton Estate, where the sylvan setting was appreciated by all. The winner of the race was Noel Hanratty of Skryne in Co. Meath. Second was Colm McElroy of Clonsilla and third Noel Higgins of Kilcock. The winner of the Ladies event was Irene Keogh of Blanchardstown, second was Ursula Phelan of Lucan and third Ann Mallon of Kilcock.

Locals well placed were: Loughlin Murphy 6th; Denis Reidy 4th; Liam McNamee 8th; Brian Redmond 18th; Pat Maher 25th; Tony Callaghan 36th; Brian Stewart 42nd; A.M. Nelluli 52nd; Colm Lawless 72nd; Dara Callaghan 73rd; Emer Farrelly 79th; Enda Breslin 80th; Mary Farrelly 86th; Patrick Corcoran 89th; Paul Hand 97th; James Fleming 99th; Paddy Power 105th; Peter Nevin 106th; Dominick Nugent 108th; Patsy McCluskey 109th; Robert Barry 111th; Noel McCluskey 120th; Paul Cryan 121st; Gillian Deane 123rd; Vivienne Burke 129th; Marie Gleeson 141st; Paula Kelly 144th; Sandra Steward 145th; Betty O'Connor 148th; Nora Feeney 151st; Richard Walshe 152nd; Barry O'Donohue 153rd; Margaret Gillick 157th; Sandra Gillick 158th; Lynn Power 159th; Fintan Ruddy 160th; Margaret Noonan 171st; Bernie Dunne 185th; Michelle Kelly 186th;

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The Organising Committee of the race wish to thank Tommy McDonald of Maynooth Sports Locker for sponsoring the race, Carton Estate for permission to go through it, Gardai, Fr. Supple for use of Parish Hall, Knights of Malta ambulance service. Also ladies who provided tea and sandwiches for everybody present, whether runners or

not, all the stewards who gave of their time, and everybody who helped in any way to make the event a success, and especially those who donated spot prizes which were drawn for in the hall. The race was run in aid of the Geraldine Hall Restoration Fund, and a sum of £500 was handed over by the Race Committee.

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The start of the Cross Country season is always eagerly awaited, and Maynooth A.C. made the compar-

atively short journey to Kilcock on November 4th for the 1984/85 Championships.

The day opened for the Club with a great run by Austin Noonan in the Boys U/10 event, and although having to settle for second place in the end, Austin ran his heart out, and with a little more luck on the run in must have won. In the Boys U/12 event, Anthony Smith was well up all the way, and can look forward to having better luck before the season finishes. In the Boys U/14 Frank Desmond was the lone standard bearer for the Club, and had a great battle all the way with a Leixlip runner. Both lads ran shoulder to shoulder until the last 200 metres, when the Leixlip lad proved the stronger, and ran on to gain a merited victory.

The girls once again were the main stay of the Club, and although Emma McCluskey and Fiona Redmond were not in the medals, both girls can be very pleased with their performance. In the U/12 event, Lisa McCluskey ran a cracker of a race, and although finally having to give best to a Leixlip girl, certainly can look back with pride on this race. Carmel Noonan finished in 4th place, Carmel Gleeson 5th, and Ashling Kelly 10th,

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and these placings were sufficient to make Maynooth first team overall. In the Girls U/14, Emer Farrelly went right away from the field in the early stages, and although fading towards the end of the race, was only pipped close to home for gold. Fiona Lawlor finished in third place, Paula Kelly 5th, and Sandra Steward 8th, and these placings were sufficient for Maynooth to gain winning brackets. Enda Gleeson became our only individual winner of the afternoon with a trap to line victory in the U/16 event, and with good backing from Helen Tracey 4th, Nuala Noonan 5th and Sarah Breslin 7th, were

gold in the team event. Helen Redmond was Maynooth's only runner in the Ladies Novice event, and finished a very creditable fourth, but the Club had runners in abundance in the Mens Novice and here John

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Gahan finished up in third place. This was a great run from John, and much more is expected of him before the season ends. Other runners to impress in this event for Maynooth were Kevin Tracey, John Tracey, Denis Tracey, Colm Lawless, Pat Mahon, Matty Cunningham and David Jolly. So ended another days outing for the Club, and all are looking forward to round two of the Kildare Championships on Sunday November 11th in Carbury.

November 11th, 1984.

On a day that simply never took up, Maynooth made the comparatively short journey to Carbury for round two of the Kildare Cross Country Championships, and with three individual gold, four silver, and one bronze, as well as numerous team prizes, can be well satisfied with their performances.

The day opened with a good run for E. McCluskey in the Girls U/9 event, and she was closely attended by A. Redmond and G. Breslin. The Boys U/11 had Austin Noonan battling hard all the way, and he came with a great charge in the straight to take second place. The Girls U/11 had F. Redmond as their lone standard bearer, and she finished up a very creditable 16th. Our first victory came in the Girls U/13 event, and here Emer Farrelly set out as if she disliked everyone in sight, and with grim determination beat off all her pursuers one by one. Her closest rival at all times was team-mate Michelle Ennis, who finished second, but on this occasion Emer was not going to be denied victory. Carmel Noonan finished 5th here, L. McCluskey 6th, Carmel Gleeson 7th, Sandra Gillick 9th and Ashling Kelly 15th. The first four home for Maynooth were winners of "gold" for the team event.

In the Girls U/15 race, Enda Gleeson set out in front and at one stage had what looked an unassailable lead, but

was caught close home by a Leixlip girl, and had to settle for second place. Nuala Noonan was third here, and a great run it was for Nuala, as it was for Helen Tracey 4th, Fiona Lawlor 5th and Paula Kelly 6th. Naturally the first four home were once again first team winners.

The Boys have been in the shade in the Championships so far, but Dara Callaghan rectified this today,

and had a great start to finish victory in the U/15 event. Dara's closest pursuer at all times was Enda Breslin, who finished second, and F. Desmond 4th. A pity here that the Club had only three runners as first team medals were there for the taking if a fourth runner had been available. If any fourteen year old boy is reading these notes and fancies having a run, he will be very welcome in the GAA field any Tuesday or Thursday evening at 7 pm.

David Callaghan finished a good 10th in the U/13 race, but unfortunately had no support for a team prize.

The Ladies were not to be outdone by their illustrious offspring, and Patsy McCluskey led her team to second place overall, and took bronze individual herself in the Vets event, which was run in miserable conditions. Helen Redmond finished in 6th place here, and Marie Gleeson 9th. Finally came the event which all the Vet. Men had been waiting for, and the Club was not disappointed. Setting out on a 600 metre run, it was noticeable that the trio of Liam McNamee of Maynooth, Bobby King of Kilcock, and Jim Clancy

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of Carbury had broken away from the field at an early stage, and thus the scene remained, with King and Clancy sharing the lead at various stages, and McNamee sitting in on their tails. Coming into the final 500m, Bobby King led from McNamee, but with 200m to go, Liam put on the steam, flew past the Kilcock man, and came home the easiest of winners. The joy of the Maynooth contingent knew no bounds and with good backing from Brian Redmond who finished in 4th place, Peter Keegan 7th, Tony Callaghan 8th and Pierce Breslin 17th, Maynooth were also team prize winners. Indeed Maynooth would have also taken

individual gold in the O/40 and O/45 event per B. Redmond and P. Keegan.


Thus ended a most enjoyable days outing, and even if the weather was miserable, the Maynooth followers were well catered for, and kept themselves on the go continuously encouraging the runners.

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