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CLLR. GERARD BRADY

Cllr. Brady has applied for two motions to be put before the Co. Council:-

1. The extension of traffic route lighting beyond O'Neill Park on Dublin Rd.
2. The extension of the speed limit on Moyglare Road.

The Co. Engineer also informed Cllr. Brady that notice of motion has been given Kildare Co. Council for the completion of the development at Greenfield Estate for the next meeting. As soon as this motion is passed, the estate would be formally in the charge of the County Council.

NEXT ISSUE

All items for inclusion in the October issue of the Newsletter should be handed in on or before 16th September.

SCHOLARSHIP

The many friends of Dympna McLoughlin, O'Neill Park, wish her a happy and profitable sojourn in New York. Dympna, who received her Masters Degree in Maynooth University with distinction, was offered a Scholarship to any University of her choosing to continue her studies. Dympna is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jas. McLoughlin, who must indeed be proud of their eldest daughter.

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Editorial

Next year is to be set aside as 'The Year of Youth', with a particular emphasis on unemployment and drugs, - two of the most dangerous cancers in the youth problems of today. Youth, in our opinion is getting a very rough time at present, particularly in the employment sector.

It is, indeed, heartening to know that, following the Lions Club Lecture on the Drug Problem, etc. some short time ago, a group of concerned people got together to see what could be done resulting in the birth of Bru Bosco Youth Organisation. Their Club house, the Geraldine Hall, was in a very poor state and, again with the generous aid of the Lions Club material was provided and, with the help of the AnCo Youth Training Scheme, a lot of valuable work was carried out on the premises - or, should we say, is being carried on. There is quite a bit more to be done still and it is hoped that the generosity of the ordinary people will help to complete it. A number of local young men are employed in the process, AnCo providing wages for them.

It looks therefore as if 'The Year of the Youth' has got a start ahead of time in our town. This is excellent news and we feel it would be a great pity if the work did not go ahead for the coming year at least. In an effort to do so, Bru Bosco are endeavouring to take up a further project of reclamation, or perhaps we should say revitalisation of the Royal Canal in this area and it would be possible to have a further thirty to forty young people employed when this gets under way. This project would also be under AnCo who would pay the workers wages with the exception of the foremen, whose wages would only be part paid, the local community being expected to provide the balance. This would mean a small contribution from all of us, but, at the price of having so many young people employed and receiving technical training, it would be well worth our support.

The Royal Canal Preservation Society are also prepared to co-operate and, as a matter of fact, a Branch may well have been formed in Maynooth before this Newsletter reaches you. The Society helped a similar project in Kilcock with outstanding success.

It would be ungrateful here not to mention the names of two people who have helped very much in these projects very quietly and without advertisement. Firstly Mr. Bernard Durkan, T.D., who has been invaluable in obtaining the grants, technical assistance and other administrative assistance. Secondly we mention Mrs. Peig Lynch and her fine body of helpers in Bru Bosco who have borne the brunt of the work and worry. Without these people nothing at all would have been arranged.

The AnCo representative in charge of the Maynooth project must also get our unreserved praise for his dedication, assistance and kindness.

It is hoped that the young people themselves who will be benefiting from these projects will really appreciate what is being done and will remember that even though they are not employed in the projects, they too can help. It is now over to you, readers, to give your assistance and, if possible, financial support to the project. Even if you have not a lot to give, a little helps.

MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

Results of Seamus Moore Memorial Cup: Athlone 23/6/84

Overall:- Thomas Fay 33 pts. (Last 6 holes)

Gross Prize:- Eddie Kavanagh 77 gross

Class 1: 1st Liam Ledwith 29 pts; 2nd Tony Dunning 28 pts; 3rd Seamus Feeney 27 pts.

Class 2: 1st Eddie Dunne 33 pts; 2nd Tom Rowland 28 pts; 3rd Mick Dempsey 23 pts.

Class 3: 1st Joe Murray 31 pts; 2nd Joe Smith 30pts; 3rd Sean Moore 29 pts (Back nine).

Front Nine T. Moore (17pts)
Back Nine E. Ledwith (15pts)

Par 3s W. Moore - 11pts
Par 5s P. Foy - 7 pts.

Visitor:- V. Sherlock

The committee would like to thank our sponsors for their generous sponsorships on this a very well attended outing. We would like to say a special thanks to the Moore family for their sponsorship of the overall prize.

Next Outing: Ardee Golf Club, 23 July '84.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL REMINDER

Would all voluntary organisations please submit the name of their sub-committee delegate to:
The Secretary, - John McGinley,
50 Greenfield Drive (Tel.285293)
- before 10th September, 1984.

July Meeting

At the July meeting, the Community Council formally adopted the constitution which had been agreed at the inaugural meeting in June. Standing Orders for the regulation of Council meetings were also adopted.

The Council decided to establish seven sub-committees through which it is proposed most of the Council's future activities will be carried out. These are:

1. Finance
2. Planning and Development
3. Social Services
4. Youth Activities
5. Education
6. Sports and Recreation
7. Residents' Associations

Each sub-committee will draw up a list of priorities, which will then be brought together to form an overall Community Development Plan. All known voluntary organisations in the Maynooth area have been requested to nominate a representative to the appropriate sub-committee. This allows all organisations to have a direct say in the Council's activities.

Any organisations which have not sent in their nominations, or which have not been contacted by the Council, should contact the Council Secretary, John McGinley, 50 Greenfield Drive, immediately so that the sub-committees can begin functioning as soon as possible. Notification of the inaugural meetings of the sub-committees will be sent out shortly.

August Meeting

At its August meeting, the Council expressed its condolences to Fionan Hardiman, a member of the Council, on the recent death of his mother. Further progress was made on the establishment of the Council's sub-committees, with agreement being reached on which Council members will serve on each sub-committee.

Clean-up Week

The Council's first project, a Clean-up Week, was held recently, and involved cleaning activities in the housing estates organised by local residents' associations, while the Council members themselves undertook the cleaning

Community Council

of the town centre area. It is hoped that regular cleaning of this area at weekends can be organised through the formation of a Business and Residents' Association for the town centre.

Community Involvement

As the Council would like to have the maximum involvement of the people in Maynooth in its activities, anyone who has any ideas on what these activities should be, or would like to help out in any way, is asked to contact the Council Secretary (address above).

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LARAGH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Mr. Stagg has informed us of the following replies to motions tabled by myself on our behalf at Kildare Co. Council.

"That maintenance be carried out in the Laragh cul-de-sac to eliminate potholes". The Co. Engineer replied that he would arrange to have remedial work carried out here.

"That a 'stop' sign or 'yield' sign be erected at Gibbons Cross, Laragh, and that weeds and bushes be cut back at this point to improve the sight line". The Co. Engineer replied that weeds and bushes would be trimmed before August. Erection of the sign will be discussed with the local Gardaí for their recommendation and erection can proceed after the holiday period if agreement is reached.

That the council make arrangements to collect the refuse from the 8 houses in Laragh, and discontinue the present "Collection point" arrangements. M. Finn, Staff Officer, replied stating that this application was previously turned down due to inadequate room for refuse collection vehicle to manoeuvre the narrow roadway. Cllr. Stagg is pursuing the matter further.

"That a 'Drive Slow' sign be erected at the entrance to the Laragh cul-de-sac." The Co. Engineer replied stating that signs of this nature cannot regrettably be provided from Roads Maintenance Allocations. However, if the residents were willing to finance the supply and erection of the sign, he would be in a position to make contact with a firm in Maynooth who can help.

Cllr. Stagg has also informed us that he has tabled the following motion which has not been discussed yet:

"That the elimination of the dangerous corners at Gibbons' and Doughlans at Laragh be investigated."

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Leo McGlynn, 857 Greenfield, would like to express his thanks to all those people in Greenfield who voted for him in the recent Community Council elections, and hopes to serve the people of Greenfield to the best of his ability.

EURO TRIP

Gerard McMyler, Taghadoe, a student at Maynooth Post Primary School, has achieved signal success. He has won a Scholarship following his entry in the essay competition "The European Parliament and its Powers" and with three other successful competitors, will go on a tour of Common Market countries with all expenses paid.

The essay competition was open to students in all second level schools in Ireland, under the auspices of the Michael Sweetman Educational Trust. Gerard and some others were called in for interview when Gerard and the other award winners were selected. Under a group leader they will travel to several European cities including Paris, Strasbourg and Brussels in September.

Well done Gerard - Heartiest congratulations.

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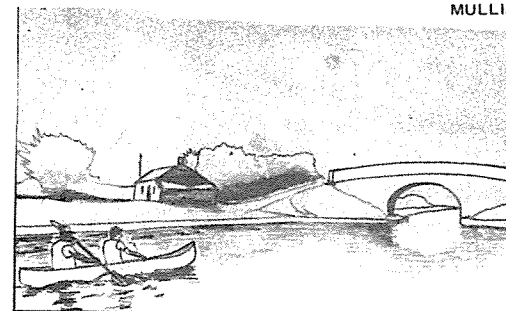
Built between the years 1795 and 1810 the Royal Canal has had a chequered history. It was the second canal to link Dublin with the Shannon and though it has been said that the cost never justified its construction the fact remains that it traded quite profitably until the coming of the railways in the 1840's.

In 1845 it was purchased by the Midland Great Western Railway Company. Traffic previously carried by the Canal was switched to the rails and in time the canal was used mainly as a water-source for the steam engines. Bye-traders, however, continued their trade and the last boat passed through in 1950. Ten years later the Canal was closed to navigation. It is important to note that it was never abandoned.

RESTORATION

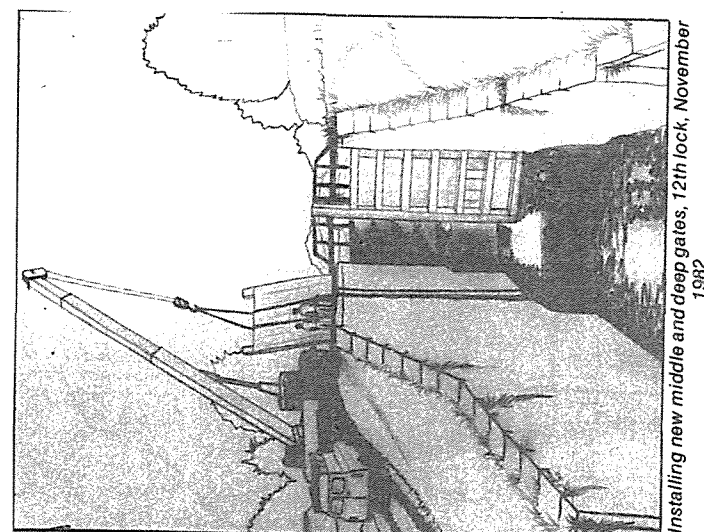
In 1974 a number of people with like views about the amenity potential of a restored Canal met and, as a result The Royal Canal Amenity Group came into being.

Many levels in the section east of Mullingar had dried out, lock gates had rotted away, reduced water levels resulted in luxuriant weed growth which, because of its unsightly appearance became a dumping ground and a health hazard. West of Mullingar roads were built through the bed of the Canal.

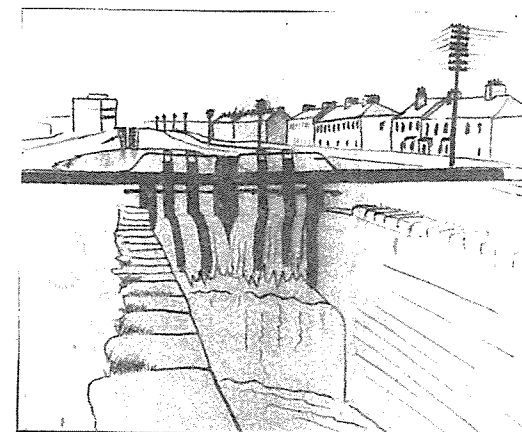


Ballynacargy Harbour - restored 1981.

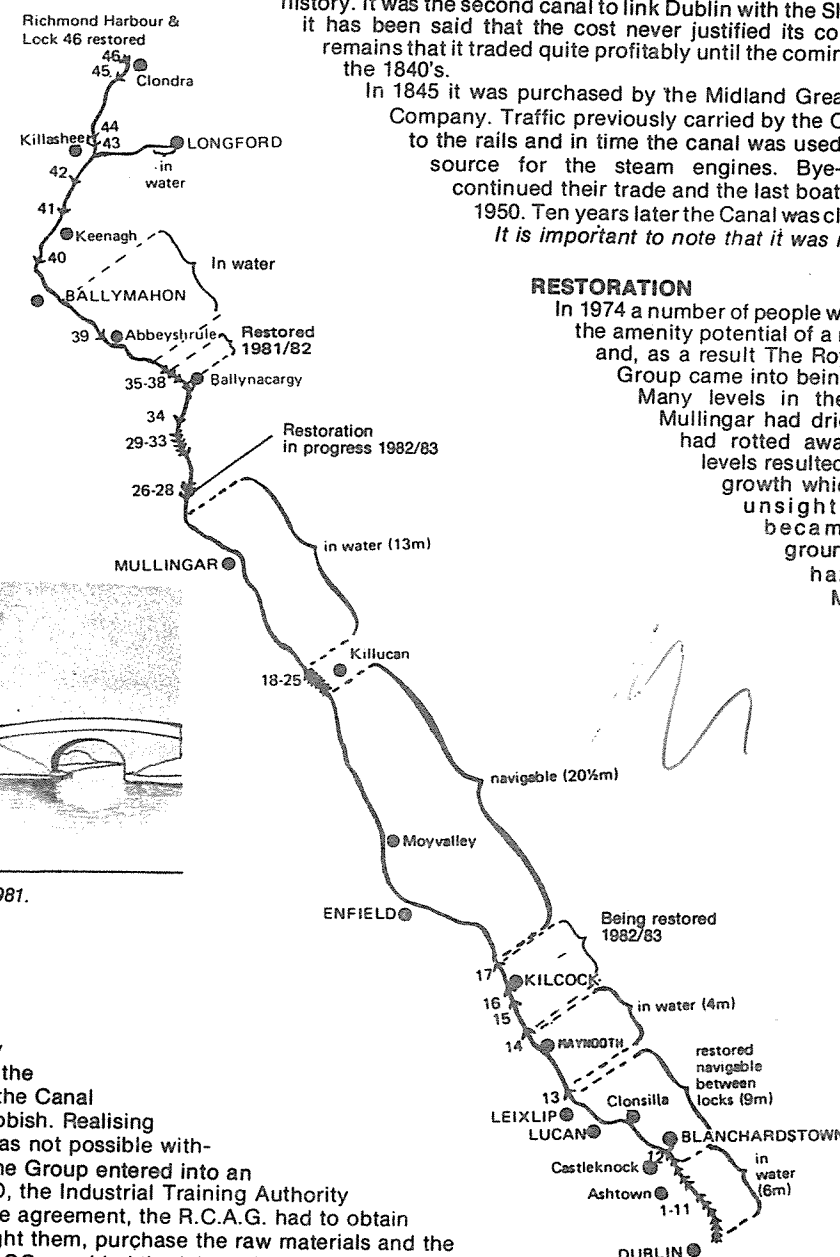
Voluntary work parties, organised by the Group, quickly set about restoring the towpath and cleared the Canal bed of all kinds of rubbish. Realising that full restoration was not possible without new lock gates, the Group entered into an agreement with AnCO, the Industrial Training Authority. Under the terms of the agreement, the R.C.A.G. had to obtain premises, heat and light them, purchase the raw materials and the capital equipment. AnCO provided the labour force as part of a Community Youth Training Programme. At the time of writing, 1982, 12 pairs of gates have been manufactured and more are under construction. To ensure continuity of supplies to the factory it is imperative that we maintain funds.



Installing new middle and deep gates, 12th lock, November 1982.



Completed 3rd Lock Gates, Installed at Mountjoy.



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BRU BOSCO YOUTH CLUB

A major development in our progress was our Summer Camp in "Copewood" Pallaskenry, 14th-20th July. So what, you say. Another "Summer Camp". However, we have proved we can flourish even outside of Maynooth, and for a club as young as ours, that's something to be proud of. Our "Safari" included Martin Traynor, Declan Burke, Robbie and Ronnie Thompson, Mark Cummins, Mark O'Brien, Patrick Conlon, Yvonne Leavey and Siobhan O'Keefe. How do you fit 4 leaders, 9 teenagers, rucksacks, cases, sleeping bags, oceans of enthusiasm, impatience, wellingtons and grins from cheek to cheek into the average mini-bus? Add a dash of Salesian Spirit and a quick word with Don Bosco and away you go.

Our scenic destination - Pallaskenry - boasted a full size swimming pool which we availed of at least 3 hours every day. Our activities included nightly videos, campfires, 2 nights in Spanish Point, ponytrekking, orienteering, canoeing on the Atlantic, trip to Cliffs of Moher, Tarbert-Killimor ferry, Curra-chase Forest Park, 20 mile cycle, day trip to Ballybunion, barbecue and ghost stories, fishing in Spanish Point and Dromore Castle Lake and tour of the farms. On Sunday 15th our Mass in the College Oratory was a shared experience with Fr. Emilio, a Spanish Salesian, celebrating. In case you wonder what happened when Ronnie Thompson and his shelling pony had different ideas on which direction they were going, well, perseverance won the day - but it helped to have a bicycle. I don't know what the pony thought!

Orienteering: (Coole Park, home of Lady Gregory) - the task and the instructor seemed formidable, but in hindsight it proved to be one of the highlights of our week - strongly recommended!!

Canoeing on the Atlantic at Kinvara, Co. Galway. Who ever said that girls don't make good sailors? Siobhan and Yvonne survived in their two-man, sorry women, kayak when all other craft went down with all hands!

Cycling (Kinvara): One of our more enthusiastic cyclists with initials M.O.B. went off the beaten track. Fortunately, Galwegians are not cannibalistic, as a search and rescue party of his comrades could not be mustered before they had eaten - their dinner that is. Eat your heart out Mark - sorry, couldn't resist that one.

Now for a few personal comments from the participants:

Declan Burke; "I liked swimming, the campfires and the lovely dinners best."

Martin Traynor (Benzer); "My favourites were orienteering, swimming and pony trekking."

Ronnie Thompson; "The crack for me was orienteering, swimming, canoeing, Spanish Point bunks and Br. John Campion."

Mark Cummins (the rear gunner); "I enjoyed swimming, pony trekking, the videos and the beans."

Robbie Thompson (Squaker); "For me the best were ferry, pony trekking, Spanish Point bunks and the dinners."

Mark O'Brien (Mucky); "A1 for me

swimming, the sheep, Br. Jerry Myers, Ballybunion and canoeing."

Patrick Conlon (Batty); "I really went for swimming, pony trekking, orienteering and Ballybunion."

Yvonne Leavey; The greatest were swimming, pony trekking and canoeing."

Siobhan O'Keefe; "Highlights for me were pony trekking, canoeing and learning to swim."

Most of the leaders went canoeing. We have all decided that Br. Michael Browne should be entered for the Equestrian Olympic Team in Seoul in 1988 - you've got 4 years to train Michael. Br. Paddy-the purse strings-Hennessy prospered in his native county!

Modesty does not forbid mentioning the names of the leaders: "Der Fuhrer"

Br. Jerry Myers; Minister for Finance Br. Paddy Hennessy; Minister for Entertainment Declan Murphy; Minister without Portfolio - also for Women's Affairs - Eilis O'Malley. Awards for various activities were given as follows: 'Most responsible camper of the week' award - Robbie Thompson. Swimming, Canoeing, Adventure Course and Orienteering awards were all presented by Camp Director, Br. Michael Casey at the barbecue. Part of the finale on Friday 20th was a special Mass said by Fr. Tim Wrenn. Br. Joe Lucey was on hand

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BRU BOSCO
GERALDINE HALL YOUTH CLUB

As all of you are now very well aware, Bru Bosco was founded by Salesian Co-operators because of their commitment to youth. The Club has been in operation for one year and has been very successful. Yet taking stock, what had we really achieved? We had given to the Youth of Maynooth a corner to call their own, where they could relax, play a game of snooker, pool, table tennis, darts or cards; have a cup of tea and a chat with somebody always ready to listen, good in itself, a start. But it was apparent to all of us that life was not all about games. We needed to give our members something more. It was not hard to think of the answer. Most of our members were YOUNG and UNEMPLOYED. What they needed most of all was HOPE FOR THE FUTURE and overnight, almost, an "ANCO PROJECT WAS BORN".

OBJECTIVE of AnCo project is to give youth training and employment. HOW? By giving work experiences and wages, it teaches skills, use of time, gives the young person a value in being employed. It also enhances his dignity as a human

being, and gives him/her a sense of achievement and of personal identity.

But needed to run this was money to buy materials, which Bru Bosco had not got. What we collected last year was spent on the first half of the hall, but as Salesians, optimism was our KEY word and Don Bosco brought the LIONS CLUB to the rescue. That the AnCo project was passed so quickly was due to Bernie Durkan. That it was able to take off the ground immediately was due in the first place to the Trustees of the Hall who gave permission for the ANCO PROJECT to take place there, but principally to the LIONS, who donated the vast bulk of the roofing materials because they believed in what we stood for as Salesian Co-operators - to protect our youth, keep them healthy, busy and contented, and prevent DRUGS getting a grip on our town. This donation by the Lions enabled us to put eight young people to work under our foreman, local tradesman Bartley O'Flaherty. There are now twelve working on the Geraldine. PLEASE TAKE A STROLL DOWN TO THE GERALDINE AND SEE WHAT A FANTASTIC JOB IS BEING DONE. Apart from admiring the new roof, stop and take a look at the lovely job the boys and girls have done on the old boundary wall.

DID YOU KNOW? a PRESERVATION ORDER has been put on the facade of the Geraldine, built 1859. I am sure all will agree that as the Geraldine is being restored to its former glory, the Harbour of the Royal Canal must now be restored to compliment it. So Bru Bosco had another AnCo Project passed on the Royal Canal.

But needed to run this is the full support of the whole Community, who, in the long and short term, benefit from this.

With the long term objective being to employ 20 more young people by Mid-September and 40 by December, finance is needed to buy materials for SAID work. While AnCo pays the wages, the local community is expected to supply machinery and materials, which cost money.

HOW DO YOU HELP? - By supporting all the fund raising activities which we hope to run. Everything happened so fast we had not time to organise any social events. Many of you could run a morning coffee or a house bingo or a cake sale in your own homes. The Athletic Club is organising a "Fun Run" for us in October. All of you lads and lassies who like to run for pleasure will help by simply joining in the 10K. Many Maynooth Gents and Ladies will be running in the City Marathon. If you are not already dedicated to a cause, why not run for your own town, since the local community stand to benefit from the amenities created by the work, which, when it is finished, will open up a whole NEW WORLD of WATERWAYS to you, your children and posterity. The community will have to realise it has a moral responsibility to make sure this opportunity is not passed up.

Should this financial backing not be forthcoming, the project will be put in jeopardy, which would indeed be a terrible pity. We have been in touch with the Royal Canal Amenity Group who have promised us every help. We will be concentrating on the 13th to the 14th Lock. Take a look at the map seen elsewhere in the Newsletter and you will see that this section of ours has been holding up the whole navigation of the Canal. All sections of the Amenity Group are very excited about the possibility of Maynooth restoring their section. Their enthusias-

m is really catching. The 13th Lock at Pikes Bridge has two gates already

repaired and one waiting to be put in place. The gates for the 14th Lock at Jacksons Bridge (Blakes-town) are already made. All that is needed is a few dedicated adults (tradesmen) to put them in place. While the AnCo Group are working on the Harbour there is nothing to stop Voluntary work parties going ahead with the lock gates on Saturdays or Sundays.

There will be a Canal Meeting before this Newsletter is in print and a branch of the Royal Canal Amenity Group will be formed in Maynooth. If anybody who reads this wishes to join this group and work with them, get in touch with the writer, who will hopefully be able to put you in contact with whoever is in charge. As previously stated, the intention of the Bru Bosco Committee is to form a complete new committee coming out from Bru Bosco to look after the Canal project.

We have been literally running around in circles looking for money to buy materials to keep us moving. Bernie Durkan again came to the rescue and succeeded in getting £300 on account from the Kildare County Council, which was greatly received, but spent in one hour. So far we have not been able to get anything from the Youth Employment Agency. Bernie has been trying very hard, without success. Personally I cannot accept that we are not entitled to some kind of grant from them. We are first time employers, we do pay P.R.S.I. and P.A.Y.E., we have made jobs for 12 youths and we hope to make jobs for 20 more in the near future. What the 12 are doing is restoring the Geraldine so as it can be used as a YOUTH CLUB. What we will be doing is restoring the Royal Canal and providing an amenity, not alone to the people and children of Maynooth, but to all inland water lovers from Dublin right through to Abbeyshrule.

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Have you any other ideas?

Many thanks to the Board of Works for Scaffolding and Boards: to O'Shea and Pidgeon for cement: to Naughton and Glennon for sand, and Philip Ward of the County Council.

See notes on our Camp by the lady who was present - in other words, straight from the horse's mouth.

Peig Lynch, P.R.O.
Salesian Co-operators & Geraldine Restoration. Tel: 286110

BIRTHDAYS

Heartiest congratulations to the following:
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Tommy and Helen Nelson, The Court, Maynooth, on the birth of a son.

Paddy and Rose Behan, 858 Greenfield, on the birth of a son.

Seamus and Patricia Flanagan, Threadstown, on the birth of a son, Richard Bernard.

Finan and Christine Hardiman, Dublin Road, Maynooth, on the birth of a son.

Willie and Elizabeth Coughlan, The Square, Maynooth, on the birth of a son.

Sean and Bernie Farrelly, Dillons Road, Maynooth, on the birth of a son.

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Kilcock Boxing Club



Outstanding Boxer of the Year - Joe Bright, Kilcock.
With Frank Conlon (left) and Cllr Emmet Stagg.



Hello Children,

Well, school time is here again and the holidays are over. I hope you all enjoyed them and had a lovely time. The weather this year was really great and everyone of you should have a healthy tan.

Isn't it a pity that Maynooth does not have a swimming pool as it would have been very welcome this year. Perhaps in the future we may get one. Next best to swimming in hot weather is of course canoeing or boating. You will be all pleased to know that a big effort will be made shortly to clean the

canal. Anyone who has been through Kilcock recently can see for themselves what a wonderful job they have done over there.

If the project in Maynooth is as successful then we will have a beautiful amenity right in our midst. However it is going to take a great effort both in money and materials and all help will be needed, no matter how small. Watch out for notices about this project and tell all your friends about it.

Until next month cheerio and God bless you all.

The winners of last months competition were:

Deirdre Farrell, 1 Greenfield Drive.
Claire Devaney, 19 Greenfield Drive.
Sinead O'Gorman, Garden House, Carlton Demesne.

Sarah Hetherington, 25 Greenfield Drive.

John Paul McMahon, 54 Rail Park.

And the runners-up were:

Michael Meally, 1 Rail Park.
Kenneth Killoran, 81 Maynooth Park.
Damien Farrell, 11 Greenfield Drive.

Christopher McMahon, 54 Rail Park.
Ann Marie Corcoran, 44 Laurence Ave.
Miriam Gormally, 33 Rail Park.
David Lee, Pagestown.
Elizabeth Meally, 1 Rail Park.
Gerard Meally, 1 Rail Park.
Martin Farrell, 11 Greenfield Drive.

Entries for this months competition should be handed on or before 16th September to Leo McGlynn, 857 Greenfield or John Read, 86 Rail Park.

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.

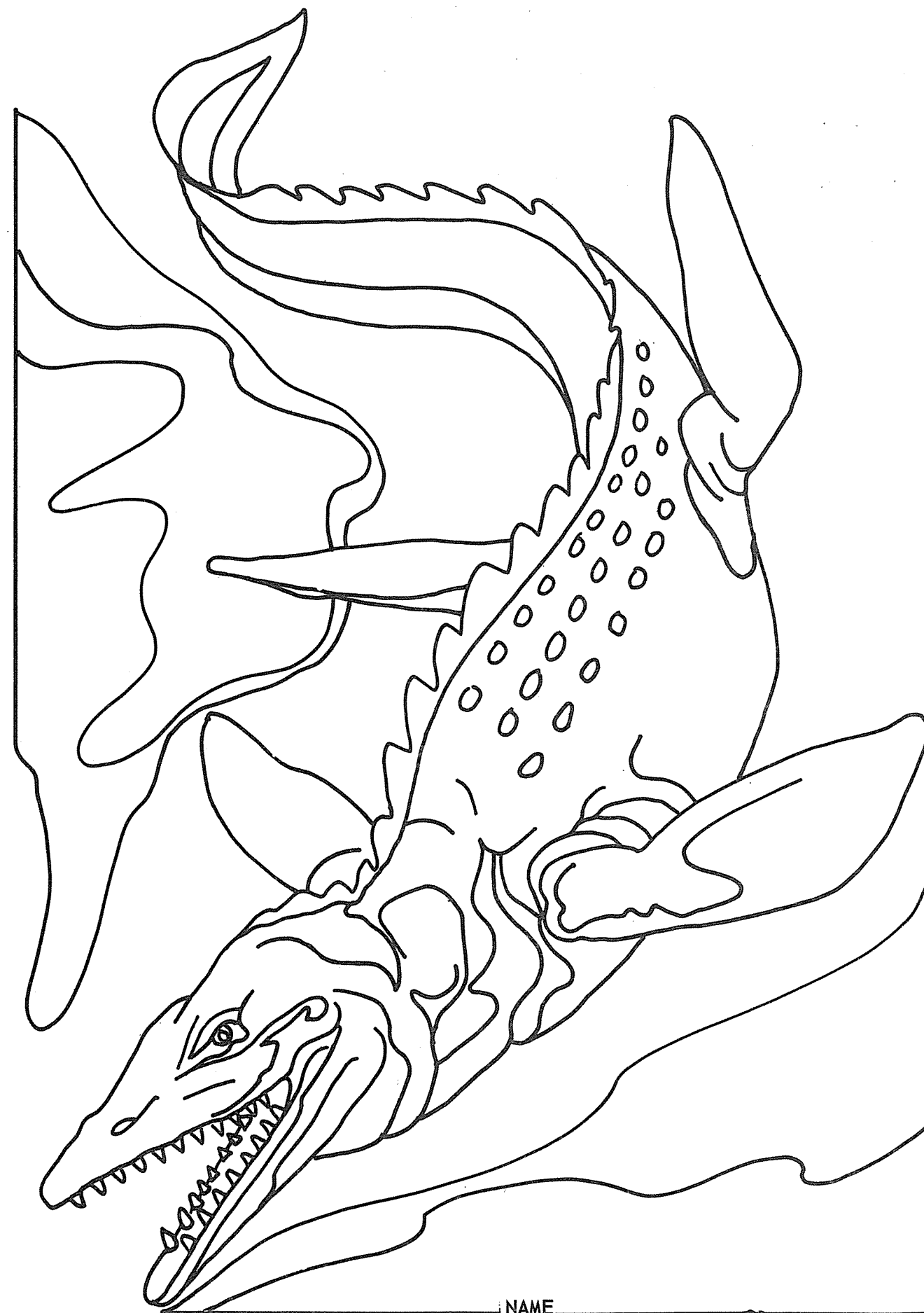
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Triumphant Performance by American Pianist, George Kelter

For many years, Mr. George Kelter, Buffalo, New York, has been a regular visitor to Ireland, having first come as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces to Northern Ireland during the Second World War. In more recent years George, since the death of his beloved wife, has spent the summer months in Maynooth. In the course of these visits he became a familiar figure to many in Maynooth, who came to love this friendly, extrovert man, and appreciate and understand his deeply-felt attachment to our country and its people.

George Kelter, though, was no 'ordinary' visitor. In the United States and particularly in his home town of Buffalo, New York, he is a well-known and respected classical-music pianist and teacher. He has shared his great talent and love of piano music with the people of Maynooth during his many visits. His friends looked forward to his return each summer and his concerts at Maynooth College. At these concerts we had the additional pleasure of hearing the music and song of Fr. Noel Watson, Professor of Music at the College and Mrs. Ita McCormack, Rail Park.

In the summer of 1983 while in Maynooth, and some days after the concert that year, tragedy struck George Kelter. He suffered a serious 'stroke', leading to major surgery and weeks of recovery in Dublin hospitals. On his return home all were saddened by the fact that it was unlikely that he would ever again return to Ireland. His future as a pianist seemed over.

But George came back to Maynooth in the summer of 1984 and spent three months with us, much to the surprise of everyone. There was no music that year however, as the tragedy of 1983 had left its mark.

We were all in for a further major surprise this summer of 1984. Not only did George return, but he was again planning a concert! But how was he to do it? We all knew the effect which his illness had on his right arm and hand.

The concert was arranged for the evening of 11th July at the Arts Music Room, St. Patrick's College. His friends gathered expectantly as 8 p.m. approached and soon the room was packed to capacity. Fr. Noel Watson introduced the programme and George took his place at the concert piano, having informed us that he would play all his pieces with the left hand only! He opened his programme with superb renderings of the National Anthems of the United States and Ireland. Surprise, appreciation and applause followed during the remainder of the evening as George followed one glorious piece with another:- Melody from Weber's Opera "DER FREISCHUTZ"; "Cavatina" from the Deerhunter; Werder's "Swamp Scenes"; Lehar's "Merry Widow" Waltz; "A round of Old Tunes" and more. Mrs. McCormack afterwards expressed astonishment at his playing of Liszt's "Hungary's God" - this score required considerable dexterity in the use of the keyboard. Mrs. Ita McCormack accompanied herself while singing, beautifully as always, the "London-derry Air". Fr. Noel Watson, Tom Lysaght and George finalised the concert with a trio at the piano of "Stars and Stripes Forever" - that famous Souza march. The performance of this piece had to be repeated to satisfy those present. Those of us present could hardly believe what we saw and heard. George and his friends had treated us to a musical evening comparable to the best given in the past. It was incredible that such music and beautiful sound could be created by one hand only, and the left hand at that! What tremendous effort and patience it must have taken to perfect such playing. All the music had either been written for the left hand or arranged by George for the left hand.

George is now back home in Buffalo. He has indicated that he will not be back. We know he returned home this time with great sadness and a sense of loss as he finally admitted that his many years of association with Ireland and Maynooth were at an end. But knowing George it is hard to imagine that he will not return again. In any event, on behalf of everyone in Maynooth, we wish him well - we wish him good health, happiness and continued success, incredibly, as a pianist and teacher. He shared his music with us when in the whole of his health and shared it again, unbelievably, when others would have acknowledged and succumbed to the effects of such a disability as he suffered.

The best of luck, George, and God bless. When you return we will again welcome you home.

Rev. Fr. Noel Watson

Finally we bid farewell to Fr. Noel Watson, who is leaving his position as Professor of Music at Maynooth College to return to parish work in Northern Ireland. He was a familiar figure over the years as Conductor of the many glorious concerts of major Religious Choral Works given in the college at Christmas and Easter. Many people from the town attended these concerts and came to know Fr. Watson as a great musical perfectionist and friend. We hope someone will continue his tradition of bringing such great music to us.

Thank you, Father, and God bless you and your work. On behalf of George Kelter also, we wish to thank you for the help, encouragement and friendship you gave him - this is a public acknowledgement of the debt owed. We will miss you both.

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BIRTHDAYS

Birthday Greetings to the following:
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Michael McGovern, Greenfield. Aug. 29th.
Maureen Collins, Mariaville. Aug. 29th.

Mark McCarron, 4 yrs. June 12th.
Aiden McCarron, 3 yrs. July 3rd.
From Nana, Imelda, Peter and Ann.

Margaret McCarron, August 3rd, from Mammy, Imelda, Peter and Ann.

Ann Dowling, Northants, England, July 26th. From Peter, Imelda and Margaret.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Larry and Carmel Begley, Pound St., Maynooth, who celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary on June 16th. Best wishes from their family and many friends.

Congratulations to Gearoid and Ita McTernan, Parson Street, who will celebrate their 37th anniversary on September 3rd.

RECENT WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Carol Higgins, Greenfield, Maynooth and Sean Reilly, Mulhussy, Kilcock, who were recently married.

Bernard Durkan T.D. is available to meet constituents at the following times and venues.

EVERY SATURDAY

Celbridge: Hibernian House, 10.30 a.m. approx.
Leixlip: Captain's Inn, 12 noon.
Maynooth: Geraldine Hall, 2.30 p.m. approx.
Naas: Fletcher's, Main Street, 4.30 p.m. approx.
Kilcock: Arcadia Hall, 6.30 p.m. approx.

FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Johnstownbridge: The Hamlet, 6.30 p.m. approx.
Broadford: Broadford Inn, 7.15 p.m. approx.
Williamstown: Forge Inn, 8.00 p.m. approx.
Derrinturn: John O'Brien, 8.45 p.m. approx.

SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Straffan: Straffan Inn, 6.30 p.m. approx.
Clane: Jones's Pub, 7.15 p.m. approx.
Prosperous: Reilly's office, 8.00 p.m. approx.
Kilmeague: Lyons's Pub, 8.45 p.m. approx.

THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Timahoe: The School, 6.30 p.m. approx.
Coill Dubh: Community Centre, 7.15 p.m.
Robertstown: Credit Union Office, 8.00 p.m. approx.
Newbridge: Nolan's Restaurant, 8.45 p.m. approx.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Ardclough: Tom Finneran's House, 6.30 p.m.
Kill: National School, 7.15 p.m. approx.
Sallins: Heavy's, Main Street, 8.00 p.m. approx.
Allenwood: Carroll's Lounge, 8.45 p.m. approx.

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Kilteel: Community Hall, 6.30 p.m.
Ballymore Eustace: Headon's Lounge, 7.15 p.m. approx.
Brannockstown: Phil Markey's Pub, 8.00 p.m. approx.
Two Mile House: Community Hall, 8.45 p.m. approx.

SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Newbridge: Nolan's Restaurant, 6.30 p.m. approx.
Monasterevin: CYMS Hall, 7.45 p.m. approx.
Rathangan: The Burrow, 8.45 p.m. approx.

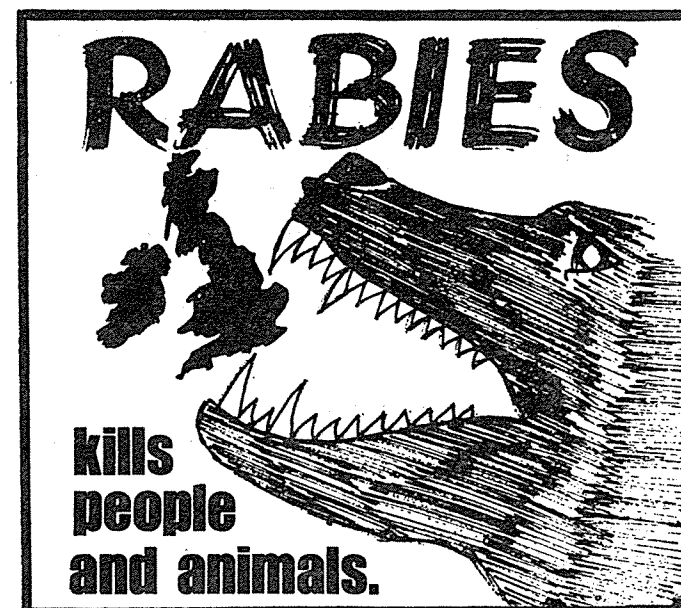
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Kilcullen: The Hide Out, 6.30 p.m. approx.
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Athy: Reggies Lounge, 8.30 p.m. approx.

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Newtown, Kilcock: The Mall, 9 pm. approx.

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LC.A. NOTES

The Flower Show Committee wish to thank most sincerely all who helped in any way in the running of this year's show. The event was great success, thanks to all who donated and sponsored so generously, and those who presented Cups, Trophies and Raffle Prizes.

The following are the full results:-

Class 1: 1st Mrs. J. Nolan, Donaghstown; 2nd Mr. J. Duff, Leixlip; 3rd Mr. P. Malone, Dunboyne.

Class 2: 1st Mrs. L. Quinn, Clondalkin;

2nd Mrs. Laidlaw; 3rd Sr. Adelma.

Class 3: 1st Mrs. M. Wylie; 2nd Maria McMyler; 3rd Sr. Adelma.

Class 4: 1st Sr. Adelma; 2nd Mrs. A. Smyth; 3rd Gerard McMyler.

Class 5: 1st Mr P. Malone, Dunboyne; 2nd Mrs. M. Ennis, Dunboyne; 3rd Mrs. J. Nolan.

Class 7: 1st Mrs. J.Nolan; 2nd Mrs. M. O'Connell; 3rd Mr. J. Doyle.

Class 8: 1st Mrs. M. O'Connell; 2nd Mrs. Laidlaw; 3rd Mrs. S. Angel.

Class 9: 1st Mrs. Laidlaw; 2nd Mrs. S. Angel; 3rd Mrs. M. O'Connell.

Class 10: 1st Henry Flynn; 2nd Deirdre Cullen, Dunboyne; 3rd Mrs. D. Duff, Leixlip.

Class 11: 1st Mr. J. Brick, Leixlip; 2nd Mrs. A. Quigley; 3rd Mrs. J. Bergin, Leixlip.

Class 12: 1st Mrs. M. O'Connell; 2nd Mr. J. Doyle; 3rd Mrs. H. Flynn.

Class 13: 1st Mrs. M. Keegan, Straffan; 2nd M. Daly, Batterstown; 3rd B. Connolly.

Class 14: 1st Marian Souhan; 2nd Mrs. Laidlaw, Castleknock; 3rd Noeleen O'Brien.

Class 15: 1st Imelda Desmond; 2nd P. Lavin; 3rd F. Satchwell.

Class 16: 1st F. Satchwell; 2nd S. Angel; 3rd Imelda Desmond.

Class 17: 1st Aileen Howard, Dunboyne; 2nd Imelda Desmond; 3rd Marie Brady.

Class 18: 1st Imelda Desmond; 2nd F. Satchwell; 3rd S. Angel.

Class 19: 1st F. Satchwell; 2nd Aileen Howard, Dunboyne; 3rd Imelda Desmond.

Class 20: 1st Marie Brady; 2nd Ann McStravick; 3rd Joan Downey, Leixlip.

Class 21: 1st Betty Farrell; 2nd Joan Downey; 3rd Ann McStravick.

Class 22: 1st Joan Downey; 2nd Margaret Howe.

Class 23: 1st Mrs. Laidlaw; 2nd Noeleen O'Brien; 3rd Mona Ennis, Dunboyne

Class 24: 1st Mona Ennis; 2nd Henry Flynn; 3rd Norah McDermott.

Class 25: 1st John Brick; 2nd J.J. Walsh, Straffan; 3rd Francis McMyler.

Class 26: 1st Deirdre Cullen, Brownstown; 2nd Michael Cullen, Brownstown; 3rd Mona Ennis.

Class 27: 1st James Nolan; 2nd Henry Gee; 3rd Robert Shiel.

Class 28: 1st John Brick; 2nd Mona Ennis; 3rd P. Malone.

Class 29: 1st P. Malone; 2nd John Brick; 3rd Mrs. Laidlaw.

Class 30: 1st Dympna Duff; 2nd Henry Flynn; 3rd John Brick.

Class 31: 1st Mrs. Laidlaw; 2nd Mrs. S. Angel; 3rd G. Long, Leixlip.

Class 32: 1st Mona Ennis; 2nd James Nolan; 3rd Henry Gee.

Class 33: 1st Mrs. Laidlaw; 2nd John Brick; 3rd Noeleen O'Brien.

Class 34: 1st C. Nolan; 2nd R. O'Reilly; 3rd D. Hickey.

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Class 36: 1st Mrs. McMyler; 2nd Mrs. M. Scanlon; 3rd Mrs. M. Gee.

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Class 44: 1st M. Lawless, Straffan; 2nd M. Doyle; 3rd C. Desmond.

Class 45: 1st M. Gee; 2nd M. McMyler; 3rd M. Farrell.

Class 46: 1st C. Mulready; 2nd M. McMyler; 3rd M. Gee.

Class 47: 1st Mrs. Scanlon; 2nd M. Daly, Batterstown; 3rd M. Gee.

Class 48: 1st M. Gee; 2nd M. McMyler; 3rd M. Daly.

Class 49: 1st Mrs. Howard, Dunboyne; 2nd H. Sheridan, Kilcock; 3rd J. Stynes.

Class 50: 1st M. Daly; 2nd S. Angel; 3rd P. Stynes.

Class 51: 1st P. Hanley; 2nd Noeleen Flynn, Kilcock; 3rd C. Hickey, Leixlip.

Class 52: 1st M. Gee; 2nd Rose Harle, Leixlip; 3rd C. Nolan.

Class 53: 1st Noeleen O'Brien; 2nd M. Gee; 3rd M. Cunningham.

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Class 62: 1st M. Haughey, Leixlip.

Class 63: 1st B. Shiel; 2nd M. Bradley; 3rd L. Quinn, Clondalkin.

Class 64: 1st F. Satchwell; 2nd C. Hickey, Leixlip; 3rd Marie Lawless.

Class 65: 1st Mary Gorman; 2nd R. Hanley; 3rd V. Dolan.

Class 66: 1st C. Duff; 2nd Mabel Long; 3rd Mary O'Connor, Clane.

Class 68: 1st R. Daly; 2nd R. Hanley.

Class 69: 1st Imelda Desmond; 2nd F. McMyler; 3rd Deirdre Cullen, Dunboyne.

Class 70: 1st C. Nolan; 2nd Declan Holmes; 3rd Margaret Brick.

Class 71: 1st Margaret Brick; 2nd Breda Connolly; 3rd Angela Coughlan, Baldoyle.

Class 72: 1st Claire Salmon, Straffan; 2nd Edward Connolly; 3rd Tanya McDermott.

Class 73: 1st Ciara Houlihan; 2nd Darren McDermott; 3rd Marie McMyler.

Class 74: 1st Elaine Daly; 2nd Susan Quinn, Clondalkin; 3rd Robert Kennedy.

Class 75: 1st Gemma Downey, Leixlip; 2nd Aoife O'Gorman; 3rd Sinead O'Gorman.

Class 76: 1st Joyce Carroll; 2nd Martina Gallagher; 3rd Maria McMyler.

Class 77: 1st J. Carroll; 2nd Ciara Houlihan; 3rd Maria McMyler.

Class 78: 1st Ciara Houlihan; 2nd Maria McMyler; 3rd Valerie O'Rafferty.

Class 79: 1st Maria McMyler; 2nd Ciara Houlihan; 3rd Desmond Noone.

Class 80: 1st David Cleary, Confey;

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Class 81: 1st Joyce Carroll; 2nd Martina Gallagher; 3rd Ann Marie Corcoran.

Class 82: 1st Joyce Carroll; 2nd Claire McTernan; 3rd Melanie Long, Leixlip.

Class 83: 1st Edwin Duffe; 2nd Niamh Shiel; 3rd Robert Shiel.

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Class 96: 1st Bernadette Shiel; 2nd Deirdre Seary, Leixlip; 3rd Antoinette Higgins.

Class 97: 1st Sarah McMyler; 2nd Mildred Gill, Donadea; 3rd Claire McTernan.

Class 98: 1st Ann Nolan; 2nd Sarah McMyler.

Class 99: 1st Francis McMyler; 2nd Andrea Long, Leixlip; Joint 3rd: Bridget Halton and Antoinette Higgins.

Class 100: 1st Meta Gee; 2nd Sarah McMyler; 3rd Orla McStravick.

Class 101: 1st Bridget Halton; 2nd Sarah McMyler.

Class 102: 1st Sharon Brady; 2nd Elizabeth Satchwell; 3rd Sarah McMyler

Class 103: 1st Jane Arthuis; 2nd Colin Hanley; 3rd L. Satchwell.

Class 104: 1st Fiona O'Connor; 2nd Oonagh Breslin; 3rd Sean Halton.

Class 105: 1st Deirdre White; 2nd Margaret O'Shea; 3rd Elizabeth Satchwell.

GARDEN COMPETITIONS

Flower Garden

1st Ann McStravick, 39 Greenfield;
2nd Bill Nolan, 20 Maynooth Park;
3rd Mrs. McMyler, Taghadoo.

Mixed Garden - Flower/Vegetable

1st Peter and Noeleen O'Brien, Pagetown;
2nd Mr. and Mrs. J. Doyle, 751 Greenfield.

Vegetable Garden

1st Mr. and Mrs. Sheehan, Taghadoo;
2nd Paddy Power, 51 Greenfield Drive.

Special Trophies

Fegan Trophy (Childrens Art) - Sarah Carroll. Fegan Trophy (Teenage

Baking) - Bridget Halton. Sports Locker Trophy (Confined Arrangement) - Marie Brady. I.C.A. Trophy (Fruit Cake) - Catherine Mulready. R.H.S.I. Spoons (Best Hort.Exhibit) - Henry Flynn. Kennedy Trophy (Best Veg. Exhibit) - Deirdre Cullen. Coonan Cup (Overall Childrens Art) - Damien Carroll. Farringtons Trophy (Best Rose) - Mrs. L. Quinn. Community Council Trophy (Adult Baking) - Mrs. Curran.

M. P. O'Brien Trophies: 1st Mrs. Satchwell; 2nd Aileen Howard; 3rd Imelda Desmond.

Points: Flower Cup - Mrs. Laidlaw; Vegetable Cup - Mona Ennis; Fruit Cup - Mrs. Laidlaw; Craft Cup - M. Gee; Home Produce Cup - M. McMyler; Childrens Cup - Joyce Carroll; Teenage Cup - Sarah McMyler; Flower Arranging Cup - Imelda Desmond; McMyler Cup - Joyce Carroll; Overall Cup - Tie: Mrs. Laidlaw and M. Gee.

Garden Cups: Flower Garden - Ann McStravick. Mixed Garden - Mr. and Mrs. P.O'Brien, Pagetown. Vegetable Garden - Mr. and Mrs. Sheehan, Taghadoo.

ENGAGEMENT

Sincere congratulations to Jacqueline O'Brien, Newtown and Kevin Ballinger, Broadview, Tondur, Wales.

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FIANNA FAIL NOTES

A meeting of the Maynooth Cumann was held in the I.C.A. hall on Tuesday 10th July, 1984. On local matters, Cllr. Gerry Brady informed the meeting that after much representation at Council level he has now got sanction for finance availability to install telephone kiosks at College Green and Cluain Aoibhinn estates Maynooth.

Cllr. Brady pledged that he is giving urgent attention to the matters of having road lighting provided at O'Neill Park, and to having the speed limit signs at the Moyglare Road moved back to conform with Garda consent, which has already been given for this safety measure. Also Cllr. Brady said that in the interests of child safety, the speed limit signs on the Celbridge Road parallel to Lawrence Avenue must be moved back to an appropriate distance and enforced. In this regard, immediate action will be taken through the proper authorities.

At the meeting, grave disquiet was expressed with the Government's foreign borrowing and national financial management policies. It was widely felt that the P.A.Y.E. tax and the P.R.S.I. tax, along with the indirect taxation levels, were basically unjust, and unequitable in their formula, and were directly responsible for the high levels of unemployment prevailing. Such taxation levies on employees were also considered to be grossly unfair, and frustrating to employeres, when, after granting salary and wage increases to staff, such increases are almost totally absorbed by taxation, thereby depriving the unfortunate employer of even any staff motivation, and creating a system whereby employees are used as a vehicle to transmit money from their employers to the exchequer.

If the story were to end there, and the monies thus accrued by the exchequer put to good and proper use, things might not be so bad, as monie circulated in any form in the confines of the country is always to the natinal good in one form or another. However, it was felt that the possibility existed of a frightening dimension of the exchequer being used as a Whiz Kid Millionaire' Dole Office, and the strange handouts of taxpayers' money to such people perhaps being transferred to foreign sources of private investment. The question is, "Could this happen?" Would any government allow in excess of 220,000 on the dole, and deprived of jobs because of monies being transferred out of the economy otherthan that of normal and necessary business? The government should immediately go on record and assure the nation in this regard.

G. Higgins, P.R.O.

LYREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The association has remained active over the summer period and a number of problems have been solved. However we are still awaiting the erection of dismountable bollards at the Pound Park entrance, and the provision of a footpath at Pound Park, to which we contributed financially. The association welcomes the news that the re-surfacing of the remainder of the Leinster Cottages area (except back lane) has been provided for in the 'Other Works Scheme'. It is hoped that the Stop signs at Malones and the protective bollards at Malones and Nolans will be provided at the time of re-surfacing.

The association has been informed of the following by Cllr. E. Staggs:-

1. In response to a motion tabled the Area Engineer stated that a start had been made on the removal of rubbish in the Black Lion to Leinster Bridge area and would be completed by the end of August.
2. The Co. Architect is preparing a plan for the provision of a children's Play Area and a Band Stand at Pound Park. These are to be provided from funds raised locally.
3. The Engineer reports that he has no objection to a minor extension of the speed limit at Dillons Row and this will be placed before the Traffic Committee at its next meeting.
4. There are no funds available for the provision of public lighting in Pound Park in the current year.
5. The Council is seeking commercial sponsorship for the provision of litter bins in Pound Park.

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McArdle. The Wife and Family of the late James (Jimmy) McArdle, Rail 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, those who sent Mass Cards, Letters of Sympathy and floral tributes, and all the kind neighbours who called to the house. A special word of thanks to the Doctor in attendance and the Doctors and Staff of Blanchardstown Hospital, and the local priests.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Flanagan:- The Wife, Sons and Daughters of the late Peter Flanagan, Ladychapel, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement. All those who attended removal of remains, Mass and funeral, all those who sent Mass Cards, Seraphic Certs, telegrams and floral tributes, and all who called to the house personally.

A special word of thanks to Rev. Fr. Supple P.P., Rev. Fr. Cogan C.C., Fr. Liam Roe and Dr. Waters, Celbridge. Also the Presentation Sisters for calling to the house, all the kind neighbours who helped us in every way, and the Management and Staff of Kellys Bakery, Kilcock. By their sympathy we received great consolation in our sad loss. Trusting this will be accepted in grateful appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Fortune, 11 Parson Street, Maynooth. The wife and family of the late John (Sean) Fortune wish to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement. Those who attended removal of remains, Mass and Funeral, those who sent Mass Cards, Seraphic Certificates and floral tributes.

A special word of thanks to very Rev. Fr. B. Supple P.P., Rev. Fr. D. Cogan C.C., Rev. Fr. G. Watson, St. Patrick's College. Also Drs. Maurice and William Cowhey, doctors and nurses Unit 7 Blanchardstown Hospital, and doctors and nurses of the Mater Hospital.

To the kind neighbours and friends who helped in many ways, and all his colleagues in Willlwoods, Blessington Road, Tallaght.

We trust this acknowledgement will be accepted by all as an expression of our own deep gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

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Recent Deaths

We wish to express our sympathy to the following;

The Family, relatives and friends of the late William (Bill) Fay, Leinster Cottages, Maynooth.

The Wife, family, relatives and friends of the late James Bennett, Greenfield, Maynooth.

The Wife, relatives and friends of the late Paddy Stanley, Rail Park, Maynooth.

The Wife, family, relatives and friends of the late Sean Fortune, Parson St., Maynooth.

The Wife, family, relatives and friends of the late Matthew (Mat) Weafer of Dublin and late of Main St., Maynooth.

The Relatives and friends of the late Christina (Chris) Farrelly, The Court, Maynooth.

The Family, relatives and friends of the late Bridget Hardiman, Leinster Park, Maynooth.

The Wife, family, relatives and friends of the late James McArdle, Railpark, Maynooth.

The Wife, family, relatives and friends of the late Mr. O'Rourke, Rail Park, Maynooth.

The Husband, family, relatives and friends of the late Kathleen Boyce, Corbally Stud, Maynooth.

We wish to express sympathy to Mr. Nicholas Farrell, O'Neill Park, Maynooth on the death of his brother-in-law Mr. Dermot Farrell, Easton Road, Leixlip, who died recently.

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LABOUR PARTY NOTES

The branch has been very active in the past two months with European Election campaign, production of Issue 8 of Kildare Labour News, the National Collection and the manning of the weekly advice service. The branch continues to campaign for electoral and financial support on the basis that Labour should adopt an independent socialist line. We are pleased to record a new record national collection and vastly increased electoral support in the European Elections (from 7% in '82 to 21% in '84).

Trees and Open Spaces

Cllr. Stagg has informed the branch that Kildare Co. Council have agreed to take into public ownership the following areas in Maynooth:-

1. The trees and footpaths in Main St. and Mill St.
 2. The open green space in front of the entrance to Maynooth College.
 3. Court House Square.
 4. Small plot of ground in Mill St.
 5. Plot next to Lyreen river.
- The properties were offered to the Council by Carlton Properties.

Royal Canal

The branch welcomes the decision to form a Maynooth branch of the Royal Canal Amenity Group, whose objective is the restoration of the canal in the Maynooth area. The

branch urges all concerned citizens to assist the project and the committee in every way possible.

'Other Works' Gets Go Ahead

The projects for inclusion in the County Council's Other Works Scheme have been agreed and the following works in Maynooth have been included.

1. Resurfacing Leinster Cottages Roads
2. Landscaping at O'Neill Park
3. Resurfacing and drainage at the Crescent, Straffan Road.
4. Piping of ditch at Railpark.
5. Provision of Pedestrian refuge/Traffic island at junction of Straffan Rd. and Celbridge Rd.

6. Resurfacing of Parson St. Footpath.
7. Resurfacing of back lane at Greenfields.
8. Provision of footpath at Leinster Street.

Laraghbryan Improvements

Cllr. Stagg has informed the branch that he successfully made representations to have the footpath, which was covered during landscaping at the footbridge on Kilcock Road, restored and to have ramping of the path provided to facilitate wheelchairs, prams etc.

Likewise the water supply to the graveyard at Laraghbryan has been restored, and the Council have agreed to landscape the anti camping mounds in the area of the by-pass. Efforts are continuing to secure

sanction for a loan to develop the lands acquired for the extension of Laraghbryan Cemetery.

Geraldine Hall Restoration

The branch welcomes the news that the Co. Council have agreed to pay a grant of £300 toward the costs involved in the restoration of the Geraldine Hall. Cllr. Stagg states that this 'payment on account' was not due to any political arm twisting but to the efforts of Peig Lynch and her able assistant John Bosco. Well done to all concerned and keep up the good work.

Planning Applications

The following Planning Applications have been lodged with Kildare Co. Council:

1. Two storey residential development comprising 60 appartments at Moyglare Road by J.J. McNeela.
2. Retain Take-Away at Main St. by L. Fuscardi.

The Draft County Development Plan for Maynooth is now on display in the Library and all interested in the future of the town should examine it and make appropriate submissions.

Branch Meeting

The next meeting of the branch will be held at 8.30 p.m. on August 27th in the Geraldine Hall. If you wish to support the work we do in the area and to advance the cause of socialism, please come along and join us.

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ne of the highlights of the NACA Senior Championships at Belfield recently was a great record-breaking run by the Maynooth Ladies 4x400m team of Grainne Farrelly, Mairead Noonan, Shelley Breslin and Pam Burke. This was a tremendous performance by these four girls who had to battle all the way from gun to tape to pip Dunleer by the narrowest of margins in a most exciting finish. These girls had also been very much to the fore in earlier events, where Shelley Breslin had taken the Bronze medal in the Discus and Pam Burke went one better to take silver in the Javelin. Grainne Farrelly had set a new Juvenile record in finishing fourth in the 500m and Mairead Noonan had already given a fine performance in the 400m and 800m.

Maynooth supporters had plenty to cheer about in the 3000m Walk, with a great win for Michelle Kelly, followed home by Ann Marie McDermott in 2nd place. This completes a great season for Michelle having already taken Kildare, Leinster Senior and All Ireland Junior titles, in each instance being pushed all the way by Ann Marie. All these performances went a long way towards giving Maynooth 2nd Ladies Club Overall. Maynooth struck further Gold in the Javelin with Matt Cunningham taking the honours, thus adding to his recent win in the All Ireland junior tests.

The Juvenile Championships held in Cork recently also proved to be a successful hunting ground, with Grainne Farrelly being to the fore on that occasion, taking Gold in the 800m and Bronze in the 100m U/15. Fiona Lawlor and Michelle Ennis were also in top form, scoring

great wins in their respective 600m under 13 and 11. Also in the medals were Enda Breslin in the Boys U/13 Walk - he is going great guns in this event at present - and Paula Kelly 3rd in the U/13 300m, giving her usual gritty performance. Helen Treacy who, with her Long Jumping at a standstill through injury, took 3rd place in U/14 Discus. Also giving good accounts of themselves without making the rostrum on this occasion were Brendan Lawlor, Enda and Catherine Gleeson, Celine Flanagan, Sarah Breslin, Nuala Noonan, Michael Kelly, Frank Desmond and Emer Farrelly, the latter two both having fourth place finishes in their finals.

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The Junior Championships held in Dunboyne also produced some good results for the club, with double Gold for Mairead Noonan in 400m and 800m. In addition to his success in the Javelin, Matt Cunningham took Bronze in the 100m while Ann Marie McDermott and Shelley Breslin were 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Discus. The 4x400m Relay

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There were some fine performances also in the Veterans events with a notable feature being a 1,2 for Maynooth in the O/40 400m through the efforts of Noel Farrelly and Brian Redmond respectively. Other individual Gold medallists were Anna Kelly, retaining her O/40 100m, and Mary Farrelly in the O/35 800m. Also in fine form were: Paddy Power, 2nd in both O/45 100m and 400m; Liam McNamee, 3rd O/35 400m; Patsy McCluskey, 2nd Ladies O/30 100m and Nora McDermott, 2nd Ladies O/40 Shot. Noel Farrelly was in the medals in the O/40 100m, also finishing 2nd.

In the relays, Maynooth were very much to the fore with Ladies O/30 taking the Silver medals through the efforts of M. Farrelly, P. McCluskey, Margaaret Noonan and Betty O'Connor. The Men O/40 team of Farrelly, Redmond, Power and Pearse Breslin took the Gold medals while the finishing touches to the Championships were applied in style by the O/35 4x800 Relay teams with Maynooth A Team of McNamee, Redmond, Brian Stewart and Tony Callaghan taking the Gold medals and being followed home by the B team of Farrelly, Power, Breslin and Mick Gleeson, who beat Dunboyne into 3rd place.

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COMMUNITY GAMES

Once again Maynooth will be well represented at Mosney. Ten children qualified at County level.

Gymnastics Gold medal for Orlaith Murphy. Art Gold medals for Oonagh Breslin in U/16 art and Tracey Cassidy U/8.

Swimming: We were out of the Gold medals here but fine performances in these competitions led to Simon Cotter winning a Silver medal. Bronze medals were won by Alan Boyd, Gordon Hayes and Martina Gallagher. The U/13 girls squad also got Bronze. Jennifer Byrne, Martina Gallagher, Cathryn Fox and Sandra Gillick made up the squad.

The athletics weekend started off very well with a very exciting finish to the Long Jump competition. Paula Kelly won the Gold medal with a jump of 4m61cm. Nuala Noonan took the Silver medal with a jump

of 4m59cm. You can't be much closer than that. Grainne Farrelly had a decisive win in the U/16 Girls 1500m. Enda Gleeson also ran well in the same race and won the Bronze medal.

Peter Devlin got Bronze in the Boys U/14 Shot. Mark Rossiter won the Silver in the Boys U/13 Walk. There was never any doubt about Dara Callaghan in the Boys U/14 800m. He went to the front and stayed there to come out with the Gold. Another good race in the Girls U/12 600, with Emer Farrelly taking Gold here and Michelle Ennis the Bronze. To make it three in a row, Fiona Lawler gave a fine performance in the Girls U/14 800m, and also came out with a Gold medal. Austin Noonan had a marvellous win in the Boys U/10 Hurdles. Our youngest competitor to take a medal in the Athletics was Gillian Power, who won a silver medal in the U/8 Girls 80m. Our Marathon winners also did extremely well, with Michael Kelly taking Silver in the U/17 Boys and Siobhan Howard-Williams taking Bronze in the Girls U/17, and in Cycling, Michael Cannon also took a Gold medal.

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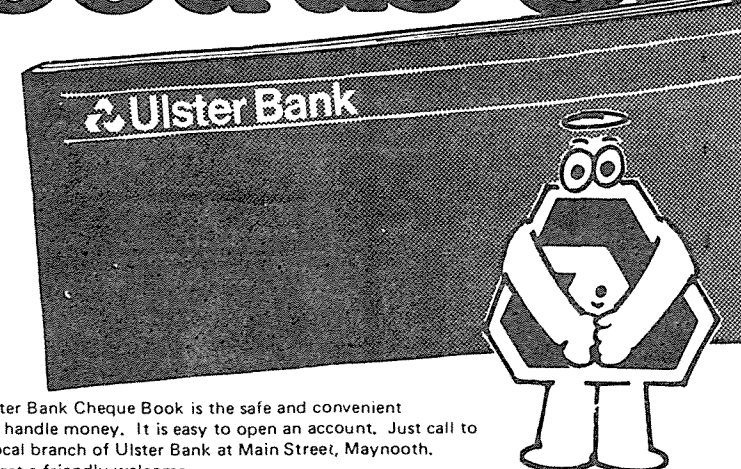


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Before I finish, thank you to all the children who took part but did not win medals. Don't forget there is always next year to try again. We would like to say GOOD LUCK to the children who will be competing in Mosney.

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