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Editorial

HARBOUR FIELD Centre of Activity

It is great to see that the Harbour Field is being used again, and giving a lot more pleasure to Maynooth's young people. Now that the Community Council are responsible for the running and maintenance of the field, it will be available to a lot more groups in the area.

SPANISH STUDENTS Vive Espana

The Spanish students have added a lot of colour and gaeity to Maynooth over the past few weeks. A word of thanks must go to all those who were involved in making their stay in Maynooth a successful one.

Perhaps the most important aspect of their visit is the romance they brought to the lives of the locals. The Spanish students are due to depart from Maynooth on Thursday, 31st July, and no doubt there will be many lingering good-byes and farewells exchanged on that day.

Adios Amigos, Hasta la Vista

HOLIDAY TIME Holidays in the sun

We have noticed that people are taking their summer holidays in foreign lands this year in search of the sun. Spain, Crete, France and the U.S.A. have been among the destinations, why I wonder?

Editorial Committee.



Letters to the Editor

STATION SIGNPOST

Dear Editor,

Having listened to numerous accusations of student vandalism throughout the past year, it was with some surprise, I noticed that the recently erected signpost to Maynooth Railway Station was badly vandalised within 24 hours of its construction.

Having been the target (as the student representative) of many of the complaints re. student behaviour throughout the year, I would like to take this opportunity to remind those residents of Maynooth who feel that students cause most of the vandalism in this town, that this particular incident took place outside of the academic year when the students were gone home — so students aren't always necessarily to blame!!!

Yours sincerely Katherine Atkinson Outgoing President of The Students' Union

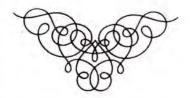
Dear Editor,

I would like to express, through your very good Newsletter, my appreciation of the wonderful work being done on the Royal Canal here in Maynooth.

Everytime I come over the bridge and see it I love it more. During this season when the Summer Project and all the football matches bring so many down to the Harbour Field, the beauty of the canal which has long lain dormant and now been brought to life, is a source of great pride to us all.

Well done to the Royal Canal Amenities Group who have campaigned and fund raised against all odds to give Maynooth this beautiful amenity and well done to all Philip's gang who have worked so well and diligently. Thank you very much!

Yours sincerely, Eileen Ruddy.



Dear Editor.

One of the most distinctive features of the architecture of Maynooth is the wide footpaths in the Main Street. However, in typical utilitarian fashion, the residents of the area perceive these footpaths mainly as carparks — and even alternative roadways (one recalls an Editorial in a past issue of the Newsletter calling for the erection of speed limit signs on the footpaths!). No doubt we have all been guilty at one time or another of this presumably illegal practice — to which, one might add, the local Gardai turn a blind eye.

Whatever about the environmental aspects of the practice of parking on the footpaths, there is also a safety aspect involved. A recent nasty accident experienced by one of our esteemed senior citizens may have been due to the obstruction caused by cars parked in this way.

With the building of the Maynooth By-Pass now imminent, the opportunity presents itself of making Maynooth, freed from choking through traffic, an architectural and environmental showpiece. Footpaths clogged with vehicles would have no place in such a scenario. Railings, park seats and raised kerbs at the entrances to side alleyways would greatly improve the Main Street visually, while restricting the ability to park on the footpaths.

But where would we park our cars then? For a start, much more use could be made of the Town Centre Mall, while an approach to the management of the Leinster Arms to make their extensive carparking facilities available for day-time public use might receive a positive response. It has frequently been remarked that the Irish have not come to grips with the fact that today's levels of car ownership are not compatible with yesterday's car parking habits. Perhaps we in Maynooth could think about making a start.

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MAYNOOTH DIVORCE ACTION GROUP

The Maynooth Divorce Action Group wishes to thank all those who helped in the recent referendum campaign. In particular we would like to thank the Labour Party for their advice, financial support and full co-operation before and during the campaign, also the Workers' Party, who campaigned vigorously for a yes vote.

It is with regret that we are forced to record the absence of active support from other political parties whose supposed policies were to support the call for the removal of the constitutional ban on divorce. To our knowledge, neither Fine Gael nor The Progressive Democrats tried in any meaningful way, in the north of the constituency, to persuade the electorate to vote yes. We can only conclude from this hypocritical behaviour that both the elected representatives and the followers of these parties were trying to "run with the hare and hunt with the hounds". With regard to The Fianna Fail Party whose stance was supposed to be neutral, we can only say that this was not our experience of the party follower's behaviour.

Despite the detrimental effects of all of the above we consider that the campaign in the north of the constituency was successful. The final result in this area was 55% yes, 45% no, showing that despite the scare tactics and actual lies of the anti-divorce lobby and the virtual absence of the support of Fine Gael and the P.D.'s the electorate of North Kildare showed the maturity that is required of a nation which wishes to call itself free and democratic.

Finally, we would like to assure those who may be worried by the over all result of the Referendum that the Maynooth Divorce Action Group will continue to fight for the introduction of divorce to this country. We will do so because we believe that this is the only satisfactory solution to the problems of those whose marriages are irretrievably broken down.

Margaret Clince, Chairperson,

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

Community Fortnight:

The council would like to thank everyone who contributed in anyway to the success of the recent Community Fortnight. Reports of the various events are elsewhere in this issue, as with any event of this nature, people will have their own ideas of how things should be done. If you have any ideas on ways this week's fortnight could have been improved or any new ideas for next year please write in to the Newsletter.

Straffan Road

The council has written to Kildare County Council seeking consultations on specific local aspects of the improvement scheme. The Dept. of the Environment has approved Kildare County Council's scheme for upgrading the Straffan Road as far as the junction with the by-pass. We have learned that this is to be done in advance of the completion of the by-pass.

Professor Smyth:

WE would like to thank Professor Seamus Smyth, the College Representative on the Council for the last 2 years, for his contributions. He has gone abroad for a year.

Students' Union

Katherine Atkinson has been replaced as Students' Union President by John Lawlor. We would like to thank Katherine and welcome John.

Resignations:

The following members have resigned, Leo McGlynn, Jim McManus, John Nolan Jim Brady, Lorraine Lindsey and David Lyon. We would like to thank them for their efforts on behalf of the council. At our meeting in July the Chairman thanked David Lyon for his work as minutes secretary. He thanked Leo McGlynn and Jim McManus who had served as officers on Council Sub-Committees. He also thanked Jim McManus for his input into the drawing up of the Sports Complex proposal.

Sports Complex

Contact has been made with the higher education authority and the sports section of the Dept. of Education. Further negotiations are expected shortly.

New Member:

Pia Walker from Kingsbry has been coopted to the Council to replace Lorraine Lindsey.

Pat Moynan P.R.O.

THANKS

For all their help during the Community Fortnight, thanks to:

Mr. Mitchell's Accordion Band, Rita O'Reilly, Pat Travers, Jim Burke, Leo Bean, Peter Holland, L. Murphy, M. Hegarty, Rose Bean, Cristina Saults, A. Brazil, P. Dunne, Kevin Connolly, Noel Dalton, Mrs. B. Farrell, M. Nolan, N. Taffe, Bill Donovan, Narraghmore Pipe Band, Maher School of Irish Dancing, Pat Farrell, Kay MacKeogh, Eileen Nolan, all our sponsors, and everyone else who helped in any way.

Social and Recreational Sub-Committee.

BOYS SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, 12th June, the Boys' School Parents Association Committee presented the 'All Police Show' in the 'Aula Maxima', Maynooth College. The show was very entertaining and well attended.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking the cast of the show who provided their services free of charge. To Monsignor Ledwith and the Aula Maxima committee for the use of the hall and to all the following sponsors who provided gifts for our raffle.

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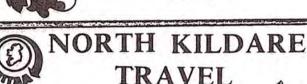
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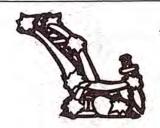
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WORKERS PARTY NOTES

Water charges

Clir. Colm Purcell describes Kildare Co. Council's policy of disconnecting water supplies to people who refuse to pay service charges as a mafia-like tactic to extort the double tax. He points out that the Council has enough legal machinery without having to resort to these methods. Clir. Purcell has proposed that a prohibition be placed on future disconnections; however, a similar motion from him was defeated last December following an alliance between Fianna Fail and Fine Gael.

Peace Camp

As Workers' Party Youth's contribution to Peace Year, a week long camp is to be held at Dowdstown House, Navan, from August 9th to 16th. Activities will include social and political education, video and music workshops, joint projects with local youth groups, activity learning and sports events. The fee for the week is £20 and applications should be made to the National Youth Office (tel. 786052) as soon as possible.

The Referendum

While the result of the referendum to amend the constitution is a cause of great disappointment, especially to those suffering the problems of marital breakdown, Cllr. Colm Purcell points out that it is encouraging to note that in areas where there was a strong pro-amendment campaign, high 'yes' votes were recorded. The Celbridge electoral area, where Maynooth is located, recorded a majority in favour of the amendment. This was achieveded in part by the enthusiastic campaign carried out by the combined forces of the Workers' Party, Divorce Action Group and the Labour Party. Cllr. Purcell paid tribute to the spirit of co-operation shown by these What was particularly notegroups. worthy about the majority "yes" vote in the Celbridge electoral area was that it was achieved without the active participation in the campaign of either of the main political parties (or of the Progressive Democrats), which shows how much out of touch these parties are with the electorate in this area. There must now be a full debate on the implications of the special privileged position which successive governments have conceded without question to the church. and there is an urgent need to separate the functions of church and state.

Irish people

The Irish people, the weekly newspaper of the Workers' Party is now available in Maynooth from Proinnsias Breathnach, 92 Rail Park, Tel: 285241. Price 10p per copy.

FIANNA FAIL NOTES

Cllr. Gerry Brady has made representations to the County Council about the dangerous entrance and traffic conditions at Presentation Convent Girls' National School, Main St., Cllr. Brady has been informed by the County Manager that the matter has been the subject of correspondence over a long time. Meetings with the school authorities and the Gardai have been held with a view to ascertaining how best to tackle the problem, and the Road Safety Officer, Mr. C.J. Doyle is to investigate the matter again in consultation with the school and gardai.

FINE GAEL NOTES

Congratulations

The members of the Branch wish to congratulate Deputy Bernard Durkan on his election to the position of Chairman of Kildare County Council. The Branch feel that this is an overdue honour to the hard-working Deputy who has always been available to his constituents. Branch members are delighted to have a Maynooth person elected to the post and look forward to a continuation of the excellent service provided by Deputy Durkan.

Birmingham Six/Guildford Four

People of Kildare may be interested to note that Deputy Bernard Durkan was a member of an all-party delegation which visited London recently. Deputy Durkan with Senator Michael Smith visited the Maguire family, Gerry Conlon and John Walker at Long Lartin Prison, Worcestershire, to hear their case, along with others who have been accused of bombings in Birmingham and Guildford. The all-party delegation are now hoping that their efforts will help towards an early release for those still in prison, and a clearing of their good names.

Doctors Lane

The Minister for the Environment has informed Deputy Bernard Durkan, that he has agreed to provide funds to carry out improvements to the water supply at Doctors Lane. The new 4" line through Doctors Lane will link to the 8" line on the Straffan Road, and a 3" line on the Dublin Road. This will improve the water pressure in the Dublin Road area. It should be noted that a hydrant will also be located on the spur off the proposed main for a fire fighting service to the housing scheme at Doctors Lane. The scheme is being financed from the Small Schemes Programme 1986.

Newtown/Cluain Aoibhinn/College Green/Beaufield

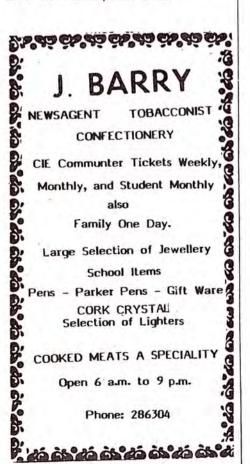
Following numerous representations by Deputy Bernard Durkan, for road improvements at Newtown affecting Bond Bridge (Pucks) over the Canal and Railway, the Co. Council have discussed the matter and have agreed that the proposal as outlined by Deputy Durkan provides the better solution to the problem. The options were:

- (a) The creation of a single traffic system controlled by traffic lights (this was submitted by another Councillor).
- (b). The complete re-alignment of the road and bridge (submitted by Deputy Durkan). This proposal is more costly but it provides a permanent solution to this very serious problem.

The County Engineer now agrees that Deputy Durkan's proposal for road and bridge re-alignment is the best option and has now submitted outline plans to the Department of Environment for their approval. The finance for the re-alignment is to come from development levies, Department grants and loans. If the improvement should be of benefit to the people of Newtown, Cluain Aoibhinn, College Green and Beaufield.

Moyglare Road

The County Engineer has informed Deputy Durkan that the Council will carry out footpath and road improvements on the Moyglare Road. Monies for same will come from development levies.



LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Divorce Referendum

The result of the divorce referendum was a disappointment nationally but in North Kildare there was a 55% yes vote. The Branch would like to thank those who supported us in the matter and the members of D.A.G. with whom we worked.

Greenfields - Phase 3 - Water Pressure

Following representations by Cllr. Stagg concerning the water pressure in Greenfields Phase 3, he has been informed by the County Engineer that a small scheme interconnection to the 16" Ballygoran line is planned for late July. The hydrant flows in the area should be much improved by 1st August.

Convent Lane - Road Repairs

The Branch are pleased to learn that following Cllr. Stagg's proposals at the estimates meeting of Kildare Co. Council, savings of over £100,000 were achieved and it was agreed to spend this money on road repairs.

£3,000 is to be spent on urgent repairs to Convent Lane which has been in a deplorable state for a number of

Bond Bridge

Arising from a motion tabled by Cllr. Stagg, seeking to progress the necessary improvements to Bond Bridge, the Co. Engineer has now committed himself to raising the necessary funds to have the bridge replaced. This will be achieved by means of development levies, government grants and loans to a total estimated cost of £500,000. The Co. Engineer was hopeful that work would start within one year. There is no doubt that the continued pressure which was exerted on the Co. Engineer by Cllr. Stagg, and the support for the original proposal

from the residents of the area has forced the Co. Engineer into now committing himself to one proposal or the other, rather than his previous vagueness about the problem.

The Avenue

Concern was expressed at a recent Branch meeting about the deplorable state of the Avenue: Cllr. Stagg has been requested to press K.C.C. to have the grass cut.

Garda Matters

The Minister for Justice has informed Cllr. Stagg that a review of policing arrangements, and opening hours of Maynooth Garda Station is at present being carried out and will be completed in two months time.

Maynooth Labour Youth

We are pleased to report that our disco and live rock show held in the parish hall on Friday, 18th July was a great Over 200 attended and the success. group Rocklaw were a hit. We wish them well in the future. Our thanks to the parish hall committee for all their help. Our next public activity will be a lecture on South Africia by a speaker from the Anti-Apartheid Movement in late August. Stand by for further notice.

Planning Applications

26/6/86 Ref. 716/86 - Ashmoll Builders have applied for permission to build 10 two-storey houses at Parson Street.

Decisions

Ref 1014/85 - J. Hammond granted outline planning permission for 16 one-bedroomed flats and 16 two-bedroomed town houses.

Ref 922/85 - C.I.E. granted outline planning permission for 60 houses at Greenfields (by Bord Pleanala).

Ref 1092/84 - Lark Homes granted outline planning permission for housing

development at Newtown (by Bord Pleanala).

Ref 503/85 - Noel Cassidy granted permission for hotel/restaurant at Leinster Street (by Bord Pleanala).



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In this town so well known in history I spent the happiest days of my youth. How my thoughts ever go stealing backward

To that ever-dear place called Maynooth. I think of St. Patrick's College
A college of fame and renown.
It ever and always has given
Support and prestige to the town.
It's priests the world over have travelled
Bringing the message of faith and love.
Their training they got in the college,
Their vocations from Heaven above.

To the east of the town there is Carton, The far famed Fitzgeralds' estate. Into what historic scenes we are ushered When we pass through it's stately white gate.

There flowers forever are blooming. The lake water as crystal is clear. Sure never on earth was an Eden So nearly accomplished as here! St. Mary's Church stands in the distance.

Where often I've knelt down in prayer Before the High Altar of Jesus And the sacred images there. The mill stands out by the river. It's humming no longer I hear It's sounds whilst often I've listened Made music so sweet in mine ear.

Then there is old ruin wall Castle. Which suggests history so clear to the mind,

Quite stately it stands looking out on The friendliest street one could find, Parson Street, of course I am meaning, No place there is dearer to me. As I sit and I ponder alone her In my mind's eye Slade River

The brass and reed band of St. Mary's, In fancy its music I hear, As it plays to first Mass Christmas. morning,

And again it plays in the New Year.

As I'm sitting alone here remembering Each scene and event of the past, I'm praying and hoping that one day To return there my lot will be cast.

With my friends and companions of childhood
United I'll be once again.
Never again I'll go roaming.
In dear old Maynooth, I'll remain.

Brigid Saults

LACE OPEN POETRY COMPETITION - 1986

All Maynooth poets take note! Entries for the 1986 LACE open poetry competition (prize fund £400 stg), should be submitted to the Secretary, LACE, Open Competition, The Day Centre, Park St., London LN1 1UQ. Each poem — on any subject, not longer than 40 lines — should be accompanied by £1.50 stg., and the closing date is 30 September 1986.

NATURE TRAIL

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The Badger

The badger is a very common animal in Ireland but it is not seen very often, as it usually leaves its home, called a sett, after dusk and returns before sunrise after feeding. It is greyish in colour and it has a very distinctive colouring to its face, black and white stripes. It has very few natural enemies, a lot of them are killed while crossing the road by cars, there is a widespread belief that the badger is a carrier of Bovine Tuberculosis and for this reason it is killed and gassed by some farmers, so as to protect its livestock. A male badger is called a boar and a female

is called a sow, during February and March two to three cubs are born and they are very dependant on the parents. The badger cleans out its sett on a regular basis, straw, hay, leaves, it can be seen airing at the mouth of the sett and is restored before nightfall. The badger has a long snout and sharp claws which it uses for digging and probing the ground for worms, insects, berries, mice, and It has poor sight but a keen sence of smell. The badger lives in woods and if you happen to come accross one, stay very still and the badger will just carry on about its business as if you were not even there at all, and you can study its behaviour at close range.

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

At the time of writing this article the project has just completed its second week. So far, the weather has been much kinder than last years. At the end of the first week's registration we had approximately 350 children on our lists. Our activities have been many and varied. Here in Maynooth we have run a very successful treasure hunt and scavenger hunt, the former spread over the Estates, the College, the Town, and Harbour, and the latter being a list of items which participants had to scrounge and scavenge for, and have back in the Harbour within an allotted time. Our Crazy Games day proved the leaders to be more crazy than the children. We have also ran a Fishing Competition and Tennis Tournament. Perhaps one of the biggest gatherings of young people so far has been for the clean-up of the playground. Further afield we have taken groups to the fun park in Clara-Lara, Co. Wicklow. An item of great interest to the teenagers on the group was our Dublin-by-night trips with the Garda Junior Liaison Officer. This involved a tour of the Garda H.Q., the bottle factory, Dublin Airport and Tara Street fire station. The weekend of second week has the first of the project camping trips, this one being to Smarmore Castle, Co. Louth. There have been plenty of new people volunteering to help with the running of the project and for their help we have been very grateful. We hope to have a more detailed report of the activities of the project in the next issue of the newsletter.

Ann Stewart, Secretary.

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CARTON COURT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Rise and Rise of Carton Court Residents Association.

Readers of last edition will have noted that a new Carton Court Residents Assoc. has been formed. Carton Court has been without a properly constituted assoc. for several years.

The first meeting of the Association set about improving the estate's last position in the 1985 Tidy Estates Competition. The dedication of the many residents who worked from dawn to dusk over a one week period has proved Carton Court proudly reworthwhile. ceived the first place trophy at the Harbour Field on Sunday 6th July.

To crown this success Carton Court Ladies Team won the 7-a-side soccer competition and the tug-o-war competition.

At our meeting of the 7th July priority issues were identified:

1. The problem of Absentee Landlords who invariably leave their properties in an appalling condition.

(We note that some of them live in housing estates in areas such as Castleknock, where we are sure that the problems associated with rented homes does not exist, and are certain that the same Absentee Landlords would be in the vanguard of objectors to the all-night parties, vandalism and the dirty, weed-ridden properties have on the environment of others).

To the Landlords, the message from the Association is "we have had enough".

- 2. A delegate from the Association met with officials of Kildare Co. Council and Local Public Representative, regarding the taking over of the estate by Kildare Co. Council. The Association is determined to ensure that the people of Carton Court are not left with an unfinished estate because of unscrupulous speculators and inadequate laws.
- 3. The Association believes that sufficient analysis of the traffic patterns and environmental issues which will result from the by-pass link road through the built-up areas of Maynooth has not taken place.

The Association has been informed that they will lose some open space which was planned as an amenity when original planning permission for the estate was granted. (If it was necessary at the time that planning permission was granted, surely it is still necessary).

If this amenity with its 20-year plus of tree and hedge frontage has to be lost, the Association is demanding that a decorative wall of suitable height be provided as some compensation, and that trees be planted inside the wall. Association noted that what is good

enough for the Hermitage Golf Club is good enought for the residents of Carton Court.

The philosophy of our new association is that it will not be an elite group of dogooders. It is our belief that any association can only survive with the cooperation of the majority of residents and must act in consultation with the residents. It is up to all the residents of Carton Court to support their association.

Robert Rowan, PRO

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

There's nothing for it, I'm afraid, but to accept defeat with grace! Congratulations to Carton Court and College Green for their first and second places in the Community Fortnight Tidy Estate competition. What went wrong for us? We, the Committee, feel that perhaps we 'peaked' too early in our clean-up buildup: we held our clean-up day on Sat. June 14th, whereas the judging took place on July 2nd.

We would heartily support that crucial last sentence of the judges' report quoted in this Newsletter! Do any such people read the Newsletter? Is it too much to hope that, if they do, they will read and heed that last sentence?

Anyway, Thank You to all those who helped out in any way - and I would love to name these people but for fear of leaving someone out. Special thanks to Matt Callaghan, once again, and to our youngest helper, Alan Quinn.

The joint winners of the Best Front Garden competition (run by the Assoc. and judged by a local horticulturalist) were:

Plunkett and Anne McStravick, 39 Greenfield Drive William and Margaret Nolan, 20 Maynooth Park

The following received commendations:

- A. Callaghan, 1 Straffan Way
- J. Phelan, 38 Greenfield Drive
- A. Cregan, 8 Laurence Avenue
- J. Redmond, 2 Greenfield Drive
- G. Gleeson, 77 Maynooth Park

Congratulations to these exemplary gardeners and Hard Luck to all those who tried and who keep on trying (the Committee, for instance!).

The 7-a-side men's and women's soccer competition passed off very successfully again this year, despite the World Cup. Peter Holland deserves most of the credit for organising the competition. Teams from the estate did very well also in the Community Fortnight Table Quiz (heldin the Leinster Arms on June 30th), coming third, joint fifth, and seventh (out of 27) behind the Labour Party and the Divorce Action Group - their wits ob**TIDY AREAS WINNER**



viously sharpened in the hectic fray of political life recently.

An Bord Pleanala did not grant us an oral hearing in our appeal against the proposed development of the Shopping Centre. Our very detailed and professional written submission was lodged on the 7th July and a verdict is expected within two months. Following a motion passed at the last general meeting, the Committee has also lodged an objection with Kildare County Council against the proposal to open a fast-food take-away shop in the Centre.

That's all the news. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Donal McMahon, P.R.O. COLLEGE GREEN NEWS

Tidy Estates

The residents are proud that the estate received 2nd prize in the Tidy Estates competition during the recent community week. This is a result of the long hours spent working on the open spaces. The committee wishes to thank all the residents who took part in the work which has made the estate more pleasant to drive through.

Community Day

Work is proceeding on organising the community day to be held on Saturday. 16th August. The day will begin with the collection of the children from their houses at 10.15 am. There will be a host of activities during the day of interest to both children and adults. The evening will end with music and barbecue.

Meath and District League

The men have entered a football team in the Meath and District League. This is an ambitious undertaking and we wish them every success. Their first match is on Sunday, 17th August. As it happens, this is the day after the community day so we will have to make sure that they go easy on the gargle at the barbecue on the night.

CLUAIN AOIBHINN NOTES

The A.G.M. was held on the 13th of June 1986, and was well attended by concerned Residents, and it is hoped that at our next meeting in September, we will have a 100% turn-out. Since our A.G.M. a fantastic effort has been made by most Residents to take an active part in keeping our Estate clean and tidy and the Committee exhorts everyone to continue this good work. Renovations and improvements have been carried out, culminating in the erecting of a Name Stone at the entrance to the Estate. The Stone which was beautifully carved by Frank Walsh, from a design by Anna-Marie Sheehan, now stands as an achievement to the people of Cluain Aoibhinn. The Stone is situated in a well appointed Rockery and was blessed by Rev. Fr. Cogan, C.C. Maynooth, on Friday, the 4th of July, 1986, after which refreshments were served on the green.

The Committee wish to express their thanks to, Sean Lennon, of Avonmore Dailies and to O'Brien's Supermarket, for their sponsorship on this memorable occasion, and we look forward to more achievements in the future.

The members of the elected Committee are as follows:

Chairman: Paddy Holmes, 23 Cluain Aoibhinn.

Secretary: Linda Sheriff, 33 Cluain Aoibhinn

Treasurer: Ann O'Brien, 9 Cluain Aoibhinn.

Assistant Chairman: Tom McMullon, 63 Cluain Aoibhinn.

Assistant Secretary: Christy O'Brien.

9 Cluain Aoibhinn

Assistant Treasurer: Ann Brittin,

35 Cluain Aoibhinn.

Committee Members: Gerry Fitzpatrick, 21 Cluain Aoibhinn; Judy Glennon, 11 Cluain Aoibhinn; Phil McLoughlin, 64 Cluain Aoibhinn; Seamus and Marian Brennan, 61 Cluain Aoibhinn; Gerry Brittin, 35 Cluain Aoibhinn.

Paddy Holmes Chairman.

Cluain Aoibhinn Residents Association.



Rev. Father Cogan blessing the new name stone at Cluain Aoibhinn.

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RECENT ENGAGEMENT

Congratulations to Miss Noelle Barry, Main St., and Mr. Donal Kelly, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, who announced their engagement recently.

Apologies to Miss Noelle Barry for incorrectly spelling her name in the July Edition.

FOUND AFTER UNDER 12 STREET LEAGUE

BMX teeshirt, child's raincoat, and football boots. Contact Mick Dempsey, 283 Greenfield.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

James (Chico) Dowling, Greenfield - July 6th Aoife McTernan, Greenfield, age 4 July 1st Deirdre McTernan, Avondale, Leixlip age 11 July 3rd

Cara McTernan, Carthill Drive, Dunboyne age 3 July 13th

EMIGRATED

Best wishes and good luck to Antoinette O Brien, Newtown, Maynooth, who has gone to reside in Koln, West Germany. Anttoinette will study for midwifery. This comes from her Mammie, Daddy, sisters, brothers and friends.

BA DEGREE

Michelle Higgins of Maynooth has graduated with distinction from St. Patrick's College, with her BA Degree. She is third daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. Higgins, Garda Station, who follows in the footsteps of her sisters. Annette and Paula who similarly graduated. Off to the U.S.A. at present. She will be working towards her Higher Diploma in Education at C.B.S. Trim.

ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations to Desmond Farrell, O'Neill Park and Deirdre Stafford, Swords who were engaged recently. A party in Leinster Arms was attended by parents and friends for the occasion.

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Congratualations to Deirdre Kelly, Ladychapel and Noel Horan, Greenfield who also were engaged recently. A party in Springfield Hotel was also attended by parents and friends. Deirdre had a double celetration on the same occasion, when she and her twin brother, Paul, celebrated their 21st birthday.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Belated Congratulations to Sean and Catherine Fav Leinster Cottages, who celebrated their 4th Wedding Anniversary on July 23rd.

LOCAL WEDDING

The wedding took place in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth of Miss Susan Boyce daughter of Mr. Patrick Boyce and the late Kathleen Boyce, Corbally Stud, Celbridge and Gerard Durack, son of Mr. Patrick and Sadie Durack, Carton, Maynooth, Rev. D. Cogan, C.C. officiated. Bridesmaids were Louise and Emma Boyce, sisters of the bride. Bestman was Oliver Durack, brother of the Groom. The reception was held in the Hotel Keadeen, Newbridge and was followed by a honeymoon in Crete.

The marriage took place in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth of Miss Mary Fay, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Paddy Fay, Pound Street, Maynooth and Mr. Michael Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murray, Newlands, Palmerstown. Ceremony nuptual mass papal blessing was performed by Rev. Fr. E. Thynne. P.C., Maynooth. Bridesmaid Jacqueline Nolan, cousin Bride.

Bestman - Raymond Murray, brother Groom.

Flowergirls - Grace Dwyer and Theresa Murray, friends.

Organist and soloist - Mrs. J. McCormack Reception - Hotel Keadeen. Honeymoon - Marbella, Spain.

BIRTHDAY:

Belated Birthday Wishes to Tom McGarry, a member of the Maynoth Newsletter Staff, whose Birthday was on July 23.

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Sympathy to the Parents, Relatives, of the Sister, late Matthew Mulligan, Kilcock. Courtown Road,

NOTICES

M.A.D.E. OPEN DAY 10th September. see next months Newsletter for more details

BACK TO SCHOOL

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MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

Maynooth Athletes of all ages have been in tremendous form recently throughout the Leinster and All-Ireland Championships as well as the Kildare Community Games and the Inter-Club League. The Leinster Juvenile Championships saw the club take 6 Gold medals through Grainne Farrelly (U/17 1500m), Sharon Ennis (U/15 Walk), Enda Breslin (U/15 Walk), Sandra Stewart (U/14 300m) and Helen Treacy (U/16 Javelin). Ted Robinson continued the fine form shown in the Kildare Tests when he took Silver in the U/8 Long Jump and other silver medalists were G. Farrelly (U/17 400m) and Ciara Power (U/8 60m), Ciara Power also took 3rd in the U/8 80m as did Enda Gleeson in the U/16 1500m.

New Records

The All-Irelands saw two new records set by Maynooth Athletes Grainne Farrelly in the U/17 1500m and Enda Breslin in the U/15 1500m Walk, Grainne completed the double by winning the 800m while Carmel Noonan moved into the field events with success to take the U/13 Javelin title. Enda Breslin also performed well in this event to take silver in the U/15 Javelin. Sandra Stewart also took silver in the U/14 300m. Darren McDermot has been having a fine season also and he took silver in the Boys U/14 Shot. Sharon Ennis took silver in the Girls U/15 1500m Walk while her sister Michelle took 3rd in the U/13 600m. Darragh Callaghan also took a bronze medal in the U/16 3000m. At an earlier session of these Championships Caoimhe O'Sullivan took the silver medal in the U/11 Hurdles as well as reaching the final of the Long Jump.

In the Veterans section Anna Kelly was a good winner of the Ladies 100m in the Leinster Championships and Maynooth A.C. took total dominance of the relay, winning both Ladies and Mens 4 x 100m and 4 x 800m. Its always a pleasure to see young newcomers do well and the Boys U/8 Team of Ted Robinson, Declan Buckley, Robert Casey and Stephen McCluskey put up a great show. The Girls U,'8 Team of Virginia Breslin, Josephine Gallagher, Aoife Callaghan and Ciara Power with sub Michelle Gallagher went one better by finishing in 3rd place. The Senior Ladies Team of Mairead Noonan, Kate Hughes, Patsy McCluskey and Anna Kelly took the 4 x 100m title and M. Noonan and K. Hughes joined by N. Noonan and E. Gleeson took silver in the 4 x 400m. The Boys U/16 put up a fine show in the 4 x 800m to take 2nd place through the efforts of Enda Breslin, Darragh Callaghan, Frank Desmond and Niall McCormack.

Veterans

The Veterans were again in top form in. the All-Ireland 5 mile Road Championship especially the Ladies with Mary Farrelly taking the over 30's Gold, Patsy McCluskey O/35 Gold and with Marie Gleeson they took the Team Gold. Pat Maher was a good 3rd place in the Mens 0/40 where the Team took 2nd with Tony Callaghan and Noel Farrelly the other scorers in a race where Vincent Watson, David Jolley and Pearse Breslin all ran well.

Mick Gleeson. PRO.

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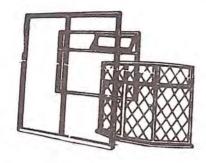
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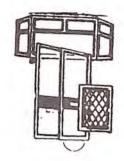
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MAYNOOTH G.A.A.

The long awaited Members Draw got off the ground and the first draw was held in the Parish Hall on Friday 27th June. There was a large crowd of expectant ticket holders present. The 1st prize of a Car went to Anthony Glennon, Oaklawn, Leixlip. The remaining draws will take place on the last Friday of each month.

Tom Flood Cup

Final arrangements are being made to hold our annual tournament for the Tom Flood Cup and Trophies. Lucan Sarsfields have dominated the tournament in recent years. However, last year Maynooth took the trophies after an exciting final with Lucan. Apart from the home team, it is expected that, Ardclough, St. Peregrians (Clonsilla), Rathcoffey, Straffan, St. Finnians (Newcastle) and Lucan Sarsfields will do battle in this years competition. Games will be played during the last two weeks in August and early September.

Junior 'A' Championship

Maynooth 0-5

Kill 0-9

Our first team approached this first round game more in hope than in confidence. After a shaky start Maynooth got to grips with the game and their prospects looked bright at half-time. Thanks to trojan work by C. Feeney and M. Dolphin, Maynooth dominated play for a long period in the second half but we failed to convert this superiority into scores.

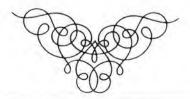
Junior 'B' Championship

Maynooth 0-7

Kill 1-10

Kill completed the double over Maynooth when our second team offered stout resistence for the greater part of the game but finally had to give way to the stronger finishers.

Despite these two defeats against Kill there was reason for hope for the future. This ray of hope was provided by some creditable displays by our new members and younger players who were having their first Championship outing.



Minor Football Championship

Maynooth 4-6

Ballykelly 1-0

Maynooth had no trouble in disposing of their first round challengers Ballykelly, at Allenwood. Raheens provide the opposition in the second round.

Maynooth Scores: S. Molloy 1-1;

K. Fagan 1-1; P. Ennis 0-3; D. Faherty 1-0

C. O'Donnell 1-0; D. Crvan 0-1
MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SEMI-FINAL

Maynooth 2-10

Kill 1-1

Maynooth gave a great display of football skills when they saw off the challenge from Kill in a semi-final replay. This was the third meeting of the sides. The first game ended in a draw and the second was abandoned at half time due to a thunder storm with Maynooth leading by 1 point.

Maynooth Scores: D. Gaffney 2-0; K. Fagan 0-5; L. O'Toole 0-2; P. Ennis 0-1; J. O'Toole 0-1;

D. Cryan 0-1.

MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINAL

Leixlip 1-8

Maynooth 0-9

Our minor team just failed at the last hurdle to capture the League title. It was a case of so near and yet so far. They started this game in style with points from D. Molloy and K. Fagan. However, Leixlip favoured by wind went on to score 6 points without reply. In the second half Maynooth dominated and took the lead midway through. They had at least two opportunities of goals but luck was not with them on this occasion. Leixlip weathered the storm and broke up the field Coscore a goal. Maynooth tried hard up to the end. L. O'Toole shot 2 good points but time ran out.

This was the team's first defeat this year. Their dedication and commitment is an example to all other teams in the

Team: G. Whelan, D. Faherty,
M. Faherty, M. Nevin, M. Kelly (Capt.),
C. O'Donnell, R. Barry, P. Ennis, L. O'
Toole, K. Fagan, J. O'Toole, D. Cryan,
D. Gaffney, D. Molloy, S. Molloy.

Subs: D. Corcoran, S. O'Reilly, C. O'Reilly, D. Mee, P. Farrelly,

P. Stynes, J. Nevin, J. Riordan.

Scores: K. Fagan 0-4, L. O'Toole 0-3, D. Molloy 0-1; P. Ennis 0-1.

UNDER 16 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

After a slow start to this first round championship Maynooth produced some good football to overcome neighbours Straffan. Maynooth scored two goals and these scores proved to be the difference between the teams.

The 2nd is due to be played on 22nd August, 1986 against Celbridge or Mill-

Scores: M. Ryan 1-0, D. Moran 1-0, J. Riordan 0-2; S. Molloy 0-1; D. Cryan 0-1.

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Gerry Bright, Courtown Road, Kilcock.

933

Maire O'Reilly, Shepperton, England.

307

Pat Kernes, Maynooth Park.

1287

Joseph Gaffney, 195 The Cresent, Tallaght.

1280

Peter Hudson, Brittis, Co. Dublin.

8 Prizes of £500

474

Paddy Travers, Rathcoffey G.A.A.

803

Michael J. Stapleton, Clonwood Hights, Clane.

727

Martin McTernan, 1 Parson St., Maynooth.

359

John Sherlock, College Green, Maynooth.

B. Edwards & C. Hynes, C/o Manor Mills.

70 Jim Moore, 556 O'Neill Park, Maynooth.

Jim

Aidean Fusciaridan, Main St., Maynooth.

DUE.

Edward Porese, Owenstown, Maynooth.

5 Prizes of £300

1196

Thomas F. Dillon, 30 Lock Bollar, Clane.

1077

Brigy Cooke, 5 Knock Eirin, Tallaght.

994

Tony O'Connor, College Green, Maynooth.

158

Joseph Dillon, 27 Heatherview Close, Tallaght.

746 Ken O'Brien, Leinster Cottages, Maynooth.

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MAYNOOTH TOWN F.C.

A brief history.

Maynooth Town F.C. came into existence in 1972 when the players and officials of Ballygoran United and Maynooth St. Mary's, two clubs that had been formed by separate bands of soccer enthusiasts a few years previously, decided to join forces. Prior to 1972, both teams had been competing in the recently formed Counties Section of the Leinster Junior League with a fair degree of success. The decision to join forces meant that more rapid progress could be made, and the decision to join the Dublin seciton of the League resulted in a dramatic improvement in standards. Interest grew so quickly that a second team was entered in the League, to be followed by a third team soon after. The club rapidly established a reputation as a force to be reckoned with in Junior football and many highly respected teams learned to their cost not to underestimate Maynooth Town, especially in Cup competitions. 1976-77 season was the most successful to date, when the First Team reached the final of the Sheeran Cup (the major trophy in the League) and won the Cruise Cup (another improtant trophy). They also finished runners-up in their division and went on to achieve a place in the Premier Division, the highest grade in the League. Inevitably there were some lean years as standards everywhere improved but more success was not to be denied and in 1981 the Third Team won their division, becoming the first team in the Club's history to actually win a division. The decision to switch the second team to Saturday football at the beginning of the 80's was a great success, as they have raced to success after success, winning Division Two and Division One in successive seasons and also capturing the Mithen Cup, the numbers one trophy in Saturday football. The season just ended was another triumphant one, with the first team winning promotion back to its rightful place in the premier division, and also taking the Watkins Cup.

The Club caters for three teams and also works in close co-operation with Maynooth Schoolboys' Club who run three underage teams and have developed many fine players over the years. With such a large membership, facilities are obviously important, so it may come as a surprise to those not familiar with the Club that it has never enjoyed the luxury of a settled home in all the years of its existence. Indeed many of the original club members can remember playing where several of the housing estates in the Maynooth area now stand! To be constantly relying on the goodwill of

landowners is obviously a very precarious way of existing, especially with such large numbers involved. Nevertheless, the hardworking Committee continues to press on in the hope that a permanent base can be established. A development fund has been set up for this purpose and it is to be hoped that, with thesupport of the public authorities and our local representatives, the name of Maynooth Town will continue to figure proudly in the honours lists for many years to come.

G. Durack (Hon, Secretary).



NORTH KILDARE SQUASH CLUB

The Committee for the 1986/87 squash season was recently elected in North Kildare, and their first decision was to reduce the subscription rates for the coming year. Court fees for the season will remain the same - £1.00 for 3 4 hour and 20p for a booking ticket. The subscriptions are as follows:

Single membership £66
Couple £85
Student £31
Off peak (10.00 am-£31
4.00 pm Mon.-Friday).

The club subscription year runs from September to August but anybody joining now will be a full member until end of August 1987. Application forms may be obtained from Ann MacKell, the Hon. Secretary, ph phoning 244516.

The club runs Internal Leagues and Round Robins, which are graded according to the players abilities and also take part in the Nescafe Leagues.

Starting on the 1st Wednesday in Sept. there will be a Ladies Morning every Wednesday from 10.30 to 12.30. These will consist of Squash (with coaching for beginners from the more experienced players) coffee and chat. Arrangements will be made for the "entertainment" of young children while their mothers are playing squash.

The facilities in the club consist of two courts (one glass backed) showers and a sauna. There is also a bar which is open to members at night-time and the afternoons at the weekend. Bridge, Cricket Hockey, Rugby and Tennis are also played in the club.

We look forward to seeing some new faces and talent during the coming year.

Ann MacKell Hon Secretary, 64, Oaklawn, Leixlip. Phone: 244516.

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

We would like to congratulate the following Athletes and Swimmers on winning in their events at the Kildare Community Games Finals. The Athletics were held in Kilcock on 6th July while the swimming was held in Athy on 13th July. These Athletes and Swimmers will now go on to represent Kildare at the National Finals to be held in Mosney at the end of August and the begining of September.

Athletics

Girls U/17 Javelin Helen Treacy Girls U/16 High Jump Sandra Gillick Boys U/17 Marathon Enda Breslin

Swimming

Boys U/10 1 Length Freestyle Richard Cotter

Boys U/14 2 Lengths Backstroke Evan Igoe

Boys U/13 Squad Gordon Hayes Simon Cotter Brett Igoe Richard Cotter

We wish them the very best of luck for

Francis Flood

the Games.

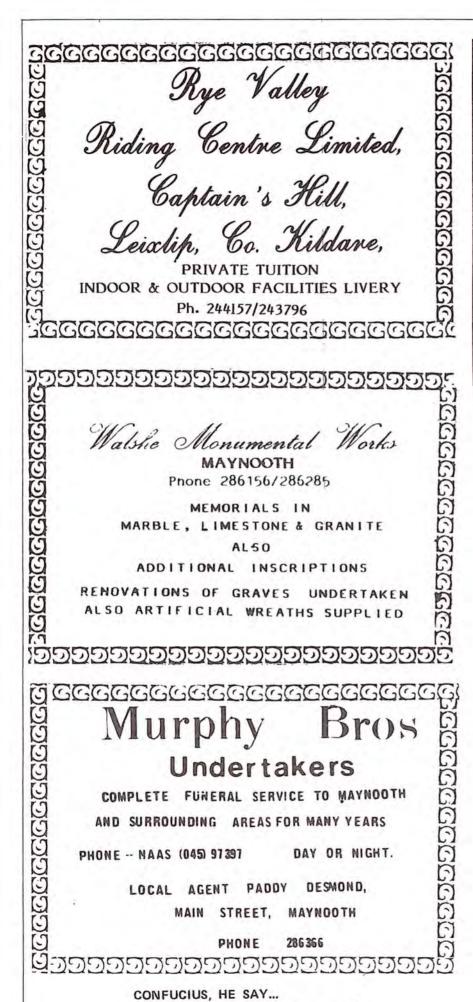
TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

There is a great shortage of tourist accommodation in the Maynooth area. People passing through have to pass by, parents coming to visit their children in the college have no where in the town to stay. Visitors to the college attending conferences and summer schools, or visiting lecturers are constantly amazed to find that good, local bed and breakfast accommodation is virtually non-existant.

There is surely scope for some enterprizing people to become involved in providing accommodation. Bord Failte produces a list of requirements for registration as approved accommodation, and grants may be available for improvements. Details can be obtained from the Community Information Centre, the Library, Main Street.

MORRISCASTLE CAMPERS RE-UNION IN MAYNOOTH

As mentioned in an earlier edition of the Newsletter, a re-union of those who travelled on Camp to Morriscastle between 1969-73 will be soon held in Maynooth. The date arranged for this get together is Friday, August 29th in Caulfield's Lounge at 8.00 pm. All those associated with those "famous" days in Kilmuckridge, Co. Wexford are warmly invited to attend. Walter Forde who was the Chief Organiser of the Camps will be in attendance at the re-union. We look forward to seeing many old, and not so old faces on the night. Further information can be obtained from Willie Saults, Parson St., or Colm Nelson, Clonagh, Maynooth.



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3/4 bay leaves 50g/2 oz butter

Method

Mix the oil, lemon, mustard and seasoning together. Dice lamb into ½"-¾" cubes and add to the mixture. Place in a dish cover with lid and leave to marinate for at least 8 hours or leave over night preferably. Turn the meat occassionally.

Pre-heat grill to high. Remove lamb from marinade and dry on kitchen paper. Thread the meat on skewers alternating with onion, pepper and bay leaves. Place skewer under grill and heat for about 5-7 minutes on each side. Just before serving — melt butter, add a squeeze of lemon, as butter turns brown pour over each Kebab. Serve immediately with either rice or salad.

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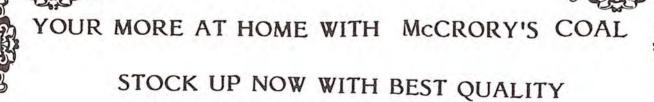
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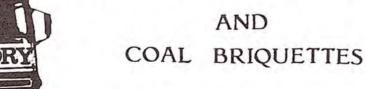
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Problems on spillage i.e. wine, coffee, milk, could be removed by pouring soda water over the spillage while wet, then rub with a dry cloth. Chewing Gum is simply resolved by puting ice cubes on and freeze the gum. Then strike the gum with a sharp edged instrument, this will cause it to break up.

Scrubbing the carpet with detergent or shampoo is not recommended as you are only cleaning the surface of the carpet. Consequently when the shampoo drys it crystalizes and binds the fibres together. It may look well for a few days but after that it tends to look dead and dull.

It never hurts to brush a carpet with a stiff broom once in a while.

The plack marks around the edges and under the doors can be removed. although many carpet cleaners will say they can't. It only needs an extra bit of effort, but it has to be done by ex-

If you are deciding to call a carpet cleaner in, make sure the firm is proficient and if they are using what is generally known as the steam cleaning method. Make sure they buff up the carpets first. This has two functions, firstly it loosens the carpet fibres and injects a detergent into the carpet. Secondly as the fibres are loose the carpet will dry much quicker as the air can circulate through the carpet. Remember the longer the carpet takes to dry the less chance of it being cleaned properly.

Furniture

There are only a few tips regarding this aspect. Most suites these days are Dray-Ion of various quality, tapestry and silk linen. Covers on the backs and arms of chairs are very practical and some quite attractive laces and embroideries.

One piece of advice would be, not to wash covers in the machine as its risky. Sometimes a lot of cheaper draylon covers can tend to shrink. Most marks can be removed.

For any advice you could ring me at 285922 and ask for Robert.



COLLEGE NOTES

The autumn examinations start on August 25th, so expect to see more student faces around later in the month. Although the summer months are less crowded, and lectures cease, the college still keeps up a busy schedule of activity within its gates. There are always postgraduates and final-year honours students working through the summer, staff catch up on administrative and research work, and there is a steady series of special conferences and meetings. Among outside bodies using the college this summer have been the Irish Church Music Association, the Legion of Mary with their boisterous Mariaopolis gathering, and a conference of the Irish Institute for Social and Cultural Affairs. There have also been various short courses in progress and the Maynooth Summer Camp for children again used the college grounds this year.

Playwright Frank McGuinness, who lectures in the English Department, currently has his play "Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching to the Somme" being produced in London. The director is the son of Sir Richard Attenborough of 'Ghandi' fame. In autumn, Frank's play "Innocence" will be produced at the Gate Theatre in Dublin, and he also has two television plays due to be shown on BBC.

Dr. Barbara Hayley, The Rectory, Maynooth, has been appointed Professor of English, the first woman to hold the position of Professor in the College. Congratulations!



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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL - TWO YEARS ON

Maynooth Community Council celebrated two years in office at its meeting in June. The Council was set up following elections held in May 1984 and since then has been working very hard at its programme for Maynooth. Already a number of achievements can be recorded, while achievements to come are still at the gestation stage.

Over the last two years, the council has organised two very successful St. Patrick's Day Parades. The recent Community Fortnight was very successful in bringing together on the playing fields, on the dancefloor and in the Square, residents of Maynooth who rarely venture past the confines of their privet hedges. Bringing people together is a very important aspect of the Council's work.

Perceptible improvements in the environment in the estates can be indirectly laid at the Council's door, as they have fostered an awareness among residents of the appearance of their surroundings by organising the tidy estates competition.

There are many other examples, large and small which may be given to show that the Council is working away in the background. However, a major aim of the Council is to improve economic circumstances in Maynooth as well as the social and recreational aspects of life. Already, the Council is a major employer. There are eight people currently employed by the Council under the auspices of state employment schemes, all working in the Council's offices located in the Mall, behind the Main Street. The Council is working on a number of feasibility studies for future enterprizes which showed help to reduce the problems of unemployment in the area.

All of this cannot be carried out without a lot of hard work and dedication on the part of the people on the Council and on the Council's sub-committees, and the support and co-operation of the business and residential communities of Maynooth.

A recent survey in Maynooth showed that the people surveyed were generally unaware of who their local councillors were, so the Newsletter decided to reveal all to readers, to strip the mask of anonymity from the hard working community councillors. Unfortunately, only twenty of the councillors were available for the camera, and we apologise to those who remain to blush unseen.

However, the names and addresses of all councillors are published here. All residents are entitled to contact them with any problems, suggestions, or ideas related to making Maynooth a better place for all to live in.



L-R: Derek Horan, Eileen Nolan, Peter Finnan all from Greenfield.

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Kevin "Sam" Murphy, O'Neill Park.





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MAYNOOTH MORTALITY SOCIETY NOTES

We the undersigned report the following statement on behalf of the Committee from Mr. J. Donnelly F.C.A. Hon. Auditor, Re. our Accounts for Year Ended 31.12.1985.

During 1985, 18 members died at a cost to the society of £4,950 (The grant being £275 per member).

Contributions earned £7,201 and interest on investment made £326.

This shows a profit for the year of £2,532 this added to previous years surplusses show that the assets of the society are now approx £10,000.

Whilst this is very encouraging there are still a small number of members who fail to pay their Annual Subscription This is most unfair to the members who are prompt in their payments.

The Committee unanimously agreed that if all outstanding arrears are not paid by the end of Sept. 1986, by defaulting members that they will forfeit all claim against the society and be excluded from future membership of the society, (please note under no circumstances will previous members who have defaulted, be allowed to re-join).

The committee would also like members to clear their annual subscription by Oct. 1986. This would enable us to have our balance sheet by the A.G.M. and our returns to the Registrar of Friendly Societies that much earlier.

Will members please note that there will be no sitting of the society during the month of August. Members anxious to pay the annual subscription can do so by contacting the following:

P. Nolan, 41 Greenfield Drive
K. Murphy, O'Neill Park
Leo Bean, The Green
Benny Farrelly, Kilcock Road
Tom Flanagan, Greenfield
Jim Nolan, Ladychapel
Billy Nolan, Leinster Cottages
Owen Byrne, Greenfield
L. O'Brien, Newtown
Tommy Tierney, Maynooth Park
Percy Burke, Spion Kop, Leixlip.

P. Nolan — Secretary Kevin Murphy — Asst. Secretary Leo Bean — Treasurer. COMMUNITY GAMES

APPEAL FUND

Main Street.

Funds are urgently needed to support the ten Maynooth Athletes who are representing Co. Kildare at the Community Games Finals. It will cost £32.50 each in expenses during the games and the Committee appeals to those Maynooth residents who were not contacted during the recent house to house collection, to send their donations to any member of the Committee or to the Community

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VIVA ESPANA - ADIOS AMIGOS

The Spanish students have come and gone. Unfortunately they did not bring the sun with them, I think it is still waiting for them at home! They did not complain, though, about our weather - I think they were too busy to even notice it. They spent their mornings studying English and went on various outings in the afternoons. They visited Malahide Castle, Glendalough, Newgrange and nearer home, Dowdstown Stud where Mrs. Leddy even gave them the use of her swimming pool - needless to say, they were all delighted and came home tired but happy. In fact they all seemed to be a pretty happy bunch. They were very enthusiastic about Ireland and its friendly people and they seemed to enjoy the entertainment provided for them, discos etc. Their only complaint was that people here went to bed too early. Apparently, in Spain, two or three a.m. is the norm!

When asked about their lifestyle in Spain their answers gave some surprises. They came from fairly affluent homes and most went to private schools run by the religious. They study various general subjects and one or two foreign

languages — not so different from our own system. The surprize lay in the number of pupils per class. In some cases 40 to 50 pupils even in post-primary private schools. (If the Dept. hears this we'll all be in trouble!).

The students participated in the football matches — both boys and girls, and gave as good as they got! Off the pitch they proved their considerable musical talent by serenading me with their version of "Molly Malone". Most teenage girls living in the town would have swopped places with me gladly!

After talking to them I was left with the impression of a very friendly, outgoing group of youngsters who have really enjoyed their stay here and were

pleased with everything that was done to make their stay enjoyable. Maynooth families could do worse next year than playing host to a Spanish student.

The organiser of their stay was Michael Keenan and he was ably assisted by his wife Brid, Elaine Buckley and Caroline Keenan. They would like to thank all those who helped make the visit so enjoyable — especially Paddy Ryan for the football trophies and medals, Pat Farrell for the discos and the Leinster Arms for the use of their rooms, also the Boys National School for the use of their classrooms. Last but not least, the host families who gave the youngsters such a warm welcome.

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BRU BOSCO NOTES

At the start of our New Year there are so many things I would like to say to you, but the editor says two columns, and two columns it must be. So I am going to try and endeavour to give you a run down on our Club in brief, an outline of our activities since our last A.G.M. which was November 1984.

18th Dec. '84 Fr. Flo McCarthy celebrated our Christmas Mass in the Club. The Lads acted out the gospel.

1985 Club members brought in the New Year at Spanish Point.

January 31st Music Song and Dance in the Geraldine, about 300 hundred attended to celebrate Don Bosco's Feast Day.

Feb/March/April. U/14, U/16, U/18, 5 aside indoor soccer C.Y.C. Competitions, plus Junior Club Talent 'Jonah Man Jazz', this group got right through to the C.Y.C. Final, Colm Hardiman received an award of best performer.

Salesian Sports at Ballinakill.

Twined with Fernbank (Limerick (our first visitors) — Return visit. by Bru Bosco followed.

May Lions Club presented us with a video and cheque to cover large snooker table — Angela Murtagh ran a Book Sale and we bought a television.

June Co-operation North — 30th June to 6th July — Seaboard Youth Club came to Maynooth — 12th-16th Aug Bru Bosco went to Dundrum, Co. Down.

July Our Annual Summer Camp under Canvas, buses set off with canoes, food etc. Fr. Pat Egan came to the mountains to celebrate Sunday Mass.

Oct. Orienteering — Lugduff, Tiglin etc. Then snow arrived so the Club took to tobogganing. Our new musical was — Adam in Eden, a really lovely performance. U/14, U/16, U/18 — 5-aside soccer, etc. this time we got through to the final.

Nov./Dec. Club busy — toy making — candle making — Christmas logs — Carol Singing. F. ather Michael Smiths, S.D.B. celebrated our Christmas Mass.

1986 Once again the Club brought in the New Year at Spanish Point — straight back to re-decorate the Hall for the Chief's Feast Day, which was an outstanding success, concert by Club members, second to none, plus music from Bartley O Flaherty and The Merry Bunch.

February Club Mass in honour of Don Bosco, Fr. Joe Putty, celebrant.

March St. Patrick's weekend celebrated at Spanish Point.

BRU BOSCO

Use of the Club from 8.00-10.00 from Mondays-Fridays. The Canal Project use the Function Room for lunch, and the Hall for toilet facilities. The Young Skill Workers used the Hall as a temporary home for a few months last year. Bernie Durkan holds a Clinic there each Saturday. 'The Community Council found facilities useful for their Art Competition. The Summer Camp availed of the Hall when necessary. Many parties have taken place, plus meetings. I think we can safely say the Hall has been used for the purpose for which it was left in trust. All who use the Hall are indebted to the Trustees and Development Association as without their help this facility would not be available.

VANDALISM

As you can see from the above, the Hall is for the young people of Maynooth. They literally would be lost without it. We have so many success stories — yet somebody is trying to destroy what we are trying to build up. The Moyglare Stud Farm sponsored the covering of one of our tables. Once again disaster struck and despite all our efforts at battening down the loop holes, it was slashed. Isn't it just heart breaking.

UNDERPRIVILEGED

There are those who resent the Bru Bosco Club, they say it is for the underprivileged. The dictionary describes the word such — not enjoying normal social and economic rights — so you will be glad to know it is not a contagious disease. Tell you a secret, John Bosco was underprivileged, in money terms, he knew hunger yet he is a founder member of our Club, and Father of the second largest order in the world.

CAUSE TO REJOICE

All the members of Bru Bosco are very happy indeed for Barley O Flaherty, his lady wife, and family, on the safe arrival of their twin baby girls on Sunday 13th July. Mother and babies all doing well! Congratulations all round.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To a very warm hearted young lady and loyal member of our Club, Denise Cleary. I think the date is August 11th, there will be high jinks in REFLECTIONS on that day.

Community week quiz

We chanced our arm and entered a team, they did us proud ending joint 10th with a credible 41 points. Congratulations to all.

Friday Night Videos

Come along and enjoy a video plus tuck shop. Starting time 7.30 pm closing time 9.20 if parents wish to have their children collected. AGE from 10 years up. Leaders always present. Videos carefully selected. Cost 50p. Premises — Geraldine Hall. HOW about that for value?

Until next month, Peig Lynch (P.R.O.)

> NEW EXPLORER CLUB FOR CHILDREN

In September, a weekly Explorer Club for children aged between 7 and 12 will start in Maynooth. Such clubs are already well-established in Dublin City and County, but up to now the nearest one to Maynooth has been based in Lucan.

Explorer Clubs are aimed particularly at children with active and enquiring minds. The aim is to provide an opportunity for such children to meet one another and to develop their interests in common. The activities are co-ordinated by a group leader, bearing in mind the inclinations of the children and the facilities available. For instance, last year the club at Lucan produced its own newsletter, played computer games, tried some simple experiments in the school laboratory, did some cooking (even more experimental!) and visited a planetarium.

The clubs are intended as a facility for children of above-average intellectual ability, but there is no 'selection procedure' operated. Parents and — especially — children themselves will quickly be able to assess whether or not the Club is likely to appeal.

Places are limited, however, as there cannot be more than fifteen children to any group leader. The membership fee will be £20 per term, and further details will be given in next month's **Newsletter**. In the meantime, information can be obtained from Kay Forde, (01) 593601.



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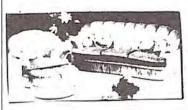
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The Scheme was started in July 1984, and since then has progressed considerably, with two Supervisors one on each side of the city. They visit stroke sufferers in their homes, and recruit Volunteers to help them in their work. A Club has been started in North Dublin, we also hold Meetings and Seminars for the stroke sufferers and their families. These are invaluable as the people can discuss and share their common worries and problems.

We now have an Office opened in North Great Georges Street from nine to five, Monday to Friday. So if you would like to become a member we would like to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

Rhona Kavanagh, P.R.O.

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SCOUT NEWS

As we go to press this month our Scout Troop are in Cong, Co. Mayo on their annual camp. We hope the weatherman will be kind to them. Report in next

Our Cub Scout Packs took part in the Regional Sports in Clondalkin on 28th June Although we had to relinguish our winners cup to the Kilcloon Cub Pack the boys had a great day.

Also on Sat. 28th June our Beaver Scout Colony went to Larch Hill for the National Beaver Scout Fun Day.

This was a very exciting day for the The activities were very well organised and our problem was to make time to have a "go" on everything. The favourites were the obstacle course, tugo-war, soccer kicks, bouncing castles, pillow fights and the children's theatre production of Hansel and Gretel. We returned to the Den at 7.00 pm with very tired Beavers with painted faces.

Our venturers are making final preparations for their two week Explorer Belt Expedition to Scotland next month. The four venturers travelling are: Alan Downey, Barry Cosgrave, Sean Halton and Ronan Barry.

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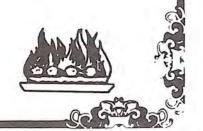
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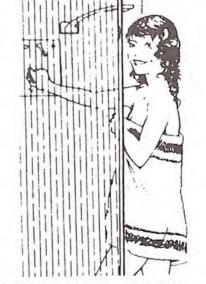
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Grants and Scholarships for Third Level Education

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The Higher Education Grants Scheme:

This applies to students following fulltime courses of at least two years' duration in the Universities. Teacher Training Colleges, Dublin Institute of Technology, Regional Technical Colleges. NIHEs. The grant is administered through the local authority (Kildare County Council, St. Mary's Naas for Maynooth residents).

To qualify, students must be aged at least 17 years on 1st January following the Leaving Certificate. They must also have passed five subjects in the Leaving Certificate with four honours and one other pass grade. The four honours may be reduced in certain circumstances, e.g. an honour in Maths will be counted as two honours, as would an honour in Irish. A means test is also applied. In 1986 a student whose parents have six dependent children and an income not exceeding £16,546 would be eligible for a grant of one-quarter of lecture fees. On the other hand, a student whose parents have two dependent children and whose income does not exceed £8,880 may be eligible for the maximum grant covering lecture fees plus the maximum maintenance grant of £1,160 if the student has to study away from home, or £464 if the student can live at home. If family circumstances change later on the student may be eligible for an increased grant.

Application for this grant must be made after the Leaving Certificate results come out and before 31st August, to the Local Authority.

Vocational Education Committee Scholarships

These scholarships are administered by the local Vocational Education Committee (C/O Technical School, Naas for Maynooth residents) and these scholarships may be obtained by students who wish to follow courses of at least two years' duration in the DIT, RTCs, NIHEs, Colleges of Art, as well as a number of other colleges. The means test and grant

levels are the same as those for the Higher Education Grants Scheme, but a student only needs two honours and three passes in the Leaving Certificate including Irish and English.

Application should be made to the VEC by 31st August.

European Social Fund Grants:

These grants cover one and two year courses in the RTCs and Colleges of Technology in areas such as Engineering, Science, Secretarial Studies, Business Studies etc. The grants are not means tested, and amount to £464 per annum if the student is living at home or £1,160 if living away from home. A list of courses covered by this scheme is available in the Community Information Centre.

Other grants and scholarships:

Maynooth College provides a scholarship for one resident of Maynooth or any of the six adjoining parishes (Kilcock, Clane, Celbridge, Leixlip, Kilcloone, Dunboyne). Application forms may be got from The Scholarships Board, President's Office, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

There are a number of scholarships and bursaries which may be availed of in other universities and colleges. Further details available in the Community Information Centre.

Special Grants Scheme for Mature Women Students:

This is a new scheme operated by the Office of the Minister of State for Women's Affairs, for 1986/87. Application forms and details may be got from The Office of the Minister of State for Women's Affairs, Department of the Taoiseach, Government Buildings, Dublin 2 -Phone number (01) 689333 Ext. 347.

Closing date for receipt of applications is 30th September 1986.

For 1987 Leaving Certificate students, the Information Centre has information on colleges and courses and applying for admission to these colleges.

The Community Information Centre is upstairs in the Public Library, Main St., Maynooth. Centre's opening hours are: 10.00-12.00 Wed. and Fri. 2.00-4.00 Mon. Wed. and Fri. 7.00-8.00 Thurs.

Mary McGinley Organiser.

MEMORIES OF THE COMMUNITY **FORTNIGHT**

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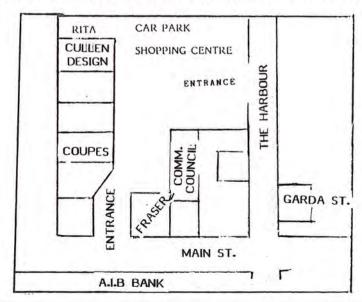
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If I open my fingers a little bit more, I can see Nanny's dressing-gown on the door. It's a beautiful blue, but it hasn't a hood. Oh! God bless Nanny and make her good.

Mine has a hood, and I lie in bed, And pull the hood right over my head, And I shut my eyes, and I curl up small, And nobody knows that I'm there at all.

Ohl Thank you, God, for a lovely day. And what was the other I had to say? I said "Bless Daddy," so what can it be? Oh! Now I remember it. God bless Me.

Little Boy kneels at the foot of the bed, Droops on the little hands little gold head. Hush! Hush! Whisper who dares! Christopher Robin is saying his prayers.

So you think you're clever,

- Man is to Boy as Woman is to (lad, kid, dame, girl, crowd).
- He is to Him as She is to (me, them, her's, her, his).
- Trumpet is to Play as Book is to (fun, read, music, words, relax).
- Car is to Wheel as Horse is to (gallop, wagon, drive, tail, leg).
- Cow is to Barn as Man is to (milk, stable, restaurant, house, farm)
- Thread is to Cloth as wire is to (stiff, radio, rope, mesh, metal).
- Botanist is to Plant as Sociologist is to (women, problems, society sociology).
- South is to Northwest as West is to (north, southwest, Northeast Southeast).
- Plane is to Solid as Line is to (square, circle, angle, rectangle, plane).
- 10. Bleak is to Black as Leak is to (white, back, water, lack, leak).

Answers on page

- 1. Mixed-up Irish rivers:
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- 10) NAGAL

2. Odd-one-out:

- Tiger, Cow, Giraffe, Zebra
- Lizard, Worm, Snake, Crocodile b)
- Spider, Bee, Fly, Ant.

3. Fill in the missing numbers:

- 1, 3, 6, 10, a)
- 1, 4, 9, 16, b)
- 39, 32, 25, 18, cl

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Tara Coates, 15 Leinster Cottages

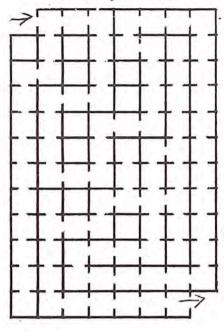
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Michelle O'Riordan, The Bungalow, Greenfield.

7th £1

A. O'Connor, 35 Greenfield Drive. Well done kids, money on the way.

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LIBRARY NEWS

We would like to extend our congratulations to Librarian Margaret Walshe-Gannon on her recent promotion. Margaret has been very involved in Community affairs and will be contributing regularly to the Newsletter.

MAYNOOTH MEMORIES

"Maynooth Memories" is the title of the present exhibition of old photographs, on loan from various members of the Community, which can be seen in Maynooth Public Library.

The subjects covered by the photographs are diverse and varied, and include a photograph of the Maynooth "men of 1916", who marched to Dublin on Easter Monday 1916; the "class of 1925" in Kilcloon National School; an aerial photograph of the Pope's visit to Maynooth in 1979; a photograph of the famous boxer Jack Doyle, and his beautiful wife Movita, taken in 1942; even a photograph of the canon balls which knocked down Maynooth Castle.

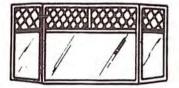
Also included in this exhibition are some excellent pieces written by Brigid Saults, on her personal memories of Maynooth. The 1966 souvenir programme of Maynooth G.A.A. should evoke nostalgia among the not-so-old which contains advertisements of businesses, no longer in existence.

We wish to express our thanks to all who contributed to this exhibition, and any more loans/donations would be gratefully appreciated.

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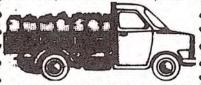
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TIDY AREAS COMPETITION - JUDGES' COMMENTS

The judges inspected all the housing areas on the afternoon of Tuesday 2nd July. They paid particular attention to open grass areas/play areas, the general level of maintenance apparent in the estate, the front garden displays, the state of verges, kerbsides, walls, fences, shrubbery and the appearance of the houses themselves. On this basis the following awards were made.

First Prize

CARTON COURT

This area has shown a vast improvement over the past year. A maturing estate, its open plan approach to garden fronts was particularly appealing and effective, with well maintained and displayed front gardens, well-stocked with shrubs and flowers. The area was tidy, neat and quite clear of litter. The open spaces were well tended and attractively planted and particularly distinctive feature was the hedge skirting the Straffan Road, enclosing the open space. This should be retained and might benefit from some maintenance. The gutters and verges were extremely well kept. The one negative feature of the development is the final phase which could be enhanced significantly by a general tidying up of the area and additional planting.

Second Prize

COLLEGE GREEN

An attractive new estate, which has maintained its high standard over the past twelve months. The attractively low wooden fences separated well-kept and colourful gardens. The impact of the cream/brown colour combination of houses and fences was effective. There was clear evidence of attempts to improve the periphery of the estate, with rock gardens and tree plantings.

Third Prize

GREENFIELD ESTATE

As the largest estate, this was the most difficult to evaluate because of the diversity of tastes reflected in gardens, fences and walls. Lawrence Avenue was the most pleasing sub-area, with nicely planned and planted trees in the open space. The open spaces, verges and hedges throughout the estate were reasonably well maintained. The negative impact of the variety of garden walls might be reduced by the use of a uniform colour and by planting more spreading shrubs. A greater attempt might also be made to reduce the amount of litter in the vicinity of the shops.

COMMENDATION Greenfield phase one.

COMMENTS ON OTHER ESTATES

Greenfield phase one.

This is a very pleasant cul-de-sac, with very attractively presented cottages at the entrance.

Greenfield phase two.

This is a potentially attractive cul-de-sac that would benefit greatly from extra trees and shrubs and less individualism in house facades.

Greenfield phase three.

Regrettably, a poor initial impression was conveyed by the sight of an abandoned and stripped car at the entrance (first impressions are often the most lasting). The area would benefit enormously from some co-operative grass cutting and tree planting.

Greenfield Lane

If the Council improved the road surface and if the hedges were tidied up, and fences attended to, this area would be immensely improved.

Rail Park

In general this was a tidy and pleasant estate with a good variety of trees and with some beautifully maintained houses whose impact, however, was marred by the presence of a number of poorly maintained properties. In addition, the open spaces, verges and gutters need attending.

The Crescent (Greenfield)

Lots of potential here, but no improvement in the last year. The open space is its most attractive feature but it is very poorly maintained.

Manor Court

Credit is due here for good design which adds to the atmosphere of the town centre. Although the development is unfinished it has potential but needs ongoing maintenance of accompanying grounds.

Parson's Street

This represents a very attractive unity of houses and open spaces, very well maintained (and might possibly be further enhanced by a better use of colour co-ordination on the houses). The open space, College entrance, the Castle, Church and Kelly's house distinguish this area very much.

Cluain Aoibhinn

This is a tidy, mature landscape which has potential but which is spoiled by a few badly-maintained houses and a certain blandness which might be broken by colour contrasts in fences, houses and gardens.

Town Centre

As the historic centre of Maynooth, this is the most distinctive part of the built environment in Maynooth. It deserves careful attention and a possible radical re-appraisal of recent developments. The tree-lined Main Street is the community's principal asset, which is marred by a number of plastic shop-fronts but contains a growing number of restored and original buildings. The Square is distinguished by the presence of Brady's traditional Public House at one corner, the ivy-clad residence at the other and the potentially attractive terrace on the east end (which might be more colourfully painted) but the grass triangle is poorly maintained. Some finger Sign Posts should be removed and the public conveniences and shelter are quite incongrous in appearance and location.

O'Neill Park

A tidy and pleasant environment with well maintained houses. Gardens and estate could be improved by extra trees and vegetation.

Leinster Park

A pleasant bungalow development, that is unfinished. It is poorly sign-posted. The entrance, with its poor road surface and unkept hedges could be improved.

Doctors Lane

A pleasant but undistinguished cul-de-sac.

Leinster Cottages

Attractive country town cottages, nicely maintained in the main.

Kingsbry, Beaufield.

Due to the fact that they were still in the process of completion it was difficult to judge these areas. Beaufield, however, showed considerable potential in its excellent landscaping endeavours, in marked contrast to Kingsbry.

GENERAL REMARKS

In general, there was a significant overall improvement and a noticeable increase in litter-free areas, which it was hoped will continue to be maintained. Evidence of tree planting in many areas was quite impressive, and a number of places would benefit from further efforts in this direction. The cleaning-up and maintenance of many of the open spaces in the residential areas was impressive. In conjunction with the extensive restoration of the Royal Canal and Harbour and the gradual restoration of the Town Centre, the image of Maynooth is improving significantly. There is clear evidence of a growth in communal effort in virtually all parts of the town and this is highly commended by the judges.

The town centre contains some significantly improved areas. Although there are a considerable number of plastic signs, the unit of shops extending from the Leinster Arms to the Roost deserves special mention. The Leinster Arms is one of the most important buildings in the Main Street which suffers somewhat from an over-indulgence in largely unnecessary Neon Signs. The second important group of shops extends from the Elite to Brady's Public House. The Library is a particularly fine example of a simply re-constructed Main Street building. The CPL Motors have maintained a nice traditional shop front, which has been somewhat spoiled by the addition of a plastic sign. O'Brien's Shopping Centre has been colourfully renovated. However, the front veranda is poorly maintained and the glass frontage is unimaginatively plastered with an over-abundance of posters. It could be improved significantly by the addition of some attractive art work features. The americanisation of "center" in 5 foot letters on the front is unfortunate.

Finally, a number of further criticisms might be made. Firstly, a bad impression is created by the derelict site opposite the entrance to Greenfield Lane on the Straffan Road. The public telephone opposite the Garda Station looks to be continually vandalised. The judges would appeal to the landlords of rented accommodation in the housing estates to make a greater effort to maintain the external appearance of their properties.

The Environmental Sub-Committee of Maynooth Community Council is indebted to the judges for making their services available and for preparing the above detailed report.

WINNING SHOP FRONT OPPOSITE

Standing outside the Country Shop which won the shop front competition are (L to R) Mary O'Melia and Margaret Molloy with Pamela Fegan (owner).

SHOP FRONTS COMPETITION — RESULTS JUDGES' COMMENTS

The judges inspected every commercial establishment in the village, Maynooth Shopping Centre and Greenfields Shopping Centre. On the basis of criteria such as: general maintenance, originality/character, harmony with the surroundings, presentation of window display, and the level of effort put into improvements, the following awards were made.

First Prize THE COUNTRY SHOP

This comprises the major part of an interesting terrace facing west-bound traffic through Main Street. It is tastefully restored in traditional manner, with simplicity being the main theme throughout — in stonework, pebbledash and colour scheme.



Second Prize ALAN FRAZER LTD. TOP OF THE CROP (on Main St.)

The most appealing aspect of these premises is that, despite their contrasting retail functions, the original unity of the shop front has been maintained. The window displays in both were effective in their simplicity.

Third Prize THE GERALDINE ARMS (CAULFIELDS)

Caulfield's Lounge Bar has consistently maintained a high standard of sign writing over many years, which has undoubtedly set standards for other retailers in Main Street.

COMMENDATIONS

The Clock House (Brady's); Garda Station; Hula Bou; Public Library.

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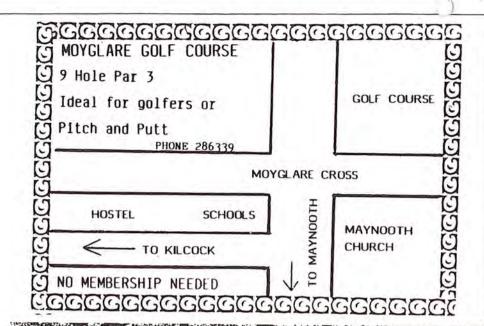
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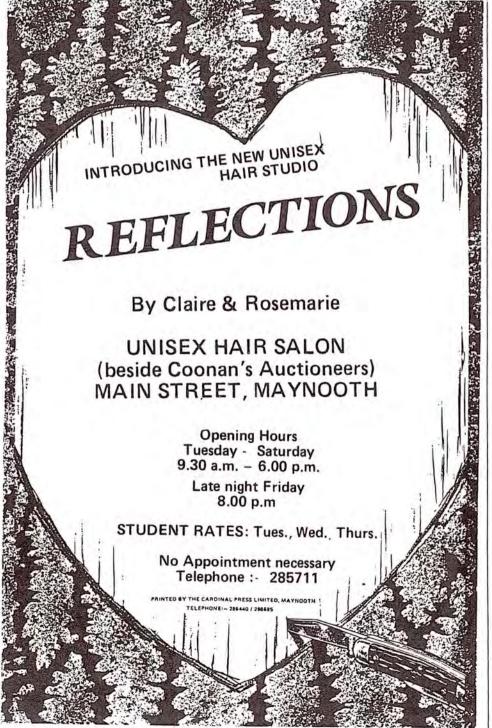
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Most Original: Antoinette Mooney & Mary Hearns (Laurel & Hardy).

Most Humourous: Andrew Nolan, Tony Byrne, Marty Byrne, Patricia Byrne, Patrick Carroll (Spiting Image)

Tidy Areas Competition

- 1. Carton Court
- 2. College Green
- 3. Greenfield Estate

Shop Front Competition

- 1. Country Shop
- 2. Alan Frazer and Top of the Crop
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FRENCH BOYS' CHOIR VISITS MAYNOOTH

The Douai Boys' Choir of France performed to a small, but enraptured audience in Maynooth College Chapel on July 1. The Choir members were enthralled with the College Chapel, with its magnificent architecture and furnishings, and its wonderful accoustics.

The Choir visited Maynooth as part of an extensive tour of Ireland, which covered a wide range of venues from Bangor to Tramore. Maynooth Community Council hosted the 45 members of the Choir during their stay in Maynooth, and the Council is deeply grateful to the Salesian Fathers especially Fathers Smyth and Delahanty, for making their hostel available. The Council is also grateful to the Maynooth College authorities and staff for facilitating the concert, to the Maynooth Venturers and Girl Guides for acting as stewards, and to Deirdre and Elizabeth Kennedy for acting as hostesses and as interpreters.

The Council is particularly indebted to the members of its Youth Affairs Sub-Committee who put in tremendous work in organising the visit and catering for the Choir during their stay.

LUXURY IN KILDARE!

The owners of Carton Estate, Powerscreen International, made the house and the 1000 acres of ground available to the Tyrone Gaelic Football team for the weekend before their clash with Down in the Ulster Final in July. The team spent the weekend watching video recordings of their opponents, working out in the grounds as well as in the playing fields in the College. The facilities were the envy of other teams not so fortunate to attract such generous sponsorship. The Tyrone connection arises from Powerscreen's factory in Tyrone, where some of the players and their families are employed.

MAYNOOTH PLAYS HOST TO ROYALTY

The Spanish invasion of Maynooth was given a royal welcome when the King and Queen of Spain, accompanied by the President of Ireland and Mrs. Hillery paid a courtesy call to Maynooth College on July 2, as part of their official visit to Ireland

The entourage arrived in Maynooth by car, and then proceeded to the magnificent College Chapel, where the royal couple were welcomed by Monsignor Michael Ledwith, President of the College and Cardinal Tomas O Fiaich, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, in the presence of College staff, their guests, and other dignitaries. College staff presented the party with gifts of books and Belleek china.

Historically, there are strong links between Ireland and Spain, as many Irish priests were trained there, especially in the Irish College in Salamanca, which was founded in 1592, and which continued in operation until 1936 when it was closed following the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War.

An extensive collection of books, documents, vestments, pictures, and other treasures were moved to Maynooth College from Salamanca and other Spanish sources, and a selection of these were displayed in the College Chapel for inspection by King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia. At the College to greet the visitors were the last Rector of the Irish College to Fr. Alexander McCabe, and fourteen other Irish priests who graduated from there. Fr. McCabe had met the King's grandfather, King Alfonso on a number of occasions in the Irish College.

Following the speeches and presentations, the entourage were entertained to a recital by Maynooth's own St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band. They then boarded a helicopter and left for County Clare.

PROGRESS ON THE ROYAL CANAL

The visual effect of the work on the canal would have escaped the notice of very few over the past months, but a lot of people may not be aware of the overall plan and aims of the committee of the Royal Canal Amenity Group (Maynooth Branch) who look after the project.

Restoration of the Canal

One aim is the restoration of the harbour and canal between the 13th and the 14th lock. This includes the restoration of the harbour walls with the construction of a boat slipway, clearing the banks, dredging the harbour and canal. The first stage is to complete the stretch between Mullen and Bond Bridges, piling and raising the height of the island in the harbour, which is to be left as bird sanctuary, by popular demand, land-scaping the harbour field banks, and the provision of seating in the harbour area.

Employment and training

Another aim is to give work experience and training to unemployed young people through the AnCO training scheme. Forty young people over the past 18 months have worked on the scheme, and a number of these have gone on to permanent jobs, helped by the Foreman in charge of the project, Phil McDermot who takes more than just a passing interest in the welfare and prospects of the trainees.

Finance

We have encountered a lot of problems — the biggest of which is the lack of money. To date, we have done fairly well at fund raising and have received donations from private, public and commercial bodies in the Maynooth area. We have also been fortunate in obtaining grants from AnCO and the County Council. At the time of writing we are planning a fund raising event on the 26 July, on the Grand Canal from Robertstown. Let's hope it goes well, and is well supported.

For more information on the project you may contact one of the following listed below:

John Caulfield, 7 Laurence Ave, 286436 (Chairman)

Brian & Anne Stewart, 10 Greenfield Dr. Peter Finnan, 291 Greenfields Owen Byrne, 748 Greenfields 286514 Pat Cleary, 822 Greenfields Maura Cullen, Laraghbryan 286742 Phil & Nora McDermot, Kellystown (244695)

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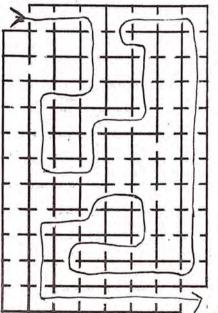
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 - c) Spider the others are insects.
- 3. a) 1, 3, 6, 10, 15, 21, 28. b) 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64.

 - c) 39, 32, 25, 18, 11, 4, -3, -10.
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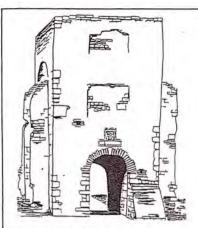
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DRAMATIC TIMES IN MAYNOOTH CASTLE

August 12th marks the centenary of the death of Sir Samuel Ferguson (1810-1886), poet and antiquarian. Originally from Belfast, Ferguson spent his adult life in Dublin, and in the 1830's he toured Kildare and Carlow. Soon afterwards he wrote a series of historical tales, the longest of which is called 'The Rebellion of Silken Thomas', A large part of this story tells of the siege and capture of Maynooth Castle in 1535. The imposing ruins had obviously made an impression on Ferguson calling to mind the stirring events of three centuries before. Here is his description of the castle as first seen by the story's hero, Sir John Talbot, brought there, a captive of the Geraldine party:

"Day broke, and presently the sun rose red and broad before them. They were, then, travelling eastward; and when the knight tore open the curtain of the litter and looked forth, the broad plains of Kildare and Dublin lay many a mile ahead. The whole landscape was glistening in the dewy light of sunrise; blue hills bounded the horizon on either hand, but before them the rich champaign extended unbroken to the level skyline, and there, full against the red orb itself, like some black gigantic sentinel before the gates of day, stood the great tower of a castle, dusk, huge, and half obscured in the very radiance it interrupted. "It is the Keep of Maynooth!" exclaimed the wretched knight, and dropped his head upon his hands in despair.

The story was last printed in 1887. Perhaps some local publisher should bring it out again!

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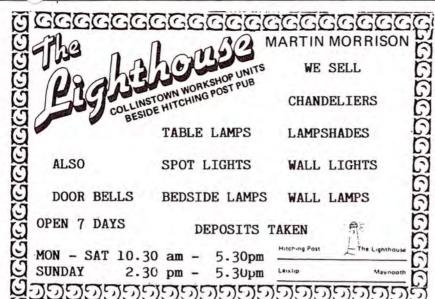
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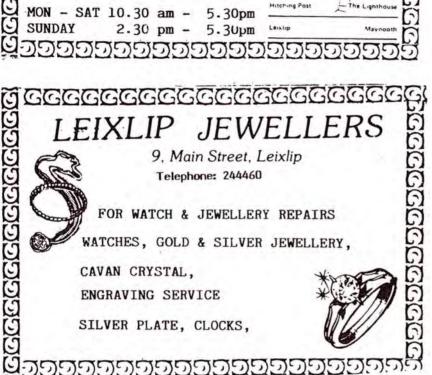
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SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Just to remind you of our revised entry date for our short story competition. It has been extended to Wed. 20th August. The categories again are:

Adults – 500 words 12-18 yrs – 200 words Under 12 – 100 words

The childrens' prize money has been kindly donated by Bank of Ireland and the adults by the Allied Irish Bank. Please don't forget to write your name, address and age on your story. Happy writing!

MAYNOOTH OLD FOLKS

The Old Folks Committee wish to thank John O'Hare of House Pride, Maynooth Shopping Centre, for kindly supplying collection boxes to be placed in the Leinster Arms. Many thanks for your generosity John.

MAYNOOTH ICA ANNUAL SHOW

Held in the Post Primary School (by kind permission of Mr. Ashe) on the 11th and 12th July. There was a good display in all sections, the judges were particularly impressed with the large entry by children and teenagers.

The Committee are most grateful to all those who sponsored classes, gave donations and helped in any way to make the show a success. A special thank you to Fr. Thynne for donating a lovely Perpetual Cup this year, To Mrs. Fegan for giving us the use of her kitchen and restaurant to serve lunch for judges and helpers and to members who helped in any way.

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Locks and Bolts

Burglars usually enter a house by the rear window or door, so make access to this area more difficult by fitting a side gate and keeping it locked at night and when away from the house.

Use a mortice deadlock (5 lever) and a 6 inch bolt, fitted with substantial screws on the front and back doors. Fit a night chain and a spyglass on to the front door to allow you to ckeck out late callers.

Fit mortice bolts or window security catches on all windows.

If you have wooden or glass panels in doors, an ornamental wrought iron frame could be fitted and bolted into position.

Other Precautions

Never leave your house empty with unlocked windows or doors.

If you are leaving the house empty for any length of time, let a neighbour know.

Ask the neighbour to draw the living room curtains at night and put on a light, but arrange for curtains to be opened by day.

If you will be away for a longer period ask the gardai to keep an eye on your property. They will be happy to oblige.

Cancel milk and newspapers and ask a neighbour to make sure that leaflets etc. are not left sticking out of the letterbox.

Keep a dog to deter the burglars, if you have enough space.

Install a burglar alarm, although these can be expensive.

Keep valuables out of sight and do not leave cash or jewellery in an unoccupied house

Finally, most security precautions will act as a deterrent. The really determined burglar may succeed in entering your house, so make sure that your property is adequately insured.

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