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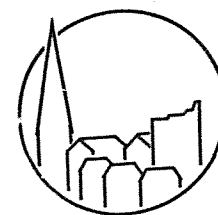
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MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER

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The Maynooth By-Pass

Details of the Maynooth By-Pass Road (which will also by-pass Lucan, Leixlip, and Kilcock) were released by Kildare County Council.

The road will be built to motorway standard, which means that there will be limited access points, with other roads either passing under or over the new road.

At the Leixlip end of the County Kildare section, the new road begins with an interchange (i.e. access point for feeder roads) just south of the existing Leixlip-Lucan road between Tara Co-Op and the Toyota garage. The road then passes south of Leixlip between the built-up area and the IMP meat factory on the Celbridge road (which will pass over the new road).

The road carries on westwards to the north of Celbridge and approaches Maynooth just to the south of Ballygoran Cross on the Celbridge-Maynooth road. The latter road will pass over the by-pass road, while other roads in this area will be re-aligned. The new road will intersect with the Straffan Road passing over the by-pass, and slip roads providing access to the by-pass.

The new road will then pass under the Rathcoffey Road at Perry Twomey's (beyond Cluain Aoihbinn). It will also pass under the Treadstown Laragh, Brangstown-Laragh, and Kilcock-Clane Roads before eventually

merging with the main Galway Road west of Kilcock. There will be some re-aligning of local roads along the Maynooth-Kilcock stretch of the by-pass.

This means that the only access point to the by-pass between Kilcock and Lucan will be at the Straffan Road. This has several implications. It means that all traffic from the Maynooth area and to the north seeking access to the motorway will be channelled onto the Straffan Road, which passes through the main residential district of the town, and along which there is very heavy pedestrian traffic. It will also put considerable extra pressure on the road bridge at the station, which is already extremely inadequate. It is also likely that Old Greenfield Lane would be heavily used by traffic from the Cluain Aoihbinn/College Green/Beaufield/Newtown area.

At the moment, a large volume of heavy traffic comes into Maynooth from the Dunboyne direction. This might be intensified by the availability of the by-pass, with the result of attracting a lot of heavy vehicles through the town centre and out of the Staffan Road. On the other hand, other proposed road improvements in the Dublin area, including the Western Ring Road and the new Navan Road section at Clonsilla, could also have the effect of diverting

much of the traffic which currently comes through Maynooth from the north side.

Maynooth Community Council will be discussing these and other aspects of the by-pass with Kildare County Council's engineering staff. Already, a suggestion that the link road from Maynooth to the by-pass be located to the east of the town (perhaps Blacklion via a new section of road linking with the Grangewilliam-Ballygoran Road) is being examined by County Council engineers.

Any groups or members of the public who have reservations about the proposed by-pass (maps of which may be viewed in Maynooth Public Library) should send these in writing to the County Council or the Department of the Environment. All objects will be given the right to appear before a Public Inquiry which is to be held sometime during the coming summer. The plans may be altered depending on the Inquiry findings. Construction of the by-pass may begin towards the end of 1987.

Anyone seeking further information should contact either the County Council directly or Maynooth Community Council at the Town Centre Mall (telephone 286166).

Newsletter

EDITORIAL

All through the years we have stood outside our favourite hostelry on a Friday Evening choking on the exhaust fumes belching forth from the confusion of buses, articulated trucks and luggage laden cars as they crawled through the Main Street, and we have prayed for the relief of a by-pass operation, before we asphyxiated. And now, our prayers have been answered - or have they?

When is a by-pass not a by-pass? we note that the only access to the new motor-way between Leixlip and Kilcock is going to bring more traffic through the Main Street and through a road which has resembled for years, the worst trenches in the Somme. Have the Engineers worked out how much extra traffic is going to be generated by the Straffan Road interchange with the by-pass?

The money for the motorway will come from State and EEC funds. Who's going to pay the millions of pounds it's going to cost to make a road out of the post monsoon river bed that passes for the Straffan Road? At the moment it is obvious that the County Council can't afford to keep two lumps of tarmac together, never mind build a new access road. Over the years we've watched our roads disintegrate with nothing being done to maintain them effectively. The budget raised car taxes, and what is the money being spent on? Certainly not on roads in Kildare. We're paying for the pot holes in punctured tyres, shattered suspensions, broken bones, and dry cleaning bills. Protests please, to Kildare County Council.

So, you didn't get any Valentine's cards, and the cheque is still in the post, and you haven't seen the three-year-old recently? Have you thought of looking in the new post box which erupted in the Main Street recently? It has an opening so large that we're told you could lose an arm and a leg in it; and also extract whatever letter takes your fancy. Reading your neighbours' love letters is made even easier by the ludicrous timing of the postal collections - last collection 2.30pm which means that the mail posted in the afternoon piles up inside until it spills out onto the street. What kind of service is that, other than for people with steaming kettles and an insatiable curiosity?

Finally some good news. The editorial committee is delighted with the response to last month's new look edition - which was sold out within a few days. We have received so much material this month that we have considerably increased the number of pages, still excellent value at 20p.

We welcome contributions in the form of news, views, abuse, but because of space limitations we are going to have to ask our contributors to limit their contributions to no more than 500 words and our deadline for submission will be applied, impartially but without mercy. Material for the April issue should be submitted by 5 p.m. on Tuesday the 18th of March, 1986.

Editorial Committee



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MOOTH G.A.A. CLUB

this is the second edition of Newsletter under new manage- we wish those involved in publication every success in future. To the outgoing team say thanks for your cooperation assistance down through the

ity is a quiet month on the playing pitches. It is a for planning for the years 1. In this respect our Commit- has been setting the wheels motion to build a Clubhouse our grounds at Moyglare Road. new Clubhouse will incorporate ingrooms, recreation hall, games- and a bar. G.A.A clubs have nised the necessity to provide facilities for its members. dy our neighbours Leixlip and have provided similar facilities.

are fortunate to have a first playing pitch, thanks to the ight and endeavour of our members. At our A.G.M. 7/1/86 a Development Committee elected to look after the new st. To finance the building he new Clubhouse a 12 Monthly ers Draw has been arranged. are 6 cars and cash prizes £22,000 to be won. Tickets £100 or £9 a month, payable direct debit through a Bank. are relying on the goodwill he people of the parish for success of the task in hand. ope people will invest in the e of the young (and not so g) people of Maynooth and our Members Clubs. At a when there is a greater emphasis ealth and fitness there is a need to add to our local of sporting and recreational es.

ish to thank those who support- our Bingo in the Parish Hall unday 19th of January, 1986.

Our under 17 Football team were in hard luck to lose the Final of the Winter League by 2 points to Caragh on 8/12/85. They did the Club proud even in defeat. A report of the match in the "Leinste r Leader" said it was one of the best games of football played in the County in 1985. This team will be back in action in the Minor League on Sunday, 23rd February, at 12 noon. Training for Minors and Under 16 players resumes at 12 noon on Sunday 2nd February at our pitch at Moyglare Road. Any newcomer is welcome to join our training sessions.

The Senior Football League com- mences on Sunday 9th March with a Home game. Already, the newly elected Selectors are drawing up two panels of Senior players for the coming year and arranging for training.

300 Club Draw January Results

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£5	Freddie Reid c/o T. Flaherty	T. Flaherty No 33
£5	Pat Corraway c/o Manor Mills	E. Dunne No. 111

Next Draw:-

28th February, 1986.

The Committee wishes to thank all patrons who supported the 300 Draw.

T. Fay.
Secretary.

EOIN POIL (MAYNOOTH/KILCOCK) HURLING CLUB

There was a large attendance at the A.G.M. of the above held at Maynooth AC premises on the 27th of January, 1986. The following officers were elected,

Presidents	Rev. Fr. McWey, John O'Donnell Josie Murphy, Mick Gleeson Pat O'Brien
Chairman	
V. Chairman	
Secretary/Treasurer	Kevin Flannery Pat O'Brien Pat O'Brien Pat Comerford Kieran Diggins Tom Coffey M. Gleeson K. Flannery G. King L. Doyle
P.R.O.	
Committee	
Finance	
Co. Board Delegate	P. O'Brien
Hurling Board	K. Flannery
Trainer	K. Diggins
Selectors	K. Diggins M. Gleeson M. O'Brien

Juvenile/Minor Committee: Maynooth Area - M. Gleeson 5 Straffan Way J. Canny, Rail Park, P. Boyce, Corbally Stud, K. Diggins College Green, P. Comerford 46 Greenfield Drive, T. Coffey College Green, Joe Nevin Barrogstown, Mick Meally Rail Park, Tom Flaherty Ballygotan

Kilcock Area - P. O'Brien, K.Flannery, Peter Crowe, Kevin O'Brien, Denis Burke.

The club will re entering teams this season in U/14, U/16 minor and junior categories while there will also be U/12 teams - one in Maynooth and one in Kilcock. Anybody at any level interested in joining should contact any of the above. Junior training has already commenced at Maynooth GAA grounds on Sunday mornings while juvenile training will commence shortly and notification will be given in schools.

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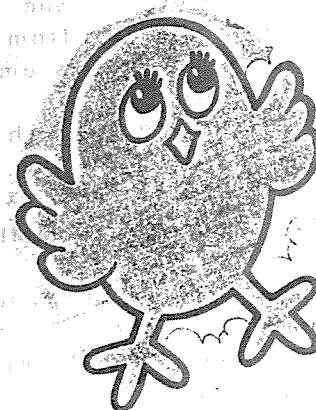
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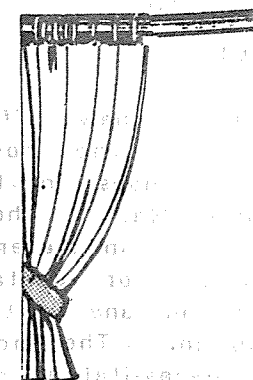
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uncillors examined a p of the proposed motor- y supplied by the County uncil through Cllr. Stagg. ere will be a major link d from the town to the affan Road. This road l be the only connection the motorway between towns of Leixlip and cock and will consequent- be very busy. The mmunity Council will to ensure that adequate estrian lights are provided that the obvious repairs ded to the bridge on road are carried out.

NEW MEMBER

Council welcomed Eileen Nolan from Greenfield as a new mber at the February ting. Eileen replaces n Dowling who has gned.

WATER SUPPLY

owing various complaints ut quality of water supply, Council is to investigate possibility of carrying a systematic survey water quality in Maynooth. HTING ON KILCOCK D

Council has been inform- by Deputy Durkan and Stagg that the Council made a submission to Department of Envir- ent for an allocation cover the extension of t lighting on the Kilcock d, following the fatal ent involving a pedes- last year.

ATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Social and Recreational ommittee look forward good response to this parade. The guest our will be Alan Duker for Justice

BLACKLION SITE

Following the Council's meeting with the members of the Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council a reply from the County Manager has been received regarding this matter. The reply reads as follows "The Council has bought land at Blacklion Maynooth, in order to enable it to develop a fully serviced halting place which will cater for 6 families at maximum. The site will be developed in accordance with standards laid down by the Department of the Environment and will be supervised by the Council through the appointment of a caretaker. The caravans occupying the site will be licenced to go on to it and the occupiers will be required to pay the Council a rent. As I mentioned, the site will be fully serviced and would be limited to 6 families. A family is deemed to be a husband, wife and children. The selection of the site in question was determined on the basis that it is in an area where travellers have habitually camped and there is a strong recommendation from the monitoring committee advising the Minister in relation to the selection of halting sites that the areas where travellers habitually frequent should be selected where possible I might add that every effort was made to obtain alternative sites in Maynooth which would facilitate the Council in dealing with the traveller problem in County Kildare. The following information has come to the Councils attention regarding the halting site. The area of the site will be 2 acres, the area will be paved and sanitary facilities will be provided.

With regard to the rest of the site, the Council urges the County Council

to permit local Sports Clubs the use of the area.

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

Due to the expanded work- load of the Council the Don Bosco Voluntary Service has given us a second Administrator. She is Patricia Cleary from Old Greenfield and she is employ- ed by the Service under the Teamwork Scheme. Our thanks to the Don Bosco Voluntary Service.

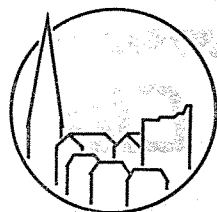
TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

Arising from unfavourable comments in the 1985 report on Maynooth the Committee has written to Doyle's Live- stock Mart and Kavanagh's Mills requesting an improve- ment in the presentation of their premises. The committee has also written to Town Traders asking their help in tackling litter problem.

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Following representations by this committee C.I.E. is to place directional signs for the train station in the town centre and at Mullen Bridge (Straffan Road).

The Committee appeals for a full response to its survey on piped reception.



NEW OFFICE

The Council's new office is located in the house opposite the shops in the Town Centre Mall. Those wishing to leave in material for Newsletter or contact the Council on any matter should drop in. The move has been necessitated due to increasing number of workers.

LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Emmet Stagg Selected for Labour.

Cllr. Emmet Stagg will be candidate for the Labour Party at the next general elections. At a meeting of the party's national executive held on the 18th of February it was agreed that he should be entered as a candidate. Maynooth Branch members are delighted with the news and are confident that Cllr. Stagg will continue to maintain his work rate in Maynooth and surrounding areas, even though he will have to work in a larger area of Kildare.

Social Employment Scheme

Welcome has been expressed by members for the Social Employment Scheme organised by the County Council which includes the Maynooth area.

It is intended to employ 12 men or women on improving environmental and landscaping in the Maynoth area and the approaches to it. This would include trimming and cleaning approach road verges, the improvement of their associated water outlets and improvement of the environment around the estates. Burial grounds are also included and this would involve making of gravel paths and generally cleaning up and tidying of the graveyard.

Amenity Land at Blacklion

The Branch at a recent meeting discussed the provision of amenity land in Maynooth and were informed by Cllr. Stagg that discussions were currently going on between the County Council and Maynooth Community Council on the use of lands at Blacklion recently purchased by the Co. Council and also that an application had recently been made by Maynooth Soccer Club for use of these lands.

Scandal of Overflowing Letter Box.

We received many angry representat- ions concerning the overflowing letter box in the main street. The letter box provided is not capable of holding the amount of post generated in the area and the last collection time before the weekend is at 2.30 p.m. That

a semi-state body should add such insult to an already widespread injury is totally unacceptable.

The matter is being pursued by Cllr. Stagg.

Footpath between Carton Estate and Greenfield Drive

Cllr. Stagg has tabled the following motion for the next meeting of the Celbridge area committee of Kildare, Co. Council.

"That a footpath be provided between Carton Estate, Maynooth and Green- field Drive, and that the Council be advised of the cost of same and how it might be financed.

Greenfield Estate

Acknowledgements have been received by Cllr. Stagg, following representat- ions to Kildare, Co. Council on the following matters.

1. Sewerage problem at Greenfields Estate.
2. Refuse Collection Service (for larger items of refuse)
3. Boundary wall at the extreme end of Greenfield Drive.
4. Kerbing at the entrance to Laurence Avenue from Celbridge Road.

Cllr. Stagg will continue to pursue these matters.

Private Sites Available

Cllr. Stagg has informed the branch tht there ae nine housing sites still available at the Co. Council lands in Greenfield. Anybody interes -ted in applying for one of these sites should contact Cllr. Stagg at his weekly advice clinic in Caulfields between 4 pm and 6 every Saturday.

E.S.B. Pole in Dangerous Condition

The County Engineer has replied to representations by Cllr. Stagg, concerning the damaged E.S.B pole on the island outside the church in Maynooth as follows:

"I refer to your representations regarding damaged E.S.B. pole outside the Church in Maynooth. This same matter was the subject of a report some time ago by the area engineer, at which time he contacted the E.S.B., with regard to having a new colum erected. In early summer the E.S.B. indicated that a replacement was being ordered form abroad and in discussions with them, they agreed to carry out work as soon as possible and as soon as the colum became available. I will contact the E.S.B. again and ask them to expedite repairs".

Piping of Ditch - College Green

The county Engineer replied to representations by Cllr. Stagg regard- ing the piping of a ditch at College Green as follows:

"I refer to your representations in the past few months regarding the piping of a ditch at College Green, Maynooth.

We will be in a position to undertake this work in a short while. I have included same in my works schedule and should the weather settle some- what, we may commence before the end of the month.

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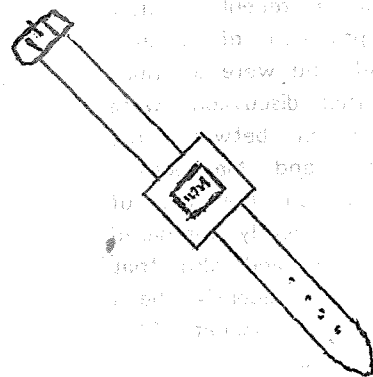
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CANAL NEWS

Well in spite of the appalling weather I'm delighted to report we're still making progress. Spare a thought for our young men who regardless of rain, snow, frost and sleet have to stand in the freezing water to rebuild the Harbour Wall, we now have about 300ft of the wall restored and pointed. After a delay of about three months the 22RB has been repaired and is back in action and work on dredging the Harbour will continue. Could I again appeal to anyone who may have some stone (no matter how small the quantity) we could use in rebuilding the wall please please could we have it. A phone call to myself at 286420 or a visit to Philip our foreman on the canal would solve the problem. Besides Philip would be delighted to show anyone who is interested what has been accomplished so far and to explain what we hope to accomplish in the future. Two events to watch out for are Our Flag Days on the 1st and 2nd of March and a Regatta we hope to have Midsummer more information later on. Congratulations to everyone you are all great in the way you support every event we run: To Moyglare Stud, Derrinstown Stud, to Our Community Council, to our Three Banks, Bank of Ireland, Ulster Bank and Allied Irish Banks, to Toni Read. Re: Dinner Party, to those who organised House Bingo, to O'Briens Supermarket to Derek Horan to B. Durkan T.D., C.P.L. motors, to Sports Locker, to Barrets to Brien Horn to The Country Shop. A very sincere thank you for your Donations and Spot Prizes to our many fund-raising events: Just to let you know what is happening in other parts

of the country and surrounding areas. The following is an extract from R.C.A.G Newsletter.

DUBLIN

Lock gate construction is continuing at the RCAG/AnCO workshop in Watling Street. Three pairs of gates destined for the 5th lock at Cross Guns were completed in November and are being stored temporarily at CIE's Inchicore Works. A full set of new gates for the 2nd lock. The RCAG has applied to the Inner City Section of Dublin Corporation for further financial assistance towards the cost of this work, and is also seeking a grant to complete the restoration of the last two locks within the City, the 6th lock at Shandon Gardens and the 7th lock at Liffey Junction. The RCAG has received an amenity grant from Dublin County Council of £10,000 towards the cost of completing the restoration of the 11th Lock at Ashbrook. Timber for new middle and tail gates has been delivered to Watling Street and it is hoped to complete the gates by early summer.

LUCAN & LEIXLIP

The boat store and its surroundings near Leixlip are taking on a new look thanks to another AnCO Project sponsored by the Dublin Branch of the RCAG. The boat store has been painted externally and the walls are to be rendered. Inside an upper floor has been constructed over part of the area to increase the storage capacity of the building. A piped stream running through the site has been uncovered and cleaned out and at the time of writing the pipes are about to be replaced. This has delayed the work of landscaping and development of the site as an amenity area, but hopefully

this will get underway the very near future.

At the 13th lock the new gate needed for full restoration is on site awaiting installation. New paddles and guides for the land sluices are being made in Watling Street and will be installed shortly. Meanwhile, the level immediately below the lock is being dredged for a distance of about 200 yards to remove a build-up of silt deposited by a drain which enters the canal a few yards below Deey Bridge. The 10RB drag line is being used for this work. The 10RB will also be used to clean out the lock chamber as soon as the machine is modified to accept a grab in place of the drag bucket.

MAYNOOTH

Work continues on rebuilding the wall surrounding the harbour. The harbour has already been partly dredged and this work will be completed as soon as the 22RB drag line has been repaired. Mechanical problems have caused the 22RB to be out of action for the last three months. Hopefully it will be back in service shortly as there is no shortage of work for the machine to undertake, both in Maynooth and elsewhere on the canal.

ENFIELD

The old canal house has been demolished and planning permission is awaited before a new multi-purpose building is constructed on the site. Meanwhile the harbour wall has been reconstructed and other amenity works continued as part of an AnCO Community Youth Training Project.

DEAR EDITOR

wish to draw your readers' attention to a leaflet which was distributed to households throughout the county by Fine Gael late last year relating to falling mortgage rates. In the leaflet Fine Gael attempted to take onto themselves full credit for the subsequent savings to householders of between £20 and £100 per month.

Firstly I would like to point out that the leaflet falsely gave the impression that Fine Gael alone were in Government at this time and in no way recognised that the economic policies of the Coalition have arrived at as a result of Cabinet decisions, including Labour Ministers.

Secondly it must be said that falling interest rates in Ireland are largely the result of our Governments' policies but are in response to trends in British, West European and U.S. money markets. Indeed it is the meddling and dealing of big financiers and currency speculators in the stock exchanges of New York, London, Tokyo, Bonn etc. which ultimately determine the level of interest rates here, as we are forced to keep our rates artificially high to stop large funds drifting out of the country to foreign banks. This fact starkly illustrates the weakness of our underdeveloped economy and our inability to control our own interest rates, whatever the consequences for mortgage lenders and businesses alike. But it has been Fine Gael and the Anna Fail policy over the last years to open up our economy to the stronger economies of Britain, EEC etc. with false promises of more jobs and higher standards of living. More the pity that we have saved them, as we now find ourselves with falling living standards, unemployment at near 250,000,

a huge state debt to the above same foreign bankers of IR£20 billion and crippling levels of taxation on PAYE Workers.

Thirdly, in the light of recent trends in interest rates the premature and opportunist nature leaflet has become obvious. Householders have recently received notices from their mortgage companies which mean that repayments are all but back up to where they were six months ago. Can we now expect a new leaflet from Fine Gael accepting responsibility for these increases?

Finally we in Labour in Kildare believe that some sort of public response is due from Fine Gael on this issue and we eagerly await a reply over the next couple of weeks.

Michael Quinn,
P.R.O.
Labour Party.



WINTER COMES TO MAYNOOTH

Dear Editor

It snowed on the 6th and 7th of February. Byroads were dangerous, footpaths were a hazard to anybody unsound of limb, and it was very cold. Friday the 7th was also pension day. The elderly, from Greenfield, Kingsbry, Cluain Aoibhinn, etc. hardly enjoyed the extra effort involved in getting to the Post Office at its' new location, but being more philosophical than the rest of us they seldom complain. I'm sure An Post have sound financial reasons for relocating the p.o. but surely somewhere in their profit syndrome the human element might be allowed to surface. Main Street, Maynooth is good enough for the three leading banks in the country to place their premises. Why not the P.O. Oh! by the way would somebody in a position to do so, see that the post box in Main Street, is emptied more often. Yours sincerely,
Name and Address supplied.

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St. Mary's Boys' National School Maynooth

Damien Carroll of Moyglare a 6th Class Pupil in Maynooth Boys' National School brought honour to his town and school recently.

He won 1st Prize in Ireland in the poster category of the Childrens' Safety Awards, sponsored by Church and General Insurance Company. As well as winning a magnificent trophy he also won a trip to Paris this coming March. His class and teacher Ms. Leahy and indeed the whole school, are justly proud of him.

Parents, please take note of the following dates.

Thursday, 17th April -
Confirmation at 11 a.m.

Saturday, 10th of May -
First Communion at 11 a.m.

Parents who have young boys eligible to start school next September, please contact the Principal, Mr. O'Connell, as quickly as possible if you have not already done so.

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EASTER GREETINGS

Happy Easter to Fr. George Millar, S.V.D. New Guinea from all his friends in Maynooth.

MAYNOOTH PARISH CHOIR

Ladies and Gentlemen who are interested in four part Choral Singing are invited to join St. Mary's Choir. Rehearsals every Monday night in Boy's Primary School at 8.30 pm or phone 286122 after 7 pm for further information.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Meetings held 3rd Tuesday each month in I.C.A Hall with Garden Talks and Demonstrations. Annual Spring Show 15th April to be held in the Divine Word Hall. Competitions open, to be staged by 1 pm. Open to the Public 7 pm to 9 pm. No meetings July or August.

Mary Doyle
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

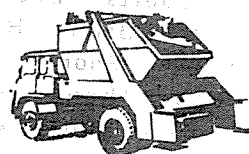
Our next session starts on the 22nd of February and will run for 10 weeks until the 3rd of May. There will be no swimming on the 29th March due to closure of pool. The fee will still be £20. Enquiries to O. O'Shea, 45 Carlton Court or phone 285440.

RECENT ENGAGEMENT

Congratulations to Sean Power our local S.P. Main Street, who recently became engaged to Miss Deirdre Malone, Caragh, Naas. Best wishes from all his many friends in Maynooth.

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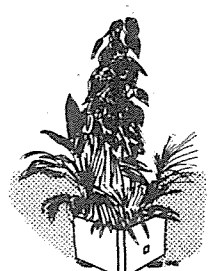
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What to do:

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3. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in all dry ingredients except soda.
4. Dissolve the soda in a bowl in 1 table-spoon hot water.
5. Add soda to other ingredients and leave to cool for a few minutes
6. Divide into 30 portions roll into balls and place on baking tray leaving plenty of room between them.
7. Bake for 20 minutes or until the biscuits have browned evenly.
8. Remove from oven and leave on baking trays until hard. Cool on wire trays.

Let the children help.
Have fun!



M.A.D.E NEWS

Classes have resumed again! There are 140 students using the Centre this term. Snow on the 6th and 7th of February meant greatly reduced numbers - quite a lot of our students travel quite a distance to get to classes. Well done tutors and students who made it!

The end of February will see a very nice celebration in the Centre. Last term Mrs. Marie Kelly of Main Street and of Civil Defence very kindly gave her time and expertise to run a First Aid Course for M.A.D.E. students. Seven of the participants of that course sat and passed their exam at the end of term. This brings us to the celebration! Comdts. O'Shea and Vize together with Mrs. Kelly, are coming to the Centre for the "Presentation of Certificates" ceremony. We are very proud of our 7 students - congratulations and well done!! We will send a photograph for next month's edition.

The Scouts grant has transformed the Centre.

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FEACHTAS

Feachtas is an Irish Language Youth Organisation specialising in Youth Clubs through Irish. Anybody between 12 and 25 is welcome to join as members, and anybody older as leaders.

There was at one time a branch of Feachtas in Maynooth, and we would like to restart a group. Anybody interested should contact Deirbhile Nic Craith at 66 Brú na Ri, Maigh Nuad. Activities would centre around the needs and desires of members and facilities available.

Tá faillte roimh dhuine óg ar fith i gceantar Mhaigh Nuad, a bheith pairleach. agus faillte freisin roimh dhaoine a bheadh sásta freisin cuidiú le cinnireacht. Is féidir nóta a chur chugam ag an seoladh thus.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Geoghegan - The family of the late Nora and Patsy Geoghegan, Sion Farm, Leixlip, would like to thank all those who sympathised with them on their recent bereavements.

A special word of thanks to Very Rev. Fr. Hyland for his kind words of consolation. Very Rev. Fr. John Nevin our family friend.

Drs Maurice and William Cowhey for their kind attention to Mammy and Daddy over the years. Thanks also to Peamount and St. James Hospital.

To those who sent Mass Cards, letters of sympathy, and floral tributes, to our neighbours and friends for all their help our Sincere thanks.

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The Ovulation Method (Billings) of N.F.P. has been taught in Maynooth for a number of years now in the Boys' National School. Confidential meetings are held there on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 8.00 pm. Couples are instructed in the method at these meetings, and then they return for about four visits to have their charts interpreted. These return visits are very important much so that we do not consider a couple to be method users unless they complete the course. The teachers who are there are themselves users of the method, and they are fully qualified. Our work is done on a voluntary basis, clients usually pay for their literature.

We are very grateful to the Editor and staff of the Newsletter for giving us this opportunity to publicise our meetings, and we wish them every success in their new venture. Margaret McEvoy, 142 Loughbolland, Clane Co. Kildare. Instruction given in the Ovulation Method (Billings) of Natural Family Planning is held in St. Mary's Boys' N.S. on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month (excluding Bank Holidays) at 8.00 pm. All interested parties are very welcome.

WANTED!

We need your help to find the following: *Photographs (colour or black-and-white) *Line drawings *Sketches *Paintings, all of Maynooth and surrounding areas, present or past. We also need *Ballads *Songs *Poetry, all about the Maynooth area and they can be either original or traditional. A selection of the items will appear from time to time in the Newsletter, and some will be used for a proposed exhibition about Maynooth.

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

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AYNOOTH SENIOR ADMINTON CLUB

This season Maynooth Senior Adminton Club entered five teams in the Dublin District League, the best entry from Maynooth date. All teams finished their league matches by 10th February.

Maynooth 1 were captained by Derek Gleeson and entered Section E. They finished second in their group and narrowly failed to make the play-off stages, losing by One match the entire season. Maynooth 4 entered Section and were captained by Liam Mulhern. They finished second in their group and were just denied place in the play-off stages by a strong Old Bawn team.

Maynooth 5 entered Section and were captained by Farrell.

This was the clubs novice team and they had a slow start to the season.

However after Christmas they had some great results, winning their last three matches. They finished third in their group.

Maynooth 2 were in Section and were captained by Geraldine Doyle. After the very tough matches this keenly contested group they finished top of the table and qualified for the play off stages.

Maynooth 3 entered Section and were captained by Nelly Farrell. They are the clubs most successful team this season winning their matches and finish clear winners of their group. They now go into play-offs to defend their magnificent "H" section which was won by Maynooth last season.

Maynooth teams didn't fare out too well in the Cup Competitions this season. Maynooth 3 were knocked out in the first round, Maynooth 1, Maynooth 2 and Maynooth 4 all made their exit in the second round.

Maynooth 5 are still going strong and are into the third round of the Novice Cup. Janelle Hannon and Dominic Nyland have played exceptionally well in the Ladies Singles and Mens Singles respectively. Maynooth 5 are improving with every game and as Maynooth sole representative left in the cup competitions we wish them luck.

Maynooth will be entering five teams in the Kildare League which will be played during March and April; last year Maynooth 2 won Class 7 in this league and we are hopeful of another victory for Maynooth this season.

There is also a large entry from Maynooth in the forthcoming Clondalkin Open Tournament and we wish all Maynooth competitors luck.

DARTS NEWS

Local player Paddy Moran was in brilliant form in helping Kildare to a 10 games to 2 win over Kilkenny on Sunday week last. Kildare now play Carlow in the Leinster Semi-Final.

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March 26

Irish Georgian Society - Illustrated
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22 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin
8 p.m.

Diary of Events - March

March 1/2

Royal Canal Amenity Group Flag
Day.

March 2

Boys Scouts Den Renovation Fund
Monster Bingo - Parish Hall
3 pm.

March 16

Community Council St. Patrick's
Eve Supper Dance - Parish Hall

March 17

St. Patrick's Day Parade 11 a.m.

March 22 /23

Maynooth Old People's Committee
Flag Day

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CHALLENGE FOR THE COMMUNITY - YOUNG PEOPLE AND UNEMPLOYMENT

7 Young people from the general Maynooth area are presently attending six-month Skills Foundation course in Maynooth. The course is funded by AnCO and administered by Kildare E.C. The two basic aims of the programme are to help the trainees develop basic skills which could form a foundation for a career and to enable them to take responsibility for the important decisions affecting their future.

is a broad training and experience course to assist young adults make the transition from a school environment to a work environment.

The course has been running since 2 December 1985 and the trainees have now successfully completed their first two 'modules' sections. The first section allowed trainees to explore and discuss various issues relating to work and preparation for a working environment. We looked at topics such as interviews, Trade Unions, Unemployment and Decision-Making. An important part of this section was to allow the trainees to decide on a plan of action for themselves which they must achieve by the end of the course. Such decisions are seen as very important as trainees are challenged to take responsibility for their actions and work towards an aim set for themselves. Such aims include gaining apprenticeships, improving technical skills and of course, being in a better position to get a job.

Interviews, section 2 of the course consisted of two weeks practical work training shops, garages, offices

and other workplaces. With the generous co-operation of various employers in the area, the trainees got a chance to experience working in a real work environment and the demands made by that position. It gave them an opportunity to use their knowledge and skills and, with the employers help, to identify areas they needed to improve. On the whole, the work training went very well. The trainees enjoyed their work and in most cases managed to learn useful skills. A few of them gained apprenticeships and the promise of a full-time job from the course, which was a very satisfactory situation for all concerned.

At present the trainees are on part 3 of the programme which is practical skills training. The group have now joined ranks with another group of trainees from Naas to participate in various workshops where they will learn skills such as upholstery, furniture making, crafts, mechanics, home maintenance, woodwork, computers and secretarial procedure. At this stage some trainees have decided to specialise in one particular skill which they feel can benefit them while others have chosen a combination. Whatever their choice the programme encourages them to work in an area that suits their interests, their potential, meet local skill requirements and is in line with overall employment trends. The question most often posed in relation to the course is "Will the trainee be guaranteed jobs from it?" It would be entirely dishonest of me or anyone else to answer 'yes' given the current unemployment situation combined with the youth and inexperience of the trainees. However we are working on the trainees employment situation in 2 ways; first the prog-

ramme can put some trainees in a better position to get one of the few jobs going around by improving their skills, knowledge and experience over the six-month period. Secondly we are exploring the whole idea of self-employment with the trainees. We encourage them to look towards the long-term and covers the possibility of using their skills to set up their own business as individuals in a community-based workshop. We look forward to working with the Maynooth Community Council and other interested groups and individuals towards this end.

We would ask any employers in the Maynooth area who may be looking for staff in the near future to contact us about the trainees on the course. An honest and accurate assessment of the trainees' work and personal skills will be supplied. We can also help employers with salary arrangements, for a limited period up to May, 1986. Therefore, if you have a vacancy or an idea which will help some young person to find employment why not contact us at the address listed below.

Finally, the Community Council and in particular Siobhan Hall, must be thanked for all their work in publicising the programme and helping us to get it off the ground. The Bru Bosco Youth Club also proved of immense help especially by making the Geraldine Hall available for parts of the course. The M.A.D.E. group were most co-operative in sharing their own facilities with the trainees. To these and all other associated with the course a sincere thanks.

Course Supervisor
Catherine Corcoran.
Noel Dalton,
V.E.C. Office, Limerick St.,
Naas.

CROSSWORD

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Across

4. Brief (5)
6. Tallness (6)
7. Mother (2)
9. Banquet (5)
10. Piece of news (4)
11. Wearing shoes (4)
12. Trap (4)
13. Canoe (5)
16. Incompetent (5)
17. Poor (5)
20. Fog (4)
21. Second Greek Letter (4)
23. Drag (4)
24. Fence (5)
26. Negative (2)
27. Failure (8)
28. Beginning (5).

Down

1. Diminish (6)
2. Opportune (6)
3. Timid (3)
4. Secure (4)
5. Quit (8)
8. Reparation (9)
11. Slide (4)
4. Mishap (8)
5. Volcanic Mountain
8. Slip away (6)
19. Bright Colour (6)
22. Hollow in Surface (4)
25. Pinch (3)

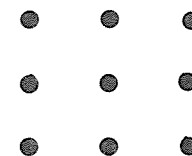
So you think you're clever

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£1.00 to open a link and £1.00 to weld it into place again?

2. Five apples in a basket. Share them equally between 5 children but leaving 1 apple in the basket. What does each child get?

3. Connect the 9 dots below with 4 straight lines without taking your pencil off the paper.



4. Do problem No. 3 using 3 lines.

5. Jack said "I've got just as many sisters as I've got brothers". "Not fair", said his sister Jill. "I've only got half as many sisters as I've got brothers"

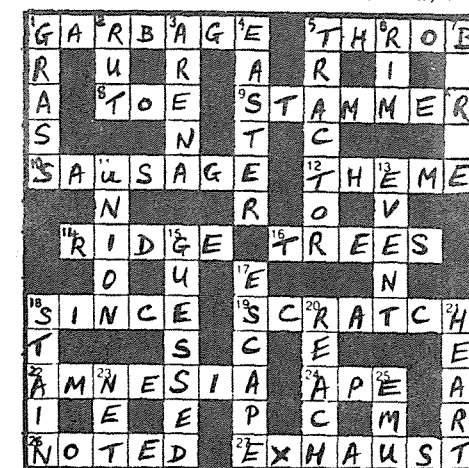
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Penny Farthing			11/4
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WINNER

The winner of the February Crossword is **Mrs. Una McGovern, 818 Greenfield.** Congratulations to the winner. There will be five pounds on its way to you. Thank you to the other entrants, and please keep trying in future months.

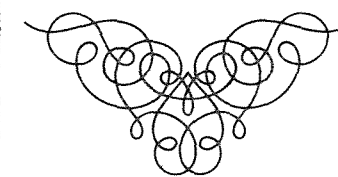
Crossword

February Issue

We apologise that there was no clue for 7 Down in the crossword in last month's issue, but we regret that it was lost somewhere along the way. Incidentally, the clue should have read as follows

Boat (5)

The answer is BARGE.

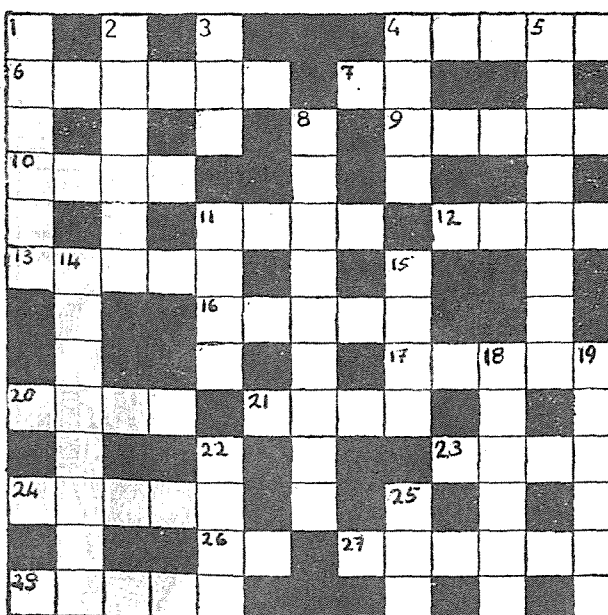


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Our next outing will be the Pantomime in the Society Theatre on Saturday 1st of March. The coaches will depart from the Bandstand at 1.45 p.m.

It is time for our Annual Church Gate Collection almost with us. Our collection this year will be on Sat/Sun 22nd/23rd March. Once again we appeal to all our kind friends support this collection, apart from our Sale Work it is our only other major fundraising effort. Last year the response was magnificent and we collected over £700 and will be able to send old people for a holiday to Kerdiffstown House. We are hoping with everybody's support and help make the 'thousand' year. We know you will not let us down.

Note from the Secretary

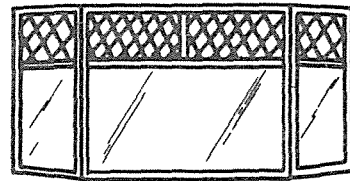
Committee Meetings will be held in future on the Tuesday of each month at the Health Centre and it is hoped to have a full attendance at future meetings. It is impossible to make plans and arrangements without a full attendance.

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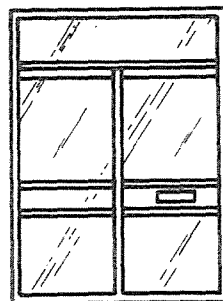
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2. -, -, -, 6, 5, (coming down in 5, then 4, then 3, then 2, then 1)
3. Coat (all the others go on your head)

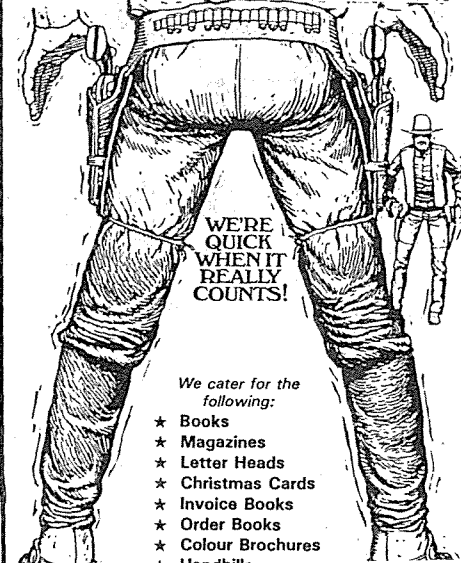
4. Book:- Copy Book, Book Case
Paper-Newspaper, Paper chase
Tennis- Table Tennis, Tennis Court.

House- Green House, House Coat
Back- Fullback, Backwards

5. Robin, Hen, Turkey, Goose, Duck, Blackbird, Thrush, Wren, Swan Cuckoo.

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This is our first issue in the Maynooth Newsletter since the Community Council assumed responsibility for its production over Christmas. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who have been in charge since its inception some years ago, for all their courtesy in printing our articles, being so accommodating in extending their dead-lines for submission of articles, and in providing all the groups within the Maynooth Community with a forum or vehicle in which their views could be expressed. We would also like to take this opportunity of wishing the Community Council the very best in the years ahead.

The main reason why we unfortunately failed to have an article in the 1st issue of the Newsletter under the Community Council in January, was our preoccupation with getting our own "Fianna Fail North Kildare News" to print and organise its distribution.

This was our first issue, and we hope to have the next issue distributed in May. We have been very encouraged by the reaction and feedback we have received from people throughout the area, where it was distributed. We also received some very useful criticism which we will take into account when we are drawing up our next issue, and we are determined to improve.

Considering it was our first issue, it was a tremendous success, and we are really looking forward to the May edition. Of course, the realisation of the idea and concept was only possible due to the generous support of our Advertisers and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them sincerely. Also, we would like to thank Peter Finan for taking charge of distribution in Maynooth.

Our winners in the colouring competition are:
Susan St. John
98 Leixlip Park,
Leixlip

Simon Leavy,
794 St. Patrick's Park,
Celbridge.

Claire McDonough
38 Maynooth Park,
Maynooth.

This year the Fianna Fail Ard Fheis will be held in the R.D.S. Simonscourt on Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 18th, 19th and 20th of April. The two Maynooth delegates are Patricia Roche and Peter Finan, although naturally many of the Cumann members will also be attending as observers, including the Secretary and Chairman. At our February meeting we decided to submit two motions to the Ard Fheis, one calling on a Fianna Fail government to decrease the astronomical cost of motoring in Ireland, and the second calling on Fianna Fail to provide revised Family Law amendments to deal with the breakdown of marriage, without providing divorce, which often provides more problems, both for the immediate people involved and the society in general, rather than solving existing ones. More details of these motions will appear in the next Newsletter.

On March 12th, the Comhairle Dail Ceanntair are holding a Fashion Show in the Cill Dara Hotel, Naas. A Sadie Green promotion, the fashion will be provided by top retailers in the Kildare area. Tickets are £5 each and can be got from Paddy Foy, 12 Parson St., or Brid Feely at 286094. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night.

Recently the Cumann members completed the checking of the Register. Approximately 100 forms were provided by us to people who wished to vote in this area for the next Election. In some areas e.g. Kingsbry and Beaufield, the percentage of people not registered was as high as 75% - 80%. Hopefully after completing the forms provided they will be entitled to vote in the next elections. One other issue which has arisen recently has been the organisation of a Progressive Democratic branch in Maynooth. While we don't wish to dampen the enthusiasm of some, we must point out the folly of joining too hastily, a body politic which have been publicly expressed.

The rush of some people to join, both on a national and local level, is quite understandable when one realises that with no policies enunciated as yet, everyone theoretically at least, can find no fault with them, or no issue on which to challenge them. Naturally only when they decide on their approach and policy on all the issues which confront any Political Party, will people really be able to know exactly what they are being asked to join, or exactly what they are being asked to vote for.

Further comment by us is also premature, since we also do not know what we have to comment on. Suffice to say, we relish the challenge indeed we are determined to meet and defeat it. It is an old saying that "You are only as good as your opposition". Well, sadly the "opposition" from the Coalition parties has been pathetically bad. Hopefully the opposition provided by the P.D.'s will be better so that we will have something to sharpen our nails upon, so to speak. The national media have done a very good P.R. job for the P.D.'s in their 'neutral' infancy stage, nurturing their growth, however realistically speaking we are quite sure that come the next election, the electorate will vote one way or another for a majority government, able to provide stable government without shaky coalitions which is the last thing the country can afford at the present crucial time. The electorate also will realise that Fianna Fail, with its broad base of support, is the only party capable of providing one-party, majority stable government.

Brid Feely,
Chairperson.

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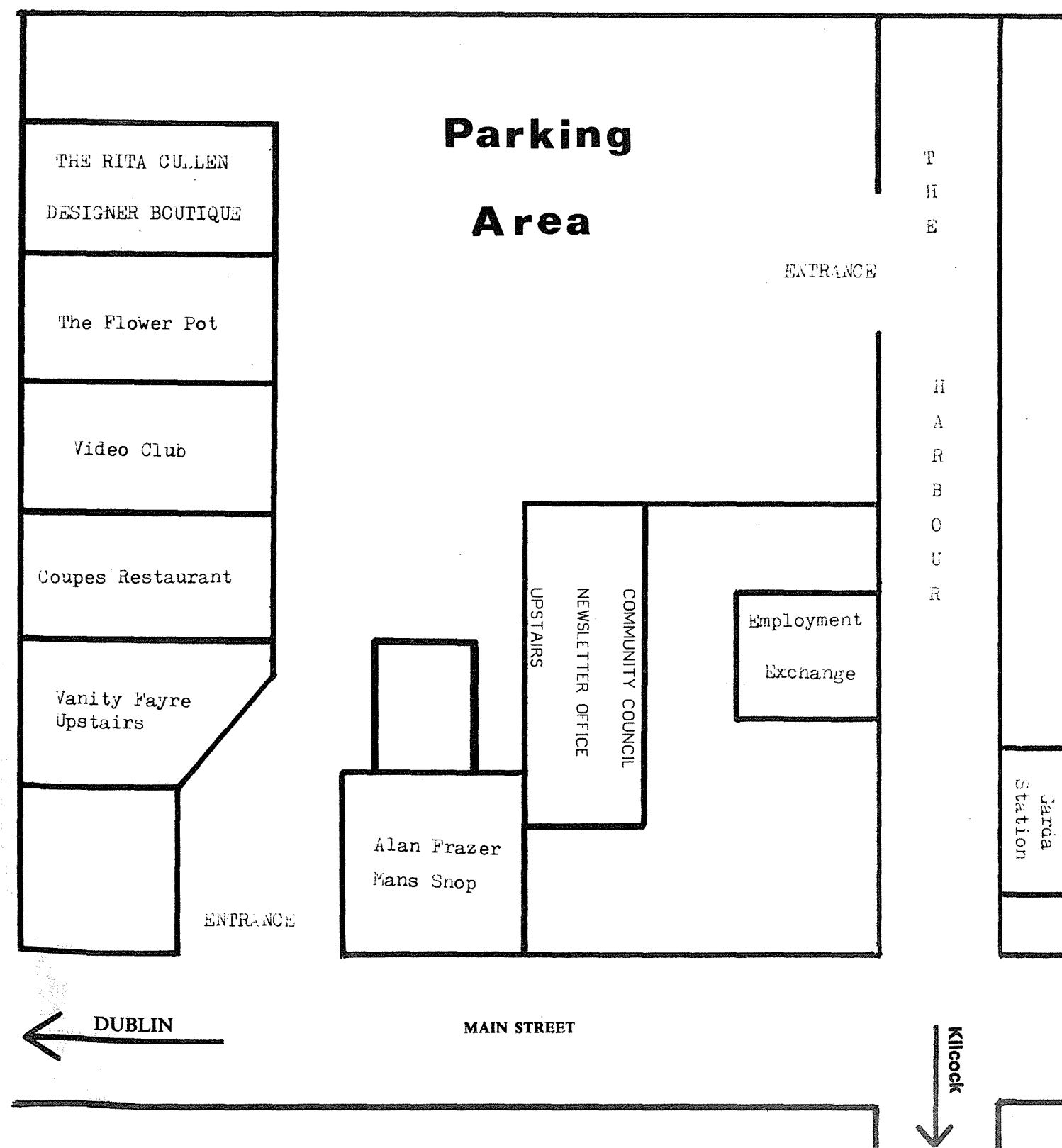
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

All those who believe they have a drink problem are welcome to attend "Closed" meeting every Monday 8.30 p.m. in Divine Word Hostel, Moyglare Road.

New Meeting Saturday 11.00 am in Divine Word Hostel, Moyglare Road, Maynooth "Closed" Meeting.

ST. PATRICK

When he was a young boy he was captured by Irish raiders who brought him to Ireland. He was sold as a slave to a chieftain named Miliuc and he put Patrick on Sliabh Mish herding swine.

At the end of six years he escaped and went on board a ship and he succeeded in reaching his own people once more.

St. Patrick wanted to become a priest so he spent some time studying in a monastery near Tours in France.

In 432 A.D. Patrick landed with a band of monks at Saul in County Down and celebrated his first Mass on Irish soil. St. Patrick wished to obtain permission to teach the Christian faith so he travelled from Saul to Tara. At that time Laoghaire was the High-King and when St. Patrick reached Slane a fire was lighted at Tara in honour of the pagan festival. All other fires were forbidden until the Tara fire had burned out and when the High-King was told that a fire had been lit on the hill of Slane he immediately set out with his soldiers and druids.

When St. Patrick had spoken to him a change came over the King and he gave Patrick permission to teach in every part of the country

From Tara he went to Connacht where he spent a Lenten season.

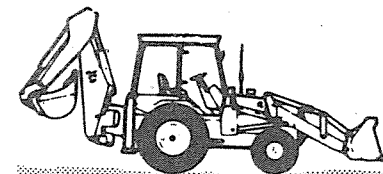
On a mountain known as Croagh Patrick, St. Patrick built a Church at Armagh and made it the ecclesiastical capital of Ireland.

St. Patrick died at Saul in the year 461 A.D. and he was buried in Downpatrick. He was very successful and he brought Christian Religion all over Ireland. As well as putting the snakes out of the country he also founded many monasteries and schools.

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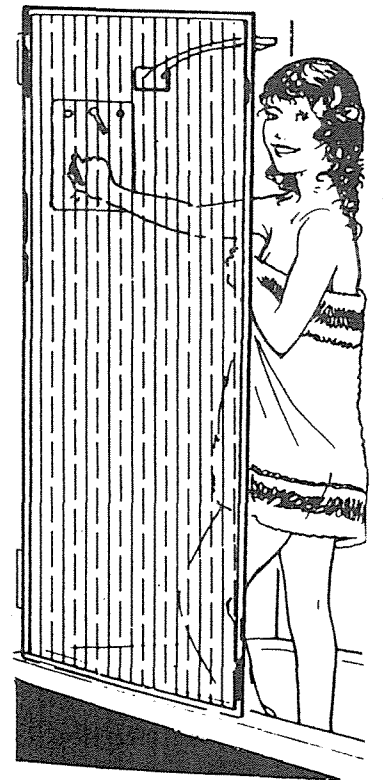
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MAYNOOTH POST OFFICE

Following its special meeting of January 13th last to discuss the relocation of Maynooth Post Office, Maynooth Community Council wrote to An Post seeking an urgent meeting with the Chairman and Chief Executive to discuss the issue. The near-unanimous vote of the Council condemning the move was brought to An Post's attention, as were the various petitions which the Council has assembled.

On January 22nd, two senior executives from An Post came to Maynooth to meet the Chairman of the Community Council, Proinsias Breathnach, about the matter. The executives stated that they had originally wanted to keep the Post Office in the Main Street, but that the application to locate in O'Brien's Shopping Centre was the only suitable one they had received. The executives were unable to explain what was inadequate with the other applications which proposed to provide town centre premises for the Post Office. The Community Council chairman emphasised that the Council was unable to accept An Post's position and would continue to campaign for the return of the Post Office to the Main Street.

On February 3rd, a deputation consisting of Proinsias Breathnach (Community Council), Joseph Buckley (Main Street Traders) and Carol Barton (Old Folks' Committee), met with Mr. Bill Donovan, the new Postmaster. The deputation pointed to the massive popular opposition to the Post Office's relocation, and to the great inconvenience which the move would cause to most Post Office customers, especially the old and infirm, and mothers with young children. The deputation emphasised that there was no objection to Mr. Donovan's appointment as Postmaster, and acknowledged his kind gestures to the town's old folk over the years.

Mr. Donovan replied that he was already committed to locating the Post Office in one of the new units currently being constructed

at the back of O'Brien's Supermarket. He had gone to considerable expense in having the temporary premises built, and while he might be prepared to move back to the Main Street when a suitable premises became available, he did not indicate any possibility of such a move in the immediate foreseeable future.

The Community Council has since written to Mr. Donovan expressing its continuing dissatisfaction with the relocation of the Post Office. The Council also drew attention to the very unsatisfactory situation regarding the post box which was placed in the Main Street outside the old Post Office building, in relation to frequency of collections and security. The Council has also made some suggestions to Mr. Donovan for improving pedestrian access to the new Post Office, in terms of footpaths, pedestrian crossings, and regulation of traffic flow around the Shopping Centre.

The Community Council has also made further representations to An Post on the matter. Despite the considerable media coverage which the controversy has obtained, and a wide range of protests from organisations and individuals from the Maynooth area, An Post has remained unyielding.

The controversy has raised major questions concerning the democratic rights of communities and the public answerability of state bodies providing crucial community services such as An Post. It is vital that the pressure be kept on, in order that such organisations are no longer allowed to ride roughshod over the wishes of their clients and customers, and that the monopoly powers vested in An Post are abused no further. All readers, therefore, are urged to write to the Chief Executive of An Post at the GPO, Dublin 1, and to send copies of their letters to their local representatives.

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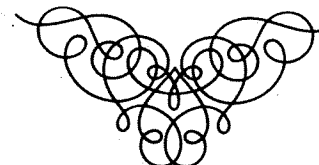
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Leinster Championships

The final session of these took place at Ballinacree, Co. Westmeath on Sunday the 2nd of February where our men over 40 retained their Leinster title. Brian Redmond was in superb form in taking the individual Bronze with Paddy Maher 8th and Tony Gallagher 9th. This trio as well as Peter Keegan 14th figured on the county team pipped for Gold by Louth. Marie Gleeson 15th completed the scoring for the Kildare U/35 Ladies team which won the Bronze. Most successful juvenile was Enda Breslin who was 16th in the Boys U/15 assisting Kildare to 3rd county.

All Ireland Championships

At Enfield on the 9th of February Patsy McCloskey returned in style after illness and injury with an outstanding performance to take the Ladies U/35 title. Patsy stretched the opposition on the snow covered course and led all the way for a highly popular victory. She also led the Kildare Team to the inter county title. The U/35 men were defending the title won in Rostrevor last year, an uphill battle without Brian Redmond who was ill. Athletics form Meath, Kerry and Clare filled the first three places with Liam McNamee leading Maynooth and Kildare athlete in 4th position.

International Week

Navan 22/1 and Dunleer 26/1

Both these events saw some good results for club athletes and results were as follows:

Navan Road Races

Girls U/13: 4th M.Ennis, 5th C.Noonan, 15th C.Gleeson, 18th A.Kelly.

Boys U/13: 5th G.Callaghan.

Girls U/16: 2nd E.Gleeson, 3rd H.Treacy 11th N.Noonan, 12th S.Breslin. Boys U/16: D.Callaghan. Also M.Smith and N.McCormack.

Boys U/15: 12th E.Breslin.

Veteran Men: 2nd L.McNamee. Also B. Redmond, T.Callaghan, P.Breslin.

Dunleer Cross Country

Grainne Farrelly had a convincing win in the Junior Ladies' Event, and other individual medallists were Michelle Ennis (3rd Girls U/14) and Liam McNamee (2nd Men O/35). The men O/35 team of L.McNamee, B.Redmond and B.Stewart won the Vets Team prize. Lisa McCluskey had a superb run in the Girls U/14 for 7th place just out of the individual prizes

Kildare Schools Championships

These were held in Punchestown on the 29th of January and Maynooth AC members representing their schools were very successful. In the U/14 events Michelle Ennis was 3rd and Emer Farrelly 5th in the girls. The girls U/15 saw Sandra Stewart 3rd, Sharon Ennis 4th and they helped Maynooth Post Primary to the team win. The boys U/15 had Enda Breslin 2nd. Nuala Noonan took 2nd place in the girls U/16 while in the boys equivalent Darragh Callaghan was 3rd with their School Salesians 2nd team. The girls U/16 saw another win for Grainne Farrelly with Enda Gleeson 6th and they took the team award for Maynooth PP.

South Leinster Schools - Gowran Co. Kilkenny.

The girls events were held on the 4th of February and saw superb all round performances. Michelle Ennis was in great form and qualified for the Leinster Final on the 19th with a great fifth placing. Grainne Farrelly also had a good run to also finish fifth in the U/17 and duly qualify while the team completed by finishing in 2nd place and have also qualified for the final. The boys events were at the same venue where Darragh Callaghan had a fine run for 12th place in the U/17.

Use of Lands

The club wishes to belatedly thank Frank Robinson for use of his land at Derrinstown for Kildare Championships on the 17th of November 1985 and Michael Barry of Cartor Estate for use of their land for Leinster Championships on the 15th of December 1985. Without the generosity of such people it would be impossible to promote Cross Country events.



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place on the 3rd of March
1986, at 8 O'Clock sharp
in the Post Primary School.
Resolutions and other
items for the Agenda, should
be sent to:-

Michael Quinn, Chairman,
13 Lawrence Avenue, or
Donal McMahon, Secretary,
24 Maynooth Park.

2. To get the St. Patrick's
Weekend off to a great
start we are organising
our Supper Dance for Friday
14th of March in the Moyglare
Manor Hotel.

OTHER ITEMS

Since we last reported to
you we have set up a Youth
Section of the Association.
This came about as a result
of a petition organised
by and collected by our
Youth against the proposed
Snooker Club in the Green-
field Shopping Centre.

This Group have organised
a 'Video Night' and other
nights are planned and they
plan to help us to retain
our Tidy Estate Title during
the Spring and Summer
months. It is nice to be
able to report such a positive
development and we wish
them well.

TREE PLANTING

By the end of February
1986 we hope to have finished
our Tree Planting efforts,
for this season. May we
ask residents to adopt the
tree outside of your houses
and keep an eye on it.
Remember it is your sub-
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put them there.

TREE VANDALISM

Part of the reason we had
to replace some of the
trees this year was because
of Tree Vandalism. In re-
lation to this we acknowledge
£35 which we received
from Kilcock Court as
a result of a prosecution
brought following Tree
Vandalism in June last.
This came as a result
of vigilance by residents
on Lawrence Avenue.

MEETING WITH COUNTY COUNCILLORS.

On the 12th November 1985,
we had a meeting with
Gerard Brady and Bernard
Durkan T.D. subsequently
with Emmet Stagg, various
points were discussed for
the betterment of the estate
and at our A.G.M. we will
give a report on develop-
ments arising from this
meeting.

CIRCULARS

During the next month
or two we will be issuing
questionnaires on the following:
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FINALLY

Once again, please come
along to the A.G.M. on
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ND BULLETIN"

this is our first Bulletin in the v Newsletter I would like to end sincere thanks to John Reid, I Kelly and Liam Bean for their teful help during the past years w many years is it?). On many, fact countless occasions they ed their deadline and burned midnight oil to include "late ht extras" from many lazy (or klustre) correspondents. May y have a very happy and welcome tirement".

ck to the Future now and it's ching up time again when we nt to thank you for your wonderful port with our Christmas Carols. or reasons already explained d with the kind consent of Bill novan and O'Brien's Supermarket spent quite an amount of time the shopping centre this year. is turned out to be a most success l innovation and allowed the wer recruits to the Band to n with us in singing and playing e Christmas Carols. They enjoyed we enjoyed it and we hope u enjoyed it too.

r Annual General Meeting last nth was very well attended d after all the usual "red herrings" s been hooked and polished off e following committee was elected take care of our affairs for e next twelve months:-

esident	Paddy Brady
n.Vice-President	Rev. Fr. F. O'Higgins.
	Phil Brady
airman	M. Dempsey
ie-Chairman	M. Dempsey
retary	Elaine Bean
it. Secretary	Cissie Dempsey
asurer	Seamus Nevin
mmittee	Seamus Nevin
	John Boyd
	Noel Brilly

e are glad to report that the usic Classes are thriving and e boys and girls are as keen mustard - they even turned in big numbers during the snow st month. As there are well er 60 still with us it will pose ajor problems for us late this ar when they graduate to the strument stage as we don't even

have half enough instruments for them. While we will be buying quite a number of instruments ourselves we would hope that as many as possible will avail of our Sponsor-An-Instrument plan over the next few months.

The Sponsor-An-Instrument plan gives both Individuals and Business People in Maynooth and surrounding areas an opportunity to make a more permanent contribution to the Band by sponsoring an instrument. The Band Committee will arrange to meet the Sponsor, discuss the amount of money available to the Sponsor and agree on a particular instrument and have that instrument engraved accordingly. We feel this plan will allow the Band to display a lasting recognition by the people of Maynooth of the importance of maintaining a Band in the Town.

We are indeed pleased to announce that we have already received a very generous offer of sponsorship from an individual in the Town and plans are already in hand to purchase an instrument and have it suitably engraved. We hope this will be the forerunner of many sponsorship offers.

This month sees the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade which has now been taken over fully by the Community Council who, we are very glad to see are doing an excellent job on the organisation. If the event is as successful as last year it should be a marvellous

spectacle. We in St. Mary's Band are particularly happy with the organisation of the Parade as we have pioneered the event for many years and felt that there was sufficient ability and talent in the town to make the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade one of the Biggest Small Town Parades in the Country.

St. Patrick's Week-End will be very busy for us as on March 16th we head South West to take part in the Limerick Parade. We shall be joining Bands from all over Ireland as well as Bands from the U.S.A. in the Annual Limerick Marching Band Competitions. We can't hope to bring back any trophies (this year at least) but we are all looking forward to the experience. We hope to report on this in the next Bulletin.

Finally for those of you wishing to learn more about our Sponsorship Plan please contact our Secretary, Elaine Bean at 285222 (office hours) or 285634 (home). See you again next month.

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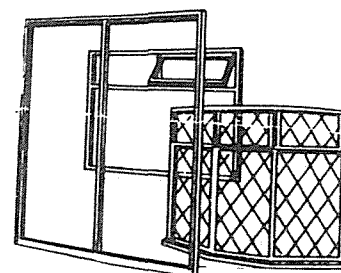
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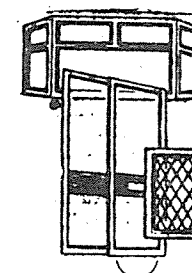
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Jck Boxing Club has had a successful year to date. In Kildare Leagues we had 4 ght winners with 3 of our g boxers gaining walkovers heir weight. The winners were: us Carr l Carr y Mahon y Noone e walkovers were achieved

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n Graham
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well as the above 6 of our rs were runner's up at their ght. They were as follows
< Noone

d Flaherty
nus Sullivan
ny Nevin
ick Lyons
ael Nevin

Club was also honoured when f our young boxers were chosen fight for Kildare. They are : al Carr nus Carr ny Nevin

wish them every success at r county level. The next ortant event will be the Kildare mpionships and we will report on our boxers fare out in these mpionships next month.

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Prize £100 J. Flatley
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would also like to thank Cllr. Stagg for his continued interest our Club. He has made represen- ons on our behalf, seeking a nt towards our expenses from Kildare V.E.C.

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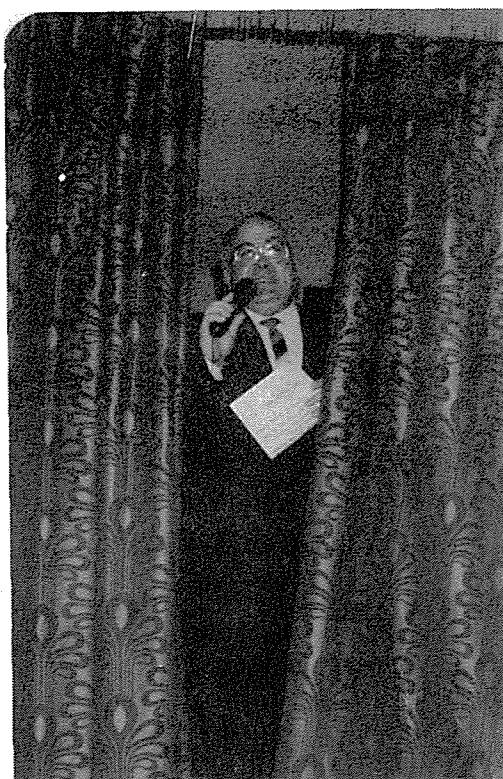
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BOXING TOURNAMENT

A Boxing Tournament will be held on Saturday 1st March at 8.00pm in St. Mary's Hall, Maynooth. Admission will be £1 and 50p for Children.

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The Workers' Party is open to all those aged over sixteen. We welcome inquiries for membership from anyone who wishes to give a genuine commitment to building a democratic, secular, and socialist society in Ireland.

If you are interested in joining the Maynooth Branch of the Party, contact:

Prionnsias Breathnach,
92 Rail Park,
Maynooth,
Tel: 285241

CARTON NEWS

The Carton Committee is growing increasingly anxious about the future of Carton House and Demesne. Within the past twelve months in the Dublin region, a number of Houses have received publicity either as a result of their sale, their imminent destruction or their takeover by Dublin County Council. Unfortunately for Carton, its location in Co. Kildare whose council is poorer than Dublin's, has prevented it from being taken over and developed as an important regional amenity by the Local Authority. On the other hand, Kildare County Council has shown itself to be very favourably disposed towards Carton and the retention of House and Demesne as an integral unit. The government, and Mr. Nealon's office in particular, are also favourably disposed towards Carton. The Taoiseach is also keen to see the House and Demesne restored. Nothing concrete has happened, however, to raise one's hopes about Carton's future security and the fear is that it will fall through the grid of "favourable intentions".

We are increasingly anxious about the limbo-land in which the property now exists. It has been very much out of the public eye of late and there are signs around the demesne of gradual neglect. The perimeter wall is damaged in a few places; one of the sets of piers on the Dunboyne Road has been badly damaged; the statuary is neglected and the trees show clear signs

of decay and neglect. The boat house looks increasingly forlorn and the Shell House shows evidence of abuse in its surroundings. The House itself continues in a tolerable state of repair; how long it can remain so, in its present unoccupied state, is anybody's guess.

The Carton Committee continues to hope that its proposals for the development of this 1200 acre demesne as an amenity resource of national importance can still be realised. Its aspirations were outlined in an exhibition - currently displayed in Castletown House - submitted for the National Heritage Award. The long-term plans would see the demesne being developed as a parkland, not only for use as a recreational and amenity resource, but also as an historical reconstruction of an 18th century demesne in association with the Great House and its accompanying suite of yards. The carriage yards, carpenter's yard, kitchen yard etc, the House and all the other elements of the built environment of Carton can be presented, not just as museum pieces, but as authentic buildings with continuing utility. The House, for example, was of considerable interest to the National Museum. It now appears that with the completion of the Royal Hospital at Kilmaham, the Museum's interest has turned desperately elsewhere. The government cannot make up its mind ... We all know it's got no money; it also seems to suffer from planning paralysis when it

comes to the National Museum. The Carton Committee, also, of course, emphasises the importance of Carton in context. The village of Maynooth is the estate village of the Dukes of Leinster, and with a little consideration and planning on the part of the inhabitants, might be restored to a semblance of its former elegance. In this context, the Committee was pleased to see the interest in the Community Council's shopfront competition. There is no doubt that there will be economic gains to be obtained from reestablishing Maynooth's historic distinctiveness (in the way of intercepted through traffic, for example). The decision of An Post, however, to relocate the Post Office away from the Main Street is a blow to plans to upgrade and strengthen the status of the village's most important street. The post office must be viewed as a primary function of the Main Street and if Maynooth is going to develop its heritage potential as a future tourist resource the central location of the Post Office is essential. The Carton Committee would therefore support the current campaign to restore the Post Office to its Main Street location.

P. Duffy, Carton Committee



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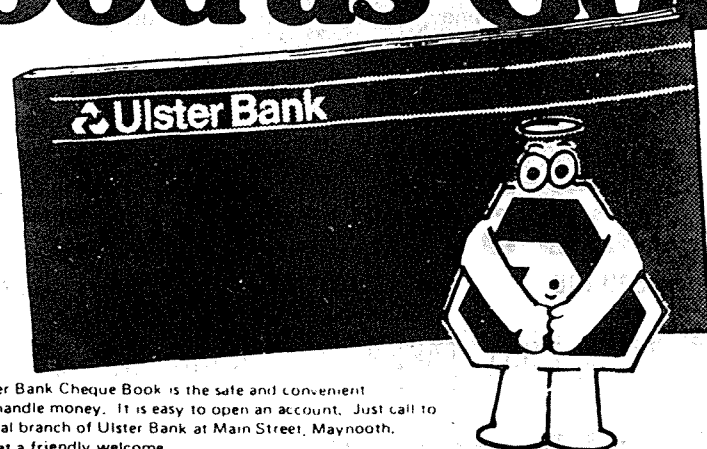
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SCOUT NEWS

Our 'not - the - Christmas' Party on 26th January was a very successful event. This was a first time effort and we hope that with the experience gained it will become an annual event. The boys and girls really enjoyed the fun and games and of course the goodies.

We are very grateful to the Leaders of the Girl Guides, Brownies and Bridgins' for the co-operation.

A high-light of the evening was a presentation of commissions to Leaders and Venturers, by the Regional Commissioner Mr. McMahon. The Leaders who got commissions were - Dan Commene, John Fleming, Sean McCaughley and Eamonn Conway. The Venturers who got their stripes were Alan Downey, Sean Halton, Ronan Barry and Paul Cosgrove.

The Tuesday Cub Pack are having their Investiture on Tuesday the 18th of February. The five cubs to be invested are Kieran Mee, Hugh Boland, Simon Cahill, Patrick Dillane and Kevin Farrell.

Congratulations boys. By the time this appears in print you will be fully fledged cubs.

The Scouts took part in the Regional Quiz on the 12th of February in Esker Lucan. The team, which came second in their heat were Derek Dolan, Gerard Horn, John Rice and Peter Cassells.

We are delighted to welcome two new Leaders Ronan Smith and David Burke to the Scout Pack.

We wish them all the best in their new task.

Next month we plan to start a Beaver Colony. This is a very exciting addition to our Unit. We will then be able to offer scouting to boys in Maynooth between the ages of six and eighteen years. In Beavers we cater for boys from six to eight years old. If you would like to introduce your son to Scouting, as a Beaver please contact Mary Fleming, 87 Carton Court, Phone: 285492.

We are having a Monster Bingo in the Parish Hall on Sunday the 2nd of March at 3 p.m. We earnestly ask for your support for this event. Work on the Den is now complete and we are very pleased with the new Look Den. However, we still have a sizable over-draft and we do need your support.

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CYCLING NOTES

The Maynooth Cycling Club are promoting the Maynooth Grand Prix on the 9th of March.

Due to the high entry of cyclists for the Senior event, we will be running two races. Senior 'A' and Senior 'B'.

The circuit will be Maynooth, Kilcock, Clane, Barberstown Cross - 3 laps totalling 63 miles.

The Senior 'A' race starts at the Flyover at 2 p.m. with the Senior 'B' riders and Juniors starting at 7 minute intervals. The 'A' race will pass through Maynooth at the end of lap one at 2.53 p.m. lap two 3.46 p.m. and finish at New Greenfields at 4.39 approximately 7 minutes later. The Juniors (under 18 years) will do two laps, a distance of 42 miles starting at 2.14 p.m. and passing through Maynooth at the end of lap one at 3.07. Finishing time for Juniors approximately 4.00 p.m. at New Greenfields.

Among the favourites for the Senior race will be last years winner Dermot Gilleran, Seamus Kennedy, Phil Cassidy, Joe Bair and our local Club man Joe Dunne. The riders to watch out for in the Junior event Paul Arrigan - Dublin, Michael Cannon local Club man and Liam Collins - Limerick.

SNOOKER TOURNAMENT

Paul Coyle had a very impressive win over Martin Scanlon in the final of the Snooker Tournament held recently in Centrepont Arcade. Paul also received a special award for the highest break.



Winners in the Colouring Competition
February are:

(3.00) Niamh Coughlan, The
The Square,
Maynooth.

(2.00) Andrew Ashe
11 B Greenfield.

Winners up:

(1 each)

Michelle Meally, 1 Rail Park
Amien Farrel 11 Greenfield Drive
Lison Cleary, 822 Greenfield.
In Kennedy Killeaney, Maynooth
Edward Kehoe no address supplied
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The Owl and the Pussycat

by Edward Lear

The owl and the pussycat went
to sea in a beautiful pea-green
boat. They took some honey and
lots of money wrapped up in a
five pound note.

The owl looked up at the stars
above as he sang to his small
guitar "O beautiful pussy, O pussy
my love what a beautiful pussy
you are, you are, you are,
What a beautiful pussy you are.

Said puss to the owl "You elegant
fowl, How charmingly sweet you
sing.

O let us be married too long we
have tarried, but what shall we
do for a ring?"

So they sailed away for a year
and a day to the land where the
bong tree grows and there in a
wood, a piggy-wig stood, with
a ring at the end of his nose,
his nose, his nose,
With a ring at the end of his nose.

"Dear pig are you willing to sell
for a shilling, your ring?" Said
the piggy "I will".

So they took it away and were
married next day by the turkey
that lives on the hill.

They dined on mince and slices
of quince, which they ate from
a runcible spoon, and hand in hand
by the edge of the sand they
danced by the light of the moon,
the moon, the moon,
they danced by the light of the
moon.

KIDDIES CORNER

1. Fill in the next 3 numbers

21, 18, 15, 12, , , ,

2. Fill in the next 2 numbers

20, 15, 11, 8, , ,

3. Pick the odd man out

Hat, Cap, Coat, Scarf,

4. What work goes in the brackets:-

Clothes () Box - Horse of
course to give you CLOTHES HORSE
AND HORSE BOX. Now find the
other missing words.

Copy () Case

News () Chase

Table () Court

Green () Coat

Full () Wards.

5. Crazy mixed-up birds

1. borin, 2. nhe, 3. krutey, 4. ogoes,

5. keddu, 6. abbdiklr, 7. trhhusu,

8. newr, 9. sawn, 10. ooccku

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ongratulations also to Mrs. Mary oyle on winning this months B.I.M. sh Cookery Competition 2nd was rs. B. Brady and 3rd Mrs. R. anley. The speaker at our February eeting was Mrs. Patricia Roche ho spoke on K.I. Massage Therapy ext meeting is on March the h at 8 o'clock in the I.C.A. Hall. ne competition is "Pork and Bacon".

ew members are always welcome.

BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Birthday greetings to Thomas Bean Main Street, who celebrated his Birthday on February 27th.

Congratulations and best wishes to Aisling Barton, 'San Filiu', who celebrated her 18th Birthday on 16th February. Love from Dad, Mam, Fergal and Roisin.

Best wishes to Alison Cleary who celebrated her 11th birthday on 13th February, love from Tricia, Cathal, Denise, Mam and Dad.

Belated 21st birthday greetings to Geraldine Bean, 'The Green', who celebrated her 21st birthday on January 29th.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Birthday greetings to all of the following:
James Coughlan, Laragh 2nd
Gary Power, Greenfield Drive 2nd
Jason O'Keffe, Johnstown 5th
Agnes Boyd, Greenfield 10th
Ciara Power, Greenfield Drive 17th
Kevin Tracey, Greenfield 26th

Happy 10th Birthday to Jason O'Keeffe, Johnstown, Enfield. With love and best wishes from Una, Tommie, Mc Govern and family in Greenfield, Maynooth.

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BRU BOSCO NOTES

ACADEMY

The feast day of our patron John Bosco (31st January) is always marked by special celebrations. The Geraldine Hall is always the venue for our Academy. This year it was Saturday the 1st of February at 8 pm. The best compliments that can be paid to Ann and her tireless team, which just about includes everyone, was that 1) The Hall looked great! and 2) It was undoubtedly the best performance ever. Phil McDermott was our very own professional M.C. for the night. Acts included

1. Stagecraft Niall Buckley, Bobby Duffe, Enda Breslin and Richie Boyd.

2. Fr. John Quinn, Joe Lucey and Paul B., Singing and guitar strumming Salesians.

3. Paul Daly, hilarious impressions of Brendan Grace and Dear Frankie
4. Yvonne, Tina Irish dancing of the highest quality.

5. Tania, Mandy, Tracy and Elaine more Irish dancing, and a winning performance of the "Good Ship Lollipop".

6. This is your life, an episode of Gerry Myers life acted out by club members with Tina as a roving Eamonn Andrews, with a special presentation to Gerry for all his hard work.

7. The Girls Joy Club, Singing and playing musical instruments.

8. Hospital Operation, Damien, Squaker, Tozzie. (Barry Desmond should close down this hospital!)

9. Co-operators, Phil the Fluther, (mass murder!)

10. Newsreaders, Brian Murphy, Damien Birchall, Noel Boyd and Brendan Healy, A hilarious version of the T.V. News.

11. Smurfs; had to be seen to be believed, the visible ones were Gerard Hearn, Eddie Quinn, the invisible ones were Mark O'Brien, and Brendan Healy.

12. Singers, Marie and Mary sounded fantastic strumming their guitars.

13. The Dream, An episode from the life of Don Bosco, Direction and Production was skilfully handled by Denise Cleary, A large cast of young children ably took over the various roles. Cathal and Patricia also figured in the cast with Peig as Narrator.

GOODNIGHT

Fr. Michael Smith officiated, however, it was not entirely goodnight, following tea and cakes Bartley O'Flaherty and musicians provided a feast of Irish Music.

Our thanks to Johnny & Gordon for sound and lighting, Pat and Alice Cleary, all in Salesian House Ann and Brian Stewart, Peig Lynch and Delma for the raffle and every who participated to make it a great success.

Special Mass

Our Club Mass in honour of Don Bosco took place in our hall on Monday the 3rd of February. The celebrant was Fr. J. Putty, S.D.B. Damien McGinley accompanied our hymns with his guitar.

In door (Five-a-side) Soccer

We entered in this years C.Y.C. competition at under 14, 16, and 18 years levels. Regretfully we did not advance in the competition, but surely taking part is what it is all about.

PARTY

Our members ran a party cum disco with videos to raise funds for a forthcoming trip at St. Patrick's Weekend in Spanish Point and was supported by Straffan Y.C. A profitable and enjoyable night was had by all.

YOUNG REVELS

This year we are participating in the C.Y.C. ceompeition. If you remember last year we entered in "Young Entertainers". Producer Director will be Paul Buhajier, Choregrpaher Ritchie, Stage-manager Brian Stewart, Costumes Alice Cleary, Musicians, Paul & Ciaran, Make-up Patricia, Yvonne and girls. More about this later.

Co-Operation North

The good news! We are going ahead this year. We will be involved with Youth Links in '86 as against Environventure last year. The follow through from last year involving a get-together with our Down friends will take place. More about this in further notes.

We are grateful to Aidan Flood for running a Poker Classic which raised over £100 for the Youth Club. Thanks to Aidan for his continuing support. He intends to raffle an Easter Bunny again this year.

Brian O'Malley,
P.R.O.

REQUIEM FOR A HAWTHORN

It grew beside a new estate,
The remnant of a half-wild hedge
That once enclosed a pasture field.
For three uneasy years
The builders let it be,
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A young wife labouring at her sink,
A one-time princess of the
Disco scene
Soon grew to love this humble tree.

She knew its piquant change of dress,

The fresh green leaves that April brought,
The bee-enticing blossoms
born in May, The ochre mantle
of October, But mostly she delighted
in the birds

That flickered in its leafy web
Or through the hungry Winter months
Feasted on its red-bunched haws;
These feathered creatures were
her friends

And stemmed her desperation.

The third slow Winter slunk away
And tiny leaf-buds swelled upon
the twigs- It seemed as if the
builders had relented.

Then one child-raucous morning
After her husband left to work,
A J.C.B. attacked

Repeatedly, with snapping metal
teeth, The grating yellow digger
Plunged and rocked and tore
Until the anguished roots

Released their hold

And all that sheltering life Was
thrown indifferently upon the ground
To persih with her pastoral dreams.

Later, the builders planted proper
trees, Flowering Cherry, Mountain
Ash And Weeping Willow.

P.C.D.

COMMUNICATION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Maynooth Information Directory is to be ready in early March. It will be distributed to all houses in the area.

LOCAL PROBLEMS

The Council is investigating problems of freezing water mains and poor road surfaces in the town. Anyone with problems should contact the Community Council Office.

SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

The County Council has employed a team for Environmental Improvement in the Maynooth area under this scheme our Tidy Towns Sub-Committee has recommended the following projects.

1. Clearing up and maintenance of Laraghbryan Cemetery
2. Clearing up and maintenance of the Green area opposite the Catholic Church.
3. Provision and maintenance of a Green area in the square.
4. Repair of the bridge opposite the Mill.
5. Maintenance of Green areas on approach roads to the town.
6. Upkeep of Playground at Harbour Field.

AUSTRALIA

Best wishes to Tommy and Oonagh Murray of Laurence Avenue and formerly of Dublin Road, Maynooth. They departed for Australia on February 6th, 1986. All their friends in Maynooth wish them every success, health and happiness in their newly adopted country.

Congratulations to Adrian and Mary Murray, Taghadoe, Maynooth on the birth of a Baby Daughter.

Congratulations to Mary Murphy 559 O'Neill Park, Maynooth and Kevin Clogher, Roscommon on their recent marriage.

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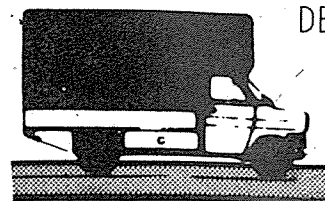
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