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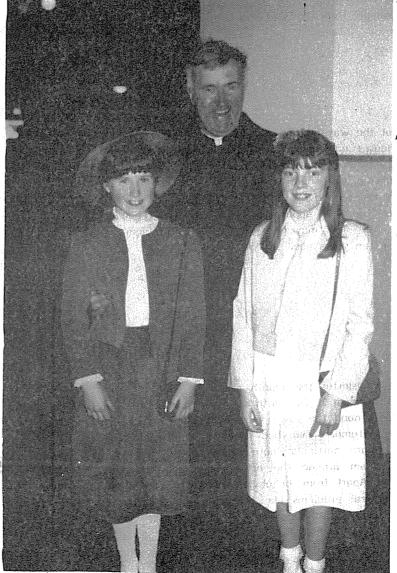


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MAY EDITION

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Maynooth Confirmation Day



Anne Marie McDonagh, Fr. Brendan Supple p.p., Fiona O'Malley.

PRODUCTS

47 Boys and 58 Girls were confirmed in St. Mary's Parish Church on Thursday April 1 λh. Sr. Aquinas played the Organ while Pierce O'Connell conducted the 5th class choir.

His Grace Bishop Dermot Mahony was the celebrant and gave a lovely personal sermon which drew both the children and parents close together. The Boys and Girls painted and drew posters for the occasion on the theme of the Holy Spirit. The Bishop commented on this and said that it pleased him very much to see them displayed in the church.



Linda Souhan, Bernadette Fitzpatrick.

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Newsletter **EDITORIAL**

STOP PRESS

Closing date for material for June Issue is Tuesday, May 20th.

THE TEACHERS STRIKE

Will there be an end to the teachers strike? After the government's decision not to honour the arbitrators award it looked a certainty for a strike which the government would lose. Surely they would have to pay the teachers in the end? But this hasn't happened and instead of bringing matters quickly to a head the teachers have matched the governments cynicism with their own brand. Striking for the middle three days of the week so that they still get paid 4/7th of their salary they have tried to use threat of examination cancellation to force the governments hand. This teachers action thus causes maximum disruption of the students and worries for their parents while having the minimum effect on the teachers pay. It is difficult to sympathise with either the government or the teachers as the twardy squabble continues into the summer. We have a right to expect better leadership and example from both sides.

BUILDING ON REALITY

No not government policy but the way housing is being developed in Maynooth, Have you noticed how all the houses now being built in the new developments are, to a large extent, identical. Where is there any variety? Apart from a few exceptions like the apartments in the square and Leinster Park the choice for the home buyer (and especially the second or third time home buyer) is limited. Compare us with Celbridge where there is apparently a far greater choice in a large variety of differing locations. This may not seem to be a problem right now but then neither was Clondalkin ten years ago.

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

There is an article in the Newsletter this month discussing the problem of litter and pollution - and what a problem it is. With so many looking for work it seems crazy that in some places around the town you go wading through litter as though it were leaves in the Autumn. Everybody seems to complain about it but nothing gets done. On a more particular note there is the problem of domestic animals turned loose to roam around the estates and soil pavements, roads and gardens(not their owners). Apart from the obvious health hazards created by our furry friends there are identical problems like them being traffic hazards and their interfering with bins. This is a problem that will have to be tackled. Those who throw litter often cannot be caught but animals belong to individuals and those individuals must be held reponsible for the actions of their pets.

Editorial Committee.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEAR EDITOR,

When my eldest child made his communion several years ago, it was a very moving experience ending with the procession down the aisle of the boys and girls.

Last year my daughter made her communion and while the ceremony was just as nice, it was an anti-climax when the parents collected their child and went out the side doors, instead of a procession.

I was very sad to hear that this year there are two separate days for the Communions. It is a sad reflection in 1986 that we are segregating our children at such an early age – so what if people are inconvenienced with over crowding in the church for such a short time.

Maynooth Mother.

DEAR EDITOR,

I would like to know do students want clean warm comfortable accommodation with good food or just somewhere to sleep irrespective of Conditions?

This point should be cleared up with regards to rent.

Maynooth Landladies.

DEAR EDITOR,

I have just moved to Maynooth and have been reading with interest the letters of the past two months with regard to landladies/student accommodation.

I was considering taking in students next October but was amazed at a letter from a student regarding inability of students to pay reasonable rent. Does she think landladies get groceries, fuel, electricity free?

Maynooth students are lucky not to be in accommodation in Cork, Galway or Dublin.

Yours sincerely,

Disillusioned Would Be Landlady.

SPRING by HENRY GIBSON

The Spring is Sprung, The Grass is Riz. I wonder where The Sweet burds is? They say the burds is on the wing, but that's absurd, because the wings is on the burds.



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DEAR EDITOR

Re: Local Charges/Election Promises

I would like to express my surprise at Councillor Stagg's recent support of collection of all outstanding charges, despite his election promises and declared stance against all charges. His support of this proposal surely creates an embarrassment to those whom he advised not to pay the charges and are now faced with Bills for Arrears.

I would have thought it rather unusual for a Member of the Labour Party and a committed Socialist, to advocate the re-negotiation of pay agreements within the County Council and a reduction in the level of employment, thereby increasing unemployment within the County.

It would seem that
Councillor Stagg's recent actions
contradict his election promises
and seem calculated to mislead
the Electorate.

Yours faithfully,

Ms. C. Cullen.

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BAND BULLETIN

Apologies to the regular readers of the Bulletin who were disappointed last month. This was due to a slight mishap in Limerick on St. Patricks Week-end when the member responsible for this column fell into one of the potholes on the Ennis Road and wasn't found for days. Unfortunately he was found and he's back this month with all the happenings and hopes to make up for last months lapse by including some items and photographs from the Golden Jubilee Booklet of 1981 - just to jog your memory.

To begin with can we correct an error in the last Bulletin which credited Paddy Brady as being our President. This should of course have been Paddy Dunne who has held the office for a number of years and who proudly represented the Band on the reviewing Stand on St. Patricks Day.

Speaking of St. Patrick's

Day we were delighted to receive
the prize for the best band
on the day in the Maynooth

Parade and the trophy which

we received looks quite well alongside the beautiful plaque with which we returned from the Limerick City Parade the previous day, all in all a most rewarding weekend.

The trip to Limerick was a most enjoyable affair. departed Maynooth at the unearthly hour of half past seven and arrived to beautiful sunshine in Limerick at ten o'clock. The city was thronged to capacity and we mingled with bands from as far apart as Limerick, Drogheda Philadelphia, Chicago, Texas and Pennsylvania. The competition was a tremendous experience for all the members of our band and while we could never see ourselves winning in such an international competition were happy to come home with a small souvenir of the A wonderful time was had by all and the boys and girls are already looking forward to Limerick 198 7

By now we will have completed the second of our house concerts (held on Monday the 2lst of April) which we hope will have been as successful as our first held last year.

These concerts are an invaluable starts off point for our Summer recitals as well as giving parents an opportunity to hear their offspring progress in comfortable surroundings.

The beginners classes are still progressing and we are now at the stage where the boys and girls can look forward to handling instruments when classes are resumed after the Summer break we hope to have everything in readiness for their transition from recorder to 'live' instruments. It has been a slow process for them but I'm sure it will all have been worth it in the end.

Hope to see you here again next month.

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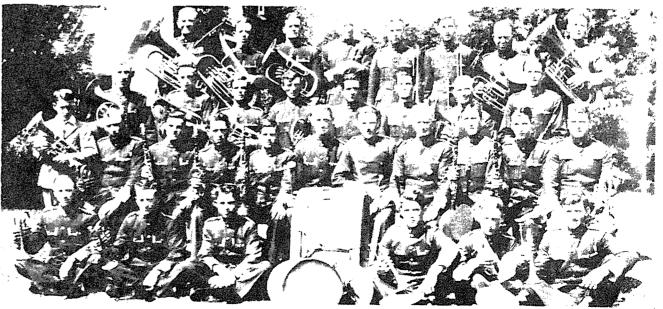
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Community Games Notes.

This month we have some dates and additional events for this years games:

Art/Modelling - Saturday the lith of May in the Post Primary School from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Athletics - Sunday the 25th of May at 12.30 p.m. in the G.A.A. pitch.

Swimming - Sunday the 8th June in Stewarts. And a little note for all those busy diaries the Variety is on Saturday the 14th of June in the Parish Hall in Maynooth. So we hope to see you all there.

The additional races for the games are as follows: Mothers & Fathers Race, Tiny Tot 3-4 years and 5-6 years. Fun Relay U/12 Boys and Girls. Men 0/17 1,500m and ladies 0/17 200m. So all you unfit people you still have some time to train.

Most of all do not forget our Door to Door Collection from 3 - 9 May which will be going on when you buy this edition and during that week copies of the entry forms will be distributed to all houses in the area.

If you have any suggestions, ideas, complaints and anything else you might like to say, why not call in to see Patricia in the Community Council Office at the rere of Gerry Brady's, she will be only too glad to see you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who are sponsoring trophies for this years games and once again we would ask all those who have trophies from last years games would they bring them back to Patricia.

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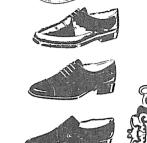
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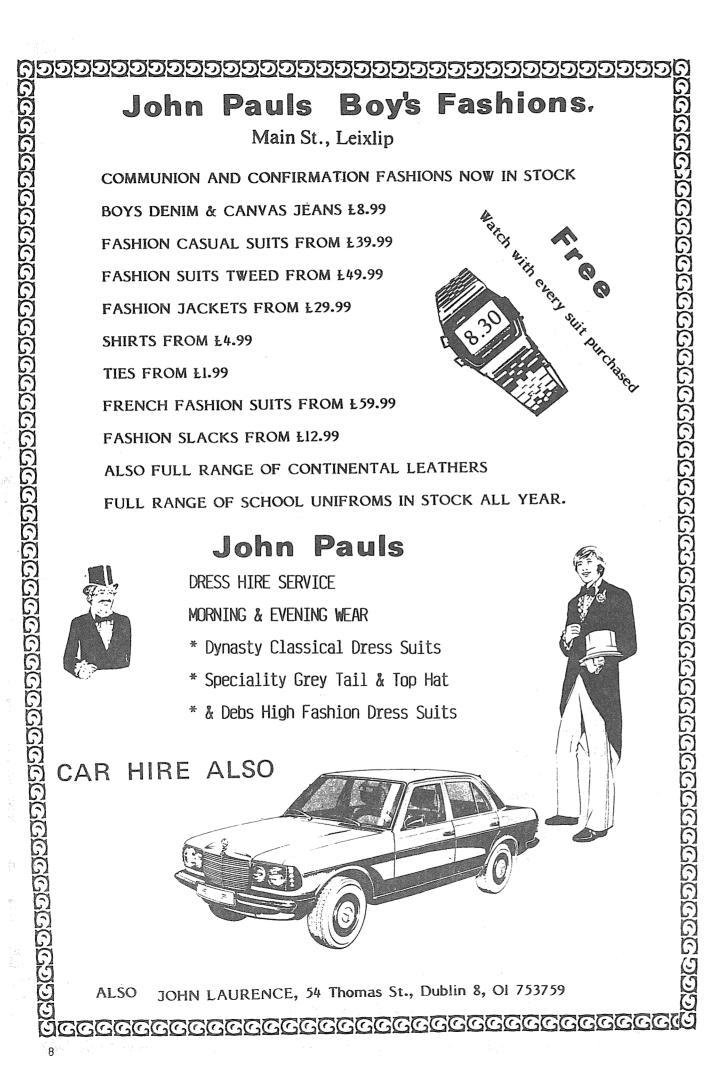


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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy Birthday to Andree Heslin Newtown, Maynooth on her lst Birthday, April 25th. From her Daddy, Mammy and Brother Eamonn.

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GYMNASTICS

ON APRIL 30TH.

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MAYNOOTH TOWN F.C. NOTES

Just a few brief words on the state of affiars First Team is still on target for at least one honour, as they lead their division in the league and still have an interest two prestigious trophies in the Leinster Junior League. notable victories included a 4-3 away win over fatima impressive 4-2 victory away, over Newbridge the Watkins Cup. While the Second and Third teams have not been flying quite as highly recently, nevertheless they are both holding respectable positions in their divisions in the league should finish the satisfactory note. building up to May the final, crucial month of the Hopefully there more rejoicing at the end it for all connected with

Finally, some recent winners in our 300 Draw:

March 26: Christy Kenny,

Greenfield (£100), John Gartland, Greenfield (£25), Mrs. Holmes, Railpark (£10)

April 2: Tommy Gilligan, Carton (£100), Ollie Bright, Greenfield (£25), Mrs. Holmes, Railpark

April 9: Avril McGrath, Leixlip (£100) Pat Carr, Railpark (£25), John Thompson, Greenfield (£10). April 16: Mrs. Walters, c/o Bingo (£100), John Nolan, c/o Manor Mills (£25), Dave Moynan, Convent Lane (£10).

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JUNIOR BADMINTON

The Annual General Meeting of the Junior Badminton Club took place on March 2lst. The Committee were disappointed with the small attendance and feel they must point out to parents that they will not continue to run the Club indefinitely. The Club has over seventy members, but unfortunately the running of the Club has been left to the same parents year after year. Unless more parents come forward next year the Club will have no future.

Chairperson: Carmel Buckley. Secretary: Patricia Rice. Treasurer: Jean Buckley Rota Secretaries: Josie McWeeney. Annette Killoran, Breda Hogan, Committee: Mrs. Hyland,

Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. McDonagh, Mrs. Mooney, Mrs. Cosgrove, Mrs. Barnwell.,

It has been a good year for the club. Our U/14 team had a good run in their division and just missed out on reaching Terenure. The U/12's won their division and reached the semifinal in Terenure. They were presented in Terenure with special badges for winning their division.

lan Cosgrove, John Rice, Alan Buckley, Kenneth Hyland. Siobhan Kearins, Catherine Ashe, Orla Buckley, Fiona O'Malley. U/12

Kenneth Killoran, Shane Hyland, Gary Feeney, Padraig Hogan. Nadine Sherlock, Suzanne Higgins, Jill McDonagh, Elaine Fox.

During the year we continued with coaching sessions for beginners, but it is really in the second year that children improve the most. Regular attendance is the most important factor for all members. We would also like to enter more teams in competition during the year as we have plenty of children anxious to take part, but again due to shortage of parents willing to help out

we are unable to do so. Club Tournaments are taking place at the moment and badminton finishes for children on April 21st until next September.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank various people, Fr. Supple and the Hall Committee for the use of the Mrs. Molloy who looks after our nets etc., Mrs. Buckley who keeps our keys and Maura Feeney who has been a great help to the children, especially our U/12's.

Children wishing to join should contact Mrs. P. Rice, Ђ Maynooth Park or any member of the committee.

Badminton for mothers continues in the Parish Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10.30a.m.

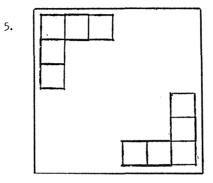
We extend sympathy to the Hanley family on the death of Rosemarie's Mother.

GYMNASTICS

THE YOUTH AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HAS ORGANISED GYMNASTICS CLASSES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS FROM THREE YEARS OF AGE UPWARDS. REGISTRATION WAS DUE TO BE HELD ON 23rd APRIL IN THE BOYS NATIONAL SCHOOL WHERE THE CLASSES ARE TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY AFTER-NOONS AFTER SCHOOL.

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- 4. 4 cats (it was a very small room)



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EOIN POL (MAYNOOTH/KILCOCK) HURLING CLUB.

U/14

This team had a comfortable first round win over Celbridge with the Maynooth contingent of Joseph Canny, Pat Kelleher, Declan Quigley and Simon Cotter all in good form.

A panel of 26 players turned up for our match against Naas which augers well for the future of Hurling in the Though well beaten on the day there were many fine performances especially Barry Desmond outstanding at full back and also the O'Reilly Brothers, M. Nevin, P. Ennis, Their next outing is against Leixlip.

luniors

We are still without a league game due to the pitch being unplayable for the Athy game. A challenge against Kilmacud Crokes resulted in a good win in difficult conditions with good performances from the Comerfords Philip Purcell, Dave Harding, Niall Boyle and Frank O'Brien.

MAYNOOTH A.C.

Grainne Farrelly completed a fantastic cross country season by finishing 4th in the schools interpros which made her leading Leinster runner and earned her selection on the international team for Lincoln. Here she was to give another outstanding performance in finishing 16th and helping the Irish team to 2nd. In between she was a convincing winner of the All-Ireland U/I.7 where there were good performances also from Enda Gleeson th, Helen Tracey 21st, and Sarah Breslin 36th. On the same day our Girls U/I3 took the All-Ireland Silver Club Medals with Carmel Noonan outstanding in 8th position, Lisa McCluskey 20th, Michele Ennis 24th, Catherine Gleeson 40th, and Aisling Kelly 44th. Others in action on this occasion were Girls U/I5 Sandra Stewart 23rd, and Sharon Ennis 38th, Boys U/I5 Enda Breslin 30th, Boys U/13 Gavin Callaghan Helen Tracey was also in action earlier when she took 2nd place in the All-Ireland Junior Javelin.

Other events - Kildare Co. Board Vets IOK, Kilcock. Ladies 0/35 1. P. McCluskey. Men 0/40 3. D. Jolley. Team 3rd (D. Jolley, B. Stewart, M. Gleeson).

Navan Cross Country: Girls U/10 3. E. McCluskey, Girls U/I4 I. C. Noonan, 2. M. Ennis 4. L. McCluskey, 6. C. Gleeson - Ist Team 13 pts., Girls U/16 2. E. Gleeson, Jun. Ladies I. G. Farrelly, Ladies 0/30 I. P. McCluskey. Men 0/40 I. M. Gleeson.

Lusk Road Race: Girls U/14 5. C. Noonan, Girls U/16 2. H. Tracey II. S. Breslin.

Straffan IOK: 16. L. McNamee 45. T. Callaghan, 55 V. Watson, also M. Gillick.

Dunboyne Road Race: Easter Sunday - Girls U/IO 4. E. Mc Cluskey, U/I2 22. F. Redomnd, U/14 2. C. Noonan, 4. L. Mc Cluskey, II. C. Gleeson, IS, S. Gillick, U/I6 3. E. Gleeson, 15. S. Ennis, Boys U/14 15. G. Callaghan, 17. M McDamee, U/I6 6. D. Callaghan. Ladies 5. G. Farrelly (Ist Junior) p. P. McCluskey (2nd Vet) M. Gillick, M. Noonan Vet Ladies

Ist Team (McCluskey/Gillick/Noonan) Men: II. L. MCNamee (Ist/0/35), 35 B. Redmond (lst 0/40) also V. Watson, T. Callaghan, B. Stewart, N. Farrelly, M. Gleeson M. Gillick (7th GAA) 0/40 Teams 2 Maynooth (Redmond/Callaghan/ Farrelly/Gleeson)

Other items - The track and field season is now upon us and we would like to see all those who forego the Cross Country back in training. Newcomers are of course more than welcome to GAA field Tuesday and Thursday from 700 to 8.00 pm. Our thanks to John Halley of Harolds Cross AC who visited us recently to coach our High Jumpers.

Condelences to the Jolley Family on the recent death of David's Lather.

CUP WIN FOR NORTH KILDARE

North Kildare 7 a side Leam 'rad a very impressive win over D.L.S. Palmerston on Easter Sunday, Outstanding for the winners was Trevor Reilly who scored the all - important try and made victory certain for the home team.

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Joseph (left) and David Weafer winners of the recent Snooker Tournament at Centrepoint Arcade.

Photos: Ken O'Brien, Maynooth.

Birthday greetings to Charlotte Quinn, Greenfield on 26th May, from Mammy Daddy, Mary, Edward, Gerry, Clodagh, and Eric.

Runners up in same tournament were Sean Tracey (left) and Thomas Flanagan all from Maynooth.



SNOOKER FINAL

The final of the Snooker Doubles game played at Centrepoint Arcade on Sunday the 13th of April provided a very close and exciting contest. Victory went to David and Joseph Weafer who accounted for Tommy Flanagan and Sean Tracey. The presentation was made by Mr. Brendan Travers who congratulated the winners and thanked all the competitors who helped to make the tournament so successful.

BARTONS SNOOKER FINAL

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Senior Football League

6/4/86 at Home. Two-Mile House 1-10 Maynooth 2-5. The visiting team went near losing their unbeaten record. Maynooth threw away many good chances in the first half when assisted by a strong wind. We had 0-5 to 0-1 at half time. This lead was quickly cut when the visitors scored a goal from a penalty on the resumption of play.

With time running out Maynooth were denied victory when a shot from P. Gibney was stopped on the goal line. Best for Maynooth: J. Nolan, C. Feeney, M. Dolphin, T. Moore, S. Farrell and P. Gibney.

Junior Football League

16/4/86 at Home. Maynooth 2-7 Leixlip 0-II. Our second team opened their campaign with a fine win over rivals Leixlip. This games provided plenty of exciting football, and a grandstand finish from Leixlip. Our backs withstood the pressure in the second half to deny Leixlip the goal they needed. This was a fine team victory and it would be unfair to single out any player for special mention.

Maynooth Team: S. Lennon, P. Conway, M. Meally, P. Nevin M. McTiernan, T. O'Connor, R. McTiernan, K. Breslin, P. Gibney, P. Doyle, M. McCann, N. Farrell, T. Coffey, J. Edwards, B. Feeney

Subs: B. McCall for P. Nevin, J. Saults for B. Feeney and G. Connellan for N. Farrell.

Minor Football League

23/3/86 Away. Maynooth l-8, Kill 0-1. 30/3/86 Away, Maynooth 2-7, St. Coca's 0-7. 6/4/86 Home, Maynooth 2-8 Johnstownbridge 2-2.

Our minor team are unbeaten in their league and, with two games remaining, assured of a place in the semi-This panel qualified for two finals last year, winning one and pipped by 2 pts. in Now they have the other. a great chance of qualifying for yet another final. G. Whelan and P. Farrelly have proved to be excellent goalies. And there are no better defenders than D. Faherty, M. Nevin, C. O'Reilly, M. Faherty, J. O'Toole, M. Kelly, C. O'Donnell, R. Barry, P. Stynes and R. Richardson. At centrefield P. Ennis and L. O'Toole have dominated in all games. P. Ennis has been rewarded by being picked on the County Minor Team. In the forwards K. Fagan has shown the way. He has been ably assisted by D. Gaffney, D. Corcoran, S. Molloy, D. Molloy, D. Mee and J. Nevin.

Under 16 League.

4/4/86 Home. Maynooth I-9 Raheens I-4. Maynooth had to withstand a late rally to win this opening league game. J. O'Toole and S. Molloy gave Maynooth the edge at centerfield. F. Barton and B. Desmond were our leading scores, ably assisted by J. O'Riordan, D. Cryan, D. Mee and D. Moran.

Team: G. Whelan, C. McCall, M. Nevin, R. Richardson, P. Stynes, D. Faherty, J. Nevin, J. O'Toole, S. Molloy, J. O'Riordan, F. Barton, D. Cryan, D. Mee, B. Desmond, D. Moran. Subs: Aiden Burke, Anthony Burke, G. Stynes.

II/4/86 Away. St. Laurences 3-5 Maynooth 2-6. Maynooth failed to produce their true form. J. O'Toole was missed at centrefield. M. Nevin who was brought to that area during the game turned in a star performance. Scores: M. Nevin I-1, J. Riordan I-0, D. Cryan 0-2, F. Barton 0-1, M. Ryan 0-1.

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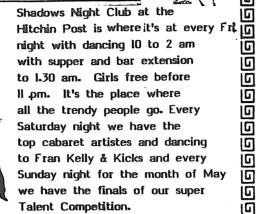
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Tom McGarry and Tommy Carey threw over 17000 darts to notch up a score of 338,394 at O'Connors Hibernian House pub in Celbridge. Before a capacity audience, they threw darts from 10 am. to 11.15 p.m (the first 30 mins behind closed doors) with just three 25 minute breaks.

It is estimated they walked 27 miles during the event and the rigours they endured were apparent the following day when Tommy Carey's right hand was swollen to twice its normal size and Tom McGarry's right elbow and wrist were also badly swollen. Tommy Carey was understandably said to be "crashed out" on Sunday and had to get some medication for his hand but Tom McGarry defied all logic when he went to play in the Kildare section of the National mixed pairs competition in the Brownstown Inn. "I didn't do so well. I was not able to throw but felt I could not let my partner down" he said. The present world record for 12 hours was set up over eighteen hours with lengthy breaks. But the Celbridge men made their bid in just 13 hours and even then they broke the world record that applied early last year.

Since then, however, it has been upped to a score of 408,000. They were confined to 13 hours because of the pub licensing laws but they feel confident they could have broken the record if they had the 18 hours. "We will very definitely be trying again," said Tom McGarry.

They had to undergo three months hard training to have any chance of holding out until the end. This involved leg and arm exercises "There is great strain on the right arm and leq. I wouldn't advise anyone to attempt it without training. A few tried it but had to give up half way through" said Tom McGarry. The pair were throwing seven hands per minute for the first three hours. They increased to eight hands per minute and for the last three hours they were throwing nine hands per Although aware of the need for training, they did not realise how much the feat would affect them. They had a doctor on call all day but he was not needed.

About 7 p.m. they hit what is known as the "Wall" and would never have continued but for the encouragement of the on-They did not falter either, despite knowing after the first three hours that the world record was beyond them on the basis of 13

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Both lads are members of O' Connors Social Club and have been throwing darts for a number of years. Tom McGarry has played 37 inter-county competitions winning 35. He played once for Leinster and won, and reached two All-Ireland finals. The Social Club and the local Care of the Aged Committee will benefit from sponsorship.

The scores were being verified during the week by Kildare Darts Organisation and, later by the I.N.D.O. The two are delighted with their performance and did not think they would do so well. They thanked the bar staff and supporters, without whom they could not have completed the feat.

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Strong stuff, but they exercise the other option as well i.e. psychological warfare and surpass themselves when they gang up on Diarmad the High King. Diarmad sends his steward through the country, to maintain the king's peace. He meets one Aedh Guaire in Connacht who perpetrates a homicide on the steward (just for sword practice) and then runs off to St. Ruadhan for sanctuary.

Diarmad is no respecter of sacred personages. He grabs the miscreant and hauls him off to Tara for the purpose of decapitation (after a fair trial of course). St. Ruadhan is in a purple huff and, accompanied by the saints of Ireland. sits down around Tara ringing bells, fasting and swearing in a most profane manner. "Let him out you feeble minded, cowardly son of a pleb. Wizened by thy countenance thou son of a long line of bachelors and may the single bed be thy lot for life".

Diarmad does not like these harassments and retaliates. "May the teeth be blunted in your head. May your left eyeball itch in it's socket and may your offspring be always muttering" (We do not wish to cast doubt on St. Ruadhan's celibacy, but if you go about mumbling to yourself, perhaps).

At this time St. Brendan returns from his premature discovery of America and joins the boys outside Tara. This puts the skids under Diarmad (Brendan has strong Kerry connections) who says "I'll do a straight swop for a ransom of 50 white steeds". "Done" says Brendan secretly changing 50 seals (who happened to be hanging around the place) into white horses and quaranteed them for 15 months.

When the quarantee expires they revert to form and take their riders into the sea. Diamard bars the clergy from Tara and they retaliate with the fasting and the bells (ask Quasimodo about the bells) and "Desolate be Tara forever and may thy right leg creak at the hip" etc. Orrible stuff.

About the fasting. Curses don't work unless you are fasting and the other guy isn't. till now whenever the saints fast. Diarmad fasts and stays immune from malediction, so Brendan (the Kerry connection) says. "Tonight we pretend to eat but we'll spit the food inside our habits and catch this bloke on the hop". The king had a good supper that evening

The clergy had won. Their curses would be fulfilled. Though Diarmad never retreated an inch from Tara, his successor succumbed to intimidation and abandoned the royal fortress for ever. The Gaelic nation disintregrated into a patchwork of petty kingdoms, leaving it easy prey to invaders in later As for the behaviour vears. of the saintly scholars, you may decide for yourself. (Further study may be pursued in the lost Annals of Clonmacnoise where the incident is reported in fulf.)

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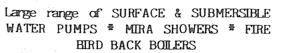
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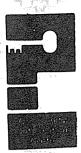
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1986: the relevant stax year is April 1984 to April 1985. A person who is entitled to the Maternity Allowance for employed women but who hadn'tan income for that year will be paid the minimum rate of £ 7.05.

The general Maternity Allowance scheme is for women who have been employed in the past but are not in employment at the time they apply. Women who have become unemployed could qualify. Again you need to have a minimum social insurance contributions record. If you qualify you get an allowance for twelve weeks. Pay-related Benefit is payable for the last nine weeks if you are eligible for it. Apply to the Department of Social Welfare, Gandon House, Amiens Street, Dublin I. Telephone:

Application forms are available in the Information Centre.

Tax Relief on Medical Expenses

In certain cases it is possible to claim tax relief on medical An individual who expenses. spends more than £50 a year on "health care" can claim tax relief on the excess over £50. Similarly in the case of a family the excess of £100 can qualify for tax relief.

"Health Care" is defined as prevention, diagnosis, alleviation or treatment of an ailment, injury, infirmity, defect or disability, and includes care which is received by a woman in respect of a pregnancy other than routine medical care. It does not include routine ophthalmic treatment or routine dental treatment.

Doctor's services, hospital services, prescribed drugs and medicines and other services such as physiotherapy may attract this type of tax relief. However, you are not entitled to tax relief on any expenses which you have incurred and which are reimbursed or may be reimbursed from any source such as a Health Board, V.H.I., or other health insurance, or compensation from your employer.

You apply for tax relief on a special form (Med I) which you send to your local tax office. If you are eligible you will get a repayment of tax.

The forms are available in the Community Information

EVENTS FOR MAY

May 23rd. Summer Project - Sale of Work. I.C.A. Hall 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Saturday. May 24th. Community Council Flag Day.

Sunday. May 25th. Community Council Flag Day

Maynooth Flower and Garden

Maynooth Flower and Garden Club held their Annual Spring Show on 15th of April. Judging was done by well known Judge and Demonstrator Mrs. Marcella Campbell.

There was quite a good entry in most classes in spite of the bad weather, and late

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in Show" Imelda Desmond. Satchwell Cup Best in Novice Classes Joan Downey. Flower Pot Cup "Best Modern Exhibit Imelda Desmond. A.O.I.F.A. Cup, Best Miniature Pam Acton. Bradshaw Cup, "Best Vase Spring Flowers, Sarah Angel. Other class winners: Mary Costello, Marguerite Dolan, Kathleen Cleary, Nora Grogan, Betty Farrell, Felicity Satchwell, Aileen Howard, Marie Brannigan, Vincent Mulready, Ann Quigley, Mrs. Doyle, Kilcloon, Mary O'Mahony.

The Committee wish to thank those who presented Cups and other prizes. To all who entered and helped to make the show a success. To the Rector of Divine Word for the use of the hall, and especially the staff who helped with the

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Work continues and good progress is being made. Maybe Philip by some miracle will get the stone he so desperately requires to finish the wall. The cleaning and dredging continues and our swans go undisturbed. They really are beautiful creatures, and will become proud parents with -in the next six or seven weeks. freight. Philip and the boys fed and looked after the swans so well during the long winter months they have now become personal friends. Another piece of news, to 4:30p.m. We had a Table Quiz in the Leinster Arms on the 29th of April at 8 p.m., with teams your suggestions. of 4 persons. The Quiz was very gener-

were £100 lst, £50 2nd, £25 ously sponsored by Ulster Bank. Thank you to the Management of the Leinster Arms for allowing us the use of their premises. The Quiz was great fun. Nothing else to report for the moment I will keep you informed about the Swans in next months Newsletter. Bingo was a great

success, thank you for your

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FINE GAEL NOTES

The April Meeting of the Maynooth Branch of Fine Gael was held in the ICA Hall on Wednesday the 9th of April Councillor Jim Gallagher, M.C.C. Leixlip was welcomed to the meeting.

Social Employment Scheme: This scheme is administered by the National Manpower Service on behalf of the Department The aim of the of Labour. Scheme is to provide employment for those who have been unemployed for a year or more value to the Community.

A Grant of £70.00 per week is paid to sponsors of projects in respect of each person who works on a project. Grants may also be provided towards supervision, materials and other employment costs. voluntary bodies up to 15% of the wage costs may be paid in respect of materials.

Further details may be obtained on this Scheme from Bernard Durkan, T.D. - Saturday Clinics as follows:

Celbridge - Hibernian House 10.30.

Leixlip - Captain's Inn 13.30 Maynooth - Geraldine Hall 15.00

Naas - Fletcher's Pub 1700 Kilcock - Arcadia Hall 18.30. 2. Motions Adopted by Members: The following proposals were adopted by the members: a) That the Councillors urge the County Manager to collect all outstanding monies due from local charges so that those who have paid are given fair play. This is to be done before proceeding to Bill people for 1986-8 7

b) That the County Engineer requested to upgrade the quality of macadam used by the Council workers for road repairs. This is the long term will save money for the Council. 3. Local Charges/Kildare County Council: A lengthy discussion took place on the Adoption of the Book of Estimates. Members expressed surprise at the calculated walkout by the majority of Fianna Fail Councillors who had promised to vote to abolish local charges. This is an indictment of the majority of Fianna Fail Councillors who have vehemently and repeatedly proclaimed their outright opposition to charges, but who when given the opportunity to vote against these charges, in the Council Chamber, reneged on their promises to the people of Kildare by walking out of the Council Meeting, and thereby

refusing to stand by their Electoral commitments. The people of Kildare will now judge whether they, the public, were correctly informed by Fine Gael in relation to the emotive issue of local charges, or whether the actions or the proposals of those espoused

an opposite view served the public interest.

4. Garda Siochana: We would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the Gardai on the safe release of Mrs. Jennifer Guiness and the subsequent capture of her kid-

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Charges Remain

The publics faith in local public representatives suffered a severe set back at a regency meeting of Kildare County Council, in which it was considering the Councils Budget for 1986. Two motions were before the meeting: One was put forward by F.F. and proposed that the estimates be accepted without the inclusion of local charges: (An amendment to this by Cllr. Stagg that showed an alternative savings to the charges was rejected by the Council with F.F. Support). The second motion was tabled by Bernard Durkan: This accepted the budget as presented and an increase in the charges from £50 p.a. to £60 p.a. (This was amended to reduce the charges to £50 p.a.)

The F.F. motion was carried by 14 votes to 9. However at this point all F.F. councillors walked out of the meeting, in the full knowledge that they left behind a majority in favour of Durkan's motion and the charges. Durkan's motion was duly carried by 9 votes to 4. F.F. have by their walk out ensured the continuation of local charges in Kildare for another year. Despite their firm promises to the electorate that they would do the opposite, They can never be trusted again.

Bus Service to Straffan Road

A meeting between Council and C.I.E. Engineers was arranged by Cllr. Stagg on Wednesday the 26th of March. To examine the best possibilities. Various sites for stops and turning points were inspected and a decision is expected shortly. The Branch welcomes the progress in providing this badly needed service.

Bord Telecom Activity

The placing of telegraph wires underground will improve the visual amenity of our town, and is to be welcomed. However the methods being used by the organisations involved are leaving our road and footpaths in a dangerous and unacceptable condition: Strong representations have been made at our request to Bord Telecom by Cllr. Stagg.

Travellers Halting Site

At a recent meeting of Kildare County Council Cllr. Stagg expressed dissatisfaction at the long delay in aquiring "Department Approval" for the halting site for travellers at Balcklion, Maynooth. The County Council had acquired the land and submitted it's plans and the approval of the local

community, through the community council, had been received. It was unacceptable that the project should now be delayed by lack of action by the Department that had first urged the Council to act on this matter, he said.

Employment Exchange

It was noted at a recent branch meeting that the reorganisation of 'Signing On' times at the employment exchange has eliminated the extremes of excess queueing. However the branch are not satisfied that the changes meet our earlier complaints and we are pressing ahead for the acquisition of suitable alternative premises or the temporary use of the local community hall. Until those who are unemployed can draw their unemployment benefit and assistance allowances in dignity and privacy we will continue to campaign on this

Planning Applications

10/3/86 Ref 261/86 -H. Cash has applied for permission for a shop and 2 storey extension at Main St, Maynooth.

The North Kildare Divisional Council, has organised a cabaret which will be held in the Hitchin Post, Leixlip on Thursday the 29th of May. Artists playing are Cathy Nugent and Fran Kelly and Kicks. Admission £2. Tickets from Dave Moynan.



PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS

The monthly meeting of Maynooth Progressive Democrats took place on April lst in the I.C.A. hall. The most important business of the night was the election of a committee. Since its foundation the Maynooth branch, like other branches throughout the country had been administered by a temporary committee. This was thought necessary so that members would have time to get to know each other before the elections proper took place.

The meeting was chaired, until elections, by Mr. Pat Brady who is the Constituency Chairman, and attended by Eoin McBennett, North Kildare Constituency Organizer; Elizabeth Bracken, Constituency Council Officer; and Paddy Cotter, County Organizer.

The Maynooth Branch Committee was elected as follows: Chairperson, Michael Kelleher. Secretary, Marie Brady.

Joint Treasurers, Louis Lennon Richard O'Sullivan.

Organizing Officer, Jim Brady. Policy Development Officer, Des Walsh.

Delegates to Constituency Council Meetings: Michael Kelleher, Louis Lennon.

The next branch meeting will take place on May 6th. at 8 n.m. in the I.C.A. hall. and will include a discussion on the Constitution of the P.D. which is now available and which was circulated to members at the last meeting. A discussion on organizing recruitment of new members will also take place.

As previously advertised Dr. Andrew Rynne, who is the Health Policy Co-ordinator, will address the May meeting at 8.30 p.m. All members of the public are invited to attend what should be an interesting address, and which should help to inform people of the direction which the P.D. Health Policy is taking.

you to attend this and any the streets of the town further meetings which will take place on the first Tuesday I know. in the I.C.A. hall.

THE OLD VILLAGE BAND FINOLA WATCHORN

As I slowly draw near to this place I hold dear.

The quaint little town of Maynooth, The sound, rich and grand, the old village band.

Takes me back to the days of my youth.

stood as a boy,

While the brass band marched Souvenir Booklet.) cheerfully past,

I thrilled just to hear the trumpets so clear.

And the big drum that always came last.

Sure the whole town was gay, when the band came to play, And the children so eager for to enjoy games and ceili through

Danced sprightly along to some popular song,

While the instruments gleamed to members of Feachtas, but in the sun.

With a feeling of pride which none tried to hide,

The old folk would hasten to tell.

How, in funeral array, the band came to play

A last farewell hymn for Parnell.

I was still in my youth when I left old Maynooth.

'Twas a silent and colourless sceala.

As my eager young feet echoed Deirbhile Nic Craith. through the main street. While the whole town slept peace-

fully on.

From the seas of the north to a far eastern port.

And southwards by way of Cape

A life thus passed 'neath a ship's towering mast, till alas,! too late I return.

As always we welcome If I make my way down through

Sure, a stranger I'll be there,

of each month at 8.30 p.m. For the folks I love best will have gone to rest,

> And my friends will have scattered and so -

When the trumpets clear call bids me come and leave all, Sure, I won't mind leaving this

If they bear me away on some bright's summer's day,

To the sound of the old village

I remember with joy when I (Taken from St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band Golden Jubilee

COLAISTE SAMHRAIDH FEACHTAS.

Feachtas, is an Irish language youth organisation, running youth groups through Irish. This year we are running a 3 week Summer course in the Conamara Gaeltacht, to learn Irish, and Irish. The course will take place from July 28th to 20th August Priority of places will be given other young people between ages 12 and 17 are welcome to apply. Application forms may be had by calling to 66 Kingsbry, or from Head Office. 38 Fenian St, Dublin 2, fon 681165. The cost of the course is £100 only. Ta suil ag Feachtas, go mbunofar gasra i gceantar Mhaigh Nuad amach anseo. Is feidir breis eolais a fhail ona seoltai thuas. Ag suil le

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I Hard boiled egg (optional)

I lb short crust pastery.

WHAT TO DO:

Place meat in large mixing bowl. Chop all ingredients except celery it needs cutting into 1/4" lengths. Mix ingredients into meat, well. Chop egg and mix in with garlic salt. Roll out pastry into 12" or 14" square and place the mix into the centre fold opposite corner to corner and pinch to seall. Place on greased tray and place in oven 250°F increasing to 350°F after 3/4 of an hour.

This serves 4 and is extremely tasty.

MAYNOOTH OLD FOLKS COMMITTEE

The Committee would like to thank most sincerely everyone who contributed so generously to our recent collection. The collection raised a total of £ 761.40 and this will help towards our outing in June and our holiday in Kerdiffstown. We would like to say a special thank you to Mr. Bill Donovan, O'Brien's Supermarket for giving us permission to collect at the Supermarket throughout the Saturday and also for his help with our Advertising Posters.

We will have an Easter Bonnet Competition at our April Party and a full report of that event will appear in next month's newsletter. We are planning our Outing for Saturday 1th of June and full details will also appear next

Ten of our senior citizens will be drawn from our 'hat' for the holiday at Kerdiffstown House. They will be on holiday during August.

We would like to welcome home our esteemed Chairperson Mrs. Imelda Delaney and our Vice-Chairperson Mrs. Bridie Brady from their stay in the U.S. and hope they had a wonderful time.

Carol Barton, P.R.O.

FIANNA FAIL CUMANN NEWS

The following is a letter from Coras lompair Eireann to Cllr. Gerry Brady.

I refer to your letter of the 7th of March concerning services in the Celbridge area.

There are at present, substantial service levels from Celbridge and Maynooth to Dublin on routes 67 and 66 respectively, while there is no direct bus service between Celbridge and Maynooth.

We are very much aware of the pace of development of the towns of North East Kildare. We are also aware that each is still heavily dependent on Dublin city and county for employment and to an extent for higher education, shopping, services and leisure. What is less certain is the interrelationships between Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth, and which of the resulting travel needs can be satisfied by public transport.

Such information can really only be determined by intensive household - level surveys. About a year ago we began to advise local representatives, resident associations and the Council that AnCO could arrange a Community Survey Program which would study travel needs. Such information would be an invaluable basis for public transport in the area. AnCO can only act if they are approached directly by the community. Despite continous exhortations on our part, no such approach has been made. Perhaps you could again discuss this with the local associations.

Yours sincerely,

J. Browne Manager.

NATIONAL MANPOWER SERVICE - AT WORK IN YOUR LOCAL AREA.

The National Manpower Service (N.M.S.) is the point of acress for all state-sponsored man - power initiatives. While responsibility for the operation and administration of individual programmes may rest with other agencies, i.e. AnCO, Y.E.A, and CERT, N.M.S. Placement Officers can always provide the necessary linkages to the most appropriate service.

Whether you are an unemployed person seeking work or training, an employer with jobs or work experience place to offer, or a community leader with ideas for a local work project, your local placement officer will be able to make an initial and speedy assesment of your situation and steer you in the right direction.

Mr. Des Murray is the Placement Officer for the North Kildare Area (Celbridge, Leixlip, Kilcock, Maynooth). Based at Quadrant House, Chapelizod, Dublin 20. Des Murray holds a clinic each Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in the Library, Main Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

"NO JOB" - MAYBE WE CAN HELP

The first step of any job seeker/changer should be to contact the local National Manpower - Officer. Remember, that even though they have more job seekers than jobs on their book, they did place 25,000 in jobs last year.

If the National Manpower Service cannot get you a job straight away they can give advice on job and training opportunities or perhaps place you on one of the employment schemes, such as the Work Experience Programme, Below is a brief summary of some of the employment schemes run by the N.M.S.

THE WORK EXPERIENCE

PROGRAMME: Designed for first time job seekers who find themselves in the catch 22 situation "No Job. No Experience". The programme is aimed at young people under twenty five and are placed with co-operating firms as supplementary personnel over a period of twenty six Each trainee is given an allowance of £34.50 per week whilst on the training scheme.

SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME: The aim of the scheme is to provide a year's employment, working on projects which will be of benefit to the community for those who have been unemployed for a year or more and are over 25. Each participant of the scheme is paid £70 for a 2.5 day week and £15 for a dependent adult. Participants may undertake other remunerative employment on the remaining days without compromising their entitlements. Funding is also available stowards the cost of Supervisor and materials.

There are over fifty vacancies presently available on the Social Employment Scheme in the North Kildare Area so if you are eligible and interested. Des Murray would like to hear from you.

ENTERPRISE ALLOWANCE SCHEME: This scheme is designed for unemployed people with a worthwhile idea for self - employment. In lieu of their social welfare payment a married person will recieve £50 per week and a single_person £30 while setting up their business. The allowance will be paid for a maximum of 52 weeks. In some circumstances they may qualify for a lump sum payment to acquire capital expenses.

THE YOUTH SELF-EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME: This has the same objective as the Enterprise Allowance scheme but operates differently. Under a special arrangement with the Bank of Ireland, the Youth Employment Agency guarantees a major part of loans to young people for approved self-employment projects.

EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE SCHEME:

Employment subsidies are available to employers taking an additional worker who has been registered as been unemployed. Subsidies of up to £60 per week are available in respect of employers over twenty five years of age who have been without work for a year or more. The N.M.S. will advise employers how to avail of this scheme and, when requested, will recruit suitable candidates.

If you are unemployed and feel that one of the programmes outlined here can help you. or if you are an employer or a member of a community group and wish to play a part in employ -ment creation contact Des Murray at any of the addresses above.

MISSING

A BOX OF QUIZ BOOKS AND OTHER MANUSCRIPTS OF QUESTION AND ANSWERS CANNOT BE FOUND. OF THE BOOKS ARE OLD AND OUT OF PRINT: OTHERS ARE UP-TO-DATE. THIS COLLECTION IS THE WORK OF MANY YEARS AND HAD BEEN USED BY VARIOUS LOCAL GROUPS IN PREPARING "QUESTION TIME" SESSIONS.

IF ANYONE KNOWS OF THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF THESE BOOKS WOULD HE/SHE PLEASE CONTACT: RITA O'REILLY, MAIN STREET.

MAYNOOTH. Tel: 286203.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A very happy birthday to Sandy roy who will be 2 on the 12th of May from all the family.

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years served as the Society's headquarters and to which members enjoy free access, Castle -town became the first house open to the public in the Dublin area: the Historic Irish Tourist Houses and Gardens Association (HITHA) was born here, as was the Festival of Music in Great Irish Houses which takes place in June each year. It is now owned and run by an independent body, the Castletown Foundation.

In the unfortunate absence of an Historic Buildings Fund in the Republic, grants are given to privately owned houses -Ledwithstown, Glencullen, Freame Mount, etc. Rescue operations have been carried out on numerous follies, gateways, columns, temples funeral monuments and chapels which do not demand much subsequent maintenance. new owner is being sought for a marvellous rococo ceiling that could be moved from a decaying house. In the past, for instance, a new home was found through the Society for the Browne's Hill entrance gates, now at Lyons, Co. Kildare, when they were threatened with the bulldozer by the Land Commission.

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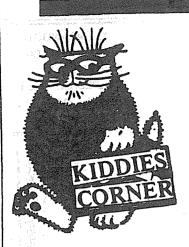
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Hilaire Belloc. THE BISON.

The Bison is vain, and (I write it with pain).

The Door-mat you see on his

Is not, as some learned professors maintain.

The opulent growth of a genius! brain,

But is sewn on with needle and thread.

THE HIPPOPOTAMUS Hilaire Belloc

I shoot the Hippopotamus

With bullets made of platinum, Because if I use leaden ones His hide is sure to flatten 'em.

BEAR, EDWARD LEAR

There was an old person of Ware.

Who rode on the back of a bear: trot? - he said 'Certainly not! a Moppsikon Floppsikon bear!"

BARBARY APE, Edward Lear

There was an Old Man of the

Who possessed a large Barbary Ape;

the Ape on dark night, Till

Which burned the Old Man of the Cape.

Jonathan Swift

So, Naturalists observe, a flea Hath smaller fleas that on him prey;

And these have smaller fleas to bite 'em.

so proceed ad infintum

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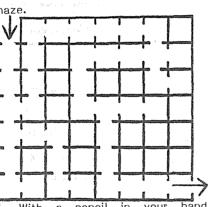
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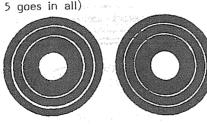
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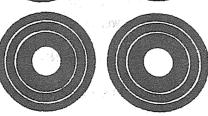
Robin, Bat, Blackbird, Penguin, Thursh.

4. Find your way through the



study the targets, your eyes and see white bull's eyes you can score with the pencil point (you have 5 goes in all)





Answers on page 23

Winners of Aprils Painting Competition.

Ist Declan Gaffney £3.00 Bellview, Mariaville, Maynooth.

2nd Maeve McTiernan , £2.00 IN26 Avondale, Leixlip.

Runners up get £l each.

Maria Bright, 845 Greenfield.

Patricia Purcell 49 Lawrence Avenue.

Helen Buckley Newtown.

Gerard Meally I Rail Park.

Nicola Conlon Moyglare, Maynooth.

The standard this month is extremely good, so keep the painting up especially this months Further serious study of art would not go amiss. Prizes coming to you all soon.



Knock, knock, Who's there? Pasta. Pasta who? Pasta duchie from the left hand side!





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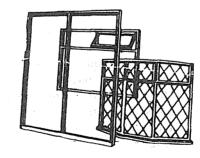
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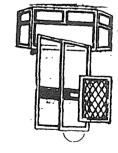
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RECENT DEATH

The father, mother and sisters of the late Martin Dempsey thank you most sincerely for your kind expression of sympathy in their recent bereavement. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions. Inserted by Mary Rossiter and Bernadette Farrelly Sister of Martin.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

McGovern, The Wife, Sons and their families of the late Thomas McGovern, Greenfield, Maynooth wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, all who sent mass cards, wreaths and floral tributes. all who attended the removal. Mass, and funeral. A special word of thanks to the Priests of the parish, to Dr. O'Rourke and Dr. Maurice Cowhey, the Presentation Sisters, the Salesian Sisters. To the kind neighbours We trust that and friends. this acknowledgement will be accepted by all as a sincere token of our appreciation and gratitude. The Holy sacrifice of the mass will be offered for your intentions.

RECENT BIRTHDAYS

Belated Birthday wishes to Mrs. Bridie O'Brien, Leinster Cottages, who celebrated her Birthday on April 1h.

Belated Birthday wishes to Ciaran Murphy, Leinster Park. who celebrated his Birthday on April 1st age 12 years from his Daddy, Mammy, Brothers and Sister.

21st BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Belated 21st Birthday wishes to Breda Edwards, Dublin Road who celebrated her 2lst Birthday on March 30th.

Cad a tharla do Sneachta Ban?

At a recent workshop on childrens books in Irish, I was amazed to learn that there is a definite, constant demand for childrens books in Irish in the Northern counties. Is there such a demand in Kildare If there is; we at Maynooth Public Library would be delighted to help those interested. There are a number of well written and beautifully illustrated childrens books available at present, some of which may be borrowed from the library. Membership is free to all users of the Juvenile Library.

Our collection of childrens books in Irish is small but covers a wide variety of topics, both fiction and non-fiction. the non-fiction section are such informative books as "Feithidi na hEireann agus a h-aiomhithe beaga eile" by Paul Cusack, and in the same series "Ein cheoil na h-Eireann", by Criostan O'Muircheartaigh, suitable for the young native lover. Let your child browse through "Ealaíontóiri agus Cumadoiri Cailiula " and read of the lives of Picasso and Tchaikovsky described in Irish.

Fairy tales always hold their appeal, no matter how often told. "Sneachta Bán agus Roisin Dearg" captures the imagination whether told in Irish or English. Why not read a fairy tale in Irish for a change?

"An Blaithin Draoichta" by Valentin Katayev is a lovely story with beautiful illustrations, as is "An Da Mhuileann Gaoithe" by Maryke Reesnk. Find out what happens to two windmills and their owners - you will find the story as enchanting as your child.

"Mat agus Muta" by Cliodna Cussesn is illustrated in black and white comic strip format. This author has also written a book for older children entitled "An Droch Shaol".

Children love poetry. "An t-ochtapas" by Gabriel Rosenstock is a collection of short poems in simple Irish. Another collection, by the same author is "An Bear Ban", illustrated in black and white and attractively presented.

For those who like to experiment with drama there are such plays as "Piasta Fais agus Aghaidhenna Fidil" by Donal O Conchuir and "An Dall agus dramai eile" by Micheal Mac Cárthaigh.

Let your child discover what happened to Snow White It sounds as exciting in Irish as it does in English.

Margaret Walsh-Gannon. Maynooth Public Library.

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

Summer is just around the corner now and things are well underway as regards the preparations for the Maynooth The organising Summer Project. planning the group have been project for some months now will run for four weeks from It promises to be August Ist. even bigger and better than those in previous years. those not familiar with the project it consists of activities for the young people of the area, organised and run by adults and older teenagers of the area. The activities are many and varied and range from treasure hunts to boating, camping to crazy games, arts and crafts to day trips. We wish to invite anyone willing to help with activities during the four week period to get in contact with us, as yearly our numbers increase and last year we had over 400 children involved in the project. For further information you can contact:- Ann Stewart, 10 Greenfield Drive. So we are looking forward very much to hearing from you and also to an eventful summer and dare we say it some sunshine.

Ann Stewart, Secretary.

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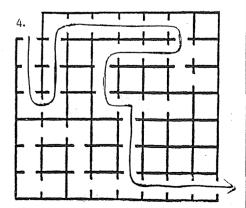
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I. Ash, Pine, Oak, Elm, Lime,

Holly, Ebony, Spruce, Larch,

KIDDIES CORNER ANSWERS

3. A) Bat:- it is not a bird but a mammal, or B) Penguin:- all the others can fly.



5. No answer.

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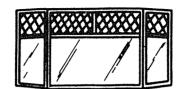
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The Club wishes to thank most sincerely, all those who supported in any way our recent Egg & Spoon Race at Christmas in aid of the local St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Harbour Restoration Fund.

A particular word of thanks to all the members of the business community who took part in the race and those who sponsored them which made the occasion an outstanding success.

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MAYNOOTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The inaugural meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. We had a very good attendance. The following Committee was

Chairman: Patrick Barton

Secretary: Michael Stapleton Treasurer: Henry Cahill

Committee Members: Trevor Reilly, Dr. Maurice Cowhey, Seamus Murray, Mary Houlihan, Joe Buckley and Declan Foley.

A lively discussion took place regarding various aspects of the town, in particular the parking problems, condition of the footpaths and various matters. Monsterosity in the middle of the town. Matters were left to the committee to persue.



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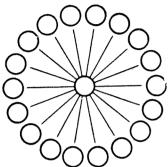
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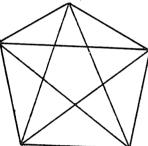
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SO YOU THINK YOU'RE CLEVER

- I. A Book costs £1.00 plus half it's price. How much does the book cost?
- 2. Write the number I to 9 in the circles so that the numbers in every 3 circles in a straight line add up to 30.

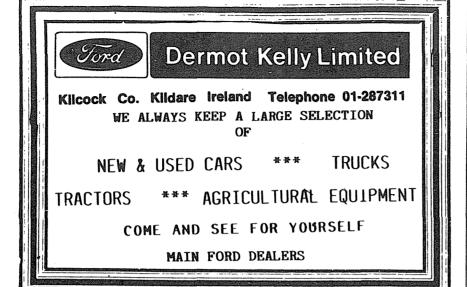


3. How many triangles in the figure? (they overlap)



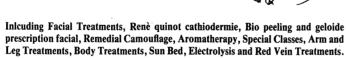
- 4. How many cats in a small room if in each of the four corners a cat is sitting and opposite each cat there sits 3 cats and at each tail sits a cat?
- 5. Place 10 stools in a square room so that there is an equal number of stools along each wall.

Answers on page 10





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SCOUT NEWS

Our Beaver Scout Colony take part in their first regional event - the regional sports on Saturday the 19th of April in Esker, Lucan. Report next month.

The Venturers had their Investiture on the 8th of March. The first female members were invested into the group. They were Venturer Leader Delores Brady, Venturers Neva Redmond and Brigid Halton. Also invested was Barry Cosgrave.

Four Venturers Alan Downey, Sean Halton, Ronan Barry and Gerard McDonell went on an Explorer Belt Expedition Training Week-end to Larch-Hill on the 5th and 6th of April.

We hope to have our Annual Cake Sale during May. The date will be announced later. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Mary Fleming, P.R.O.

SOME EAGER BEAVERS

(Names in next column)

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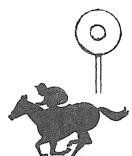




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Greenfield Residents! Association

Last month's column came to a sudden end with a really puzzling final paragraph of supposed acknowledgements

to local businesses who had given spot-prizes for our Supper Dance in March. Just to solve the puzzle, I should say that what you read there was the headings only: the fifty or so businesses named under the headings paid the price of my exceeding the 500-word limit. I presume. I haven't the heart now to list them all out again, so here's one big collective Thank You to nearly all the business people of Greenfield and Maynooth for their generosity

What have I to report that I haven't reported on already in the recent circular? (While rumaging through the files recently I came across some very

impressive estate Newsletters from as far back as 1974-1975. They make for some interesting, nostalgic reading. I'll quote from one in a moment.)

We have had the good fortune to be able to avail the professional advice of a lecturer in Architecture to help us with our appeal to An Bord Pleanala against the planning permission recently granted by the Council for the conversion rere of the Shopping Centre into a snooker parlour. was a recent phenomenon but it goes back to at least 1976: the Association's September Newsletter reported that 'Kildare County Council have requested the propietors (of the Shopping Centre) to cease business in the pool room as planning permission is required for change of use of shop units'.

The Council have told us that 'regrettably there is no finance available' for rebuilding the wall at the end of Greenfield They have this to say on the subject of freezing pines in winter:

'Deficiencies in the water supply during heavy frost are due to service pipes from the mains to each house being held surface of the around thus causing the water The problem can rectified by replacing service pipes at a lower From information to hand at the moment the problem is spread throughout the estate and is not confined to any one It is the responsibility of each householder to remedy this deficiency'.

Finally, I'd like to wish good health and good cheer to one of our senior residents, Mrs. Mulheir of Laurence Avenue, hoping that the mention of her name in this obscure column will be of some small consolation to her for not having had her 80th birthday mentioned on the Gay Byrne Hour (as was someone's kind intention)!

Donal McMahon, P.R.O.

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Because of the course have learned what skills are suited to. Now we need employers to come forward work, if only part-time, The Work Experience Programme of the Department of Labour subsidise the wages of employee, under the age of 25 years, for a duration of 26 weeks, who is taken on under this scheme.

the work market, because we

we are "Tomorrow's World".

recognised the fact that

Before this course began would apply for a job in wrong ways, so the six weeks were spent writing to and phoning employers dealing with interviews. We made video recordings of the interviews (thanks to the Team in the S.V.D.) and replayed them to see our mistakes and rectify them. came a two-week work experience, in a job environment on which we were assessed as to how we co-operated in work and our overall attitude towards work. This was very beneficial to those without previous experience of a job.

On this course we are treated like full-time adult employees and work in six workshops (Mechanics, Woodwork, Crafts, Office Procedures, Computers and Upholstery) in These were set up by from Naas also on the course and both groups work in an atmosphere of equality and close harmony with each other.

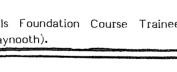
In Woodwork we make coffee tables, stools and chairs, buy and restore old furniture and pass it on to upholstery The machanics for covering. workshop in Neas V.E.C. school is laid out as a fully equipped garage where cars, lawnmowers, chainsaws, etc are repaired. There is a fully qualified mechanic as overseer and adviser. crafts (baskets, trays, rugs, cushions, bags, soft toys, lampshades and pottery) are mainly done by the girls and along with the woodwork are available for sale to help fund our work.

We look forward to enquiries from employers in the Maynooth, Kilcock, Leixlip, Lucan and Celbridge areas. Give the youth of today a chance to show our full potential. We are 27 youths willing, hungry, able and above all determined to work within the community but WE NEFD YOUR HELP. for further information contact Noel Dalton or Catherine Corcoran (Supervisor), V.E.C. Office, Limerick Street, Naas.

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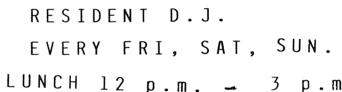
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One of the stories tells of Richard Joyce, who when en route to the West Indies was captured by Algerian Pirates and sold as a slave in Algiers to a Turkish Goldsmith. He. observing that Joyce was tractable and ingenious, instructed him in his trade at which he bacame adept. Later, by order of King William II of England, all British Subjects detained in slavery were released; and in spite of substantial inducement to stay, Joyce returned to the City of the Tribes and pursued the business of a Goldsmith To this man, also is attributed the Claddagh Ring. Some told he brought designs from Algiers as many of the older rings were stamped with his intials and anchor signifying 'Hope' but could also have obtained the design from his relative "Margaret of the Bridges". The Claddagh Ring became popular

The Ring shows two hands clasping a heart which wears a crown and often there is a phrase: "Let Love and Friendship Reign". are two ways to Claddagh Ring. worn on the right hand, with the crown turned inwards it means that the wearer still has an unoccupied heart! Worn on the right hand with the crown pointing out, towards the kncukles is an indication that there is a suitor under consideration. And, with an air of pride and finality, if worn on the left hand with the crown pointed out, the wearer is already married.

outside the Claddagh about the

middle of the last century.

THE FOX

(At Grangewilliam Cemetry)

Without was pastureland, wellgrazed and green,

Within was wilderness, profuse in pride.

The grass rose damp above the

The nettle and narcissus lolled side by side.

And there were yew trees, ancient

And lilacs bright with virgin bloom.

Thick ivy hid the gables of church.

That housed the former great ones of the town.

A butterfly alighted on a flower Planted by faithful hands beside

But all around were grass-grown mounds untended,

Their headstones lichen-covered and decayed.

And there were finches flitting in the ivy

And swallows swooping in the cloudless sky

And all the world was drunk with living

And all the lonely dead were left to lie.

Then in the sundried grasses by a headstone

A dozing fox looked up and

A living human drawing near

And, soundlessly, he vanished underground.

There deep among the yellowed bones of humans

He listened to the footsteps cross his den.

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We all experience stress, to a greater or lesser degree, in everyday situations, e.g. pressures of work, coping with a chousehold, unemployment: and even the threat of nuclear pollution and attack. Yet we remain totally oblivious to the disturbing physical effects of stress.

From her early traumatic experience Patricia took up Yoga and went on to have a deeper understanding of relaxation techniques. This led her to study extensively and acquire a Diploma in KI MASSAGE THERAPY. This is the unique concept of combining the ancient art of massage with the KI (which means energy) in the body. This reduces tension, increases energy level, brings about a feeling of well-being, good health and a positive attitude to life.

Ki Massage Therapy can benefit people from all walks of life. For instance, many women in the home find the lack of structured work patterns a source of difficulty. Problems of coping within the home without regular stimulus and structure of employment can be a source of stress and tension. Equally, women who are combining outside employment with rearing a family

can suffer other types of stress and pressure. Ki Massage Therapy is most beneficial in both cases. By building up energy levels it will make you more relaxed and feel better as a person. In fact this energy is so contagious it will spill over and improve all aspects of one's life.

More and more women are getting involved in sports. At the moment the Evening Press Mini-Marathon is the focus of attention and some very hard training is going on in Maynooth. However, training on hard surfaces is very stressful on joints and muscles. It is advisable to have Ki Massage Therapy before running to loosen muscles and to allow the body to work in a more relaxed and competent way. More importantly the therapy is recommended after running to ease out muscle soreness and stiffness.

Patricia will be happy to talk to any sports group who feels that they would like to achieve peak performance and motivation to train harder.

With the approach of summer the gardening season is with us once again. People who have remained beside the fire all Winter are now strenuously and enthusiastically digging. However, this can put severe strain on back muscles so it is advisable to take it easy initially. Anyone who does have this dreadful problem of back pain can consult Patricia, who will design individual courses to suit each patient.

Patricia Roche is available at her consulting rooms - Monday to Thursday - Phone 285598.

POLLUTION HITS MAYNOOTH

Everyday Maynooth and its environment is being polluted. Though the problem has been highlighted year after year no action has been taken to reduce or prevent it. It just gets worse and worse.

Pollution - the very word conjures up visions of Sellafield spewing nuclear waste into the Irish sea, or clouds of poisonous sulphur - dioxide following from the stacks at Moneypoint, or silage effluent seeping silently into a stream or river. Though the pollution affecting Maynooth is just as dramatic or newsworthy as these it is no less insidious in its effect on our environment and our enjoyment

of it. The one consolation is that the solution to this problem lies in our own hands. We don't have to rely on 'THEM' to do something. The reason is simple Maynooths pollution is LITTER, and the polluters are those of us, adults and children, who thoughtlessly drop our cigarette packet, match box, crisp bags, sweet papers, coke cans, lollipopsticks or bus ticket on the street. While individually these items seem harmless, together they represent an eyesore making our town shabby and untidy. Not the kind of place you would stop, never mind live.

The solution to the problem is simple. We must each become an environmentalist. This doesn't mean we have to join Greenpeace or any trendy organisation. It means that each of us has to make a resolution not to drop our litter on the street but to use the litter bins or better still to take our unwanted rubbish home and to dispose of it there. We must also be prepared to remind others, young and old, of their duty to keep the streets tidy. cumulative effect of our individual efforts will be a neater tidier town, a more pleasant environment in which to live and work. In the process we can improve Maynooths performance the Tidy Towns Competition and take a small but significant step towards winning a prize in the year ahead.

