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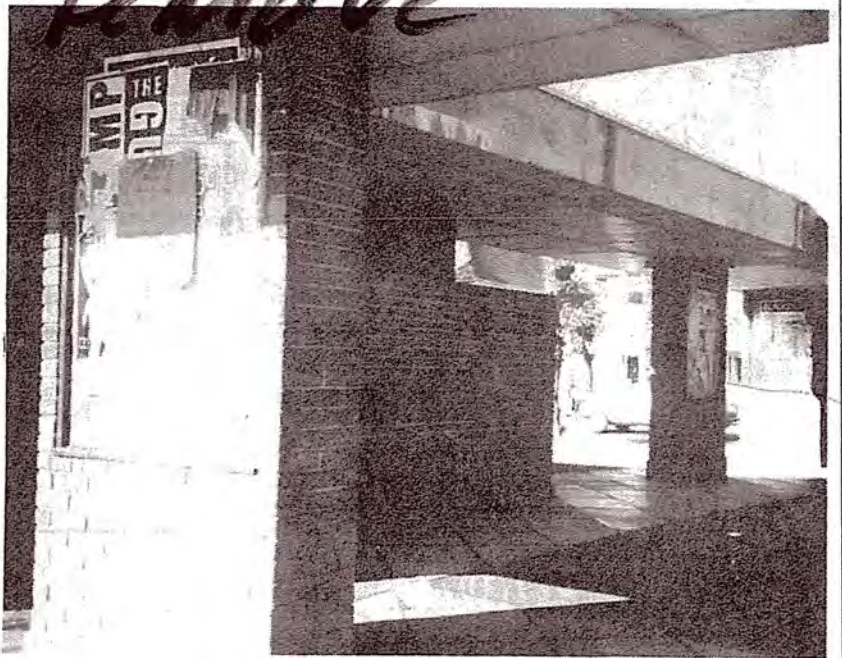
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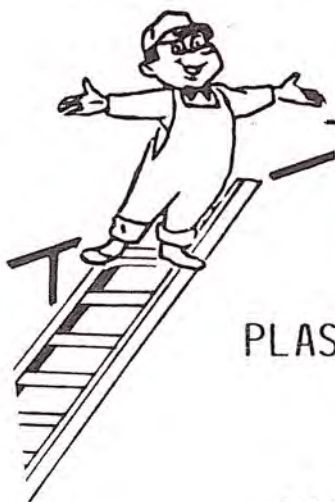
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# Editorial

## MAYNOOTH — SCRUFFY, NEGLECTED, A DISGRACE

Scruffy, totally neglected, poorly presented, shabby buildings, uncaring attitude — the words leap out at us from the report of the judges of the tidy towns competition. We can only be ashamed of ourselves as we read the damning comments. Why 'we' you might ask? Because we are all collectively responsible for our environment. What does it say about us as a community when a dumped van is permitted to remain in the same spot for several years, where litter is strewn around the street, where disused buildings are allowed to grow derelict and infect the local landscape, where grass verges are overgrown and weeds are abundant, where the standard of street furniture is just 'unacceptable', where the area around the public toilets is a disgrace?

It seems to say that we as a community just do not care about the environment in which we live. We can all contribute to enriching our environment — simple suggestions would be to place our sweet papers, our cigarette papers and all the wrappings produced by modern living in one of the many bins provided for the purpose. If the bin is full to overflowing — just bring it home with you, don't add to the overflow. And if you see someone dropping litter in the street — challenge them — politely but firmly — Maynooth is your home.

Then, all those areas in public ownership — take responsibility for the area in front of your house — be conscientious about clipping around trees and removing weeds from kerbs. Regard the area between your boundary and the roadside as your responsibility. It doesn't take much extra time — but think of the pleasure that living in a clean, obviously cared for environment can give. If that alone doesn't appeal, then think about the increase in property values! As for other areas, complain loudly and long to the county council — who are responsible for maintaining street furniture and public toilets, as well as to businesses who pollute the visual environment with masses of plastic signs.

If the comments in the judges' report are not enough to bring tears to our eyes, then take a look at Maynooth and think about what you see. The photographs in this issue were taken on

an average Sunday morning. They are not pretty pictures. Fortunately, the judges found some positive things in Maynooth. They find the development of the Royal Canal commendable and they look forward to its completion, and no-one who enjoys the sight of the beautiful stonework and the reflection of the swans in the harbour could fail to disagree. Yet even here, the tree planted so recently by the Taoiseach was destroyed within two weeks.

The 'judges' final comment is that a plan of campaign will have to be drawn up to tackle the problems, which will involve not only a few individuals but ALL the community.

Perhaps Maynooth's disastrous performance in dropping 6 points to 119 out of 200 points will galvanise the community to do something.

The objective should be not only to advance our position in the competition, because that is not really the objective of involvement, but to make Maynooth a better place in which to live.

A public meeting to discuss the plan of campaign will be held in the Post-Primary School on Thursday 6th November at 8.00 pm. We urge ALL readers to attend.

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18th November 1986.

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have been asked by the members of Maynooth Guild I.C.A. to express our disappointment with coverage of some recent activities. When the members recently won a National competition run by Irish Country Markets this received coverage in the National press, e.g. Farmers' Journal and Irish Independent. One of our members submitted a short article together with some photographs for publication in your popular Newsletter. Unfortunately they seem to have been consigned to the wastebin.

As you frequently request articles of local interest we were surprised when no mention of this achievement was made in the Newsletter. Further to this when our Annual Flower & Produce Show was held a list of results was sent to the Newsletter. This was published in part but we found this unsatisfactory. We appreciate that shortage of space must dictate what is printed but we feel that occasionally exception can be made.

We wish you every success in the future and appreciate all useful information and coverage given.

Yours sincerely,  
Rosemary Hanley (Sec.)  
8 Greenfield Drive

### Editor's Note

The article referred to was submitted after the copy date for the relevant issue and was not resubmitted for publication. We regret the disappointment caused.

Dear Editor,

I would like to take the opportunity offered by your editorial in last month's edition of Maynooth Newsletter to comment on the subject of homework.

At the outset I must make it clear that my views apply to the student in the Post-Primary sector only.

Second level schools have to contend with an educational system which is almost totally exam orientated. The examinations are mostly written and are based on extensive syllabi which must be covered if students are to do well. I have no hesitation in saying that it would be impossible to get through these courses without regular well-planned and structured homework. How can anybody seriously expect a teacher of higher English, Irish or any other Leaving Certificate subject to teach a lesson, test the student's ability to assimilate and reproduce that lesson — all within the space of 40 minutes? It is not possible.

The pressure on students to do well in exams is increasing at an accelerating pace and most parents expect teachers to respond to this pressure by trying to ensure that the courses are well covered and revised. This is done by utilizing the class teaching time to a maximum and by testing students through homework. Few parents would thank any teacher or school if valuable limited class time was used to give and correct homework. When well-informed parents discuss education it is far more likely they are concerned about the points rat-race rather than the fact that their child gets too much homework. We as teachers might like it to be otherwise, but as long as the examinations system prevails homework must remain an integral part of that system.

Mise, le meas,  
Thomas Ashe  
Principal, Post-Primary School.

## LEIXLIP AND DISTRICT CREDIT UNION

Leixlip and District Credit Union report that their new premises at Main Street Leixlip is almost ready for occupation and will be fully operational by Thursday 6th November.

With the huge increase in population in the community the new spacious office will vastly improve facilities for our existing members while catering comfortably for the ever increasing demand for new membership.

In Maynooth (where for a number of years the Credit Union was housed by courtesy of the I.C.A. Guild) the new office was opened in November 1985. This purpose built premises situated beside the Garda Station, the Harbour provides full facilities for members living or working in Maynooth and surrounding areas.

Due to the increase in membership and the extended opening hours volunteers are urgently required to assist with the running of the Credit Union.

Credit Union is a voluntary organisation with control in the hands of the members, it is a perfect example of successful democracy in action.

### New Opening Hours:

Leixlip Office on and from 6th November:

10.00 am — 12.30 pm

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### COLLEGE PLAYWRIGHT IS FESTIVAL HIT

One of the most successful plays of the Dublin Theatre Festival in October was written by Frank McGuinness, who teaches English in the college. The play "innocence" which was booked out for most of its run, was based on the life of Caravaggio an Italian painter.

The play was difficult in many respects, and many found the coarseness of the language and the of the theme hard to take. David Nowlan, Drama Critic in the Irish Times hailed the play as "greatly daring, greatly demanding, and greatly rewarding. With it another Irish playwright has fully forged his reputation. Like it or not (and not all will) this is great theatre".

If the Maynooth College Drama Society ever gets around to staging the play they will have no difficulty in locating a costume for one of the characters, although whether Cardinal O Fiach would be willing to lend his garb to an actor whose role is that of a seventeenth century cardinal who likes boys is open to question!

### EXTRA STAGG FOR TEA-TIME SHOW

Keep an eye out for local Labour Party County Councillor Emmet Stagg's debut as a television performer. RTE's new "Evening Extra" programme is to screen a profile of the Dail aspirant.

### FARMERS WANT TO PAY TAX!

At least twenty farmers in Kildare want to pay land tax. These farmers held a protest in Naas against the IFA as they feel that the tax is not unfair, and the farming community should be seen to pay its fair share of tax.

### YOUNG HISTORIANS

Congratulations to Maynooth Post Primary School pupils, Catherine Ashe, Deirdre Creighton and Aideen Flood who took second place in the young historians competition organised by the Irish Times. Their project was on a history trail of Maynooth. The adjudicator Commended the project and noted that Maynooth offers a wealth of material and that there is plenty of scope for further historical investigation.

### MAYNOOTH FLOWER BONANZA

The Flower Bonanza held recently in St. Mary's Church of Ireland and in St. Mary's Hall, Maynooth, was a wonderful success and made a profit of £1,650 which was divided between both Church's Parish Funds.

As organisers we take this opportunity to thank all who supported us. The Hon. Desmond Guinness who opened the festival, Rev. J. Hammond and Fr. B. Supple, Sponsors and those who gave donations without whom it would have been very difficult to stage this event, those who made the welcome 'cuppa' and Mrs. Breda Connolly and Mairead Scanlon who arranged the Preview Supper also Mrs. Deane, Mrs. Kearney and Mrs. McMyler, Stewards, Ticket Sellers, Hall Committee of course the Flower Arrangers who gave of their talent and expertise so freely, and the general public who through their presence made it all worthwhile.

We would like to thank most sincerely all of our sponsors, and those who supported the successful fund-raising events prior to the festival.

*Felicity Satchwell  
Imelda Desmond  
Margaret Howe*



## MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE

### Hospital Services Card

The Hospital Services Card is given to people in Category II of the Health Service. The income limit for Category II was increased to £14,000 from 1 June 1986. This means that anyone whose income in the tax year 1985/86 was less than £14,000 is in Category II for one year from 1 June 1986.

Those whose income was below this level should apply to their local Health Board for a Hospital Services Card. The usual proof of income is a P60 which employed people get from their employers or, in the case of self-employed people, an agreed assessment from the Revenue Commissioners.

A Hospital Services Card, if awarded, covers the applicant and dependants.

A married couple are assessed separately if each has an independent income. If only one has an income then the other spouse is his/her dependant. This can result in a strange anomaly; a married couple with one income of £15,000 are both ineligible for Category II, while a couple each of whom earned £13,000 would both be eligible for Category II.

Children, up to 16 years, are considered to be dependants of the higher income earner.

All students between the ages of 16 and 25 who do not have a Medical Card, are entitled to a Hospital Services Card. They have a special application form which must be signed by the school or college.

Another group entitled to Hospital Services Card regardless of income are certain former voluntary contributors to social insurance. People in Category II

are entitled to free in-patient services in a public ward, free out-patient services, and free maternity services. Those with incomes above £14,000 are in Category III. They are entitled to free maintenance in a public ward they must pay the consultants' fees themselves.

Application forms for Hospital Services Card and the Students' form are available in the Community Information Centre.

Mary McGinley  
Organiser



## COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

### Community Games

The Youth Affairs Sub-Committee wishes to thank all those who supported the recent function run in conjunction with the Royal Canal Amenity Group. Special thanks are due to Council member Derek Horan for his tremendous work for the function.

### Social Employment Scheme

The Community Council has applied for a renewal of the grant under this Scheme, which has allowed us to employ six people part-time over the last year. To be eligible for this scheme, people must be registered with the National Manpower Service, and anyone interested in being employed under this scheme and who is not registered is urged to do so immediately at Maynooth Public Library. There has been a change in the regulations governing eligibility for the scheme — for further information see the October issue of the Newsletter or consult the Community Information Centre or the NMS.

### Extension of 66 Bus Service

There was a lengthy discussion of this issue at our October meeting. We would welcome submissions on the matter from residents' associations and other groups and individuals. Contact the Secretary, John McGinley, at 50 Greenfield Drive.

### New Member

We extend a warm welcome to a new Council member. An Dochtuir Padraig O Gormghaile is the new representative from Maynooth College. He is a lecturer in French in the College and resides in Rail Park.

### Sports Complex

Council Chairman, Proinnsias Breathnach, represented the Council on the recent deputation to Mr. Enda Kenny, Minister of State, seeking funding for the proposed Sports Complex. See report elsewhere in this issue. We wish to thank Bernard Durkan T.D. for his prompt arrangement of this meeting. The chairman also had a recent meeting on the same issue with Mr. Noel Finn, the County Development Officer. Mr. Finn stated that the County Council has no funds available at the moment to put towards the Complex, but offered to provide whatever other assistance he could. Given that the County Council has, in the past, put a lot of funding into sports facilities elsewhere in the county, this response is unsatisfactory and Maynooth will be looking for equal treatment in this case.

### Maynooth By-Pass

A Council deputation consisting of Proinnsias Breathnach (Chairman), Tom Purcell (Vice-Chairman) and Ann Mc Stravick (Treasurer) met the Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council on October 17 last to make representations concerning the upgrading of the Straffan Road for use as the access road to the Maynooth By-Pass. See report elsewhere in this issue.

### Harbour Field

It is hoped that a meeting with the Trustees of the Harbour Field will be arranged in the near future to discuss the future development and management of the field.



### ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE

### MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### Welfare Equality

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It is ironic that the introduction of the long awaited equality in social welfare legislation should be at the expense of poor families.

### Visit of Proinnsias de Rossa

Proinnsias de Rossa T.D., visited Maynooth in the course of a tour of the Kildare constituency and was welcomed by members of the local branch. (Photo and report elsewhere in this issue).

### Forthcoming Meeting

The Branch is planning a public meeting for Maynooth at which party policies will be discussed in the near future. The date will be advertised later.

### Citizens' Advice Bureau

Colm Purcell holds a Citizens' Advice Bureau at the Leinster Arms every Sat. from 12.00 - 1.00. He can be contacted at 243502 at other times.

### Peace Conference

Local members attended the National Peace Conference in Dublin on the eve of summit between President Reagan and Mr. Gorbachev in Iceland. The conference was well attended and among

the speakers was a delegate from Moscow, Vladimir Baronovsky, whose talk was very well received. The US Embassy refused to supply a speaker.

### Monthly 400 Draw

The first 400 Draw was held on 28th September. Winners were: Yvonne Purcell (£250), Mich Lynch (£100), Noel Byrne (£50), Blair Horan (£25), Bill Watkins (£25), and Christy Keeley, Eileen McKeogh, Paul Power, Sean Norris and Jer Colgan (all £10).

### Annual National Collection

Many thanks to the people of Maynooth for their generous contribution to the annual collection.

## FINE GAEL NOTES

The Annual General Meeting of Maynooth Branch of Fine Gael took place on Wednesday 8th October 1986 in the ICA Hall, Maynooth.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Vincent Kelly of the National Executive. The out-going Chairperson thanked the officers for all their work and efforts during their term of office. The incoming Officers were elected for the coming year.

Deputy Bernard Durkan addressed the meeting, reminding those present, that an election would take place during the coming year and members should bear in mind the many positive aspects of legislation enacted by the present Government and not to let themselves be brainwashed by Opposition propaganda.

### National Collection

The annual national collection took place on Saturday/Sunday 11th & 12th October, 1986. Congratulations to all members who collected at the various Masses and Church Services on a job well done.

### Harvest Supper Dance

This fundraising event was held in the Hamlet, Johnstownbridge. A good evening was had by all and a special word of thanks is due to the Ladies Committee and all those who helped in making the event a thoroughly enjoyable one. Ladies take a bow...

### Ard Fheis

The Ard Fheis took place over the weekend 17th-19th October in the Simmons-court Extension of the RDS, Ballsbridge. A capacity attendance of approximately 12,000, made this event the most successful in recent years. We congratulate Mr. Vincent Kelly of Clane on his re-election for a second term to the National Executive. Well done, Vincent...

## Cluain Aoibhinn

Following numerous representations by Deputy Bernard Durkan, the under-mentioned replies have been received:

### Public Lighting

*"The maintenance of public lighting in the Estate is the responsibility of the ESB and the repairs mentioned have been referred to them."*

### Tennis Court

*"The present proposals for the completion of this Estate by the Council do not include a tennis court. If there is any finance available when the proposed works have been completed, possibly a tennis court could be considered. The carrying out of completion works is now a matter for the Area Engineer."*

### Rates on Rented Houses

This query has been passed to Mr. T. Keogh, County Finance Officer and a reply is awaited.

### Boundary Wall

*"There is no planning requirement on the Developers of Beaufield to erect a boundary wall between the Estate and Cluain Aoibhinn. The planning conditions did require that 'existing hedgings to be retained and supplemented where necessary'."*

### Cable-Laying in the Estate

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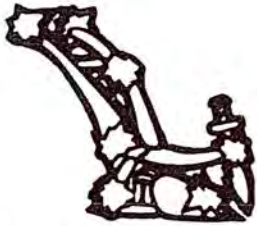
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## KILDARE'S TRAVELLERS

A recent report by the Economic and Social Research Institute on "The population structure and living circumstances of Irish Travellers: Results from the 1981 census of traveller families" in July shows that Kildare is among the counties providing housing services to the fewest travellers. In 1981, there were 185 travellers in Kildare and of these only 25 or 16% were in housing, while the rest were living on the side of the road.

Despite impressions to the contrary the number of families in Kildare remained fairly constant between 1961 and 1981. There were 34 families in 1961, 19 in 1973, 31 in 1977 and 32 in 1981.

The families seen in 1981 were fairly mobile, with much movement in and out of the county. Only 19 of the families surveyed in 1981 had lived in Kildare the previous year. The other 13 families had come in from surrounding counties. Seven families who had lived in Kildare in 1980 were living in other counties in 1981.

The halting site proposed for Maynooth is designed to accommodate ten families, so, effectively one-third of the families in Kildare will be in decent accommodation before long. This should help to improve the lot of the travellers as well as resolving some of the problems caused to the settled community by the presence of roadside encampments.

The report points out that travellers are characterised by high infant mortality and low life expectancies, and they are set apart from the rest of the Irish population both by the quality and quantity of their lives. The authors of the report conclude that the circumstances of travellers are intolerable and that no decent society can afford to ignore their plight.

Mr. Kenny undertook to explore each of these options, and to report back as soon as possible. The deputation thanked the Minister for meeting them, and looked forward to hearing further from him at an early date. In the meantime, the Working Party is to obtain the services of a quantity surveyor to provide more detailed costings of the proposed complex.



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## SPORTS COMPLEX DEPUTATION MEETS MINISTER

A deputation from the Maynooth Sports Complex Joint Working Party met Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., Minister of State in the Department of Education with special responsibility for community recreational facilities, on October 15 last in Department of Education offices in Marlborough Street, Dublin. The deputation included Pat Dalton, the Bursar of Maynooth College; Colm Buckley, the College's Buildings Officer; Tom Ashe, on behalf of Maynooth schools, and Proinsias Breathnach, on behalf of Maynooth Community Council. Also present were Bernard Durkan T.D., M.C.C., who arranged the meeting, and the Private Secretary to the Minister for Justice, Alan Dukes T.D.

Speaking on behalf of the deputation, Proinsias Breathnach pointed to the rapid growth in Maynooth's population, with some 1,200 pupils now enrolled in the town's schools. The population of the area is projected to more than double over the next 20 years. Maynooth College is also growing, and with over 2,000 students, has no proper indoor sports facilities. This is in contrast with UCD and Trinity College, where excellent facilities have been provided in recent years.

The Maynooth Sports Complex proposal was an innovative one, said Proinsias Breathnach, and reflected the unique nature of Maynooth as a university town, with most of the college-students living in the town and depending on it for most services. The proposal offered an efficient, intense level of usage throughout the year of a single facility, rather than the separate development of two facilities in the one area, which might otherwise be the case.

The College Trustees, comprising the Catholic Bishops of Ireland, had already given a concrete expression of their commitment to the proposal by agreeing to make available a site for the complex on College land. The college's student body was willing to put aside a portion of student capitation fees to help fund the development, while a considerable amount of money had already been collected locally towards the swimming pool component of the complex.

What the deputation was seeking, stated Proinsias Breathnach, was for the Government to respond to this local commitment by agreeing to finance the project as a matter of urgency.

In reply, the Minister, who revealed a considerable knowledge of Maynooth, said that, at a projected cost of £2.5 million, the proposal fell way outside the level of funding available through the Department's standard scheme for community facilities, and would require a special financing package. Among the possible options available were:

1. A cabinet decision to make special funding available for the project.
2. Funding through the Higher Education section of the Department.
3. An allocation from the National Lottery, due to commence next February.

### CONCERNS ABOUT THE STRAFFAN ROAD

The Celbridge Area Committee Kildare County Council met a deputation from Maynooth Community Council on 17th October, to discuss the proposed upgrading of the Straffan Road, which is to be the sole access road from the Maynooth area to the Maynooth by-pass.

The committee were presented with a written submission outlining the concerns among residents living in the vicinity of the road. The chief concerns are about the inevitable increase in traffic using the road — including heavy vehicles. The safety of the large numbers of pedestrians using the road may be at risk.

Residents are also concerned that extra traffic from housing areas to the west of the town may be diverted through Greenfield Lane to gain access to the by-pass.

The realignment of the road, it is feared may lead to dumping on the abandoned stretches to the side of the new road.

The community council made a number of positive and constructive suggestions in its submission as to how the situation may be improved. These include the construction of a relief road to the east and south west of Maynooth which they urged the council to bring forward as a matter of urgency.

The community council also requests the council to reconsider their realignment plans in favour of proposals outlined in their submission.

In conclusion, the community council requested they be fully involved in further discussions on the matter.

The County Engineer, Mr. J. Carrick, referred to the fact that financial constraints ruled out the prospect of a relief road for the time being, but that funding was available for upgrading the Straffan road. He undertook to examine the Community council's proposals and to furnish further information in due course.

The full text of the community council's submission will be published in the next issue of the *Newsletter*.

## KEEPING THE HOUSE WARM THIS WINTER

HEATING THE HOME is a major cost for most people in Ireland. With winter on its way again it is time for us to think about insulation and fuel costs.

There are two ways to save on heating bills: (1) buy and use fuel economically and (2) keep the heat in by the proper insulation of your home. It is better to buy fuel in bulk and in the off peak Summer season when fuel companies offer better prices. This off peak buying also applies to buying the heaters

themselves. Modern fire places with back boilers will heat radiators as well as water. Electric storage heaters allow you to avail of cheap electricity. Most of the large fuel supply companies would be happy to advise on the heating system best suited to your needs. There are several useful booklets available from An Foras Forbartha which attempt to compare different heating systems. Of course the best one always depends on the circumstances in your home

If you use an automatic heating system you can save fuel and get the maximum comfort by timing the heat to come on half an hour before you get up and to go off half an hour before you go to bed. By turning the heat down by one degree you can save 8% on your yearly bill.

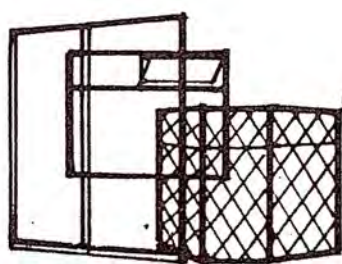
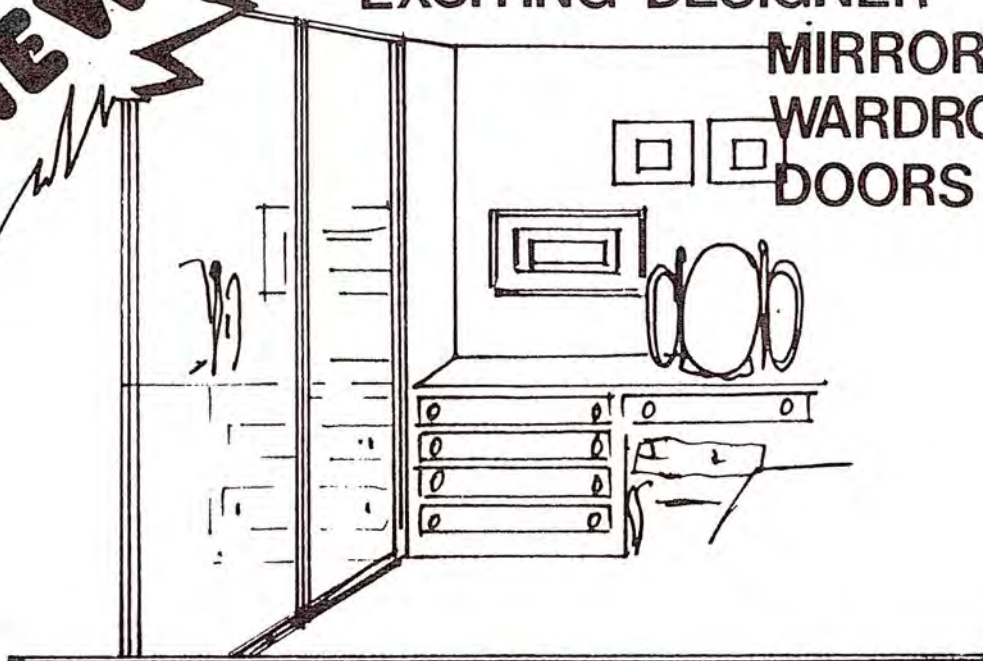
Insulation is important to get the best value from your heating. Eliminate draughts from doors, windows and masonry as 40% of heat can be lost this way. Cover the gap in the door where the letter box is with a flap of material. Unused fire places can be covered with hardboard to keep the room warmer. Double glazing should be considered as grants of up to £800 are available for window replacement. Most radiators give off heat into the wall. You can make them more efficient by placing metal foil behind them. Old carpets can be laid out in the loft to help prevent heat loss but proper insulating material is better.

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The course is being organised and run by Margaret Hodgins B.A. (Mod) and Colette Cowlard B.A. (Mod) from Irish Psychological Services.

Both are external trainers for AnCO as they have the necessary skills, qualifications and experience for the specific type of course.

The programme for the course includes Personal Development, Viewing

the Job Market and Options open to Women, Deciding what each woman has to offer and discovering their skills, Tuition in 'Job Seeking', training in new technology (computers, word processors), In-Company training and Time Management. Margaret and Colette have emphasised that the learning is two way the women have a lot to offer to them as well as their giving the women their knowledge, and expertise.

The course runs from 29th Sept. until 19th Dec.

So employers, if you have a 'vacancy' which might suit some of the trainees please contact Margaret or Colette at the Old Convent School. Local women on the course include Maureen Kiely, Morah McDermott, Madeline Stynes and Ann McStavick.



## USEFUL TIPS

**USE AN OLD-FASHIONED** clothes peg as a 'key' to get the most out of tooth paste tubes. Slip the peg over the end of the tube when about half the paste has been used. Twist the tube around the peg to get all the paste out.

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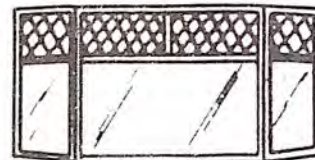
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## WRITERS COMPETITION RESULTS

We are delighted to announce the winners of the short story competition. The standard was so good that the judges had a very difficult time reaching their decision and they bent the rules slightly to include an extra prize in the under 12 age group. This group produced an extra prize in the under 12 age group. This group produced excellent stories and the judges just could not leave out some of them. So, now for the results you have been waiting for:

### 1st Prize — Adult Section

Rita Murray, River Forest, Leixlip. *"Weekend in Galway"*.

### 1st Prize 12 — 18 years

Deirdre Guinan, Greenfield Drive. *"Awaken and Welcome"*.

### 1st Prize Under 12 years

Padraig Hogan, Maynooth Park. *"Wishing on a Star"*.

### 2nd Prize Under 12 years

Stephen Noonan, Clonagh. *"The Poor Widow"*.

### 3rd Prize Under 12 years

Michael Meally, Rail Park. *"Only the Fittest Survive"*.

### Special Prize

Ciara Power, Greenfield Drive. *"One Wish"*.

The prizes were given at a special ceremony in the Library on Monday, 20th October. It was attended by the judges — Peter Denman, Mai Hearne, the Sponsors — John Byrne, University Bookshop, Oliver Frawley, Rye River Books, Frank Byrne Assistant Manager of A.I.B., Ann McStravick representing the Community Council, Kay McKeogh, Gerry Colreavy and Carol Clifford representing the *Newsletter* and last but not least all the prizewinners and their families. Tony McGowan of Bank of Ireland sent his apologies.

As promised all the winning entrants' stories are appearing in this *Newsletter* and will go on display in the Library in November. We hope you all enjoy reading them as much as we did. See you next year writers!

### AWAKEN AND WELCOME

by Deirdre Guinan

The girl walks slowly down the old, cracked overgrown footpath. Her step is sure and she wears her rags with the unconscious pride of humility. Her face is not pretty, but there is something there that makes one look twice. Her hair is a certain shade of blonde, hard to express in words ... it is the colour of a field of honey gold corn at the peak of ripeness, bathed in the fiery light of the summer sunset. It is pulled back in two braids that swing merrily around her shoulders.

The soft, whispering wind had pried loose some strands and these frame her face. Her expression is one of supreme contentment, which is a rarity in this particular section of the city.

All around her is the dank smell of poverty and its companions ... unemployment, hunger and unhappiness. Dilapidated houses close in on the footpath. Her presence is like a bright light in the dark realm of time. She is as familiar yet elusive as time itself. Only them of strong heart and faith see her.

She is the symbol of hope and happiness. She walks the footpaths and dirt tracks of the world. She is everywhere willing people to see and recognise and welcome her.

Welcome her!



### ONE WISH

by Ciara Power

It happened when I was out theback with Mammy hanging out the clothes. The phone rang and Mammy answered it. Then it started raining. I went down to the shed. When I was there I heard a noise. At first I thought it was a cat but then I saw a fairy. It was the first fairy I had ever seen. I was scared first but she said hello and I said hello back. She asked me could she stay in the shed for the night and I said yes. In return for my kindness she offered me one wish. I wished that the rain would stop. Suddenly the sun shone. Then Mammy came back out, I ran to help her. I told her what happened and she believed me. That night I was in bed I heard the little fairy call again. Suddenly the door flew open and in came the little fairy. She asked me could she stay in my bedroom because it was too cold outside. I invited her in, and because of that we were very good friends from then on. No one ever knew my secret as the fairy was invisible to everyone but me.

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The next morning the landlord came. He asked for the rent. The widow said "I can not pay you yet".

Just then there was a knock at the door. There were three men dressed in fine clothes at the door. They asked if the king was there she said no only this old man.

"May we see him?", they asked.

"Yes of course", said Sorch. The three men said, "That is the King".

The King said to the landlord "you are a cruel man you should not treat people like that".

The King said to Sorch "You and your son come and live in the palace".

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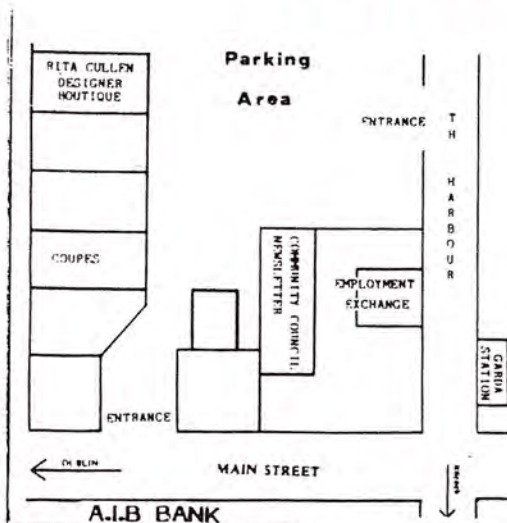
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## WEEKEND IN GALWAY *by Rita Murray*

The coach hadn't even pulled away from our hall where we met every week for our Ladies Club and already I was feeling depressed. The last thing I wanted was to be like Misery's Mother on this weekend trip to Galway. As we started off on the first leg of the journey, Joan my best friend who knew me better than most, could tell by my face the turmoil that was churning around inside me. Squeezing my arm and whispering kindly "cheer up Beth. We are going to have a great time. Just think three whole days, free of household chores. Three days of titivating ourselves, without th heads of our kids intruding in the mirror. If the crack is anything like last year we'll have a great time. Ann and Pauline are organising a pyjama party for tomorrow night".

This was JOan's second trip away with our Ladies Club and my first. Already the girls were getting into the mood of expectancy and were starting a sing song. When Joan urged me to join in, all I could do was smile, for there was a lump in my throat that could only be assuaged by a good cry and this was not the time or place.

Turning my face to the window as we sped by green countryside, my thoughts flashed back to the events of the past week. The atmosphere in the home, had been less than cordial to say the least. I still couldn't come to terms with Don's attitude to my going on this Autumn break. I had prepared him six months in advance. He seemed amicable enough at the time to my going and didn't raise any objections to having some time to myself with the girls. It was my first time to spend a weekend away on my own.

Last year I had wanted to to Cork. Then Don pointed out we weren't very financially sound, but I didn't think the trip would have declared us bankrupt. So this year, Joan and I were really excited that I was going with her, for what promised to be three days of fun packed activity, with sight seeing, cabaret, and generally taking it easy.

Then a week ago, Don dropped his little bombshell, which took the form of an inquisition as to why I wanted to go away from him and the children. If I really wanted a weekend away he would take me. A few years ago when the children were small, that suggestion would have had me jumping for joy, but now the kids were becoming quite self-sufficient and were very eager for me to go on the trip, but Don went on with his martyred air. He really didn't understand me choosing to spend the weekend with the girls from the Ladies Club instead of him.

"Oh really?" I asked sweetly while thinking to myself, now for the moment of truth! The big showdown! The time had finally come. My time... Oh how I had longed for this.

"You feel bad about me going away without you, don't you?". I went on with honied words before lunging in for the kill.

"I think you are insecure about this whole issue. Can you not simply understand that women can enjoy each others company without the stimulus of men about".

Here it was! The blow between the eyes.

"You should understand more than most. Remember you're the one who has spent weekends away in this marriage when the children were small and it wasn't on for me going with you.. Yes I know they were football matches but that was no comfort for me as you flew

to Manchester on Friday morning to return home on the following Monday and that would be the week our Linda had measles, but still you couldn't postpone the outing could you? And the two occasions you went to Killarney. Sure whats a weekend away between the lads and I know it was all innocent fun, you and the boys dancing outside Kate Kearney's Cottage with women from a Ladies Club from Cork. But all the same, Don, what's good for the goose is good for the gander, don't you agree?"

That question went down like a lead balloon with my husband of fourteen years. Oh revenge is sweet! I thought as I looked at Don's face which was becoming decidedly crestfallen.

Now sitting ont eh coach, I couldn't help thinking revenge could be sweeter if it wasn't accompanied by guilt. It hadn't been made easier by loving arms, gentle kisses and reassuring words like "enjoy yourself Mum. Don't worry we'll be fine. We can take care of everything while you are gone".

So making a silent resolve to put husband, kids and dog out of my mind until the return journey home. I was going to make the most of the next few days and as I started to join in the singing and the mood of gaiety that pervaded the whole group.

Joan turned to me and smiled with a look that said "that's it we're going to have a great time" as we started the next verse of "Viva Espania", followed by "You should never shove your granny off the bus".

## WISH UPON A STAR

*by Pdraig Hogan*

It was 1986. A young boy was watching an awe-inspiring sight, a shooting star! He made a wish that one day he would be a traveller in space.

In the year 2006 Troy Parker's wish came true. He was now skipper of a space shuttle delivering supplies to one of the Irish space platforms in the earth's orbit. But Parker was also a greedy man. Once aboard the platform he began counting his stolen diamonds which he intended to sell on the black market.

Just then Captain Walker discovered him and caught him red-handed. Walker was disgusted. He reached for the phone to go inform the Commander. Parker was desperate, if he was reported his career was finished.

"No", he screamed and bashed his helmet on Walker's head killing him instantly. He succeeded in smuggling the dead body back to his shuttle. His plan was to release the body into the earth's atmosphere where it would burn up.

"No one will know what happened", he mused.

But in his haste he forgot to strap Walker's body down and immediately after take-off the lifeless corpse shot into the air and hit the booster charge. Parker knew he hadn't a hope. He was seconds from the earth's atmosphere and he was certain to burn up. The heat shield went, it got hotter, hotter, hotter...

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## ONLY THE FITTEST SURVIVE

by Michael Meally

The red light flashed and a brilliant bright flame illuminated the launch pad as the new grey and white towering Space Shuttle Atlantis soared through earth's atmosphere and into dark, cold and bleak space.

Although the heating system on board made sure the temperature level was normal, a chill ran down my spine. It wasn't from cold or nervousness because I was an experienced astronaut and I had participated in dozens of other missions. But after reassuring myself a few times I still felt the chill or was it just a chill or was I sensing some danger. I pondered on it for a while but I decided to work which might put the idea out of my head. I checked the radar, no danger or problems to be detected. I went to the space telescope and pried into it and gazed in awe at the splendour of picturesque earth. Then I placed special filters on the telescope and stared at the sun. I stepped back in amazement and shock for a meteorite was on a head on collision with us. I rushed to the radar but it didn't detect the meteorite. I guessed the meteorite contained some type of metal ore and with the sun behind it the sun rays were reflecting off the metal ore which were sending out strange

impulses which confused the radar and the radar didn't show it on the screen. The other six members of the crew were in the cockpit compartment checking and double checking equipment. I floated through the air as fast as I possibly could but when I got to the cockpit compartment there was artificial gravity. I zoomed into the compartment and told them all the cause of alert. Mick Hanley the pilot couldn't look at the meteorite for fear of being blinded by the sun and the radar could not aid him in any way. He had to depend on 'dead reckoning'. Just then Mick brought the shuttle into a spiral dive but only to find ourselves under the meteorite. Mick noticed an awkward craggy and jagged piece of rock sticking out. He manoeuvred the shuttle skillfully but the rock ripped open the satellite payload and a chemical fire erupted into full fury. John Smith the technical scientist nicknamed 'Einstein' told Mick to leave the cargo bay doors open because if they were closed the fire would tend to spread. It just took 'Einstein' 20 minutes to devise a plan to convert liquid propellant (the shuttle's type of fuel) into a chemical capable of extinguishing the fire. We converted 25% of our fuel into the special chemical. We poured the chemical into an empty plastic drum and placed it on the robot arm. I then took

control of the 'arm' and brought the drum over the heart of the fire and dropped it in. We then had to wait for ten minutes to see if the chemical would take effect. As we waited drops of sweat glistened on my brow as well as the others were ashen faced and I was probably the same. After what seemed eternity, 'Einstein' who was keeping a keen eye on the time coolly remarked "It should take effect any second now". Just as he spoke there was a mighty explosion and we staggered to see what had happened to the flames. All that was left was a scene of smouldering smoke rising in a thin wavy column. Then we sealed the cargo doors and plotted a course back to earth. We reported to Mission Control in Huston and we got the light hearted reply of "Thanks a lot you guys because we had a bunch of guys going blue but are breat again".

We all laughed heartily and glided back into earth's atmosphere.

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### Light at Backlane

We have been informed that a light will be provided on Backlane in the near future. We have sought the provision of a light here for a number of years. Money was allocated towards the cost involved arising from a proposal by Cllr. Stagg that £5,000 be set aside in the Co. Council's budget to provide lights in areas where there are senior citizens. The Co. Manager has committed himself to having the light erected as soon as possible.

### Convent Road Repairs

The repairs to be carried out to Convent Road, entail improvements to the corner with the Main Street and improvements at the Dillon's Row/Convent Road junction. The residents are concerned that some work should be carried out on the road outside of houses Nos 1 to 10 Leinster Cottages in order to prevent continued damage to houses along the road.

### Lights out of order

A number of the public lights in the area were not working in particular at Dillon's Row and Pound Lane. The lights are now working at Dillon's Row.

### Recent Deaths

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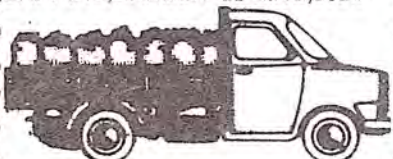
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## GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Since we last reported to you we held a general meeting on the 30th of Sept. 1986 in the I.C.A. Hall which regrettably was very poorly attended. The meeting dealt mainly with two items.

1. Report on planning decisions
2. Neighbourhood watch scheme

More about those in a moment. We also had a treasurer's report and heard of one or two schemes to raise money. The cost of insurance for personal liability has gone through the roof.

### No. 66 Bus Extension

Following a report which advised that the sites preferred by C.I.E. were not agreeable to residents of Kingsbry and Carton Court. The Committee was asked to make efforts to find a site agreeable to all parties.

### Straffan Road Development

A report was given on the latest developments of above project.

### Laneway between Laurence Ave./ Maynooth Park

The meeting heard that because of increased harassment, concerned residents had written to K.C.C. to ask that the laneway be blocked off.

### Report on Planning Decisions

The meeting heard with regret that our efforts to overturn Kildare County Council permission for a snooker club in Greenfield S.C. were overruled by An Bord Pleanala. However, stringent planning regulations have been added by An

Bord Pleanala. The fast food application is still under consideration by Kildare Co. Council and developments are awaited.

### Neighbourhood Watch

An excellent talk was given by Sgt. Callinan, crime prevention officer of Carlow/Kildare garda district. He outlined the benefits of setting up a scheme and the various aids that are available for marking property. It was decided to set up an initial committee to develop this concept in our estate. Those who indicated a willingness to work in this area will be contacted shortly

### COLLEGE NOTES

This year the college has the largest number of students in its history — something over 2,200. These are full-time students. In addition there are about 2,500 who attend extra-mural courses in centres throughout the country.

In the ten years it has been in operation the college scholarships scheme has awarded grants totalling £153,000 to about eighty students.

This is a busy time for Muireann Ni Bhrolcain (photograph) of Laurence Ave., who is a lecturer in the Department of Old and Middle Irish. On October 2nd her book on Maol Iosa O Brolcain (An early Irish poet) was launched by An Sagart, the Irish language publishing house based in the college. In the same week it was announced that two of her playscripts — a one-act stage play and a radio play — had been awarded prizes in national Oireachtas competitions.



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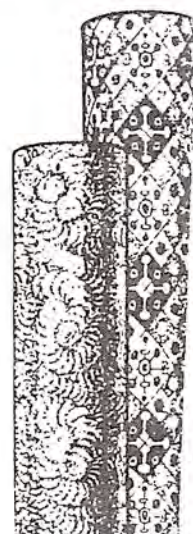
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## STREET TALKING

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Not only through-traffic will benefit from Maynooth's facility; Bank of Ireland PASS can also be used by customers of the Northern Bank and the Ulster Bank. When contacted by the *Newsletter*, the local branch of the Allied Irish Bank said they had no immediate plans for an equivalent 'Banklink' machine at Maynooth. Indeed, they are biding their time and looking forward to the time when there will be complete interchangeability among all 'automatic tellers', with customers of any bank able to use any machine.

The arrival of 24-hour automatic banking at Maynooth will not mean the loss of the personal touch at the Bank of Ireland, of course. Larry Ayers, now in his eighth year here as Manager, and the Assistant Manager Tony McGowan hope that the services of the new facility will free the staff to give even better attention to customers' needs. Things are on the move among the 'live' staff of the bank as well, as Helen Tully is moving to the Monasterevin branch, but the other friendly faces of the staff — Dolores Coffey from Enfield, Patricia Reilly who lives in Clebridge, and Aisling Neill who travels down from Templeogue — will, we hope, be with us for some time yet.

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## MAYNOOTH G.A.A.

The final of our senior football tournament for the Tom Flood Cup was played on Sunday 5th October. Celbridge brushed aside the challenge from Rathcoffey with the score Celbridge 2-10 Rathcoffey 2-6. Celbridge were sharper all over the field with Mick Wright (former Offaly football), R. Shaw, P. Dowling and G. Bagnall to the fore. Best for Rathcoffey were J. McAndrew, Pauric and Tom Travers.

Aidan Flood presented the Cup to the winning Captain George Bagnall. In the curtain raiser our Minor team beat Kilcock 1-9 to 1-5. Scores for Maynooth S. Molloy 1-1, P. Ennis 0-3, K. Fagan 0-3, D. Gaffney 0-1 and M. Kelly 0-1. Maynooth had good defenders in G. Whelan, D. Faherty, M. Nevin, R. Barry and C. O'Donnell. Our Vets. team completed the double with a comfortable win over Celbridge. This is the complete team with strength down the middle and speed on the wings! The team was:

K. Diggins, L. Leacy, M. Murtagh, B. Edwards, P. Power, M. Gillick, P. Nevin, C. Murphy, M. Meally, S. Griffin, N. Farrelly, A. Flood, D. Quigley, D. Casey, M. Kelly and T. Fay.

We wish to thank the Leinster Arms, Tom Geraghty, Greenfield Shopping Centre and Noel Cassidy, The Roost for their sponsorship.

## Flag Day

Many thanks to those who supported our Annual Flag Days on the weekend of 4th/5th October.

Congratulations to Michael Nevin on his selection for the Kildare Under 16 Football Team. Michael was left fullback on the team when they beat Meath 3-12 to 0-2 in the 1st round of the Leinster Championship.

The club had an enjoyable day's outing in Salthill on Sunday 12th Oct. Our minor and junior teams had two good wins over local club Barna. There was an exciting finish to the minor game with Maynooth securing victory in the dying minutes with a goal by S. Molloy.

The game was refereed by Bosco McDermott, former Galway All-Ireland footballer.

## Under 11 Football League

Over the past three weeks 96 young footballers from the Boys' National School have been engaged in a local league. Jim Barry, Main Street, kindly donated a set of medals for the winning team. Teacher Joe McBride did tremendous work in organising the league.

In the final "Kildare" beat "Meath" 3-3 to 2-1. A. Noonan was man of the match and his accuracy accounted for all of the winner's scores.

"Kildare" H. Nevin, P. Hogan, A. Noonan, E. Kelly, B. Moen, J. Rossiter, P. McWeeney, J.P. McMahon, E. Flynn, A. Gartland, R. McKeever, R. Cryan.

"Meath" E. Lyons, A. O'Shea, J. Lynch, P. Leacy, G. McGlinchey, B. Hanley, J. Higgins, A. Ashe, B. Boland, S. Murray, D. Molloy, B. McGlinchey.

'Well done' to the school under 11 football team who have qualified for the semi-finals of Division I League with good wins over Carbury, Clane and Kilcock.

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## ANY NEWS?

The *Newsletter* is always interested in what is going on so that it can provide a better service to its readers.

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#### LADIES SOCCER

Anybody interested in playing soccer, there is a ladies soccer club that trains on a Wednesday night in the Post Primary School Gym at 7.30 p.m. and will also be training in the Harbour Field during the week. For more details contact Patricia Nyland 285257 (daytime) or Shelly Breslin 285922 (daytime) or 286254 (home). All are welcome to join us.

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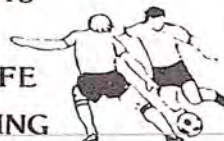
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## MAYNOOTH A.C.

The new cross country season saw many Maynooth athletes in action at Gormans-ton in the St. Joseph's A.C. promotions. Michelle Ennis was a good winner of the Girls U/14 and with good support from Carmel Noonan, Lisa McClusky and Catherine Gleeson they took 2nd team prize. Mairead Noonan (2nd Nov. Ladies) Patsy McCluskey (1st Ladies O/30) and Mick Gleeson (2nd Men O/40) were others to take individual awards and also giving good account of themselves were Girls U/10 Aisling Redmond, Ciara Power and Josephine Gallagher; Girls U/12 Emma McCluskey, Gillian Power and Josephine Gallagher; Girls U/16 Susan Ennis; Boys U/14 Kevin Gallagher; Jun. Men Darragh Callaghan; Nov. Men Brendan Moran.

## St. Gerard's Road Races

### Results

Girls U/8 : 5th Virginia Breslin 15th Audrey Travers.

Girls U/9 : 3rd Ciara Power

Girls U/11 : 3rd Emma McCluskey  
10th Niamh O'Melia.

Girls U/14 : 1st Michelle Ennis, 2nd Lisa McCluskey, 4th Carmel Noonan, 6th Catherine Gleeson.

Girls U/15 : 1st Emer Farrelly,  
2nd Sandra Stewart

Boys U/14 : 1st Brendan Lawler.

Girls U/16 : 4th Sharon Ennis,  
5th Fiona Lawler.

Jun. Ladies : 1st Grainne Farrelly

Ladies O/30 : 1st Patsy McCluskey

Ladies O/35 : 2nd Margaret Noonan,  
3rd Marie Gleeson, 4th Brighidin Breslin,  
5th Barbara Treacy.

Men O/40 : 4th Mick Gleeson, 5th Dave Jolley

Men O/45 : 4th Pearse Breslin,  
6th Paddy Power



## Road Championships

Maynooth Athletes had successes in both Leinster and All Season's 10 Mile events. In the Leinster O/45 Peter Keegan was 1st and Pearse Breslin 2nd, while Keegan, Pat Maher and Mick Gleeson took the team title O/40.

In the All-Ireland, Marie Gleeson took the Ladies O/35 and Peter Keegan was 3rd O/45 Men. Dave Jolley and Mick Gleeson were also in action but the team were out of the medals.



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## EOIN POL HURLING CLUB

The best performances in the Club for the year came from the U/12s and U/14s Both reached their finals, and both lost to Coill Dubh at the last hurdle. This was particularly disappointing for the U/14s who had beaten Coill Dubh at an earlier stage of the competition. Michael Madden, Joe Cainy, Pat Kelleher and Quigley all played a prominent part in the teams campaign. The U/12 team put up a great display before going down to a stronger Coill Dubh selection. Andrew Fay, Joseph Nevin, Jonathan Flynn, Edward Lacey, Martin Donnelly and Simon Cotter played their hearts out, as did other panelists Peter Lacey, Pdraic and Fergal Ward, Richard Cotter, Niall Gillick, David and Andrew Ashe, Stephen McCluskey, Michael Flynn Niall Gillick, Patrick Farrell, Damian and Eric Flynn and Joey Cerridge, many of whom played in earlier rounds.

Keeping Juvenile Teams on the road can be a great financial strain so we are especially grateful to Tony Dunning, Greenfield Drive and Murphy's Pub, Kilcock for their very generous sponsorship. Injuries and holidays played havoc with our Junior Team before they took the field at all against Corrachóill in the Co. Semi Final. We were well beaten after seeming to have a chance midway through the 2nd half. Tom Flaherty, Frank Spellman and Pat Comerford were our only players to strike their true form on the day.

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## SWIMMING CLUB NEWS

The swimming classes are now completely booked for this term, and there is a waiting list for the November term. Those interested in joining in November should give their names to any of the Committee members.

Deirdre Hetherington  
P.R.O.



### BRU BOSCO NOTES

Hats off to our Financial Team, Pauline Burke, Fintan Ruddy, Brian O'Malley and Sister Patricia F.M.A. The Table Quiz in the Leinster Arms on Thursday 16th October was a great success. The success of the venture would not have been possible without the generosity of many. The prizes were sponsored by Cahill's Newsagency, Coffee Kitchen, Conroy's Chemist, Doyle's Shoes, Embassy Cleaners, F.M.K. Casuals, Jim's Shoes, Murray's Curtains, House Pride, Leonard's New Waves, O'Brien's Supermarket, Shades' Boutique, Sports Locker, Ultravision, Allied Irish Banks, Bank of Ireland, Ulster Bank Ltd., Mrs. Mary Cullen, Mrs. P. Fegan. Our total profits were £248.10. Our sincere thanks to all. Tony McArdle did a super job as compere. Thanks must go to the Leinster Arms, and the friendly staff, not forgetting the equally friendly customers who were responsible for some unofficial tips. The winning teams were:

- 1st: Pat Keans (14)  
Pat McEvoy  
Tom Conway  
Paddy Farrell
- 2nd: Carol Clifford (15)  
Pat Kiely  
Declan O'Connor  
Richard Farrell
- 3rd: Martin McGrath (6)  
Willie Saults  
Gerry Durack  
Gordon Long

On behalf of a thriving Youth Club, which was falling to pieces through lack of funds, I say thank you to everybody who helped, especially as our misfortunes were brought about by vandalism. Our Financial Team have arranged for flag-days 31st October and 1st November, followed by a Monster Bingo in the Parish Hall on Sunday November 23rd.

We bought covering for the two pool tables and a dartboard. Christmas Tournaments will start on Tuesday November 4th. *Orienteering* will start on Saturday November 30th. It is hoped to spend New Year in *Spanish Point* again. On outings and activities and weekends away priority will be given to those who attend on a regular basis and who help out in the up-keep etc. of the Hall when necessary.

We need Board Games as all of ours were destroyed when we were broken into. Any video games not in use would get a great welcome. We want all members to help us get the Hall into shape again. Don't forget the *Chief's Feastday* is not far away, and Academy Night ideas

will be welcomed. It will be difficult to surpass the show Ann Stewart produced last year so get your skates on.

Ballroom Dancing starts on Monday 3rd November, anybody interested contact Peig Lynch 286110 or Alice Cleary 822 Greenfield. Fee £13 for eight weeks. Come on Young Folks and get ready for the Debs, and let those who grew up in the Disco age get ready for the Big Band scene again. Limited Numbers.

Please support the bingo on Nov. 23rd. We need oil for the winter. Never forget why we started the club — it was so young people could get off the street corners — have a safe place to meet — and so *prevent* drugs getting a grip on the youth of Maynooth.

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## MAYNOOTH I.C.A.

The monthly meeting took place on the usual first Thursday of October. Mrs. Stynes presided and welcomed everyone.

A report on the Annual Show, which due to a lot of business in September was held over. Mrs. Gee and Mrs. Farrell were annoyed at lack of publication of the full results in *Newsletter*. Mr. Gerry Colreavy, who attended tried to explain the reasons for not publishing the full results but the Flower Club Committee wish it to be known that this was not their fault as a full report was submitted for publication.

Crafts are continuing each Monday night with dressmaking, knitting, crochet and anyone interested in learning any of these or other crafts are welcome to attend. The crafts night is every Monday from 8 to 10 for members and we would like to see more people attending.

A table quiz organised by the V.C.O.'s will take place in the Dew Drop Inn on Wednesday 15th October and Myanooth Guild have agreed to send two teams. Best of luck and lots of fun to them. The Drama takes place on 22nd, 23rd and 24th October and we wish our hard working artists the best of good luck on their night.

The Annual General Meeting takes place on the 1st Thursday of November and nominations for President and Committee must be with the Secretary on or before 20th October. Hoping a number of people will be agreeable to let their names go forward. The competition for October which was 300-500 word essay incorporating Irish words was won by Betty Farrell and her work now goes forward to Autumn/Winter Federation Competition and hope she does well at that level. Next month's competition is for favourite post card.

The demonstration for October was Bob Hope/Tom McGarry. They gave a most informative exhibition of marquetry. It's a very old form of decoration for furniture, pictures etc. Basically it is the use of very thin sheets of veneer alternating in colour grain and texture. It is hoped to have an exhibition of this art in the Public Library and it is worth going along to see craftsmen at work. After this month the Guild will have a new P.R.O. as I have completed my three year term of office on Committee. Thanking the Newsletter for publishing my notes every month and wishing the new President and Committee every success.

Imelda Delaney  
P.R.O.



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## LIBRARY NEWS: NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

The fourth National Children's Book Week organised by the Youth Libraries Group of the Library Association of Ireland, will take place from 29th October to 5th November, 1986. The purpose of the Week is to encourage the use and enjoyment of books by children.

The various events that will be taking place in Maynooth Branch Library can be seen by referring to the timetable. Some competitions will be taking place outside of the library namely the art Competitions and the Short Story Competition. Entries for these must be handed in before Monday, 3rd November.

Other competitions will take place on the days advertised, and details of these may be obtained from either desk in the library.

Margaret Walsh Gannon  
Maynooth Public Library



## LANGUAGE CENTRE

The Language Centre offers extra-mural courses in the following languages: Nua Ghaeilge, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian and English as a foreign language. Each course involves two hours per week, afternoons and evenings, from mid October to Easter. Classes are taught by native speakers, at three

levels: beginners, intermediate and advanced. The fee for the year is £60, payable at first attendance.

Further information from Deirdre Hetherington, Language Centre, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Phone 285222 Ext. 412.

**PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK  
IN MAYNOOTH BRANCH LIBRARY, 1986.**

TIME	11am	2 pm	3 pm	4 pm
Wednesday 29th Oct.		Spot prizes (for answering correctly book-based questions)	Board Games Tournament (for 7-12 year olds)	
Thursday 30th Oct.	CLOSED	Cartoon-Caption Competition (up to 12 years)		Storytime in Irish (6-12 year olds)
Friday 31st Oct.	HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES SPOT PRIZE (non-competitive)			Ghost Story with special effects.
Monday 3rd Nov.	CLOSED	Draw-based on borrowers using children's library today		Book based charades (non- competitive) Spot Prize
Tuesday 4th Nov.	CLOSED	Visit to Cardinal Printing Press - arranged through Primary School.		
Wednesday 5th Nov.	Rhyme-time and picnic for pre-school children (for up to 5 year olds)		Fancy Dress Comp. (up to 12 yr. olds)	Prize giving for: Art Competition Story Comp. Cartoon Caption Draw Board Games Fancy Dress

Competitions to be done at  
home and handed in:

**1. Art Competition - subject**

*Halloween*

Age groups - under 7  
7-12

**2. Short story competition - subject**

*Halloween Story*

Age groups - under 7  
7-12

ENTRIES MUST BE HANDED INTO  
MAYNOOTH LIBRARY BY MONDAY,  
3rd NOVEMBER.



**Bobs Kitchen Corner**

**Christmas Cake**

(light and moist fruit cake) 1 9" cake.

*Ingredients*

5 ozs glace cherries chopped  
1 lb raisins  
6 oz currants  
2 ozs finely chopped peel  
1 tablespoon finely chopped Angelica  
4 oz chopped walnuts  
8 oz self raising flour  
8 oz & 2 tablespoons of soft butter  
8 oz brown sugar  
6 eggs  
1½ teaspoons of allspice  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons sherry . . . . .

*Here's How*

Pre-heat oven to cool 300 degrees F,  
Gas 2. Lightly grease a 9" cake tin  
with 1 tablespoon butter. Line with  
greaseproof paper, then grease with  
butter.

Combine the cherries raisins, currants  
peel, angelica, and walnuts into mixing  
bowl.

Sprinkle in two tablespoons of flour  
and mix well to coat the fruit then set  
aside.

Cream the remaining butter and  
sugar with a woodenspoon, until  
mixture is light and fluffy.

Add eggs one at a time with spoon-  
ful of flour and beat in well.

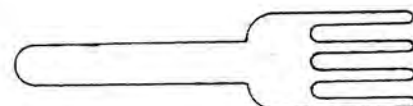
Fold in the remaining flour, allspice  
and salt. Stir in the fruit and nuts ade  
sherry and mix well

Pour mixture into the cake tin and  
bake in centre of oven for 3 hours, or  
until a skewer can go into the cake and  
come out clean.

Remove cake from oven and allow  
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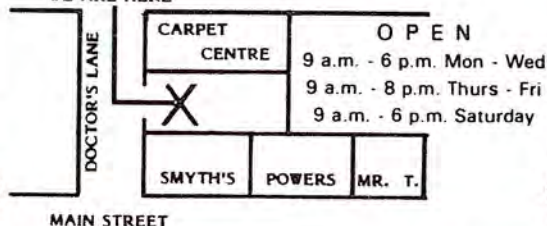
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Cows	Bleat
Donkeys	Speak
Sheep	Hiss

2)

## MIXED-UP FISH

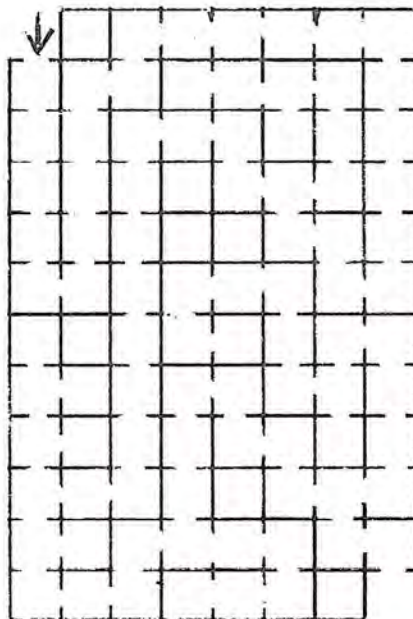
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## IRISH ENGLISH CROSSWORD

### TRASNA

1. Uan	1. Léim
3. Inis	2. Bád
5. Uisce	3. Iad san
7. Cuid	4. Loch
8. Déan	5. Mícheall
9. Fáine	6. Éan dubh
11. Sáil Coise	9. Ritheann
13. Glas	10. Fás
14. Teaspáin	11. Ceann
15. Maibh	12. Talamh

## GET THROUGH THE MAZE



## The King's Breakfast

The King asked  
The Queen, and  
The Queen asked  
The Dairymaid:  
"Could we have some butter for  
The Royal slice of bread?"

The Queen asked  
The Dairymaid,  
The Dairymaid  
Said, "Certainly,  
I'll go and tell  
The cow  
Now

Before she goes to bed."

The Dairymaid  
She curtsied,

And went and told  
The Alderney:  
"Don't forget the butter for  
The Royal slice of bread."

The Alderney  
Said sleepily:  
"You'd better tell  
His Majesty  
That many people nowadays  
Like marmalade  
Instead."

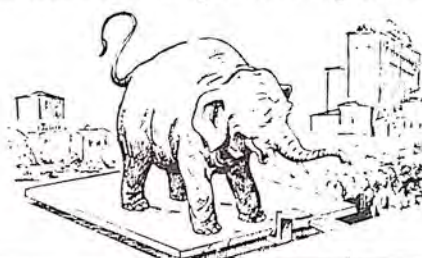
The Dairymaid  
Said, "Fancy!"  
And went to  
Her Majesty.  
She curtsied to the Queen, and  
She turned a little red:  
"Excuse me,  
Your Majesty,  
For taking of  
The liberty,  
But marmalade is tasty, if  
It's very  
Thickly  
Spread."

The Queen said  
"Oh!"  
And went to  
His Majesty:  
"Talking of the butter for  
The royal slice of bread,  
Many people  
Think that  
Marmalade  
Is nicer.  
Would you like to try a little  
Marmalade  
Instead?"  
The King said,  
"Bother!"  
And then he said,  
"Oh, deary me!"  
The King sobbed, "Oh, deary me!"  
And went back to bed.  
"Nobody,"  
He whimpered,  
"Could call me  
A fussy man;  
I *only* want  
A little bit  
Of butter for  
My bread!"

The Queen said,  
"There, there!"  
And went to  
The Dairymaid.  
The Dairymaid  
Said, "There, there!"  
And went to the shed.  
The cow said,  
"There, there!  
I didn't really  
Mean it;  
Here's milk for his porringer  
And butter for his bread."

The Queen took  
The butter  
And brought it to  
His Majesty;  
The King said,  
"Butter, eh?"  
And bounced out of bed.  
"Nobody," he said,  
As he kissed her  
Tenderly,  
"Nobody," he said,  
As he slid down  
The banisters,  
"Nobody,  
My darling,  
Could call me  
A fussy man -  
BUT

*I do like a little bit of butter to my bread!"*



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### MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLES COMMITTEE

Our first "Active Aged Week" was an outstanding success. All the functions were very well attended and we thank all who helped us make this week so special — the management & staff of The Leinster Arms, Mr. Tom Ashe and Mr. Ciaran Dockery of the Post Primary School, Mrs. Felicity Satchwell and The Flower Club and the Staff in the Library, the members of the Labour Party who organised their walk to coincide with the final day of Active Aged Week and the members of St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band who led off the Walkers and who entertained at our party afterwards. Many of our old folk took part in and finished the walk — our congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Bourke, Ballygordan, Mr. Jimmy Timmons, Lady-chapel and Mrs. Nellie Rossiter, Leinster Court. The results of our Essay/Poem Competition will be announced at our Party on 9th November in S.M.A. These are at present being judged by Mr. Ciaran Dockery. We were a little disappointed at the response to our call for a Fancy Dress at our Party and only two ladies "dressed up" i.e. Mrs. Eileen Fingleton and Mrs. Lizzie Bennett and they were 'handsomely' rewarded.

Our Thursday morning 'get together' is still going strong in the I.C.A. Hall from 10.30 to 12.30. Drop in, have a chat and a cuppa and the odd game.

Our Annual Sale of Work will take place in the Parish Hall on Sunday 16th Nov. Members of the Committee will visit every house during the week prior to the date. Please receive them graciously and they will accept donations of cash, food and bottles, anything in fact *except clothes*. We will not be having a clothes stall this year. We have always received the best of support and we are confident this year will be no different. We also of course appeal to everybody, especially newcomers to Maynooth, to come and support the Sale. There will be plenty of bargains and prizes galore.

Carol Barton  
P.R.O.

### CALLING WOMEN WRITERS!

Submissions are being invited for the WEB Journal of Irish Women's Writing. Submissions must be no longer than 2000 words. Poems, short stories, extracts from novels or plays in progress and literary criticism are accepted. Mark envelope "Journal" and address to WEB, Kinnear Court, 16/20 South Cumberland Street, Dublin 2 (Tel: 717383). Closing date for submissions is 10 November.

### SCOUT NEWS

Our A.G.M. will be held in the Scout Den (grounds of Post Primary School), on Thursday 13th November at 9.00 pm. We earnestly ask the parents of all our Scouts to attend this meeting. The future success of our unit depends on your support.

Attendance at this meeting will give many parents their first opportunity to look around our newly decorated Den.

We are pleased that the open space at the back of the Den has now been "reclaimed", and the grass is starting to appear. Most of the credit for this project must go to Johnnie Halton and Patsy Cassells who did trojan work during the summer holidays.

Our Saturday Cub Scout Pack are going to Tuam later this month as guests of the Local Cub Scouts. Report next month.

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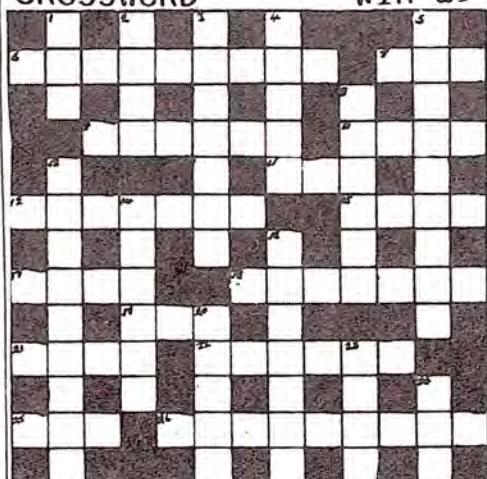
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9. Herb (6)
10. Not Any (4)
11. Finish (3)
12. Israeli Settlement
15. Gain Work (4)
17. Narrow Street (4)
18. One who looks after
19. Paper Marker (3)
21. Give out cards(4)
22. Disputes (6)
25. Pig Place (3)
26. Blocked (9)

## DOWN

1. Swampy area (3)
2. Instead of a disc or record (4)
3. Self-respect (7)
4. Fierce bird (5)
5. National areas (9)
8. Is that a fact!(6)
13. Tobacco product(9)
14. Insect (6)
16. Luggage (7)
20. Pig Meat (5)
23. Simple (4)
24. Somewhere to sleep(3)

There were no entries  
to last months competitor

Maynooth Post Primary School has been a hive of activity since our return to the groves of Academia. For our Intermediate and Group Certificate students, the long awaited results day finally came, — and in the euphoria of success that followed, the saiting period seemed worthwhile. Our hearty congratulations to all our students — they did themselves — and us, proud.

Success also on the sporting field, and in a variety of areas. Congratualtions to Helen Tracy, winner of a Gold Medal for Javelin at the National Community Games recently. Our senior panel were victorious in the Kildare Schools seven-a-side, and again at senior level our footballers were successful in the first round of the Senior Championsjip.

For the first year students the highlight of the year must be their opening Mass held in the Post-Primary School on Tuesday, October 7th at 8.00 pm. Chief Celebrant was Bishop Dermot Mahony, assisted by Fr. E. Thynne, Fr. B. Supple and Fr. D. Cogan, Rev. J. Hammond also participated. (The Mass was warm and personal — readings, gifts and prayers reflecting the hopes, values and aspirations we hold for our young people. All in all it was a pleasant social evening for parents, students and teachers, who enjoyed light refreshments (provided courtesy of a very busy and able Home Economic's Dept.) and easy conversation.)

We have just held the first Parent-Teacher Meeting of the year — for the second year students. A well-attended and worthwhile exercise for everyone involved. The next such event will take place on November 10th at 7.30 pm — this time for the parents and teachers of our third year students.

And finally a word to our last year's students — the class of '86. For most of these life really began early in October — their entry into the challenging and competitive arena of third-level education. We offer the following our very best wishes and remind them that we will always be glad to be of assistance to them in any way throughout their studies.

Many other of our students have successfully found employment — to one and all; we wish you well. Keep in touch, boys annd girls.

**Arts in Maynooth:** Paul Williams, Stephen Gillespie, Lisa Kirkpatrick, Amelia Mullen, Roisin Dunbar.

**Science Maynooth:** Niall Doran, Aisling Colclough, Mary Murphy.

**U.C.D.:** Mark Burns, Diarmuid Kennedy, Thomas Ashe, Colm O'Donnell.

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The announcement was made a fortnight ago by the Minister for Communications that he was giving cable TV companies the go-ahead to relay satellite signals for an experimental period in 1987. The *Newsletter* contacted *Celbridge Relays* which supplies cable television to Maynooth about the possibility of the service being extended to Maynooth. Paddy Hayes of *Celbridge Relays* says that he has an active interest in the matter, but does not see satellite signals being relayed to Maynooth in the near future. There are not enough VHF channels available on the present system. Large companies like Dublin Cablesystems have invested a lot of money in the necessary equipment, and are already recouping it from their subscribers who are paying about £125 per annum. 'Would Maynooth subscribers be prepared to pay two-and-a-half times their present cable rental?' queries Mr. Hayes.

A number of factors remain to be resolved. The position may be clearer after the AGM this month of The Cable Association of Ireland. Watch this space!

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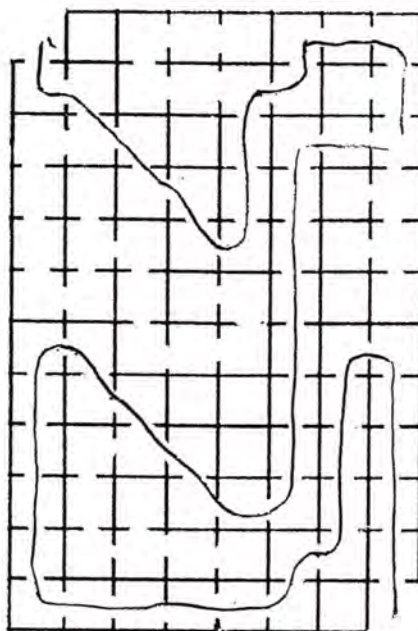
- 1)  
Horses Neigh  
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Snakes Hiss  
Turkeys Gobble  
Cats Meow  
People Speak  
Cows Low  
Donkeys Bray  
Sheep Bleat

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- 5th Deirdre Behan, Kilclones
- 6th Emer O'Keefe, Greenfield
- 7th Clare Devaney, Greenfield



## NATURE TRAIL

### The Hawk

The two species of Hawk that we most frequently see in this country are the Sparrow and Kestrel. The Kestrel can be seen most frequently while hunting, it hangs nearly motionless in the sky, at this stage it is facing the wind and when it spots something small moving on the ground, it drops down and carries its prey away in its talons. The talons are very sharp and it also has a curved beak for tearing its food and also for killing. The main diet of the hawk are mice, young rabbits, birds, the Sparrow Hawk is usually seen flying very fast on country roads, very low over the ground. Hawks have very keen sight and the slightest movement will draw their attention, they are not very good nest builders and they may use an old crows nest in a wood. They usually lay 4 to 5 eggs in the month of May, the eggs are brown with blotches of dark brown, the eggs are incubated for about 4 to 6 weeks. The young hawks stay in the nest for about six weeks and they are fed by both parents. They learn to fly very quickly but stay in and around the nest area in the woods where it is safe for them. A lot of them are shot and poisoned, this is not right as these birds are a protected species.

### The Oak Tree

The Oak Tree can be found in most parts of Ireland but it is most common to the South-East of the country. The bark on the tree is very rough, it flowers in the month of May and the female flower develops into the Acorn. It grows very quickly when it is planted in deep rich soil, growing to a height of 70-120 feet and it will live for several hundred years. Years ago it was used in the building of bridges, boats, and houses, it has great durability. The Oak is Ireland's longest living native tree.

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## VISIT OF DEPUTY PROINSIAS DE ROSSA TO MAYNOOTH

On Friday 3rd October last, Deputy Proinsias De Rossa, accompanied by Cllr. Colm Purcell and other members of the Workers' Party, visited the North Kildare area. His first port of call was Maynooth. Outside our tiny and rather depressing-looking Employment Office he chatted for a while with some unemployed persons. He thought it scandalous that people from Celbridge were sometimes forced to walk to and from the Employment Office here because they simply could not afford to pay the cost of four bus trips (via Lucan). He argued that the present system of subcontracting out Employment Offices to the private sector should be terminated. Furthermore, he said, all Exchanges should provide under the same roof the job-seeking services of Manpower and the Youth Employment Agency as well as those relating to unemployment payments. He went on to stress, however, that at a more fundamental level what is urgently required is a comprehensive job-creation programme based on such things as the proper utilisation of our natural resources, especially our land and our mineral deposits, and the development and expansion of our forestry, fishing and construction industries. The Workers' Party is dedicated to bringing about these necessary changes in the Irish economic structure, he stated.

The next stop was at the Students' Union in St. Patrick's College, where Cllr. Purcell introduced the Deputy to Student President, John Lawlor. There followed a useful and informed discussion of the current inadequate grant-aid scheme and the plight of those students whose parents just failed to pass the stringent means-test for inclusion in that scheme. The differences pre-venting the student unions on the island from forming a united and solid front were also discussed at some length.

Cllr. Purcell then brought Deputy De Rossa to meet a family of travellers presently situated at a most dangerous bend on the Maynooth-Celbridge road. Pat Mc Donagh explained that for all its obvious disadvantages, their present location was preferable to the rat-infested one previously occupied opposite the Cattle Mart on the Dublin road. Cllr. Purcell informed Mr. McDonagh that plans were already under way to provide a fully-serviced site for a number of traveller-families in the Maynooth area.

Proinsias de Rossa, TD, and local Workers' Party County Councillor, Colm Purcell discuss Maynooth travellers' problems with Pat McDonagh.



## BAND BULLETIN

The BULLETIN is glad to be back in business again after a brief absence, but I can assure you that it was in no way due to any lack of activity on the part of the Band.

We had a very busy Summer schedule which only finished at the end of

September and included visits to Malahide, Rush, Celbridge and Dunboyne in addition to the visit of the King and Queen of Spain to the College. Now we are looking forward to the Annual Band Mass and the Christmas Carols.

## BAND NEWS CONTINUED

THE ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS takes place on Sunday 2nd November at 11 o'clock and we extend a welcome to all relatives and friends of deceased members to join us. We will be attempting to honour all the deceased members of the Band in a suitable manner as in previous years. We will be departing a little from our normal routine this year by playing the Dead March AFTER the Mass but within the Church grounds and we hope this will allow more relatives and friends to share in the music than in previous years, when we were obliged to take up our positions inside the Church at five minutes to eleven.

The annual Flag Weekend was held in September and once again you were most generous in your support. We are in more need than usual of your support because of our requirement for instruments for the junior members of the Band who are just now about to embark on the next stage of their musical career.

To cater for their needs we have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Tom Corbett of the Garda Band, who has accepted an invitation to act as Conductor to the Senior Band and to give tuition to the Junior Members on all reed instruments. We are presently negotiating for the services of one other professional musician to take care of instruction on the brass instruments. This level of tuition will cost a great deal of money, in addition to the cost of the instruments, but we hope that we can rely on both parents and supporters to carry us through this difficult phase. It is our firm belief that by providing a high standard of musical instruction that we will be rewarded with an equally high standard of musicianship.

It is our earnest wish that the members of the Junior Classes will remain with the Band for many years and continue the tradition which has been maintained by successive loyal members for many, many years.

We hope to see many of our friends at our Mass on Sunday 2nd November.

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Notes on the door, uncollected milk or newspapers are another sign that you are away. Then going on holiday ask a neighbour to keep a watch on your property and collect milk, papers, etc. Always notify the Gardai when going away and give them details of who the key holder will be.

**Don't help the housebreaker.** Keys left under the mat or on a string inside the letterbox is the easy way in for the thief. Make sure doors and windows can not be opened by a thief. Do not leave upstairs windows open because a thief may climb the drain pipe or use a ladder. Secure your ladder and tools so a thief can not use them to break into your house - lock them in the shed.

**Keep the burglar out.** Most burglars get in through insecure windows and doors. To ensure peace of mind it is advisable to check the fittings and fastenings in your home. Garda Crime Prevention Officers will provide advice on locks, alarms and other security equipment.

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The wife and family of the late Sean Farrelly, O'Neill Park, Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with them in their recent sad loss, those who sent mass cards, letters and floral tributes. Those who attended removal of remains and funeral mass. A special word of thanks to Dr. W. Cowhie and Dr. Maurice Cowhie. Also Rev. Fr. Supple, P.P., Fr. Cogan C.C. and Nurse Campbell. Thanks to all the good neighbours and friends in a time of need. We trust this acknowledgement will be accepted by all in grateful appreciation. The holy sacrifice of the mass has been offered for your intentions.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The sisters and family of the late Jane (Jenny) McGovern, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them, in their recent sad bereavement. All those who sent mass cards and wreaths, and attended removal, mass and funeral. A special word of thanks to Very Rev. Fr. Supple P.P., Rev. Fr. Cogan C.C., Rev. Fr. Burke, C.C., (Tralee), Rev. Fr. Roe (Dublin), and the altar servers. Presentation Sisters (Maynooth), Sgt. M. Higgins and Maynooth gardai, detectives and Naas gardai, Maynooth Fire Service, Maynooth Ambulance Service. Oliver Reilly (Prosperous), and grave diggers, Mr. Joe Murphy, Leo and Rose Bean, and family doctors. If anybody has been unintentionally omitted, please accept our apologies. Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

## DEATHS

Sympathy to the wife and relatives of the late Thomas (Tom) Browne, Oregon, U.S.A. and late of School House, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Sympathy to the wife, family and relatives of the late Michael Donnelly, Bayside, Sutton and late of the Harbour, Maynooth.

Sympathy to Larry Begley, Pound St., Maynooth on the death of his sister Mrs. Mary Burke, 7 Upper Baggott St., Dublin. 21st October, Declan Reilly, Leinster Cottages. Deeply regretted by wife, Kathleen, sons Michael and Declan and daughters Loraine and Linda.

Deepest sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of the late Jenny McGovern, Leinster Cottages, Maynooth.

Sympathy to Tom Keyes, Maynooth Park, on the death of his brother Sean who died in Manchester, England. Sean was formerly from Main Street, Maynooth.

## MARRIAGES

Nolan — McTernan

The marriage took place in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth, of Miss Paula Nolan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Nolan, 277 Greenfield, Maynooth and Mr. Martin McTernan, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. McTernan, Parson Street, Maynooth. Ceremony with nuptial mass and papal blessing was performed by Very Rev. Fr. B. Supple, P.P.; Matron of Honour Mrs. Brigid Waldron, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids Sandra Moran, Caroline Deignan, friends of the bride. Bestman John Doyle friend of the groom. Groomsman Raymond and Peter McTernan, brothers of the groom.

Flowergirl Ami Waldron, niece of the bride. Pageboy Keith McTernan, nephew of the groom. Organists/Soloists Mrs J. McCormack, Maynooth.

Reception Harry's Kinnegad, honeymoon Canary Islands.

## BIRTHDAY

David McTernan, Highfield, Kilcock, age 8 on October 19th.

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Edel McMahon, 3yrs on Nov. 14th. Happy Birthday from Mummy, Daddy, and the boys.

## BIRTHS

Congratulations to Mary and Yam Ledwith, Greenfield on the birth of their daughter Jean, in September.

## GREETINGS

Edward and Averil Tyrell who lived in Barraghstown and now live in Mullingar say hello to all their friends in Maynooth and so do Mummy and Daddy.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Aisling Barton, San Felim, Maynooth, who obtained 7 honours in her leaving certificate and is now studying science in U.C.D.

## APOLOGY

The Committee of Maynooth Annual Show held under the auspices of the I.C.A. wish to apologise to all concerned that due to lack of space since July the Newsletter was unable to include the complete list of prizewinners.

The Committee are very grateful for the support they get each year, and look forward to your continued support next year.

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## THANK YOU

*Just a word of appreciation* to Philip Ward and his workers who did an excellent job in Laraghbryan cemetery, and we look forward when the rubbish skip will be built and hope it will be well used to keep the cemetery clean. From the people of Maynooth.

## MARQUETRY EXHIBITION

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