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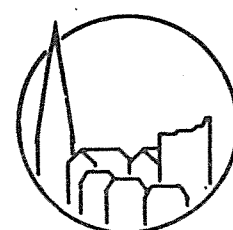
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Editorial

Local Elections

When the General Election is a memory, and we're enduring the consequences (whatever they will be), residents of Maynooth will be called on once more to participate in the democratic process. The Community Council — the voice of the people of Maynooth — comes to the end of its first term of office and elections are to be held in April. The Community Councillors have worked extremely hard over the last three years. Their achievements include the provision of jobs for no less than nine local people, the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Community Fortnight, production of the information directory and the Newsletter, the setting up of the Community Information Centre, and many others. Projects in the pipeline include the joint development of an indoor sports complex with the college — a unique example of town and gown co-operation, and the proposed re-development of the Harbour Field. It takes time and patience to achieve all of these things. All praise is due to those who have so unselfishly given up their time to put their talents at the disposal of the Community and no doubt some of the outgoing Councillors will want to step down. We would urge readers to consider putting themselves forward for election. And we're not addressing this appeal to those already involved in numerous organisations.

People tend to leave it all to the usual overworked faces, who are already over-stretched. How about some new faces on the Community Council? There must be many people who have talents to offer to the community — perhaps newly arrived in Maynooth — who are not taken up already with a plethora of committees. Think about it!

Voices from the Doorstep

This election season is the opportunity for all voters to voice their views about matters of concern. The Newsletter urges readers to tackle candidates about the future development of Maynooth, employment, public transport, Carton Estate the by-pass — and then don't forget the national issues! Doorstep reaction is noticed by party workers and candidates, and gets transmitted back to headquarters policy decisions can be affected by your voice — make sure it is heard while you have the opportunity. *There's no use in entertaining the neighbours with your views; make them known where they'll be heard by those who have the power to act.*

And Posters on the Lampposts

A word to the candidates: At every election the telegraph poles and lampposts become festooned with party placards. They serve to remind people that an election is ON but it is doubtful whether they actually influence how people vote. Whatever their function, it finishes with polling-day, and any party that cares for Maynooth will see to it that their posters are removed as soon as possible. The Newsletter will be watching to see whether the party workers take away their litter, and will report accordingly — with photographs if need be.



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NEW REGISTRATION NUMBERS

From January on, all new cars will bear a number plate with the initials KE if they are registered in Kildare. The new system has been devised to replace the old system which was rapidly running out of numbers. However, the new system, which takes the first and last letters of the county name, along with the year of registration, has been criticised for its use of the English form of the county names. The system is seen as another blow to survival of Irish, which is, officially, the first official language!

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Co. Kildare — Outline planning permission sought by Maynooth G.A.A. Club for club premises consisting of members' bar, changing rooms, gym and meeting rooms, at St. Mary's Park, Moyglare Road.

RIOT AT CONNOLLY STATION

People power produced a train at Connolly Station on Tuesday, 13th January, after a terse announcement revealed that the Maynooth train was cancelled. Enraged commuters who had waited for almost an hour for the 4.15 pm train in arctic conditions refused to take the news of the cancellation lying down.

As several hundred angry travellers converged on the station master, a spokesperson addressed the mob: "We want answers — firstly, why was the cancellation not announced earlier, and most important, what alternative arrangements are being made to bring us home". Furious commuters threatened to hijack a train, if something wasn't done.

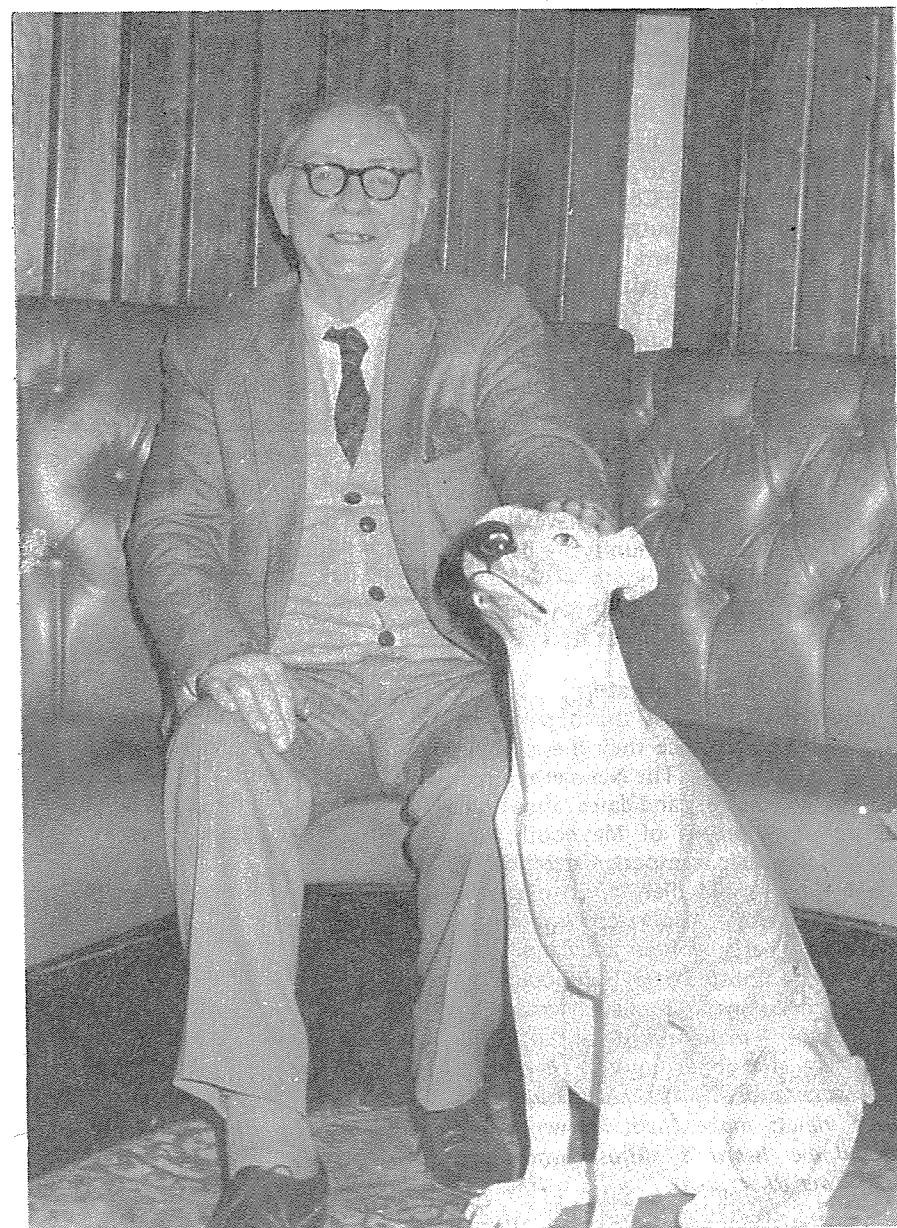
In face of the force of numbers, CIE climbed down, and in minutes, a train was produced. A less arrogant and unfeeling announcement came over the loudspeaker to the effect that CIE regretted the delay which was due to the inclement weather.

The cheering commuters swarmed onto the liberated train in the swirling snow, and were reminiscent of earlier revolutions in Siberian conditions.

Perhaps the day of liberation for the commuter is near. Commuters of the world unite, we have nothing to lose but late and non-existent trains!



Phil Brady celebrates 80 years



Letters to the Editor

Editor,

niece — Mrs. Marie Daly, married to Daly, 548 O'Neill Park, Dublin Road, nooth, visited me today, Tuesday, gave me a copy of the December sletter. I was fascinated to read page 7 you seek information on the een ton Water Wheel, which you was recently removed by crane n Kavanagh's Mills.

I am pretty certain this wheel bears name of 'Stevenson', who was my dfather, George Stevenson — who a sheelright — and lived above a es hairdressers named McMahon's 'atrick Street in Dublin, which I think till there. While I am now 57 years I can vividly recall many pleasant ts to this charming gentleman. My n late father was in engineering and son Tony is a draughtsman. May I npliment the format of your wonder- Newsletter. In hoping I was of some p.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Stevenson,
190 Cooley Road,
Drimnagh, Dublin 12.

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER / ADDRESS

ar Editor,

wish to insert a notice in the News- ter regarding a change of surgery hours d also the telephone number.

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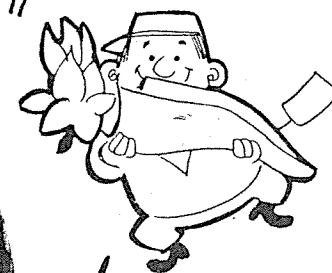
turday — 11.30 to 12.00 by appoint- ent only. Phone 285943.

r. Denise Nolan,
Beaufield Ave.,
aynooth.

ABLE QUIZ

he North Kildare Club are holding a 5- side Table Quiz on Friday 6th Feb. 8.00 pm. The Quiz will be held in e North Kildare Clubhouse on the ilcock Road and everyone is welcome o participate in an evening of fun.

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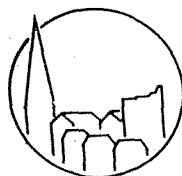
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

Annual General Meeting

At the Annual General Meeting, held on January 12 last, the following officers were elected to the Executive Committee:

Chairperson: Proinsias Breathnach
Vice-Chairperson: Tom Purcell
Secretary: John McGinley
Treasurers: Peter Nevin, Ann O'Stravick
Minutes Secretary: Tom McMullon
RO: Pat Moynan

The highlights from the Secretary's Annual Report are presented elsewhere in this issue. The Treasurers' Report showed a deficit of £1,110 on the Council's contribution to the running of the office and the Social Employment Scheme during the year. The main element here is a contribution towards the supervisor's wages and PRSI. As the Social Employment Scheme has been reviewed again for 1987 — thereby allowing us to employ a further six local people — it will be necessary to continue to bear this worthwhile expense. Accordingly, the Council will be looking to the people of Maynooth to support our fund-raising activities during the coming year.

In his Chairman's Address, Proinsias Breathnach reported that the Council had made very considerable progress on a variety of fronts during 1986, as documented in the Secretary's Report. He thanked all those who had contributed in any way towards this progress. In particular, he thanked the members of the hard-working Executive Committee; the members of the Council's sub-committees the Social Employment Scheme workers and their supervisor, Gerry Colreavey; the Editorial Committee of the *Newsletter*; former Administrator Siobhan Hall whose tremendous work was vital in getting the Council's office and the Social Employment Scheme off the ground; and the Assistant Administrators during the year, Patricia Cleary and Shelly Breslin.

With a new Administrator and a new Social Employment Scheme team recently appointed, the Chairman looked forward to another year of achievement. As this was the last AGM in the lifetime of the present Council, the Chairman thanked all the members for their contribution and support. He hoped that the achievements of the current

Council would act as an inspiration for many new faces to put themselves forward for election to the next Council.

New Administrator

The Council's new Administrator is Frances McNicholas, a native of Westmeath and a graduate of Maynooth College. The Council is very grateful to the Don Bosco Voluntary Trust of the Salesian Order for funding this position.

Social Employment Scheme

A new team of six workers has been recruited under this scheme for the coming year. The team will work on the Maynooth Newsletter and the Trade Fair on behalf of the Royal Canal Amenity Group and the Boys' Primary School. See feature elsewhere in this issue. The Council is grateful to the National Manpower Service, and particularly to Placement Officer Des Murray, for their continued support under this scheme.

New Members

Two new members have recently joined the Council. Ian McKenna represents Kingsbry and replaces Pia Walker, who has moved abroad. Declan Forde replaces Martin Dolphin from College Green, who has had to resign due to pressure of work. We thank both Martin and Pia for their contribution to the Council's work.

Harbour Field

Proinsias Breathnach (Chairman) and John McGinley (Secretary) had a very positive meeting before Christmas with the Trustees of the Harbour Field, from which agreement in principle was reached regarding the Council's proposals for landscaping and developing the field. A meeting was also arranged with AnCO, who are also prepared in principle to support the proposal, while Kildare County Council has sanctioned an Amenity Grant towards the cost of the project. The Community Council is hoping to work in co-operation with the Royal Canal Amenity Group in order to pursue a co-ordinated approach to the overall development of the Canal Harbour area. The Council is currently having the project costed for submission for AnCO approval.

By-Pass Link Road

The proposed meeting with County Council officials to discuss the details of the Straffan Road improvement plan have been delayed as the County Engineer, Mr. Carrick, is on leave at the moment. However, Mr. Carrick has given an undertaking to meet us after his return to work.

SPORTS COMPLEX

A meeting between the Sports Complex Working Group and the Higher Education Authority to discuss the Authority's possible participation in funding the Sports Complex was arranged for January 13, but unfortunately had to be postponed due to the bad weather. It is hoped to find a new date for the meeting in the near future.

Maynooth Train Service

Maynooth Community Council registered a formal protest with CIE following the cancellation of the Friday evening train service during the October holiday weekend, and received a far from satisfactory reply (see item elsewhere in this issue). The poor regard in which this service is regarded by CIE was again in evidence during the recent snowfall, when trains were cancelled without explanation, leading in one incident to a near riot. The Council will continue to campaign for better treatment for what is clearly the "Cinderella" in the CIE system.

Gaming Licences

At its January meeting, the Council voted unanimously to support a campaign currently being mounted by Celbridge Community Council urging Kildare Co. Council not to issue any future Gaming Licences within the county. There is a fear that if Dublin Corporation should vote to abolish gaming licences, there could be an overspill of gaming establishments into Kildare.

Elections

The next Community Council elections are due to take place in April, and the Executive Committee is currently preparing plans for holding them. We welcome suggestions from the public on how the elections should be conducted; how big should the Council be; how should Maynooth be divided into constituencies; how should the nominations and voting be organised; what vote-counting system should be used; what term of office should the next Council have; etc. Suggestions should be submitted to the Community Council office at the Town Centre Mall or to John McGinley at 50 Greenfield Drive.

Community Council Office

The Council is anxious that the facilities of the Council office should be used as much as possible by local community groups. See item elsewhere in this issue.

Community Council notes cont'd

Maynooth Community Council Office Facilities: At your Service

Maynooth Community Council is anxious that its office facilities should be of as much benefit as possible to the Maynooth community. The Council is prepared to make these facilities available for the use of local voluntary community groups as far as it is feasible to do so. It is expected that a photocopying machine will shortly be installed in the office. A typing service is also available to a limited extent. The office telephone may also be made available for bona fide use. Charges for these services may be necessary in order to cover the direct costs involved. Messages for organisations may also be left at the office.

So, if you need to get those minutes, or that special report, typed and copied, or if you need to use a phone to organise that meeting, you might find it easier to do it through the Community Council office. If you would like further information, or think the office might be of use in some other way, call to the Town Centre Mall or phone Fran or Shelly at 285922.

The Community Council looks back on 1986

The following is an edited version of the report of John McGinley, Secretary of the Community Council on the activities of the Council in 1986. The report was read at the AGM which was held in the middle of the blizzards on Monday 12th January. Despite the dreadful conditions there was an excellent attendance — an encouraging sign for the future of the Council.

Community Council Meetings

Meetings were held every month with the exception of August.

Pat Doyle, Development Officer, Muin-tir na Tire, addressed one of the meetings and Bill Moore, Chairman of Naas Community Council, attended as an observer at another meeting. Affiliation to Muin-tir na Tire was terminated as there was very little to be gained from membership.

Sub Committee Activities

Environmental Sub-Committee

This sub-committee concentrated on Maynooth Tidy Towns entry. Letters were sent to the business premises which received adverse comments by the judges the previous year and Kavanagh's Mill painted their premises. The Chamber of Commerce were asked for co-operation and invited to send representatives to the meetings, without success.

While Philip Ward, the local County Council Engineer, agreed to undertake the improvements requested by the Committee and gave dates on which he would begin work, nothing was ever done.

Following the recent public meeting at which there was an attendance of 25 it is hoped that the committee will receive support from the various bodies in Maynooth.

Social and Recreational Sub-Committee

a) St. Patrick's Day Parade: The committee organised this event for the second year. It proved a great success with more entrants than previous years and it is hoped to improve significantly on this in 1987.

b) Community Fortnight: This event was extended to a fortnight in 1986 which was probably too long. A ten day event from Friday to second Sunday would seem to be the ideal duration. Sug-

gestions for the 1987 event include:

Open Air Disco
 Pub Music
 Involve Chamber of Commerce if possible!
 Avoid Clashing events
 School Boys G.A.A. Competition to be run on inter area basis to increase interest.

Issue programme in advance
 Better advertising

The table quiz should be continued and expanded if possible. There was a profit of £295 on this event.

c) Christmas Time: The Chamber of Commerce were asked for their co-operation in decorating the town. No reply was received.



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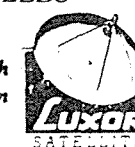
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unications Sub-Committee

ub-committee concentrated on the ver of the *Newsletter* and the pub- n of the Information Directory. rch was also carried out on the ig of a Careers and Trade exhibi-

The Royal Canal Amenity Group he Boys' Primary School had also ed to hold a Trades Exhibition as d raising project and the sub-com- e has agreed to allocate the S.E.S. ers and office facilities to this ex- on.

The newly-founded Maynooth Cham- f Commerce was approached to par- te in the Careers and Trades exhi- n and in a Tourist Brochure for nooth (a draft of which was prepared ne of the S.E.S. workers). However, invitation was turned down. It is ided to pursue the brochure again in l.

th Affairs Sub-Committee

Their main activity was the organi- on of the Community Games and ing the Variety Competition for nty Kildare. Nine participatns from nooth reached the Mosney Finals oen of the participants, Helen- acy, won a gold medal in the Javelin nt. Douai French Boys Choir: This event a great success and credit is due to committee for all the hard work put o it.

Gymnastic Classes: These classes e organised by the committee and held in the Parish Hall each week.

cial Employment Scheme

e six workers allocated to us under this eme have now completed their year's rk. Their first task was the production the Directory, in conjunction with the mmunity Information Centre, May- oth Library and the Community uncil. The Directory was launched in e Library in March and copies were istributed free of charge to all house- lds in Maynooth.

The Communications sub-committee ok over the Maynooth Newsletter in uary. The running of the Newsletter is been delegated to an Editorial Board, ith the Social Employment Scheme okers responsible for the day to day pects of its production. It is generally reed that the quality and content of e Newsletter has reached a very high andard.

As we have been allocated another ix workers under the Scheme for 1987 e hope to be able to carry out further orthwhile community projects.

Community Information Centre

The centre had a very successful year under the guiding influence of organiser Mary McGinley. 521 cases were dealt ith during 1986. Of the group of nine- een which completed the initial volun- ers course only three have left. Others ill leave once the two years are up and ew volunteers are being recruited to

Youth Employment Agency Feasibility Study

The Y.E.A. made a grant of £2,000 for a feasibility study on a newspaper pro- ject for North Kildare, "Instant Muscle" service co-op and Museum and Heritage Centre. The study was conducted by Arthur Duignan.

The Newspaper Project has been put in abeyance as Celbridge Community Council and Leixlip Combined Residents Association were not in favour of co- operating. Clane Community Council offered full support.

The other projects will require a Community Survey although the Com- munications Sub-Committee intends to follow up on the Museum/Heritage Cen- tre Project.

Representations on Behalf of Residents

Representations were made throughout the year by the Secretary John Mc Ginley to the relevant authorities on various issues e.g. state of roads, im- proved facilities for Social Welfare recipients, behaviour of students, quality of water supply, travellers at Black- lion, lease of Blacklion land for use of soccer club, street lights out of order, location of telephone kiosks.

Post Office Re-location Campaign

Petitions were organised to house and meetings were held with the Chamber of Commerce to co-ordinate action, when An Post announced its intentions to re-locate the Post Office to O'Brien's Shopping Centre.

A considerable amount of time and effort was expended by the Community Council on this exercise. Chairman Proinnsias Breathnach had meetings with Senior Management of An Post and also spoke on RTE radio. Unfortunately these efforts were not successful.

Motorway By-Pass/Link Road

The Community Council at its meeting in May welcomed the by-pass and ac- cepted in principle the use of Straffan Road as the Link Road, with the pro- vision that the relief road linking the Rathcoffey road to the Straffan Road be built immediately.

Kildare County Council submitted a scheme to the Department of the Environment to upgrade the Straffan Road in advance of the By-Pass project and this was approved by the Depart- ment. The Community Council made a detailed submission to the Public enquiry into the By-Pass (this was published in full in the Newsletter), the only volun- tary organisation to do so. The Minis- ter has yet to make a decision as a result of this enquiry.

The Executive Committee of the Community Council met the Straffan Road ad hoc group and it was agreed to

seek re-alignment of the proposed plan, to take land from the east side rather than the Harbour Field side of Straffan Road. The Executive also arranged a meeting of local Residents Associations to discuss the issue. One demand is for cycle lanes in view of the large num- ber of cyclists using this road.

The Council has also met the Cel- bridge Area Committee of the Kildare County Council, and the Council's tech- nical staff agreed to discuss the design proposals for the Link Road with the Community Council. The Council will again meet the concerned Residents As- sociations to discuss their specific require- ments.

Harbour Field Developments

The Council has met the Maynooth De- velopment Association and latterly the Trustees of the Harbour Field, with a view to leasing the field in order to de- velop it and regulate its use for the people of Maynooth. We have obtained public liability insurance cover for the Trustees and ourselves and this should allow development work (landscaping, planting of trees and shrubs, installation of seats, erection of boundary fencing etc.) to proceed.

An initial application to Teamwork fell through because of a change in their rules, however our application is cur- rently receiving active consideration from AnCO.

In the meantime we are regulating the use of the field through our office. Sporting froups wishing to use the field have been requested to contact the office for inclusion in the Harbour Field Diary.

Kildare County Council has approved an Amenity Grant of £500 for the devel- opment of the field.

Sports Complex on Galway Road

Negotiations for te Sports Complex con- tinue. The joint Working Party, con- sisting of Proinnsias Breathnach (re- presenting the Community Council), Tom Ashe (representing the three local shcools) and Colm Buckley (representing the College), focussed on providing in- door facilities as it is unlikely that a com- plex comprising both indoor and out- door facilities on the same site will be possible.

The College Trustees have agreed at their June meeting to provide a site beside the Students' Union building on the Kilcock road. The College Archi- tect produced site layout plans and de- tailed architectural drawings for the pro- posed complex (estimated cost £2 ½m) and these were submitted to the Department of Education and the Higher Education Authority. The Working Party with the College Bursar, Pat Dal- ton, met the Minister for State, Enda Kenny to discuss funding. Proinnsias Breathnach also had a meeting with the Kildare Countv Development Officer,

Noel Finn, to discuss their input. The Working Party is now awaiting reports from the Department of Education on the availability of funds.

Office and Administration

The Council moved offices from O'Neill Park to the Town Mall early in the year. Siobhan Hall and Patricia Cleary were as- signed to us by the Don Bosco Volun- tary Trust under the Teamwork scheme and worked as Administrator and as- sistant administrator respectively, until the summer.

Shelly Breslin replaced Patricia as Assistant Administrator and Frances Mc Nicholas took up the position of Ad- ministrator at Christmas. The Council acknowledges gratefully the continued support of its activities given by the Don Bosco Voluntary Trust.

Finance

The Flag Day raised £512.88. John Byrne of Rail Park kindly donated £300 of the proceeds from the Co-operation North sponsored maracycle to the Com- munity Council.

Our insurance costs came to £450. It is worth noting that the Youth Affairs Committee raised £778 at a supper dance for the Community Games.

Thanks

The Secretary concluded his report by paying tribute to all of those who had helped in anyway in achieving the Coun- cil's goals in 1986, and looked forward to a continuation of their co-operation in 1987.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE NOTES

Why make a Will?

It is wise for anyone over 18 to make a Will. You almost certainly have some property or possessions ... something you would wish to be given to some special person or persons. There is only one way to be certain that this is done, make a Will.

Wives as well as husbands should make a Will. It is a realistic protection for the family. If the children are under 21 years of age trustees must be ap- pointed to represent their interests.

Make your Will now, when you are healthy and clear-minded. You may, of course, put it off until you are ill -- even dying -- but can you be certain you will be clear-minded then? Just see a solicitor and explain your intentions. He or she will check with you to see that these are clear and prepare the Will for your signature before witnesses. What is in the Will remains a secret known only to your solicitor and yourself.

A house ... a car ... furniture ... all possessions cost money. They are prop- erty, part of your assets -- your estate. Unless a valid Will sets out what is to be done with the assets, after the death of the owner, property will be distributed in accordance with the provisions of the Succession Act 1965. These may not suit your particular needs or wishes. If you discuss with a solicitor your wishes for the sharing of your property he or she can prepare a Will giving your heirs and successors the full protection of the Law.

Among other things a valid Will which a solicitor prepares makes clear:

Who is to manage your property as executor or administrator.

Who will look after your children and see to their support and edu- cation. The proportion in which your family will share your property.

If there is no Will the Law says that the spouse -- wife or husband -- is entitled to two-thirds of the property, the remaining one-third being divided among the children.

Home-made Wills are a frequent cause of trouble. It seems easy to write down what you want to happen to your property after your death. But without an understanding of the Succession Act 1965 and the precision of wording ne- cessary to ensure that no misunder- standing or family squabbles can arise, your good intentions may be frustrated. And when this happens your money is squandered in litigation which could have been averted at little cost by asking a solicitor to prepare the Will, a Will which ensures the Law's support for your intentions.

Community Information Centre Opening Hours:

Monday 10am--12noon
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Wednesday 10am--12noon
2pm--4pm

Thursday 7pm--8pm

Friday 10am--12noon
2pm--4pm

This centre will be closed on Friday, 30th Januray ONLY.

MAYNOOTH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Calling all amateur artists, sculptors, craftsmen etc. we would be delighted to display/exhibit any material by local people in Maynooth Library. There is no fee payable. If anyone wishes to give a demonstration of his/her work, this can also be arranged -- just contact the library.

Some recent additions to stock in the library include:

Browne, Noel: *Against the Tide*

Farrell, M.J.: *Full House*

Mullen, Michael: *The Hungry Land*

Barber, Noel: *The Other Side of Paradise*

Behrstock, Barry: *The Parents When- Not-To-Worry Book.*

Clare, Anthony: *In the Psychiatrist's Chair*

Zanetta, Tony & Edwards, Henry: *Stardust; The Life and Times of David Bowie.*

Bellamy, David: *Bellamy's Ireland: The Wild Boglands*

Banville, John: *Mefisto*

It is proposed to include a list of recent acquisitions in this column every month, so be on the lookout.

Margaret Walsh-Gannon

NEW ORGANISER FOR COM- MUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE

Frances Daly from Kilcloone has taken over the role of organiser from Mary McGinley, Greenfield Drive, who has completed her term of office. Teh Centre has been in operation for almost 18 months, and the volume of work has increased substantially. The Centre is a valuable resource for the town, and we wish Frances the best of luck in her new role. A vote of thanks is due to Mary McGinley for her contribution at the crucial early stages of the de- velopment of the Centre.

MAYNOOTH MAN WALKING TO JERUSALEM

Jim O'Rourke, Laurence's Avenue is going to walk to Jerusalem with Donncha O Dulaing. He hopes to raise £2600 for the Irish Wheelchair Association.

MAYNOOTH TRADE FAIR

There will be a Trade Fair held in May- nooth on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th April in the Primary School. Funds raised will be divided evenly among the Primary School and the Royal Canal Amenity Group.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Maynooth Community Council will be or- ganising the 3rd St. Patrick's Day Parade on the 17th March. The organisation of this event will be carried out by the Community Council office staff and de- tails of the Parade will be available in the coming weeks.



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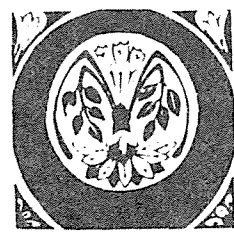
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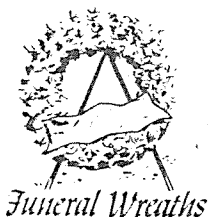
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POLITICAL PARTY NOTES.

FIANNA FAIL NEWS

Snowed Under

Our January meeting had to be postponed for one week due to the snow. This is a minor inconvenience which could not be overcome. However, what about all those who suffered severely during the inclement weather. It was very difficult for old people to get out and equally difficult to remain warm. A lot of people had to contend with burst pipes which wreaked havoc in their homes, destroying carpets and furniture. To all effected by the extreme weather conditions we extend our sympathy. On a positive note, we would advise you to follow the advice given by the experts during the freeze, e.g. to prevent a further occurrence of burst pipes — lag them and insulate attics. Grants are available in certain cases from the Dept. of the Environment to assist you improve your home. If you wish to have any further details contact Gerry Brady, Main Street, Maynooth, phone 285257/285201.

Traffic Outside Presentation Convent National School

While the road surface has been improved somewhat outside the school road markings have not yet been made, as suggested by the Road Safety Officer.

However, matters have improved enormously following representations made by Gerry Brady, M.C.C., to the local Garda Sergeant. During peak school hours a Garda is now on duty to direct traffic. This has greatly assisted the orderly flow of traffic and has reduced the congestion and annoyance which was commonplace before the introduction of traffic control. So a big thank you to the local Gardai.

Representations to CIE

Further to representations to CIE in connection with improved bus services in the North East Kildare area, Cllr. Brady has received a reply from Asst. General Manager of Operations of CIE stating that a household travel survey has just been completed in Leixlip. This will provide data for informed service planning and will be used to determine the travel demands in the area, and how best they can be served.

Kilcock Road, Maynooth

Cllr. Brady has requested, the County Council to provide a sign post for the cul-de-sac at Kilcock Road, on behalf of the residents.

Leinster Cottages, Dunboyne Rd.

Cllr. Brady has made strong representations to Kildare Co. Council in connection with the deterioration of the roadway at Leinster Cottages, Dunboyne

Road. The County Engineer has taken up the matter and will supply a detailed report of the area at a later date.

General Election

Fianna Fail in Maynooth are ready and looking forward to meeting all the constituents during the forthcoming election campaign.

We will have a message of HOPE — a positive hope for the future of all constituents — especially the young. We will be asking you to vote for a STRONG ONE PARTY Government — which can only be Fianna Fail.

Patricia Roche
Hon. Secretary



LABOUR NEWS

General Election

Maynooth Branch Labour Party looks forward to the General Election on 17th February and are confident that our candidate Cllr. Emmet Stagg will be elected to Dail Eireann, based on his record of service both to the people of Maynooth and the rest of Kildare, and on the Socialist policies of our Party.

If elected, Emmet will be available on a full-time basis to work for the people of the area.

Co. Council Rents

Kildare Co. Manager has introduced a new rent scheme for all Council tenants. The scheme should bring about a reduction in rent for low income families.

Any tenant who wishes to check their rent should contact Emmet Stagg at his weekly advice service in Caulfields.

Pay-phone Cash Collections

Following representations by Cllr. Stagg to Telecom Eireann, arrangements have been made to increase the frequency of cash collections from the new double aluminium kiosks on Main Street. Bord Telecom expect that with the new kiosks, and the increase in cash collections, that the public telephone service in Maynooth will improve.

Royal Canal Amenity Group (Maynooth Branch)

At the request of the Royal Canal Amenity Group, Cllr. Stagg made representations to the Office of Public Works seeking the provision of sand and gravel which the group required to continue its work. The Minister of State at the Dept. of Finance has replied stating that the Commissioners of Public Works are prepared to assist the group by supplying the sand and gravel which it requires

and has asked the group to contact the Commissioner's Engineer to make the

necessary arrangements.

Leinster Park — Road Condition

In reply to representations by Cllr. Stagg, on behalf of the residents of Leinster Park, concerning the condition of the road surface leading into Leinster Park, the Co. Engineer has replied stating that he has instructed the Area Engineer to carry out repair work at the earliest opportunity. This is welcome news for the residents of the area.

Further enquiries are being made by Cllr. Stagg on the 'Taking in Charge' of the estate and the availability of developer bonds to complete works outstanding.

Straffan Road

Cllr. Stagg has now requested the Co. Engineer and his staff to meet with representatives of the Community Council to discuss details of the proposed improvements to Straffan Road.

Moyglare Road

At the request of residents of the area Cllr. Stagg has sought repairs to Moyglare Road and has also complained at the cutting of water mains there by Telecom Workers.

Flooding — Entrance to Beaufield

In response to complaints from local residents Cllr. Stagg made representations concerning flooding on the Newtown Rd. adjacent to Beaufield Estate. In reply to his representations he has been informed that the developers of Beaufield have completed drainage works in accordance with their planning permission. The Area Engineer intends to provide gullies along the section of the road affected and connect those to the surface water sewer laid by LUR K Homes. This should relieve the flooding.

FINE GAEL NOTES

The last meeting of the Maynooth Branch of Fine Gael took place in December in the ICA Hall, Maynooth.

A large attendance was at the meeting and many varied topics were discussed including the forthcoming election.

1. Laraghbryan:

Following continuous representations by Deputy Bernard Durkan, the Minister for the Environment, Mr. John Boland has approved the revised scheme submitted by Kildare County Council to improve the road at Laraghbryan, Maynooth.

2. Maynooth Fire Station:

The Minister for the Environment has informed Deputy Bernard Durkan that he has sanctioned loan approval by Kildare County Council to extend and improve facilities at Maynooth Fire

ITICAL PARTY NOTES

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on. This is a much sought after necessary development.

Carton Estate:

Deputy Bernard Durkan has read the following reply from the City Manager — Mr. J.G. Ward, following his representations on the acquisition of Carton Estate.

"The matter can be listed for discussion at an E.R.D.O. Meeting in the next of the submission on the Real Strategy Report.

However, any decision in relation to the future of Carton House and Estate would depend on the acquisition of the property and the provision of the necessary financial resources to cover the acquisition and subsequent management of the Estate."

House Improvement Grants Scheme:

Following a Dail question raised by Deputy Bernard Durkan, the following reply was received in connection with the above Scheme from the Minister for the Environment.

"The number of applications for the rent house improvement grants scheme received up to 5th December 1986 was 3,168. Information on the number of these applications which relate to pre-1940 dwellings is not readily available — this represents expenditure in Kildare of approximately £6 million."

House Surrender Grants:

"By the 28th October 1986, 41 grants had been paid in respect of houses surrendered to Kildare County Council, the Minister for Environment informed Deputy Bernard Durkan. This represents a saving of at least £1 million i.e. 41 houses at £27,000 each if built by the local Authority.

Traffic Congestion at Presentation

Convent, Maynooth:

Deputy Bernard Durkan received the following reply from the Garda Síochána, Maynooth — "The matter is receiving attention as far as manpower will permit."

Birmingham Six:

The following statement was issued recently by Deputy Bernard Durkan concerning the plight of the Birmingham Six:

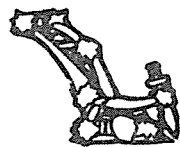
"I welcome the recent development with regard to the Birmingham Six and would hope that the efforts of all those involved will culminate in their release; also the release of the Guildford Four.

When the All-Party delegation consisting of Mr. David Andrews, T.D., Senator Flor O'Mahony and myself visited London recently, we had an opportunity to meet Mr. Douglas Hurd, the British Home Secretary and his Minister of State, Mr. David Mellor, and their respective officials. The meeting

lasted 45 minutes and our delegation had a unique opportunity to present our case.

The Home Secretary listened attentively to the concern expressed by the members of the delegation and he assured us that any new evidence on the cases would be carefully investigated."

May we take this opportunity to wish the staff and readers of the Newsletter a Very Happy and Peaceful New Year in 1987.



WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

General Election

Proinnsias Breathnach, 92 Rail Park, Maynooth (tel: 285241) has been appointed Press Officer for the Workers' Party candidate, Colm Purcell, in the General Election. Anyone who would like to assist the Party in its campaign for a better deal for the country's working class and unemployed people is urged to contact Proinnsias immediately.

Unemployment and the County Council

When Councillor Colm Purcell raised the issue of the unemployment crisis at the last County Council meeting, he came under a barrage of criticism from his fellow councillors including one allegation that the Council's time was being wasted. This demonstrates the task the Workers' Party faces in speaking up for the unemployed in the midst of the dominant conservative parties.

December Draw

The winners of the Leixlip Draw for December were:

£350 Mr. O. Brady, Kilcock
£150 Joan Malone, Leixlip
£ 50 Terry Keogh, C/O Packard
£ 50 Eugene Coleman, C/O C. Purcell
£ 50 J. Johnson, Newbridge
£ 50 Declan McCormack, C/O Mick
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£ 25 Laura Quinn, C/O C. Purcell
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ATTENTION ALL DOGS!

From 1st April all dogs must have a licence, costing £5. Dog wardens will be able to impose on-the-spot fine notices on owners who are unable to produce licences.

A new act, the "Control of Dogs Act", comes into effect on 1st February. This gives responsibility for the control of dogs to the County Council, who will be obliged to employ dog wardens. The wardens can seize stray dogs and can also impose fines for failure to keep dogs under control.

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES UP

The number of unemployed people on the registers in County Kildare rose to 6,767 in December. Of these, 2,174 were registered in Maynooth.

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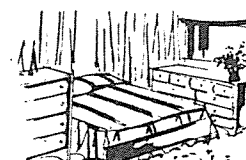
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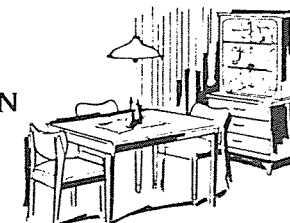
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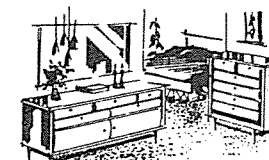
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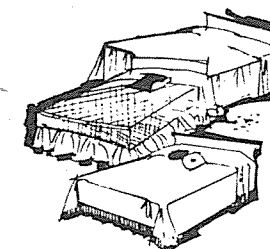
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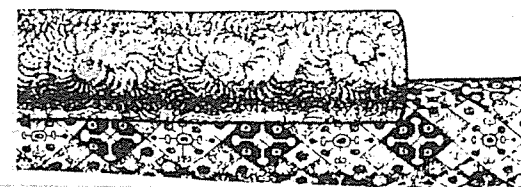
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MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLES COMMITTEE

Our Annual Christmas Dinner which took place on 4th January was attended by over 170 guests. The dinner was provided as usual free of charge to us by Mr. and Mrs. Peter O'Brien, the venue was as always the Library in the Post Primary School. I would like to take this opportunity of expressing our sincerest thanks to Mr. & Mrs. O'Brien and to Mr. Ashe for putting the Library at our disposal.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd February in the Health Centre and we ask anybody who would like to join to come along. We would particularly welcome residents of the newer estates i.e. Kingsbry, Beaufield, College Green as we feel it is important to have a contact in these areas as there maybe some elderly people who would also move in and we would not be aware of this for sometime and they could feel isolated.

We would not demand too much of your time and wouldn't it be a lovely way to be introduced to the older members of our parish. Don't be shy, we'd love to meet you and the gentlemen would be welcome also. We do have one 'brave' gent on the committee already! We meet usually on the 1st Tuesday of every month in the Health Centre at 8 o'clock. If you would like any information regarding our work please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs. I. Delaney at 286341 or Carol Barton at 286664.

Carol Barton
P.R.O.

CLUAIN AOIBHINN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

1986 was a successful and rewarding year for our estate. After a long wait Kildare Co. Council have taken over the estate. Remedial work is currently being carried out by the Co. Council.

During the year a concerted effort was made to clean and tidy up the estate. This effort and the recent planting of new trees should make it a better place to live in. We hope to see an even better effort for 1987.

Congratulations to the following winners in the Christmas Draw:

M. Walsh, M. Sheehan, P. Harney, J. Mc Grath, P. Doran, P. Holmes, P. McLoughlin, J. Ryan, G. Brittin, J. O'Rourke.

This draw proved to be a great success as a source of income to the estate. A special word of thanks to our many sponsors during 1986 and to those who supplied the turkeys and the hams for the draw.

We take this opportunity to wish one and all a peaceful 1987.

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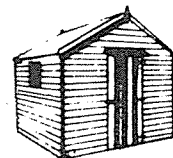
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MAYNOOTH MORTALITY SOCIETY 1837 - 1987

The 150th Annual General Meeting of the Society, will be held in the Band Hall on Sunday, February 22nd, 1987 at 3.30 pm.

We would greatly appreciate if all members of the Society attend this important meeting.

The Annual Mass for the Deceased Members will be on the same Sunday at 11.00 am. All members are invited to attend.

Will members who have not paid their 1986 subscription please note that this is now overdue, and must be cleared by the A.G.M. PLEASE NOTE that any member who has not cleared by A.G.M. will be excluded and forfeit all claims against the Society.

1987 Membership Cards will be issued after the A.G.M. and there is no need for members with clear cards up to 31.12.86 to pay their 1987 subscription until after the Annual General Meeting.

The Society meets in the Band Hall every Sunday morning from 11.30 am to 12.30pm.

The Society wishes all A Very Happy and Peaceful New Year in 1987.

Paddy Nolan
Hon. Secretary
Kevin Murphy
Asst. Secretary

MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The monthly guild meeting was held on the 8th January. Mrs. B. Brady presided and welcomed everyone.

Congratulations to Mrs. B. Farrell and Mrs. B. Brady who received their branners in cake icing and decoration. Mrs. B. Sheil was awarded her demonstrator's bar for cake icing and decoration. These tests were held in the Post Primary School in Maynooth recently.

Well done Mrs. B. Farrell who was awarded third for her short story at federation level.

The monthly competition - Slice of Cake - was won by Mrs. Gee, 2nd was Mrs. M. Scanlon, and 3rd was Mrs. B. Farrell. Crafts are continuing every Monday night 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm. Badminton on Tuesdays and Thursdays 11.00 am - 12.30 pm. Choir practice continues on Tuesday night in the Presentation Convent at 8.00 pm.

The competition for next month is a homemade Valentine Card. Next meeting will be on the 5th February at 8 pm.

The ecumenical service for deceased members of the I.C.A. was postponed due to the bad weather.

Mary O'Gorman
P.R.O.

BAND BULLETIN

The Bulletin this month looks back on 1986 with a reasonable amount of success. "The Band" has completed yet another year of its existence taking its

total to 55 years since being reformed in 1931, no mean achievement for a small Kildare town and surely a tribute to the small band of loyal workers who are determined to uphold the tradition of Maynooth Band.

We are however not forgetting the important part played by the townspeople who have gladly put their hands in their pockets to help pay the high

running costs of the Band. We hope that the magnificent turnout on Christmas morning helped in no small way to repay their faith in the Band.

At a well-attended Annual General Meeting held last month the following officers and committee were elected:

President Paddy Dunne
Chairman Micheal Dempsey
Vice-Chairman Johnny Boyd
Secretary Patricia Dempsey
Asst. Secretary Kevin Boyd
Treasurer Paddy Boyd
Committee Elaine Bean, Cissie Dempsey, Seamus Nevin, Mick Dempsey, Mick Murphy.

We look to this very experienced committee to guide us through the year ahead, a year which should see our Junior Band members making further progress on the road to musical success.

We are rehearsing at the moment for a concert which will be held in the Parish Hall at the end of April and we hope to announce further details of this event in next month's Bulletin.

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BRU BOSCO NOTES

Between the long Christmas holiday, the flu, and the snow I am afraid I have been neglecting my duty as P.R.O. of our Club. I even forgot there was a January issue, nonetheless we now wish all the friends of our Club, its members, and their Families a very happy New Year. A special New Year's wish to our friendly "LIONS" who help keep out the little mice.

Bingo

A very special *Thank You* to all the Bingo Fans who turned out and supported us on the very cold Sunday of November 23rd. It was a great success and exceed all our expectations. We appreciate very much all the help we got from the Hall Committee and the Bingo organisers, our finance Committee, and the bingo parents of our Club members who were our legal advisors.

Christmas Club Mass

Our Club Mass was celebrated by Fr. Jerry Myers S.D.B. some of our members acted out the Gospel of the nativity. It was Jerry's first Mass in the Club, so it was special as he knew every member by name and all of us could identify in a special way.

Don Bosco's Feast Day

January 31st, will of course be a big day for us all. Between one thing and another we have not even planned what pattern it will take. It looks as if we will be making our Novena and planning whatever form our Academy will take at the same time.

All Priest Show

We are delighted to announce that this will take place in the Parish Hall on Sunday 1st March. We hope for a very large attendance. The back-up group will be Ray Scally, which is one of the two groups the priests like to work with. Watch posters for further details. As far as we are aware this is the first time the 'HOLY SHOW' has been featured in our Parish Hall, which, thanks to the Hall Committee, is looking superb, and is very comfortable, so hopefully you will all invite your friends and relations to come and enjoy the show.

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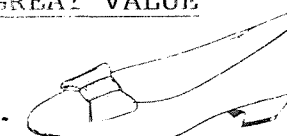
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STREET TALKING

Around the corner in Convent Lane, Michael McNamara runs Ammac Electrical, with a staff of four. Ammac is able to supply a range of electrical items and fittings, for the house and farm, such as switchgear, ventilation equipment and replacement parts. We asked Michael if there were any seasonal variations noticeable in his business, and he remarked how the post-Christmas period always brought a lot of food-mixers, electrical kettles etc. needing repair after heavy over-use in the holiday season! Also he does a steady line in infra-red heaters to protect farm machinery from the effects of winter cold.

Ammac has been in business for two years now. People beat a steady path to his door — the slightly off-street position does not matter, as customers quickly recognise an efficient service — one of the advantages of Ammac is that it is able to provide qualified advice on things electrical, as well as equipment. Michael's only wish is for more storage space at the shop. But while this causes him some extra travelling to his comprehensive stores at Kilcloone, on occasion, it need not inconvenience customers of this useful resource in Maynooth's commercial life.

GOING TO THE POLES

New street decorations apparent after the announcement of the election: first out with the posters was Fine Gael, followed the next day in a dead heat by the Labour Party, Workers' Party and Fianna Fail — although the last named only had a few posters to show. Last on the scene were the Progressive Democrats.

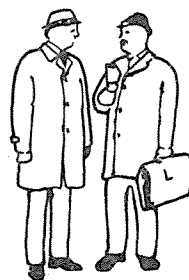
The other aspect of this street competition is who can get their posters highest. At the moment, outside the churchgate, Workers' Party are up the pole to the greatest extent! Watch for further developments.

MAYNOOTH'S BOOTHS

Christmas came a little early to Maynooth Main Street this time, in the form of a Christmas box from Bord Telecom — four of them, in fact. They were telephone boxes, two each to replace the old-style booths outside the former post-

office premises and at the Garda station corner. They arrived on the back of a lorry, and were installed four or five days before Christmas. A welcome Telecom addition to the town's facilities. That's the good side of the story. The other side is that by Sunday 18th January, just four weeks later, none of these four telephones was in working order. Furthermore, the only two other phone boxes in Maynooth, at Greenfields and Carton Court, were also out of action! Whether this appalling state of affairs is an indication of the quality of Bord Telecom's equipment, or of the way our community treats its facilities, we leave our readers. If the latter, we scarcely deserve to have them. Whatever the answer, a couple of days later a telephone engineer was seen to be working on the phones. Let's make a resolution to be fond of our phones.

Watch out for a self-service new launderette, due to open soon in one of the recent units at Greenfield Shopping Centre.



COLLEGE NEWS

An unusual meeting in college towards the end of last month was a weekend workshop aimed at exploring the possibilities of using more Irish music in the Catholic liturgy. Among those taking part were a number of people from around the country, including Noirín Ni Riain, from Cork, well known for her beautiful singing of Irish sacred music with the monks of Glenstal Abbey.

A recent Maynooth graduate, Bill Tinley, now working in the college development office, has recently had a selection of his poems published in the *Raven Arts Introduction* available in University Bookshop. Bill read from his work at the launching of the book in Trinity College last December, and the next day here at Maynooth. This marks growing recognition for a poet who was very active in the college English Society during his student days.

AVAILABLE COLLEGE BOOKSHOP

MUSIC IN THE COLLEGE

More treats are in store for music lovers in Maynooth over the next two months. The College has announced its programme of lunchtime concerts for the spring season. The concerts are held in the Education Hall, Old Campus, on Mondays from 1.15–2.00 pm, and are open to the public.

The Programme:

2 February *Helios Ensemble*
9 February **Ciaran Rocks** — Baritone;
Celine Kelly — Piano
23 February **Thomas Larcher** — Piano
2 March **Eamonn Martin** — Trombone,
Frank Lawrence — Piano

Other events of interest are an illustrated talk by Dr. Paul Crossley-Holland on "The Folk Music of Brittany" on Thursday 5th March, and on 16th March the College Traditional Musicians will present a concert. Both of these events will be in the Education Hall in the Old Campus.

On Sunday 8th March, at 8.00 pm there will be another opportunity to enjoy the superb acoustics of the College Chapel, when the College Choral Society and Sinfonietta perform Handel's "Messiah", with soloists Virginia Kerr, Patricia Bardon, Emmanuel Lawler, and Andrew Murphy. Tickets will be available from the Music Department in the College.

AnCO RETURN TO WORK COURSE

The AnCO Return-to-Work course held in Maynooth finished on Friday 19th December 1986, and was considered by all the women taking part to be a complete success.

Some have already gained employment, one a local soft furnishing and gift shop, two in Maynooth College, one in the Community Council Offices, and another is working from home. There are also definite promises of jobs in the near future for several more.

One group was interested in forming a Co-Op and have been meeting weekly for the past few weeks to formulate their ideas. They hope to have an AnCO pre Co-Op Course held in Maynooth in the near future.

More of the women felt that any woman who wishes to return to work should be given the benefit of attending a Return to Work Course as it was the ideal bridge between working in the home and working outside the home.



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The proceeds from the Fair will be equally shared between the Boy's National School (where the Fair will be held) and the Royal Canal Amenity Group, Maynooth Branch. Set out below are the costs per sq ft. for exhibition space and we invite you to fill in the Booking Form and return it to us with the deposit of £20 before February 20, 1987, if you are interested in having a stand.

Please address all correspondence to Norah McDermot at the above address.

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Brian Horn
(Chairman Maynooth Trade Fair)

BOOKING FORM

Indoor Stand £1.50 sq. ft. minimum size 30 sq. ft.	£45	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please tick which stand required and giving size, return form with deposit of £20 by February 20th, 1987 to Norah McDermot.

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ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP

1986 was a successful year for the project. The first phase of wall building in the harbour area is completed, all the seats are in position, the harbour field banks are levelled and ready for landscaping and thousands of tons of soil removed from the harbour. The big project for 1987 is the building of the slipway, also bank clearing, dredging to the 13th lock, and completion of the island.

Fund raising continues. We are running a Trade Fair on 4th and 5th April in association with the Boys' National School. The proceeds will go to the Canal Group and the Boys' School. The Community Council have given us the use of their office and have recruited staff under the social employment scheme to help set up and run the project. For information contact the project supervisor Norah McDermott at the M.C.C. office, phone 285922.

We had our A.G.M. in November and the new committee is as follows:

Brian Stewart *Chairman* 285935
Maura Cullen *Secretary* 286742
Declan O'Connor *Treasurer* 286043
Matthew Kennedy *P.R.O.* 286433

Brian Horne

Owen Byrne

Phil & Norah McDermott

Peter Finnan

It is with regret that we record the standing down of John Caulfield as Chairman, due to family and business commitments, his hard work and dedication to the project will be missed.

Matt Kennedy
P.R.O.

POETRY COMPETITION

Following the success of the Short Story Competition in 1986, the Newsletter is organising a Poetry Competition among readers. The Competition will be open to three age categories, 18 years and over, 12 to 18 years, and under 12. The poems can be on any subject, and any length, and should not have been published before. Prizes are sponsored by local businesses.

Entries should be sent to "Poetry Competition", Maynooth Newsletter, Town Centre Mall, Maynooth, before Tuesday 10th March. Entrants can submit more than one poem, and each entry should be accompanied by the name, address, and age category of the entrant.

There is a lot of literary talent in the Maynooth area. The Newsletter sees this competition as a means of unleashing all this talent, and giving a forum for expression.

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LYNOOTH SENIOR DMINTON CLUB

Badminton season is now well under way. Maynooth Badminton Club entered teams in the Dublin and District League season from section 'E' to 'J'. Maynooth 1 are in section 'E' and are captained by Mary Butler. They are top of division with 3 wins and no defeats. In present form they should finish winners in their division and make it to the play-off stages of the League. They also won their first round cup match with a 2 win over St. Columcilles.

Maynooth 2 are in section F captained by Ann Dalton. They have an impressive record of 3 wins and 1 defeat in this very competitive division. With 2 matches left to play. 2 good results will take them through to the play-off stages. Maynooth 2 also had a very impressive 1 win in their 1st round cup match.

Maynooth 3 are in section 'G' captained by Mick Lynch. After a shaky start to the season they recently obtained some good results in their last matches including a 5-3 win and a 7-1 win. Some more good results like these and they could finish in the top half of their section. Their 1st round cup match fell victim to bad weather and will be played at a later date.

Maynooth 4 are in section H and are captained by Edward Persse. They have had some excellent results so far winning all their matches, rarely dropping a game. Whether one or two results like this and they will be clear winners of their division and go into the play-off stages of the League. They have not played in the cup yet due to the recent bad weather.

Maynooth players have done exceptionally well this season in Open Competition. In Whitehall Rd. Open Tournament Kevin Doherty and Mick Cudihiy won Section 'F' mens doubles, Mary Butler and Rose Glennon were runners-up in section 'E' ladies doubles. In Tymonien Open Tournament the Ladies' doubles was an all-Maynooth affair with Carla Brennan and Brid Feeley beating Mary Butler and Rose Glennon.

Other Maynooth prize winners were Kevin Doherty and Ann Dalton, Bernie Farrell and Liam Duff, Mary Butler and Rose Glennon; Warrenstown Open Tournament; Derek Gleeson and Carla Brennan, Tallaght Open Tournament. Miriam Mulhern and Emer Mangan, Kevin Doherty and Mick Cudihiy, Ann Dalton and Kevin Doherty, Coolmine Open Tournament.

A waiting list is now in operation for membership of Maynooth Senior B.C. or any information about the club please phone Derek Gleeson at 285668 or Ann Dalton 255584.

Derek Gleeson
Hon. Secretary

MAYNOOTH TOWN F.C.

Land Development Draw

The Committee has decided to postpone the draw and it will now be held on *Sunday April 19th*. The venue will be announced later. We would like subscribers to note the new date and thank them for their great support. We would also like to remind any interested persons that tickets may still be obtained by contacting any committee member or writing to the undersigned.

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L. McCall

Treasurer
G. Durack
Secretary

MAYNOOTH TOWN SOCCER CLUB

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Tickets £50

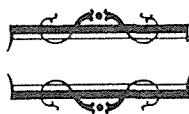
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6th Prize: £750
7th Prize: £750
8th Prize: £750
9th Prize: £750
26 Prizes of £500



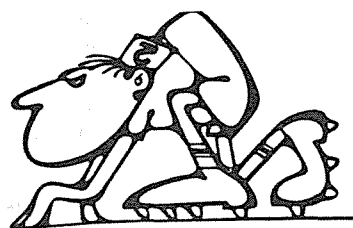
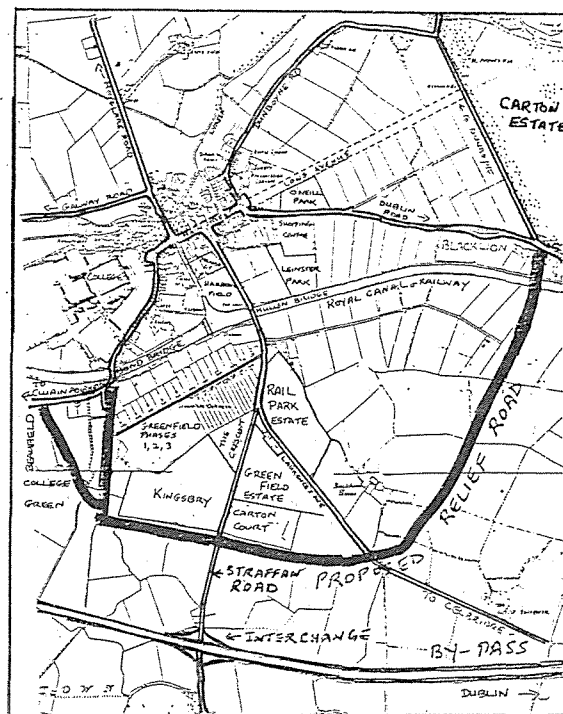
MAYNOOTH LADIES' SOCCER

On the 11th January we travelled to Leixlip to play in a friendly 5-a-side in the Amenity Centre. The team had a fine win beating Leixlip 4-0. Mary O'Riordan had a good game in goals, as did Pam Burke who scored 2 of the 4 goals. The goals were scored by: P. Burke (2); C Fitzpatrick (1) and A. Conlon (1). The team was: M. O'Riordan, T. Fitzpatrick, S. Breslin, P. Burke, C. Fitzpatrick, A. Conlon, P. Dempsey.

Training commences on Wed's in the Post-Primary School Gym at 7.30. Everyone is welcome to join us. Further information at 286254/285922.

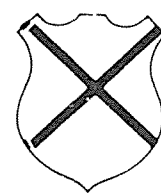
MAYNOOTH BY-PASS

The map shows the route of the proposed by-pass road. The relief road shown is to be built whenever the lands east of Railpark, which are all zoned for building, are developed. The Community Council are urging the County Council to build the relief road in conjunction with the by-pass in order to take the pressure of through traffic off the main street and Straffan road.



MAYNOOTH A.C.

Our athletes have as usual been given a good account of themselves in the Leinster Cross Country Championships. Michelle Ennis and Carmel Noonan were in sparkling form in the Girls U/14 taking 2nd and 3rd respectively with Lisa McCluskey close behind in 10th. These three were part of the Kildare team which was 3rd County and with Catherine Gleeson 42nd they were just out of the club awards. The same four girls were also in good form in the U/15 at Carbury where they took 3rd club and all figured on the Kildare team 3rd County. Carmel Noonan led them home in 7th followed by L. McCluskey 10th, M. Ennis 17th and C. Gleeson 28th. In Girls U/9 we had fine runs by Ciara Power 10th and Josephine Gallagher 23rd but the team was incomplete. In the U/10 C. Power had to pull out due to illness and the placings here were Aisling Redmond 29th, Emer O'Sullivan 36th and J. Gallagher 57th. In the Boys U/14 Gavin Callaghan was our sole entrant and he finished 31st. We had 2 runners in the Novice Ladies Mairead Noonan 12th and Marie Gleeson 40th. In the Girls U/12 our team finished Emma McCluskey 29th, Fiona Redmond 51st, Niamh O'Melia 64th and Gillian Power 79th. Fiona was on her own in the Girls U/13 where she finished 45th. Enda Breslin had a superb run in the Boys U/16 staying with the leaders all the way. In the end he had to settle for third after a tremendous battle for the first three places. Grainne Farrelly was another individual medalist taking silver in Ladies U/21 where Mairead Noonan finished 12th, while Peter Keegan was 3rd O/45, leading Kildare to the silver inter County medals. Patsy McCluskey also took individual 3rd in the Ladies O/30 and she led Kildare to 3rd place. Kildare took the gold medals in Men O/35 with Paddy Maher in 7th place and Mick Gleeson and David Jolly in action also. Kildare took third County in Intermediate men and included Liam McNamee 6th and Paddy Maher 23rd. Tony Callaghan was 27th, Brian Redmond 28th and Mick Gleeson 42nd but the club were just out of the medals.



MAYNOOTH G.A.A.

Maynooth G.A.A. held its Annual General Meeting in the Maynooth Athletic Club on Sunday, 18th Jan. 1987. A large attendance heard the Secretary's and Chairman's Report. In their reports the outgoing Secretary (Tommy Fay) thanked all the players and supporters and helpers during the year. He thanked the gatemens in particular as they turned up in all weathers to take in the money and the players who turned out for training and games throughout the year.

The outgoing chairman (Mick Gillick) paid tribute to the players and all also to the development committee who worked so hard on the 12 monthly draw and in particular made reference to the excellent work done by Mick Gleeson (treasurer) of this committee.

He then paid glowing tributes to the teachers in the Primary and Post Primary Schools who did trojan work in bringing success on the playing fields to the Post Primary teams and the Under 12 and Under 10 for their victories. He also paid tribute to Michael Nevin and Paschal Ennis on their selection at County level.

MAYNOOTH G.A.A. CLUB

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The following were elected at Maynooth G.A.A. Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 18th January, 1987.

Patron: Fr. Supple, P.P., Rev. Hammond.

Presidents: Jim Nolan, Josie Murphy, Benny Farrelly, Dinny Breen, Phil Brady.

Vice Presidents: Tom Moore, Ollie Reilly, Tim Twomey, Brendan Edwards (Senior).

Chairman: Michael Gillick

Vice Chairman: Tommy Flaherty.

Secretary: Tommy Fay.

Asst. Secretary: Mrs. Madeline Stynes.

Treasurer: Jimmy McLoughlin

P.R.O.: Aidan Flood.

Committee: P. Ennis, J. Tracey, Mrs. Molloy, P. Kearney, J. Nevin, P. Nevin, Fr. Thynne, M. Meally, M. Ryan, D. Casey (Senior), M. Cadden.

Development Committee: K. Diggins, M. Gleeson, M. Kelly, T. Flaherty, P. O'Toole.

Ladies Committee: M. Gillick, Mrs. Meally, C. Flaherty, B. Fay, A. Kelly.

Results

The December result of the Members Draw was:

1st Prize: Car of your Choice.

James Greville,
Enfield, Co. Meath.

5 prizes of £100

Terry Moore, Straffan Road.

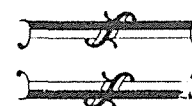
Mrs. Lorna Ayton, Trim.

Paddy Corscadden, London.

Tess O'Flynn, The Square.

Kevin Connolly, Brian Carson, Carton Court.

Last Draw on Friday 30th January in Caulfields at 9.45 pm. 1st prize £2,000.



COLLEGE NOT SO GREEN!

College Green's pioneering venture into the Meath Junior Soccer League has certainly proved successful, as shown by the accompanying league table, called from a recent issue of the Evening Press. The Green have won all nine games played so far, and are the only team with a 100% record, although they have four games less played than the league leaders, the interestingly-named "Shambo" 2nds.

The Newsletter would be delighted to receive further details and progress reports of the team's exploits, if any of the players can come down from the clouds for long enough to put pen to paper!

League tables

DIVISION 4					DIVISION 5					
P	W	D	L	Pts	P	W	D	L	Pts	
12	8	4	0	20	Shamrock 2nd	13	10	2	1	22
11	8	2	1	18	College Green	9	9	0	0	18
13	7	4	2	18	Maynooth 2nds	12	8	2	2	18
12	8	1	3	17	Dunboyne 2nd	11	6	1	4	13
11	3	5	3	9	Dunboyne 1st	14	6	1	7	13
8	2	5	1	9	Ratoath Harps	14	4	3	7	11
12	4	1	7	9	Torra U. 2nd	10	4	2	4	10
13	3	3	7	9	Agher 2nd	11	2	4	5	8
11	2	2	7	6	Dunshaugh D 2nd	18	3	1	14	7
11	2	1	8	5	May Blues	12	1	2	9	4
12	1	2	9	4						

NA FAIL PROFILE

Brady, M.C.C. Main Street, May-telephone 285257. Married with children. Auctioneer and Estate Elected to Dail Eireann in 1982. 1 to Kildare County Council in 1979 and re-elected in 1985. Member of Fianna Fail National Executive for 10 years. Chairman of Kildare Health Committee 1986, member of V.E.C. Nominated for Chairperson of Kildare County Council for 1988.

I am pleased to have been selected by the party to contest the forthcoming election with my colleagues Charlie Gearty and Paddy Power. I am looking forward to the opportunity of serving the people of Kildare and particularly Maynooth in Dail Eireann.

There are three main problems facing Maynooth Community which will be priorities with me".

Employment

Young people need to be given the opportunity of employment. This is the most serious problem not just in our area but in the Country at large. I have publicly criticised the I.D.A. in relation to the 60 acre industrial site at Collinstown, Maynooth. Planning permission exists here for 100,000 sq. ft. factory but no takers. The site should be designated for small businesses, for which there is a shortage of premises in North Kildare.

The by-Pass/Straffan Rd.

"The ideal solution to the Straffan Road problem is a Ring Road from the Dublin Road. It is crazy to route all traffic through the most densely populated part of the town. The Straffan Road should be brought to a proper standard but not widened and faster".

Recreational Facilities

"I would like to congratulate Maynooth Community Council on the great work they have put into promoting, together with St. Patrick's College, the Sports Complex on Kilcock Road. I will continue to help support their efforts."

Finally I would like to see the Sports Ground at the Harbour/Straffan Road developed to its full potential".

There are many other problems to be tackled, the most pressing of these is the High Level of Taxation and lack of incentive to work. I believe a Fianna Fail Government can create the confidence and growth which will bring about change in this area.

I would appreciate your support for myself and my colleagues"

Looking forward to a brighter future for all.

Gerry Brady M.C.C.

PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS' PROFILE

Eoin McBennet is a thirty-four year old chartered accountant who up to his recent selection as a Progressive Democrat candidate for Kildare, worked as a financial controller in manufacturing industry. He has now resigned his job in order to concentrate on securing a seat for the Progressive Democrats in Kildare.

Married with three children, Eoin has lived in Straffan for the last seven years. He has been a playing member of the North Kildare Rugby Club since 1969.

Eoin has been interested in politics and current affairs since his schooldays and was formerly a member of Fine Gael. He was, at the age of twenty-one, a candidate for that party in the 1974 Local Elections and narrowly missed being elected. He became disillusioned with the direction and leadership of the Fine Gael party and joined the Progressive Democrats soon after their establishment.

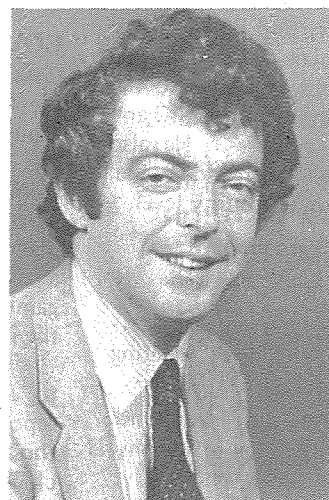
Eoin believes that the Progressive Democrats offer the Irish people an opportunity to vote for the kind of leader-

ship which the country now badly needs, competent, determined and compassionate leadership. The present exorbitant levels of taxation, both direct and indirect, have brought about a complete lack of incentive and confidence in our economy, and must be reduced as a matter of urgency. The only realistic way in which this can be achieved will be by eliminating all unnecessary and wasteful

government expenditure. Only by restoring incentive and confidence to the economy can we begin to tackle the employment problem.

Eoin totally supports the Progressive Democrat policy calling for local government reform and believes that the need for reform is nowhere more evident than in North Kildare. The needs of this growing community are quite distinct from other parts of Kildare. Greater involvement by the people in creating their own environment is an urgent need and would allow the people of Maynooth and North Kildare to make their area an ideal place to work and live.

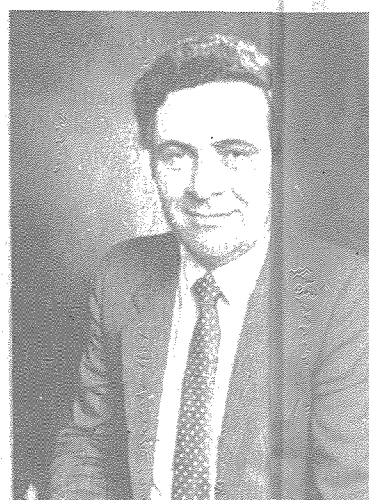
Eoin McBennet, Progressive Democrat candidate.



Gerry Brady



Eoin McBennet



Bernard Duan



Colm Purcell



Emmet Stagg

FINE GAEL PROFILE

Deputy Bernard Durkan has represented Maynooth and County Kildare for more than 10 years at Local Authority level and for the past 4 years as a Member of Dail Eireann.

Bernard has had great success in achieving a better deal for his constituents and has long since established himself as a politician who tells the public the true state of affairs at either local or national level, and yet he has proven himself a most competent representative when dealing with his constituents' queries.

In the past year, Bernard was one of a group of parliamentarians who travelled twice to London to lobby the Home Secretary and various British politicians in an effort to bring about the release of those imprisoned for the bombings at Guildford and Birmingham. Recent developments in this regard are very positive.

For the future Bernard would like to see better recreational facilities in Maynooth and hopefully when funds become available from the National Lottery later this year, Maynooth and other similar towns will benefit.

THE WORKERS' PARTY PROFILE — COLM PURCELL

Colm Purcell is a native of Kildare and lives in Leixlip with his wife Marie and their children Neil and Maria. He is 36 years old and works as a salesman in the hygiene products industry. Colm is a member of Kildare County Council. He has been to the forefront in the campaign against local charges, and is past Chairperson of the Leixlip branch of Kildare Residents Against Local Charges. He is a member of the I.T.G.W.U.

As a representative of the Workers' Party, Colm Purcell is committed to the government assuming a central role in expanding the productive sectors of the economy, thereby boosting employment, reducing emigration, and easing the overall burden of the state's social welfare bill. However, Colm Purcell is completely opposed to any cutbacks in individual social welfare benefits.

At the local level, Colm Purcell sees that the rapid population growth of the North Kildare area has not been matched by corresponding expansion in

public services. Underfunding of Kildare County Council has produced the local charges fiasco and rapidly-deteriorating roads. Public transport services — especially the Maynooth commuter train service — remain underdeveloped. Garda coverage and facilities for the unemployed are totally inadequate relative to the population of the area. While welcoming the Maynooth By-Pass road, Colm Purcell will campaign for the early construction of the proposed relief road in order to alleviate local traffic pressures.

Colm Purcell will support the efforts being made by Maynooth Community Council and Maynooth College to provide a fully-equipped Sports Complex in the town. He is also committed to Carton Estate being taken into public ownership and developed as a Regional Park and Recreation Area. Colm is also fully in support of the longstanding commitment of the Workers' Party to a comprehensive grants scheme for third level students.

Colm Purcell, Workers' Party candidate.

LABOUR PARTY PROFILE

Emmet Stagg, is the only Labour candidate in Kildare in this forthcoming General Election: A medical technologist he lives in Straffan and is married with two children. He became a member of Kildare Co. Council in 1978 and served as Chairperson of the Council in 1982/3. He is currently Chairperson of Kildare Library Committee and Celbridge Area Committee of the Council and is a member of Kildare Vocational Education Committee.

Outspoken on many issues affecting working people he has been constant and successful in his campaign against the inequitous Local Charges.

Emmet is notable for the level of service he provides through the Labour Advice Service. He also works with local clubs and organisations assisting with projects and problems: Maynooth Community Council, Maynooth Chamber of Commerce and a number of Residents Associations have been established arising

from his initiatives through the local Labour Branch.

His special concern for senior citizens is reflected in the Annual Sponsored Walk organised by Maynooth Labour Branch. The proceeds of which, (over £5,000) have been presented to Maynooth Old Folks Committee.

On his current 'Maynooth' agenda are:

1. Bus Service to Straffan Road.
2. Upgrading of Straffan and Newtown Road and two bridges.
3. Joint Sports Complex with Maynooth College and Community Council.
4. Securing of Carton Estate.
5. Further Council Housing
6. Improvement to Labour Exchange
7. Improved Garda Services
8. Re-opening of I.M.P. and industries for Collinstown Industrial Estate.

A Socialist, and Trade Unionist (F.W.U.I.), Cllr. Stagg has been strongly associated with the campaign for an Independent Socialist position for the Labour Party and has strenuously opposed the Party's participation in Coalition Government. He identifies taxation, employment and education as his priorities and will campaign for radical changes in these areas.

Emmet who is a member of the campaign for nuclear disarmament, divorce action group and the Anti-Apartheid Movement provides a real alternative to the electorate of Kildare.

If successful he will be available on a full-time basis to improve more effectively in your interests.

Bernard has also repeatedly raised the question of the acquisition of Carton Estate and he believes that this is an attainable objective within 5 years.

MAJOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

for Maynooth will be beneficial i.e. the N4 By-Pass, but Bernard would prefer a different road improvement proposal to that now planned for the Straffan Road — he favours the creation of a new link road from Blacklion to Dowdstown thereby eliminating heavy traffic from Dunboyne via the town.

He is also happy that his original proposal for the improvement of the road and bridge at Newtown, Maynooth (Bond Bridge) is going ahead and work should commence later this year.

Though Maynooth like other towns has many problems including unemployment, which is unacceptably high, Bernard Durkan feels that by positive word and action a great deal can and will be achieved.

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NO CHANGE FOR MAYNOOTH COMMUTERS

Readers may recall our December issue in which we awarded no marks to CIE for its withdrawal of the train service to Maynooth on the Friday before the October bank holiday. In response to numerous representations the Community Council wrote to CIE expressing its concern over the cavalier way in which Maynooth commuters are treated.

The response received from Mr. N. Kennedy, Area Manager, indicates that no improvement in service is envisaged. Despite the fact that the numbers of commuters has increased "sharply", it appears that nothing is going to be done.

Those with memories of the last election may know that the provision of the commuter service to Maynooth at that time was not unconnected with the desire of politicians to stay in business. It so happens that another election is coming up. A bit of pressure for an improvement to the service might be effective. We may not get a WART (Western Area Rapid Transit) immediately, but we would at least expect a few more trains, and a guarantee of service.

Coras Iompair Eireann,
Connolly Station, Amiens Street, Dublin 1.

Dear Mr. Breathnach,

I refer to your letter of the 25th November to our Dublin City Services Manager which has been passed to me for attention and regret that you found it necessary to complain.

The peak passenger movement, which we experienced over the October holiday weekend, was so concentrated that it required us to ensure that all available rolling stock was utilised to the full. This, unfortunately, necessitated the withdrawal of the train set from the Maynooth route and its substitution with a bus service.

During recent years, because of extensive residential development in areas adjacent to the suburban lines, both on the Maynooth Commuter link and on the Dundalk line, north of Howth Junction, together with greater congestion on the roads, the numbers of rail commuters have increased sharply. This places a serious strain on our existing rolling stock and we simply do not have the resources at present to cater satisfactorily for the numbers travelling.

Having to provide in part a commuter service to Maynooth using mainline rail to the extent we are at present is most unsatisfactory, as it does not enable us to provide either the type of

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service required on the mainline rail or the frequency and level of service demanded by commuters. Until such time as additional stations are opened at Coolmine, Blanchardstown and Leixlip, and suitable rolling stock is available, the present level of service will, I regret to say, have to be retained.

Yours sincerely,

N. Kennedy,
Area Manager

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CLASS OF 1980?

Frances Daly and Sheila Larkin were participants in the AnCO Return to Work course which was held in Maynooth from September to December 1986. Part of the course consisted of a research project, and the question that Frances and Sheila set out to answer was what happened to the members of the Leaving Certificate class who left the Post-Primary School in 1980.

With the help of Tom Ashe, Principal, and the parents of the 1980 class, it was possible to follow the progress of the 44 pupils who left in 1980. Frances and Sheila have made available to the *Newsletter* a summary of their findings, which make very interesting reading.

The most encouraging finding is that only three are unemployed, of whom two are married, and working in the home, and one is unemployed through illness. Three are still studying. However, of some concern is the number abroad, thirteen, which seems to indicate that almost one third of the group have had to emigrate. Certainly, a statistic which brings home the seriousness of the situation which faces school leavers.

Over one fifth (9) of the group had obtained degrees by 1986. A relatively small percentage (29%) had married, despite the fact that most of the group would be aged 23 years and over at the time of the survey. The group had found a wide variety of occupations — there are secretaries, electricians, technicians, chefs, librarians, ESB officials. Other occupations are teacher, nurse, barman, garda, and a number of others.

It is satisfying to see how successful the class of 1980 have been in gaining employment. However, there should be no complacency where one in three of our students have left the country. It is sad to see the revival of the old tradition of emigration.



LOCAL NOTABLES

Two T.D.'s who represented the Laois-Offaly constituency had connections with Maynooth. They were John Gill and Eugene O'Brien.

It was a further coincidence that both held their seats for less than a year.

John Gill was born in 1898 at Convent Lane, Maynooth. When young the family moved to Edenderry, Co. Offaly following the death of this father, who was a postman. He joined the Labour

Party and became a member of Edenderry Town Commissioners and Edenderry District Council in June 1923. In 1926 he became full time organiser and Laois Secretary of the I.T.G.W.U. In June 1927 he gained a second seat for the Labour Party when he was elected a T.D. for Laois — Offaly. He lost the seat in the election which followed in September, 1927. He served as Chairman of Laois County Council for four terms. Aside from politics, John Gill starred in a 1932 musical film called 'Sweet Inniscarra'. He died in 1971. Mrs. Ann Daly aged 90 of O'Neill Park, Maynooth, is a first cousin.

Eugene O'Brien of Edenderry owned the licensed premises and grocery which is now Cassidy's Roost. His wife Eileen Dempsey was from the Maynooth area, and his son Eugene A. O'Brien is Managing Director of the present O'Brien Group which developed Maynooth Shopping Centre. He was elected to Edenderry Town Commissioners, and in 1932 was elected a Clan na nGael T.D. for Laois — Offaly, but lost the seat in the 1933 General Election. He provided the newly formed Garda Síochána with a barracks in Edenderry in 1922. In the course of a successful business life Eugene O'Brien was a director of Clondalkin Paper Mills. He died in 1980.

Declan O'Connor.

YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHERS

Young people interested in photography have a chance of winning £1000 in a competition organised by Fuji Films. Photographers aged under 19 years living in Ireland, and not involved in professional photography are eligible to enter. In addition to the £1000 prize for the overall winner, there are other prizes, and all prize winners will participate in a photographic weekend workshop run by Ireland's top photographers. There is no entry form, and no entry fee. Further information can be obtained from: Fr. Gerry Hipwell, Carmelite College, Moate, Co. Westmeath. Tel: 0902 81160. Entries must be in by 10th April.

PAY AS YOU EARN PLAN HERE NEXT OCTOBER

Everyone will pay less, greater allowances

The above headline appeared in one of our daily newspapers, The Cork Examiner, on 17th October 1959.

Pay As You Earn was introduced here on the 6th October 1960. The following tables compare the rates then and now with the interim inflation taken as 1100%.

CATEGORIES	ALLOWANCES		
	1960 Actual	1960 inflation corrected up to 1986	1986 Actual
Unmarried person	£312	£3,744	£2,000
Married Person	£525	£6,300	£4,000
Married person with three children	£925	£11,100	£4,000
Tax Rates	26% on incomes up to £1,800 35% balance	26% on incomes up to £21,600 35% balance	Single Person 35% first £4,700 48% next £2,800 58% balance Married Person 35% first £9,400 48% next £5,600 58% balance

How the PAYE worker has been screwed since then is best illustrated by taking the example of a married person with three children on the average industrial wage of £12,000. Today that person pays £2,800 in income tax. However, if the allowances granted in 1960 had kept up with inflation that person would only pay £229 giving an extra take home pay of £50 per week. Needless to say the self-employed, farmers and factory owners pay less today than they did in 1960.

John McGinley.

SNOW CLEARANCE

The County Council is to be praised for its efficient response to snow clearance, at least as far as the main roads are concerned. Council workers also cleared the paths in the Main Street, thus allowing elderly people, and pram pushers, and even the more agile members of the population to get around safely.

However, the response of the ordinary residents of Maynooth can only be deplored. Very few residents troubled to clear the small patch in front of their houses. Some gave the excuse that "ah, sure won't it melt, eventually". The snow did melt, and fortunately more rapidly than it did in the big snows of 1982. Meanwhile, during the few days it took to go away, the elderly and the pram pushers were confined to their quarters, unable to risk the dangers of falling on the snow covered pavements. Could we ask those who preferred to admire their pavements from the comfort of their front rooms to think of the people they are inconveniencing; or at least of the potential insurance premiums they might be liable for should someone injure themselves outside their house.

The state can and should play a large part in snow clearances, but people can't expect it to do everything.

MAYNOOTH/KILCOCK LIONS CLUB

RTE 2 Lions Clubs Food Appeal

The members of the above club wish to thank the public of Maynooth and surrounding areas for their great generosity over the pre-Christmas period. The total value of food items collected from the following centres, Maynooth, Kilcock, Clane, Celbridge and Lucan amounted to a staggering £5,400. These food items were made into hampers and distributed by the St. Vincent De Paul to the needy in the local areas.

The Great Egg and Spoon Race

This annual event took place on New Year's Day as usual and was won by Patrick's Restaurant. The total amount of money raised was £3,200 before expenses which will be distributed to the two charities named, Church of Ireland Restoration Work, and the Royal Canal Amenity Group. The Lions Club take this opportunity of thanking all participants and sponsors equally and look forward to continuing this novelty event in the future. The result of the 3 x £100 draw prizes which took place on the cards were as follows: £100 to Sean Donovan, Sean's Newsagent, Greenfield. £100 to Niall Taaffe, Mr. T's, Main St., Maynooth. £100 to Pat Clerkin, 2 Cluain Aoibhinn, C/) The Roost.

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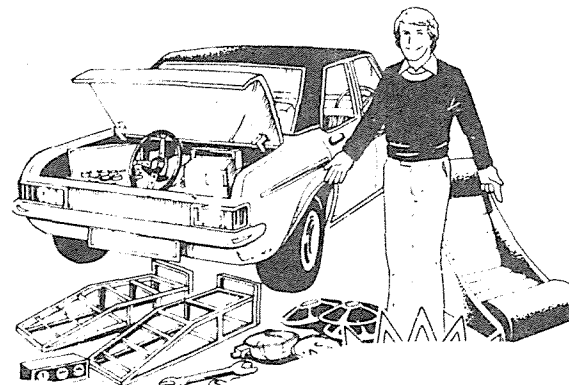
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Celbridge (Hibernian House) 10.30 a.m.
Leixlip (Captain's Inn) 12.45 p.m.
Maynooth (Geraldine Hall) 3.00 p.m.
Naas (Fletcher's, Main St.) 4.30 p.m.
Kilcock (Arcadia Hall) 6.30 p.m.
First Saturday of each Month
Newtown (Community Hall) 9.00 p.m.

First MONDAY of every Month
Johnstownbridge (The Hamlet) 6.30 p.m.
Broadford (Broadford Inn) 7.15 p.m.
Williamstown (Forge Inn) 8.00 p.m.
Derrinturn (John O'Brien) 8.45 p.m.

Second MONDAY of every Month
Straffan (Straffan Inn) 6.30 p.m.
Clane (Jones's Pub) 7.15 p.m.
Prosperous (Reilly's Office) 8.00 p.m.
Kilmeague (Lyon's Pub) 8.45 p.m.

Third MONDAY of every Month
Timahoe (The School) 6.30 p.m.
Coill Dubh (Community Centre) 7.15 p.m.
Robertstown (Dowling's) 8.00 p.m.
Newbridge (Nolan's Pub) 8.45 p.m.

Fourth MONDAY of every Month
Ardclough (T. Finneran's House) . . . 6.30 p.m.
Kill (National School) 7.15 p.m.
Sallins (Heavy's, Main St.) 8.00 p.m.
Allenwood (Carroll's Lounge) 8.45 p.m.

First FRIDAY of every Month
Kilteel (Kilteel Inn) 6.30 p.m.
Ballymore (Heaton's Lounge) 7.15 p.m.
Brannockstown (P. Markey's Pub) . . . 8.00 p.m.
Two Mile House (Community Hall) . . . 8.45 p.m.

Second FRIDAY of every Month
Newbridge (Nolan's Pub) 6.30 p.m.
Monasterevin (CYMS Hall) 7.45 p.m.
Rathangan (The Burrow) 8.45 p.m.
Rathcoffey (The Pub) 10.30 p.m.

Third FRIDAY of every month
Kilcullen (The Hide Out) 6.30 p.m.
Castledermot (Doyle's Lounge) 7.30 p.m.
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All are welcome regardless of political affiliation and matters discussed will be treated in strict confidence

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The New Workers

This is the first edition produced with our new team of workers. Lucily the scheme was sanctioned before any public spending cuts were imposed, so the future is assured for the next twelve months. The new team is introduced elsewhere in the *Newsletter*, and we look forward to working with them in the future. They are a talented bunch, with lots of ideas. Eugene Fitzpatrick is responsible for our first Youth Page and we look forward to future developments in the coverage of youth affairs.

Norah McDermott

Kellystown, Leixlip. Married with 3 children, Anna Marie 20, Darren 14 and Tanya 10. Involved in most voluntary groups in Maynooth at some time or other during the past 15 years, and presently involved in N.A.C.A.I. athletics at County and national level, Maynooth Community Games, I.C.A., Royal Canal Amenity Group, Maynooth and Salesian Co-operators. Looking forward very much to working for the Maynooth Community Council.

Brenda Gallagher

Living in Leixlip for the past 10 years. Married with 3 children. Trained as a State registered general and children's nurse.

Looking forward to working with the Community Council on the *Newsletter*.

Phil Horan

Living in Maynooth all her life. Was formally employed in O'Brien's and Housepride. She is currently involved in Leixlip and District Credit Union. Looking forward to working with the Community Council on the *Newsletter* team for the next year.

Eugene Fitzpatrick

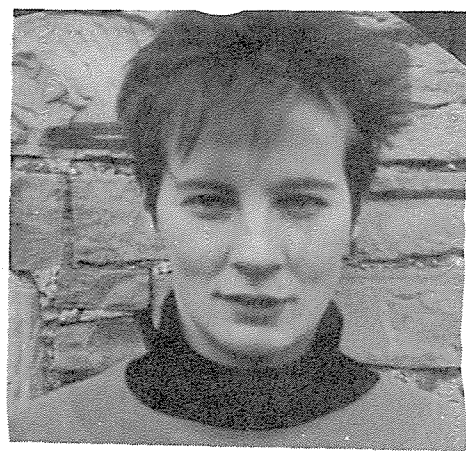
Resident of Maynooth since 1973. His hobbies are listening to music, reading, and discos. Eugene will be representing the youth of the town for the *Newsletter* and looks forward to hearing your views and comments throughout the year.

Elizabeth Ui Bhrian

A native of Limerick and moved to Maynooth after her marriage. Worked with Resource Publications for 4 years. Elizabeth is looking forward to working with the *Newsletter* and getting involved in her new community.

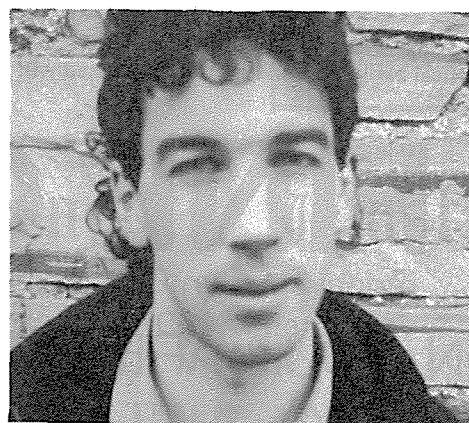


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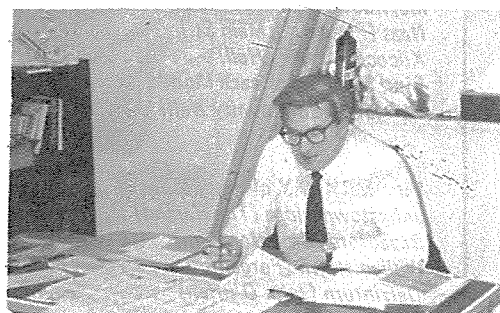
Frances McNicholas

A native of Co. Westmeath but she is no stranger to Maynooth as she was a student in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. She holds a BA and H.Dip. in Ed. She has taken up the position of administer in the Community Council and is looking forward to the year ahead.



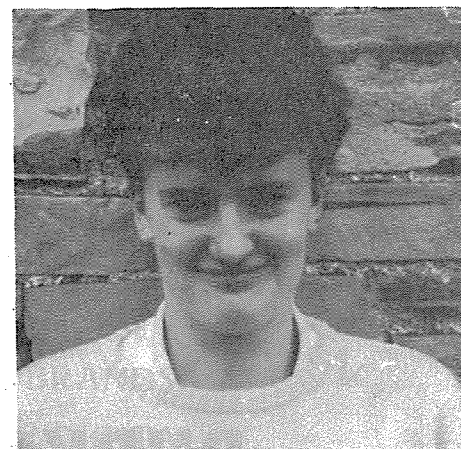
Gerry Colreavy

Graduated from Maynooth College with a B.Sc and Diploma in Adult Education. First involvement with the Community Council was in setting up the Community Information Centre which operates in the Public Library. He was then employed as Supervisor of the S.E.S. scheme from Nov 1985 - Nov 1986. He is presently working part-time under the new S.E.S. scheme as well as teaching part-time with Dublin V.E.C.



Oliver Morrison

Married with 2 Children. Has lived in Leixlip for past 16 years. He is a Director of the Leixlip & District Credit Union and enjoys all types of music except heavy metal.



Shelly Breslin

Has lived in Maynooth since 1978. Involved with Community Games and Maynooth A.C. representing the club at County, provincial and national levels. Holds a diploma in aerobics. Is presently involved with starting up Ladies Soccer Team. Has worked with the Community Council since July 1986, and looks forward to working with Community Council in 1987.

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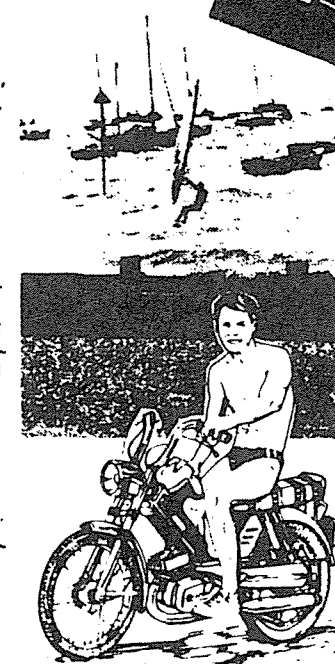
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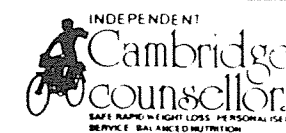
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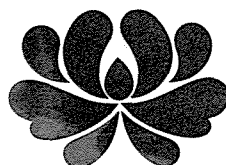
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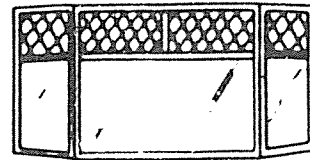
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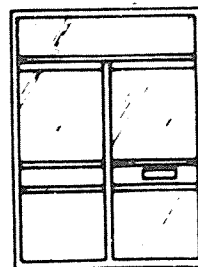
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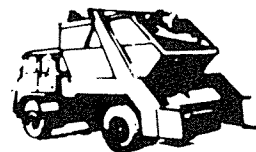
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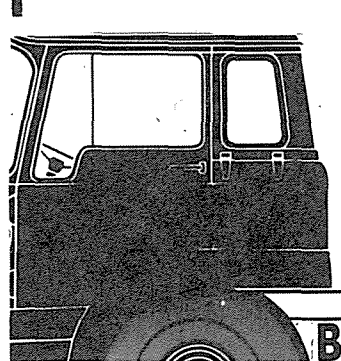
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concert news line



There's talk on the Grapevine of Bon Jovi playing two concerts in the RDS in mid March. So Metal Merchants take note (more on that next month). Spandau Ballet fans will be pleased to hear that the band have two concerts lined up for February. They're an excellent live act so, don't miss it!

Hi, as from this month, the youth of the town will have their very own page in the *Newsletter* on which they can express their views and comments on life in the town.

All the up to date news on the pop scene will be featured each month. If you have anything you feel would be of interest to young people don't desistate in sending it in to me.

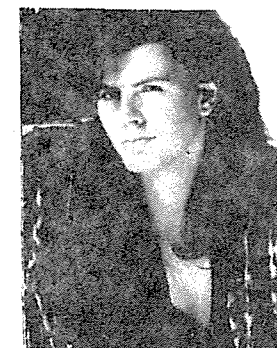
pop info



Madonna

So fed up are MADONNA's neighbours at being kept awake at night, by huffin and puffin on her new exercise-bike, they're planning to take the blonde bombshell to court.

WHAM have just released a video called "What the Final". Singles included on the Video will be *The Edge of Heaven*, *A Different Corner*, and George Michael's latest solo single *Where did your Heart Go*. The price is £15.95 so Wham fans start saving your pocket money.



John Taylor (Duran Duran).

Duran Duran had their latest single *Notorious*, voted best single of 1986 in a certain British pop magazine's readers poll. Of the original line-up only three members of the band remain — Simon Le Bon, John Taylor and Nick Rhodes. Andy Taylor is persuing a solo career while drummer Roger Taylor is living in seclusion with his beautiful wife Giovanna, after suffering a nervous breakdown.

The COMMUNARDS — that band fronted by ex BRONSKI BEAT singer Jimmy Somerville, have also released a new video. It's titled "The Video Singles" features hit singles such as *You are My World*, *Disenchanted*, *So Cold The Night* and the hit single *Don't Leave Me This Way*. Priced at £14.95. It's surely a must for Communards' fans.

The BANGLES have just released their new single entitled *Walking Down the Street*. The girls went down a storm at Slane last year and we hope to see them back very shortly. Lead singer Suzanna Hoffs says she loves Ireland and would love for the band to make a return visit.

The PSYCHEDELIC FURS have released a new single entitled *Angles Don't Cry*. A nationwide British Tour kicks off in early February and Irish dates are on the cards. So 'FURS fans take note.

Canadian band GLASS TIGER have released a follow-up to their big hit *Don't Forget Me When I'm Gone* entitled *Someday*. As you probably know, *Don't Forget Me* is a cover version of The Beatles hit of the same title. The band went to number one in both Canada and America with the song, and ironically enough, so did the "Likely Lads" from Liverpool.

TOP 10 SINGLES

- 1 Jack Your Body — Steve Sir Curly
- 2 Is This Love — Alison Moyet
- 3 C'est la vie — Robbie Nevill
- 4 Knew You Were Waiting — George Michael
- 5 Surrender — Swing Out Sister
- 6 Didn't Matter — Style Council
- 7 Big Fun — Gap Band
- 8 Something Happens — Two Changes (EP)
- 9 Wasteland — The Mission
- 10 Reet Petite — Jackie Wilson

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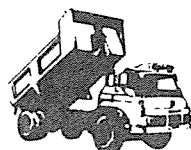
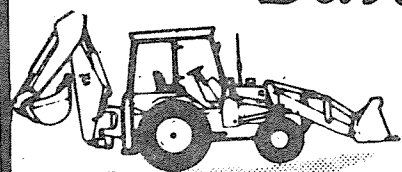
TOP 5 ALBUMS

- 1 Graceland — Paul Simon
- 2 Revenge — Eurythmics
- 3 Kate Bush — *Greatest Hits*
- 4 Sheer Live Magic — Queen
- 5 Communards — *The Communards*

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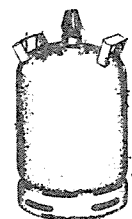
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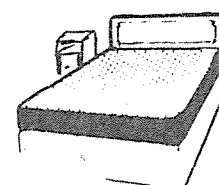
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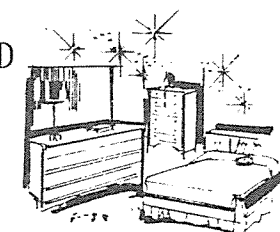
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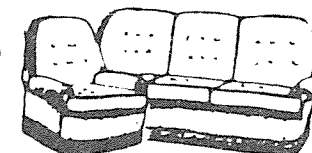
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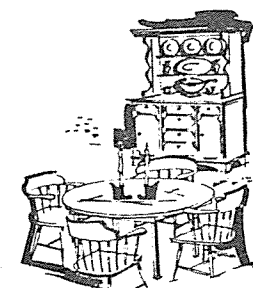
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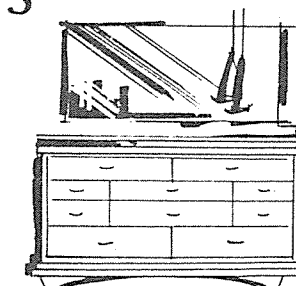


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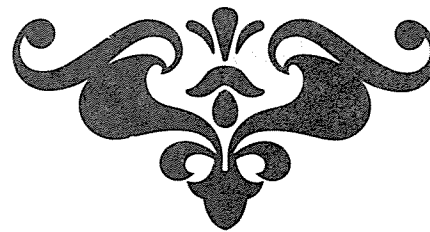
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(What does a hen do?)
A. A hen lays eggs.
- Q. What's a zookey?
(What is a zoo key?)
A. A key for a zoo.

Knock. Knock
Who's there?
Mickey
Mickey Who?
Me key is lost that's why I'm
knocking on the door.

- Q. How would you shoot a
purple elephant?
A. With a purple elephant gun.
- Q. How would you shoot a pink
elephant?
A. With a pink elephant gun.
No. Elephant guns don't come
in pink. Catch him by the trunk
and squeeze until he turns purple,
then shoot him with a purple
elephant gun.

- Q. Why did the chicken cross
the road?
A. To get to the other side.
No. The chicken crossed the road
to get the pension.
I don't get it.
Of course you don't. The chicken
didn't get it either. (Cause chickens
don't get the pension).

- Q. If my peacock flies into your
garden and lays two eggs.
Who owns the eggs?
A. Nobody. Cause peacocks don't
lay eggs (peahens do).

Childrens Corner.

BROKEN NUMBERS

Can you help Pat to put the numbers
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the numbers?



Solution:
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Willie and Nell

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Willie pushed his sister Nell.
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Anonymous



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2. Richard McGovern, 833 Greenfield
3. Padraig Corcoran, 44 Laurence Ave.
4. Marie O'Toole, Pikes Bridge
5. David P. Moore, Greenville, Straffan Road.
6. Helen Buckley, Newtown
7. Emer O'Rourke, Laragh
8. Marie Clair Nangle, 82 Maynooth Park

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- 1st Prize Karen Killoran, 81 Maynooth Park.
- 2nd Prize Monica Healy, 738 Greenfield (Old), Maynooth.
- Runners Up:
Denis Carroll, Clonfert, Maynooth.
Conall Mahon, Corbally, Celbridge.
Tanya McDermott, Kellystown, Leixlip.
Eimear Hoare, Ballygoran, Maynooth.

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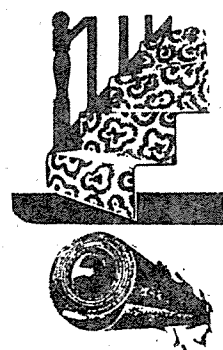
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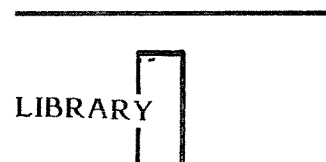
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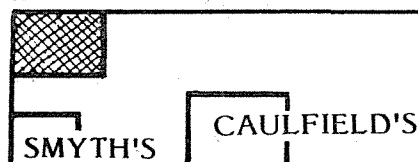
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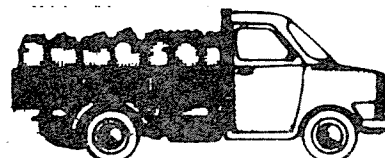
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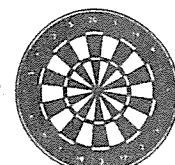
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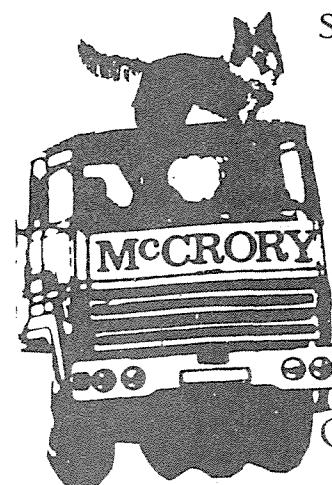
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Andy Cregan R.I.P.

Maynooth was stunned over Christmas to hear of the death of Andy Cregan, of Lawrence Ave., who died on Christmas Eve, while in Ennis to spend Christmas with his son Andy and his family.

Andy was a very popular man in the Maynooth area, and he was especially popular with the children in Greenfields estate who looked on him as a "grandfather". He knew all the children by name and always had a few words for them.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Maureen and his two sons Andy and Richard, and also by his neighbours and friends in the Maynooth area.

Our condolences to his wife and family.

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Brush chops on both sides with a little of the oil. Set aside until ready to cook.

Chop onion finely.

Cook onions in a little oil for approx. 5 mins.

Turn tomatoes into a sieve over a bowl to reserve juice. Chop tomatoes finely.

Add the tomatoes, their juice, vinegar, sugar, tomato sauce and soy sauce to the saucepan with the onions.

Bring to boil and simmer for 10 minutes.

Turn grill to highest heat and arrange chops in single layer in a dish.

When grill is hot cook chops on each side for 1 minute. Remove from grill.

Pour sauce over chops. Reduce grill to low.

Grill chops for 7-8 mins. each side turning and basting with sauce from time to time.

THE STORK

Congratulations to Anne Finn and John Byrne of Railpark on the birth of their son Cian.

Congratulations to Peter, Ann Nevin on the birth of their baby in December.

Congratulations to Cliff Murphy, Castle View on his success in the examinations of the Irish Management Institute. Cliff was conferred with a Degree in Management by the IMI and Trinity College.

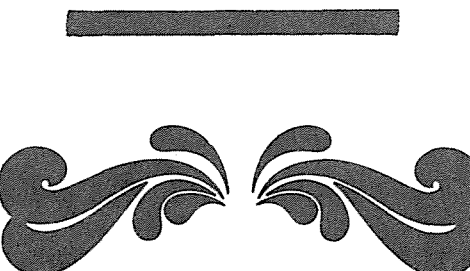
Kilcock Drama Group present the pantomime — Old King Cole in St. Joseph's Hall on Friday 5th, Sat. 6th of February at 8.00 pm and Friday 13th/Saturday 14th of February at 8.00 pm.

Also on Sunday 8th and Sunday 15th at 3.00 pm ONLY.

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There are also ramps at the entrance to the car park, intended to slow down drivers. A good idea, but they should have been painted in some prominent colour in fairness to car owners. These 'sleeping policemen' are only effective if drivers see them in time to slow down.

The snows of January caused even more chaos. Another plea to O'Brien's, how about clearing some snow paths so that trolleys can be wheeled to cars?

THANK YOU

We would like to say a word of thanks to Joe Buckley for transporting the photocopying machine to the Community Council office and to Philip McDermott, Damian Gibbons and Mark McEvoy for walking the machine up the stairs. Keep up the good work.

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THE GOLDFINCH

The Goldfinch is one of our most beautiful songbirds, it has a chestnut/brown back and front, yellow, black and white tipped wings, and a beautiful red, white and black head. It is found in woods, hedgerows, meadows. It feeds on seeds from the thistle, dandelion and hayseeds. During the breeding season the nest is built by the hen, it can be located, even though very well hidden, in fruit trees, pine trees. It is made of moss, leaves, hair, feathers, and is covered in lichen to the outside. The hen incubates the eggs only, 4-5 eggs, for about 14 days. During this time she is fed by the male (cock). The eggs are white in colour with light brown spots. When the young birds are hatched they stay in the nest for about 21 days, when they leave the nest they gather in large groups to feed.

The goldfinch has a very soft and melodious song and for years has been kept by bird fanciers in cages.

THE JACKDAW

The Jackdaw is one of the commonest birds to be found in Ireland. He is very easily recognised with his greyish head and dark body. He can be found in towns, woods, old buildings and farmyards. The nest is built in chimneys, holes in trees, old walls. It is made of twigs, moss, mud. They pair off in April and May. 4 to 5 eggs are laid, they are incubated by both parents for about 20 days. The young are fed with insects, worms. The Jackdaw will eat nearly anything. He is not too popular with farmers as they eat and destroy his corn crops with crows and pigeons. The young Jackdaws leave the nest after about 3 to 4 weeks and can be seen gathering in the evening time in large numbers before roosting. The eggs are pale white/green with dark spots.

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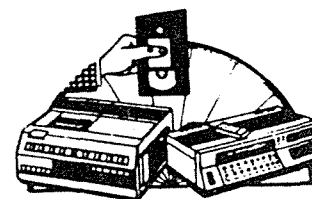
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