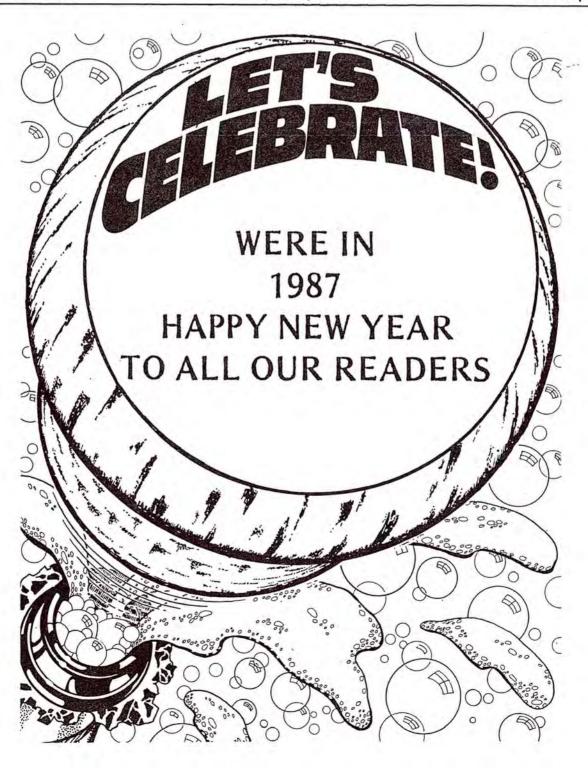
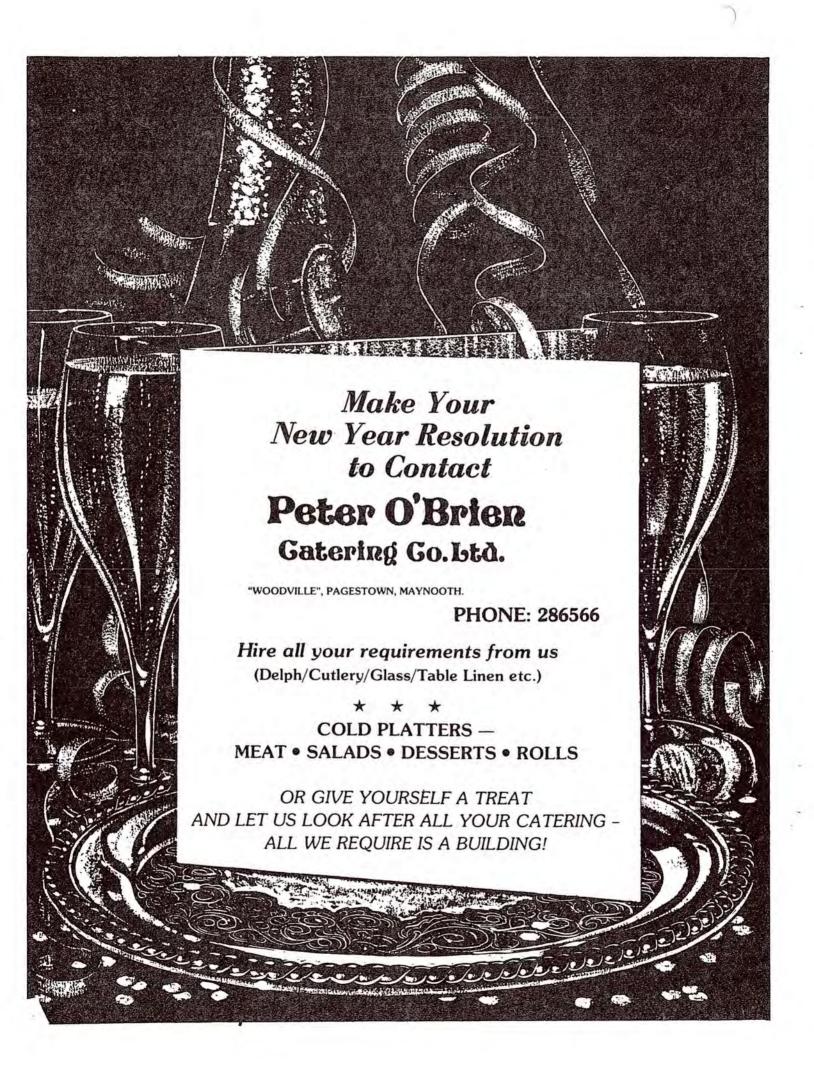
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Editorial

RECENT ROBBERIES

Christmas came early to Maynooth in one respect this year, with the seasonal break-ins and burglaries beginning in October. Since the 23rd of that month at least eight houses in the residential estates - particularly Carton Court -have been targets in a series of robberies which fit into a clear pattern. The houses selected have generally been rented to students, and temporarily unoccupied either while the occupants are out for the evening or away at weekends. Access is gained by breaking a pane of glass in a rear window - often with a piece of the securing putty removed-to ensure a neater job.

But once inside any idea of neatness is forgotten. Drawers and cupboards have been rifled, and the articles taken have included electrical equipment, cheque books, passports, calculators, and walkman' stereos. One house, however, was stripped of all its carpets, including lounge and stairs, but it is not certain that this was the work of the same criminal(s).

Empty houses are particularly vulnerable, and at Christmas and the New Year many occupants — including students in rented accommodation — will be away. It is a time for extra precautions, and a properly regulated neighbourhood watch scheme has never been more necessary. But simple civic responsibility should mean that any suspicious activity be reported to the gardai. If you hear the sound of breaking glass outside in the night, don't just turn over and go back to sleep!

REPORT ON STRAFFAN ROAD, MAYNOOTH

As a result of the development which has taken place on the Straffan Road the proposed siting of an interchange on the same road, it has become necessary to prepare a plan to up-grade the Straffan Road between the location of the interchange and the town centre.

Having examined the traffic movements on the road a cross section consisting of a 10m (33 feet) carriageway, to include a turning lane, and two No. 3m (10 feet) footpaths is proposed.

The alignment shown on Drawing No. E/2025 which can be inspected in this office between normal working hours (9.00 am - 5.00 pm) will have minimal affects on the existing housing estate of Carton Estate and Kingsbury Estate in that a relatively small area of the open space adjacent to the existing road will be required to improve the Straffan Road. The realignment will

make both vehicular and pedestrian access to all the dwellings on the road far safer and provision of traffic signals at the Celbridge Road will give a more orderly movement of traffic.

As one approaches Mullen Bridge from the south side it will be necessary to acquire a very small piece of garden the property of Mr. and Mrs. Feely. The effect on this property will be minimal as only a small portion of the garden will be required.

Closer to the bridge, the ball-alley which is in a very bad state of repair will be affected as will an over-grown and derelict section of the football ground.

Where walls, hedges etc. are required these will be replaced by walls or fences as appropriate and some hedge planting will be undertaken if considered necessary. These matters will be the subject of negotiation with the property owners when the necessary details are finalised.

In relation to the fear expressed that Greenfield Cottages will become a "racetrack" when the road is improved, it is intended to turn the road serving the cottages into a cul-de-sac when the new distributor road linking the Rathcoffey and Straffan roads is completed.

The proposal to widen the Straffan Road is not part of the Motorway Order proposal at present before the Minister.

Where areas of old road are disbanded these can be incorporated into the existing green areas at the time of construction and this will reduce the possibility of such areas being used for caravan parks etc.

The Council has examined alternative routes with the Department of the Environment and that Department is not prepared to sanction or finance any other route at the present time. Approval in principle has been given to the Council's proposals but detailed drawings have not yet been submitted to the Department of the Environment. Accordingly Council officials are prepared to meet interested parties during normal working hours and are prepared to consider and discuss the objections to the Council's proposals and to explain further the Council's position.

In conclusion the Council's proposals would have the affect of improving access for all the residents along the proposed improved section, provide footpaths to service the housing estates, traffic signals to regulate the traffic and will also improve the width and alignment of Mullen Bridge, thus improving the standard of the road considerably.

John A. Carrick County Engineer, 6 November 1986 Kildare County Council, St. Mary's, Naas. Phone (045) 97071



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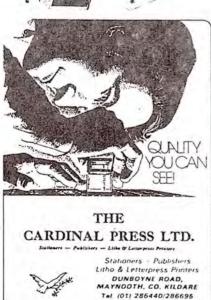
Saturday, November 22nd was graduation day for hundreds of adults who had taken extra mural courses through the college in 1985/86. The Certificates and Diplomas were presented by the Vice President of the College, Professor Mathew O'Donnell and the Director of the Adult Education Centre, Dr. Liam Among the graduates were a Carev. large contingent from Maynooth itself. Some of these had completed the certificate in Studies in Community work, a 20-week long course which included studies in how communities function, and how communities operate. The group carried out a joint project on the Maynooth community which included a questionnaire survey of a sample of residents to ascertain their views on various aspects of life in Maynooth as well as surveys of organisations and employment opportunities in Maynooth. The group learned a number of skills which should be manifesting themselves in committees and organisations around Maynooth.

There were other courses taken by Maynooth people including the Diploma in Social Studies and counselling.

The Adult Education Department in the College is providing a valuable service to both the local community and other communities as far away as Longford.

Anyone interested in finding out more about adult education activities should contact Mary Ryan, Adult Education Co-ordinator, telephone 285222.





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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On behalf of our Association, I would like to say a very sincere word of thanks to you for your help and co-operation with our recent Church Gate Collection.

The amount collected in your area was £242.91.

Please convey my grateful appreciation to all concerned for their continued support and interest.

Yours sincerely, Michael O Giosain, Irish Wheelchair Association

PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Your New Year resolution for 1987 should be to join Maynooth Public Library. If you are already a member, pat yourself on the back. For those of you not familiar with the library, there follows an outline of some of the services we offer.

Maynooth Public Library has a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books to cater for all age groups, interests and pastimes. Books are produced in large print for people unable to read small print. These books are kept in one section of the library. Another special facility which Maynooth Library offers is a selection of guided readers, primarily aimed at people who want to improve their reading skills.

There is a separate section of reference books which includes encyclopedias, directories, handbooks, etc.

The children's library has a wide selection of books suitable for all ages, from babies through to teens. These include storybooks, easy reading and picture books as well as books to provide information on a wide variety of subjects. There is also a "Young Adult" section which contains titles suitable for those hovering between the adult and children's sections. Games are available to children every day; summer activities incorporating Art, Craft, and storytime sessions are held annually and of course Children's Book Week which is now a regular event. Playgroup leaders and teachers can avail of special "block loans" which allow them to borrow a mazimum of 10 books from the children's section for up to a month.

The local history collection is housed at the County Library Headquarters, Newbridge and contains books, maps,

press cuttings, pictures and other material on general Irish history. Maynooth Library has itself a small file containing information on the locality.

Books which are not in stock or available on the shelves may be reserved by filling out a request card.

Magazines, daily and local newspapers are available for reading in the library and newspapers dating back from 1 year are held for reference.

A photocopying service is offered, for non-commercial purposes, at 10p per sheet.

It is library policy to hold events of cultural, educational and artistic interest on a regular basis. These events include lectures, exhibitions, displays, music sessions etc. — the emphasis is on exhibitions and displays of local interest and by local people.

Other facilities include the availability of a Manpower Placement Officer, twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, between 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock. The Community Information Centre is located in the library and is staffed by volunteers from the community.

All you have to do to join is fill in a registration card. There is an annual fee of £5 for adults, with various exemptions from this charge for full-time students and recipients of various benefits/pensions. There is no charge for children.

That's enough of information for the present! Please don t hesitate to clal in if you re passing — you never know what you might see!

Margaret Walshe Gannon



MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE

Additional Changes in the Social Welfare Equality Legislation.

On November 25th the Government intorduced *further* measures to lessen the difficulties caused by the new Equality Directive. The new changes are as follows:

1. For families where the husband is on a Social Welfare payment and the wife has an income of more than £50 per week he will get (a) Full child dependency allowances for each of his dependent children and (b) a special payment of £10. This is a different payment to the "£10 temporary payment" originally introduced. He will lose the dependent adult allowance for his wife.

2. For families where both husband and wife are on Social Welfare payments the new changes will mean that the husband gets (a) half the child dependant rates (b) the £10 temporary payment and (c) the£10 special payment. He will lose the dependant adult allowance for his wife. The wife gets half the child dependant rates.

These measures will be backdated to November 17th and will be paid before Christmas. They will be paid for 52 weeks or until the claim runs out, whichever is shorter. After a year the claims will be reviewed.

These alleviating measures only apply to claims in existence on November 17th.

Consumer's Rights

The office of Consumer Affairs supplies booklets on Consumer's Rights and the Consumer Information Act; the address is 13 Hume Street, Dublin 2, phone (01) 613399.

These booklets are available here in the Community Information Centre. We also have addresses and information on how to make a complaint, or get advice on the following services:

Advertising Standards Authority.

Advice and Information (Director of Consumer Affairs).

Consumer Association of Ireland.

Electricity.

Food and Drink.

Gas.

House Builders (Irish).

Insurance.

Irish Goods.

Professionals i.e. Accountants, Doctors, Solicitors.

Safety and Standards.

The Community Information Centre is located in the Public Library, Main Street, Maynooth and the Centre's hours of opening are: Mon. 2.00–4.00; Wed. 10.00–12.00 & 2.00–4.00; Thur. 7.00–8.00; Fri. 10.00–12.00 & 2.00–4.00. The *Centre* will be closed from December 22nd to January 2nd inclusive. Happy Christmas and best wishes for 1987!

NOTICE

The Maynooth Post Primary School Parent/Teachers Association wishes to congratulate the Senior Football team and their trainers Mr. Griffin and Mr. Halt on their magnificent win in the Kildare Vocational School's Final.

The Association hopes to have Gerry Daly in the School to give a lecture on gardening at the end of February next.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

Link Road

The Council met with the following residents associations, Greenfield, Carton Court, Kingsbry, Moyglare Road, College Green and Railpark. We will now meet with the relevant County Council official, the County Engineer, to discuss the points raised by the meeting. Cllr. Emmet Stagg forwarded a copy of a detailed report by the engineer on the proposed road development. Deputy Bernard Durkan has enquired if we wish to make a further submission to the County Council in this matter.

Social Employment Scheme

The Community Council will shortly be taking on six new workers under this scheme to work on a number of projects, including the Newsletter, a Careers and Trades Exhibition, and the establishment of a Town Museum. If you are eligible for the scheme, and would like to work on these projects, contact, the Naitonal Manpower Office or the Community Council office, phone 285922) immediately.

New Members

Two new members have been co-opted to the council. Ian McKenna replacing Pia Walker for Kingsbry and Declan Forde replacing Martin Dolphin for College Green.

Train Service

The Council has written to the Minister for Communications and the Chairman of CIE to protest at the disgraceful cancellation of the suburban train service to Maynooth on the October Bank Holiday weekend.

Harbour Field

A meeting between the trustees of the field and the council was to be held on the 11/12/'86. This meeting was to discuss the future development of the field.

Maynooth Garda Service

Following a recent spate of house burglaries in the area, the December meeting of the Community Council again discussed the inadequacy of policing in Maynooth. No fault was found with the existing Garda personnel — rather, inadequate numbers and facilities were seen as the main problems. It was agreed that there was an urgent need for a fully-equipped garda station, complete with

24-hour opening and a squad car, to serve the Maynooth-Leixlip-Cel bridge district. The existing, long out-of-date administrative division of Garda responsibilities in the area is in urgent need of revision to take account of rapid population growth in North Kildare. Existing towns of similar population size (approx. 30,000) have a far superior service. The Community Council is to write again to the Garda Commissioner, the Minister for Justice, and local representatives seeking urgent action.

Patrick Moynan P.R.O.

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PARKING MADNESS

We wonder at the strange way people behave. Can anyone explain why people going to mass in Maynooth will go to such extraordinary trouble to park as close as possible to the altar? There is a large car park in the grounds of the Parish Hall which will hold hundreds of cars in comfort, which lies virtually empty every Sunday morning, while the Galway road, a busy trunk road is turned into a snarling morass of cars reversing and three point turning. Cars are parked three deep at the traffic island, and it is a matter of some wonder that no accidents have happened to our knowledge to date. Have the gardai anything to say on the matter? Perhaps Father Supple should consider some minor alterations to the church - how about widening the doors and taking out the seats to provide Ireland's first drive-in church.

By-Pass/Link Road

Six Resident Associations attended a meeting called by the Community Council on December 1st to discuss the proposed development of the Straffan Road as Maynooth's link road to the By-Pass. Many useful suggestions were put forward. The Community Council has now written to Kildare County Co. seeking a meeting with officials to discuss the matter in detail.

Harbour Field

A meeting between the Harbour Field Trustees and the Executive of the Community Council was arranged for December 11th to discuss the future development and management of the field. Further details in the next issue.

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PARTY POLITICAL NOTES

WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

Mortgage Rates

The local branch delivered a leaflet to all houses before Christmas outlining party's campaign against the Government's unwillingness to confront the power of the money market. Building society interest rates have gone up from 9½% to 12½%, leading to huge increases of up to £80 per month in mortgage repayments. This sort of money speculation must be halted.

Local Charges

The party considers that sending out demand notes and summonses for payment of local charges by Kildare County Council is intimidation. If anyone wants advice on what action to take on receipt of one of these demands, contact Cllr. Colm Purcell.

Meeting in the College

A very successful meeting was held in the College, at which a video outlining the history of the Workers' Party was shown.

400 Draw

Winners of the November draw were: Steve Carton, Jane Kinnane, Jack Dempsey, Gerry O'Keeffe, Niall Cummins, Betty Maher, Barry Nugent, Jane Foreman, Brian Coffey, Stephen Nolan.

Hitchin Post Cabaret

Ireland's 'Rod Stewart' entertained a large attendance at the Workers' Party cabaret in the Hitchin Post. The branch wishes to thank everyone for their support.

Cllr. Purcell

Please note that Cllr. Colm Purcell's telephone number has changed. It is now 245249. Cllr. Purcell can be contacted at home or at the weekly citizens' advice bureau held every Saturday in the Leinster Arms between 12 noon and 1.00 pm.



LABOUR NEWS

Scrooge Strikes Again

The branch is appalled at the renewed pre-Christmas pressures from Kildare Co. Council for payment of all arrears of local charges within 10 days. Door to door 'civil servants' have been in evidence carrying threats of disconnection, court

action and worse. This is unacceptable and will have the opposite effect to the intention.

Anybody who is worried about the demands should contact Cllr. Stagg at his weekly advice service.

Tony Smith Memorial Walk

At a party held in the Divine Word Hostel on Sunday, December 14th, the proceeds of the Tony Smith Memorial Walk (1986) which amounted to £1,214 were handed over to Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee. For the second year in a row Bridget Conlan was our highest sponsored walker and we thank her and our other participants for their efforts.

Flag Day

We would like to thank all who gave donations to our recent Flag Day collection in November. Once again the amount raised is up on last year.

Maynooth College Branch

The College branch has been given an infusion of new blood. Twenty members were recruited at the recent Fresher's Day.

Extension speed limit — Celbridge Road, Dillons Row

Extension of spped limits at Celbridge Road, beyond Laurences Ave. and Dillons Row have now been agreed to by the Chief Superintendant and Co. Council engineers. The speed limits cannot be extended until the Traffic Technical Committee approves the extension also. Cllr. Stagg has requested that this Committee meet to consider the extension of the speed limits and other relevant matters.

Grants Awarded

The branch have been informed by Cllr. Emmet Stagg that the following grants have been awarded by Kildare County Council and Kildare V.E.C. to organisations in Maynooth.

From Kildare Co. Council:

For Estate Improvements:

Cluain Aoibhinn Residents Assoc. -£30 (others are yet to be awarded in this category).

Amenity Grants:

Royal Canal Amenity Group — towards provision of lock gates £1,000 (assistance to local canal group is to be further examined).

Grant Assistance to Bands:

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band £200

For provision of Recreational Facilities: Greenfields (phase 3) Res. Assoc. £25 Kildare V.E.C. Sports and Youth Committee have agreed the following grants: Maynooth C.B.S.I. £100

Maynooth Swimming Club £100
Bru Bosco Youth Club £150
Maynooth Town Soccer Club £100
Eoin Pol Hurling Club £85

The branch congratulates the successful applicants and wishes them every success in 1987.

Pay-phone Collection

Following complaints from residents, Cllr. Stagg has made representations to Telecom Eireann concerning the collection of coins from the pay-phone on Main Street. The pay-phone is regurarly unusable due to being full up constantly. More regular collecitons are now expected.

Open Space — Phase 4 — Greenfields

The condition of the open space in front of the private sites at Greenfields, is causing concern to residents. Cllr. Stagg has now been informed that the Council's Senior Executive Architect is preparing a report on the matter and that conditions should improve following implementation of the report.

Happy Xmas

The branch would like to wish all residents a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. We look forward to contesting the General Election early in 1987 and are confident that Cllr. Emmet Stagg will regain the Labour seat in Kildare, based on his level of work on behalf of the people of the county and on the basis of the socialist policies of our party.

STRAFFAN ROAD — COUNTY ENGINEER'S REPORT See page 3

The report was made available to the Newsletter by Cllr. Emmet Stagg.

MAYNOOTH BY-PASS

Following our submission to the Celbridge Area Committee on October 17, 1986, we were advised through the Chairman of the Committee, Councillor Emmet Stagg, that they had agreed to their Technical Staff meeting the Community Council to discuss the design

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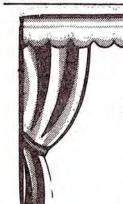
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MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLES COMMITTEE

Our Christmas Party was held in S.V.D. Hostel on 14th December. As the 'copy' date for the January Newsletter was 10th December a report will follow in the next edition. Our previous party was held on Sunday 9th November. It was a very special party in many ways as it was attended by His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Dermot O'Mahony, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin. We had about 90 guests including visitors from Dunboyne and Lucan. As always there was plenty of food and the entertainment was the best!

The results of our Essay Competition was announced by Mr. Tom Ashe who priased all the writing and he awarded the prizes as follows:

> 1st Prize £25 - Mrs. Brigid Saults, Parson Street.

> 2nd PrizeLuncheon for two at "The County Shop" donated by Mrs. Fegan - Mrs. Mary Fagan, 'Nurzel'.

> 3rd Prize £10 Mrs. Nellie Rossiter, Leinster Court, Maynooth.

We congratulate all our entrants and hope to organise another such event in the future.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who helped at our Sale of Work on Sunday, 16th November especially the Parish Hall Committee, Mr. Tom Ashe, Mr. Peter O'Brien, Mr. E A. O'Brien, Mr. Bill Donovan, O'Brien's Supermarket and all our many helpers who give so willingly of their time. Our total profit from the sale came to just over £2,000 and this has been used to distribute fuel and other Christmas gifts to all our old people.

The winners of our Monster Raffle were as follows:

1st Prize Monster Hamper - Jason Murtagh, Greenfield.

2nd Prize £50 - Mrs. K. Bane, Cluainn Aoibhinn

3rd Prize £25 - Mrs. Tess Kenny, Green-

We would ask everyone to keep a special watch on their elderly neighbours during these winter days. If you notice anything unusual please contact the proper authorities or if you are reluctant to call in please get in touch with me or any member of the Committee.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all our old people and our friends and benefactors a peaceful and successful New Year.

> Carol Barton P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Our Christmas meeting and demonstration was held in the Divine Word Hostel on Tuesday, 25th November. It's a charming and delightful demonstration given by Miss Patricia Hill, she was great and showed us some lovely new

for Christmas. We had a full house and enjoyed by all. The evening ended with a lovely supper served by Mrs. Molly Kearney and Ann, Mary Committee would like to thank the Divine Word Hostel for the use of their room

The new committee as follows: Chairperson Mrs. Imelda Desmond Vice Chairperson Mrs. E. Burns Secretary Mrs. B. Brady Asst. Secretary Mrs. C. Mullready Treasurer Mrs. D. Hickey Asst. Treasurer Mrs. B. Farrell Contest Secretary Mrs F. Satchill Sales Table Mrs. Una Kiernan and Gail Hore

P.R.O. and Tickets Mrs. Mary Doyle and B. Brady.

Hostesses Sarah Angle and Ann Quigley Our next meeting will be held in Maynooth I.C.A. Hall at 8.00 pm on 16th December. It's also work night and everyone is welcome and bring what they want to do themselves.

The club would like to congratulate Mrs. Mary Doyle and Mrs. Betty Farrell, Mary Costello and Eileen Burns was passing the Flower Arts awards. Well done ladies.

> Mary Doyle P.R.O.

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Report for January issue of Newsletter

As we reported in last month's Newsletter Organisers, Schools, Clergy, Residents' we promised a report on our cabaret night in the Hitchin Post featuring Fiddler's Green.

Well, unfortunately the attendance was not as many as we had hoped for.

However, a good night was had by those who attended. "Fiddler's Green" were superb and we hope to organise something again next year.

Incidently, any ideas for our Annual Supper Dance? Trees were organised and planted by members of the Association on Saturday 29th November. Having make that statement would residents please try and look after them. In one case we have replaced the tree - 3 times!

Straffan Road Development

2 members of the committee attended a meeting called by the Maynooth Community Council. To discuss the proposed up-grading of the Straffan Road with all the Residents' Association. A meeting is to be held shortly with the planners of Kildare Co. Council.

We feel that a solution acceptable to all can be found

We held a meeting with Carton Court Residents Assoc. recently and various projects were discussed and we will advise in the coming months about these.

Last but not least

Neighbourhood watch - interested members should have been contacted by now and lets wish them the best of luck. To set up this very important scheme as reported in November '86 issue.

TIDY TOWN REPORT

This time next year we hope our readers will have seen and participated in making "Maynooth a Tidy Town" and also to have obtained more marks than in 1986 for the Bord Failte Tidy Town Competition.

This is a unique opportunity for ALL residents in Maynooth to make an effort to improve our environment. The committee will be looking for help and support from all sections.

This support can be very simple from putting litter in the bins, to maybe taking a brush and painting or undertakes to take an active part in your local resident association who will have their own programme for the tidy town The Tidy Town Comcompetition. mittee will welcome ideas and suggestions and very important helpers to undertake what is going to be a massive but we reckon a very worthwhile project.

The committee will be contacting: The Kildare Co. Council; Environmental Section, Chamber of Commerce, Sport

Associations, Shop Owners, all ameniety groups.

Our plans include: posters, talks, circulars, competitions, signs "THE WHOLE IDEA IS TO MAKE MAYNOOTH A TIDY TOWN". A circular will be dropped into every house in Maynooth outlining our objectives.

A video is to be made showing Maynooth as it now is. This will be used as a working project so that, we can chart our success or otherwise each month. A report will be put in the Newsletter each month. Make a 1987 New Year resolution. Please come to our next meeting in the Post-Primary School on Monday 19th January 1987 at 8.00 o'clock or if you want to suggest an idea write Now to Fionan Hardiman or Richard Farrell, C/O Maynooth Tidy Town Committee, Environmental Committee, The Mall, Maynooth. Tel: 285922.

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POST PRIMARY SCHOOL NOTES

The biggest sporting and social event of the year so far, took place in the Post-Primary School on Wednesday, December 3rd. This was following the tremendous success of our Senior Footballers in the V.E.C. School Championship. Following a very enjoyable meal attended by team members, their parents and teachers, Jack O'Shea presented the team with medals. In return, a bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. O'Shea. and Michael Kelly, on behalf of the team, presented a plaque to Mr. Senan Griffin and Mr. J. Holt, trainers, as a token of their appreciation. This team has gone from strength to strength, and in fact over the year has made history in the County, being the first to win the sevena-side, and the fifteen-a-side, in one year. Well done, one and all! Following the formalities all present attended a very lively disco where students and teachers danced what remained of the night away!

Some of the first year students are taking part in the Aer Lingus Young Scientist Exhibition in the beginning of the year. So all participants are extremely busy at this time. The project is being carried out by Ian Creighton, Tracey Barton, and Siobhan McLoughlin, the title is "Experiments in Probability" an investigation of the exigencies of chance in raffles, competitions etc., and all is taking place under the kindly guidance of Mr. Michael Walsh, Teacher of Science. We wish them very well.

By the time this is in many of your homes, much of the pre-Christmas activities will be over, but at the time of writing, excitement is at fever pitch!! The central thought is to give something of ourselves to help those who are not so well off and from seniors through to juniors, carol singing, sales of work, raffles etc. are the order of the day. The students are giving their spare time with enthusiasm and generosity as usual — something to be remembered when we are inclined towards 'knocking' the youth of today.

And to clinch that point even further, news has just reached us that Master Fergus Ashe has been awarded first place by Kildare County Council for his entry in the Anti-litter Essay Competition. Fergus has won £100, and has also gained £100 for the school. Congratulations Fergus!

Here in the Post-Primary School, we thank you all for your support of all our various activities throughout the year, and look forward to working with you again in the year ahead, with the common aim of doing our best for the young people in our care.

To our students, enjoy the holiday — see you all in January '87. To all of you out there, health, prosperity and contentment in 1987.

SHIP AHOY!

Maynooth may be a long way from the sea but some residents have seafaring connections. Seamus McLoughlin from Carton Court played a prominent part in the dramas in Bantry Bay at the end of November when he supervised the transfer of oil from the crippled tanker the 'Capo Emma', on behalf of the Department of Communications. Seamus now a marine surveyor, spent a number of years on ocean going tankers. Perhaps we can call on the not-so-ancient mariner to tell us a few tales of his exploits!

SCOIL UI RIADA GOING WELL

There are good reports from Scoil Ui Riada, the all Irish primary school which opened in September of this year. The school has now moved into new premises in the Main Street in Kilcock, following an intensive decorating session by parents and friends. A busload of pupils travel every day to the school from Maynooth, with the children being picked up from their houses in the morning and left back in the afternoon. At the moment there are three classes, babies, high babies and first class, and next September there will be a second class.

There is room for some more pupils, so parents who are considering sending their children to school are encouraged to think of Scoil Ui Riada. Instruction is through the medium of Irish, and so far, no difficulties have been experienced by the new daltai, who are already putting their rusty parents to shame with their command of a language which some of them had never heard before going to school.

There are no fees for the school, which is in receipt of full state grants; however, funds are needed for equipment and various running costs, so the Board of Management are organising regular fundraising events. A very successful Irish night was held in O'Keeffe's in Kilcock in November, and another night is planned for Maynooth in December.

The Board of Management would appreciate the involvement of anyone who is interested in the Irish language in the organisation of the school. Patrons need not necessarily have children of school going age to become involved.

Anyone interested in assisting in any way, or in finding out more about the school is invited to contact Mary Grennell whose two children, Julie and Killian are pupils, at 39 Railpark, tel. 285235.



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MAYNOOTH PROFESSOR IS PERSON OF THE YEAR

The woman responsible for bringing the name of Maynooth to the stars and around the world earlier this year, Associate Professor, Susan MacKenna-Lawlor, who lectures in physics in the College, was elected as one of the people of the Year and was presented with her award at a ceremony in November. Susan headed the Irish team which sent an experiment on the Giotto mission to Halley's comet. The Irish experiment was one of the few to survive the fourney through the comet's tail, and Susan appeared on televisions around the world. Her television performance led the science journal, New Scientist, to comment that her obvious enthusiasm was a highlight of the broadcast.

The people of the year awards are made by the Rehabilitation Institute. Congratulations to Susan.

IMP PLANT DISPUTE RESOLVED

A twenty-two month long dispute at the former IMP Plant in Leixlip was finally resolved in November. The 180 workers who had picketed the plant on a 24-hour basis during the dispute will receive £400,000 in redundancy payments in addition to a lump sum to be agreed. The plant closed down in January 1985 following the Canadian beef imports embargo. A number of these workers were from Maynooth.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Permission sought for change of use of premises from residential to shop unit on ground floor at Dublin Road, Maynooth. *B. Edwards*.

Full permission sought for change of house type with garage at Johninstown, Maynooth. James Delaney.



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STREET TALKING

The two menswear shops in Maynooth compliment one another excellently. FMK Casuals, based in the shopping centre mall, cater for the more informal dresser, while Alan Frazer in the Main Street places a greater emphasis on classical fashion. Alan Frazer, run by Michael Stapleton, has just celebrated its fifth year of trading in Maynooth, and the shop is now an established presence in the business community.

Michael's customers come not just from Maynooth but from all the towns around. He has built up a reputation as a provider of good quality lines, stocking a variety of clothes in limited quantities, so that some measure of individuality is maintained. The local community is too small for the massproduced lines, he says. As a result, he makes six or seven trips abroad to Britain and the continent each year, visiting the menswear fashion promotions as he buys in for the forthcoming season. In this way he has built up the distinctive appeal of his shop.

Early on, Alan Frazer was hit by a succession of robberies - an unwelcome testament to the desirability of his clothes - and lost over £40,000 worth of stock in a couple of months. This in spite of having met all the requirements of his insurers. He has seen his insurance premium increase eight-fold, as well as having to invest heavily in additional security equipment. But the best prevention of all, Michael insists, would be if the already hard-pressed gardai could ensure a greater round-the-clock presence.

WINTER EMERGENCIES

A few tips to remember

Clear Gutters

In Autumn gutters tend to get clogged with leaves, causing overflows and blockages. To prevent leaves from settling in the gutter, fix a strip of chicken wire along the top. Overflowing gutters can cause dampness in outside walls. Next time it's raining have a look outside to see if your gutters resemble the magara falls.

Prevent Freezing

In Winter even the smallest amount of water in unlagged pipes can freeze and cause a blockage. To prevent this, keep basin and bath plugs in place, especially at night.

Burst Pipes

Bandages and resin adhesive can be used to repair burst pipes in an emergency. Mix up the adhesive according to the manufacturers' instructions and spread on the pipe and the bandage, then simply wrap the bandage

tightly around the burst section of pipe. This should last long enough for you to get a plumber.

Elections

As another year of Community Council activities draws to a close, it should be mentioned that the term of office of the present council expires in 1987, and that elections for a new Council are due in the Spring. We would like at this stage readers thinking about the possibility of putting themselves forward as candidates. The Community Council is only as strong as the support it receives from the public, and the best way to express this support is to get directly involved in the work of the Council. So if you think you might like to make a contribution, you will soon have the opportunity to do so.

(An up-dated membership list of the Community Council is included on page 6 of this issue).

EGG AND SPOON RACE

The streets of Maynooth will be taken over once more by rampaging lions and their friends at noon on New Year's Day, January 1st, 1987. The annual egg-and-spoon race up the main street will be staged by the Lions Club to raise funds for the Royal Canal Amenity Group and the Chruch of Ireland restoration fund. Sponsorship is welcome and everyone is invited to cheer on their favourite business proprietor.



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THE TWELFTH!

This issue marks the end of the first full year of operation of the Newsletter under new management.

In previous years, the practice has been to produce ten issues a year with double issues in Summer and at Christmas. The new committee has been in the fortunate position of being able to produce an issue every month and this has been brought about through a number of factors. The Community Council managed to secure the services of six workers under the auspices of the Social Employment Scheme in November 1985, and in January 1986, the old Newsletter committee, consisting of that exhausted trio, Peig Lynch, John Read, and Liam Bean, who had heroically carried the burden of producing the Newsletter for many years, handed over the operation of the Newsletter to the Community Council

An Editorial Committee was selected from representatives from the Community Council and a number of volunteers from the community, and with the aid of the SES workers and their supervisor, Gerry Colreavy, who acts as secretary to the committee, the first issue of the revamped Newsletter, with its distinctive yellow cover and new logo was launched in February 1986.

Coverage of Events

Since then, the committee has been working on improving the Newsletter in terms of its service to the community of Maynooth, which is after all, its main reason for existance. We have tried to expand the coverage of local events. and readers will have noticed an increase in photographs and features on what is happening in the social, recreational, educational, economic, and political life in Maynooth. But, our impression is that we are still not managing to do enough in this area. It seems that organisations put publicity on the long finger when they are organising events, and we are constantly in the position of hearing about these when they are over. We are read by a large percentage of the households in Maynooth who would be very grateful for advance warning of what is coming up. The complaints of 'nothing to do' often arise because of lack of information. We know that there is a lot of activity in Maynooth, so we appeal to organisations to use the Newsletter to let people know what is happening.

The committee, of course, would welcome all suggestions and criticisms from readers as to how we can improve the Newsletter. We need feedback on what we are doing, so please get in touch.

Quality

The committee has paid much attention to the quality of presentation of the

Newsletter. Besides the new cover and logo, we have introduced typesetting of material, which looks better than the old typewriter script, and which also means that we can fit far more material onto a page. The Newsletter is now much bigger than before, with at least 48 pages in each issue. Pages are stapled and trimmed, and there is a greater use of photographs and graphics. These increases in the quality and quantity of the Newsletter are costly, and we are very grateful to our advertisers for their support. Without advertising, each issue would cost far more than anyone could afford.

Youth Issues

The committee has long been conscious of the fact that there is a lack of involvement of young adults in the Newsletter, and that the interests of this age group may be overlooked to a certain extent. If a young adult — anyone in the 16 to early twenties age group who has aspirations to a fournalistic career, or who is interested in becoming involved in the Newsletter, please contact the Secretary of the committee, Gerry Colreavy, phone 285922, or the Chairperson, Kay Mac Keogh, 285241.

The Office Staff

The SES workers, who did such trojan work in producing the Newsletter have now left, and it is not certain if they will be replaced with a new team. There is a dedicated committee who are willing to carry on the Newsletter and to do the work on a voluntary basis if the team is not replaced. However, if that is the case, the committee will have to be expanded to cope with the extra work load involved. The situation should be clearer in the next few weeks and by the next edition, we should be in a position to decide on future action.

SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

As we go to press we have received the good news that our social employment scheme is to be renewed, and we will have the assistance of a new team of workers from January.

DEPARTING IMPRESSIONS OF MAYNOOTH

After four years, I'm leaving Maynooth to live in Scotland. I have tried to become a Maynooth person, and as all "Newcomers" know this in itself is no small feat, since everyone not born here — even having lived here 20—30 years — is still considered a "new comer".

Do I feel sad about leaving? Definitely; I have met so many lovely people during my stay here, people who I will genuinely miss.

Do I feel relief? In some ways, yes. Life in Ireland sometimes feels like a

continuous uphill struggle. However, life here has mostly been good.

So what are my impressions of Maynooth? It is sad to think such a wonderful place is not utilized to the full because of the lack of pride in its inhabitants. Few people care and the few that do are constantly criticised. There is apathy everywhere. In our residents association, which I think works better than most, people are divided in three grups: The Constant Attenders. who are interested and willing to join in the work; The People who Own Houses Here, but who are not at all interested in the environment; and Those Who Only Express Interest When They Are Affected by a Decision.

This attitude is reflected in town too. Very few people are really interested in Maynooth as a whole. Take Straffan Road for example: everyone complains about how dangerous and dirty etc. it is, but when improvements are in the offing and people realize that they might have to abandon some of their own land (probably with adequate compensation) they object vehemently. To hell with the next child, cyclist, old person, who gets killed or maimed. I hope these people can live with their consciences if anything happens. Indeed for some life is take and take, but never give.

Another aspect of Maynooth life I do not like is the persistant vandalism: the trees of Straffan Way which are never given a chance to mature, the goalposts in the sportsfield which are constantly ruined. To deprive children of the chance to play healthy games is so low and nauseating, words cannot describe it. One can only hope, for the sake of the children, that these vandals will never have children of their own. And perhaps a mention of official "vandalism"? How can Maynooth ever be a brighter place to live in with this dirty, stinking "Thing" in the square - a disgrace to Maynooth.

There are so many people in this town, who are good, honest and law-abiding — I'M going to miss you. You have made my stay worthwhile. If you all got together, Maynooth would be a lovely place to live in — it takes only a little effort from everyone; instead of a lot from a few.

Pia Walker

(Pia Walker, who represented Kingsbry Estate on Maynooth Community Council, is leaving shortly to move to Scotland).

BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS NORTH KILDARE CLUB

There will be a new course commencing on Monday January 12th at 8 p.m. in the North Kildare Club. Interested? Contact M. Ryle, Tel: 287625

MAYNOOTH GR



Jim Boyd, B.A., Laraghbryan, with Deirdre Kennedy, Mariaville.



Celine McLoughlin B.A., with her sisters Aine (left), and Dympna (right) with her mother, Mrs. J. McLoughlin of O'Neill Park. Both Aine and Dympna are graduates of the College.



Tony Kearins, Maynooth Park, with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Kearins.

ADUATION DAY



Emer McCormack, Railpark, with her parents Mr. and Mrs. McCormack.



Michelle Higgins with her parents Garda Sergeant and Mrs. Higgins, and her sister, Paula, Garda Station, Leinster Street.



Dierdre Kennedy B.A., with her sisters and brother and mother Mrs. Kennedy, of Mariaville.

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CARTON AT YEAR'S END

The recent announcement of the merger of Powerscreen Ireland Ltd. with a British Fuels company may have alarmed some people about the fate of Carton. However, the position of Carton is unchanged: the House and property were not included in the deal and continue in the ownership of Carton Demesne Ltd. The future of Carton, however, is still unstable and this uncertainty might be seen to have implications for the physical fabric of House and Estate. In view of this, a recent visit was designed to establish the state of the property at present.

In spite of its uncertain future - it must be regarded as being on the market all the time - Carton is being as well looked after as in the circumstances is possible. The principal circumstances are the age of the House and its accompanying buildings and woodlands, the uncertain commitment of the owners to its long term future and, in this context. the limited amount of labour and expense which can reasonably be expected to be invested in the property. Carton is no worse than most other Great Houses, except probably that it is mostly idle and unoccupied. In some cases, it is better off than most, in that the farm at Carton is very productive and has one of the most efficient dairy herds in the country. Although its milk quota is farly large, the whole rumbling future of the Common Agricultural Policy might have a lot of downstream repercussions for a place like Carton.

The House and most of the buildings were erected in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. They are inevitably showing signs of their age and need a lot of maintenance. Mr. Michael Barry who is in charge of the property is very committed to its improvement and over the past year a considerable amount of work has been started on maintenance and restoration in the House.

Many rooms on the Third Floor have been completely redecorated — walls/ceilings have been cleaned, filled and painted; woodwork has been painted. Entrances to inspect the main roof timbers, which are all sound, have been installed. Much dampness in the upper walls has been checked and eliminated through repairing the lead sheeting in the roof gutters. This work has been carried out by one man over the past year and will continue over the next year.

Mr. Barry says that as the income from the farm allows, redecoration of the interior will continue. The big problem with most of the upper rooms in the House is that they are unheated. The downstairs State Rooms are heated continuously and are well maintained. But the upper rooms which were originally



Carton House — the gardens on the east side of the House, facing an uncertain future?

occupied by the numerous house staff and guests, were heated by individual fireplaces. Though these are excellent looking examples of early 19th century marble fireplaces, they are useless for heating purposes today!

These cold and empty rooms, looking out over the splendid if somewhat tattered parklands, serve as constant reminders of the problem of Carton and places like it and the need for some sort of strategy to help to ensure the future of such Houses. The Carton Committee has favoured a State takeover of Carton and its establishment as a Regional Park, with a House filled with offices/administration/museum activities. In the absence of such a development or until such an undertaking occurs, the State should make some concessions to help maintain places like Carton. Michael Barry suggested not entirely jokingly, that the Disadvantaged Areas Act, by which landowners in the West of Ireland get significant amounts of Grant aid, should consider giving some help towards the maintenance of historic houses; as part of our heritage it is inadequate to expect the owners to bear all the costs of maintaining the historic integrity of the buildings and grounds.

Some maintenance work has also been started on the gardens around the house. The gardener, who has worked in Carton for many years, has been involved in clearing lawns, pathways and walks between the House and river. This work, however, is long term and slow. Mr. Barry says that he next intends to clear the Fitzgerald family cemetery which is completely overgrown with trees, to restore some fallen statuary, to close up the ornamental dairy and to investigate the possibilities of replanting. The woods and trees in Carton most dramatically show their age and run-down state at this tiem of year. The perimeter beech which were planted three and four deep inside the wall and the tree groups which were dotted through the park, have been severely thinned out and damaged by storms and high winds. A survey of the estate about ten years ago by Richard

Webb of An Foras Forbartha pointed out that a great number of the trees in Carton were mature or over mature and should be removed and replaced by new tree clumps. He also pointed out, however, that trees around the lake, along the perimeter wall and in a number of other parts of the Demesne should be protected by a Tree Preservation Order and Webb has recommended this strategy to Kildare County Council a number of times. To date, however, the Council has failed to follow this advice and the trees in Carton have not been afforded any statutory protection. Webb suggested also in 1977 that replanting should be made a condition of any felling licence in Carton. There is no doubt, however, that tree planting is a labour intensive and expensive undertaking and Mr. Barry is aware of the problems he faces. Once more it is a pity that the State or Forestry Department cannot offer more assistance to places like Carton which contains such a valuable legacy of woodland. At the same time, when the present owners of Carton bought the property in the mid-70s - and took out a substantial amount of commercial timber they also inherited certain moral and custodial obligations to protect the landscape of Carton.

Although some of the buildings in Carton (such as boathouse and gate lodge) show signs of neglect, there is little that can be done about them at the moment. Solidly built of cut stone they have many years left in them. The perimeter wall, however, is a matter of some concern. Kildare County Council, in its Development Plan has listed among all the items in Carton worthy of pre servation, the main boundary wall. It is ironic, therefore, that the biggest threat to the wall at the moment has come from Kildare County Council. Like all Demesne walls, Carton's has suffered a lot over the years. It has, however, been kept clear of ivy, has been patched - in some places unsuitable with concrete blocks. Rebuilding a stone wall is extremely expensive at present; such an expensive prospect is looming large on the Dunboyne road where Kildare County Council have widened the road with dire implications for the wall. The grass verge is now a mere 2 feet from the base of the wall in some places. The wall looks extremely wobbly for about a mile and each day that goes by trucks splash water in large amounts on to its surface. This north-facing wall receives little drying sunshine and drainage along the roadside is quite inadequate. The possibilities of large sections of the wall falling in are quite serious. Will Kildare County Council pay for the rebuilding?

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- 4. Who was awakened with a kiss?
- 5. Who followed the Yellow Brick Road ?
- 6. Whose nose grew longer and longer ?

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ACROSS

- 3. Used for washing
- 5. He has no parents
- 6. diops are sweets
- 8. It covers some of the floor
- 9. A dog enjoys one
- 10. If it's cold, put it on before you go out.
- 11. A tree
- 12. No longer new
- 15. Robin Hood was one
- 16. A test in school finds out what you

DOWN

- 1. A spinning toy
- 2. He finds out other countries secrets.
- 3. Grab quickly
- 4. A lion is one
- 7. Your Uncle's son is your
- 9. A grassy field
- 13. Another tree
- 14. "You ... me five farthings" said the bells of St. Martins.

THE END

When I was One, I had just begun.

When I was Two, I was nearly new.

When I was Three, I was hardly me.

When I was Four, I was not much more.

When I was Five, I was just alive.

But now I am Six, I'm as clever as clever. So I think I'll be Six now for ever and ever.

WHAT IS IT?

Tall ears Twinkly nose, Tiny tail, And - hop, he goes!

What is he -Can you guess? I feed him carrots And watercress.

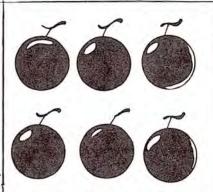
His ears are long, His tail is small -And he doesn't make any Noise at all!

Tall ears, Twinkly nose, Tiny tail, And - hop, he goes!

Colouring Competition

Winners of the December Colouring Competition will be published in the February Edition.

Write In And Tell Us What You Got For Christmas.



Can you tell which two cherries are exactly alike?





Try to spot six differences between these two pictures.



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"THE WREN"

The wren is one of our smallest birds. many people think that it is a rare bird. but this is not true. You can find wrens almost anywhere, in gardens, around farmyards, in thick woods and along river banks. The small size of the wren, and its quick mouse-like movements, make it difficult to see unless a close watch is kept for it and this is what gives it its reputation for rarity. The wren is a small bird with a short tail and stumpy appearance, it is reddish brown above and greyer underneath, with dark brown and grey bars on its body, wings and tail. Small insects are the main diet of the wren, and it has a sweet song, when it becomes alarmed or annoved its call is a loud "chur". This bird has a great love of nest-building and always builds more nexts than it uses and there is no particular reason for doing this. The nest is dome-shaped with a hole in the face. it usually lays between 6-10 eggs, which are pale white with slight specks of brown. The nest is made of dead leaves. mosslining, hair, feathers, and it can be found in hedges, sheds, a hole in a wall, and in trees.

"PHEASANT"

This bird was brought into this country from Europe hundreds of years ago. The pheasant can be found in woodlands. grain fields and in large country estates. This bird does not leave the country during the year; gun clubs rear pheasants for sporting reasons. The cock pheasant is one of our most beautiful birds to be found in Ireland. The hen is of a much duller colour. During spring the cock can be heard with its harsh calling note. trying to entice hens for breeding, the cock will defend its territory against other cocks. The nest is made of dry leaves and twigs, grass, and can be found on the ground. 7-15 eggs are then layed, they are olive brown in colour, these eggs are incubated for about 24-25 days. The pheasant feeds on various seeds, berries, insects, they do not like the heavy rainfall but are at their best during the frosty weather, in full plumage.

NATURE TRAIL COMPETITION

1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes in each category. Nature books under 7 and 7-11 age group. Each entrant to sent to "Nature Trail", Maynooth Newsletter, and include date of birth. Closing date for entries 18th January.

Questions on nature age group 7—11 yrs. on 31/12/1986.

1. In relation to SALMON — what are young salmon called in *two* stages, before they become adult fish?

- 2. Name four types of FINCHES found in Ireland?
- 3. What colour are the eggs of the following birds? (a)Blackbird, (b) Hedge Sparrow, (c) Wood Pigeon, (d) Pheasant, (e) Thrush.
- 4. What SPECIES of wildlife do the following originate from?
- (a) American Black Swallowtail
- (b) Orange Tip
- (c) The Mourning Cloak.
- 5. Name three species of animal, bird or fish that MIGRATE to this country?
- 6. List six types of tree to be found growing in Ireland.
- 7. List the TITLES of all the articles on NATURE TRAIL that I have written in the Newsletter since I started, including the December edition?

Questions on Nature up to 7 years of age on 31/12/1986.

- 1. Name 5 birds that can be found feeding in your back garden?
- 2. What colour are the eggs of the following birds? (a) Pigeon, (b) Wren, (c) Jackdaw, (d) Thrush.
- 3. Name the largest bird that can be found in Ireland. Name the smallest bird that can be found in Ireland.
- 4. What colour are the following? (a) Fox, (b) Badger, (c) Rabbit,
- (d) Squirrel, (e) Magpie, (f) Kingfisher.
- 5. What is the fruit of the following trees called? (a) Oak tree, (b) Wild Rose, (c) Beechtree.
- 6. Name three books and their authors that can be found in your local library.
- 7. Draw a picture of your favourite bird or animal and colour in same.
- 8. What colour are the eggs of the following birds? (a) Starling (b) Swallow (c) Blue Tit (d) Blackbird (e) Pheasant.
- 9. What is the main diet of the following? (a) Kingfisher, (b) Swallow, (c) Owl, (d) Fox, (f) Badger, (f) Squirrel
- 10. List three titles of books on nature, and their authors, that can be found in your local library.
- 11. Draw a picture of your favourite bird or animal and colour same.

PET CARE

Many children receive puppies as Christmas presents and when the novelty wears off the work of looking after the puppy and seeing it gets the best care possible starts.

The following are some tips which should ensure your puppy grows up to be a happy healthy dog.

Get your puppy from a reliable kennels or from someone known to you. Find out the age of your puppy.

Bring your puppy to your vet as soon as possible.

Injections

Parvo injections should start at 6–8 weeks. At 10–12 weeks 5 in 1 or 6 in 1 injections should be given. These include injections for Parvo, distemper, leptospirosis and hepatitis. 2 weeks later a jurther injection for leptospirosis injection should be given and at about 18–22 weeks a booster injection. Every year all dogs should get a booster injection.

Worms

Puppies should be treated for worms every 2-3 weeks until they are 6 months old, and every 6 months afterwards. If there are young children in the house the puppy should be treated every 3 months. Worm tablets can be obtained from your vet or chemist.

Fleas

Dogs should be treated for fleas by using a wash or wearing a dog flea collar.

Food

Puppies should be fed a "little and often" Tinned puppy food can be given from about 6–8 weeks.

Your bitch should come into season at 7–9 months. It's wise to have her neutered this should be done at six months. Cats should be neutered at 5½ months. If you wish to breed it is recommended you wait till the bitches 3rd season.

Finally, the dog's bed — newspapers are the most hygenic as blankets are breeding grounds for fleas. Newspapers should be changed frequently. The bed should be placed out of draughts. With a little care and attention your dog should live to quite an age and give years of pleasure and fun.

HISTORY OF MAYNOOTH TO BE PUBLISHED

A new publication on the history of Maynooth is near completion and will be published by the Royal Irish Academy. Part of a project, one to be completed by the year 2,000, which will cover the development of 40 towns and which will cost £500,000 in all the Maynooth section will contain maps and prints showing the evolution of Maynooth, and will be useful for local historians and planners, and specialists in geography archeology, and architecture. The publication will cost £15. The parts relating to the first two towns in the series, Kildare town, and Carrickfergus, were published by the Royal Irish Academy in November.

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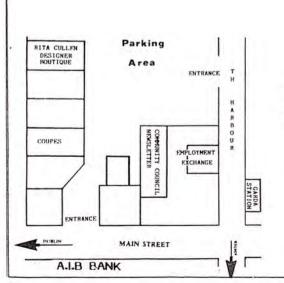
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Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Carol Clifford following her recent operation. The Newletter committee is looking forward to her return!

SYMPATHY

To the family of Luke Cox, Crimstown, who died recently.

To the family of Patrick Sheehan, Kilrague, who died recently.

DEATH

Sympathy to brother, sister, other relatives of Luke Cox, Crinstown, formerly Roscommon whose sudden death came as a great shock to his many friends in and around Maynooth. Luke worked most of his life in Maynooth and was popular with all classes. Interment took place in Laraghcrifan Cemetery.

DEATHS

Sympathy to son, daughter, brother, sister of the late Patrick Sheehan, Kilcraigue, Maynooth, formerly Kerry. Interment in Kilcloon cemetery.

sisters and relatives of the late Christopher (Kit) Gough, Skerries, formerly Convent Road, Maynooth. His funeral was to Ardla cemetery.

THE STORK

Anthony and Kay Edwards, Donadea Homes, Kilcock, a baby boy. Congratulations to Mrs. Maria Prescot, Wales, formerly Newtown, on birth of baby girl.

BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Larry O'Brien, Newtown, Jan. 23rd.

Congratulations to Eamonn and Fidelma MacKeogh, Railpark, on the birth of their first baby Luke Edward on Tuesday, 9th December.

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Irish Dancing

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Swimming

Maynooth Swimming Club. Contact Olive O'Shea, phone 285440, St. Raphael's, Contact Pool.

Boys Scouts – Thursday 7.30. Cubs – Saturday 2.30 Cubs – Tuesday 7.30 Beavers – Saturday 11.00 am

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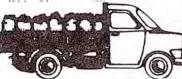
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2 oz raisons ½ pint beef stock 3 oz stuffed olives Coarsely grated rind of 1 orange

Freshly ground black pepper

Method

Fry onion in oil for 2 mins. Add garlic and mince and cook till lightly brown. Stir in grated apple, raisins and beef stock. Cover and simmer for 20 mins. Thickly slice the stuffed olives and stir in with the grated orange rind and salt and pepper to taste. Simmer for a further 10 mins. Serve with hot crusty oread and mixed salad.

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The third team play in Division 3 Sunday, managed by former Premier player Tony McTernan they were in the top three until recently when an unlucky one goal defeat by the league leaders has slowed their progress. With the season still very much in its infancy the third are still in with a very good chance of honours.

As most people know by now the club is in the process of buying our own

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CHAMPIONS NIGHT IN THE POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL

At a reception in the Post-Primary School held on 3rd December, the proud winners of the Co. Kildare Vocational Schools Senior Football Championship were presented with their medals by Kerry footballer, Jack O'Shea.

The Post-Primary School team beat Newbridge Vocational School in the final to win a beautiful silver trophy which will join the many others in the well stocked cabinet in the entrance hall.

Father Tynne acted as master of ceremonies and the assembled parents and the team as well as Jacko's three lively children were entertained to inspiring speeches from team Captain, Michael Kelly, Senan Griffin, Tom Ashe, Jack O'Shea and Father Tynne. The loudest cheer of the night came after Jacko's recommendation for the traditional half day off. While refusing to make an immediate response to the request, Mr. Ashe looked like he might think about thinking about it.

There were many people to thank for their contribution to the teams success. These included Senan Griffin and John Holt, teachers, without whose dedication and encouragement the team would not have been so successful, also Tom Ashe for his co-operation, and the parents for their support. Gratitude was expressed to Jack O'Shea for being so generous with his time.

Senan Griffin in his speech highlighted the heavy costs involved in providing sporting facilities for the school. The presentation of a set of jerseys by Carol Barton on behalf of Barton Transport during the reception was therefore a much appreciated gesture from local business.

NIGHT CLASSES DAY CLASSES

Plans are being finalised for resumption of classes in the Post-Primary School. Details of night classes can be obtained from the Principal, Mr. Tom Ashe 286060. Enrolments will take place at the end of January, 50 look out for posters and leaflets.



Captain Michael Kelly, Moyglare, delivers his oration at the presentation of medals at the Post Primary School, by Jack O'Shea.



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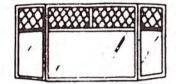
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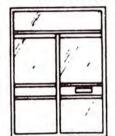
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1	Sacred ointment (6)
9	Makes amends for (6)
13	Best player in a game (3.3

Best player in a game (3,2,3,5)Vegetable used in soup (6)

17 Covers the eye (6) 20 Ignore deliberately (5)

21 A mark (4)

22 A small dam, maybe (4)

24 Turns liquid (5)

25 '... Hedron', a solid with four sides (5)

26 Blood of a tree (3) 27 To wash in France (5)

28 Part of a church (4) 30 Scandinavian city (4)

32 An American smell? (4) 34 Piece of land surrounded by

water (4) 37 Hate (6)

39 Sad expression (7)

40 Organic chemical stem, used in cutters (6)

44 Free or without effort (8) 46 American state (8)

47 Not well (3)

49 Means of transport (3) 51 Just a grip (7)

54 Television repeat (5) 56 Esteem (7)

59 French goodbye (5) 60 Aural annoyance (5)

61 Agree with or climb (6) 63 This person had a landing (5)

64 Hang about (6) 67 A slight waterfall (4)

68 A fool? (5) 70 Not mine (5) 72 Roman Emperor (4)

75 Rule out (8)76 Machines with pedal power (8)

77 Journey (4) 80 Move Around (5) 82 Fights of two people (5)

84 Naked (4) 86 Sailing vessels (6) 87 Brief comments (5) 88 Worships (6)

89 Breathing apparatus (5)

91 Funny man (5) 93 Building material (7) 96 Girl's name (5) 97 A human gland (7)

97 A human gland (7) 101 To implement (3) 102 Monkey (3)

103 Group of listeners (8) 105 Late night drink (8)

107 Squat (6) 110 Shout abuse (7) 114 Metal screen (6) 117 List of items (4)

117 List of items (4) 118 Fixed amount (4) 119 Not us (4)

121 Sign or portent (4) 122 Before (5) 124 Greek letter (3) 125 Quiet (5)

127 Blend or mixture (5)

129 'Con ...' — with life (4) 130 Religious group (4)

131 Girl's name (5)

134 Fussy or detailed (6) 136 To sow again (6)

137 Device to measure change of speed (13)

138 Alloy of copper (6) 139 Evergreen shrub (6)

Down

1 Young Cow (4) 2 City in Nevada (4)

3 Hit forcefully (5)

4 A bad contraction of a man's name (3)

5 Hungarian dish (7)

6 Hat (7)

7 What peas come in (7)8 Delay or queue (7)

9 Better than a king (3)

10 Herb (5)

11 Girl's name (4)

12 Pieces of turf (4) 15 Leave romantically (5)

16 A person who is tutored (5)

18 Mysterious (5)

19 European country (5)

21 Contraction of a brother (3)

23 Hearing device (3) 28 Adept (6)

29 Place to keep horses (6)31 Alley or narrow road (4)

33 Extinct bird (4) 35 Pulsating light (6)

36 The one of most years (6)

38 Italian dry (5)

41 Russian imperialists (5) 42 Two is even but three ... (2,3)

43 Entrances (5)

45 Leave (Stage Driection) (6)

46 Political area (6)
48 Out of captivity (5)
50 A student at Belfield? (5)

52 Not hoe A, or hoe B, or hoe C or hoe D (3,1)

53 Not early (4) 54 Reawakenings (11)

55 Infamously (11) 57 Water Snakes (4)

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61 Facility (7) 62 Not obvious (7)

65 Satellite (7) 66 American mountains (7)

69 Methematician (5)
71 To do with monarchy (5)
73 Egg producer (β)

74 Advanced in years (3) 78 You should stay on these (5)

79 '...' That's hot (4) 80 Same as 30 across (4) 81 Most people join a bank for this reason (2,4)

82 Irishman's name (6)

83 Found on beaches (4)84 Skeletons are made of this (4)

85 Go over or repeat (5) 90 Part of a cow (5)

92 Wishy – '....' (5) 93 Cult of purity (6)

94 Where we will be in December, 1987 (4,2)

95 If someone is 103 then they are '... ...' (3.2)

they are '... ..' (3,2)
98 A sort of bike (5)

99 A flaming explosive (6) 100 Heavy and dull (6)

104 Something to wear (4) 106 Causes a scratch (4)

108 A male singer (5) 109 A portion of tea (5)

110 Obstacle (7)

111 Regains possession (7)

112 Sneeze (7) 113 Sailing vessels (7)

115 Small amounts (5) 116 Narrow shelf (5) 118 Take illegally (3)

120 Found in a doorway (3) 123 '....iate' repay in anger (5)

126 Fine sanding paper (5) 127 Name of 91 across

128 Per Dominum Nostrum (4)

132 Something owed (4) 133 At the extreme end (4)

135 European currency unit (3)

136 Something to remember in basic (3)

ANSWERS TO KIDDIES CORNER

ACROSS

3.Soap, 5. Orphan, 6. Acid 8. Mat, 9. Bone, 10. Coat, 11. Ash, 12.Used, 15.Outlaw, 16. Know.

DOWN

1. Top, 2. Spy, 3. Snatch,

4. Animal, 7. Cousin, 8. Meadow 13. Elm, 14. Owe.

J. Elm, 14. UWF.

1. Cinderella, 2. Snow White,

3. Aladdin, 4. Sleeping Beauty,

5. Dorothy, 6. Pinocchio,

1.(f), 2.(d), 3.(e),4.(a), 5.(c) 6.(b)



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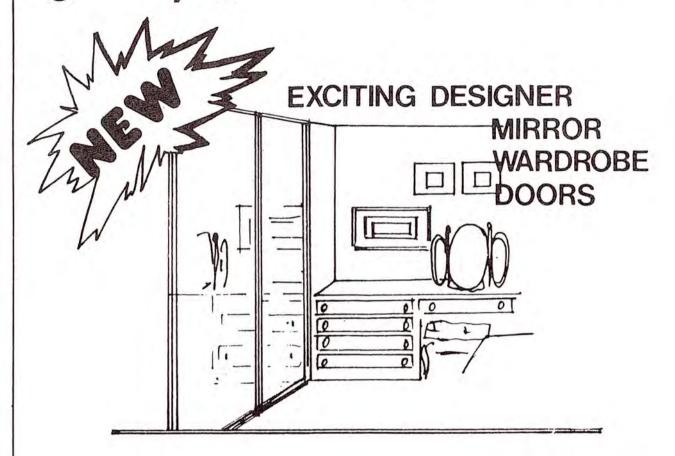
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