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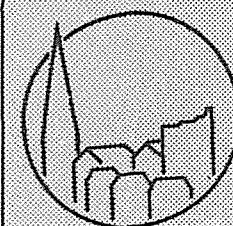
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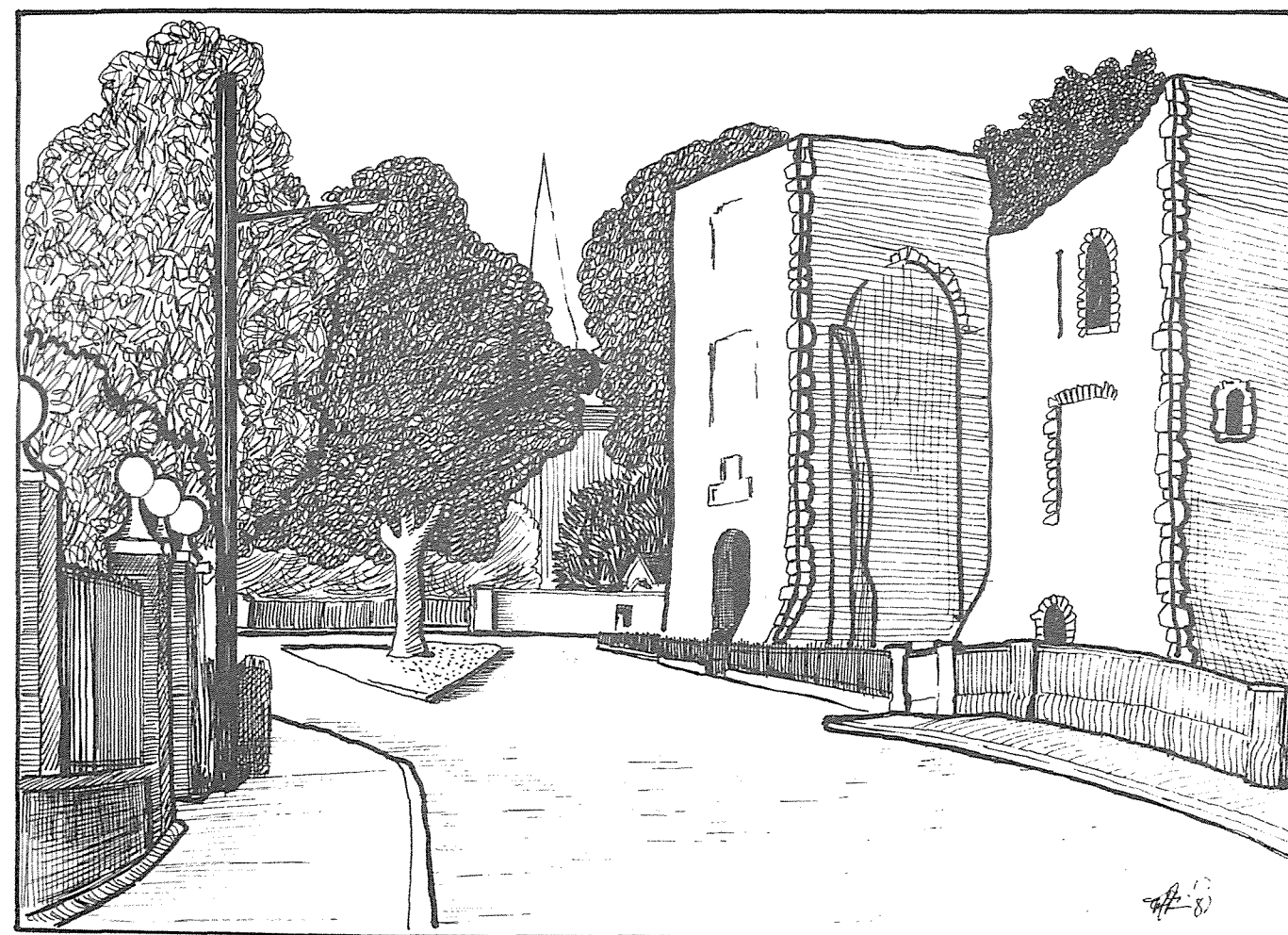


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Editorial

Untidy Town?

Well its that time of year again. The Bord Failte Tidy Towns verdict has been delivered and we stand aghast at the miserly increase of one mark. What is even worse is the dismissal of all of the hard work carried out by the Tidy Towns committee and the failure to notice any improvement over the last year.

The abandonment of the AnCo scheme in the Canal Harbour was no help, we must point out. It only serves to highlight the futility of these stop gap projects with no long term commitment to the preservation of the undoubted achievement of the workers. We appeal to all residents to become actively involved this year in improving the environment in Maynooth. If you read the judges' comments published in this issue, you cannot fail to be moved to action.

Maynooth Black Spot

The Tidy Towns judges rightly commented on the state of the thing in the square. But could we appeal to the County Council to do something about the black spot in the Straffan Road end of the square. At night it is almost impossible to see pedestrians crossing over from the young line Boutique. As for cyclists riding unlit bikes, it is difficult to see how one hasn't been flattened at this stage. A light at this point would solve these problems.

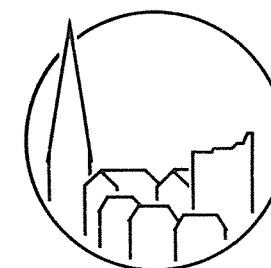
Green and Gold eruptions

We didn't realise how many honorary Meath people lived in Maynooth until the town erupted in Green and Gold for the All Ireland football finals. Congratulations to our neighbours up the road. But when will it be the Lily Whites turn? Maybe the minors unsuccessful outing this year will spur the lads on the better things in the years to come.

Students

Well they're back. Just as the days grow shorter the students return to the College increasing our population by 2000 overnight, and gladdening the owners of the pubs and the take aways. Among them this year are twenty six Americans spending three months in the College as part of their studies. There are also students from other far away countries, as well as the usual mixture of students from all over Ireland. This annual influx creates a considerable amount of

mixed feeling in the town. Some residents suffer sleepless nights during wild parties; some of the local young people find it difficult to cope with the denial of privileges accorded to the students such as excellent sports facilities as well as varied social opportunities in the form of concerts and dances. But there are many positive aspects to having a student population at close quarters. Certainly the towns business people benefit financially; but a number of voluntary organisations also benefit from the assistance willingly offered by students. Many students become so attached to Maynooth that they eventually settle down and become residents themselves. As one prominent ex student turned resident is reputed to have remarked on hearing complaints about student behaviour, "At least they don't go around worrying sheep and polluting gardens like the huge population of dogs."



Community Council

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

The Community Council got back to work after the long summer break this month. We would like to note with regret the resignation of our P.R.O. Mary Grennell and to thank her for her attendance at the Council.

It has been decided to bring the Douai Boys' Choir to Maynooth again next summer. July 1st is the date to keep in mind, but there will be further news and advertising of the event in the coming year.

The opening of Carton House to the public in August was a tremendous success and the Council would like to thank all those who were involved in the organization. It is estimated that at least 1,000 people passed through the house between 2 pm and 6 pm. The beautiful weather was an added bonus.

It was decided to pursue the Swimming Pool section of the Sports Complex, since the National Lottery

is not a possible source of finance for a full Complex at the present time.

Upkeep of Laraghbryan

The Council gave £130 to Kildare County Council during the month of August, for the purpose of cutting the grass in Laraghbryan Cemetery. The monies usually allocated for the project had been cut from the Council's estimates for this year. In view of the need to keep the graveyard in good condition the Community Council is calling a public meeting on October 4th after 11 o'clock Mass. The meeting is to be held in the Parish Hall. We urge those in the community to attend with a view to organising a working party or committee which would take responsibility for the upkeep of Laraghbryan.

It was also decided to reapply for the Social Employment Scheme which employs 7 people to date under the Community Council. It is envisaged that some of the workers would aid the Tidy Towns Committee in their mammoth task of cleaning the town and the surrounding areas. We have received the results of the Tidy Towns Competition and the full report will be published elsewhere in the Newsletter.

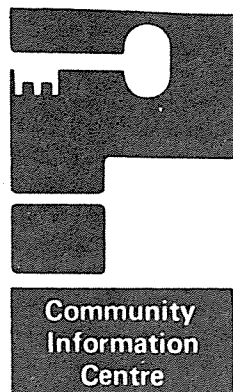
The Council has been approached by the Community Enterprise Scheme and a new sub-committee has been formed to work with the co-ordinator Ellis Murray. The long term aim of the scheme would be to provide additional employment in the town of Maynooth. The committee is to set to work immediately.

Consumer Watchdog

The possibility of setting up a consumer watchdog was discussed — which would monitor prices in supermarkets in conjunction with other Councils and associations in North Kildare. It is also planned that such services as the piped T.V. service would also be monitored. Complaints about the service have been pouring in from the areas served by Celbridge Relays. The Council are pursuing the matter.

Despite representations, Kildare County Council have so far refused to take over Carton Court Estate, since the developer has not carried out the necessary work to enable them to do so. The representatives of Old Greenfield were also informed through the Community Council that any signs that they might wish to erect on the Estate would have to be funded by the residents themselves since the funding is unavailable.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin
(Temp. P.R.O.)



COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE NOTES

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We are a local voluntary group registered with the National Social Service Board and part of a network of over 80 CICs throughout the country. The National Social Service Board trains us to deal effectively with enquiries and they provide much of our back-up information. If you want help to deal with your problems or if you want to know what your entitlements are call in to see us.

This column has been compiled by Maynooth Community Information Centre which provides a free and confidential service too the public. Telephone 285477 during office hours only.

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Volunteers are urgently required for the Centre. If interested, please leave your name with Norah McDermott, in the Community Council Offices and I will get in touch with you.

Frances Daly — Organiser.

MAYNOOTH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Some recent additions to bookstock in Maynooth Library include:

Bishop, Patrick & Mallie, Eamonn — The Provisional IRA.

Blackwood, John & Fulder, Stephen — Garlic; Natures Original Remedy.

Boak, Gerald — The Prediction Book of Taromancy.

Crotty, Raymond — Ireland in Crisis.

De Blacam, Mark — Drunken Driving and The Law.

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Norman, Diana — Terrible Beauty — A Life of Constance Markievicz 1868-1927.

Scapper, Linda — Complete Book of Crochet-Stitch Design.

Daly, Gerry — Gerry Daly's Gardening Guide.

Drosnin, Michael — Citizen Hughes.

Borrowes will be pleased to note that Maynooth Library has introduced a range of cassettes which are now available for borrowing. They include music and language tapes, and "talking books". They may be borrowed on the same principle as books; one ticket per cassette; adult tickets only and a maximum of three per person.

On display at the moment are a series of paintings by Elizabeth Coyne and also a wire sculpture by Darragh Crosbie. The final plan for the proposed Maynooth by-pass is available for examination.

Shelving has been re-arranged somewhat in the interior so there is now greater space available for exhibitions and displays — all would-be exhibitors, please note!

Active Age Week is running from the 27th September to 4th October and a range of crafts will be shown in the Library during those dates. These crafts will be made by people in the Old Folks Group of Maynooth. Relevant leaflets, pamphlets and books will supplement the exhibition.

National Children's Book Week is running from Friday, October 30th to Friday, November 6th. Details of activities for the week will be disclosed at a later stage — just contact the Library.

For the attention of all artists: Kildare County Libraries will be holding a major exhibition in February 1988, featuring paintings of the Kildare Environment, this being European Year of the Environment. All interested should contact Mr. Pat Lonergan, Kildare County Library, Newbridge.

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A chara,

Maynooth Workers' Party objects in the strongest possible manner to the content of your editorial in the September issue, concerning local service charges. Again it must be pointed out that when rates were abolished in 1977, provision was made for adjustments in the central taxation system in order to allow county councils to be reimbursed from the exchequer for the consequent loss of revenue. To reintroduce rates in the guise of local charges without a corresponding reduction of income tax is therefore quite clearly a form of double taxation.

Throughout the country, the annual grant from the government has fallen further and further below the level required to maintain the services which used to be funded by rates. However, the degree to which this grant has fallen behind varies between counties, and Kildare has fared worse than most counties in this respect. The politicians who make up Kildare County Council should be doing their utmost to have the state grant increased so that Kildare gets its fair share, rather than taking the easy option of trying to make up the difference by levying local charges.

The local charges are a regressive tax in that they are set at the same level for everybody regardless of income, and therefore weigh heaviest, in relative terms, on those with the lowest incomes. This is contrary to the basic principles of fair taxation. In particular, it is the PAYE sector which is affected most by local charges. Already, this sector pays a disproportionate share of the national income tax bill, since the self-employed are refusing to pay their fair share, and are not being pursued by the state to make them do so.

At the moment, some £700 millions are owed to the Revenue Commissioners by the self-employed. Yet, while we hear of plenty of cases of ordinary householders being pursued in the courts for the small sums owed in local charges, we never hear of anyone being brought to court for non-payment of tens of thousands of pounds of income tax. What is Kildare

County Council doing about the one million pounds due to them from the Land Tax? The Fianna Fail government were very quick to abolish this tax, as promised before the election. What about their pre-election promise to abolish local charges?

The local charges are one tax which is not deducted at source from PAYE workers. Why should they not refuse to pay them, when the self-employed are refusing to pay income tax which is also not automatically deducted at source? The local charges were introduced at £50. They have now been raised to £70 — a 40% increase in one year, when inflation was less than 3%. We are clearly seeing the thin end of the wedge. If they are not resisted now, what is to prevent them from going up and up? Will we then be reading editorials in the Maynooth Newsletter about the "great value for money" we are getting in return for our contributions?

Is mise, le meas,
Proinnias Breathnach
Sept. 2, 1987.

Dear Editor,

Kildare Residents Against Local Charges have read with disquiet your Editorial of last month whose general thrust appears to be that house holders should pay the increased Co. Council water and refuse charges without complaint, even though these same charges have already been paid.

We agree that "taken in isolation" these charges would cause no controversy, for as you have stated the services they fund are both necessary and efficiently delivered and of immeasurable benefit to the community. However, the payment of the charges have in the past and continue to be problematic precisely because they cannot be considered "in isolation" from "the level" of taxation already imposed or from the "allocation" by Central Government of Tax Revenue. We believe this to be so for the following reasons.

(1) When in 1977, domestic rates were abolished, the P.A.Y.E. sector was levied to compensate for the loss of income to the exchequer. This levy remains today but is not redistributed to the Local Authorities. Instead of

demanding these monies from residents a second time, Kildare Co. Council should unite and demand the release of the funds which are rightfully theirs from the government.

(2) Because large sections of society other than the P.A.Y.E. sector are not paying their fair share of taxes there is a shortage in Government funds. This is the main reason why local authorities cannot get sufficient funding to provide local services. Reform of the tax system is what is required. The Co. Council should again unite and demand that this be done instead of taking the easy option of further penalising the already overburdened taxpayer.

(3) The increase in charges seems to bear no relation to the increase in the cost of providing the water and refuse services. The cost of the services last year was £50. Inflation was less than 5%. The increase called for is 40%. One must ask where is the other 35% going. Is this not another form of increased taxation.

(4) All indications are that if the County Council can extract £70 this year, the charge could well be in excess of £100 next year.

In conclusion, it should be pointed out that the 1986 campaign of Maynooth Residents Against Local Charges and other similar groups around the county resulted in the abolition of local charges by Kildare Co. Council in October 1986. A firm stand once again by all concerned could lead to the same result.

On behalf of M.R.A.L.C.

Margaret Cline (Sec.)

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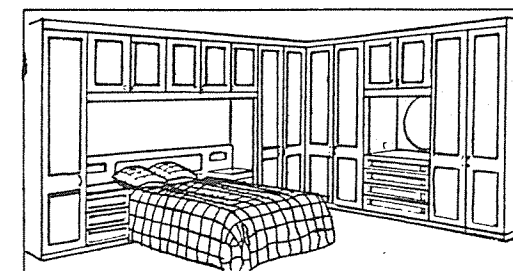


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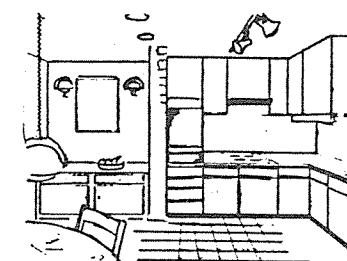


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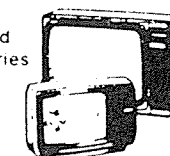
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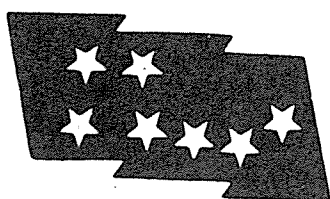
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POLITICAL PARTY NOTES



LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Tony Smith Memorial Walk

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Dave Moyonan — 2 Convent Road, Imelda Delaney — 511 Newtown. The total collection last year was £1,223 and we are confident of exceeding that amount this year.

Local Authority Housing

There will be no new Local Authority schemes started this year. This is due to the withdrawal of funding to Kildare County Council by the Fianna Fáil Government, with the full support of Fine Gael. The Minister for the Environment stated recently that there was now no housing problem in the country. Either Paddy Power or Charlie McCreevy hasn't told him about the serious situation in Kildare with 2,000 families on the housing list, or they simply don't care. This is a further attack on the construction industry and the homeless.

Labour Annual conference

At the time of print we are preparing to attend Annual Conference which is being held in Cork this year. Kildare Constituency will have the largest delegation of all constituencies, with 126 delegates attending Conference.

Pat Moyonan, Kingsbru, is Kildare's candidate for the A.C. (the ruling body of the Party between conferences) and we are confident of his election to this committee.

Deputy Emmet Stagg is a candidate for the Vice-Chair of the Party, and likewise we expect his to be elected to this position. His role if elected will be to help re-organise the Party in its challenge to the new right wing coalition of F.F., F.G. and the P.D.s

The Labour Party Commission Report on Election Strategy will be discussed at Conference. This report rejects coalition as a strategy and effectively removes any possibility of coalition for the next twenty years. This report is expected to be passed

unanimously.

Finally Maynooth Branch has tabled a motion proposing that the Party Leader and Deputy Leader be elected by Annual Conference. The present situation whereby the 12 T.D.s elect these officers is totally unsatisfactory. If everything at Conference goes as planned, it will be a historic conference for the Party.

Water And Refuse Charges To Increase

The recent announcement by the Fianna Fail Government to reduce the allocation of funds to local authorities by £50 million next year, will see water and refuse charges in Kildare increase considerably. There is no doubt that next year each household will be expected to pay a minimum of £100. These so called local charges are now becoming a substantial further tax on the P.A.Y.E. sector. If the charges are not rejected now, in three or four year's time it is likely that each household will be billed for £300 to £400. This is for services which we have already paid for. Labour will continue to campaign against these unjust charges and we look forward to working in close co-operation with the recently reformed Residents Against The Charges Committee.

FINE GAEL NOTES

Royal Canal Amenity Group
Deputy Bernard Durkan, T.D., has been advised by the Minister for Labour, Mr. Bertie Ahern T.D., following representations that "the Social Employment Scheme Monitoring Committee approved this project at its meeting of 29th July 1987."

Maynooth Community Council — Social Employment Scheme

Mr Paul Connor of the Social Employment Scheme of the Department of Labour has advised Deputy Bernard Allen regarding payments due: "The delay in making payments to your project is very much regretted. Efforts are being made to ensure that this situation does not occur again and in this connection payments are now being made to cover sixteen week periods. The last payment made to the project was on 28th July 1987 and covered a sixteen week period up to 16th October 1987. Every effort

will be made to deal with future claims promptly."

Double Street & Buckley' Lane Maynooth

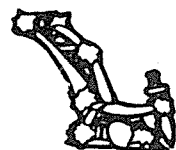
Following continuous representations with Kildare County Council on behalf of the residents of the above areas by Deputy Bernard Durkan the following reply was received from the A/County Engineer: "This junction is blind and is a case where all traffic should be required to yield. I will ask the Chief Superintendent to review his previous decisions."

National Collection

The National Collection will take place on the week-end of 17th/18th October 1987.

Ard-Fheis 1987

This year's Ard Fheis will take place once again in Cork from Friday 30th to Sunday 1st November 1987. Members are advised to book accommodation early and if intending to avail of the special coach to book early with the Branch Secretary.



WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

Kildare Peatlands Visit

A large group of Workers' Party members from the Kildare constituency paid a one-day visit to the West Kildare peatlands on September 2 last to look at the work of Bord na Mona, the ESB and the Agricultural Institute in developing the area's natural resources. Led by party leader Tomas Mac Giolla, the group visited the Timahoe sod peat works, the ESB power station at Allenwood, Bord na Mona's milled peat and peat briquette works and shrub nursery at Lullymore, and the Agricultural Institute's Peatlands Research Station, also at Lullymore. During the visit, the group met with Bord na Mona's new Chief Executive, Mr Eddie O'Connor.

The tour gave the group members a heightened appreciation of the great work being done by these state agencies in developing the country's natural resources. The visit also allowed the group to gain a valuable insight into the complexities surrounding the framing of a long-term policy for the utilisation of cutaway peatland

once the area's peat resources become exhausted.

The visiting party were delighted by the warm reception encountered throughout the tour. It was clear that the Workers' Party's steadfast support of state enterprises was greatly appreciated by the area's workforce. This, along with the valuable educational content of the tour, made for a most enjoyable day for all concerned.

Tomas Mac Giolla

All party members and supported will have heard with regret the decision of Party Leader Tomas Mac Giolla to retire from the position next year. Tomas Mac Giolla probably commands more widespread respect and affection within his party than any party leader in the history of the State. He has overseen the evolution of the party from its narrowly Republican roots into a committed socialist party with a powerful programme for the transformation of Irish society in the interest of the working class. He left his job with the ESB to become a full-time party worker, and can now see the fruits of his efforts in the form of a much-enlarged organisation with significant Dáil representation.

All party members will be involved, through their branches, in the election of a new leader. Nominations will be submitted by the branches, and Tomas Mac Giolla's successor will be elected by the delegates at next year's Ardfeis. Tomas Mac Giolla, of course, will continue in active political work, and we wish him well for the future.

Local Charges

It is now obvious that the Government expects local authorities to rely to a much greater extent on local charges to finance their activities in future. Thus the present charges in Kildare are the "thin end of the wedge." They must be resisted now before they get completely out of hand, and become simply a new way of extorting tax from the already overburdened PAYE worker. It is also clear that collecting the vast sums of unpaid tax, PRSI and health contributions from the self-employed is not on the Government's agenda. Local charges are the one type of tax that the PAYE sector can refuse to pay, and they should make full use of this tiny bit of power which they possess. The Workers' Party welcomes the recent formation of a Maynooth branch of Kildare Residents Against Local Charges, and looks forward to massive support for its campaign for tax equity.

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Residents' Associations News.

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

We are back again after the "summer" break! Because of the break there is very little news from the Association. But we would like to express our gratitude to the young people who put so much work into the Shopping Centre this summer and kept it in tip-top condition. They were: LAURENCE AVENUE — Robert McDonald, Ann Purcell, Hugh Purcell, Mary McDonald and Mark Kirkpatrick; MAYNOOTH PARK — John Lee, Sharon Lee, Keith Brown and Colin Brown; STRAFFAN WAY — Aileen Gleeson; GREENFIELD DRIVE — Michael Hanley and Martina Gallagher. We apologise to anyone who may have been left out!

We would also like to thank the shopkeepers who funded the work: Tom Geraghty, Sean Dnovan, Gerry Mulcahy, Kleen Jeans and Second Edition. Without their financial aid the project could not have been funded and carried out.

In response to complaints from residents all over the estate we are writing to Celbridge Relays concerning the standard of the cable T.V. service. Our complaints are also to be brought to the attention of the Community Council.

In an effort to contain the possibility of illegal dumping we hope to provide skips for heavy duty refuse within the next few weeks. Keep your eyes open for one round your area.

Finally, we plead with residents who use the sit-on mower not to *allow children on or near the machine. We cannot be held responsible for injuries caused.*

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, P.R.O.

CLUAIN AOIBHINN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (C.A.R.A.)

Cluain Aoibhinn Notes

The sports day on August 29 was a great success, mainly thanks to the efforts of the parents who all came out to assist, and the excellent organisation by the sports committee. After a hectic day participating in the numerous events the children received their trophies from the chairman, Tom Mc Mullon.

After the sports "Marvellous Martin" kept the children bopping for 2½ hours in the Marquee with all the latest Disco sounds. The adults took over at 10.30 p.m. and a good night

and morning was had by all.

The sports committee would like to thank all the residents who performed during the night and also a special word of thanks to all our sponsors for their kind donations.

Who's been swiping the flowers and trees? The committee were dismayed to discover that some of our flowers were missing — No it wasn't the dogs. Anyone caught taking flowers will have to face the committee or worse still the chairman. These flowers and trees were planted for the good of the estate and anyone requiring same can obtain them at a reasonable price in The Plant Place.

Finally we end on a sad note by reporting that Martin McLoughlin's house was burgled and his television and video taken. A suitable reward is available for information leading to the return of this equipment. Anyone with information can phone any of the following telephone numbers in complete confidence: 286630; 286526.

Railpark Residents notes

September was a sad month in Rail Park as we lost two of our residents within twenty four hours of each other. Mrs Rebecca Brennan died on Saturday 5th September following an illness; however the suddenness of 17 years old Philip Cannon's death the following day left everyone stunned with sadness. Philip was well known and loved by many neighbours who had come to rely on his skills in fixing bicycles. Both Philip and Mrs Brennan were brought to the church on the same evening and there was a large attendance at the funeral. Our sympathy is offered to both families in their bereavement.

Neighbourhood Watch

The committee is pursuing the idea of a neighbourhood watch scheme. A meeting will be held with the garda authorities in the near future to organise the scheme.

Grass Cutting

Residents may have noticed a closer and neater cut on the grass in recent weeks. This is thanks to Mick Garvey and his Gang mower which produces a better cut than the rotary mower which we used to use.

Footpaths

The committee is about to relaunch its campaign for improvement of the

footpaths which are in a dangerous state. The Council may move when the compensation claims for broken ankles start pouring in. But we would prefer to have them repaired before someone goes for a trip and lands in hospital.

Trees

And finally with Autumn upon us the committee is looking into the state of trees in the estate. Some trees have branches stretching across footpaths, leaving taller residents in danger of decapitation. Other trees are lurching into the street, defying gravity for the moment, and still others are being choked to death on the stakes which were originally used to support them. The simple remedy in the last case is to cut the stake away as it is no longer needed. With the other trees we are looking for advice on their care.

Kay McKeogh,
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH BOYS SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of the above association will take place on the 13th October 1987. A new committee will be elected and it is expected that at least one parent from each area in Maynooth will volunteer their services.

Guest speaker will be Tom Ashe, Post Primary School, Maynooth principal. We all look forward to this as it will be of value to the future of our children's education.

Envelopes are being sent out for the annual subscription of £2.00 per family. We would ask all parents to subscribe as we were only able to get about 50% last year due to the small number on the committee.

T.R. McMullon,
Chairman.

IRISH SCHOOL, KILCOCK IS THRIVING

It is encouraging to note that Scoil Uí Riada, the all Irish primary school in Kilcock is thriving. Because of an increase in pupils it is expected that a new múinteoir will be employed next year.

The parents' committee is busy managing the affairs of the school and highest on the agenda is fundraising. There was a sponsored cycle ride on 27 September, and October's fundraising event is to be a furniture auction. Keep an eye out for posters for further details, or contact Mary Grennell, 285235.

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BRÚ BOSCO NOTES

CO-OPERATION NORTH

Brú Bosco Maynooth/St. Malachys Belfast

It can be very difficult to do justice on paper to something like Co-Operation North — it is more than just two youth clubs who help each other to clear up their own town or area.

St. Malachys Y.C. from the Markets area in Belfast arrived here on Thursday 23rd July. Over the weekend the two groups transformed the murals in the playground and cleaned the whole area. There were eleven in the Belfast group and we had about the same number or more from Brú Bosco during the whole weekend.

The weekend couldn't have happened with such success without a lot of help from various people. I'm

sure Fr. Delahunty in Salesian House really needed his holiday when the group departed. It was marvellous to be able to accomodate everyone under the same roof. Thanks "as usual" to everyone in Salesian House. We all — Maynooth and Belfast — ate together in Salesian House and good fun can even be had when cooking or doing the washing up or cleaning.

Mr. Phillip Ward local area County Engineer arranged for us to use a strimmer for the weekend and also for a skip to remove all the rubbish. Thanks to Bernard Durkan for his letters in this regard.

Paint for the murals worked out quite expensive but our thanks to Bright Paints for their generosity when they heard what we were trying to achieve.

On Saturday night we had a barbecue at which Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin made a presentation to John Geraghty from St. Malachys Youth Club. Eileen Ruddy — Mary Horn said they would help with the barbecue but I'm afraid they there the whole night — it's bad to have such expertise!

We took our visitors around the College and of course at night we watched videos early into the morning. On Sunday morning we had a lovely Mass in Salesian House — the first public Mass in English by a Yugoslavia Salesian studying here.

The group returned to Belfast on Sunday evening.

As can be seen from some of the photographs there was a total transformation of the area. This was achieved in one weekend by approx. 30 adults and young people — it proves what can be done where theres a will.

Friday 21st August. We left Maynooth on 9.50 a.m. train and arrived in Belfast 1.15 p.m. Lovely weather and the members met us at the station. We went immediately to the local Community Centre where we were to eat and work over the weekend. After lunch some of the young people from each group were interviewed for Local Radio. Fergus Comiskey from Co-Op North Belfast Office was there to welcome us also and Mr. John McCormack Divisional Youth Officer for the area made a presentation to us.

Our project in Belfast was to paint a mural on the gable wall of the Community Centre depicting an old painting of the Markets area before it was rebuilt. We stayed in the youth club which was a school until quite recently.

For those who don't know Belfast — the Markets area is right beside Central Station. As you walk for the station to the shopping centre of Belfast you literally pass the Markets on the left. So if you go up soon keep your eyes open for the Mural on the wall of the centre.

On Friday night we watched a video and on Saturday the Club put

on a Disco for both groups, Sunday night it was off to the Ice Rink for most.

Regrettably it was necessary for me to return to Maynooth on Sunday night due to the misbehaviour of three of our group. We left on the 6 p.m. train and were met in the station by Chairman Brian O'Malley who brought us back to Maynooth. I left again next morning on 7.15 a.m. train from Maynooth arriving in Belfast 10.25.

On Monday we really worked hard to get all the work finished. It really paid off and when we left on Monday evening we really were pleased with our weekend achievement.

Sometimes when things don't go as smooth as had been hoped it actually bonds people closer together with a determination to prove that work can go ahead.

Taking the two weekends as one we really did achieve a lot — in terms of personal growth for a lot of the people — apart from the actual cleaning and painting which is really only part of what Co-Op North is all about.

Ellis O'Malley.

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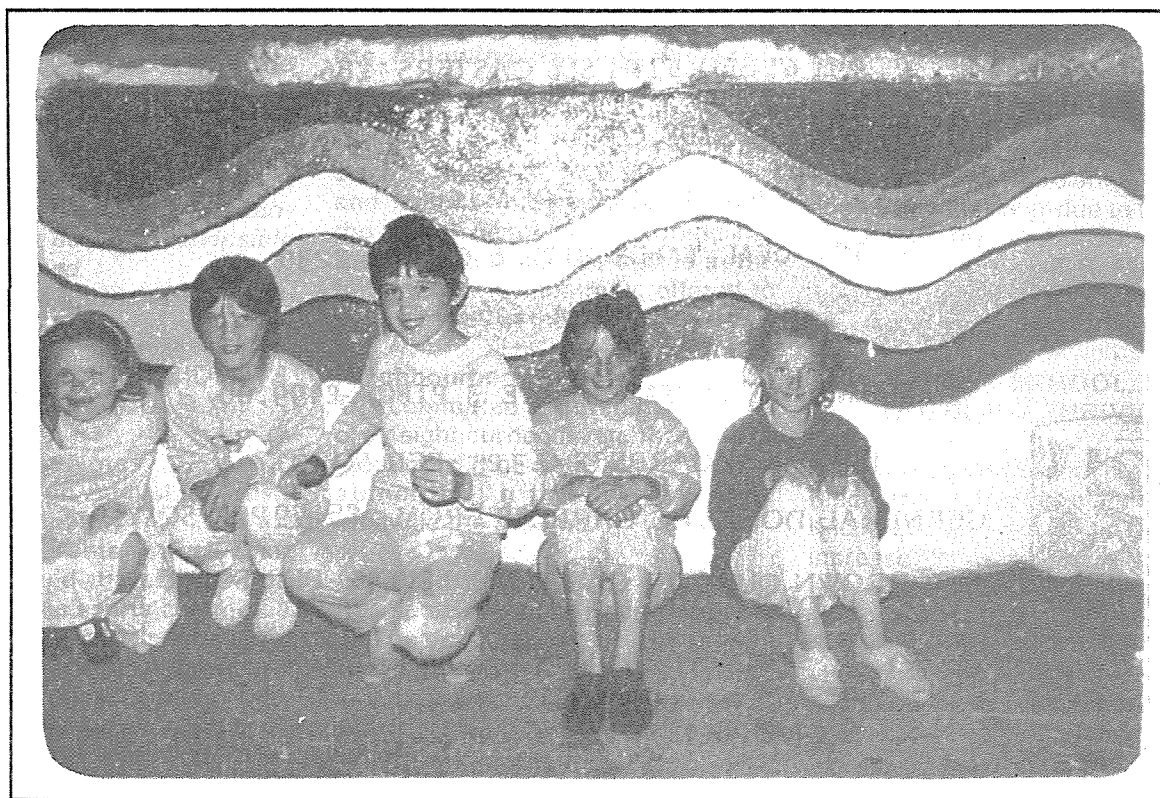
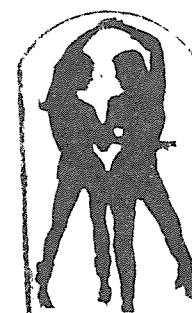
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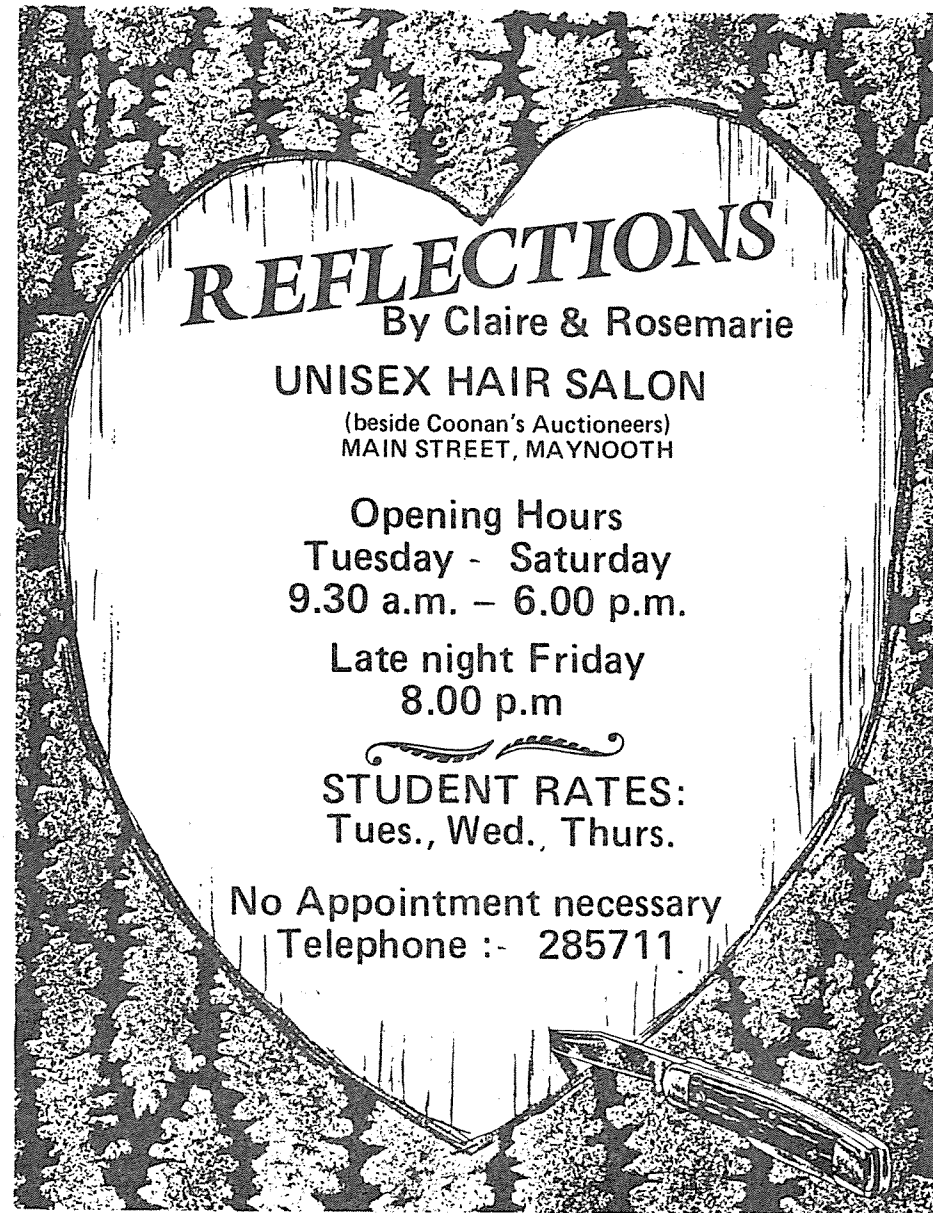
BAND BULLETIN

Top of the honours list this month are the loyal supporters of St. Mary's Band who once again "dug deep" to support our annual Flag Day last month. The response was tremendous and once again gives our committee the encouragement to carry on — for another year at least.

The junior classes have restarted once again and we are happy to report a most successful meeting of parents and children last month. We were delighted with the number of parents who came with the children — the Band Hall was bursting at the seams — and it surely augers well for the future of the children, musically at least. They have now reached that long awaited stage where they encounter "real live" instruments and if they sustain the same interest they have shown over the past two years there is no reason why we should not have some very fine musicians in the not too distant future.

On the engagement front last month we were again invited to play for the Kildare County Senior Hurling Final in Newbridge and this would now seem, we hope, to be an annual event. We are also engaged to play in the town on Sunday 4th October to entertain the spectators awaiting the arrival of the Nissan Cycling Classic which is followed by the Tom Flood Cup Final in the G.A.A. field.

On Sunday 11th October we run our Annual Sponsored Cycle in conjunction with the Boys' School. This year by way of a change we are holding a **FREE DRAW** for a Stephen Roche racing bicycle for all sponsors. While there is no fixed figure on sponsorship we hope you will be as generous as possible. In order to qualify for the draw your monies must be returned by 31st October as the draw takes place at the Bingo session on Wed. 4th November. The cyclists themselves will not be losing out as the owner of the winning sponsorship card will also receive a Stephen Roche cycle. Cards are available from Mr. Pearse O'Connell (286080) or Patricia Dempsey, Old Greenfield.



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CARTON HOUSE OPEN DAY

The following people were involved in opening Carton House in August. The community council is grateful to them for their assistance. They are Thomas Flanagan, Seamus Flanagan, Tom Purcell, Ann Purcell, Dominic Nyland, Larry O'Brien, Fionan Hardiman, Pat Moylan, Breda Connolly, Tom Mc Myler and family, Joan Howard Williams and family, Dolores Quinn, Michael Barry, Mary Cullen, Martin Kelly, Paddy Duffy, Paddy Levin, Derek Horan and the Old Folks Committee.

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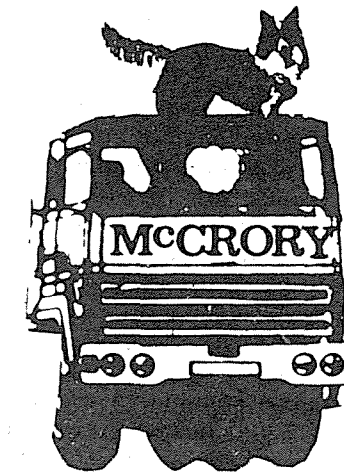
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the castle

A Focal Point of Local History Mary Cullen

Over the next couple of months Mary Cullen will deal with aspects of local historical interest.

Stone-built castles like that at Maynooth were a novel feature on the Irish landscape in the early thirteenth century. Giraldus Cambrensis, the contemporary historian of the Norman invasion, tells us that the Irish "pay no regard to castles, but use the woods as their strongholds and the marshes as their entrenchments". He also noted that the Irish were at a disadvantage because they went "naked" into battle against the heavily armoured Norman knights. (I hasten to add that by this he meant simply that the Irish wore no armour and not no clothes!) For the Normans the castle was a key factor in both their military and their settlement policy. When they occupied a new territory they built a castle at the best available position for defence, in the case of Maynooth at the junction of two streams, and then around the castle, and under its protection, the Norman-dominated community could develop.

But all this was in the future when Maurice FitzGerald came to Maynooth in 1176. Maynooth, in Irish Magh Nuadha or Ma Nuad, meaning "the plain of Nuadha", was part of the tribal kingdom of the O'Byrnes called Uí Fáeláin, or, by the invaders, Offelan. Uí Fáeláin means literally "the descendants of Fáelán", an eighth century ruler of the clan who became over-king of all Leinster. The name O'Byrne or Uí Briúin, "the descendants of Brion", comes from another member of the dynasty, who lived in the fifth century, and his name survives today in the townland of Laraghbryan a mile and a half from the town of Maynooth on the main road to the west. Laraghbryan is in Irish Láithreach Briúin, "the dwelling place of the Uí Briúin". The position of Offelan, or Uí Fáeláin, and its relation to the fourteenth century county of Kildare can be seen on the accompanying maps. It was one of a number of sub-kingdoms within the province of Leinster and its ruling family competed with the rulers of other sub-kingdoms for dominance and the title of king of Leinster. Uí Fáeláin, whose territory was east and west of the Liffey around Naas and northern Kildare, had produced

several kings of Leinster, one of whom, Mael Mórda, fell fighting with his Norse allies against Brian Boru at the battle of Clontarf in 1014. But at the time of the Norman invasion the king of Leinster was Diarmait MacMurrough of Uí Chennselaig in south Leinster whose capital was at Ferns. Dublin at this period was a Norse town ruled by a Norse king.

In an interesting article in the Irish Ecclesiastical Record for February 1940, "Maynooth Parish Church Centenary (1840-1940)" the V. Rev. Michael T. MacSweeney P.P. traces references in the Irish annals to the Maynooth area in pre-Norman times. These annals are the great records of Irish history compiled by the monks in some of the larger monasteries, often incorporating material from earlier annals now lost of smaller monasteries and setting out in the form of a huge calendar, year by year over the centuries, the events which the compilers thought worth recording. Unfortunately they did not think worth noting the doings of anybody except kings, abbots, bishops and the powerful, so we cannot hope to learn from them anything of the lives of the ordinary people of the Maynooth area. But they do give some interesting references to the area. The Book of Leinster tells us that the Nuadha who gave his name to Maynooth was Nuadha Neacht, king of Ireland around the year 110 B.C., and that he was the ancestor of the famous Finn mac Cumhail, the leader of the Fianna. Fr. MacSweeney also discusses the possibility that the site of Grange-William churchyard in the townland of Donaghmore, or Domnach Mór, just to the east of present day Maynooth, may have been a resting place for St. Patrick on one of his journeys. As the Board of Works is currently carrying out a detailed archaeological survey of the whole country, and expect to be moving into county Kildare within the next year or so, the truth of this tradition may soon be proved or disproved.

The clearest and most unambiguous references to the Maynooth area in the annals are to the monastery Láithreach Briúin or Laraghbryan. The references are brief and scattered but they cover a period of four hundred years before the coming of the Normans. They begin with the tantalisingly curt report for the year A.D. 656 that "a cow appeared at Láithreach Briúin which calved four calves". No details are given and no explanation of the importance of this phenomenon which made it worth its

place among the battles and deaths of the great of that year. For A.D. 766 the death of Glaindibur the abbot of Laraghbryan is recorded, for the year 856 that of "Cormac, scribe and bishop", and for 901 the death of the "son of Flann, Abbot of Láithreach Briúin". Finally the Annals of the Four Masters given two last sad notices. For both 1036 and 1040 the annalist reports that Láithreach Briúin was burned and plundered by the men of Meath. The eleventh century was one of particularly fierce struggle for the high-kingship of Ireland which involved most parts of the country at various times, and the map shows how vulnerable Láithreach Briúin, in Uí Fáeláin at the very north of the province of Leinster, must have been to raiders from Meath which was then a separate province.

The article by Fr. MacSweeney, quoted above, will be very useful to anyone interested in the early history of Maynooth. The maps are from *An Atlas of Irish History* by Ruth Dudley Edwards, published by Methuen, price £1.50. This is a very useful reference book for anyone interested in Irish history.



MAYNOOTH/KILCOCK LIONS CLUB

The club has just returned from its Summer break and is already heavily involved in charity work. Its first fund-raising activity is the Hula-Bou Autumn/Winter Collection Fashion Show in The Spa Hotel on Tuesday 6th October. The charities involved are The Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group Celbridge (North Kildare Area) and other local charities. Tickets can be obtained from the Hula-Bou or from Lions Club members.

On Friday 16th October the club are running a Golf Classic in Knockanally Golf and Country Club. A Team Stableford competition with teams of 4. The charities benefiting are Dunfirth House, Enfield (Autistic Children) and the Mill Lane Fire Fund, Kilcock. A time sheet is available and entries can still be had through Jack Weafer (286651) or Jimmy McCormack (286274). Please support these worthy fund raising projects

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SPORTS NEWS

COLLEGE GREEN F.C. NOTES

The last month produced a number of ups and downs on the playing field. However, this was to be expected given the number of players unavailable through holiday commitments etc. Hopefully, from October onwards, fortunes will improve somewhat.

In the preliminary competition, the Bradley Shield, College Green failed to qualify for the knock-out stages on goal differences:

College Green (2) 4
Dunboyne 2nds (1) 3

This was undoubtedly the best performance of the season to date. Fittingly, Managers Tony O'Connor and Paul Broughan opened the scoring with a goal apiece, to give College Green the half time lead. Dunboyne put in a fine second half performance, showing that they should certainly challenge for Division III honours. Dermot Canning made it 3-2 to cap a fine personal performance. Dunboyne grabbed a deserved equaliser before the inevitable Gerry Murtagh goal came to clinch the points.

College Green (2) 3 — Clonee Utd (4) 7
A night to forget. A series of defensive errors threw the game away, resulting in the home team's heaviest defeat ever. Ironically, Clonee were subsequently well beaten by Dunboyne. Such are the ups and downs of the game. Tom Coffey, Paul Broughan and Gerry Murtagh found the net. Full credit to Clonee for taking their chances. The Division III side can look forward to a good season.

Ratoath Harps 2nds (0) 2
College Green (1) 4

After the previous disaster earlier in the week, the Green produced a gritty performance and bounced back with a Gerry Murtagh hat trick. Paul Broughan got the fourth goal.

In the League Division IV, the campaign opened against Ratoath, again.

Ratoath Harps 2nds (0) 3
College Green (1) 1

On a Sunday afternoon when College Green produced a few very fine passages of football, they should have been a few goals up at half time. The Ratoath side was significantly weaker, than the one the Green had

beaten the previous Wednesday. With fifteen minutes to go, Paddy McGovern scored his first goal ever for College Green to give them a 1-0 lead. At this stage they could have been five or six goals ahead, given the possession they enjoyed. Ratoath staged a comeback and found the net three times in the last thirteen minutes, all resulting from defensive errors.

Subsequent matches against Corbawn Utd 2nds and Kilcarn House were postponed.

Forthcoming Matches

HOME

Vs Trim Celtic 3rds 27/09/87
Vs Robinstown 04/10/87
Vs Tower View Utd 18/10/87

AWAY

Vs Shambo 11/10/87
Vs Rathkenny Rovers 2nd 25/10/87
Vs Double D (Mullingar) 01/11/87

Farewell

One of last year's stalwarts, Kieran Murtagh, has returned to Kells and may be turning out in the colours of Kells Celtic in future. Kieran gave a great commitment to the club, not least of all through all the travelling he put in the play. We wish Kieran all the best in the future.

Honoured

The club was very proud to learn that Paddy McGovern has been called for trials for the Meath and District League representative side, in preparation for the Oscar Traynor trophy. Not bad for a Cavan man who "doesn't play soccer!"

Bereavement

Since sympathies are extended to Paul and Ray Broughan on the sad death of their mother, recently. The fixture Vs Kilcarn was postponed as a mark of respect.

League Yearbook

The M. & D.L. have just published a superb yearbook, which is surely one of the finest publications of its kind. Copies are available from Philip Purcell, priced at £2 each.

Congratulations to Gerry and Lalla Murtagh on the recent birth of their second daughter. Their eldest daughter Aoife was last year's "Supporter of the Year". Best wishes also to Vincent and Frances Hegarty on the birth of their first child, also a daughter!

Yours sincerely,

Declan Forde.

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

The A.G.M. of the Maynooth Swimming Club was held on June 18th. We would like to thank the parents who attended. The financial statement for the past year was presented by the Treasurer, Carmel Nolan, and the Assistant Treasurer, Mary King.

The committee elected for the coming year is as follows:

Chairman: Owen Byrne Tel. 286514
Secretary: Rosemary Smyth 285789
Ass. Secretary: Olive O'Shea 285440
Treasurer: Carmel Nolan 285292
Ass. Treasurer: Mary King 286194
P.R.O.: Deirdre Hetherington

We are very grateful to our outgoing Secretary, Olive O'Shea, for her commitment to the club, and we welcome our Secretary for this year, Rosemary Smyth.

The Club's application to Maynooth College for the use of the College Pool for length swims was refused. We had hoped to have organised length swims for Club members who have completed levels 1, 2 and 3 of the Water Safety Association examinations. This would facilitate many older teenagers in the town. The idea hasn't been abandoned however, and anyone interested should contact Deirdre Hetherington, 25 Greenfield Drive. We will need the co-operation of parents for supervision.

The Saturday sessions commenced on September 12th and will continue for 10 weeks, excluding Saturday, Oct. 24th. The fee remains at £20. The first bus leaves Greenfield Shopping Centre at 3.45 p.m. and the second bus leaves Cluain Aoibhinn at 4.20 p.m. arriving at Greenfield at 4.25 p.m. The Secretaries on the 1st bus are Catherine Mulready, Mary Comerford, Deirdre Hetherington and Pat Maher, and on the 2nd bus Phil McLoughlin, Olive O'Shea, Marie Ryan, Elizabeth Arthurs and Anne Kinsella.

We welcome back our members from last year and a special welcome to the newcomers.

Deirdre Hetherington.
P.R.O.



MAYNOOTH TOWN
A.F.C.

The new season commenced on Sunday August 23rd. The Premier side had their first match at home to Fatima Rangers and were unlucky to

be beaten by a last minute goal after missing a twice taken penalty. Dessie Farrell scored both Maynooth goals. The second were beaten by Clane. Maynooth scorers were Terry Moore, Willie Sauls and Gerry Thompson.

Premier Sunday:

Maynooth 2 West Park Albion 0
John Doyle 1 and Sean Moore 1 were the scorers in a very convincing win for Maynooth.

Premier Sunday:

Celbridge Town 3 Maynooth Town 5
Maynooth travelled to Celbridge to play this local Derby against Sheeran and Dalton Cup winners Celbridge. Celbridge went into a 2-0 lead after half time. Sean Moore scored for Maynooth before Celbridge scored their third goal to hold a two goal advantage. However a great Maynooth fight back resulted in four goals: a hat trick for John Doyle and one for Dessie Farrell. A fine victory for Maynooth which was not to kindly received by Celbridge who were shell-shocked by Maynooth's comeback.

Division 1B:

Maynooth 3 K.S.C. Utd 2
Brian McCall, Noel Dempsey and Gerry Treacy were the Maynooth scorers.

Premier Sunday:

Maynooth 0 Newbridge Town 1
This was a very hard fought battle with Newbridge, winning with a very lucky goal in the second half. Maynooth's cause was not helped by some dreadful decisions by the referee which was the talking point of the day. A big crowd went home incensed at the performance of the referee.

Leinster Junior Cup:

Maynooth 3 (4 Penalties)
Iveagh Celtic 3 (3 Penalties)

Maynooth won this match on penalties after taking the lead three times in the actual match. John Doyle gave Maynooth an early lead. However a penalty brought Iveagh back on level terms in the second half. A brilliant free kick from Dessie Farrell restored Maynooth's lead. However in the last minute of normal time, hesitation in the Maynooth defence allowed Iveagh in for an equaliser. In extra time John Doyle scored what looked like the winner. However another defensive error allowed Iveagh to equalise with the last kick of the

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game. In the penalty shoot out Maynooth scored three goals, Brian McCall, John Doyle, Paul McCourt to Iveagh's three goals. However the winning penalty came from Philip Doyle in a sudden death situation.

Training continues in Maynooth College every Tuesday and Thursday night. All are welcome.

Seamus Feeney, P.R.O.

The seconds were beaten by Clane.

MAYNOOTH JUNIOR BADMINTON

The Annual General Meeting of the junior badminton club will be held on Thursday 8th October at 8.30 p.m. in the Boys National School. All parents who are interested in having their children play badminton should attend.

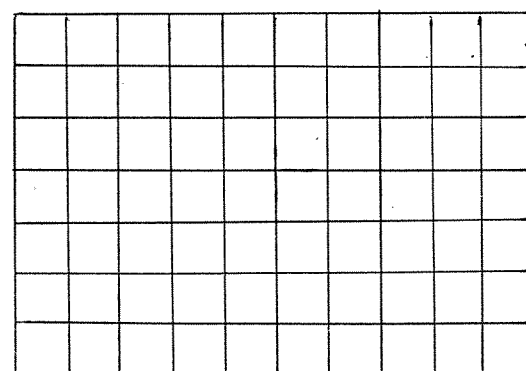
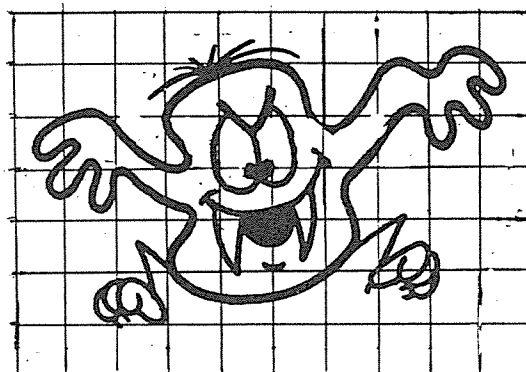
Site at Blacklion

Work has commenced, after a long delay, on the halting site at Blacklion. The contract has been given to Donoghues from Mullingar who have started to clear the area. Hopefully the Travellers will now have a happy Christmas in their new home.

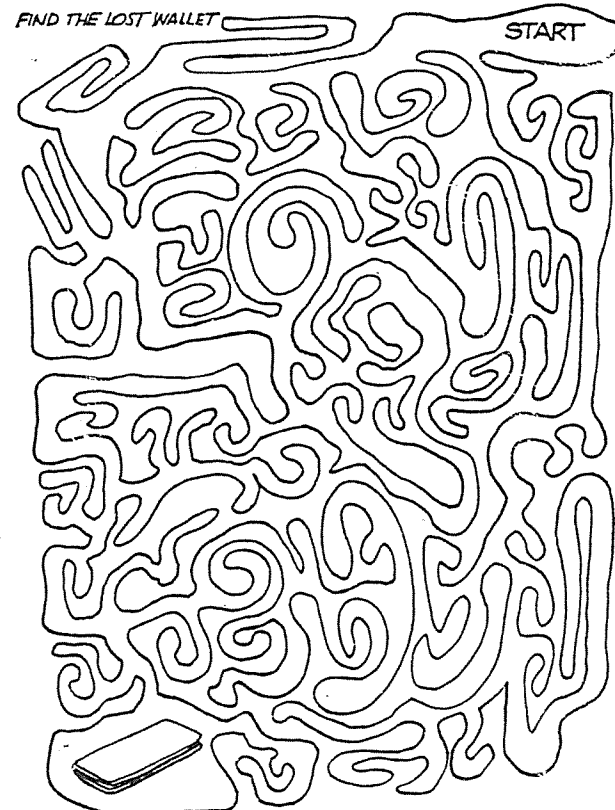
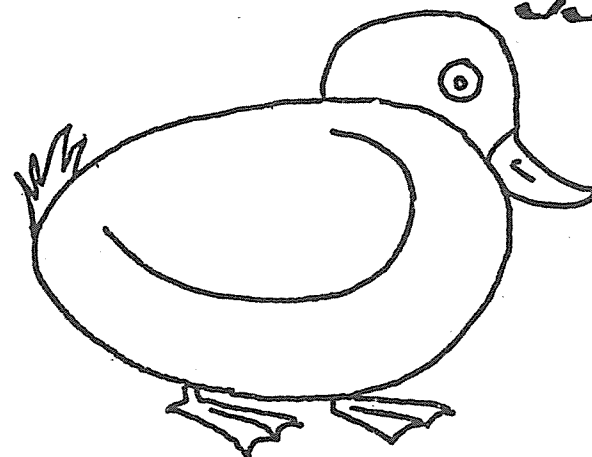


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Ages 8-12:

1st prize, Clare Mulligan, Spin Bridge, Kilcock; 2nd prize, Mary Lee, Pagestown, Maynooth; runners up — Gavin Lyons, Coppervalley, Moyglare, Maynooth; Allen Gaffney, Bellview, Mariville, Maynooth.

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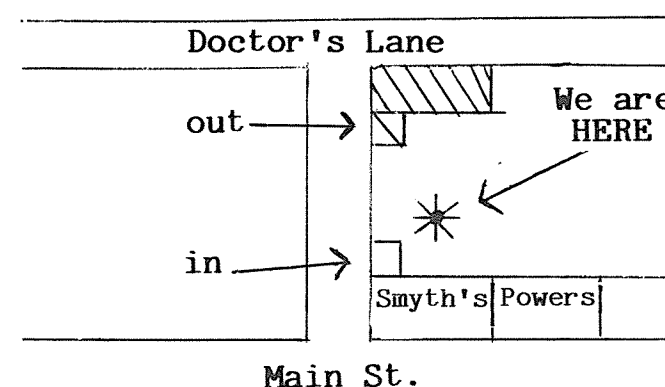
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BOOKLET ON OLD SITES

A booklet on the historical sites in the Ladychapel/Taghadoe area of Maynooth has just been launched to mark the restoration project of the ancient burial grounds at Ladychapel.

A large proportion of the dead of north-east Kildare lie in the cemeteries of Ladychapel and Taghadoe. The great number of burials in Ladychapel, in particular, is shown by the forest of tombstones there, with some of them well over 200 years old. With the opening of new cemeteries in such places as Kilcock and Mainham in the early part of the present century, the number of burials declined in Ladychapel and Taghadoe and the cemeteries themselves fell into a very neglected state.

Following recent restoration work on Taghadoe by the Board of Works, a group was formed early in the year with the object of restoring and conserving the memorials and ruins in Ladychapel. Money was collected to meet the cost of the work and voluntary labour has already cleared the cemetery of unsightly growth and has improved its general appearance.

The group's latest project is the publication of the booklet, compiled by Martin J. Kelly of Celbridge. It

contains a copy of the headstone inscriptions in both cemeteries. This should be of great interest to the large number of families who have relatives buried there or who have an interest in the local history of the North Kildare area.

Also of interest are the notes on Ladychapel and Taghadoe, and latter once the site of a monastery, and later of a parish church. The booklet is now on sale at £3 and funds from it will help complete the restoration work which has already started. It is hoped to have Cemetery Sunday at the cemetery in October at a date to be fixed.

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OLD FOLKS' COMMITTEE

Eleven of our Old Folk have returned from a most enjoyable weeks holiday in Kerdiffstown House. During their week's stay, they enjoyed evenings of entertainment, Bingo and two coach trips. Members of the Committee visited them during the week and found them having a marvellous time. We would like to thank the Maynooth Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for their generous contribution towards sending our Old Folk on this holiday. Eight others enjoyed a week at Mosney, courtesy of the Lions Club and had a wonderful time. We also visited them during the week and found them "living it up".

Our morning sessions will recommence on Tuesday 15th Sept. All Old Folk are welcome to these "drop-in" mornings in the I.C.A. Hall. They are held each Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10.30. If there are any Old Folk recently arrived to Maynooth area, these mornings are an ideal opportunity of meeting new people.

We are at present trying to recruit some new members for our Committee. If you are new to the area and have some small amount of free time available to work with the elderly we will be delighted to meet you. We hold monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month in the Health Centre.

Active Aged Week will be held again this year from 27th Sept. to 4th Oct. Our Committee will be organising different events through the week and notices will appear in shop windows etc.

In conclusion we would like to convey our thanks to Don Bosco Club Committee who kindly allowed us to use their hall for the last couple of weeks morning sessions as our regular venue I.C.A. Hall was undergoing repairs. This gesture was appreciated by all the elderly and our committee.

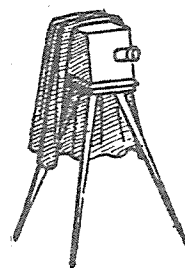
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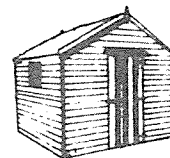
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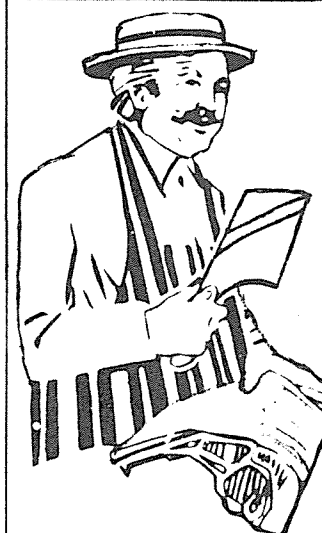
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MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The monthly meeting was held on Thursday 4th September. Mrs McMyler presided and welcomed everyone including 4 prospective new members. Congratulations to Mrs Satchwell on coming 1st winning the Joblin Cup for flower arrangement. Brannar's for cake making were awarded to Mrs R. Hanley, Mrs B. Sheils and Mrs B. Farrell. Anyone who would like to achieve a brannra in baking can do so on the 3rd Oct.

Well done to Mrs McMyler on coming 5th in the All Ireland Finals of Barry Tea Brack, held in Tullow. This years Flower Show held in July was a great success. Many thanks to all those who helped in any way and those ladies who sold so many tickets. Well done ladies and a special thanks to Margaret and Paddy of the Post Primary School.

The monthly competition was 1 lb Raspberry Jam won by 1. Mrs McMyler, 2. Mrs Farrell, 3. Mrs Gee. All members were delighted with our new floor. Our dancers can look forward to firm ground underfoot when they return next month. Crafts, Drama and Badminton have resumed at their usual times. Any member interested in knitting a jumper can enter the Kilcarra yarns competition in Kilcarra Mohair or Kilcarra Donegal Tweed if the Donegal Tweed is not available the Kilcarra Cottage will do. Garments be ready by the end of Oct. Our next meeting will be held on 1st October at 8 p.m. Our next months competition is a main course for 4 of whole food cookery mainly health foods.

M. O'Gorman.
P.R.O.

TIDY TOWNS REPORT

Elsewhere in this edition of the Newsletter you will see the results of Maynooth in this year's Tidy Towns Competition.

This report is entitled Progress Report. However I am afraid we only progressed by one point.

We in the Tidy Towns have plans but we need help from all sections of the community.

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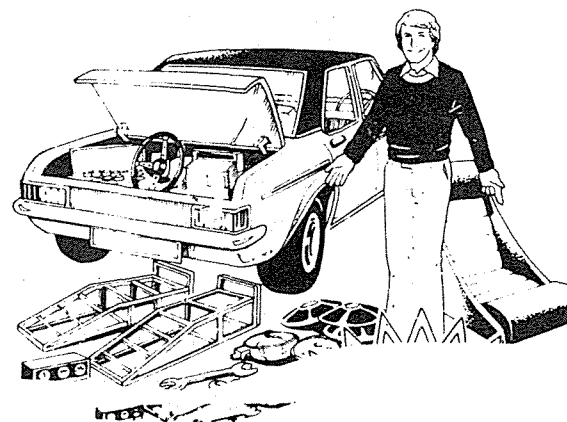
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Nutty Dip Starter
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Combine the following ingredients in a large bowl.

8 oz cottage cheese.

5 fl oz low fat hazelnut yogurt.

5 fl oz natural yogurt.

2 teasp. fresh parsley chopped.

1/2 tsp. chilli seasoning
salt and pepper (if desired).

1/4 teasp. ground cumin.

Beat until smooth. Serve garnished with a few chopped hazelnuts, and a little chilli seasoning. Place on plates and surround with red and green pepper strips and celery sticks.

(approx. 400 cals. minus veg. per serving)

Mackerel Tandoori

Using a liquidiser, blend smoothly the following:

1 med. onion (chopped), 1 peeled clove garlic, 1 (1 inch) peeled chopped piece fresh root ginger plus 2 tablespoons lemon juice. Add 10 fl oz natural yogurt and 1 tablespoon each of ground coriander and ground cumin, 1 teaspoon garam marsala, 1/2 teaspoon mixed spice and 1 teaspoon paprika. Mix well. Make 3-4 deep cuts into each side (through skin) of 8 mackerel (cleaned). Place in a large flat dish and pour marinade over. Cover and chill for 3 hours, turning occasionally. Prepare a hot grill, place foil on grid of grill pan, place fish on foil (as if fish were whole) and cook for 10-15 mins. each side. Serve garnished with lemon wedges.

Suggested vegetable accompaniments. Baked potatoes and peas/shallots mixed.

Chocolate Mousse (231 cals. per serving)

9 ozs plain chocolate, broken into very small pieces.

4 tablespoons Nutrasweet (Canderel)

3 tablespoons hot strong coffee

2 eggs at room temperature plus 2 egg yolks at room temperature.

4 fluid ozs evaporated milk, heated until bubbles form around the edges.

4 fluid ozs fresh buttermilk, at room temperature

2 tablespoons dark rum.

Place the chocolate, sweetener, coffee, eggs and yolks in a food processor or liquidiser in the order given. Turn on the machine and immediately through the opening in the lid, pour the hot evaporated milk, followed by the buttermilk in a steady stream. Add the rum, continue processing or blending for 1 minute on high setting. Pour into individual glasses or dishes. Chill until set.

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Quinnsworth Monopoly Meeting Report

A meeting of residents of Greenfield Estate who are regular shoppers in Quinnsworth Maynooth took place on Thursday 17th September. The meeting was addressed by Mr. John Colgan of the Consumer Association of Ireland who told us that their recent survey of supermarket prices revealed:

(1) Prices in Ireland are up to 30% dearer than England.

(2) Approximately 10% of this is accountable to importers or "middleman" profits.

It can be cheaper for shopkeepers to import these goods themselves from the North, paying all duties etc.

(3) Our own July survey in Quinnsworth Maynooth showed overall prices are identical with Quinnsworth Celbridge. But tinned goods are dearer in Maynooth while soft drinks are cheaper.

A discussion followed and general opinion expressed was that Quinnsworth prices are much more expensive than were O'Briens and that the range of brands carried is more limited. It was agreed that a price monitoring operation should be carried out at other stores to see if Quinnsworth are taking advantage of their monopoly. But it was felt that the monitoring group should be representative of all Maynooth and the

Community Council were asked to set up such a body.

This consumer group could also deal with the piped T.V. service (which is presently a disaster) and items such as house and car insurance prices. The Chairperson Muir-eann Ní Bhrolcháin was present and agreed to recommend to the next meeting of the Council that such a body be formed.

Michael Quinn,
13 Laurence Avenue.

GARDENING GUIDE

Flowers

Sow hardy annuals, including flowers for cutting, using a frame if you are in a cold area.

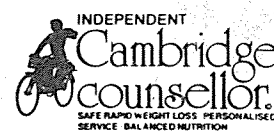
Sow hardy tree and shrub seeds which have a short life if stored, also sow fresh ripe seeds of berberis, clematis and primulas over-winter in a frame, plant biennials such as canterbury bells, sweet william as well as rock and border plants. Make an edging of pansies and violas around your roses to hide the bare base.

Lawns

As leaves stand to fall, make sure that they do not build up on the lawns. Still time to spike lawn and give it a top dressing of peat and sand before feeding with an autumn fertiliser which is high in phosphates.

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Sunday 27/9/87 Prayers in both Churches Sunday morning. Sunday afternoon at 3.30 p.m. Mass in S.M.A. Hostel, Table Quiz followed by tea and cakes. Prize money will be awarded.

Tuesday 29/9/87 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Crafts and Cards and tea and cakes in the I.C.A. Hall, The Harbour, Maynooth. Tuesday night at 9.00 p.m. Cararet in aid of the Elderly, Leinster Arms, Main Street, Maynooth.

Thursday 1/10/87 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the I.C.A. Hall, The Harbour, Maynooth, Bingo and tea and cakes.

Saturday 3/10/87 Saturday afternoon 3.30 p.m. to 6.0 p.m. Post Primary School, Maynooth. Light entertainment and refreshments provided by the Principal, Staff and Pupils.

Sunday 4/10/87 Mass 10.00 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth.

During the Week: A display of Senior Citizens crafts will be held in the Library, Maynooth, during normal opening hours.

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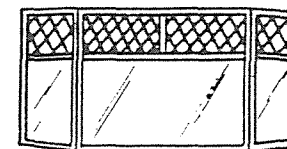
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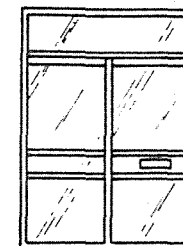
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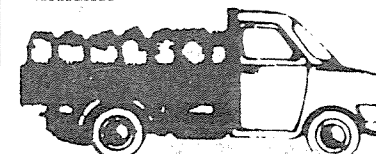
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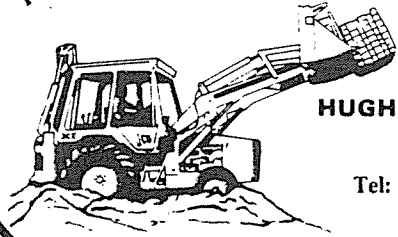
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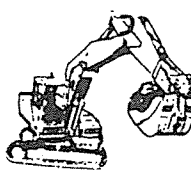
It has been said that the Royal Canal would have been a greater commercial success, had the promoters not decided to comply with the wishes of the Duke of Leinster, by directing the line of the canal westwards through our town. Whatever about the history, the fact remains that it is a feature of our locality, and many anxious thoughts and comments have been made over the years about the condition of it. In August 1984, after discussions with the Royal Canal Amenity Group, it was decided to form a Maynooth Branch, and very soon members of the community could be seen on Saturday afternoons, out on the tow paths — with slash hooks, rakes, spades and kindred equipment, cutting back years of growth, with a view to opening up this unique amenity. The waterway was in a very sorry state, and it looked an almost impossible job. The work on the restoration of the Geraldine Hall, was nearing completion and it was decided to apply to AnCo, for a similar C.Y.T.P. scheme, to tackle the job in a more professional way. When this was granted, with Philip McDermott as supervisor, work began in earnest — from Bond Bridge down to the rear of the Cattle Mart, the ground was completely cleared on both sides. The smell of burning was a regular odour in 1985, it was decided to rebuild the walls of the Harbour, which was only now visible after many years of cover by soil etc. In order to renew the foundations, diggers were brought in and the build-up of silt, which had been accumulating over the years of neglect, began to be moved. slowly, what had looked like a superhuman job began to take shape. Foot by foot, the new wall began to replace the old. A more pleasant approach was made to the footbridge, so that those going and coming from the trains, could now begin to admire the work. With the arrival of the 22RB dragline, we began to remove the growth and silt in the Harbour and with the permission of the Development Association, an embankment was built on the canal end of the football pitch,

we reckon that 10,000 tons of silt was removed with the arrival of the small 10RB dragline from Kilcock, the dredging of the canal westwards to Bond Bridge was undertaken. For the sake of the swans, it was decided to leave a small island in the centre of the Harbour and they have made full use of this feature. C.I.E. had promised to replace the old wooden footbridge in a new location, so the old line of the harbour wall, was renewed. Altogether, 140 metres of wall was renewed and as an added amenity, seats were erected on either side of the harbour on the northside. When AnCo decided to close down the project, over 60 young trainees, both male and female, had participated in the work, which is still not complete. We have now applied to the National Manpower Service, for permission to start a Social Employment Scheme, with 21 men, who are long term unemployed and when this happens we intend to build walls of 20 metres in length, on both sides of Bond Bridge. The foundation for the extension of the wall at Mullin's Bridge has already been laid and this will be completed. Another feature will be the restoration of the old Quay at Pike Bridge, at the Dublin Road entrance to Carton House, and possibly the rebuilding of Deery Bridge at the 13th lock, which was to be undertaken with an AnCo Scheme. We have been very pleased with the

reaction of the people of Maynooth to the project and many visitors have endorsed the work undertaken, including the former Taoiseach, Dr. Garret Fitzgerald, who planted a tree to commemorate his visit. Already, the value to the community of this amenity, is having effect. During the recent Community Week, a Sponsored Swim took place, much to the delight of the huge crowd who had assembled to witness the event. During the summer project, over a period of 3 nights, the children had great fun in a fishing competition, and the canoes were very rewarding. Local canoeists are finding it a very safe place to practise and indeed there is a possibility that we might even stock it with fish, which could rival Prosperous on the Grand Canal, for attracting touring anglers. All of this cost a great deal of money, and we are very grateful to all who supported our many fund-raising ventures, including the Trade Fair, which we shared with the Maynooth Boys National School. Apart from the strictly financial aspect of these, we have other such social events, as voyages on the Grand Canal on the barges "Eustace" at Robertstown and the "Maid of Allen" at Sallins, which were very enjoyable and maybe some day we too will have our own barge for similar excursions on our length of the Royal Canal.

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1987 Tidy Towns Competition

PROGRESS REPORT

Centre: Maynooth
County: Kildare
Category: E
1987 mark: 120

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	Max.	1986	1987
EFFORT assessment may take into account sustained effort over a number of years or the overcoming of special local difficulties. Community interest in presenting Maynooth at even a reasonable level would appear to be lacking. The adjudicators sincerely hope that the committee will be serious from now on to quote from your responses on the questionnaire. You ought to start by drawing up an action plan, setting out objectives and target dates.	40	27	28
TIDINESS appropriate placing of litter bins, absence of litter, advertising hoardings and indiscriminate dumping Litter is still a major problem in most parts of the town. There are numerous untidy yards, forecourts, and side areas. However, it is appreciated that you are making an effort to control dumping. Flyposting on the back of signs etc ought not to be permitted	35	14	15
PRESENTATION OF BUILDINGS shops, business premises, banks, factories, historic and public buildings, derelict sites and buildings, statues and monuments. Most buildings are again well maintained, especially on the main street. There are still some unsympathetic plastic signs. The general standard deteriorates in peripheral areas although there are some excellent gardens. Shabby and disused buildings create an uncared for appearance.	35	30	30
PRESENTATION OF NATURAL AMENITIES open spaces, village greens, river banks, foreshore, parks, trees It is disappointing to see the Royal Canal Harbour so neglected this year after its development last year. Some development of the area around the public toilets is welcome, the tarmac in the central courtyard should be dug up and a large type tree planted. The park between the Catholic Church and the back streets off the main street is neglected as is the playground near the Health Centre. The main street looks well but some growth at the base of trees might be removed.	30	20	19
APPEARANCE OF APPROACH ROADS verges, streets, back lanes and footpaths. Also car parks, seats, telephone kiosks, post boxes, litter bins, pumps and road signs. Overgrown grass verges and weeds are still abundant. There may be a few less weeds on the road to the station but elsewhere, especially the Rathcoffey Road, no improvement is evident. The condition of most stone walls is very poor. The potholes in several roads have got far worse, and are potentially very dangerous. The standard of street furniture still leaves much to be desired.	40	12	13
PRESENTATION OF RESIDENTIAL AREAS including open spaces While some estates are well cared for others are partly or fully neglected. Grass must be frequently mown with simultaneous clipping around trees, against walls, etc. Weeds should not be allowed to grow at kerbsides. The roadside area of some individual houses is poor.	20	16	15

The adjudicators look forward to a substantial improvement next year. 200 119 120

STREET



TALKING

Street Talking is pleased to welcome a new business to the street, or to the Town Centre Shopping Mall, to be more precise. The bloodstock agency of Walter Brophy recently opened its doors in well-appointed offices in the premises previously occupied by Coupe's restaurant. This is a new addition to the spectrum of enterprises in the town, although Maynooth is a logical site for such a business.

This set us thinking on various other gaps in the range of shops and facilities on Maynooth's street. The lack of a proper and conveniently located hotel or guest-house has been remarked upon before now; there are one or two Bed and Breakfast's in the vicinity who have spotted the gap in the market, and Larine House on the square, which Coonan's have had on their books for a year now, is being offered as a building with potential as a guest-house, but no takers there so far, apparently. The fruit and veg shop found a ready need for its fresh produce when it opened: how about a fish-shop for Maynooth? Anyone who frequents any of the Superquinn branches will have seen how fish can be presented attractively and with variety, although it is a food which still awaits its hour, not just in Maynooth but in Ireland as a whole. The selection of health foods and delicatessen products was always one of the plus features of the old O'Brien's (remember them?), and the impression is that these get rather less emphasis in Quinnsworth; could Maynooth sustain a specialist outlet, I wonder? At least we might be spared the Quinnsworth abomination of stocking a range of perfectly good Irish and continental cheeses which are only available aspre-wrapped

chunks in sweaty clingfilm. That didn't happen in O'Brien's.

Excitement on the street on September 22nd when a car caught fire opposite Finerty House. As smoke poured from under the bonnet, the fire brigade was quickly on the scene

and rendered the vehicle safe without injury to any of the occupants. But it is a reminder of just how frequently cars do catch fire; and a warning not to leave children locked in a parked car. They can and do ignite with amazing suddenness.

A CREDIT UNION FOR MAYNOOTH

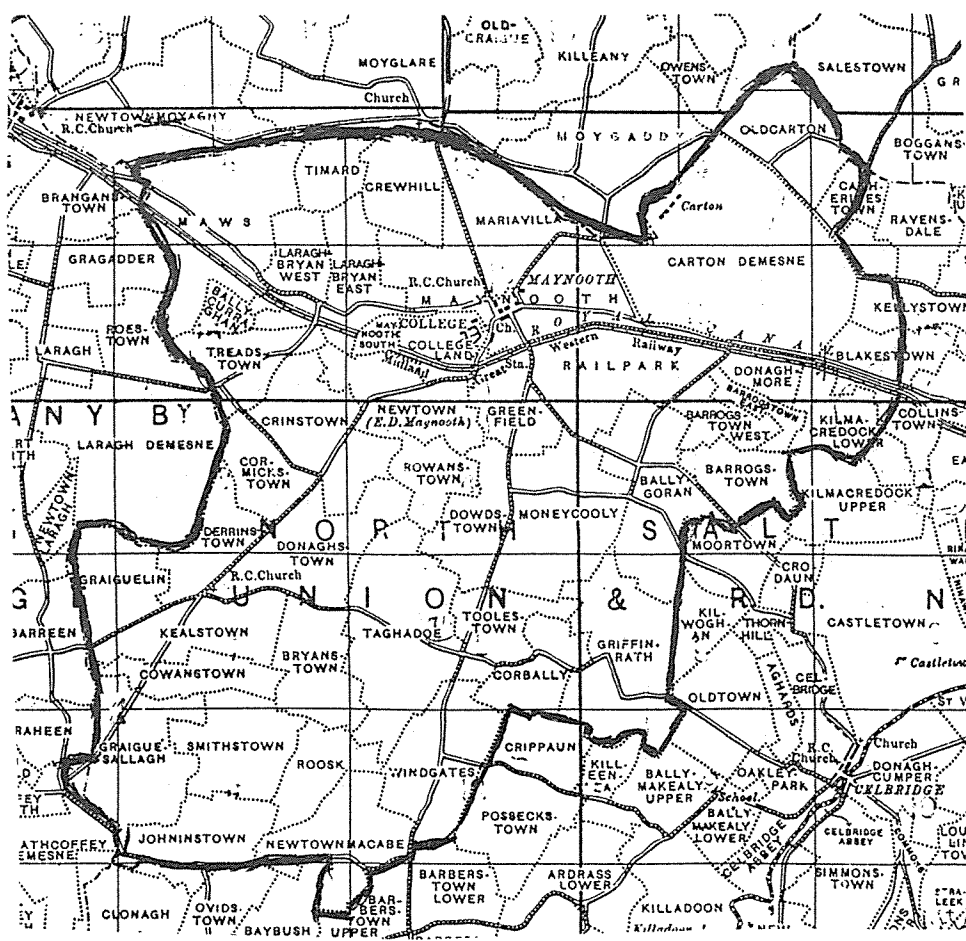
The idea for Maynooth to have its own Credit Union originated with the Community Council. A public meeting was called to test the idea and from this the Maynooth Credit Union Study Group was set up with about 25 members. At present the Study Group is in operation about 4 months with 15 to 20 regular attenders at its weekly meetings. It must continue to attract these numbers, otherwise it is the end of the matter.

Mr. Brian Douglas, a Field Officer with the Irish League of Credit Unions, has been a regular attender at the meetings to help the group to understand the philosophy, structure, and administration of a Credit Union. Members of the group in this respect have also visited neighbouring credit Union's and attended Chapter Meetings.

The Group have now established a Savings Only group among themselves and the aim here is to create a pool of money and to gain experience of operation. It is hoped now that if progress continues and there are at least 15 regular attenders at the

group meetings to set up a legal entity — A Credit Union Limited — in the New Year.

Every Credit Union must have a Common Bond — something that binds the Members together. Members of the Study Group are having ongoing discussions with neighbouring Credit Unions on our boundaries. It is the Study Group's proposal that our Common Bond should be that anyone who lives or works in the Parish of Maynooth would be eligible for membership when it is hopefully formed in early 1988. The map below shows the Maynooth Parish boundaries.



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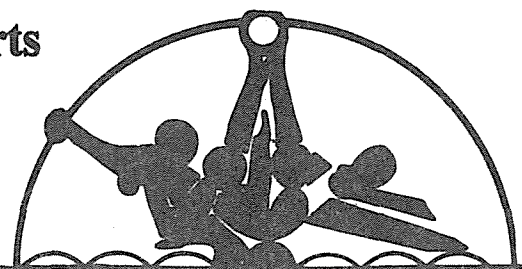


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GYM, SAUNA AND SUNBED FACILITIES

BENEFITS OF GYM TRAINING

Being unfit leaves you without the energy to live life to its full capacity. Fitness is a personal thing. It is certainly not whether you can lift heavier, throw further, run faster or play longer than anyone else, but, whether you can do what you want to do that matters in the end.

We need vigorous daily activity to stimulate the functional systems within our bodies. Exercise is essential. Research shows that now only does exercise keep us in condition, but, reduces the risk of contracting several debilitating diseases. We put more care and attention into running our cars than our bodies. By skipping a service for a few years, the result would be the same. If well maintained everything runs smooth, but if out of condition they refuse to co-operate and deteriorate piece by piece.

Getting fit is not an overnight job — years of neglect cannot be repaired by the wave of a magic wand. Weight training is now recognised as an important aid to achieving physical fitness and sporting success. To think weight-training will make you slow, muscle bound, heavy and awkward is wrong! It is a fact that muscles in top condition have faster motor reflexes than untrained ones. Women have a greater fear of becoming muscular and this should be laid to rest. Depending on the amount of weight you use and the amount of times you contract your muscles you can achieve an increase in the endurance, strength or size of the muscles involved. If women (and men) use very light weights for exercising, they will not effect a change in the size of a muscle, but, they will tone unused areas and increase endurance. By use of a heavier weight it breaks down muscle tissue necessary for size and strenght.

Our gym and sauna facilities are a golden opportunity for amenity members to improve their sport such as football, athletics, racquet sports, basketball etc. at a very reasonable price. Improving the support, flexibility and strength of muscles will go along way to improve your sports.

If you just wish to keep in good health without competition then weight-training can be used alone to train the entire musculature of the body. If you have not trained in a while and/or over 35 years you should contact your doctor first.

Our instructor the popular "Toss" Noonan is on hand at the present Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings 7 - 11 to answer your questions and instruct on various weight-training methods, nutrition, and advise on injuries etc. Present instruction times will be increased in September.

SAUNA - Why not try our popular sauna for members at a most reasonable price. It provides mental refreshment, revitalises the muscles, tones up the nervous system and leaves you not merely physically clean but at peace with yourself. It is said to relieve a wide variety of illnesses and coaxes toxins away from clogged up skin and muscous membranes.

It is basically a hot bath using dry heat which does not tire the bather. Heat has to alternate with cold for the effect to work. If you have not taken a sauna before you are most welcome to try one at the centre. Our friendly staff will inform you how to prepare and to get the best from this luxury. Present times are Monday and Wednesday Ladies only 7 - 11, Tuesday and Thursday Men only 7 - 11. Mixed other than these times.

SUNBED -- Our new turbo sunbed is in full operation with bookings throughout the day. If you are going away to the sun and are fair skinned, it is essential to get a base prior to going. Sun-beds are a great means of starting a tan before going away and to keep it up when you get back!

Our own bed is circular in shape when closed thereby encapsulating the person inside with no loss of rays. With open beds you can have up to 40% loss. The difference is similar to cooking potatoes in a saucepan as opposed to a pressure cooker. Other features include facial tanner, safety glass on top, and 10 cooling fans for that extra comfort.

Book well in advance. Secure your sunbed session.



GYM ROOM — Our 9-station multi-gym room will recommence the autumn, winter schedule from September 14th. The gym room will be open to members only. (Details further on).

Rates: Gym £1 per session
Over 16's and Under 18's Gym 75p

Our instructor 'Tosh' Noonan will be on hand to answer your questions and instruct on various weight-training, methods, nutrition and advice on injuries etc.

Mon	Ladies	7pm-10pm	Men	10pm-11pm
Mon	Ladies	10 - 12	Mixed	12 - 7
Tues	Ladies	10 - 12*	Mixed	12 - 7
	Men	7 - 11*		
Wed	Ladies	10 - 12*	Mixed	12 - 7
	Ladies	7 - 10*	Men	10 - 11*
Thurs	Ladies	10 - 12*	Mixed	12 - 7
	Men	7 - 11*		
Fri	Ladies	10 - 12*	Mixed	12 - 11
Sat	Mixed	10 - 11		
Sun	Mixed	10 - 11		

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CRECHE — Don't forget free creche every morning, Monday to Friday — 10 a.m. to 12 noon, for all clubs activities.

KEEPFIT — STAY FIT SESSIONS

Instructor Pauline Connolly. Our popular keepfit sessions will recommence for both men and women from Monday 14th September. Here are full details, times and fees.

Ladies Keepfit and Sauna — (Does not include gym and weight training). Monday and/or Wednesday morning 10.30-11.30 (with free creche). Monday and/or Wednesday evening 7.30-8.30 and 8.30-9.30 x 7 week sessions (include sauna).

Rates: Members £7. Non members £10
1 Session Monday morning or evening.

or 1 session Wednesday morning or evening

Special: Both morning sessions or both evening sessions.

Members £12—non members £18
Individual Sessions £1.50

CHILDRENS MINI SPORTS — For ages 5-8 years. Every Tuesday and Thursday 4-5 p.m. If you are between 5-8 years old, this course which was a great success last year will help to improve basic skill and co-ordination in the following, olympic handball, mini-soccer, uni-hockey, basic gym activities mini-bowling, skittles and childrens games Course commences September Tuesday 15th from 4-5 p.m. and will run every Tuesday and Thursday 4-5 until Thursday October 29th. A total of 7 weeks.

Rates:

Tuesday only Members £7 Non-members £9
Thursday only Members £7 Non-members £9
Both days — Members £12 Non-members £16

SAUNA — Our popular sauna will be available at the following times:-

MONDAY
10-12 Ladies Only 12-7 Mixed 7-11 Ladies Only

TUESDAY
10-12 Ladies Only 12-7 Mixed 7-11 Men Only

WEDNESDAY
10-12 Ladies Only 12-7 Mixed 7-11 Ladies Only

THURSDAY
10-12 Ladies Only 12-7 Mixed 7-11 Men Only

FRIDAY
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Eye Hear

Congratulations to the Leinster Arms for persuading RTE to broadcast a free advertisement over the airwaves following the recent football All-Ireland. How did they manage to get an RTE reporter to allow a gasping Meath man to inform the nation that the first top out of Dublin would be in the Leinster Arms, where he would consume half a dozen pints before returning to the homeland? And furthermore how did they know Meath was going to win? Very ingenious indeed!

And while on that point we note that a certain regular has deserted the bar in one of the town alcoholistries for another (bar that is) after many years of devotion. Could it be something to do with the quality of the pint?

Does the forest of for sale signs in College Green mean that the talent scouts from Manchester United have snapped up the Maynooth Maradonnas? College Green must be unique in that it has produced its own soccer team composed solely of residents. Those wishing to purchase houses there are being carefully screened. They must pass a fitness test and preferably be male and able to do three hundred pressups in one minute. Transfer fees are reported to be huge.

And off to Manchester for a year is Proinnsial Breathnach, former Community Council Chairman. He has informed us that he intends to do research and write his memoirs. But he is also bringing his boots, just in case the local club is short of players some Saturday.

We note in recent times that some local lottery ticket sellers are boasting of selling £5,000 winners. Who are these lucky people? Any chance of a loan?

So the College is asking us to give a few bob to keep the students in a style to which they would like to become accustomed. Perhaps it's time we called in the Commissioners of Education to investigate the matter. This respectable body of people visited the College all of 151 years ago. And what did they find but immorality and indecency in the theological text books in the library. They found the moral teaching to be highly dubious, and the poor students were being inculcated with narrow and intolerant bigotry. There wasn't a gentleman in the place and the priests were all — wait for it — democrats and agitators! They considered that the College had failed in the purpose for which it was set up and besides that it was consuming far too much government money. If it had been today it would have been abolished without ceremony!

The papal statue was unveiled officially in the College. Some philistines believe it is actually a giant bronze cock roach or perhaps a beetle. One suggestion has been made that the most charitable thing to do would be to melt it down into tuppences. A holy nun in the States is reported as saying that the subject of all this speculation misses the ground and walks on women.

And back behind bars again is one Gerry Colreavy who served two years penal servitude with the Newsletter. He is learning to concentrate on working with prisoners in Mountjoy. Another bar behind which he served

is Brady's pub. Thanks Gerry, for all your hard work.

ROOST DEMOLISHED

Observant residents may have noticed a number of crows queueing outside the Garda Station, complaining about the overnight removal of their roost during the summer.

A line of mature trees disappeared one weekend, to be replaced by a kerb and lots of empty space. It seemed to suggest that someone had decided that one roost in Leinster Street was sufficient. However, Proinnsias Breathnach, concerned for the plight of the crows, as well as the destruction of our environmental heritage, investigated further.

Philip Ward, County Engineer, was anxious to point out that the only reason for removing the trees was their condition. And when will they be replaced? In due course, when else?

WELL WELL

The greatly enhanced appearance of the roadside pump on the Straffan road inspires thoughts about their potential. Of these pumps which are often connected to wells or springs and are not affected when water supplies are cut off or become contaminated.

Philip Ward, County Engineer, was contacted about these pumps. While he agreed that there was some possibility of utilising this reserve, he admitted that he wasn't wholly familiar with the present position of all roadside pumps in the Maynooth area. In any case, two pumps are connected to the mains water.

However, he'll keep the idea in mind. Meanwhile readers might like to help Philip tap this resource.

New Arts Group Set Up

We are an arts group intending to begin operation in the Maynooth area shortly. The objective of our organisation is community and individual development with creative activity as a means to that end.

In an age of difficulty the individual is, and will be in the future constantly challenged to be more creative and entrepreneurial, in that:

- (1) The individual needs to be more creative and assertive as regards work.
- (2) Increased leisure time due to shorter working hours and unemployment needs to be creatively utilised.
- (3) The rapid progress in technology forces the individual to be increasingly innovative and adaptive.

In short, the creative process is essential in developing the individual to effect a positive move towards change, rather than a negative passive acceptance of one's situation.

The advantages of stimulating an individual's creative and emotional reactions through drama, music, and other general artistic activities are many. By enabling the expression of reactions through media such as creative writing, improvisation, speech and drama, movement, design, crafts, and staging performances one can begin to draw upon and evoke the wealth of existing talents and abilities within the person.

Numerous research projects have outlined the advantages of participating in such activities. These are: increased confidence; increased assertiveness; self expression; the ability to work cooperatively in a team; communication and social

skills; adaptability; independence and an increased sense of identity and civic pride in the community.

Our Skills and Experience include:
Speech and drama
Music: Song, dance, instrument making and playing
Puppets
Design/choreography
Photography/developing
Jewellery making
Creative writing
Improvisation
Origami, marbling and printing
Staging public productions and events.

Rather than outlining specific programmes and events at this stage, we are awaiting the expressed needs and demands of interested parties, such as:

ADULTS who are interested in their child's development
who wish to work creatively with children
who have specific creative interests themselves.

TEENAGERS AND YOUNGER CHILDREN

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To learn practical skills.
To develop concentration, confidence, ingenuity and communication skills.

COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT
People already involved in community entertainment and activities would be most welcome.

We therefore envisage working in two main areas on programmes of approximately ten sessions in duration. Firstly, with children, with whom we hope to start very shortly and secondly, with adults, with whom we

hope to begin a programme after Christmas.

Maeve Condon is originally from Waterford and has lived in Maynooth for the past six years. She graduated with a degree in music in 1985 from St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, and then went on to do two years post-graduate studies to obtain her higher Diploma in Education and her diploma in Adult and Community Education. Her other qualifications include Speech and Drama, Piano and Flute.

She has taught in a secondary school in Clondalkin and has worked with various groups in Dublin on arts activities i.e. Moving Theatre, Finglas West Community Workshop and the Neighbourhood Youth Project, Fatima Mansions, where she gave workshops on a wide range of artistic activities and personal development courses to all age groups.

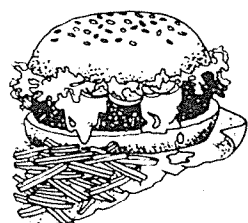
Sean Cussen is originally from London and has lived in Maynooth for the past four years. He has recently graduated from St. Patrick's College Maynooth with an honours degree in Sociology.

While a student Sean was president of the college drama society, and produced approximately ten shows. He has directed and acted in other shows in Maynooth College, Dublin and London. He is a musician and singer has been a prizewinner on several occasions. He has used artistic media while working on projects for children with learning problems in Chapelizod, and with deaf children. He has also worked on arts based schemes in London.

If you are interested please contact the Community Council Office.

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FAMILY BAD HABITS

All families have habits, some good some bad. The bathroom habits of my family leaves me wondering where I went wrong. Their bad habits come under four headings:

Towel
Toothpaste
Shampoo
Toilet Roll Holder

I often wonder why I went to the trouble and expense of buying a towel holder. I could always sell it as 'Almost New' as I am the only one in the family who makes use of it. Seventy five per cent of the time the towel is thrown on the floor, twenty

per cent of the time it is thrown in the bath and the other five per cent of the time it is stuffed behind the radiator.

The Toothpaste *never* has its lid on. It could be anywhere in the bathroom. With the arrival of the pump action toothpaste I thought my problem would be solved, but no, the only good thing is the new lid is easier to find than the old tiny one.

Once the lid is taken off the shampoo it is never replaced, unless I replace it. More bottles of shampoo have ended up all over the floor than have been used to wash hairs. I am always on the look out for shampoo with caps on that do not come off. The available ones on sale at present

do not suit my family, as one has dry hair the other greasy hair and the other dandruff.

Another un-necessary purchase in our house was the toilet roll holder. Toilet paper is *never* put in it unless I put it in myself. They are so simple to operate but yet my family seem to reluctant to use them. Toilet rolls find their way into every unconceivable place in the bathroom except the proper place. I think I shall have to have a Bathroom Seminar in our house to educate the family in the use of the various items there.

Has your family any particularly bad habits? Write and tell us about them.

CLASSIFIED ADS

The Stork

Congratulations to Andree and Brian Addery of Maynooth Park on the birth of their baby daughter on 6th September.

Birthday Greetings

Mick McDermott, Ballymacall, July 28th.

Keith McTiernan, Dunboyne, who was nine on September 9th.

Aileen McTiernan, Greenfield who was two on September 22nd.

Alan Nolan, Greenfield, who was six on September 14th.

Mrs Bridie Brady, Kilcock Road, July 13th. A surprise party for Bridie was held in Leinster Arms and was attended by family and friends.

Congratulations to Siobhan Nolan, Derinstown, who celebrates her 21st birthday on October 2nd.

WEDDING

The marriage took place in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth, of Miss Antoinette O'Brien, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry O'Brien, Newtown, Maynooth, and Mr. Pascal Kiernan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kiernan, The Coppins, Celbridge. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Eoin Thynne, C.C. Bridesmaids Joanne O'Brien, sister of the bride; Geraldine O'Connor, friend of the bride; bestman, Peter Thomas; groomsmen, John Downey, friends of the groom; flower girls, Joan O'Brien and Niamh Cummins, sister and niece of the bride; organist, Grainne Flood, Maynooth. A reception was held in Harry's, Kinnegad, and the honeymoon in Wales. The young couple will live in Germany.

Golden Wedding: Congratulations to Tom and Cissie Richardson, Maria-ville, Maynooth who celebrated their Golden Wedding on July 25th.

Silver Wedding: Congratulations to Michael and Una Donohoe, Green-lane, Leixlip, who celebrated their Silver Wedding recently. A party in Clontarf Castle was attended by family and friends.

Congratulations to Mick and Mary Trainor, Greenfield, who celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary August 1st not their 50th as we stated in error in September Newsletter.

Congratulations to Tony and Nuala McTiernan, Avondale, Leixlip, who celebrated their 13th wedding anni-

versary on July 15th and to Tony's brother Larry and wife Marie, High-field Estate, Kilcock, who celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary on September 21st also to their brother Raymond and wife Noelle, Green-field, who celebrated their 8th wedding anniversary on August 24th.

RUBY WEDDING REVELRIES

A surprise awaited Gearóid and Ita McTiernan when they arrived at the Springfield Hotel, in Leixlip, to celebrate, quietly they thought, their fortieth wedding anniversary on Thursday 3rd September.

There, to greet them, were their six sons, Tony, Gerry, Larry, Peter, Ray and Martin and their respective wives. The evening was celebrated in great style and continued till the early hours in their home in Parson Street.

Gearóid McTiernan arrived in Maynooth in the early 1940s from Ballinamore, County Leitrim, to work for the Railway. He met Ita Burke from Parson Street, fell madly in love and decided to settle in Maynooth. He was station master for many years and he is now enjoying a busy retirement. He is responsible for providing much of the local news for the Leinster Leader, as well as for the Newsletter.

Mrs McTiernan is still working in the College, where she looks after the professors' rooms.

The Newsletter wishes Gearóid and Ita many more happy years together.

Recent Deaths

Sympathy to the husband, family, relatives of the late Mrs Aideen Cowhey, Leinster Park, Maynooth.

Sympathy to Mrs Kathleen O'Neill, on the death of her mother Mrs Mary Heneghan and her uncle Michael Broderick.

Sympathy to the parents, brothers, sister and relatives of the late Philip Cannon, Rail Park, Maynooth.

Sympathy to Anne McStravick, Greenfield Drive, on the death of her father in August.

Sympathy to Mr Brennan of Railpark on the death of his wife.

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