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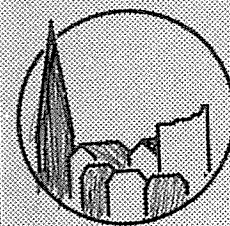
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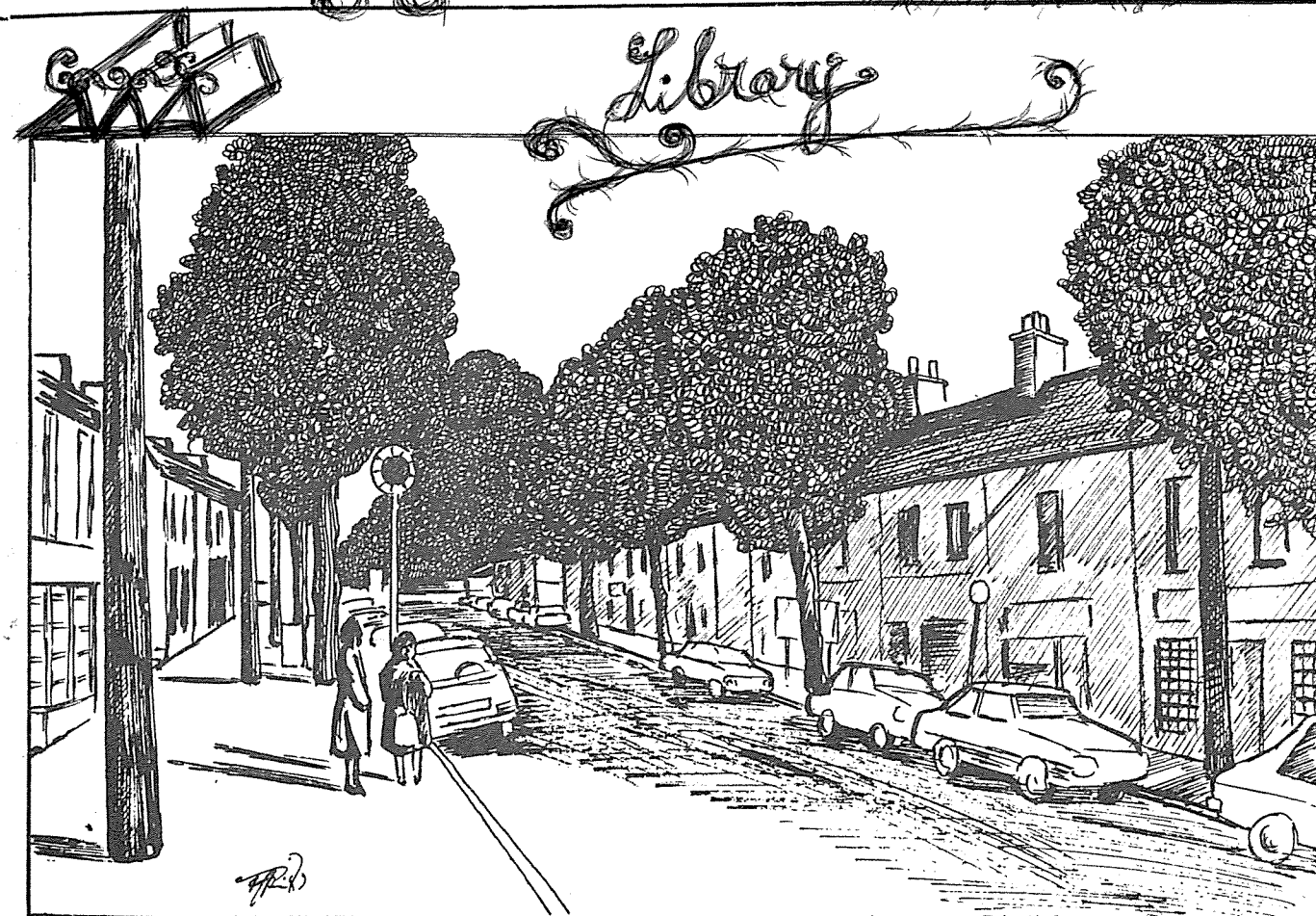


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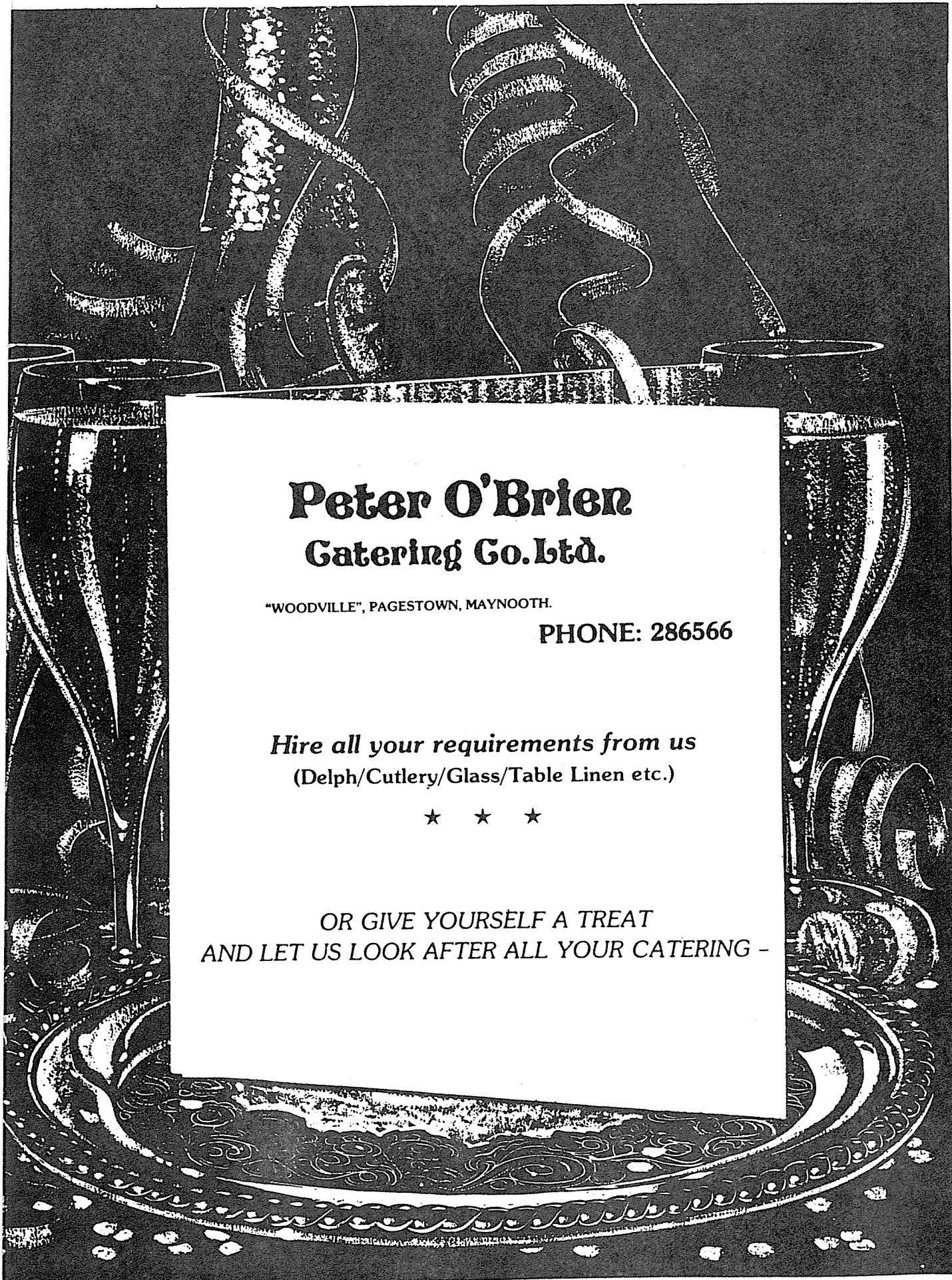
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Editorial

Last month saw the arrival of the demands from the County Council for Refuse and Water Charges, increased by forty per cent over last year's rate. No doubt this will provoke the usual wave of resentment and protest from householders, although the reaction may be becoming blunted by repetition. In fact, of all the many taxes in various forms to which we as members of the community are subjected, these county council charges, considered in isolation, are the least objectionable. In the case of refuse collection, at least, we clearly get value for money. The lorries arrive regularly, perform an essential service, and are remarkably flexible in what they agree to take. They will often move the contents of several bags and cartons and bins from outside a house without demur; very different from the situation in areas of England, for instance, where no more than one binload will be collected from any one house.

With regard to the quality of water supplied for our money, there is perhaps some cause for disquiet, but our water is 'bought in' from County Dublin and somewhat outside local control.

In principle, a tax on property for services provided is difficult to quarrel with, and should be paid in respect of any house in private ownership. We can no longer live in the cloud-cuckoo land of a decade ago when we were all played for suckers by the prospect of the abolition of rates; it's time to grow up out of that one.

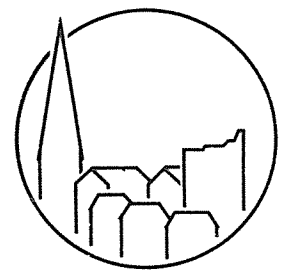
What irks about the local rates is the feeling that we are being *doubly* taxed — that these expenses should be met from the central exchequer and funded from government taxes. Quite so, but if we want to vent our wrath on any aspect of taxation, it should be on the level of, and, more especially, on the allocation of, monies collected by the government. At least the local charges are put to the use of our locality.

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Community Council

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

There was no meeting held for the month of August due to annual holidays. The only news therefore is to report the success of the Open day for the community of Carton House, which was a big success and very well supported. The community council hoped it would be of interest to the community and approached the new owners of Carton House to have it opened if only for one afternoon. We hope that this might become an annual or more frequent event for the community.

More news next month when normal meetings resume.

Mary Grennell.

P.R.O. Maynooth Community Council.

Maynooth Community Council

Shopfront Competition

Every commercial premises was inspected in the town centre, Quinns-worth Shopping Centre and the Greenfield Shopping Centre. The awards were made on the basis of the following criteria:—

Colour

The overall colour scheme of the shopfront in relation to the whole building.

The colour of the shopfront itself.

Signage

The general design, colour, lettering, location and size of:—

- signage on the fascia
- signage in the windows
- unattached signage elsewhere.

Window Display

All items displayed, including self adhesive advertising in windows.

Maintenance

of paintwork, metals, and woods
general tidiness and cleanliness.

JOINT FIRST PRIZE

1. Craft Shop/Country Shop

These are very difficult to consider in isolation. The signage is understated in terms of colour, style, and size, yet very effective because it contrasts with the fabric of the building:— the white lettering with the dark stone and the dark lettering with the light dash.

The use of the same colour to link the two doors is subtle and effective. The doors' fanlights and windows are also appropriate. It is good to see new uses for old buildings like this.

2. Caulfield's/Geraldine

A very fine bold colour scheme with well located and well executed hand lettering, which is well lit. The colour scheme is carried up to the upper levels which unifies the composition. Even the upper floor windows have a considered and well-organised display.

THIRD PRIZE

3. CPL Motor Factors

Good lettering and a good colour scheme carried up the entire facade produce a striking shopfront appropriate to its prominent location in the town. Motor accessory shops are not normally noted for their elegant shopfronts, but CPL manages to combine this business with a fine old shopfront without conflict.

COMMENDATIONS

The Garda Station

Exemplary garden and maintenance of the building.

The Library

Good colour scheme and appropriate signage with the best paving on this side of the street.

Children's Hula-Bou

Good over-all colour scheme, including the house, and good signage.

The Roost

Strong design and signage. Maintenance is slipping and the colour scheme of the upper floors should be harmonised with that of the ground floor.

Brady's Pub

Well maintained; a nice, traditional Irish pub.

TIDY ESTATES COMPETITION

With the assistance of Maynooth Community Council the judges visited and inspected all the housing areas in the vicinity of Maynooth. The criteria for judging were as follows:—

The conditions of gardens, especially boundary walls and hedges.

The condition of houses, especially maintenance and colour.

Tidiness and the lack of litter and evidence of derelict areas.

Evidence of the provision and maintenance of amenities by the community.

FIRST PRIZE

Cluain Aoibhinn

This estate showed evidence of considerable community effort. Most noticeable was the attention to the entrance to the estate where impressions are first made. The flower bedding and attractive name plaque gave an immediate impression of pride and care. The estate has taken full advantage of the fine, mature landscape — the fruit of foresight by the earliest residents or a good developer. There is a consistency of standard from the public open spaces through the gardens to the houses themselves.

SECOND PRIZE

Leinster Cottages — Pound Lane

This area was chosen as an excellent example of how urban areas with minimal grass, trees or open space can establish an amenity through a combination of simple traditional buildings, bold colours, the lack of litter, or obvious dereliction. A tiny colourful 'vertical' garden outside one house in Pound Lane makes a huge contribution.

THIRD PRIZE

Leinster Park

The character of this area is uneven. The first impressions are very poor on account of the condition of the road surface, some of the road verges, and some of the boundary treatment. However, once entered, the estate is characterised by excellent gardens and well maintained houses. The estate manages to contain a great deal of originality without conflict or confusion.

COMMENDATIONS

Lawrance Avenue

It was difficult to single out any single part of the whole of this mature estate as the whole area seems well maintained. The well maintained grass areas and associated trees and neat fencing gave an impression of care and tidiness. The standards of gardens were uneven, but the best were very good.

The 800's of Greenfield Phase 2

The judges left this area with a strong impression of community spirit and effort, all achieved with simple but effective means.

CARTON ON VIEW

The open day at Carton House organised by the Community Council in conjunction with the estate's owners Powerscreen, was a resounding success, and gave a pleasant focal point for the August Bank holiday Sunday. Not the least significant aspect for local people was the opening of the gates at the end of the avenue from the main street, making for a delightful summer walk between the lime trees, through the park land and up to the main entrance of the house itself. Once arrived, visitors found informed and helpful guides in each of the ground floor rooms on view, among them Mary Cullen, Siobhán and Paul Howard-Williams, and Muireann Ní Bhrolcáin. This system was excellently devised, in that it meant one could progress through the house at one's own pace without being hurried along in a group; at the same time each room was under constant supervision.

Afterwards, people appreciated the formal gardens to the east of the house where they could laze a while in the sun. Teas were served in the old kitchens and were eagerly sought after.

The day raised a considerable amount of money, attracting even more visitors than expected. Congratulations to all involved with this initiative — the planning, the teas, the shepherding of visitors, and those who kept a long vigil on the gates. Perhaps the exercise will be repeated, with even more publicity on a wider front to bring people from further afield to see the riches of our locality.

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Dear Editor,

Recently I saw a notice in front of a church which read: ARE YOU PART OF THE PROBLEM OR THE SOLUTION? One thing that struck me on reading the August Edition of your "Newsletter" was the great number of my neighbours who are part of the solution, people who are working selflessly to make Maynooth a better place in which to live. There seems to be a host of organisations and clubs catering to the social, cultural and recreational needs of the town and this is a most encouraging sign. There are, however, indications of other forces at play, the references to "Yahoos" wrecking dustbins and young people throwing stones at the swans — even the announcement that the childrens playground is to be renovated reminded one of the havoc inflicted by vandals on this facility.

It is a mistaken assumption that unemployment is responsible for most of the antisocial behaviour prevalent today. Parents are largely to blame for the destructive behaviour of our youth; even otherwise excellent parents can be too tolerant of their children breaking branches off trees, spreading litter and writing on walls. Teenagers that are allowed to roam the streets early and late will soon find some mischief to spice up their lives, whether it will be knocking dustbins over, drinking cider or smashing phone booths. But despite negative currents, the responsible people of this community are surging ahead and I feel certain that their perseverance will pay off.

Here as I see it are fine areas of development that can contribute greatly to the attractiveness of Maynooth: the Square, the playground, the canal, the sports complex and Carton. For the Square I would propose the following:—

1. Remove the "thing" and provide public toilets elsewhere.
2. Erect perspex bus shelters like those in the centre of Naas.
3. Plant one large tree such as a willow or weeping ash and beside it locate an open circle of sturdy wooden seating fixed in concrete.

4. Cover the centre of the square with raised paving stones.
5. Ban parking in this raised section.

The other four areas I listed are either been dealt with or are awaiting financial decisions. The canal has been improved beyond all expectation and the Sports Complex is an attainable goal. If Carton were purchased intact then Maynooth would have a public amenity that would make it the envy of most towns in Ireland, as well as an attractive tourist centre.

Finally I would like to thank the "Newsletter" for providing a mirror in which our community can see its own reflection. Without this mirror, public spiritedness might wilt for lack of recognition. To your staff and to all the hardworking people who are contributing to the betterment of this town I say thank you.

A grateful Resident.
(Name and address supplied).

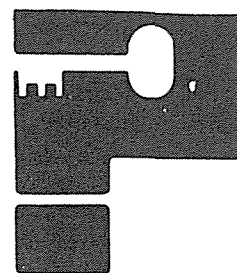
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Dear Editor,

On behalf of our local Residents Associatin I would like to formally complain about the manner in which the historical survey of Maynooth is at preset being conducted. It has come to our attention that one of your members, a tall chap with blonde hair unfortunatley impeded with a forgein accent (Cavan we think), has been seen disporting himself on the battlements of the local castle while dressed in a fur hat and green tights. When challenged by our members he proceeded to throw pigeon droppings in their direction. He claims to be exploring the physocological makeup of the Great Earl. This we can tolerate, however his insistance on interviewing our daughters late at night in a lustful manner is beyond our collective comprehension. We formally request that the project be abandoned, or this person replaced.

Your sincerely,

Lockwell Greenfellow



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Rights Column C

Q. I recently saw a 22" colour television in a shop window for £250. The set was by a reputable manufacturer so I decided it was a bargain I couldn't miss. When I went in to buy the set I was told that there was a mistake about the price and that the television actually cost £550. Am I entitled to demand the set at the bargain price?

A. Legally a price tag does not constitute an offer for sale but is what is called "an invitation to treat". Under the Consumer Information Act it is wrong to give a false or misleading indication of the price of goods or services. If the wrong price tag is put on goods (as in this case) the shopkeeper might be guilty of an offence of giving a false price indication if the price shown is not the price charged. That doesn't however give you the customer the right to demand goods at the price indicated. But the shopkeeper could face prosecution for breaching the Consumer Information Act.

This column has been compiled by Maynooth Community Information Centre which provides a free and confidential service to the public. Volunteers are urgently required for the Information Centre. Anyone interested should leave their name and address with Nora McDermott at the Community Council Offices and she will get in touch with you.

Frances Daly.
Organizer.



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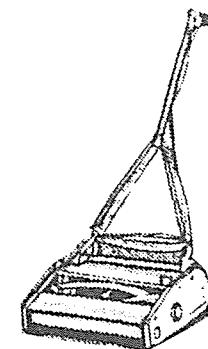
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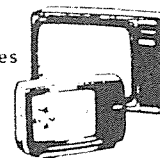
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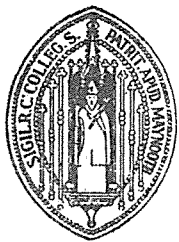
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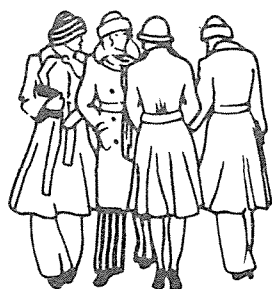
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Street Talking

Elsewhere in this issue we carry the report of the Community Council on the local shop fronts which characterise our streetscape; the physical environment makes a big difference to the quality of life in a community, and Street Talking extends Congratulations to all businesses making an effort in this regard, whether prize-winners or not. And it's not only the appearance which counts — other senses are brought into play as well. Taking in the wafting odours of freshly baked bread on the pavement outside The Elite is one of the most deeply sensual experiences available on the streets of Maynooth (we've done extensive research) and it's innocent, pleasurable and free.

The range of bread available from the bakery is eagerly sought after, as

the number of customers crowding inside the shop door testifies. And this brings me to my one gripe about this otherwise excellent concern. Why oh why must they have such an awkward arrangement for serving customers? All those of us who are fans of the wholemeal, bran loaf and white pan have to stand as best we can immediately inside the door, constantly shoved and hustled by the many others leaving and entering. Orderly queueing is well-nigh impossible, and in winter weather one constantly risks being elbowed out into the cold and rain. So, here's a plea from an Elite fan: please try and do something about that door and bread counter — separate them, perhaps. And maybe the community council shopfront competition should take practicality into account when making its assessments.

Everyone has noticed the major change which has taken place at the shopping centre, with Quinsworth moving into the old O'Brien's premises, that a similar event there might almost have passed unnoticed. The former Embassy Cleaners has changed hands. Hitherto part of an operation with two branches in Dublin, it has now become Carlton Cleaners, with new decor but the same range of services as before.

Here's advance notice for the big event to hit the street early next month, when the Nissan Classic Cycle race will pass through Maynooth on the final day of its tour of Ireland in the run-in to Dublin. Last year Maynooth was one of the first towns visited, but this time the race will be going the other way. Sunday October 4th will be the climax of the big race, starting from Kilkenny Castle and coming up through Naas and Clane to arrive in Maynooth some time between 3.00 and 3.30. Ninety riders are expected to take part, but how many will still be on two wheels by the final day is anyone's guess. Among those taking part will be most of the top dozen riders in the world, including Kelly and Roche of course, but also of particular interest is the scheduled participation of Greg Lemon, hugely successful last year but not seen on the circuit so far this season because of injury. The arrival of the race here will be preceded by all the razzmatazz of a publicity cavalcade and is certain to attract a large crowd. Perhaps there is an opportunity for an enterprising local trader or two to start some local promotions in conjunction with the event. Next month's Newsletter will be glad to carry details of any such initiative.

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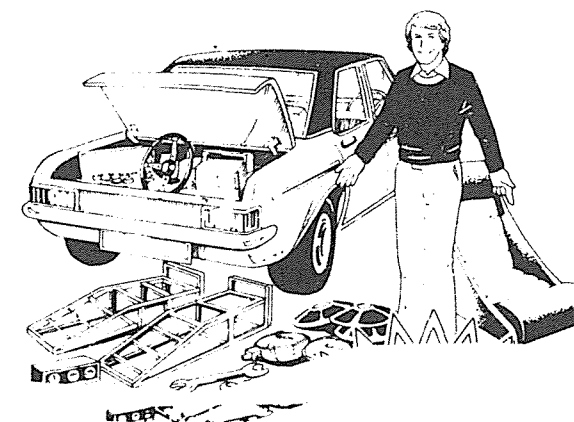
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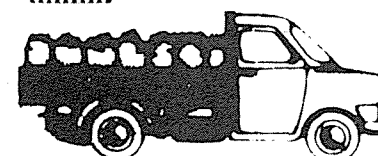
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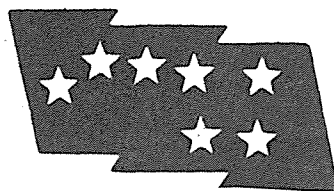
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POLITICAL PARTY NOTES



LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Moyglare Road: The branch has been informed by Deputy Emmet Stagg, that £15,000 has been sanctioned and provided for the resurfacing and regulating of Moyglare Road. This will go some way towards solving this long standing problem which has caused considerable concern to residents of the area.

Convent Road — Dunboyne Road. Arising from repeated representations by Deputy Emmet Stagg, Kildare Co. Council have allocated £40,000 towards the improvement of Convent Road/Dunboyne Rd. Although this will not cater for all the work required, it will enable substantial improvements to be made. Deputy Stagg will press to have this work carried out as soon as possible.

Leinster Street: Following representations by Deputy Stagg, he has now been informed that provision has been made for the tarmac overlap of Leinster Street and provision of kerbing and footpath.

Burnt out caravan: A burnt out caravan, which is on council land at the end of the back entrance to phase 2 and phase 3 Greenfields, is causing concern to residents of the area. A considerable number of children are using it as a playhouse and it is feared that one of them may hurt themselves. Deputy Stagg has requested Kildare Co. Council to have it removed forthwith.

Removing of Ivy — Dublin Road: Ivy which was overhanging a wall on Dublin Road and which forced pedestrians to walk out onto the main road has been removed following representations by Deputy Stagg.

Stop signs — Leinster cottages. Continued representations by Deputy Stagg, concerning the provision of a stop sign at the junction of Double Lane and Convent Road have resulted in the stop sign being erected. The stop sign should end the problem caused by buses and lorries which

continuously over the years drive too near Leinster Cottages dragging down the gutters of the houses there.

Dangerous Gap: Deputy Stagg has requested Kildare Co. Council to block off a gap in the hedge between phase 1 and phase 4 Greenfields. Children continually run through this gap out onto the road. Deputy Stagg has assured that this matter be attended to urgently.

Back entrance phase 2 and 3 Greenfields: Once again potholes have reappeared at the back entrance to phase 2 and 3 Greenfields. Deputy Stagg has requested Kildare Co. Council to carry out repairs as soon as possible.

Water charges: Labour has launched a renewed campaign against water and refuse charges in Kildare. 25,000 leaflets have been distributed throughout the county and house holders are advised:— 1. To withhold paying money, 2. Apply for waiver in case of hardship, 3. To organise meetings and lobby Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael representatives who re-introduced the charges. Charles Haughey's pre-election promise to abolish the charges will be pursued relentlessly.

National collection: Our national collection was held on July 25th and 26th and we would like to thank all those who supported it. The collection this year was up considerably on last year. This we feel is an indication of approval by the people of Maynooth with the work we are carrying out at local level and indeed the performance of Deputy Emmet Stagg since he was elected to Dáil Éireann.

FINE GAEL NOTES

1. Kingsbry Estate:

Following representations on behalf of Kingsbry Residents' Association by Deputy Bernard Durkan, T.D., the following reply has been received from the County Engineer regarding Upgrading of Straffan Road:

1. As there is no wall at present in front of this estate it is not proposed to provide one. However, if the existing hedge is removed by the proposed im-

provement, then it will be replaced by a suitable hedge and fence.

2. Public lighting is proposed on the new alignment and will be sufficient to light the junction at Kingsbry Estate.

3. A 'right turn lane' is proposed on the design and this is one of the reasons for the 16m minimum land take.

4. Areas will be restored to a standard consistent with that which is in existence.

5. The entrance to the estate will be examined at detail design stage and the point made will be fully considered.

6. The proposal allows for the provision of traffic signals at the Greenfield Shopping Centre.

7. Litter Bins will be provided.

2. Extension of 66 Bus-Route:

Dublin Bus have sent the following reply to Deputy Bernard Durkan, regarding the extension of No 66 Bus-Route:

"In my view, the optimum solution to the transport needs of the area is to extend route 66 to Straffan Road, Maynooth, terminating at a turning circle adjacent to Kingsbry and Carton Estate. This we will be prepared to do as soon as Kildare County Council construct a suitable turning facility.

In the meantime, as a temporary solution, we would be prepared to turn buses at the entrance to Noone's Garage, further along the Straffan Road. We approached Mr Noone in this regard some months ago, but he was unwilling to co-operate. Perhaps you could contact him, and suggest that he allow buses to turn there as a temporary solution to the problem. Otherwise, we will be unable to extend services into the area until the re-alignment of the Straffan Road takes place."

3. Kilmacraddock/Barrogstown Road:

Acting County Engineer, Mr R J Burke has replied to representations by Deputy Bernard Durkan regarding condition of the road at Kilmacraddock/Barrogstown:

"I regret to inform you that the Kilmacraddock/Barrogstown Road is not included in the allocation made by the Minister for strengthening County Roads. We

will, however, keep the situation under review and do whatever we can with the limited funds available."

4. Adult Literacy Scheme:

Following representations made by Deputy Bernard Durkan the Minister for Education, Mrs Mary O'Rourke, has sent the following reply regarding provision of adult literacy classes:

"I have allocated £400,000 to Vocational Education Committees in 1987 for the provision of adult literacy and community education free of charge or at normal cost — an increase of £50,000 over the provision made for the same service last year. The County Kildare VEC's share of this £400,000 is £12,300 and this is £1,500 more than the sum they were granted for the same purpose in 1986. I have had enquiries made in the matter and understand that there is no question of the Kildare Adult Literacy Schemes being closed down. Any student who is at present taking tuition under the scheme will continue to be catered for during 1987."

5. Housing Construction Programme — Extra amount of funds proposed to be made available to Kildare County Council:

"The total allocation notified to Kildare County Council for their housing construction programme (including new housing starts) for 1987 is £1,490,000. Separate allocations were not made for new house starts."

6. Delay in completion of Road Re-Alignment at Laraghbryan, Maynooth.

The Minister for the Environment has sent the following written reply to Deputy Bernard Durkan regarding the above:

"Improvements at this location are being carried out in two phases. Phase I has been completed at an estimated cost of £810,000.

A revised design for the second phase of the scheme was approved by the Department on 10 December 1986. The estimated cost of Phase II is £500,000. The question of allocating a grant for this work will be considered, in due course, in the context of the determination of road grants for 1988."



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Residents' Associations News.

CLUAIN AOIBHINN NOTES

We start this month by welcoming new residents Michael and Edel McCabe to the estate. We congratulate them on their recent marriage and extend to them every good wish for the future.

The committee were rather perturbed to discover that several of our trees are dying, needless to say the services of a Tree Doctor have been sought. Preliminary reports tend to suggest that much of the damage is as a result of over use by our canine

friends. The specialist will, however, ensure that there are no other underlying reasons for our tree problems. In the meantime residents are urged to exercise strict control of pets as far as possible to avoid any further damage.

A new type of ramp to slow down traffic has been approved by local authorities and the committee has applied for same to be installed in the estate to prevent cars from been driven at high speed through the estate. Your committee is also pleased to advise that the new children at play signs will be erected at each end

of the estate in early course.

The children of the estate are to be commended on the manner in which they ensure that trees, flowers and shrubs are not interfered with while games are being played "Well done Children".

Finally, Residents using the official lawnmower are asked to exercise care and consideration with it. Christy maintains the mower to the highest mechanical standards, but it must be used with care to ensure that the machine (which is relatively new) will last for some years to come.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS IRELAND BRANCH IN NORTH KILDARE

Multiple Sclerosis (M.S.) is the most common chronic disabling neurological disease in Western Europe and North America, with some 3,000 sufferers in Ireland alone. It damages the Central Nervous System and may affect the ability to do the simplest of things such as walking, seeing or using one's hands. M.S. strikes at the prime of life (15-40) just when opportunities and responsibilities are greatest, in one's career or family life. The financial, social and emotional effects on an individual or family can be devastating. As of yet, no specific cause or cure of M.S. has been isolated.

The M.S. Society of Ireland is a voluntary welfare and research body that provides support and services to people affected by M.S. in the Republic. Through a professional community work and welfare staff and 34 local branches, the Society provides — Advice and information to people with M.S. about the disease, mobility, entitlements and personal problems. — Up to date information through newsletters, pamphlets and seminars.

— A lobbying service to represent the interests of people with M.S.

Individual branches are active in organizing self-help groups, physiotherapy and yoga sessions, social events and holidays, information relevant to particular localities and often a strong voice to lobby for the needs of disabled people.

With the recent rapid growth of the population in North Kildare and West Dublin, the number of people with M.S. in the area has increased. After some research it is felt that a local branch of the Society is needed to represent the needs and interests of people with M.S. in the general areas of Lucan/Leixlip/Maynooth/Celbridge. As a community worker currently working with the Society on a voluntary basis, I have endeavoured to meet as many current members and interested people locally as possible. As plans are now underway to hold a meeting locally in late August, which will establish a branch for the region, I would appeal for anyone who has had no contact from me yet and is either affected by M.S. or would be interested professionally to contact me as soon as possible. We would also gladly welcome anyone willing to get involved in voluntary work. Please write to or phone me, Paul Fitzgibbons, 86 Carton Court, Maynooth. or at

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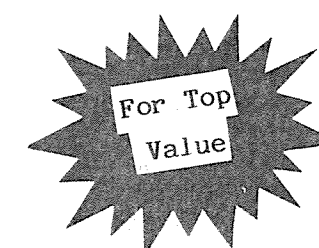
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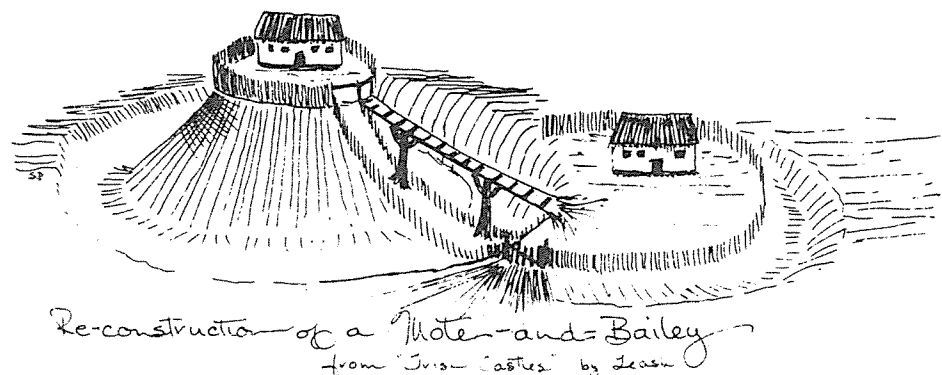
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the castle



This month we begin reprinting some of the notes dealing with aspects of local historical matters by Mary Cullen which originally appeared in the Newsletter over a decade ago. These aroused considerable interest on their first appearance and we are glad to have Mary's permission to bring them to our readers afresh.

MAYNOOTH CASTLE: A focal point in Local History. Mary Cullen

In the month of August in the year 1166 Dermot MacMurrough, king of Leinster, sailed from Ireland to find Henry II, King of England, and ask his help in regaining his throne. Henry II was ruler of a vast empire including England and much of France and he himself had little time for Ireland. But he gave Dermot permission to look for help from his subjects, English, Norman, Welsh and Scottish. It was among the Norman lords in Wales that Dermot found helpers and Maurice Fitzgerald, half Norman, half Welsh, the son of Gerald Fitzwalter and the famous Welsh princess Nesta, was one of the leaders of the Norman expeditions that came to Ireland, ostensibly to help Dermot but determined to gain their reward in Irish lands. Maurice came 818 years ago in 1169, but we have a description of him left by the chronic-

ler Giraldus Cambrensis, Gerald of Wales, who was himself a grandson of the princess Nesta and so a relation of the Fitzgeralds. According to Giraldus, Maurice was a man "with a face sun-burnt and well-looking, of middle height; a man well modelled in mind and body...a man of few words, but full of weight, having more of the heart than of the mouth, more of reason than volubility, more wisdom than eloquence."

It was this Maurice who was granted the first Fitzgerald lands in Kildare. The modern county did not then exist as it was the Normans themselves who introduced counties to Ireland. In Maurice's day the future county Kildare was divided among four main tribal areas, Offelan in the North, Offaly to the north-west and centre; Omerethy in the south, and Leix to the south-west. Maurice was given part of Offelan, including the manor of Maynooth. What the Norman lords were granted they had to hold by force and their characteristic policy was to build strong stone castles at strategic points. Maynooth castle was one of these, but it is highly unlikely that the present castle was built by the first Maurice. He died in 1177 and in the early days of conquest there was little time to spare to build huge castles of stone. What the first generation Normans built were the earth and wood structures known as "mote-and-baileys."

(see illustration). The mote was a high mound of earth on top of which was built a wooden house or tower. Attached to the mote was the bailey, an entrenched fosse or ditch. These were quick and relatively easy to build, could use natural features, and were an effective defence.

Maurice's son Gerald Fitzmaurice became the first Baron Offaly, the family having acquired lands there also. He died in 1205 and it was his son, the second Baron Offaly and the second Maurice Fitzgerald, who built the Maynooth Castle that we know today. The chequered history of the Kildare Geraldines during the next 500 years took a heavy toll and it is no longer possible to see the castle as it was in its heyday, though most of what is left dates from the early thirteenth century and has outlasted later additions. The massive keep still stands alone in the grounds and was enclosed by a wall called a "curtain" which included the existing entrance gate and the turret tower in the north-east corner.

H.G. Leask, the authority on Irish castles, identified four main groups of Irish castles built during the period 1180 to 1310, the great period of expansion of the Anglo-Norman lordships in Ireland and the most important period in what he calls "Irish military architecture." Maynooth belongs to Group A. castles with rectangular keeps, either isolated, as the keep at Maynooth, inside an enclosure or "ward", or with the keep forming part of the natural defences. To Group A also belongs the castles at Carrickfergus, Trim and Adare. Group B comprises castles with cylindrical keeps, as Dundrum and Nenagh. To Group C belongs castles with rectangular keeps with a round tower at each angle, as Carlow and Ferns, while Group D comprise castles with no keep and with the curtain enclosing a rectangular area, as Dublin Limerick and Kilkenny. The groups overlap chronologically but the general trend was from the keep castle with towerless curtains to the keepless fortress, so that Maynooth belongs to the earliest type.

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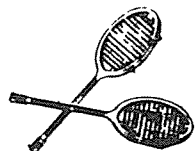
SPORTS NEWS

MAYNOOTH TOWN LADIES SOCCER

Well we have come to the end of our first season in the Leinster Ladies League. It has been a great season for us. After a bad start due to inexperience we went from strength to strength. On Monday 27th July we played our last league match against the League leaders. We had to win or draw to avoid a play-off for runners up in Div. 5. A great game was had by all who put everything into it. The end result was St. Catherine's 1 Maynooth 1 so we clinched the runners-up in Div. 5. Then on Wednesday 29th July we played in the Semi-Final of the Subsidiary Cup against Div. 3 side St. Mochtas everything seemed to be going our way. Then St. Mochtas scored half way through the first half. Eventhough we had most of the play we couldn't seem to put goals away. The result was 1-0 to St. Mochtas.

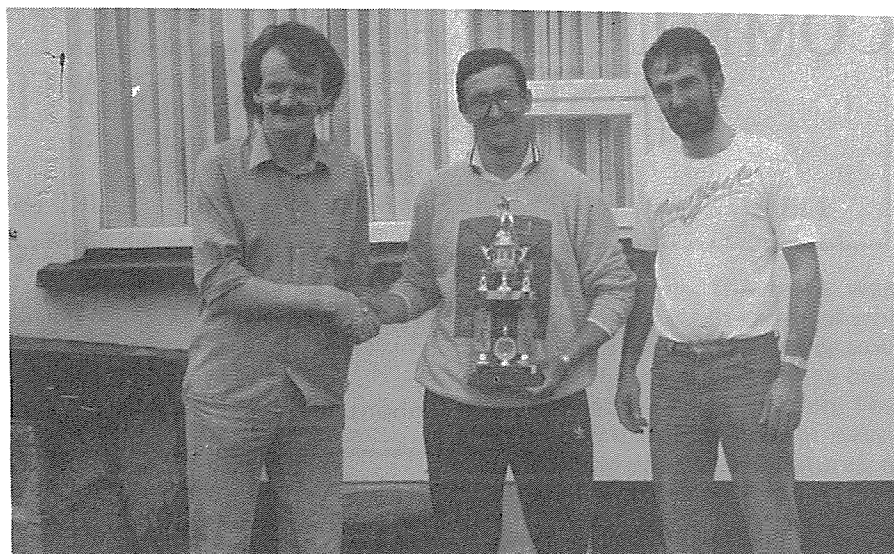
We would like to thank Mick Dempsey, Johnny Thompson for their continued support in training us and bringing us to our matches also to all those who supported us, and transported us, many thanks. To the players for a great season hope to see everyone next season.

Any ladies and girls who wish to play with us contact Shelly at 286254.



CRISIS IN MAYNOOTH JUNIOR BADMINTON CLUB

The badminton season starts again for the club on Monday 7th September. Children should attend at their usual times until further notice. Our Annual General meeting will be held in October. Watch for date and time in next month's Newsletter. Most of last year's committee are unable to serve for another year. The future of the club is at stake! Unless we have a strong committee the club cannot function. We are the envy of many with the fantastic facilities of the Parish Hall at our disposal at a nominal rent. At least one parent of every member of the club must attend the A.G.M. Don't say the children have nothing to do — they have the Badminton Club, if you, the parents, are willing to devote a few hours in the year to keep it functioning.



Paddy McGovern being presented with the Meath and District League Div. V. Player of the year award, pictured with Philip Purcell, Club Treasurer and Declan Forde, Chairman.

COLLEGE GREEN F.C.

Two pre-season friendlies yielded mixed results. Both were home fixtures and because of holidays College Green's new management team of Paul Broughan and Tony O'Connor were forced to field makeshift sides. Nevertheless both games were very useful exercises:

College Green ... (0) 1

Landen Utd. (Ballyfermot) ... (1) 2
Few players excelled on a night when the home team gave a very rusty performance against a good Landen outfit. After an hour the visitors were two up. A well taken goal from last season's top-scorer Gerry Murtagh eased College Green's blushes and culminated an improved second half show.

College Green ... (2) 4

Kilcock Celtic ... (1) 2
Although still very shaky, this was a vastly improved effort. Gerry Murtagh struck up an immediate goal scoring partnership with Dermot Canning, who made his debut at centre forward. It was Canning, whose skill and persistence paid off, to enable him to net an early goal. Not to be outdone by his new partner, Murtagh went on to net a hat-trick a feat he achieved six times last year in reaching a season's tally of 36 goals. Hopefully a good sign for the season ahead! Gerry secured his hat-trick with a goal directly from a corner. Tony O'Connor and Peter Connell repulsed an early second half surge from Kilcock. Aidan Dunne battled well in midfield and was well supported by full-backs Purcell and McDonnell.

In the Bradley Shield College Green play hosts to Dunboyne 2nds on Wednesday 19th, Clones Utd on Sunday

23rd and travel to play Ratoath Harps 2nds on the 26th. On Sunday the 30th the first round of the league commences.

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those involved in the 1987 Games, both workers and competitors. Our thanks is also due to all our sponsors and all who gave donations. Without all of these people the games would not be possible.

As we go to press the first of our competitors will be in Mosney taking part in the National Finals. They are Darren Hayes, B. U. 8, Brett Igoe B. U. 12, Evan Igoe, B. U. 16 and Ann Marie Gallagher G. U. 14. They will all be competing in the swimming events. The following weekend Derek Flemming B. U. 13, Enda Breslin B. U. 16 and Lynn Power G. U. 17 will take part in athletic events. We wish all these competitors every success, as Kildare representatives in the National Community Games finals in Mosney. The committee are also delighted that they were in a position to fully fund the competitors stay in Mosney.

At this early stage we must remind all our supporters that our Annual American Tea Party will take place in the Parish Hall on Saturday 26th September. This was a joint venture with the Royal Canal Amenity group last year and proved a very successful event. We will sell tickets door to door for some weeks before the event and we would ask your support for these two very worthy causes. Once again Good Luck to our competitors in Mosney.



G.A.A. NOTES

MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NEWS

The under 16 team played Robertstown in the second round of championship on Friday 24th July in Staplestown.

Scorers for Maynooth: S. Molloy, 2 goals 1 point. M. Kelly, 2 goals 1 point. D. Flaherty, 2 goals. D. O'Donnell, 3 points. M. Ryan 1 point, Joey Nevin, 1 point.

Final Score

Maynooth 6 goals 7 points
Robertstown 1 point.

Team: D. Mee, J. Gilligan, G. McCaul, S. Horan, P. Styne, J. Nevin, S. Molloy, A. Burke, J. O'Riordan, D. Flaherty, M. Kelly, D. O'Donnell, M. Ryan, M. Downey.

Subs: Joey Nevin, D. Moran, D. Ryan.

Monday August 3rd

Maynooth Minors played Rathangan in the first round of Championship in Prosperous. Rathangan scored a narrow victory over Maynooth.

Team: P. Styne, R. Barry, P. Ennis, K. Fagan, J. Nevin, M. Nevin, A. Burke, D. Burke, D. Flaherty, D. Mee, M. Ryan, J. O'Riordan, S. Molloy, G. Whelahan, P. Curtis, J. O'Toole.

On Friday 21st August the U.16 are playing Straffan/Rathcoffey in the Semi Final of Championship and we all wish them the best of luck.

Madeline Styne.

Junior Championship

Maynooth played Grange on 2/8/87 at Naas in the quarter final of the Junior Championship. Maynooth played against the wind in the first half and the Maynooth defence had to withstand a lot of pressure from Grange but held out until the last minute of the first half when lack of concentration allowed Grange in for an easy goal. Maynooth forwards tried hard with limited supply and were unlucky on a number of occasions particularly J. Edwards for a

goal after 10 minutes. Half time score Maynooth 0-3, Grange 2-4.

In the second half Maynooth came into the game and with T. Moore scoring a penalty and M. Kelly and J. Conway scoring a point each, left just two points between the teams. Grange went up field and were awarded a free from about forty yards out which was converted to leave three points between the teams. Maynooth continued to apply pressure and in the last minute Martin Dolphin was unlucky when a shot took a deflection and was put out for a fifty. Grange held on to win by 2-5 to 1-5.

Maynooth team: G. Whelan, M. McManus, C. Feeney, M. Gahan, J. Conway, P. Ennis, P. Kearney, M. Dolphin, K. Fagan, L. O'Toole, M. McCann, M. Kelly, T. Bradley, J. Edwards, T. Moore.

In the Junior "B" Championship, Maynooth also played Grange and it was Maynooth who took control from early on and in the end went out comfortable winners with a score of Maynooth 2-12, Grange 2-4. Scorers for Maynooth were S. Molloy 0-4, B. Feeney 1-2, P. Carr 0-1, N. Farrell 0-1, M. Nevin 1-1, S. Moore 0-3.

Maynooth team: T. O'Flaherty, P. Conway, T. O'Connor, P. Nevin, L. Comerford, M. Donnelly, R. Barry, M. Nevin, S. Molloy, D. Conway, S. Moore, N. Farrell, B. Feeney, P. Carr, J. O'Toole. Subs: P. Farrelly, J. Riordan.

Senior Football League v. Ballykelly, 11/8/87. Received a walkover from Ballykelly.

Senior Football League v. Kilcullen. lost to Kilcullen 1-11 to 1-8. M. McManus 0-1, L. O'Toole 0-1, N. Farrell 0-1, P. Ennis 0-1, K. Fagan 0-3, J. Edwards 1-1. (One of our better games in the League). Subs: K. Fagan for N. Farrell in play off for League.

Team: J. Whelan, L. Comerford, T. O'Connor, M. Graham, M. Nevin, C. Feeney, P. Kearney, J. Edwards, P. Ennis, J. Conway, M. McManus, L. O'Toole, N. Farrell, P. Carr, M. Donnelly.

Subs: K. Fagan, P. Nevin, B. Feeney, R. Barry, J. Mee., D. Corcoran.

Junior Football League v. Johnstown Bridge, 22/7/87, score 1-7 to 0-7.

Scorers: J. Nolan 0-3, T. Coffey 0-1, D. Casey 0-1, S. Molloy 0-1, N. Farrell 0-1, M. Donnelly 1-0. **Team:** T. O'Flaherty, P. Conway, T. O'Connor, P. Nevin, L. Comerford, M.

Nevin, R. Barry, J. Nolan, D. Casey, N. Farrell, T. Coffey, M. McManus, B. Feeney, M. Donnelly, S. Molloy. Subs: D. Corcoran, M. Meally. Very entertaining game.

Junior Football League v. Straffan, 29/7/87, score 1-9 to 0-1. Scorers: S. Moore 0-3, J. Nolan 0-4, D. Corcoran 0-1, N. Farrell 0-1, B. Feeney 1-0. (One sided game).

Team: T. O'Flaherty, P. Conway, T. O'Connor, P. Nevin, L. Comerford, M. McManus, S. Molloy, D. Casey, J. Nolan, N. Farrell, M. Donnelly, S. Moore, B. Feeney, P. Carr, D. Corcoran.

Subs: P. Farrelly, O. Egan, J. Riordan.

This win puts us into the semi-final of the league. Also, this team are in the semi-final of the Championship.

Tom Flood Cup for seniors starting 23/8/87 runs into September. Peter Delaney Cup for underage football starts 23/8/87, runs into September.

On the 26th of July at Croke Park Kildare won the Leinster minor football C'Ship at the expense of a much fancied Dublin team. Kildare turned in an impressive second-half performance to win the title by 2 points. Killian Fagan and Pascal Ennis from the Maynooth club made a major contribution to this fine win. Killian at centre half back and Pascal at left half back outplayed their opponents to such an extent that the Dublin full forward line only got a limited supply of the ball.

On the way to the final Kildare defeated Wexford, Offaly and Laois. Pascal Ennis was ever present on the team from the start of the C'Ship. Killian Fagan who was a substitute during the earlier rounds came on against Laois in the semi-final and justified his selection for the final.

Kildare now meet Down in the All-Ireland Semi-final and the winners take on Cork in the final. Both players have done the club proud and there was a large Maynooth contingent in Croke Park to cheer them on in the Leinster Final. We wish them luck in their remaining matches. Both players are very talented footballers and no doubt we will be hearing a lot more about them on the football fields in the years to come.

Pascal Ennis

Lives in Ladychapel and attends Maynooth Post Primary School. Plays minor and junior football with Maynooth. Pascal is a fine all round

athlete. This year he was awarded the Coonan Perpetual Trophy for best athlete of the year in the Post Primary School. Before devoting his spare time to Gaelic football he played rugby with North Kildare, hurling with Eoin Pils and was a member of the Maynooth athletic club. He has many medals from the local Community Games for running, high jump and shot-put.

His achievements on the Gaelic are as follows:—

1982 — Under 13 football league. Medal with Maynooth B.N.S.

1983 — Leinster under 14 championship medal with Kildare. They beat Louth in the final at Croke Park.

1985 — Leinster under 16 C'Ships medal with Kildare. They beat Wicklow in the final. Captain of Maynooth under 16 team that won division 3 league.

1986/87 — On Kildare Vocational Schools team beaten in the Leinster final by Offaly. Helped Maynooth Post Primary school win the Kildare Vocational Schools final.

ability to outfield his opponents in the air and equally adapt with both feet. Apart from a brief spell playing soccer Killian has concentrated his efforts on Gaelic football. Pascal and himself have been team mates from their days in the national school.

Achievements so far: 1982 — Under 13 football league. Medal with Maynooth B.N.S. 1983 — Leinster Under 14 Championship Medal with Kildare. 1985 — Kildare under 16 league. Medal with Maynooth. 1986/87 — Kildare Vocational Schools. Medal with Maynooth Post Primary School.



MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

Killian Fagan

Lives in Laurences Avenue and did his Leaving Certificate last June in the post primary school. Plays minor and junior football with Maynooth. At club level he plays at midfield or half forward. A very accurate forward and free taker for the club. Has the

The new season gets under way on Sunday 23rd of August. Maynooth 1st team play in premier Sunday while the 2nd team play in Division 1B. Many practice matches have taken place in preparation for the coming season and with Noel Holmwood the coach putting the players through

some tough training sessions, all should be fit and rarin' to go when the league commences. Liam Farrelly 1st team manager has assembled a strong squad and is hopeful of a successful season. John Saults and David Foy in their first season as managers of 2nds, are also very optimistic of a good year. Finally we would like to thank all who have supported us throughout the years and hope that their continual support which is much appreciated will continue. The Club would like to sympathize with Liam Farrelly and family on the sudden death of his father Liam. Liam who was one of Maynooth's greatest ever Gaelic footballers, was a great sportsman and his friendly manner will be sadly missed by all who knew him. "May he rest in peace."

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Back row — Killian Fagan first from left. Pascal Ennis second from the left.



Pictured are Mr. Hubert Howley (left) being presented with the Captains prize by Joseph Moore, Captain of Maynooth Golfing Society.



Golfing Society

MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

The Maynooth Golfing Society had their Captain's (J. Moore) Outing to Tullamore Golf Club on July 18th last. Both Weather and Golf Course conditions were excellent and were thoroughly enjoyed by the large number of Members and Visitors in attendance.

On behalf of Our Captain, Mr. Joseph Moore, I would like to thank Tullamore Golf Club for the excellent facilities and meals provided. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our numerous sponsors whose support helped make the day the success it was.

The Captain's prize itself was keenly contested. Congratulations are due to the eventual winner, Mr. Hubert Howley, who scored 39 pts off a handicap of 19 and indeed to the rest of the prizewinners listed

TULLAMORE
July 18

CAPTAINS PRIZE (Mr. Joseph Moore)

RESULTS

1st Overall

H. Howley — (19) 39.

2nd Overall

J. Murray — (18) 38. (on back 9).

3rd Overall

D. Nyland — (25) 38. (on back 9).

4th Overall

S. Tracey — (22) 38.

GROSS

J. Glynn — (11) 83.

PAST CAPTAINS

J. Murray — (18) 83.

CLASS 1

1st — E. Ledwith — (15) 37.

2nd — T. Dunning — (13) 35. (on back 9).

3rd — J. Moore — (12) 35. (on back 9).

4th — J. Ryan — (15) 35.

CLASS 2

1st — S. Laheen — (18) 37.

2nd — J. McAndrew — (17) 36. (on back 9).

3rd — T. Sheehan — (17) 36.

4th — E. Mara — (16) 34. (on back 9).

CLASS 3

1st — E. Hayden — (19) 41.

2nd — T. Flatley — (25) 36.

3rd — C. Kenny — (34) 34.

4th — G. McTiernan — (20) 33. (on back 9).

FRONT 9

J. McKeown — (19) — 14

BACK 9

W. Moore — (17) 13.

PAR 3s

T. Flanagan — (37) — 8.

VISITORS

1st — R. O'Sullivan — (16) 41.

2nd — V. Doyle — (30) 40.

The Matchplay Competition has now reached the Semi Finals stage. The Draw is as follows:

R. Delamere/T. Flatley

V

W. Coughlan/D. Nyland

T. Dunning/T. Sheehan

V

E. Mara/H. Howley

Competitors are reminded that the Semi Finals *must* be completed before our next Outing, The Seamus Moore Memorial Outing, on September 26 to the Curragh Golf Club.

In conclusion, the top three contenders for the Golfer of the Year, after 5 Outings, are G. McTiernan on 151 Pts. J. Moore on 144 Pts. and M. Dempsey on 143.

Sean Tracey,
Hon. Secretary.

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WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH

Flowers

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Divide crowded crocuses and other leafless bulbs and make sure that you don't tread where autumn-flowering bulbs are growing. Take more cuttings from geraniums and fuchsias and other tender perennial bedding plants.

If your daffodil bulbs are rather overcrowded, separate them now and replant immediately, as they will produce new roots within the next week or two.

Fruit

Keep dessert plum trees moist at root level to guard against fruit splitting.

Continue foliar feeding autumn fruiting raspberries and finish pruning summer-fruiting ones.

Any fruit trees or bushes and canes which are worn out and unproductive should be dug up and destroyed.

Vegetables

Sow lettuce, winter radish and spinach, also onions for overwintering.

Feed well-established, fast-growing crops such as runner beans to keep production going for as long as possible, and remember to keep picking so that pods do not start setting seed, which halts production.

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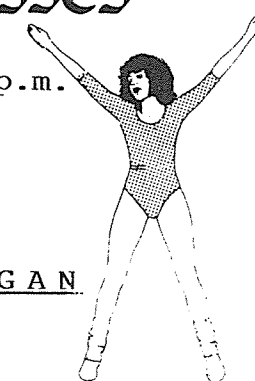
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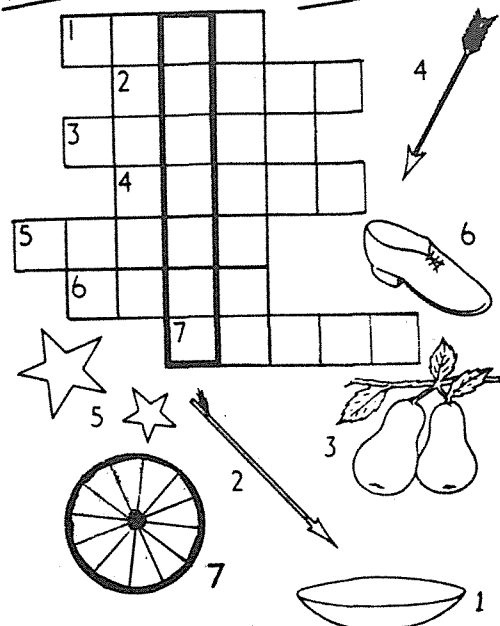
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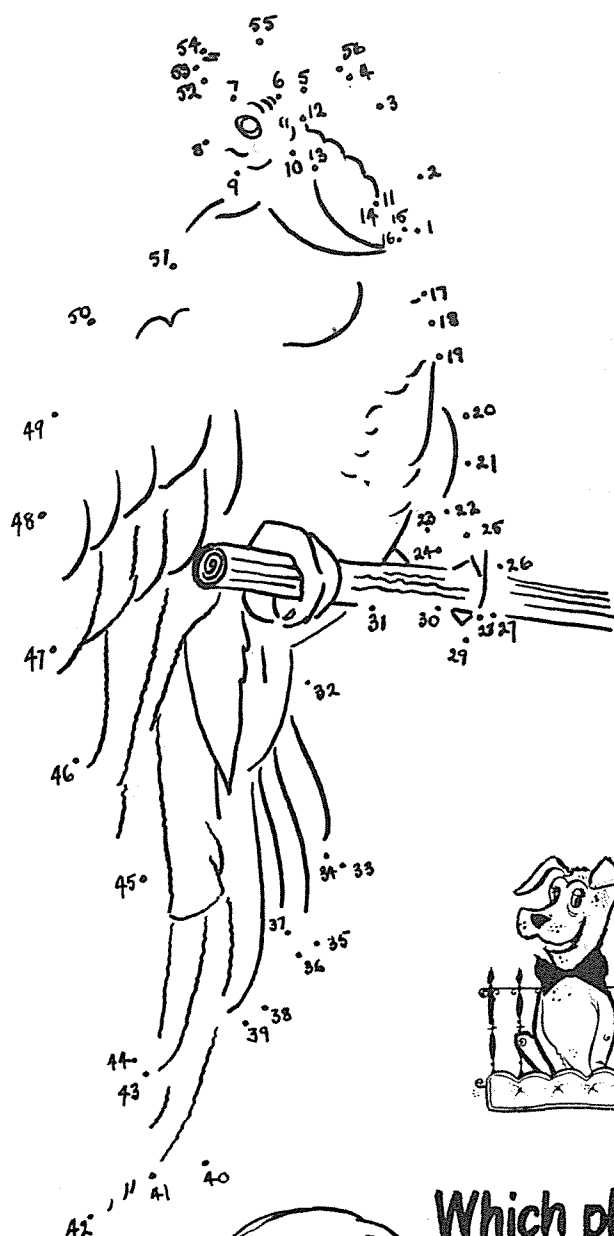
WINNERS OF AUGUST COLOURING COMPETITION

Ages 4-7 — 1st Prize: Eoin Hardiman, Dublin Rd., Maynooth. 2nd Prize: Connall Mahon, Corbally, Celbridge.

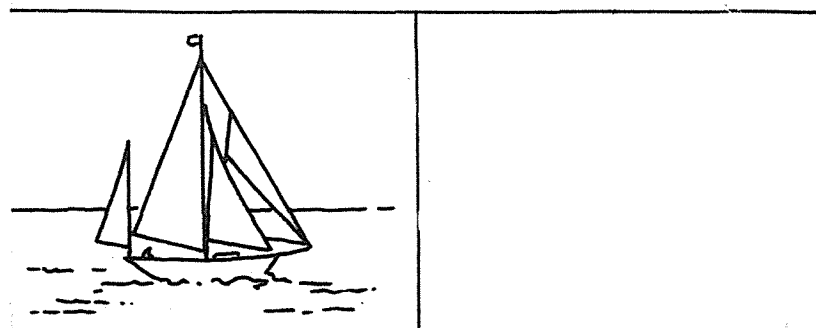
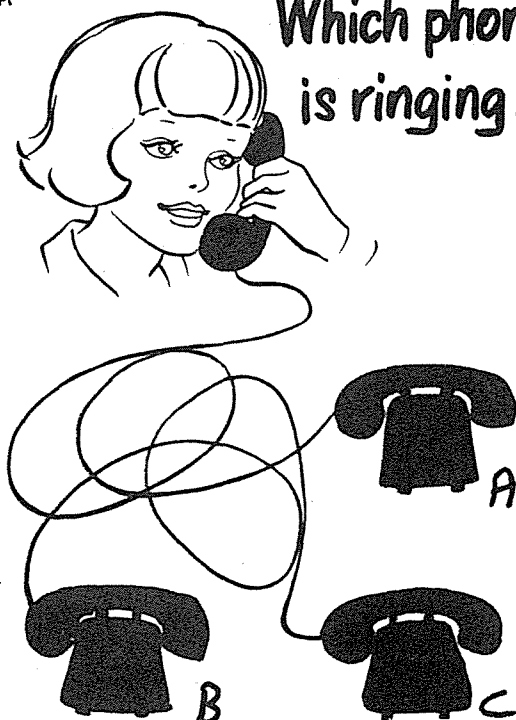
Runners-up: Elaine Tobin, 108 Rail Park, Maynooth; Joanne Duignan, Pagestown, Kilcloon, Co. Meath; Aoife Neasy, 45 Laurence Ave., Maynooth.

Ages 8-12 — 1st Prize: Clare Devaney, 19 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth. 2nd Prize: Fergal Nangle, 82 Maynooth Pk., Maynooth.

Runners up: Declan Walsh, 37 Laurence Ave., Maynooth; Martin Farrell, 11 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth.



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Extra copies of the children's colouring competition page are available in the Community Council Office.

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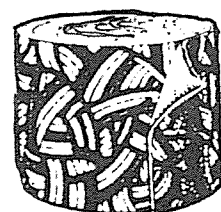
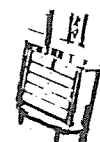
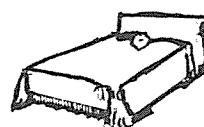
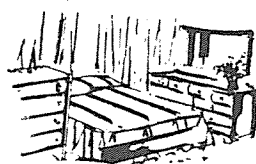
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It wasn't all work at the week-end, there was a Town Barbeque on the Saturday night, with live bands and a civic reception, and all the young folk thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Next month we will be able to tell you how our young people get on in Belfast, and hopefully announce our programme for the coming winter months. We are giving the Club programme a lot of thought and hope to come up with some new and attractive ideas, with an emphasis on what the members would like on the various nights. Meanwhile painting and decorating are still going ahead and the Hall is taking on a bright and cheerful look.

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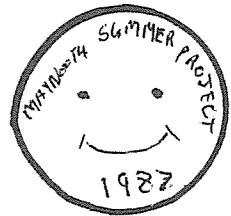
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MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT COMES TO AN END

Another project has come to an end and without any doubt it was by far the most successful. It was certainly the biggest project ever with 300 children registering on July 1st in the Geraldine Hall and late-comers registering right up to the last day.

On July 9th we took over the Bowling Alley in Stillorgan with 123 children and leaders. It was a great success and set the tone for the whole project. There were trips to Fota Island in Cork, Monkstown Swimming Pool, Bar-b-Que in Donadea, Howth, the Art Gallery, The National Museum, The Natural History Museum, Picnic in St. Stephen's Green and that old favourite, The Zoo.

On the days we stayed in Mavnooth we had Crazy Games, Treasure Hunts, Scavenger Hunts, Orienteering, Art Demonstration in the Library, a Table Quiz and the ever popular film on Wednesday nights.

Our **Craft Days** proved very popular again this year and top marks must go to Rosemary Hanley for her **head bands**. The kids loved them and we promise lots more for next year.

The fishing competition, run over three weeks, was a great success with the boys and girls and thankfully it brought out a lot of Daddys too. There were lots of prizes in this competition and our sincere thanks to all who helped to make it a great success.

The highlight of the project was of course **The Camp**. 100 adults and children camped in Smarmore Castle, Co. Louth, for 4 days at the end of July. We had a great time swimming, playing games, midnight walks and, horror of horrors, a Ghost Hunt. We had singing around the campfire and our very own special Mass with all the boys and girls and mums and dads taking part. One thing we did not do while in Smarmore was sleep. We had to wait until we got back to Maynooth for that. However a great weekend was had by all and we were all very sad to see the end of another project.

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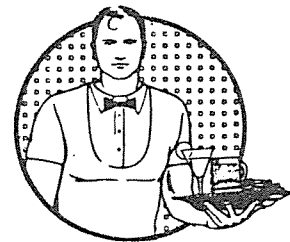
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Band Bulletin

The BULLETIN I'm afraid has been rather conspicuous by its absence over the past few months so with sincere apologies to our regular readers may we get straight down to work and bring you up to date with all the news.

First the BAD NEWS (it always makes the good news sound better). The Band has been another one of the casualties of the widespread cut-backs throughout the Public Service and as a result our recitals for Dublin Corporation and Dublin County Council have been drastically reduced and, of course, we have been hit where it hurts most — in our pockets. As if to add insult to injury some additional recitals proposed by our own County Council also fell through. All in all we have had a most "Noteless Summer" — both musically and financially. Here's hoping for a better 1988.

On the local front things have been a little better, notably our successes with our Annual Concerney, greatly enjoyed by all, our recital for Community Week where we played to a

most appreciative audience and not forgetting the fantastic Sixties Night where the three Swinging Bowds, Kevin, Paddy and Willie were joined by the wildest sax in the Band blown by Oliver Bright and two "blow-ins" in the form of guitarists Jim Fox and Gerry Burgess. It was great to see people actually dance once again. Numerous requests for a repeat performance are a present being handled by Jim Aitken so watch this space for further developments.

What other news, oh yes! Peter Brazil, that sometimes brilliant Bass Player, at last became a DADDY and rumour has it that Peter, who is a salesman for a well-known Paint Company, has at last had a genuine reason for painting the Town Red, and Blue, and Pink, and.....

The summer months have given our hardworking Junior Members a well earned rest and they return on Monday 14th September at 7.30 p.m. (for all members) to begin what we hope will be a most rewarding year for them. They have at long last reached to "real live instrument" stage, and we wish them lots of

success in their struggle to master their musical instrument. We hope their efforts will be rewarded as we are just now exploring the prospects of travelling to visit another Band in EUROPE in the not too distant future and we shall keep you advised of all developments in connection with this trip as they arise.

Finally may we remind you of our Annual Flag Days at the end of this month. With all the cut backs we need your support more than ever this year. I know you won't let us down.

OLD MAYNOOTH EXHIBITION

Maynooth Community Council, through its Communications Sub-Committee is presently laying plans to produce an Old Maynooth Exhibition. The exhibition is designed to provide information, in the form of models, pictures, charts, etc., on Maynooth's very rich historical heritage, including the old Fitzgerald Castle, the development of Carton House and Desmesne and the eighteenth century town of Maynooth, and the growth of the College.



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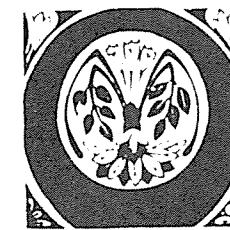
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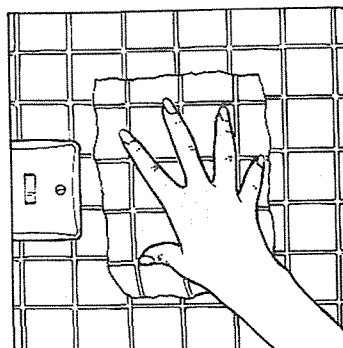
Papering and Painting Tips

Getting rid of blisters: If you find that despite your best efforts you still have a few blisters in your wallpaper after it's dried, try this tip. Fill a syringe with paste and inject it into the blister. Allow time for the paper to absorb the paste then gently flatten the blister. Finally go over the area with a roller.

Neat finish: After papering leave the surplus paper around light switches, etc., to dry thoroughly before trimming – this makes it easier to get a neat finish.

Tear a patch: When patching wallpaper, never *cut* the patch. Tear out an irregular patch, making the tear *away* from the pattern.

Paint rollers: When using paint rollers, foam rubber or mohair sleeves are best for gloss paint and distemper. Felt and lambs-wool are the best for other types of paint.



COLLEGE NEWS:

Monday August 17th saw the erection of the second John Paul II statue within the college. This was sculpted by Imogen Stuart and not Margery Fitzgibbon as reported in last month's issue. There will be an official uncovering of the statue during the month. It is a nice statue of the Pope bending down to two children. The children are engulfed in his arms. It is a pity one cannot see the children's faces because before the children were placed on the base of the statue we had a chance to see them. They are super. Small little petit features with lovely cheerful smiles, but I'm afraid Ms. Stuart has designed the statue in such a way that the children's face and snuggle into the Popes arms. But still its really nice and well done to Imogen.

Students are finally coming back to the college in dribs and drabs. Exam fever started at the end of August and is in full swing now. These exams are mainly honours and repeat examinations. Best of luck to all those sitting them. We hope you achieve the greatness we expect from the college!!

We are sad to report that a periodical called the **New Scientist** magazine did a feature on Space, Science and Technology in Ireland, Maynooth was not featured in any of the articles and was about the only College in Ireland not reviewed in their current issue. Dr. Susan McKenna-Lawlor has really put Maynooth on the map what with her experiments and winning the **People of the Year Award** last year. Why the **New Scientist** mag. did not take time to do an article on a very famous and important department in the college is a question unsolved and very annoying.

Finally the college are opening a new department. It is Computer Science. This subject should do well as the once very small Computer Centre has grown non-stop since the students themselves have taken to writing their own programmes and typing their own essays and theses on the computer throughout the campus. There is already a new professor assigned to the department Prof. M. Er. We will be able to report more about this subject in the weeks to come.

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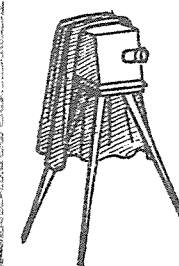
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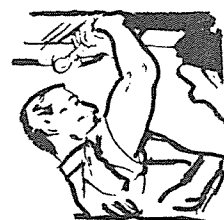
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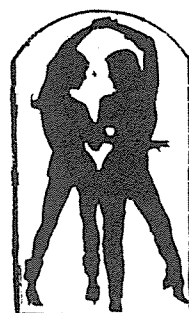
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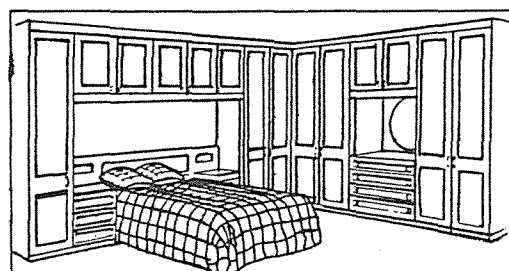
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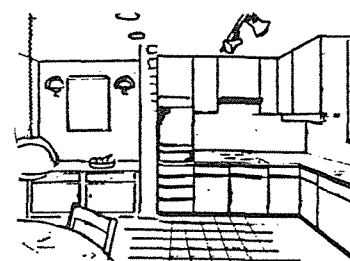


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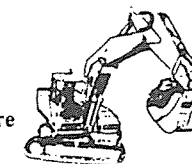
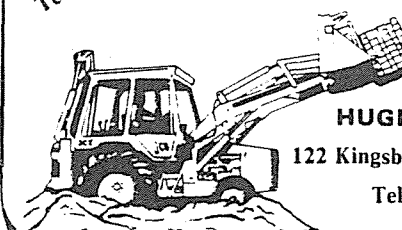
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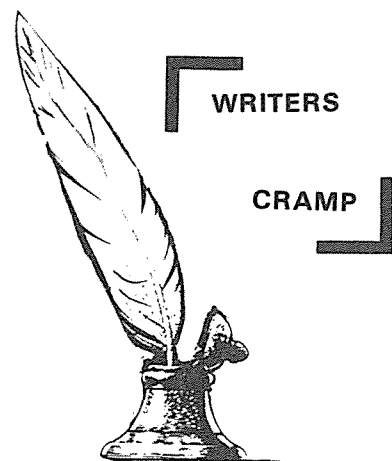
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Agus an spéir atá ag féachaint anuas,
Tá sé chomh dubh le pic,
Mar tá an talamh lán de fola agus
deoraí.
Agus mé i mo chodladh,
Is féidir lion na Gall a fheiscint ag
teacht,
Agus i lár na pairce tá na mná
ag caoineadh
Agus ag ghuí Dé chun iad a shabháil.
Ach, mo bhrón, chaithfidh sé a bheith
mar seo,
Chaithfidh na mban agus na páistí a
fháil bás,
Chun an díoltas Naofa a bhaint
amach.

An talamh seo,
An talamh seo a chruthaigh Dia,
Tá sé folamh,
Tá sé folamh do dhaoine,
Mar tá siad go léir faoi bhfolach,
Agus a choirp ag corráil le heagla.
Bhfuil éinne ann chun iad a shabháil?
Agus leigheas a chur ar an dtalamh
uaighneach seo?
Is oath lion a rá nach bhfuil,
Agus is féidir liom tinneas na mná
a bhraith i mo chroí,
Agus scread na páistí beaga,
Agus fola ag teacht amach ona choirp,
Ag dul síos sa talamh.

An talamh seo,
An talamh seo a chruthaigh Dia,
Tá sé cosúil leis an bhfarraige,
Agus é lán leis an fola na mbás.
Níl aon solás ná sasamh agam,
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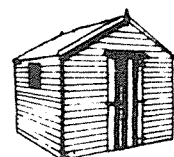
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fheiscint,
Agus ghunnaí a éisteacht.
Léim mé as mo leaba agus bhí mé in
ann
Solas na cathair a fheiscint agus é
trí thine.
Agus, i mo mheon tá na mban ag
gaire,
Agus gliondar ar na páistí arís,
Agus anuas tá daoine ag rith agus
deoraí ina súile.
Chuala Dia mé!
Chuala sé na phaidreacha a nduirt an
muintir beannaithe seo,
Táimid saor,
Saor, chun an tír seo, An Inis
Aoibheann Ealga,
A ardú chun Dia a thabhairt faoi
mheas,
Agus gach dhuine uilig,
A thabhairt faoi bhrat na hÉireann.

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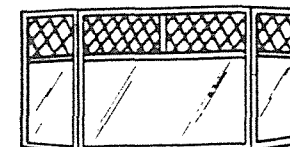
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2 dashes soy sauce
2 tablespoons Tomato Puree
Shredded meat from 1 x 2½ lb chicken, boiled, all fat, gristle and skin removed
1lb skimmed milk quark
5 tablespsns grated parmesan cheese
2 fl ozs skimmed milk
7 ozs Lasagne (no pre-cooking required variety)
Freshly ground black pepper to taste

9 x 9 inch baking dish
Oven temp 400 degrees fahrenheit, 200 celcius, Gas mark 6.

Method

Combine peppers, onions, garlic, mushrooms, 8 ozs stock, wine, soy sauce and the seasonings in a large non-stick frying pan. Stir to combine well.

Bring to the boil. Simmer gently until liquid has reduced and vegetables are tender. Continue cooking over a low heat until mixture is very thick, stir in tomato puree. Remove from heat and stir in chicken. Check seasonings. Leave mixture to one side.

Mix together quark, 3 tablespoons Parmesan cheese and milk. Leave aside.

Pour 4 fluid ozs of warm stock into a shallow dish and soak pasta sheets in it, then place ⅓ of chicken mixture into 9 x 9 inch baking dish, place some sheets of wet pasta in a single layer on top then ⅓ more chicken mixture then another layer of soaked pasta sheets and another of chicken mixture. Pour remaining stock down sides of dish then top with quark mixture and finally top with remaining parmesan cheese.

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Sympathy: Sympathy is extended to sons, daughters, sons in law, daughters in law and relatives of the late John Bernard O'Sullivan, Manor Park, Palmerstown. Barney as he was known to his friends was formerly Station Master at Maynooth. Husband of the late Theresa, his burial took place in Laraghbryan Cemetery.

Sympathy: Deepest sympathy is extended to the wife Rita, sons Anthony, Liam and David. Daughters Anne, Caroline and Marie, Mother, Brothers, Sisters, daughters in law, sons in law, grandchildren, relatives of the late William (Liam) Farrelly, The Mill, Kilcock, formerly Pound Street, Maynooth, whose sudden death was a shock to all who knew him. The large cortege at removal and funeral was a fitting tribute. Liam was a member of Maynooth G.A.A. also represented his county at junior level. A Guard of Honour by members of Maynooth G.A.A. was former through his native Maynooth also through his adopted town Kilcock and to St. Josephs cemetery.

Sympathy to the wife, family, and relatives of the late Liam Farrelly, Kilcock and formerly of Greenfield, Maynooth.

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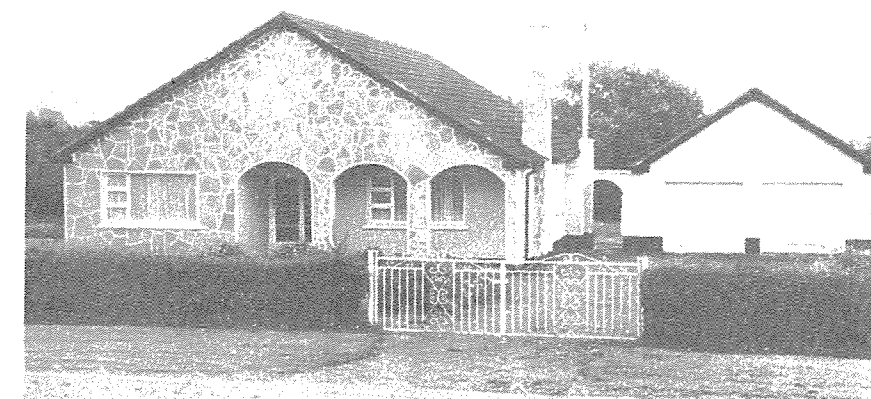
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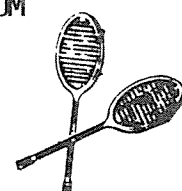
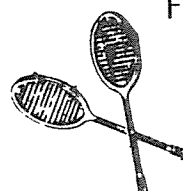
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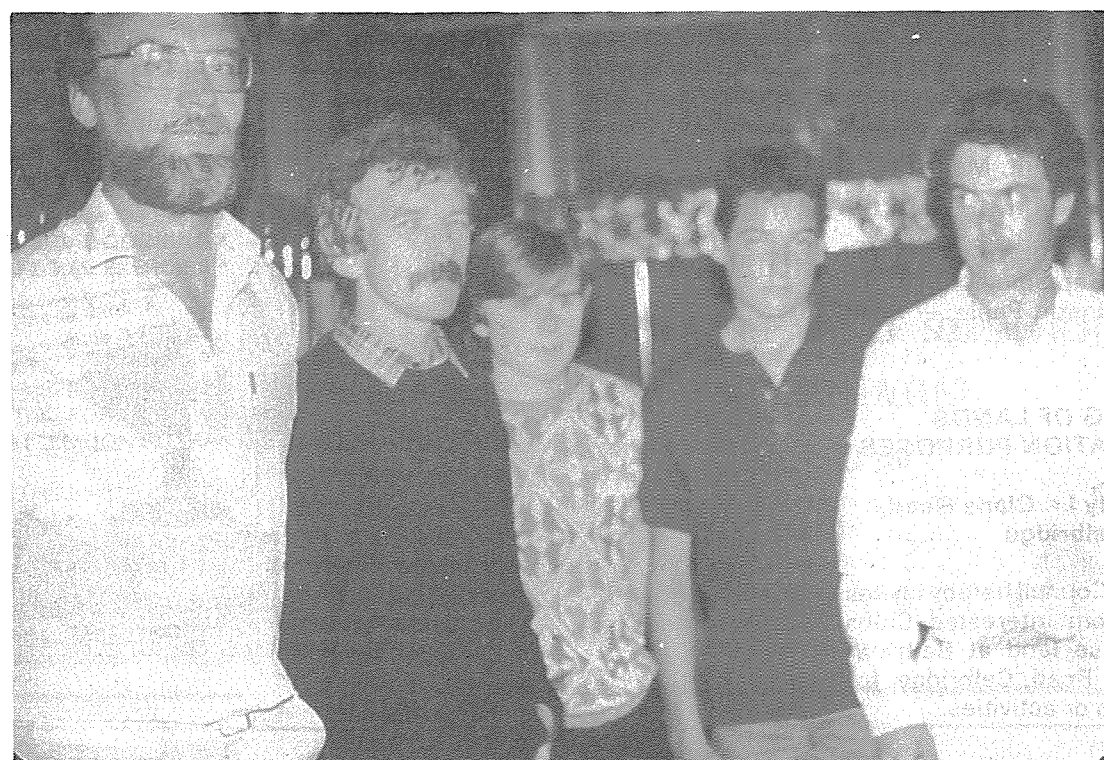
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