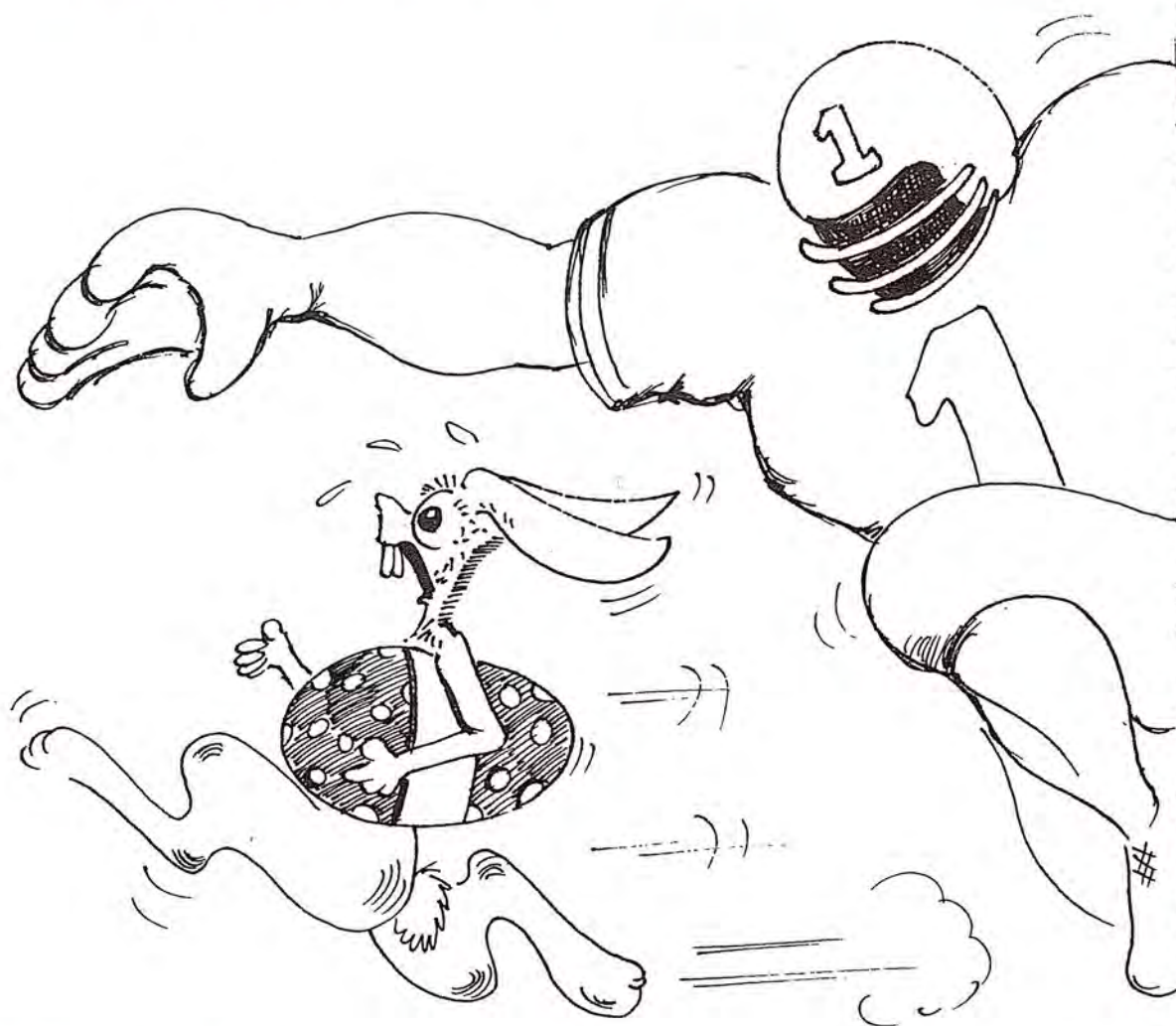


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EDITORIAL

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

So Maynooth failed to make the big time on R.T.E. again this year. Well, despite their absence, the Parade went ahead and was a great success. Half of Maynooth appeared to be involved in some way, whether walking or organising behind the scenes. The other half provided valuable support on the pavements. It was a great day for all, and provided a heartening demonstration of community spirit, which appears to be alive and well in Maynooth.

There aren't many towns in Ireland which can muster such a display so who needs R.T.E. anyway.

ATTACKS ON STUDENTS

Unfortunately, the spotlight focussed on Maynooth, for an unsavory reason, on the week of St. Patrick's Day. The Irish Independent carried a story, banner headlines, about attacks and harassment being experienced by students in the college. Maynooth Community Council commented on the problems, which included a stone throwing incident, as well as students being beaten up. Whoever is responsible for these incidents, whether local or outside Maynooth, must be stopped. If anyone has information on the identity of the thugs involved they should contact the Gardai.

CHEERS FOR C.I.E.

It has never been easier to get in or out of Maynooth, thanks to Bus Eireann. Who would have thought a few years ago that we would have double deckers whizzing over the canal bridge and depositing passengers in the middle of the Straffan Road. The sight of bus stops erupting on the Celbridge Road must be a sign of progress at last. Just a little note, why plant a bus stop in the grass margin? Passengers alighting at this stop must walk along the Celbridge Road, which has no paths up to the entrance in the fence into Laurence Avenue. Why not move the stop down a bit to where it would be safer?

Of course residents along the Newtown Road and the Moyglare direction will now be wondering when their day will come. The walk to Cluain Aoibhinn must be as long and as arduous as the walk to Kingsbry ever was, so maybe we will see a 66 bus or a 67D in operation in the next few years.

And more transport news on the line, the railway line that is. It has been announced that Irish Rail is to open a station at Confey in Leixlip

this year, which is good news for Leixlip, but will add at least two minutes to the journey time. There are further plans for stations at Coolmine and Granard Bridge. So that will be another three to four minutes extra. However, the good news is that the frequency of the service will increase.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

The council welcomed Mr. Colm Purcell, Mr. Charlie McCreevy and Mr. Bernard Durkan. There were apologies from Mr. Paddy Power and Mr. Alan Dukes.

The Halting Site on the Blacklion Road is to open within the next month and will accommodate six families and will be looked after by a caretaker. The community council will liaise with the settlement committee.

There was a lively discussion with the T.D.'s about the state of the roads around Maynooth. There will be improvements made on the Cluain Aoibhinn road and Bridge early next year.

OLD GREENFIELD

Seamus Flanagan brought it to our notice that a family on his estate are being harassed by cider drinking yobboes. Once again we ask the Supermarkets in the area to move the cider out of easy access to young people.

There will be an extraordinary General Meeting on Monday 28th March at 8 p.m.

Mary Simon, P.R.O.

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Residents' Associations News.

CLUAIN AOIBHINN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

With the weather getting warmer now, it is time to start tidying up the estate. It has been decided that Saturday 9th April will be "general clean up day". Skips will be provided and it is hoped that there will be a large turnout as there is a lot to be done.

Our "Black Patch" is now a green patch — full of weeds so it is proposed to dig this area and sow grass on it.

Your committee is pressing hard for the County Council to finish remedial work on the estate and will keep you informed of progress.

Finally for those planning Summer Holidays, the annual Sports Day has been fixed for Saturday 27th August next so keep this date free.

RAIL PARK RESIDENTS NOTES

The last few weeks have seen Rail Parkers emerging from hibernation at last. St. Patrick's weekend gave all the opportunity to attack the gardens, straighten trees and see the neighbours for the first time since Christmas.

The Committee met in March to plan the forthcoming A.G.M. This will be held on Thursday 14th April. We will be circulating all houses with full details. We call on all residents to attend as we have a lot to discuss.

The Committee are still trying to organise a meeting with the organiser of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. He's proving elusive, perhaps evidence of the demand for the service. There have been a few burglaries and break-ins over the winter, and we could do with a scheme like this.

A major problem of refuse dumping in the ditch to the rear of the houses was condemned at the meeting. A number of householders appear to be using the ditch as a private tip. Not only could the used nappies and other disgusting items be a source of disease, attracting rats and other vermin, but this dispicable practice of fouling our own backyard is causing problems for other residents. Because the rubbish blocks the ditch, water backs up, and floods gardens. We call on the people responsible to stop this practice.

Kay McKeogh. P.R.O.

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NOTES

The A.G.M. of the Association was held on March 10th at 8 p.m. in the I.C.A. hall with the dismal attendance of 15. The minutes of the last A.G.M. seemed a little out of date to say the least!

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

In a short address, Peter Holland expressed his disappointment at the small turn out, and that people did not appreciate the importance of the event. He also paid tribute to the hard work and dedication of his predecessor — Michael Quinn.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Richard Farrell outlined the many and varied activities of the committee during the year, we met each month, except August. In the environmental area a *Children Playing* sign was erected on Laurence Avenue and the fence was repaired — both were vandalised within a week of each other; a grass-cutting rota was established, a general clean-up was undertaken in the Shopping Centre and on the Estate generally for the Tidy Estates Competition and again in October.

In the effort to improve the T.V. reception, the Department of Communications was contacted repeatedly and there may be some news in that area in the near future.

There was an Oral Hearing arranged in the Kildare County Council offices with An Bord Pleanála in objection to the permission granted for the Fast Food Take-away. Although we lost the appeal, cordial and co-operative relations have been established with the owner.

A meeting was arranged with the residents of Straffan Way regarding the proposed upgrading of the Straffan Road, so that they might establish certain safeguards for the Road and residents.

The Football Tournament was a great success in the new venue at the Harbour Field.

Having waited and petitioned for years for the extension of the 66 bus route, we now have achieved that aim, mainly through the initiative of Michael Quinn. The 67A also runs via Celbridge to Dublin, finally making travel between the two towns possible.

We wrote to the local councillors and organised a petition objecting to the cutbacks in the lighting of the area, there was a 95% response from

residents to the petition carried out by the committee members.

The turn-out for the meeting arranged for the Shopping Centre Development was extremely disappointing, the lack of attention and interest was appalling. The Community Council is to be approached about the idea.

However, the Supper Dance was a great success, the venue was perfect in Slevins of Dunboyne, the music by the Partners excellent, the food wonderful, the spots plentiful and the attendance the best in years. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors — too numerous to mention!

Richard Farrell ended by saying that, due to pressures of work, he now wished to stand down as Secretary of the Association. His announcement was greeted with great disappointment by the members present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Thomas Purcell outlined the situation that the Association was quickly running short of funds, due particularly to the enormous cost of grass-cutting, insurance and maintenance of the mowers.

ELECTIONS

Peter Holland was re-elected unopposed as Chairman.

It emerged that it was impossible to find a Secretary to replace Richard Farrell, and the decision was taken to call a *Special General Meeting* within the next couple of weeks. In the meantime the present committee will have a meeting as usual.

Without the support of the residents, there is a distinct possibility that the Association will fall apart and be forced to disband. The Estate will be circulated at a future date as to the time, place and date of the Special Meeting.

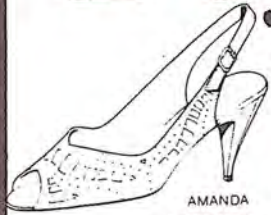
Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, P.R.O.

Purchase of Building at rear of Greenfield Shopping Centre for the purpose of a Community Centre

The Committee of Greenfield Residents Assoc. have discussed the possibility of developing the above area as a community centre. Some discussion with other Residents Associations and with P.B. Gunn, who has sale of the premises have taken place and the price being sought for approx. 3,000 sq. ft. of space is in the £30,000 bracket. This includes the vacant units each side of the passage

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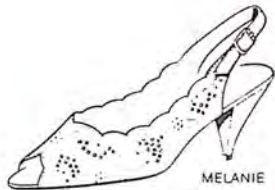
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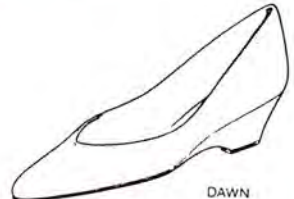
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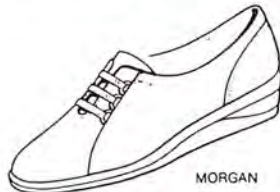


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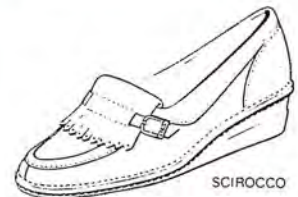
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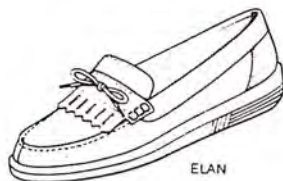
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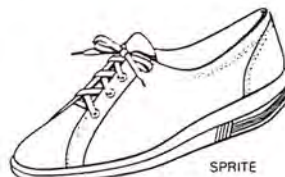
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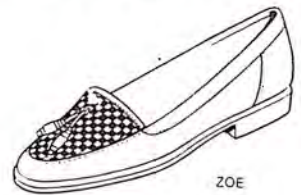
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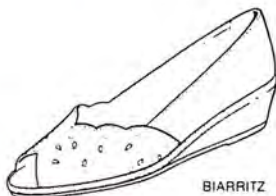
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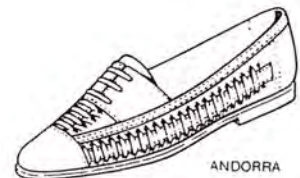
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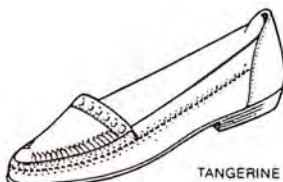
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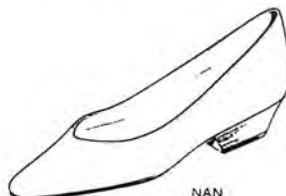
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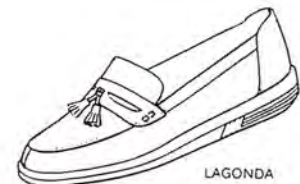
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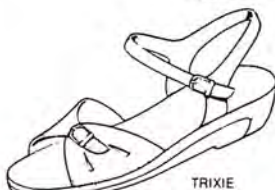
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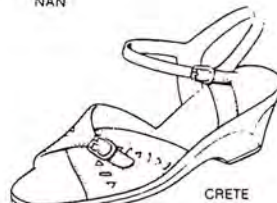
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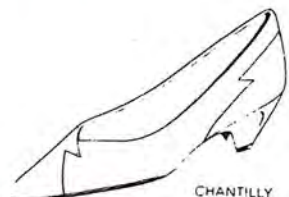
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and the bigger undeveloped area at the back. We would see this developing as an area containing rooms where various groups could meet such as residents associations, ladies groups, creches, play groups, sporting organisations, social groups and any other group who may wish to use the facility.

A large portion of this area would be geared to cater for the youth to meet and socialise in, because presently the youth appear to lack such a facility and are frequently seen meeting around corners etc. The bigger area would be equipped for the purpose of recreation on a convertible basis. These are general ideas and individuals may have much better suggestions. As this is much too big a venture for any one association we are now putting the suggestion to the people who live in the general area. Ownership would be on a co-operative shareholding basis incorporating all the rules and regulations of such bodies. An example of what is involved would be as follows:

There are about 600 houses in the general area and hoping for at worst a fifty per cent response the figures would work out at £100.00 per house which would entitle that household to be a shareholder and give the family life membership. If the number of people interested was greater than 300 then the figure would be smaller. As this property is freehold there would be no further funding needed.

The three local banks will look favourably at lending individuals £100 repayable over twelve months for the venture.

As this property may go on the public market shortly it may be necessary to get a commitment from people within the next month.

The Community Council has been approached to see if they would be interested in the premises.

Peter Holland
Chairman

Richard Farrell
Secretary

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE NOTES

Who is the Ombudsman?

The Ombudsman is Mr Michael Mills. His job is to investigate complaints from members of the public who feel that they have been unfairly treated by certain public bodies. (See "Bodies subject to investigation").

His office is impartial and completely independent of the Government.

What can the Ombudsman do?

The Ombudsman has extensive powers in law. He can demand any information, document or file from a body complained of and can require any official of that body to attend before him to give information about a complaint. He can look into all administrative actions including:

- decisions
- refusal or failure to take action
- administrative procedures

Who can complain and how?

Any individual, company, organisation or association can make a complaint.

Complaints may be made in writing, by telephone or by calling to the Ombudsman's Office. The Office is open between 9.15 and 5.30 each day including lunchtime, Monday to Friday and is located at:

52 St. Stephen's Green
Dublin 2.
Tel: (01) 785222

When should you complain?

Before you contact the Ombudsman you must first try to solve your problem with the public body concerned. If you fail to resolve your problem and you feel the body concerned has not treated you fairly, contact the Ombudsman.

When making a complaint try to give as much detail as possible including any copies of letters and reference numbers.

What will it cost?

Nothing. There is no charge for dealing with complaints.

How will the Ombudsman deal with your complaint?

The Ombudsman will have his staff examine the complaint to see if it is justified. In the majority of cases complaints are resolved satisfactorily in a very informal way, for example, by discussing the problem with the public body or by examining the relevant files.

In the more complex cases a detailed investigation may be required.

If the Ombudsman finds that your complaint is wholly or partially justified, he will report this to the department or public body concerned. He may recommend that it should review its action or change its decision.

Will the recommendation of the Ombudsman be accepted?

The Ombudsman has no power to force a body to accept or act upon his recommendation. If it does not, he may find it necessary to make a report on the matter to the Houses of the Oireachtas.

Bodies subject to investigation

- Government Departments and Offices
- Local Authorities
- Health Boards
- Bord Telecom Éireann
- An Post

Are there matters that the Ombudsman cannot investigate?

Yes. He cannot investigate:

- the actions of private companies or individuals
- actions taken in connection with clinical judgement by doctors
- actions of private practitioners, dentists, opticians, pharmacists etc.
- the "reserved functions of Local Authorities", for example, those functions exercised by elected representatives
- complaints relating to recruitment, pay and conditions of employment
- court decisions, the actions of the Gardai or actions taken in the running of the prisons
- matters which are already the subject of court proceedings or where the person has a specific

right in law to appeal to the courts

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Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer for the Centre should contact me at 286544.

Frances Daly. Organizer.



Letters

Students' Union
St. Patrick's College,
Maynooth,
Co. Kildare.

Dear Editor,

I wish to rectify the impression given by your "College Notes" in the edition that Rag Week was a total flop.

In fact £2,500 was raised for charity, which far exceeds any previous years takings.

As regards the lack of disruption, this was due to the number of events that were organised for the week which assimilated the energy usually devoted to destruction.

Yours faithfully,
Joe Kane,
President.

In reply to your letter we feel that you should read the article in the March issue yet again. No one suggested that it was a "TOTAL FLOP" just that it was the quietest Rag-Week the College has seen in a long time. There was also NO mention of DESTRUCTION in the article. But well done on raising the money. Maybe the Students Union should contribute more to our Newsletter.

Dan Logan Co Ltd

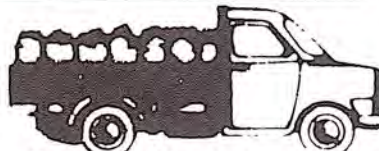
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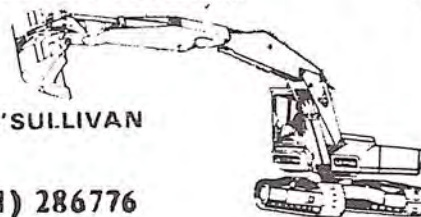
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ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The parade in Maynooth, organised by the Community Council, went off with great success, starting at 11.10 a.m. and ending just before the rain began! St. Patrick smiled on Maynooth on Thursday! The attendance and the number of entries was far in excess of last year. The admirable, suave and quirky commentary by Noel Dalton added enormously to the success of the event.

THANKS

The Council would like to thank all those who took part in the Parade: the Mayor Eoin Byrne, the Colour Party, St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band, the Organisation of National Ex-servicemen, the Fire Brigade and Ambulance, the Athletic Club, P and L Bakery, Brú Bosco, Archer Surveillance, O'Donoghue School of Dancing, Ryans Garage, the G.A.A., Elite Bakery, the Gun Club, Narraghamore Pipe Band, the Soccer Club, Ua Buachalla, Bartons, Royal Canal Amenity Group, Premier Dairies, Tidy Towns Committee, Aidan Flood, Tae Kwon Do Association, Sports Locker, the Cycling Group, Barretts, Maynooth Newsletter, Boy Scouts, Flower Pot, Lions Club, Manor Mills, Maynooth Credit Union, Maher School of Dancing, Ammac Electric, Donadea Wheelers, Billy McCrory, Maynooth Students Union, Brownies, Maynooth Accordion Band, Kingsbry Developments, Maynooth Swimming Club, The Leinster Arms, Aluminium and Building Services, Quinnsnorth and Weather All.

During his commentary, Noel Dalton thanked those who also sponsored the Parade, which cost £700 to

Sandra Kenny leads the Royal Canal Amenity Group with Declan O'Connor and Brian Horn in supporting roles.

organise. The Council would like to add their thanks to the following: Ulster Bank, Bank of Ireland, Allied Irish Bank, D. Foley. Solicitor, D. Maguire and Co. Solicitor, Jim Shoe Repair, Maynooth Glazing, J. Smith, P. Conroy Chemist, Shades, Mr. P. Brady, Maynooth College, Cameo Beauty Clinic, E.S.B. Leixlip, S. Power, Coonans Auctioneers, Moulin Rouge, Cassidy's Roost, the Country Shop and C.P.L.

Mrs. Bride O'Brien, Chairwoman of the Social and Recreational Committee, who are directly responsible for the organisation of the Parade, introduced Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, Chairwoman of the Council. She

thanked those who helped behind the scenes: The Social and Recreational Committee, Bridie O'Brien, the stewards, John McGinley and Mary McGinley, Leo and Rosie Bean for the decorations on the stand, Michael Hyland, Pat Travers for the stand, Willie Kiernan for the P.A., Una Kiernan for decorating the stand, The Flower Club, the College, Caulfields, the Convent for parking facilities, Quinnsnorth for the space, the Community Council office, especially Kathy Robson and Michael Begley — last but by no means least Noel Dalton. Above all the entrants and spectators who made the day the success that it was.

The Council would also like to thank



"Making an exhibition of ourselves"

those who decorated their windows for the occasion: The Elite, S. Power, S. Smith, Ua Buachallas, Kiernans, North Kildare, Bartons and the Hula-Bou. Special thanks to Jack McIlhenny for the refreshments which were provided for the guest in the Leinster Arms. Thanks also to Elizabeth Uí Bhriain for making the Community Council flag.

The reviewing stand consisted of: Michéal Ledwith President of the College, T.Ds Emmet Stagg and Bernard Durkan, councillors Colm Purcell and Gerry Brady, Sister Aquinas, Thomas Ashe, Pierce O'Connell, Fr. Supple, the Rev. Gavin Williamson, the Mayor, Mairéad Byrne of Celbridge Community Council, Tony McEvoy of Clane Community Council, Kevin O'Connor of Leixlip Combined Residents Association, Paddy Dunne of St. Mary's Band, Mrs. Brady President of the I.C.A., Joe Fitzpatrick of the O.N.E. and Joseph Murphy G.A.A. representative.

R.T.E.

The Chairwoman regretted that the RTE cameras had not seen fit to cover the Parade, despite prolonged negotiations and pressures being brought to bear. She then introduced one of the founders of the Council — Emmet Stagg. He spoke of his meeting four years ago with Fr. Supple and Ted Kelly, with a view to establishing a Council for Maynooth and commented that they had been proven right when they maintained that nothing but good would come of it. He congratulated the Council on the ongoing success and paid special tribute to the work of Bridie O'Brien. He said that he hoped that they would achieve recognition as a statutory body in the future.

The prizes were finally announced by the Chairwoman and presented by the Mayor. They were:

Best Commercial Float — Barretts;

Best Club — Brú Bosco;

Best Junior Band — Maynooth Accordeon Band;

Best marching Band — St. Mary's Band;

Best Band — Narraghmore Band.

To finish the morning the Junior Section of St. Mary's Band gave a short recital after the Parade, and all dispersed to wet the shamrock — before the rain wet them.

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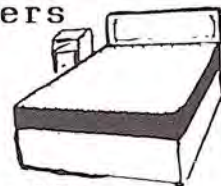
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PARTY POLITICAL NOTES

FINE GAEL NOTES

1. Unemployment Situation

Deputy Bernard Durkan received the following reply from the Minister for Industry & Commerce regarding the above — taking into consideration the number of young people coming onto the job market over the next number of years in North Kildare and the governments proposals to alleviate the problem in the area. This which has now been aggravated by the closure of the I.M.P. plant in Leixlip.

"The proposals to alleviate the unemployment generally are contained in the Programme for National Recovery. In summary, the government are committed to stabilising the national debt, bringing down inflation, reducing industrial costs and encouraging a dramatic growth in investment and export. The promotion of industry is for the day to day administration of the I.D.A. and I am assured by the authority that it is actively promoting this area for suitable manufacturing projects and are continuing to explore the potential for small industry within this region. The I.D.A. is continuing to promote it's site at Collinstown, Leixlip.

2. Completion of Laraghbryan/ Maynooth Road

The following reply was received by Deputy Bernard Durkan regarding the N4 at Laraghbryan/Maynooth with regard to funding to Kildare County Council for the improvements/realignments and completion of this work during the current year.

"Improvements to the national primary road at Laraghbryan are been carried out in two phases. Phase 1 has been completed at a cost of £804,000. A revised design for Phase 2 has been approved costing an estimated £500,000. The provision for the road grants for 1988 have been fully allocated. The question of a grant for 1989 will be reconsidered when the grant allocations are being determined.

3. Maynooth Fire Station

Following further representation by Deputy Bernard Durkan with regard to the improvements and extension to the above the following reply has been received from the Minister for the Environment.

"I gave approval to Kildare County

Council to proceed to the invitation of tenders for the improvement works at Maynooth Fire Station and I understand that tenders will be invited shortly. The provision for funding will not arise until the competitive tendering process has been satisfactorily completed.

4. We wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you who supported our recent National Collection.

5. Deputy Bernard Durkan is available each Saturday at the Geraldine Hall at 2.30 p.m. approx. to meet with constituents.



LABOUR PARTY NOTES

OPPOSITION TO LOCAL CHARGES

At a recent meeting the Maynooth Branch reaffirmed its total opposition to Local Charges and all members were very critical of the increased level of charges imposed by the Council. Addressing the meeting, both Emmet Stagg T.D. and Cllr. Colm Purcell outlined the cynical way in which Fianna Fail had handled the issue at Council level. It was pointed out that despite Fianna Fail promises to abolish local charges both before the 1985 Local Elections and again before last year's General Election, the level of charges had, in fact, increased by 250% since Fianna Fail gained control of the Council three years ago. Both councillors stated that they were confident that voters would remember Fianna Fail's treachery and would not be conned on this issue again. For its part, the Labour Party had consistently voted against the charges at Council level and would continue to campaign against them at local level.

The Branch expressed its wholehearted support for the work of North Kildare Residents Against Local Charges and congratulated N.K.R.A.L.C. on organising a very successful fund raising Social in the Hitchin Post.

PETITION AGAINST LIGHTS OUT

The Branch are currently engaged in organising a petition in opposition to the Co. Council's action in turning off one third of all public lights in the town. The Council are paying the ESB £4 to turn off each light and there will be a further charge when the lights are turned back on. It is anticipated that the overall saving resulting from this ridiculous policy will be negligible compared to the danger and inconvenience caused. So far there has been a very positive response to the petition.

HALTING SITE AT BLACKLION

Councillor Colm Purcell recently visited halting sites in Carlow and Kilkenny to ascertain how these County Councils managed their own halting sites.

He reported that he was most impressed with the site in Portlaoise. The site had its own pre-school and was generally managed at a very high standard. The site was clean and tidy and both the local community and the travellers themselves were very satisfied.

The site at Blacklion will become home for four families initially with maximum accommodation for six families. The families are very carefully selected by the Councils full-time social worker and the site will be run by a permanent caretaker/manager. The success of all sites depends greatly on the Local Settlement Committee which provides the vital link between the Council/social worker, the travellers and the settled community. The Branch welcome and support this positive development and would encourage interested individuals to become involved in the Local Settlement Committee. Anyone interested should contact Emer Kane, the Co. Council social worker.

YOUTH AFFAIRS

Three delegates from the Maynooth Labour Youth branch will attend the Annual Conference of Labour Youth in Dublin on 25-26th of March.

The Youth Branch, which has recently recruited a large number of new members, is planning to hold a Youth Table Quiz on Saturday, April 23rd (venue to be announced). The Quiz, based on general knowledge and topics of interest to young people, is open to all those aged 15 to 25 and teams will consist of four per table.

Anyone interested in joining the local branch of Labour Youth should contact Caolan Clifford, 28 Lawrences Ave.



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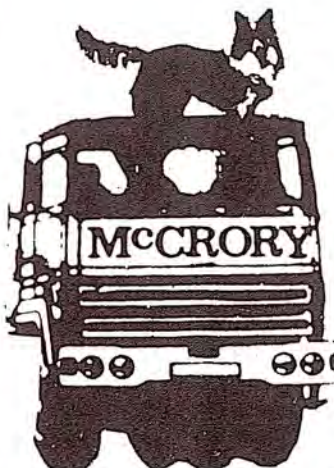
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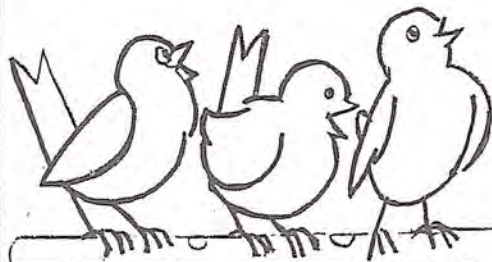


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RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Emmet Stagg T.D. has recently been appointed National Recruitment Officer for the Labour Party and the Party is currently engaged in a nation-wide drive to recruit new members. Anyone interested in joining the Maynooth branch should contact David Moynan, 2 Convent Road. Phone 272149 (home), 789737 (work).

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THE WORKERS' PARTY Kildare Constituency Council

Library Waivers Chopped 21/2/88

Workers Party Chairperson for Kildare Catherine Murphy in a statement expressed concern about the charges

Library users are now being subjected to. A decision was made by Kildare County Council to abolish Waivers for children, old age pensioners and the unemployed. The move marks a dangerous new departure of denying consideration to people who up to now have been deemed unable to afford local service charges, such as for water supply and refuse collection. The library system was originally set up to provide access to information, knowledge and culture to people who would normally not be in a position to buy such reading material themselves. These are the very people whom this decision adversely affects. Last year's library charge in Kildare was £15, which resulted in considerable loss of membership. Under the new scheme, all adults will be liable for a £2 charge, and children will be asked to pay £1.

The new blanket charge may appear low, but once the principle of abolishing waivers is accepted, hefty increases for everyone may follow.

The next step could be to abolish waivers for water tax, refuse collection and other services. Considerably more people are being refused waivers for these very services and the lack of printed guidelines by Kildare County Council on the matter make it impossible to determine entitlements.

For Confirmation Contact:
Catherine Murphy 244903

Pot-Hole Epidemic in Kildare 21/2/88

At a recent Constituency Council meeting of the Workers' Party, Chairperson Catherine Murphy stated that Kildare County Council appeared to have accepted a policy of neglect on what is now a crumbling road system in the county. In recent months we had heard of elaborate plans to extend the road system nationally with new roads i.e. Rosslare to Belfast. At the same time the absence of finance to the Local Government sector has forced councils including Kildare County Council to allow the county roads and some main roads to deteriorate, in some cases to breaking point.

An epidemic of pot-holes is how she describes the situation and the Constituency Council believes that motorists and cyclists are finding it more and more difficult to use the roads. They do so at the risk of life and limb, not to mention the obvious damage to vehicles. The ridiculous situation exists that repair workers are passing pot-holes to repair even larger ones. The problem is further affected by the reduction in street lighting. This would appear to be a long term measure, evidence being the £4 per light cut off charge by the ESB. A reconnection charge also applies, so it is doubtful that these lights will be restored in the medium term.

We live in what she described as a profit-centred economy. We have already seen the running down of the Health and Education systems; we are now witnessing the running down of local government through starvation of finance. People must at all times come before profit, just as life must come before cut-backs. The policy of neglect, the party believes, is a false economy. The roads will have to be repaired sometime.

Confirmation Catherine Murphy
244903

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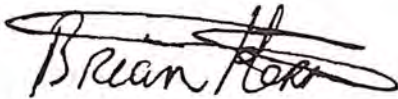
On April 16th and 17th next, we are holding a **SPRING FAIR** in Maynooth.

A Cheese & Wine exhibition and other recreational activities are planned to coincide with the fair.

The proceeds from the Fair will be equally shared between the Boy's National School (where the Fair will be held) and the Royal Canal Amenity Group, Maynooth Branch. Set out below are the costs per sq. ft. for exhibition space and we invite you to fill in the Booking Form and return it to us with the deposit of £20 before April 7th, 1988 if you are interested in having a stand.

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

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BRU BOSCO NOTES

Well this year being the Centenary, Don Bosco decided to look after his own. We are delighted to win the "Youth and Community groups" trophy in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Sincere thanks to all those involved in the organisation, it was great to see so many different groups participating. It was a pity everyone couldn't win but I'm sure that over the coming years they will all get lucky just as we were this year.

TAKING PART 1888.

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Salesian: Brian Murphy, Geraldine Caulfield, Anne Marie Lysaght, Maria Carr, Stephanie Thomson, Caroline Thompson, Sandra Thompson, Nichola O'Brien, Monica Healy, Anne Marie McEvoy.

Leaders: Brian O'Malley, Fiona O'Connor, Joe McGuigan, John Gates, Eilis O'Malley, Joe Mercer.

THEME OF FLOAT:

Don Bosco Centenary — a hundred years service to youth.

Bru Bosco Youth Club remembering — some members were dressed in clothes suitable for 1888 and holding placards depicting the type of activity which would have taken place around that time. Other members were dressed as they might be for today's youth club and again holding placards depicting some of today's youth club activities. Again we are deeply indebted to Pat Travers for the use of

his trailer and for driving the jeep for us as well. Every year is marvellous to know that all we have to do is make the phone call and Pat is there ready and willing to help.

At the moment we are really busy preparing teams for the C.Y.C. Table Quiz and there is great enthusiasm for all involved. Cooking has taken off not with a bang but with Pizzas and Scones which are always eaten to the last crumb. Charades is a favourite on Fridays also and last week Dan and Joe and Brian Marge put together a marvellous night of team games.

We need leaders so if you have an interest in your people and could spare even one night a fortnight why not drop down and see what goes on.

Happy Easter to all. See you next month.

THANKS

Mary Malone, Hairdresser, Mill St., Maynooth would like to express her sincere thanks to all her customers for their Mass Bouquets and cards, with their good wishes, during her recent operation. A special word of thanks to the Maynooth Ambulance crew who took her to Hospital in Dublin and who were so kind to her and everyone who were so kind to call and offer their good wishes.

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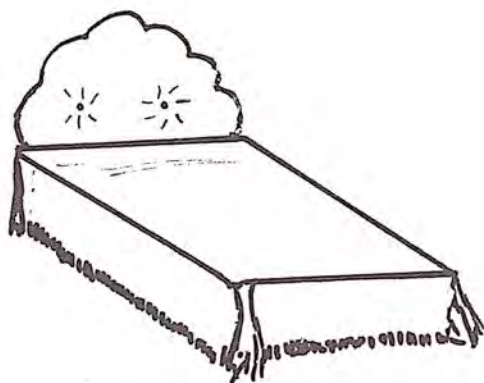
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The Spring Trade Fair opens on the **16th and 17th April** next in the Boys National School. People who have read the last issue of the Newsletter will be by now well aware that this years Trade Fair also incorporates a cheese & wine exhibition in conjunction with a **wine & beer competition**.

However several more major attractions have been lined up since the last issue. We can now confirm that **R.T.E. Radio 2** will be broadcasting live from the Trade Fair venue on the opening day. Also the **Army No. 1 Band** will be giving a recital. There will be several other live performances. For the ladies and the fashion conscious there will be a fashion show on the 2nd day of the fair.

Trade wise booking is very high so people visiting the Trade Fair can look forward to a wide variety of trade stands and plenty of bargains.

The children will no doubt find the **Space Technology stand** most interesting. This stand will be under the direction of Susan McKenna Lawlor, who will open the fair with Muireann Ní Brochláin, Chairperson of Maynooth Community Council.

Intending visitors should note that refreshments will be available at the Trade Fair.

The proceeds from the fair will again be shared equally between the Boys National School and the Royal Canal Amenity Group, so you will be supporting the environmental and educational aspects of the community.

NATIONAL RALLY

Nine Salesian co-operators from Maynooth will be among 200 attending the national rally in Salesian College, Ballinakill, on 26 March. Fr. Harrington, Provincial, will take part in the celebration which will include a celebration lunch and an academy. This year's celebration takes the place of the annual general meeting and honours the centenary of the death of St. Don Bosco.

ATTENDED MEETING

Rev. Tom Corbett, professor of Dogma, Maynooth University, one of the ecclesiastical advisors to the Commission for the Laity, and Mrs. Eilis O'Malley, who represents the Salesian Co-operators on the Commission, attended the quarterly

meeting of the Commission for the Laity at Brock House, Donnybrook, on Saturday. The meeting discussed the forthcoming pastoral on Justice, Fr. John Sweeney, S.J., author of a new book titled *Unemployment - crisis or opportunity*, spoke on unemployment.

CHORAL CONCERT

A choral concert, held in Maynooth University Chapel on Sunday night and performed by the University Choral Society and the Maynooth University Sinfonietta, was attended by over 800 people. An annual event, this year's concert was of Mozart's *Requiem and Vespers* and involved Frances Lucey, soprano; Deirdre Cooling-Nolan, contralto; Emmanuel Lawler, tenor and Andrew Murphy,

bass. Professor Gerard Gillen was the conductor and the sinfonietta was led by Audrey Park. Aer Lingus sponsored the appearance of Frances Lucey and Andrew Murphy, both of whom flew from Munich, where they are studying music, for the concert. Emmanuel Lawler is a final year student at the university who hopes to concentrate on a professional singing career. Deirdre Cooling-Nolan is one of the country's busiest oratorio and operatic singers and Sunday's performance was her first with the University Choral Society. The concert was attended by Right Rev. Monsignor Miheál Ledwith, President of St. Patrick's College and patron of the Music Society and by the Spanish Ambassador to Ireland and his wife, among other distinguished guests.

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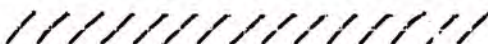
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See You There!

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

The club had a most successful meeting on 15th March. Instead of our usual demonstration, we had a most informative Garden talk and slides, which covered a very large range and included both Fruit and Vegetables.

The speaker was Colm A. Dockrell B. Agr. S.C. M.I. Hort.

Our next most important event is our Annual Spring Show, which will be held in the Divine Word Hostel, by kind permission, on 12th April.

This show has been most successful every year, there are classes to suit everyone. Flower arranging from beginners upwards, also cut flowers and shrubs.

All classes are open to everyone. Entries, and enquiries from Mrs. B. Brady, Kilcock Rd., Maynooth. Phone: 286308. Entries and staging from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on morning of show.

Show open to public 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Everybody welcome.

Betty Farrell, P.R.O.

GLÓR NA nGAEL

Tá go leor daoine ag rá gur mhaith leo cabhrú lena bpáistí Gaeilge a fhoghlaim ach gur dóigh leo go bhfuil andifríocht idir an Ghaeilge a d'fhoghlaim siad agus an Ghaeilge atá á múineadh anois. Tá athrú ar litriú na bhfocal ach an té a thosóidh ar Ghaeilge a labhairt arís, feicfidh sé nach bhfuil sé deacair cabhrú lena leanaí. Má tá tusa ar na daoine seo, bain triail as na habairtí simplí thíos mar thosnú. Is mór an chabhair an beagán féin!

Many parents would like to help their children with Irish but feel that it has changed since their day. Words may appear different because spelling has been simplified, but anyone who tries out the spoken language should find that it is simply a matter of getting a little practice. If you are one of those who would like to revive your own command of the language while helping and encouraging your child, try these simple sentences to begin with. Go raibh maith agat: Thank you. Fáilte romhat: You are welcome. Maith an cailín/buachaill!: good girl/boy!

Le do thoil

Más é do thoil é: Please.

Once you make a start it is easy to progress from the "cúpla focal" and it becomes more natural. When you want a child to get something you say Faigh . . . dom

e.g.

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Faigh an peann dom
Faigh an bainne dom
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Faigh an gual dom.

Naturally, the phrases above will combine with these requests. You will find that you can remember the Irish words for things — once you relearn some structures and make sentences, you are on the way to fluency! Even one such sentence a month is worth practising so we shall suggest one every month from now on.

Bí ag caint!

MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLES COMMITTEE

A party was held in the S.M.A. on Sunday 13th March when we had visitors from Lucan. A good time was had by all. Our "Drop In" mornings — on Tuesday and Thursday in the I.C.A. Hall are very popular and any new senior citizens in the community are welcome to come along.

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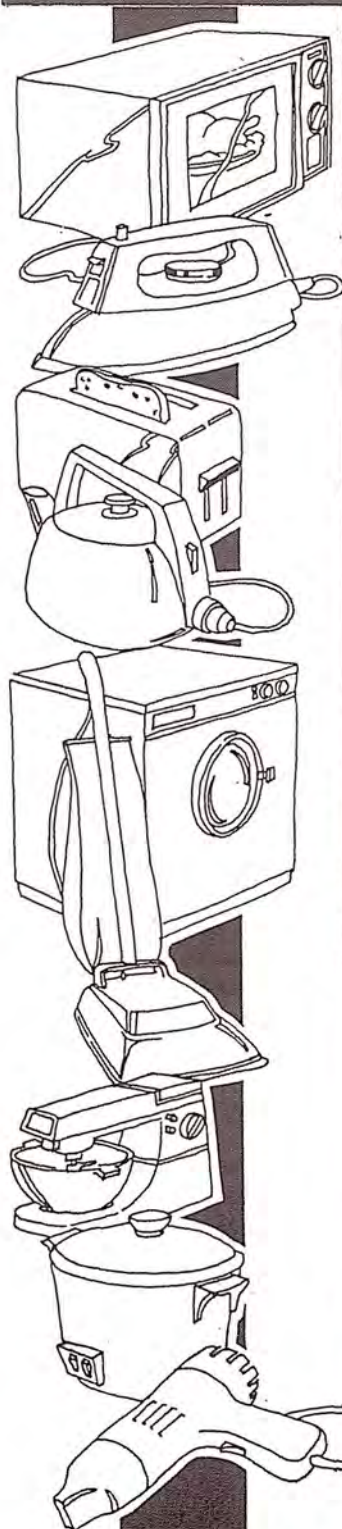


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Our collection is over and we are pleased that we were so well received in almost every house we visited. Indeed we had a problem getting out of some of them! We collected £503.24 and we hope, through the Newsletter, to account for every penny of it. Already our minds are buzzing with ideas too extravagant to have been entertained up to now but, as our entry in the St. Patrick's Day Parade may have suggested we believe in Maynooth and we are prepared to do some work to prove it. Now we know we are not on our own.

Mentioning the Parade — the Committee publicly wish to thank Matt and Liz Callaghan for the artistic, imaginatively turned out Tidy Towns float. We were proud of it and if there were any prizes for the most improved entry, we know who would be sporting the rosette! And that's not a biased point of view. Truth and beauty were always near comrades!

Again a special thanks to all who helped to make our collection such a success and to all who helped in any way whatever.

Gabriel Martin.

P.R.O. Tidy Towns Committee.

PRESS RELEASE

Locals clinch Rally Championship

Maynooth residents Ted Gaffney and Navigator, Don Foley, have won the 1987/88 Hella/ECCO East Coast Rally Championship. Driving the INTA Repairs VW Golf GTI the crew clinched the title after just six rounds of the eight round series. Consistent and determined performances saw the team amass sufficient points to leave them in an uncatchable position despite there being two rounds still to run.

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To live my life wholesome and
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I only wish to be left alone
My troubles to be of my cure
I figure out a way of my own
With problems of life for to endure

I live in my hopes and desires
Seek a way to cope life's ordeal
Until the time my life expires
In prayer and love I kneel.

To live life the way I want
Although it does not always go my
way
Similar to a clear water font
In purity of life I stay.

I look after my dream
That I will conquer in time
Each beauty I visualise between
Complete freedom will finally be
mine.

"THE LONESOME HILLS"

Déaglán Ó Connachtáin

There is a place in a far off land,
Where once I walked along a strand,
A place where once a man did stand,
His footprints embedded upon the
sand.

This place they call the Emerald Isle,
Where one could walk for a mile,
Out in the fields, resting for awhile,
Upon one's face a contented smile.

Ah, how pure the soil on which I
thread,
Out in the open and God's rare sky,
And out in the fields there grows the
Rye,
A land where people are unafraid
to die.

And all around, the majestic hills,
The jewels of the poet's quills,
A view whose scene astounds and
thrills,
This quiet place, these lonesome hills.

Play it again, Sam!

Patrick Murray. "Let's build three harbours", Peter
raved,
"Their roofs will shine and glisten".
"No buildings", God the Father
warned,
"This is my Son, just listen"!

G.M.

POETRY COMPETITION

It's time for inspiration again. We
welcome all poets, young and old, to
enter our competition. Poems, of all
shapes and sizes will be accepted.
There will be three categories as
usual — under 12's, 12-18 and
adults. The closing date will be May
15th and cash prizes will be awarded.

ROYAL CANAL NOTES

Our Fashion Show on the 10th March in the Leinster Arms, was a great success. We would like to thank the following shops for their participation; Billies, F.M.K., Shades, Silhouette, Sports Locker and Hidden Treasures. Also thanks to all of the shops for their Raffle prizes and to the Leinster Arms who also supplied a Raffle Prize. Our appreciation also goes to all the models of the night, without whom the night would not have been as successful as it was. Our Canal Queen, Sandra Kenny, is proving very loyal to our Royal Canal Group. She is always available for all our Functions, always looking her usual attractive self. She was with us at the Fashion Show and also at St. Patrick's Day Parade. We hope also to have her at the Trade Fair on 16th and 17th April.

Our thanks to all who helped organise our St. Patrick's Day Float. Once again thanks to Pat King for his boat and to Peter Finan for the use of his car to tow the boat.

We look forward to everyone's support for our Trade Fair on 16th and 17th April in the Boy's National School. This Fair proved very successful last year and is an event in the town not to be missed. During both days there will be live entertainment, a wine competition and a Cheese & Wine exhibition in addition to all the Trade stands. Our car park will be manned and supervised by the Royal Canal Amenity Project workers, who have volunteered to do the job for the weekend. It is a great help to the Trade Fair Committee to get this



Antoinette Noonan and Breda Donovan modelling fashions from Shades Boutique at the R.C.A.G. fashion show.

commitment from the workers and is much appreciated. Don't forget 16th and 17th April in the Boy's National School.

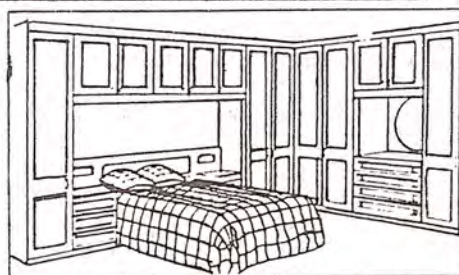
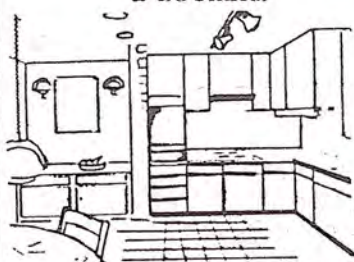
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STREET TALKING

Oh dear! Last month, commenting on the restricted range of Takeaway food available in Maynooth, we mentioned the delight of Fusco's pizzas which was to be had in Celbridge. Alas, the said establishment had ceased providing pizzas only a week or two beforehand — as the many who beat a path to Celbridge as a result of this column found out to their chargin. But the closure, regrettable as it is, only reinforces the point we were making, as one of the few different take aways in the locality closes down. Meanwhile, this column apologises for the mistake and is currently eating humble pie.

The main event on the street last month was the Parade of course, which is reported elsewhere in the Newsletter. We were pleased to see the level of participation, and looked for a special effort. Two commercial floats which particularly caught our eye were Ua Buachalla's, who always turn out a eye catching display, and the "Flower Pot" who enlisted a group of children dressed in national costumes from around the world. A few concerned just put in a relatively

unadorned vehicle or lorry — no names, but how about a greater effort next time!

With the current level of break-ins and burglaries on and around the street, the following incident is worth noting. About 11 o'clock one night last month a house alarm was heard ringing. Rather than ignore it, a neighbour rang for the Guards, and within four or five minutes of the call two uniformed gardai were on the scene. Luckily, it turned out to be a false alarm, but it was good to know that there can be such a quick level of response.

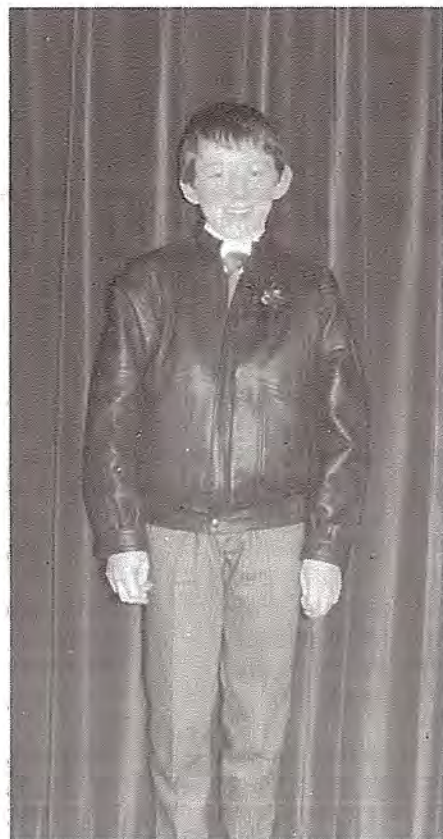
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Mark Ferris,
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Patrick Lee,
Pagestown,
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Ages 8-12 yrs.

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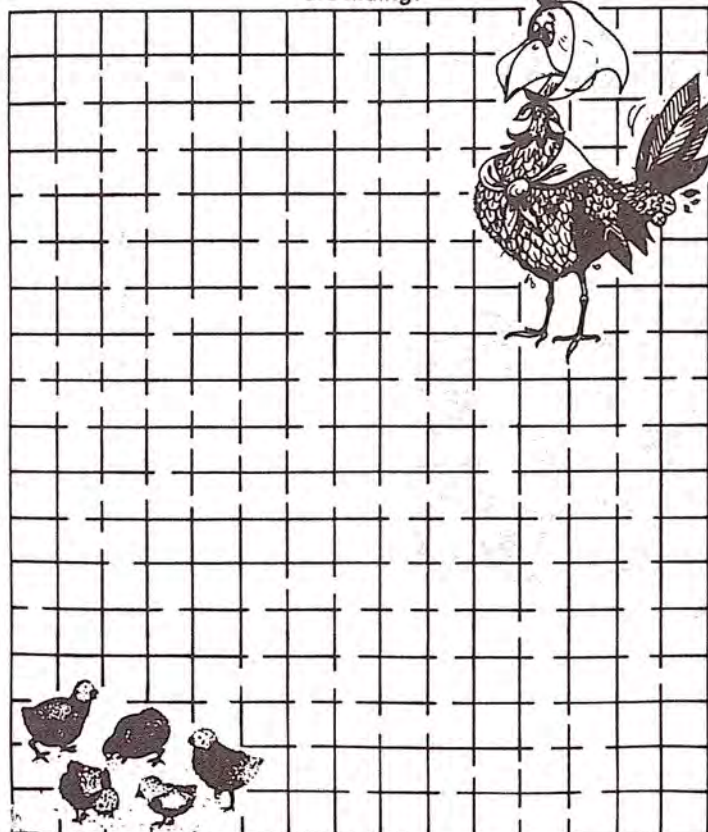
2nd prize:
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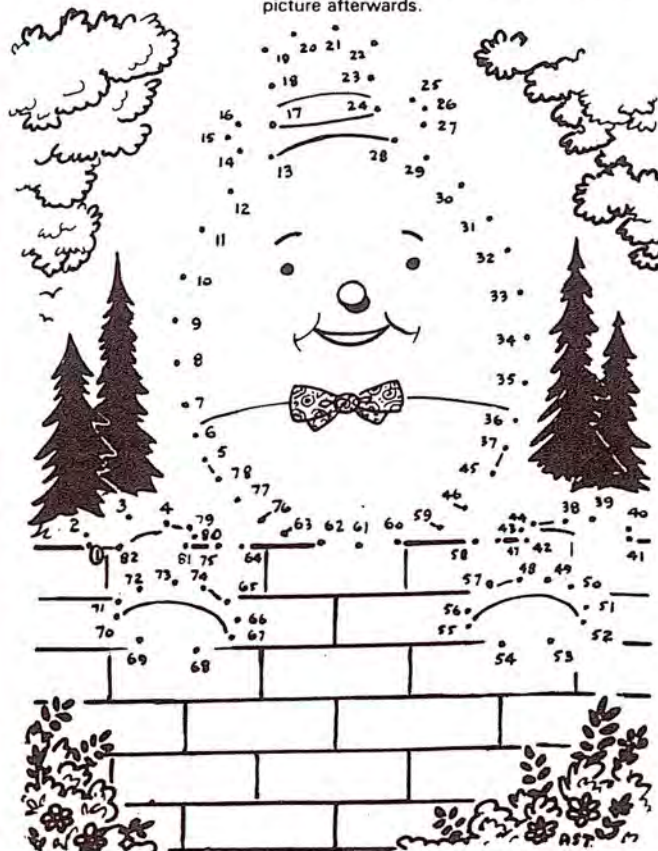
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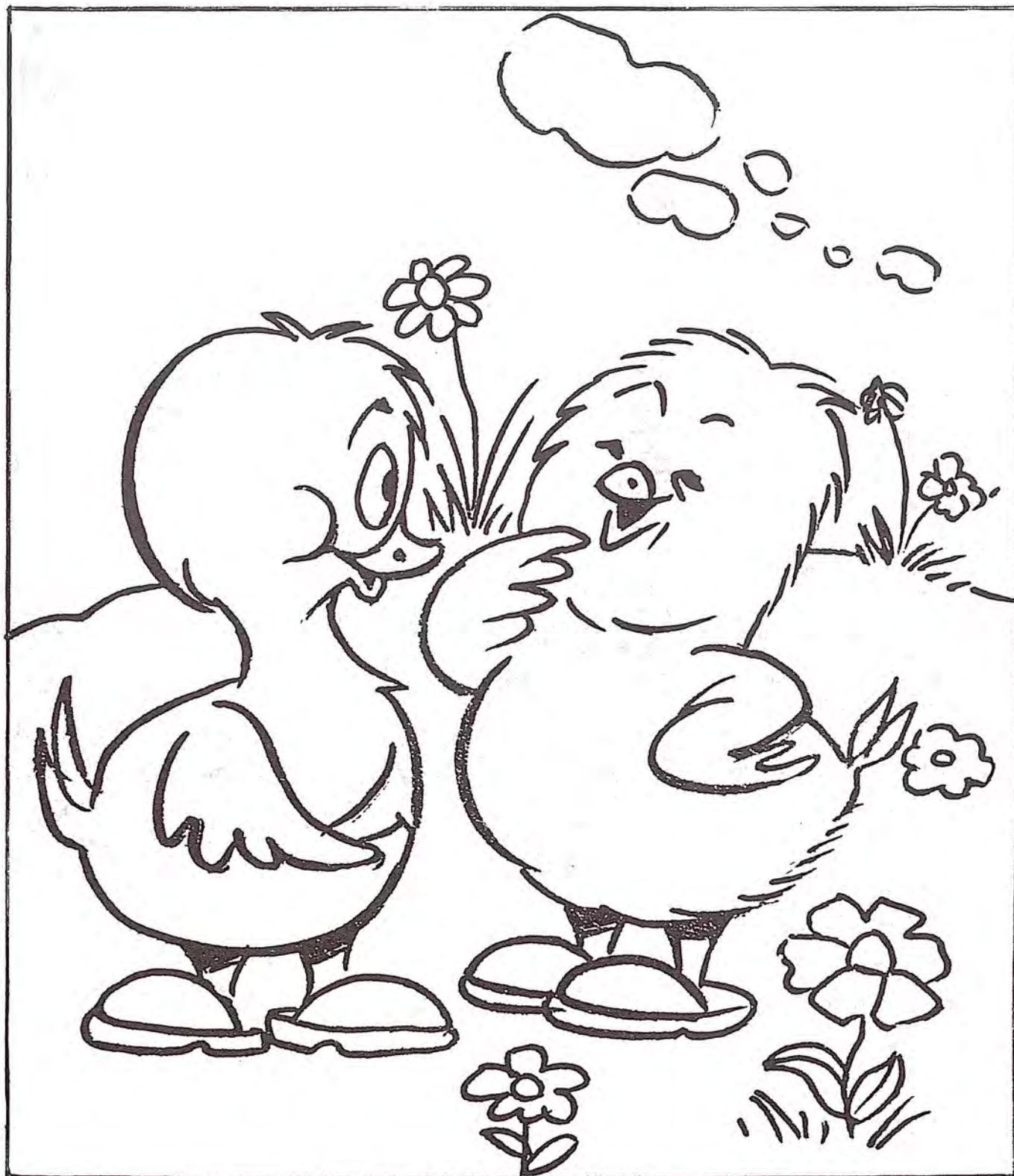
Can you show Henrietta hen where her chicks
are hiding?



JOIN THE DOTS

Join the dots 1 to 82 to see a nursery rhyme character. Colour the
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Extra copies of the children's colouring competition page are available in the Community Council Office.

There are now two categories for the Children's Colouring Competition. Ages 4 — 7 and 8 — 12.

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COLLEGE NEWS

The Spanish Ambassador visited the old Russell Library on the 11th March. He came specifically to look at the Salamanca Archives which are documents that were retrieved from Salamanca, an Irish College in Spain. This College closed in the late 1940's. The archives are currently being restored in the Russell Library. Eventually it is hoped that all the archives will be bound and catalogued. When Juan Carlos, King of Spain, visited Maynooth College in 1986 he was extremely interested in these documents and hopes some day to return for a private visit to Maynooth to take a closer look at them.

The Spanish Ambassador returned to the College on the 13th, he was just one of the 800 approx. guests of the Requiem and Vespers, a choral concert, by Mozart. This involved Frances Lucey, soprano, Deirdre Cooling-Nolan, contralto, Emmanuel Lawler, tenor and Andrew Murphy, bass. Professor Gerard Gillen was the conductor and the sinfonietta was led by Audrey Park.

MAYNOOTH POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL

The 11th Annual Debs Dance went off as usual with all the splendour, pomp, finesse and glamour that one expects from such an occasion when Maynooth Post-Primary school organises its annual Debs. This years class of 1988 was no exception. Over 100 students boys and girls who are preparing to sit the Leaving Certificate this year took a night off their studies for what was a most enjoyable night in the company of friends, parents and teachers. In all, nearly 360 people attended the Ball in the Keadeen. The guest of honour, retiring Chief Executive Officer, Mr. G. Commins paid tribute to the high standards and quality of results achieved by the school since its foundation in 1971.

Congratulations to Ann McAtamney and Elaine Murphy two recent past pupils who have been called for Nursing. Ann has got a place in the Regional in Cork and is happily en-

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sconced in her training. Elaine is due to take up her position in the Mater in the Autumn and will until then continue with her Dental Nursing course in Trinity College. We wish both well in their Careers.

Well done also to Fergus Ashe who represented his school and Country along with thirty four other students from the Republic. A hundred students from Ireland North and South, England, Scotland and Wales spent a week-end in Cardiff discussing matters of mutual interest. The Conference took place under the auspices of the Anglo-Irish Conference and had Dr. T.K. Whittaker in attendance as one of the Directors of the week-end Seminar. This was a pilot project and it is hoped to have further such meetings in the future. All agreed that the exercise was very well worthwhile and can only help to breakdown barriers, prejudices etc. which are only too common in these Islands.

The "Awareness Week" held in the school from 8th to 11th of March

was a most successful undertaking organised by the Chaplain, Fr Thynne and Ms O'Leary. During this week, 1st Year Leaving Certificate students were given Talks, Videos on a wide variety of topics such as the Homeless, Abuse of Alcohol, Ally, The Travellers, plus a visit to St Raphael's and the Rehab Institute in Kildare. The week culminated in a 24 hr. sponsored fast on the last day Friday 11th the proceeds of which go to worthy Charities. All in all a very worthwhile undertaking and — very well done to all concerned. Prior to Awareness Week a bus load of 1st Year Leaving Certificate students were brought to see "Cry Freedom". An excellent film which gave all a great deal to think about on the problem of Apartheid in South Africa.

Congratulations to Lisa McCloskey on reaching the All Ireland Cross Country, Inter schools Final. We wish Lisa all the best on the day and hope she ends up on the Rostrum.

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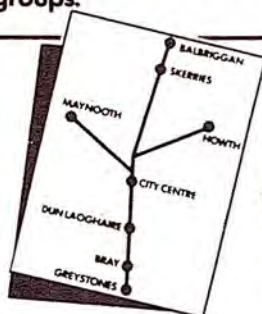
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I.C.A. NOTES

The monthly meeting took place in the I.C.A. Hall on Thursday 3rd March. Mrs. Bridie Brady presided and welcomed everyone. Mrs. Brady extended sympathy to Mrs. Bridie Moore on the death of her brother.

This month's competition "B.I.M. Fish Cookery Dish", was won by Mrs. Betty Farrell.

The "Friend Kitchen Comedy" is taking place in Prosperous on Wednesday 23rd March. Best wishes to the ladies who are competing in this competition, and the best of good luck on the night. The demonstration for March was Dexter Crafts Supplies. Karen Dexter the Managing Director displayed her wide range of crafts. A good interest was shown by most of the members in this demonstration. Crafts continue every Monday night 8-10 p.m. Set Dancing every Wednesday night at 8.15 p.m. in the I.C.A. Hall. Badminton continues every Tuesday and Thursday mornings 11 a.m. — 12.30 in the Parish Hall. We will be delighted to welcome new members to all the above activities.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th April in the I.C.A. Hall.

It is with great sorrow that I have heard of the death of Mrs. Kitty McCarthy. Mrs. McCarthy was our Federation President. She died on St. Patrick's Day after a brief illness. Mrs. Bridie Brady and fellow members of the Maynooth I.C.A. Guild wish to convey our deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. McCarthy. May her soul rest in peace.

Kay Burns, P.R.O.

NORTH KILDARE RESIDENTS AGAINST LOCAL CHARGES

(Celbridge/Kilcock/Leixlip/Maynooth)

PRESS STATEMENT FOR FAVOUR OF PUBLICATION 20/8/88

The establishment of a fighting fund was the main reason behind the function organised by North Kildare Residents Against Local Charges. Feelings run high in the towns of Leixlip, Celbridge, Maynooth and Kilcock on the subject of the Charges particularly following the recent actions by Kildare County Council. The fund is to be held as a contingency measure for legal costs if and when legal action is taken.

The Hitchin Post was the venue for what turned out to be an extremely well attended, light hearted, social event. The function commenced with local band Rendezvous and Cabaret was provided by Bread & Roses. Local talent was not short on the night with the Celbridge group providing a song especially written for the occasion and there were contributions from the other towns.

All who purchased tickets were thanked including those who could not attend on the night. There had been great demand for the tickets and it was remarked that "next time we will have to book the RDS". In attendance also were invited guests from organisations who had assisted the Kildare groups in the past. Tony O'Toole, National PRO for A.C.R.A., addressed the audience. He congratulated the Kildare Groups for their resolve in withstanding such pres-

ures as the Offences Against the State Act, withdrawal of refuse collection services, threats of water disconnections and actual disconnections, court appearances etc. The groups had grown in strength and solidly maintained the stand that these charges are a form of double taxation. Property Tax or the threat of this was also highlighted and Mr O'Toole re-stated that A.C.R.A. would fight this tooth and nail.

The function concluded at 11 p.m. and already requests were rolling in about a similar event in the future.

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Mary Cullen

When Maurice FitzGerald came to Ireland he was a man of sixty. With him came a large assortment of his relations, a colourful group of half-Norman, half-Welsh adventurers, all related to each other through the famous and beautiful Nesta, daughter of Rhys ap Tewdwr, Prince of South Wales. The first wave of Norman conquerors in Ireland were nearly all the descendants of Nesta by different fathers. By her marriage to Gerald FitzWalter, Constable of Pembroke, Nesta had four children, one of whom was our Maurice FitzGerald. Two of Maurice's sons, Nesta's grandsons, came with him on the Irish adventure. Another son of Nesta and brother of Maurice was William FitzGerald of Carew, whose son Raymond "le Gros" was Strongbow's second-in-command and his best military commander. Nesta's daughter Angareth FitzGerald married William de Barri and their son, the nephew of Maurice, was Giraldus Cambrensis the historian of the invasion. The third FitzGerald son, David, became bishop of St. David's and, as we shall see, made his own contribution to his family's Irish enterprise. Before her marriage to Gerald, Nesta had been the mistress of King Henry I of England. Their son was Henry FitzHenry, and his two sons, grandsons of Nesta, Meiler and Robert FitzHenry, were among the invaders. Finally Nesta married or had an affair with Stephen, Constable of Cardigan, and their son Robert FitzStephen was Maurice's half-brother and chief partner in the first expeditions.

The immediate cause of the arrival of FitzStephens and FitzGerald in Ireland in 1169 was what seemed at the time to be a relatively unimportant episode in Irish history and not the great water-shed it turned out to be. We have seen that the kingship of Leinster was not in the possession of

any one ruling family but was competed for by the rulers of the various tuatha within Leinster, including our own Ui Faelain. In 1134 Diarmait MacMurrough of Ui Chennsalaig in South Leinster established himself as King of Leinster but was involved for the next thirty years in the unending wars of twelfth-century Ireland. Eventually he found himself on the losing side in a struggle for the high-kingship between Ruaidri or Rory O'Connor of Connacht and Muirchertach MacLochlainn of the northern Ui Neill. Diarmait was the ally of MacLochlainn but O'Connor won and then all the enemies Diarmait had created over the years turned on him. These included the rulers of Ui Faelain and Ui Muiredaig. Diarmait was deposed both in Leinster and in Ui Chennsalaigh and as he could see no hope of finding new allies in Ireland turned in desperation to the new Norman rulers of England. The King of England, Henry II, was not himself interested in getting involved in Ireland at the time but he did give permission to his subjects, if they wished, to help Diarmait re-establish himself, and so Diarmait came to Wales where he met Maurice FitzGerald.

Though the Normans had conquered England in 1066 they were far from settled or secure in Wales where they had to fight to win and hold the lands granted to them by the king. Diarmait first approached a likely candidate for adventure in Ireland, Richard FitzGilbert, Earl of Pembroke, famous in Irish history as "Strongbow". He was a likely candidate because he was out of favour with his king and had little to hope for from him, and also because he had the resources to raise a substantial force to bring to Ireland. To him Diarmait held out the biggest inducement at his disposal. He offered him the hand of his daughter Aoife in marriage and with her the succession to the kingship of Leinster. By Norman law this could seem a legitimate transaction but it could have no validity in Irish law as we have seen. By Irish law Diarmait could not nominate his own successor in Ui Chennsalaigh and still less in Leinster. Strongbow

accepted Diarmait's proposal but was in no hurry to cross the Irish sea. It was a group of his vassals, the Geraldines and their relations and friends, who were the first to accept the challenge of the Irish adventure.

They were relatively impecunious but able adventurers who hoped to make their fortunes in Ireland, acquire lands and wealth there and perhaps, if they were lucky, even establish themselves as kings. The historian Edmund Curtis describes them as "a family party, putting their stock into a common enterprise, and ready for the great jump-over into Ireland." Robert FitzStephen, the half-brother of Maurice FitzGerald was in particular difficulties when Diarmait arrived on the scene. He had for three years been the prisoner of the Welsh Prince of South Wales. Rhys ap Griffith, who was also a nephew of the famous Nesta. Robert's half-brothers, Maurice FitzGerald and David the bishop, persuaded Rhys to set him free if he promised to go to Ireland to help Diarmait. To Robert and Maurice Diarmait promised the town of Wexford and two cantreds of land in return for their assistance and the deal was struck. Diarmait returned to Ireland with a small group of Normans, Flemings and Welsh under Richard FitzGodebert, re-established himself in Ui Chennsealg, re-asserted his claim to Leinster, was again crushed by the high-king and then sent word to FitzGerald and FitzStephen that he needed them now. Robert FitzStephen arrived in Bannow Bay in Co. Wexford on 1st May, 1169. With him, according to Giraldus, he brought "30 men-at-arms, of his own kindred and retainers, together with 60 men in half armour, and about 300 archers and foot-soldiers, the flower of the youth of Wales". They had embarked at Milfordhaven and crossed the sea in their long, open, single masted ships. As well as a sail they also used oars, and each ship carried out 120 men plus some horses and supplies. When they ran these flat ships onto the beach at Bannow Bay the Norman invasion of Ireland had begun.

Reference: Richard Roche: THE NORMAN INVASION OF IRELAND. Tralee 1970.



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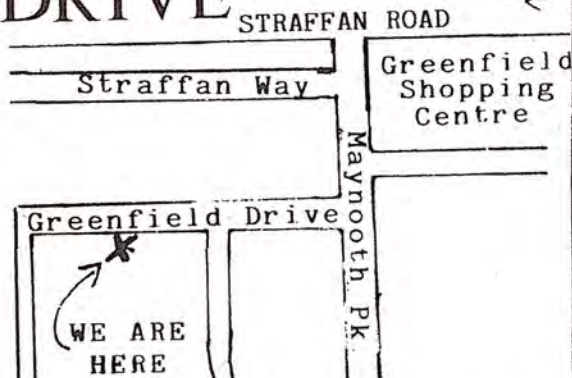
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Gerald FitzGerald shows his mettle

By Dick Walsh,
Political Editor

May 1487

When people say that some of the Anglo-Normans have become more Irish than the Irish themselves, Gerald FitzGerald (Gearóid Mór), the eighth earl of Kildare, is almost certainly the man they have in mind.

Though his line of descent is clear and he assiduously guards his role as the king's deputy lieutenant, he is as nimble a politician as any of the chieftains he controls.

The defence of The Pale rests on his military strength. His great castle at Maynooth is almost in the front line; further west than nearby Kilcock, it is beyond the reach of the Dublin Government.

But, while he shows no desire to sever the link with the crown, he has adopted some highly profitable practices of the Gael. Neighbouring chieftains pay him an annual tribute — in livestock, honey or butter, sometimes even in money — for protection.

Lately, however, he has had to pay a heavy personal price for his own protection. With Henry Tudor on the throne after the return to power of the Lancastrians, some realignment was necessary if he was to consolidate the position he'd held under four successive kings.

He decided to form an alliance with the pro-Lancastrian Butlers, another Anglo-Irish family now clearly back in favour. Gerald had his second daughter Margaret marry Piers Butler, the cousin of Thomas, earl of Ormond.

To say that FitzGerald is tenacious would be a feeble description. When Henry, Lord Grey, Edward IV's newly appointed deputy, arrived here in 1478, he found that FitzGerald's men had garrisoned Dublin Castle and destroyed the drawbridge. Grey was denied admission.

As deputy lieutenant since 1479, Gerald has packed the main offices with supporters; when King Richard tried to replace his brother, Thomas, as chancellor in 1483, the attempt was powerfully and successfully resisted.

And when he heard that Henry Tudor was planning an invasion of England two years ago, he had Parliament pass a measure confining electoral power to the seven chief officers of the administration, who were — needless to say — relatives or supporters or both. All of which goes to ensure that, whoever is king of England, Gearóid Mór, the earl of Kildare, is master here.

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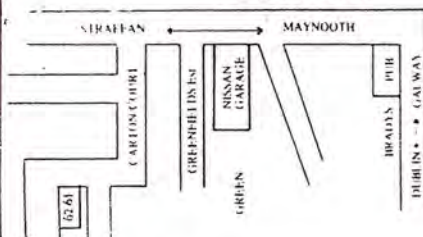
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- Estimates show that there are at least 100,000 asthmatics in Ireland.

These are just a few of the facts contained in the Asthma Society of Ireland's Information Booklet, together with many more answers to an Asthmatic's questions regarding treatment and medicines both in Adult and Childhood Asthma.

The Asthma Society of Ireland, a voluntary organisation was founded in Dublin in 1973, the aims of which are to provide support and informat-

ion to asthmatics, and to lobby for better Government services, particularly with regard to the inclusion of asthmatics in the long-term illness schemes.

The Leixlip Branch of the Society, which incidentally covers the areas of Lucan, Celbridge, Maynooth and Dunboyne, has been in operation now for the past eighteen months. To date, we have held two information evenings where Chest Specialists and local General Practitioners have talked to our members about the various aspects of asthma and at present we have very successful swimming sessions taking place every Sunday.

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IN ANGLO-IRISH ENCOUNTER

Fergus Ashe, a leaving certificate pupil at Maynooth post-primary school, was selected to participate in a pilot Anglo-Irish Encounter weekend in Cardiff. The Encounter, funded by the EEC, involved 105 students from the British Isles, thirty-five each from Northern Ireland and Ireland and a further thirty-five from England, Scotland and Wales. The purpose of the weekend was to enable students interested in Anglo-Irish relations and European affairs to discuss the common problems of their communities. Fergus Ashe was selected on the basis of an essay he had submitted for the Sweetman essay competition.

TRAINING COURSE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

At the end of November, 30 young people from the Maynooth, Lucan, Celbridge and Leixlip areas started a Youth Skills course which is run by Co. Kildare V.E.C. and AnCO — now FAS. The purpose of the course is to give young people a chance to get training and, hopefully, a better chance of employment.

On the course there are 4 workshops: woodwork, mechanics, catering and sewing. The trainees spend some time in each of these workshops, getting a basic idea of the skills involved. They also receive some basic instruction in computers.

An important part of the course is work experience. The trainees spend a period of time working in a job they have some interest in. This opportunity to get practical work experience is very valuable. In some cases trainees discover they're not so interested in the job after all! On the other hand, trainees sometimes get on so well they are offered a full-time position.

Through the course the trainees receive personal effectiveness training. This helps them to become more aware of the situation they are in and better able to take control of it.

At present, the trainees are involved in a minicompany project. This involves operating a 'company' which appoints managers, produces, sells and pays expenses. The trainees are fully responsible for taking decisions and working out problems. They are then entitled to their share of the profit!

At a later stage in the course, the trainees will be working on a community project in their own areas. They have yet to decide on the nature of these projects. The trainees will also spend a week in an Outdoor Education Centre where responsible and co-operative behaviour will be key-notes to the success of the activities.

The course is based in the old primary school on the Hazel Hatch Road in Celbridge and employers, youth workers and, indeed, anyone in the community who might be interested in the course, is invited to pay us a visit at any time.

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1 teaspoon curry powder
1 half teaspoon dry mustard powder
1 oz butter
2 tablespoons oil
2 onions sliced
6 oz button mushrooms
1/2 pint pork or beef stock
1 tablespoon tomato puree
1 1/4 pint natural yogurt
2 tablespoons brandy or sherry

Mix together the flour, salt, pepper, curry powder and mustard; cut the meat in this mixture. Heat the butter and oil in a large frying pan, fry the meat and onions for 10 minutes stirring all the time to prevent food becoming too dark. Wipe the mushrooms, add to the meat, then stir in the stock and tomato puree. Cook gently for 5 to 6 minutes, add the yogurt and brandy or sherry. Heat without boiling for about 5 minutes. Serve with a green salad.

LAMB EN CROÛTE

1 small leg of lamb
8 oz puff pastry
liver and mushroom pâté
To glaze 1 egg.

Roast the lamb until almost cooked. Remove from oven. Leave to cool. Roll out the pastry. Spread the pastry with the pâté. Place the joint on top, wrap in the pastry and seal well. Beat the egg with a little water and brush over the pastry. Lift onto baking tray. Make 2 or 3 slits in the pastry to allow the steam to escape. Bake in the centre of a hot oven for 35 to 40 minutes. Reduce the heat when the pastry begins to brown.

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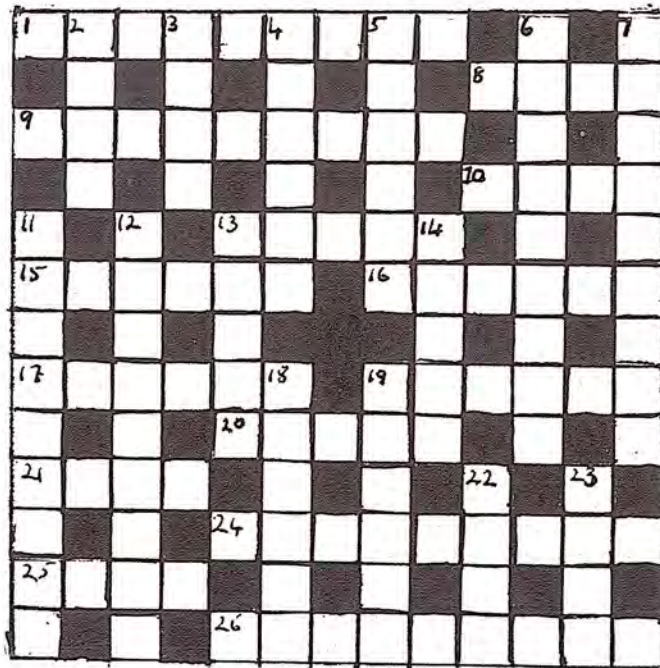
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Across

1. Care of a thousand and one in my Maynooth people, for instance, who elect a council (9)
8. About two pounds and three ounces has to be mixed with fifty once to get you to 6 (4)
9. Mister Lee runs along each side of 24 (4,5)
10. A cake from the Elite may be noticed at last (4)
13. Fighting man involves ten in South African war (5)
15. Tell tales quietly to avoid notice (3,3)
16. Holy cry to get rid of a soldier of destiny? . . . (6)
17. . . . but cricket umpire turns down appeal at home (3,3)
19. Little fish can be won back after a short time (6)
20. Sort of old-fashioned chair lift in France or Andes (5)
21. Neither the hour-hand nor the minute-hand but the --- defines how time was (4)
24. Two articles meeting place for Maynooth people to walk up and down (3,6)
25. Obtains food in dance at Slims (4)
26. Need a girl to take up unusual position? Well-known Kildare family will supply your needs (6)

Down

2. Leave out nothing, put a thousand with it! (4)
3. The hunt for flesh at O'Neill's, by the sound of it (4)
4. Ran back to propel this kind of boat on the canal ? (6)
5. Tipped rain on the holiday sea is the first half of 18 (6)



NAME:.....

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Entries to Newsletter by April 15th.

6. OK! C. O'Neill will find a way to the next parish (9)
7. With Jones for an index, five hundred on the street possess this stud or townland (9)
11. He represents us and a country with small ukeleles (4,5)
12. Wet Thames flowing into a nearby county (9)
13. As an extra reward Bus takes one in endlessly (5)
14. Trespass again, sap! (5)
18. The 3 F's make one titter (3-3)
19. He takes two articles tomorrow in Spain (6)
22. Cattle might be heard? Yes (4)
23. I run around Maynooth Castle, for instance (4).

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BREAKAWAY is a scheme enabling parents with a normal family to take into their home, a mentally handicapped child for a week or two during the Summer. The child gets a holiday, the host family a new experience in family life, and the natural parents an opportunity for a 'break'.

Many of you will remember reading about the scheme in 1987. Some of you will have participated in 1987 and will hopefully do so again in 1988. In 1987, we placed 15 children from St Raphael's, Celbridge on the scheme. The children 14 boys and 1 girl spent holidays with families in the North Kildare area. This year we would like to place an additional 5 children and are seeking new host parents.

'Paul is a 7 year old boy with Down's Syndrome. He attends St Raphael's Day School. He lives with his parents and three sisters in a busy housing estate. He and his family have not had a holiday for the past 5 years. Paul is an active little boy — who likes to be on the move all the time.

His Mum and sisters find the summer holidays long and tiring when Paul is at home for 8 weeks.

As their home is on a busy street, Paul cannot play alone out of doors. This means, that an adult or older child has to be with him at all times. His family would welcome a break during the holiday period — for Paul a Breakaway placement would mean a whole new experience. A holiday doing new and exciting things. A chance to meet another family and make new friends.

For his family — a Breakaway holiday would mean, a break in routine, when his parents and sisters could relax, and take part in activities which are difficult when Paul is at home. It might mean that they could take a short holiday — knowing that Paul is being well cared for.'

For you and your family: Breakaway offers an opportunity to care for a mentally handicapped child for a week or two, a chance to do something that is new, rewarding and challenging.

What can you expect if you become a host family:

All host families who apply to the Breakaway scheme take part in a preparation course. This involves discussions on various aspects of caring for a child with a mental handicap, including ways of coping with very specific needs, behaviour, etc. It also gives host parents an opportunity to look at the implications for their own families. The preparation involves visits to the Centre the child

attends and numerous opportunities to get to know the child they are taking and his/her family. Every effort is made to ensure the child goes to the family who can best meet his needs.

When the child is on holidays with the host family, a link is maintained with the staff at the Centre and there is a 24 hour telephone back up service. The Social Worker who arranges the placement will also visit during the placement. Every effort is made to ensure that if problems arise they can be sorted out promptly. Host families are paid £60.00 per week, in recognition of the extra work involved in looking after the child.

If you are interested in participating in Breakaway, Brid Leahy, Social Worker, St Raphael's, Celbridge (telephone 288161) will be very pleased to hear from you.

Happy holidays!!!!

FLIGHTS OF FANCY?

The skies over Maynooth are rarely empty, with aircraft of many different types passing from day to day. At Leixlip there have been recent signs of disquiet, with Tomas Mac Giolla asking questions in the Dail about aircraft movements, particularly from Weston. The situation at Maynooth is not directly equivalent to that at Leixlip, as we are further removed from the airfields, but as a result we experience a much greater mixture of traffic overhead. Indeed, the aircraft can be seen as a source of variety and interest, one of the features that makes Maynooth a special

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Genevieve Fay and Miriam Nolan on Confirmation Day.



**Group of five:
Niamh Sheehan, Beth Ann Reilly,
Sinead Casey, Michelle O'Riordan,
Elaine Daly**

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place in which to live. Just consider the range of aircraft we are likely to see from our own back garden.

"Aircraft Types"

Pottering about at five or six hundred feet are the single-engined light aircraft from Weston on training or pleasure flights. These are usually the low-winged Rallyes, with their characteristic bulbous cockpit canopy, or else the high-winged Cessnas. From Baldonnell come the higher powered piston-engined or jet-propelled fighter/trainers of the Air Corps, recognisable by the louder engine note and orange wingtips. Loudest of all, however, are the helicopters — either the aging Alouettes which have been the mainstay of the army's search and rescue operations for so long or the new larger Dauphins which are being brought into service currently. Maynooth is situated just at the edge of a military flying area around Baldonnell, and the college quadrangles and spire provide excellent ground markers, so we often get quite spectacular aerobatic flying being practised overhead. And then, definitely not aerobatic, there is the more stately air traffic associated with Dublin Airport; we are right under the flightpath of the jumbo jets as they take off to or arrive from Shannon as part of the transatlantic

route, and they make a magnificent sight as they slide by overhead, relatively low, apparently slow, and quite majestic. Generally you see them letting down in the morning after a night flight from the U.S., and taking off outwards in mid-afternoon. And finally, way above all of this, on clear days you can see the condensation trails of the big jets overflying Ireland in transit between Europe and America. These are at 30,000 feet and more. With a pair of binoculars it may be possible to identify the type and even to see the markings. One in eight of these, according to reports, is likely to be a military aircraft belonging to some foreign power.

"Disadvantages?"

These aircraft provide a constant and changing spectacle in our skies, with little or no nuisance value. Noise? Not nearly as loud and annoying as a goddam lawn-mower. Pollution? Nothing to speak of, and certainly nothing like that pumped out by the cars passing through our main street. Danger? Hardly — the aircraft fly under strict rules at all times; there have been two fatal accidents in the Maynooth area in the past ten years — on a military jet that crashed back of Carton six or seven years ago, and the recent crash near Lucan involving a training flight from Weston. On no


occasion has there been injury or damage to people or property on the ground.

"Sights"

On the other hand, I can recall some memorable and moving sights in the air over the past decade over Maynooth: the RAF helicopters flying to Baldonnell with the bodies of Lord Mountbatten and the others killed in Sligo; the restored lolar, Aer Lingus' first passenger biplane of the 1930s, flying slowly out of the west on a summer's evening towards Dublin, on a proving flight before it had been unveiled to the public; a microlight making its way slowly in the opposite direction one day, following the Galway road, or the canal, or the railway line, or all three; and just a couple of weeks ago, five Magister jets of the Air Corps flying line abreast under a damp grey cloudbase as they began their run in for a flypast in honour of President Mitterand who was visiting Dublin.

So, the message to Maynooth people must be — "Look up, there's a whole lot more than Aer Lingus!" Better still, look down. It is perfectly easy to arrange a short flight from Weston — believe me, the town looks well from a small aircraft. Why neglect a facility on our doorstep.

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COMMUNITY GAMES

We are now ready to take off for our 1988 season, this being our 9th year to participate in Community Games. Area finals in Gymnastics will take place on 19th May in the Parish Hall at 4.30 p.m. and team manager will be Aine McDonagh. Art will take place in Post Primary School on Saturday 30th April, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Athletics will take place on 15th May at 12 p.m. in G.A.A. field. Swimming will take place in Stewarts Hospital on Sunday 22nd May 5-7 p.m.

Co-Final dates are as follows:

Art 29th May — Curragh.

Athletics 11-12th June — Kilcock.

Swimming 18th June — Athy.

Gymnastics 25th June — Leixlip.

Entry form for all local competition in this Newsletter.

All contestants in Art, Gymnastics, Swimming and Athletics must complete the entry form. It is also to be noted that a competitor may take part in **three** individual events **overall** but a maximum of **two** in any one discipline i.e. 2 swimming events or two athletic events only.

I would ask that all Perpetual Trophies be returned to the Community Council office on or before Friday 29th April. It is very necessary to have all these trophies returned in time for this year's competition. I made the same request this time last year for the return of trophies, but I eventually had to go out and knock on doors to collect some of them. This is not very fair to the children of Maynooth who will win these trophies in the coming year. So I appeal to the holders of trophies to return them to the Community Council offices on or before Friday 29th April.

I wish all the children of Maynooth good luck in 1988 Games.

MAYNOOTH MORTALITY SOCIETY

The One Hundred and Fifty First Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Sunday 28th Feb. 1988 at the Registered office and drew a large number of members. Mr. Jim Nolan presided.

The Chairman Jim Nolan in his opening address was very outspoken as regards defaulting members. He said it was most unfair that every year we had the same number of defaulting members. The time had come when the Society had no alternative but to exclude these members. If the Society is to continue, and meet

its commitments non paying members were not the answer.

The Secretary P. Nolan read the Balance Sheet as prepared by Frank Donnelly F.C.A. He stated that during the year 1987, 27 members died at a cost to the Society of £7,500. This showed a running loss of approx £2,500. Despite this loss the Assets remain at £6,500. He agreed wholeheartedly with the remarks of the Chairman as regards defaulting members. He had already taken up the matter with the Auditor and the Register of Friendly Societies to have these members excluded from the Register and also ensure that they would not be allowed to rejoin the Society in future years. This course of action he was reluctant to take as he never had deleted any member from the Register. However he felt he must comply with the wishes of the majority.

The Assistant Secretary Kevin Murphy stated that defaulting members had cost the society a large amount of money in outstanding Subscriptions. He noted with regret that the Funeral Grant had not increased over the last couple of years. Under the present circumstances he knew it could not happen, however he agreed with the corrective action

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now being taken, and the drive for new membership within the new Maynooth community would mean that the Funeral Grant would be increased greatly next year.

Emmet Stagg T.D. (member) felt that membership could be greatly increased if the new residents of Maynooth were made aware of the workings of the society and the benefits. This was unanimously agreed to.

P. Nolan and K. Murphy agreed to meet any Residents Associations, or organisations within the Parish and explain the objectives of the society.

A special word of thanks was offered to Sean Reilly, Prosperous for a magnificent funeral service given to Society members and non members during the year, and also complimented him on the opening of the Funeral Parlour in the Mall. It was unanimously agreed to retain M/s 'Reillys' Prosperous as official undertakers to the society for the coming year.

It was agreed that a clean-up of the Laraghbryan Cemetery will take place on Saturday April 9th 1988 at 11 a.m. It is sincerely hoped that a full compliment of members and non members will turn up. We will again remind you of this venture.

The Committee would like to thank the following for voluntary services

during the year:

Damien Maguire (Solicitor)

Frank Donnelly (Auditor)

Gerry Brady & Co. — Patricia Nyland, Kathleen O'Neill.

John Saults

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band.

We would also like to thank Fr. Supple P.P., Fr. Cogan C.C., Fr. John Nevin, Leo Bean and the Folk Group for their co-operation with the offering of the Annual Mass for Deceased Members. The following committee were elected for the coming year; Spiritual Directors: Fr. Supple P.P., Fr. Cogan C.C., Fr. John Nevin, Fr. G. Begly C.C.

President: Jim Nolan.

Chairman: Gerry McTernan.

Secretary: Paddy Nolan.

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Signed: P. Nolan. Hon. Secretary.

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AGE GROUP U/ _____ NOTE: MUST be under age on 31/7/88

EVENTS

B/G U/8		B/G U/10		B/G U/12		B/G U/14			
60 m	80m	100m	200 m	60 m Hurdles	100 m	600 m	100 m	800 m	L Jump

Walk 1500 m	U/13	Boys/Girls
Modelling	U/14	Boys/Girls
Art	U/8,10,12,14,16	Boys/Girls
Gymnastics	U/8,10,12,14,16	Boys/Girls
Shot Putt	U/14	Boys/Girls
Puck Fads	U/12 Boys	U/14 Girls
1500 m	U/16	Boys/Girls
1000 m	U/16	Boys/Girls
H Jump	U/16	Boys/Girls
Discus	U/16	Boys
Javelin	U/17	Girls
100 m	U/17	Boys/Girls
Marathon	U/17	5000 m Girls, 10,000 m Boys

Swimming

B/G U/8	B/G U/10	B/G U/12	B/G U/14	B/G U/16
F/Style	F/Style	F/Style	F/Style	F/Style
	B/Stroke	Br/Stroke	B/Stroke	B/Stroke
			Br Stroke	B/Fly

Competitors signature: _____

Parent's signature _____

- Notes
1. Art Competition, April 30th, Post-Primary School, from 10am. - 1 p.m.
 2. Local games will take place on 15th May in G.A.A. grounds, 12p.m.
 3. Gymnastics competition will take place 19th May, Parish Hall, 4.30 p.m.
 4. Swimming competition will take place 22nd May, Stewarts Hospital, 5 p.m.
 5. A competitor may take part in three individual events overall but a maximum of two in any one discipline i.e. Art, Athletics, Swimming and Gymnastics.
 6. Forms to be returned by 29th April 1988 (Every competitor must fill in and return form if taking part in Swimming, Art, Athletics, Gymnastics)

Forms may be returned to any of the following

Norah McDermott, Community Council offices, Main Street (9-5p.m.)

E. O'Malley, 5 Laurences Avenue, Maynooth

A. Cotter, 49 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth

P. Hanley, 8 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth

P. Mc Loughlin, 64 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth.

SPORTS NEWS

SWIMMING CLUB



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

This year we had no rain to fill our 'floating pool'. The theme for the float was based on "The Water-Babies" and illustrations from the book copied by artist Jarlath Finn. We hope our water babies enjoyed participating in the parade and we thank them for their enthusiasm in donning fancy dress of all sorts on a cold morning. The fancy dress competition was judged by Anne Finn and Bernadine Dullaghan.

The winners were:

1st. Emma Fleming. "Water Baby with no pool".

2nd. Eleanor Tyrrell. Dervla Boylan. "Celebrating Dublin's Aluminium".
3rd. Conor O'Shea as "Mr. Grimes".
4th. Christopher Arthurs as "The R.T.E. Cameraman".

We appreciate very much the kindness of the Lalor family in lending us the tractor and float for the occasion. We thank Jarlath for making our float bright and colourful, and Anne and Bernadine for their adjudication. A special word of thanks to the Dunne family for allowing us to decorate the float on their premises.

SWIMMING SESSIONS

The last term ended with a family swim on March 12th, enjoyed by everyone. The next term commences on March 19th and will continue for 10 weeks. There will be no swimming on Easter Saturday. We look forward to seeing all our members joining us again this term and we will try as far as possible to accomodate the children who are on the waiting list.

Deirdre Hetherington.



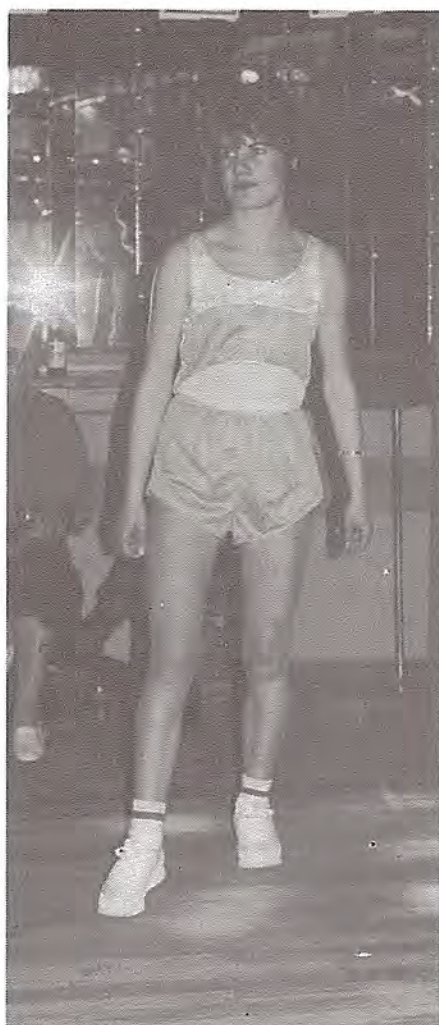
MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

Maynooth hosted the All Ireland Cross Country Championships for Vet Ladies 0/40, Vet men 0/40 and Intermediate men and ladies.

It was a very testing course for all concerned, running knee deep in mud over one part of the course. The medals were hard earned. Mary Farrelly had an outstanding run and was a clear winner in the ladies 0/40. She was also on the winning



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Kildare team. The Veteran men were to go and this was a very strongly contested race. Liam McNamee ran extremely well holding off a strong challenge from the Tipperary man in the closing stages of the race, to be another winner for the club. Pat Maher also ran very well to take 3rd place, Brian Redmond 6th, Tony Callaghan 16th and David Jolly 30th. The first three men won 1st club team and were also on the winning County team. Patsy McCluskey also ran very well in Intermediate Ladies coming 4th.

Another success for Maynooth in the Vet. Ladies 0/35 All Ireland Cross Country Championships held in Enfield. Patsy McCluskey was a very worthy winner of the race leading all the way, Mary Farrelly was 3rd and Helen Redmond and Marie Gleeson making up the winning Maynooth team, beating Kilcock by one point. Patsy McCluskey and Mary Farrelly were on the winning Kildare team. David Cunningham had a good run in the Senior mens race.

Moynes in Tipperary was the venue for the even-age All Ireland Juvenile Championships. It was a good course with big fields in all races with very strong competition. Girls U/10 Ciara Power 25, Josephine Gallagher 91, Michelle Gillick 94 and Michelle Gallagher 131. Girls U/12 Emma McCluskey 31, Patricia Purcell 35, Margaret Brennan 61, Aishling Redmond 89. Girls U/14 Fiona Redmond 63. Boys U/12 Niall Gillick 121. Girls U/16 Lisa McCluskey was our only medal winner taking silver, Carmel Noonan 11th, Catherine Gleeson 39th and Siobhan Flanagan 60th.

In the winter League at Santry, Helen Treacey won the Junior Ladies Javelin competition.

On Sunday 13th March the Juvenile All Ireland Cross-Country Championships un-even ages took place in Ardboe Co. Tyrone. Despite the long journey up to Ardboe and the continuous rain our athletes did very well. G.U/11 Patricia Purcell 9th, Margaret Brennan 42nd, Aishling Redmond 44th. G.U/13 Emma McCluskey 19th, Fiona Redmond 24th. G. U/15 Lisa McCluskey put in another very fine performance and won the bronze medal. Carmel Noonan 7th, Catherine Gleeson 27th, Janet Whittaker 30th, Blanaid Ward 32nd. The first four girls got the silver medal for 2nd club 67 points. The first three girls were on the winning County team. Well done to all the girls who have trained hard throughout the winter months and it certainly paid off. The same day the Winter Championships took place in Santry

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where Helen Tracey won the Junior Ladies Javelin.

Remember now is the time to get some training in for the track and field season so try and get up to the G.A.A. Field Tuesdays and Thursday from 7 o'clock until 8 o'clock.

Barbara Tracey.

would like to thank all our supporters last year and we look forward to seeing them again this year. Anyone interested in joining the club should report for either training sessions, the membership fee being £3 for schoolgoing or unemployed and £4 for people who are working.

JUNIOR BADMINTON

All sessions are now in full swing. Beginners and younger members on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Older members on Saturday's in the Parish Hall. Good luck to our players who will be competing for Maynooth in the forthcoming Community Games.

Rosemary Hanley, (Sec.)



MAYNOOTH TOWN LADIES SOCCER CLUB

Once again the Football season is nearly upon us and in preparation for same we are training twice a week, Wednesdays 8.30 — 9.30 in the Post Primary School Gym, and Sunday mornings from 11 o'clock — 12.30 in the Harbour Field. As the season starts on the 18th April we are trying to play as many friendly matches as possible. On Sunday 6th March we played a friendly against Ratoath. It was our first outdoor match this year and Maynooth came out on top due to an excellent goal from Cherry Pendergast, who was one of the mainstays of our team last year. The rest of the team showed the same spirit and skill that earned them promotion from the fifth division to the third division this year. Once again we

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

Sheeran Cup — 3rd Round:

Maynooth Town (7) Savage Smith (0)

A fine performance by the Town in this major competition. Maynooth dominated throughout and were never in danger of losing. Maynooth scorers were Dessie Farrell (2), John Doyle (2), Noel Byrne (1), Phillip Doyle (1), Tony Kearins (1)

Premier League:

Maynooth Town (3) Anner Utd (3)

This was a game Maynooth should have won. Leading by (3) goals half-way into the second half they relaxed and allowed Anner to equalize. Having scored some fine goals against Irish Junior International goalkeeper Martin Doyle, Maynooth tried to play too much football and as a result were caught at the back and duly punished. Scorers John Doyle (1), John Nolan (1), Noel Byrne (1)

Premier League:

Villa Utd (0) Maynooth Town (3)

A fine performance in this victory over Villa Utd in Walkinstown Ave. Despite gale force winds Maynooth controlled the match from the start and never gave Villa any chances. Scorers Brian McCall (1), John Doyle (1), Tony Kearins (1)

Sheeran Cup 4th Round:

Shield Insurance (0)

Maynooth Town (7)

Shield who are doing very well in Division 2 found Maynooth too hot to handle in this cup tie. Maynooth dominating at midfield though Noel Byrne and Dessie Farrell ripped the Shield defence apart and with Philip Doyle and Brian McCall "cleaning up" at the back the Maynooth front three John Doyle, John Nolan and Tony Kearins were giving their opponents a roasting. Maynooth scorers were Noel Byrne (2), John Nolan (1), John Doyle (1), Tony Kearins (1), Phillip Doyle (1), Terry Moore (1)

Division 1B Sunday:

Maynooth Town (3) St. Vincents (1)

A fine home win for the Maynooth seconds who had not played matches for a long time. Martin Foy (2) and Noel Dempsey (1) were the scorers.

A Ballad Session was held in the Roost to raise funds for one of our players who recently had a very bad injury. We would like to thank the following for all their help in making it a most enjoyable successful night. "The Roost" for providing their premises, Danny and Noel of Fiddlers Green who provided the entertainment and the following who donated Spot Prizes:

Caulfields, Sports Locker, Bradys, Buckleys, Maynooth Branch Labour Party, Quinnsnorth, Housepride, Maynooth Golfing Society and many more who bought tickets etc. and helped to make it a great success.

With Maynooth Towns Premier side still in the Sheeran, Dalton and Dowdall Cups exciting matches are in prospect in the coming weeks. So watch out for the home fixtures and visit Dublin Rd. opposite the Mart and I am sure you won't be disappointed.

Yours in sport,
Seamus Feeney.

SNOOKER FINAL

The Final of the Doubles Snooker Tournament played on Sunday evening last proved to be a very sporting and exciting contest. The result was in the balance until the final frame with victory going to two senior members of the club. Mick Nolan and

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John O'Neill and Frank Desmond and John Carroll. A special word of thanks was extended to Mr. Robert Lettis who organised the running of the Tournament. The winners and runners-up who were each presented with their cheques by the Proprietor Mr. Des Moody. The club is now running a League Tournament with thirty two players taking part.

MAYNOOTH HURLING AND FOOTBALL CLUB

At a recent training session of Maynooth football team at which over thirty players took part, Mr. E. Mullally presented a new football to John Nolan, Captain of the Junior A team.

Team Manager and trainer Michael Mealy thanked Mr. Mullally for his kind gesture and said it was good to see some Maynooth business people backing the club.

Junior Hurling has been received in the club and a team entered in competition. They won their first game, beating a strong Kill team on a score Maynooth 1-7 Kill 1-3. Anyone in the area who is interested in hurling is welcome to come along Wednesday evenings 7.30 p.m. for training or contact our chairman Michael Gillick, phone 286556. Training for U12 and U14-year old boys hurling teams on Saturday mornings at 10.30 and for beginners 'football' 11.30 to 12 noon. Our Annual Dinner Dance takes place on Saturday 16th April in the Hamlet, Johnstown Bridge. Tickets have been distributed to club members and players, and for any further information, contact any of the following: Madeline Stynes, Pat Nevin or Michael Kelly.

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COLLEGE GREEN F.C.

College Green — Walk Over.
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The league leaders failed to show on time and the points were awarded to College Green. At his own request Ciaran McGroarty is named "potential man of the match".

Carnacross Utd (1) 4
College Green (1) 1

This was a dreadful second half performance in terrible conditions. Tony O'Connor put us 1-0 ahead early in the game and we should have gone in about three up at half time. The home side equalised before the break and went ahead in the second half. We went forward in numbers and deservedly got caught twice on the break. This result left us in the position of having to depend on other teams, to remain in contention for promotion.

Tara (1) 2
College Green (2) 2

"A point lost rather than gained" was Paul Broughan's post-match verdict. Two typical opportunist goals from

McGroarty should have given us the chance to win comfortably, a game which we always dominated. Sadly we faded in the second half and let Tara back in to snatch a point.

College Green (1) 5
Corbawn Utd (0) 1

Paul and Ray Broughan, Gerry Murtagh and Ciaran McGroarty (who else) all scored, the latter twice, in a one sided affair. The most remarkable feature was probable some bizarre refereeing decisions. Corbawn got a late score from the penalty shot, after the home side had gone 5-0 ahead. Thankfully, this result put us back on the winning trail.

College Green (1) 2
Double 'D' (0) 1

The eagerly awaited re-match against our old adversaries from Mullingar provided us with a great contest again. Unfortunately the gale-like, cross-fired wind made conditions very difficult. A lightning sprint from Phil 'the Whiz' Purcell beat the entire "Double D" defence. Phil then proceeded to round the 'keeper for one of the cheekiest goals of the season. John Hughes provided the winner to give us the verdict, which was just

about deserved. The "other man from the Ox Mountains", Sean Lennon had a great game between the posts.

Trim Celtic (0) 0
College Green (1) 2

Another commendable win against stiff opposition, secured our second place slot in the League table, for the present. Paul Broughan got a first half tap-in which the hosts failed to clear. John Hughes wrapped it up with a second half score. Aidan Dunne, standing in for Sean Lennon in goals, coped admirably with everything. Broughan and the midfield trio were at their best.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

These results left us in the position that only victory in our last two games (home to Rathkenny Rovers and away to Kilcarn House) would suffice to qualify us for a promotion play-off. The end of season Gerry O'Reilly Cup will be starting shortly.

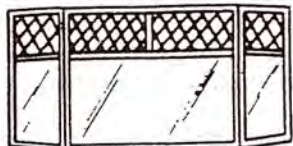
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The all star College Green Table Quiz IV made an outstanding appearance at the Ratoath Harps fundraiser. We will have to blame the referee.

Yours sincerely,
Declan Forde.

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EYE HEAR

CURSAI REATHA

Well, our esteemed Community Council Chairperson, Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, certainly missed an excellent opportunity on the Irish programme **Cursai** recently. When asked what papers she read, the answer was the Irish Times, usually, and a tabloid would never cross her threshold. Eye Hear had to be restrained from assaulting the television. What about the Newsletter? We demand an answer.

THE LION IN SPAIN

We note that a prominent absentee from the St. Patrick's Day Parade this year was exiled to Spain. Maybe it had something to do with his lustful performance in the lion's cage in last year's Parade. Joe Wall, you missed the fun and so did we!

CROSSWORDS

Hard luck to our crossword fanatics from Maynooth, Peter Denman and Jim Cunningham, who made it to the finals of the Irish Times Crosaire competition. Maybe if you got up earlier lads, things might have worked out. Better luck next time.

READ AT YOUR PERIL

Eye Hear can now inform those puzzled drivers on Mullen Bridge on the Straffan Road that the notice which appeared beside the ball alley in recent times reads that anyone using the harbour field and environs does so at their peril. This should save them from further peril as they try to read the rather loquacious notices while negotiating the perilous bridge at the same time.

PRIZE FOR POETRY

Congratulations to Mrs. Brigid Sauls, Parson Street for her poem "In pursuit of Happiness" which won a prize on "Live at Three".

WELCOME

Welcome to Mrs. Jessie Doyle and her son John who have taken up residence in No. 12 Parson Street and best wishes and good luck to Liam and Betty Brilly and sons Noel and David who have left No. 12 and taken up residence in Cluain Aoibhinn. This comes from all your neighbours in Parson Street.

SYMPATHY

Sympathy to sons, daughters in law, brothers in law, sister in law, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives of the late Mrs. Helen Buckley, Maynooth.

Sympathy to the wife, children, stepchildren, brother, sisters, grandchildren, son in law, daughters in law and relatives of the late Paddy Moen, Mornington, Meath and Maynooth.

Sympathy to Declan Quigley, Moyglare Road on the death of his father, John Quigley, Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny.

Sympathy to wife, sons, daughters, sons in law, daughters in law, grandchildren and relatives of the late Richard (Dick) Leavy, Greenfield.

Mrs. P. Brady, Clock House on the death of her sister.

Mrs. Pauline Daly, Lucan (formerly Pauline Browne, School House, Maynooth) on the death of her husband.

Sympathy to Mrs. Mary Horn, Maynooth Park, and Mrs. Eileen Ruddy, Rail Park on the death of their father Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald, Crumlin Rd, Dublin.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Rev. Paddy Monahan C.C. Rathcoole (formerly Greenfield) March 22nd. Mrs. Sean Fortune, Parson Street. March 25th.

Nichola O'Brien, Newtown Age 14, on April 7th and her sister Joanne, age 16 on March 13th, and her brother Mark age 17 on March 22nd.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Pauline and James Dowling, Greenfields who celebrate their 46th Wedding Anniversary on the 12th April.

THE STORK

Congratulations to Michael and Eithne Harney, Parson Street, Maynooth on the birth of a baby girl, sister for Patricia and Michael.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Florence and Jim Country Shop on the birth of their son,

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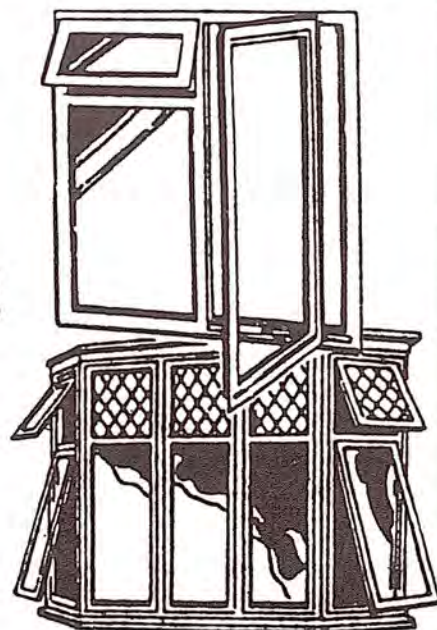
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