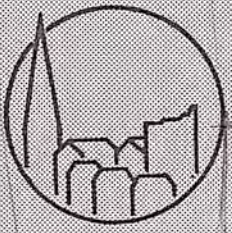


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EDITORIAL

Under Age Drinking

We featured the problem of under age drinking in Maynooth in our last issue, and we have no hesitation in mentioning the problem again. The Irish National Council on Alcoholism launched a campaign in February to highlight the same problem on a National basis. It is a problem which is not unique to Maynooth, however, we would like to remind parents to keep an eye on their children. Over-indulgence in alcohol can have terrible consequences, including teenage pregnancies, injuries caused by road accidents resulting from drunken carelessness. Young people can also be affected in relation to their performance at school, by Monday morning hangovers. It may be less dramatic than the other consequences listed above, however, failure to perform well in examinations can have lasting consequences on our children's prospects for employment. This is something which parents, teachers, and teenagers should bear in mind.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Keep an eye out for your friendly newsletter staff on the parade this year. This will be the fourth parade to have been organised by the Community Council. It is a great day in Maynooth life — an opportunity to meet neighbours and celebrate together the social, athletic and economic achievements in the community. Everyone is welcome — so avoid the crush in Dublin and support your local parade.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

A proposal to stop underage drinking in Maynooth was brought up by Sheamus Flanagan at our meeting on the 15th February. It is hoped to reintroduce identity cards to children from the age of 12 years upwards, and to ask Quinnsnorth and other Supermarkets in the area to remove cider from easy access to young people. And we ask parents to be more vigilant.

John Sauls would like to thank the Students Newsletter for highlighting the problem which students are causing in Parson Street and the Community Council request that they stop their activities.

Sheamus Flanagan has received complaints about the billboards of the business people of the town being left all over the footpath. We would like to ask the business people to move them closer to their premises as they are a hazard to pedestrians. As for cars parked on the footpath we ask the offenders to park elsewhere.

The Council is holding a Country Night on Saturday 12th March in the Hitchin' Post to help pay the S.E.S. Workers in the office. There is a strong possibility that the Castle Banquets will be starting again.

PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The Social and Recreational Committee are looking for volunteers to steward the parade. The assembly point is Greenfields Supermarket at 10.30 a.m. Thirty stewards are needed.

I am sure everyone will be pleased to know that the Douai Boys Choir are coming back to Maynooth again on the 1st July to sing in the Aula Maxima in the College.

We have invited all of our T.D.'s to our next meeting on the 21st March.

THE THING IN THE SQUARE

We have been informed that Kildare County Council are only allowing 4 hours weekly to the cleaning of the "Thing". We think this is a disgrace as it will become a health hazard to

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the community and we think it should be closed or knocked down as it is an eye sore even as it stands.

RAIL PARK

It has been brought to our notice that some of the residents are dumping household rubbish in the ditch at the back of the bungalows. The Tidy Towns Committee take a very poor view of this and will take action if it continues.

It is unfortunate that the Country Night clashes with the Centenary Dinner of the Salesians on the 12th March. We would like to thank them for their work with the community over the years.

Mary Simon P.R.O.

Country Night

In the immediate future, the next event will be a **Country Night** in the Hitchin Post on Saturday 12th March at 8 pm. The band is **Hank Halfhead and the Rambling Turkeys**, led by Niall Toner of RTE fame. Admission is £3, a giveaway compared with £5 which is the charge in the Olympia where they play late on Friday night. They turn away about 150 people from this show each week. The music is suitable for anyone from 17 to 100 with country, bluegrass and general foot-stomping stuff which will guarantee that no-one could sit still but will compel you to dance! They have them rolling and dancing in the aisles in the Olympia — so dress up, come along and have a great night with us.

Finally, anyone in Maynooth who is interested in any of the sub-committees and wishes to join in their activities should contact the office:

Maynooth Community Council,
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Main Street,
Maynooth. Tel. 285922.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin
Chairwoman.

THE LIBRARY DIARY

To all groups, associations and organisations etc. who organise events for the Maynooth area; We would like to draw your attention to the Diary in Maynooth Library. The Diary is there to be used by all, to log coming events. In this way all groups will know what's on, when and where. By making full use of this Diary we will all avoid clashing dates and this should make for better running of events for all.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL – FIRST FOUR YEARS

Background

The Council is now approaching its fourth birthday, and the time has come to review the original aims and achievements over that period of time. Originally, the setting up of such a Council was the brainchild of Father Supple, The Maynooth Newsletter and Emmet Stagg, now Labour T.D. for Kildare. A steering committee was set up to organise the elections for the various areas and the Council held its Inaugural Meeting on June 7th 1984 in the Parish Hall, Maynooth. Pronnsias Breathnach held the position of Chairman for the first three years.

The second elections were held in March 1987 and by then the Council has set in motion most of the major events and activities in which we are still involved today.

The principal aims of the body are to provide employment or to assist in providing employment in the Maynooth area; to assist local representatives in their work for the people and to provide recreational facilities and opportunities.

Structurally, the Community Council consists of an Executive Committee, steering the members who represent all of Maynooth and the outlying areas. Also represented are the College and the Student's Union.

Sub-Committees

There are five sub-committees at present, these are responsible for such activities as the Community Games, the production of the **Maynooth Directory**, setting up the Community Information Centre (situated in the Library), with the co-operation and continuing support of the NSSB, which thankfully survived attempts at its disbandment. The **Maynooth Newsletter** was handed over to the Council in 1985 and flourishes under an independent Editorial Board, but responsible to the Council. The **Tidy Towns** committee also functions under our umbrella, and work tirelessly to bring Maynooth to a more acceptable level of cleanliness and environmental improvement. They are trying to raise funds to this end at present.

Many social events are organized under our auspices including The St. Patrick's Day Parade, Community Week, the Christmas tree etc.

Workers

During the four years, two rooms have been rented in the Town Mall and nine people are employed there: two from the Teamwork Scheme and seven from the Social Employment Scheme. This provides employment, but only for a year at a time, when they must be replaced. The weekly pay of £60 for a single person, (lowered from the previous £70) paid by FÁS (formerly **Manpower**) is insufficient, to say the least. The recent amalgamation of **Manpower**, the **YEA** and **AnCO** has caused chaos among voluntary bodies who are sponsoring these Schemes. The move occurred without any obvious forward planning, and the unfortunate officials administering the SES are insufficiently briefed, which leaves sponsoring bodies labouring under severe financial pressures due to delayed payments and confusion over new forms etc.

Local Issues

To carry out the main aims of the Council, councillors, T.D's and Government Ministers are lobbied and petitioned on such issues as the Cable Television reception, the abysmal state of Laraghbryan Cemetery, an improved bus service, the removal or renovation of the 'Thing' in the town Square, the upgrading of the Straffan Road, the general state of the roads in the Maynooth area, the Education cutbacks etc. Through the **Newsletter** the people may voice their concern about the rise of crime in Maynooth and help our lobbying for a better policing service in the area. The Harbour Field has also been insured by the Council, and a booking system was established through the office. It is hoped that in the future, a more concrete arrangement may be developed with the Trustees and the Maynooth Development Association which would lead to a clarification in the position of the Field itself, the Geraldine Hall and the childrens playground which remains uninsured.

As a result of these pressures, the TV reception has improved due to the intervention of the Minister, the graveyard was improved, there is now a 67A bus service from Maynooth to Dublin, via Celbridge, and the 66 service is soon to be extended to facilitate the residents who live in

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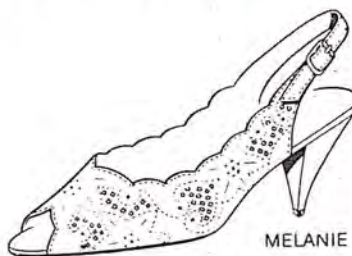


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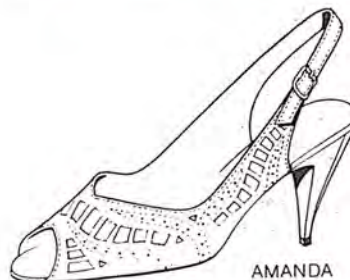
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the housing estates over the bridge. Kildare County Council are, at least, to renovate the 'Thing'.

Sports Complex

The most ambitious plan was the building of a Sports Complex for the young growing population. It was hoped to receive monies from the Lottery, but despite a meeting with the local T.D's, such assistance did not materialise. Maynooth College had undertaken to provide the land, and there may be cause for renewed hope of some developments in that area again.

The second major recreational venture in which the Council have become involved recently, is the effort to build a Swimming Pool on VEC land beside the Maynooth Post-Primary School. Again, monies were refused from the Lottery, despite the lobbying from local T.D's.

Enterprise Groups

The most recently formed sub-committee within the Council is an **Enterprise Group**, which aims to provide full-time employment in the area, with advice from FÁS and the

co-operation of Fr. Mc Gréil and the Sociology Department in the College. An AnCO course was requested last November with a view to training people in the details of setting up a business themselves; but again the amalgamation of the three bodies has interfered with this request for a course.

Forthcoming Events

The major project being undertaken at present, which occupies the time and energy of two of the SES workers is the assembly of an Exhibition of Maynooth as a developing town, this will consist of drawings of the focal points and a model of the many historical aspects: the Castle, the Canal, the College, Carton House etc.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade will go ahead this year as usual, and entries are welcome from surrounding towns such as Leixlip, Celbridge, Kilcock and Lucan. Last year 50 floats and 6 bands took part.

It must be noted also that the famous *Douai Boys Choir* will perform again in Maynooth on the 1st of July

8pm in the **Aula Maxima**, St. Patrick's College. This is a unique opportunity to see and hear one of the best choirs in the world — more information will be available on this event in the coming months.

Fundraising

It must be emphasised that fundraising is not the principal aim of Maynooth Community Council, but as a sponsoring body for a Social Employment Scheme, we require £2,500 approximately to fund the workers in the office. Without the support of these nine people the work of the Council would virtually grind to a halt. To this end, a fundraising committee is to be established. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported us in our events last year; an extremely successful Community Week, the opening of Carton House to the public for the first time in ten years, and a Halloween Dance helped to raise the necessary funding last year.

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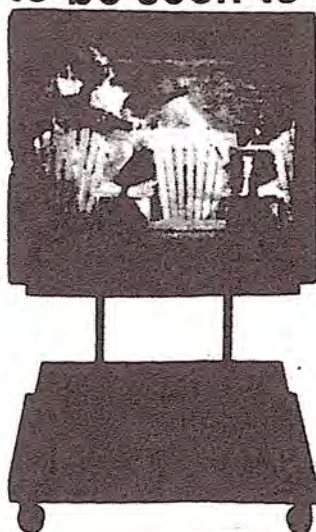
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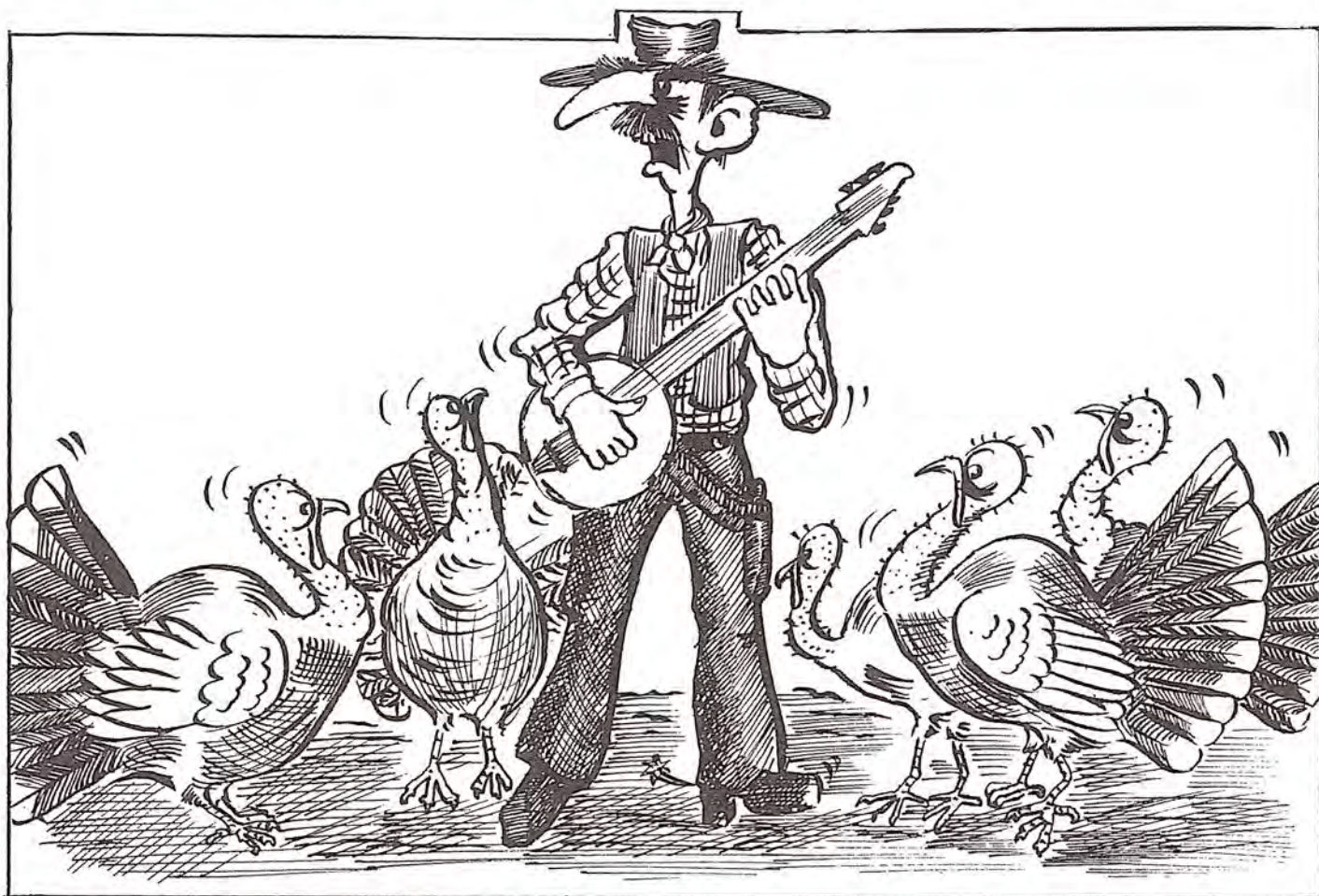


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Come along to the Hitching Post on **Saturday 12th March** at 8-11, and have a different, great night of live music and dancing. It is a giveaway at £3 since they play the Olympia every Friday night at £5 — and you don't have to travel to town. About 150 are turned away from the Olympia each night due to the demand on their music. They also made an appearance recently on **Evening Extra**. Dress up if you wish — cowboy boots, shirts, hats — whatever! You will be sorry if you miss this night! This band is on the up and up!

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of the lad concerned, and this at a time when nobody thought of protecting the young from exploitation.

Whenever he met a lad sleeping rough he invited him to stay at his place. If he was unskilled, he trained him in some trade. He was soon short of space and so had to expand. He was always short of money but providence never failed him.

The Salesian family that he founded — which consists of priests, brothers and sisters as well as helpers, benefactors and past pupils — continues to spread his work the world over.

We also find them here in Maynooth involved with local youth and also near by in Celbridge where they run a school.

To mark this special occasion the Salesians will be holding a special Centenary Dinner Dance in March. It is an opportunity for everyone to celebrate with the Salesians. For more information contact Salesian House, Maynooth. Tel. 286111

John Campion, Salesian House.

MAYNOOTH/KILCOCK LIONS CLUB

Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club would like to thank all the people who helped in any way in donating food items to the RTE 2/Lions Club Food Appeal at Christmas and sponsoring runners in the Egg & Spoon race on New Year's Day.

The money raised by our successful Egg & Spoon race will be donated equally between the Old People's Coal Fund and St. Mary's Church of Ireland. Each will receive approx. £900. The Draw on the Egg and Spoon Sponsorship Cards resulted as follows: £100 — Mr. Healy c/o Barberstown Castle. £100 — Peter O'Brien c/o Peter O'Brien Catering. £100 — Mr. Johnny Davison c/o Ted Kehoe, V-Belts and Hoses.

The club have many more projects in the offing, and appreciate the support of the people of Maynooth and local areas in these charitable events.

Cake Sale Raffle Results held in Parish Hall on Sunday Feb. 14th.

1st Prize: Mrs. Celine Relly, Kilcock.

2nd Prize: Mrs. Buckley, Greenfield.

3rd Prize: Mr. Tom Leonard, Kilcock Rd, Maynooth.

Mr Dermot O'Neill has contacted us about a letter published in last month's issue, written by Edward Kehoe, concerning the state of the pavements in Main Street. In the letter, there was a sentence which read "when I walk by O'Neill's Butcher cars nearly knock us down." The reference to O'Neill's shop was purely to indicate the location of a dangerous junction, where Kelly's Lane emerges onto Main Street. Cars entering the Main Street from this junction sometimes shoot out into the path of oncoming pedestrians. Mr O'Neill was concerned that the letter might be interpreted as suggesting that cars belonging to the staff of O'Neill's Butchers may be the cause of some inconvenience and danger to pedestrians; the Newsletter is happy to assure Mr O'Neill that this was not the intention of the letter, as the above explanation shows.

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BETTY AND EAMONN McNAMEE
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February 10th 1988.

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Irish Kidney Association, we would like to thank all the people who helped us with our Annual Church Gate Collection held on January 30th and 31st 1988. Also a big thank you for the wonderful generosity of the people of Maynooth. The total sum raised was £284.62.

Once again, many thanks to all concerned.

Sincerely,
Betty and Eamonn McNamee.

15 February 1988.

Dear Editor,

I would be grateful for the opportunity to present details of the Lantern Project which began in the Geraldine Hall in early January. The Lantern Drop-in Centre is organised under the auspices of Don Bosco Trust. It is a Social Employment Scheme with Government backing.

The Lantern Drop-in Centre provides a welcome for all members of the community that wish to use the facilities. Tea, coffee and soup are served all day at reasonable cost, daily papers are available and an educational programme is being planned. The Centre will provide advice and help for those who call in and the centre will work in conjunction with the Community Information Centre which supplies information on social welfare issues, tax problems etc.

Don Bosco Trust, which is the sponsoring body, is part of a 32 county ecumenical project with particular emphasis on helping the unemployed. The offices for Northern Ireland are in Belfast.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Trustees of the Geraldine Hall for their permission to use the facilities for the benefit of the community. I would like to thank the

Committee and members of Brú Bosco for their co-operation with the use of their facilities, for which we are deeply grateful. Finally to thank the workers on the Lantern scheme for their hard work and dedication in getting this project off the ground.

Your sincerely,

Fr. Michael Ross S.D.B.
Director Don Bosco Trust/
Anchor Trust

52 Greenfield Drive,
Maynooth,
Co. Kildare.

19th January 1988.

Dear Editor,

I am the mother of two girls attending Maynooth Post Primary School and feel very strongly about the prospect of the cutbacks.

At a meeting in Lumville House, Newbridge on the evening of 18th January 1988 a large group of parents met with the local T.D.'s. to discuss their opposition to the education cuts in V.E.C. schools

The first T.D. to speak was Mr. Paddy Power who told us that he would work (within the Party) to ensure that any questions brought up in the discussions would receive an answer. He more or less said that since the parents of today were "different" to the parents of yesteryear, they were getting what they deserved. Perhaps what Mr. Power meant was that if parents now expect *to be listened to* by their political representatives (BETTERS??), then they need not think they can tell him what to do, only C.J. can do that!!! He reminded us that he had been a teacher for many years which just goes to show how bad things used to be. All I can say is "Thank God for the enlightened teachers of Maynooth".

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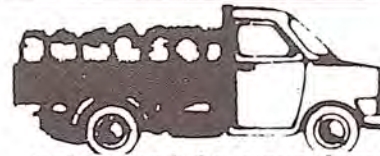
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Then Mr. Charlie McCreedy spoke. His tactic was slightly different. He told us that there would be no extra money for education in 1988 and that anyway if the teachers wanted better facilities or longer teaching hours they could always provide them out of the goodness of their hearts. I wonder if Mr. McCreedy would like to practice a little of what he preaches. (He could persuade the members of the Dail to take normal holidays, even our "overpaid" teachers will have been back to school two full weeks before the Dail session is due to begin.) He also pointed out that 82% of the cost of education goes to pay salaries. In fairness, he did say that the 'electioneering' of Fianna Fail in the late 70's was a scandal, but did not emphasise that most of the Fianna Fail party who made excessive wage agreement commitments are still in power within the party. I wonder what percentage of the cost of government goes to pay the salaries of staff and whether the taxpayers or the electorate in general, would feel that the quality of return from the salaries of T.D.'s bears comparison to the return in terms of commitment to education shown by so many of our teachers.

When Mr. Emmet Stagg addressed the meeting, he pointed out the scandal of the situation where blood-stock profits are completely tax free while our children are having their opportunities limited. He did score political points but then that is easy when one is not actually in government. Despite that, nobody could question the veracity of what he said. He has promised to vote against the cuts in the Dail.

Bernard Durkan then told the gathering that voting against the cuts was not going to bring any more money into the arena and that bringing down the government was only going to

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cost the country more money. I am not sure where that leaves the future education of our children. But it does mean that Fine Gael will have time to organise themselves to THEIR advantage which seemed to be the most important thing to Mr. Durkan. So, while he fights for the good of his party, who fights for us and our children?

Mr. Alan Dukes, who told us that he intends to be back in government within the next few years, informed us that the whole saga of the cuts in education was an unnecessary farce. There is no need for any cuts and that there is sufficient funding already available for education if they would only manage the money better. (One presumes that means if only Fine Gael were still there!) To the amazement of the audience, when questioned about the morality and/or equality of the grants to fee-paying schools, he justified the grants and their size (£100 per head to fee paying schools as opposed to approximately £52 per head to V.E.C. schools) on the grounds that if the fee-paying schools were to close down the children attending them would be thrown back into the state (free) education system and that would increase the burden on it. As numerous parents pointed out to him, the parents who send their children to fee-paying

schools, do so by choice and not necessity and would do so even if no state grant were to be paid.

There were a lot of anxious parents at the meeting and I do not think that any of them left the meeting consoled or convinced that the T.D's for our area are either willing or able to ensure that the education of our children in the V.E.C. schools is not decimated in the cutbacks.

The politicians may feel they are winning in relation to the cutbacks in education as parents are not the ones with the power to say yea or nay. But I would like to give them fair warning,

They may win the battle but we will win the war.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Carmel Hogan.

Dear Editor,

Would you please advertise the following on behalf of Maynooth Community Council.

There is presently a vacancy on the Community Council for a Representative from Straffan Rd./Old Railpark. Anyone interested should contact the Community Council offices, Tel. 285922 or call into our offices at Town Centre Mall.

Also the Community Council would like people to come forward to become part of their new fund raising com-

mittee. You do not have to be a member of the council.

So if you are full of money making ideas and you would like to put them into action you can contact us at the above.

Yours sincerely,
Mary Murtagh.
SECRETARY.

Dear Editor,

As some readers of the Newsletter may be aware that the Community Council are pushing for a better policing service in Maynooth. However to date our efforts have been in vain and our latest letter from the commissioner of the Gardai echoes the point of his colleagues that "Maynooth is one of the best policed areas of the Carlow/Kildare division."

For obvious reasons we do not accept this abysmal answer and this is where we ask for your support. We will try to make a file on robberies etc. in the area and submit it to the commissioner. If you have had a need to call the Gardai lately we would like to know about it.

Confidentiality will be respected. You can contact the Maynooth Community Council offices in the Mall.

Your support is vital.

Mary Murtagh. (Sec.)

Residents' Associations News.

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

We would like to remind residents that the **Supper Dance** will be held on Saturday the 27th February, in Slevins of Dunboyne.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is that time of year again, the twelve months appear to have flown by! The meeting will be held on **Thursday, 10th March at 8 pm** in the **ICA Hall**. We would like to see as large an attendance as possible, since there are some very important items that require discussion.

66 BUS

We have been informed by local representatives that the 66 bus will soon cross the bridge, and turn at Noones. After years of waiting, we now have two buses serving the Estates! Needless to say, we welcome this latest development in the bus saga.

LIGHTING

In answer to our letters to the local councillors, we have received answers which informed us that it was impossible to restore the public lighting due to current cutbacks in the budget allocated to the Council by the Government. In fact, it is possible that further cutbacks may be implemented next year! The committee will call to each house with a petition, demanding restoration of lighting. The rise in crime in Maynooth over the past few weeks can hardly be coincidental.

SHOPPING CENTRE

The rear section of the centre is for sale, and the committee has discussed the possibility of acquiring it as a **Community Centre**, which would serve as a Youth Club, meeting room, Creche, or whatever the residents would require. We intend to circularise all Estates in the area, including Cluain Aoibhinn, etc., to clarify their feelings about the project.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

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the Association need the extra capital now. Apologies for ending with the bad news! Looking forward to seeing you all at the **Supper Dance** and at the AGM.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin P.R.O.

CARTON COURT MAYNOOTH RESIDENTS

The Committee held its first meeting of 1988 early in February. We would like to sincerely thank the following for their generous contributions of spot prizes to our Annual Residents Dance, Guinness Ltd. compliments of Noel Kennedy, E.V. Thompson, Quinnsworth, Sean Donovan, Tom Geraghty, Veronica Dolan, Seamus McLoughlin, J. Barry's, Dan Logan, Greg Kenny, Eugene Murphy, (Premier Dairies), The Roost, Caulfields, A.I.B., Gerry Mulcahy (Butchers), Tom O'Keefe and Paddy Ryan, (Many Thanks).

Lastly, responding to local demand C.I.E. have erected a bus stop at the entrance to our estate. The 66 bus has been in service on the Straffan Road since Monday February 15th and new timetables will be available shortly from Aidan's Newsagents.

Antoinette Crosbie P.R.O.

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LOCAL AGENT: MAYNOOTH MORTALITY SOCIETY

PARTY POLITICAL NOTES

FINE GAEL NOTES

The January Meeting of the Maynooth Branch of Fine Gael was held on Tuesday 26th in the ICA Hall, Maynooth.

There was a very good attendance at the meeting and many varied topics were discussed. A very lively discussion ensued on the water/refuse charges issue and the lack of public lighting in the estates due to cut-back by the County Council.

Deputy Bernard Durkan in his address to the meeting, outlined the position in which the County Council found themselves prior to Christmas and the need for them to take harsh measures to collect outstanding monies due for some years. He also informed the meeting that a General Election could be in the offing and to be well prepared for any such event.

The following points were also discussed:

1. Amenity Grants Scheme:

Deputy Bernard Durkan received the following reply from the Minister for Environment regarding capital grants and if they will be made available during 1988 for community facilities such as, halls, swimming pools, sports tracks etc.

"There is provision in my Department's Estimates for 1988 for capital grants for swimming pools. Grants will also be made available for recreational and amenity projects under the Amenity Grants Scheme financed from National Lottery Funds. I am not yet in a position to indicate the likely funding for particular areas."

2. Royal Canal:

Following continuous representations by Deputy Bernard Durkan the reply below was received from the

Minister for Finance★

"During 1988, the Commissioners of Public Works, in collaboration with the various voluntary groups and local authorities, will continue with their programme of dredging, installation of new lock gates and other essential maintenance work which must be carried out before any development work is undertaken on the Royal Canal".

3. Maynooth Fire Station:

Deputy Bernard Durkan raised the matter of improvements at the above station with the Minister for Environment and received this reply:

"Consideration of the fire authority's design proposals for improvements to Maynooth Fire Station is nearing completion and I hope to be in a position to write to Kildare County Council shortly. The question of loan approval is premature at this stage. There are no other proposals from the fire authority before me".

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4. Leixlip/Kilcock By-Pass:

Following continuous representations by Deputy Bernard Durkan to the Minister for the Environment, the following reply was received:

"I expect to be in a position to give a decision on the Lucan-Kilcock Motorway scheme very soon. Without prejudice to this decision, the timing of construction of the scheme is being considered in the context of the preparation of a Blueprint for Road Development which I intend to publish within the next few months".

5. Recruitment Drive:

A recruitment drive will take place during March for new members. Further information will be available shortly.

6. Fundraising Activities:

Do you know your Ireland???? A Super Table Quiz will be held on Wednesday 16th March '88, in Setanta House Hotel, Celbridge. Table of 4 £12.00. Everyone Welcome. . .

7. Deputy Bernard Durkan is available to meeting constituents at the Geraldine Hall, Maynooth every Saturday at 2.30 p.m. approx.



LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Moyglare Road:— The following reply has been received from the County Engineer, following further representations by Deputy Stagg.

Re: Complaint from T. Ashe, Principal, Maynooth Post Primary School.

Dear Deputy,

I refer to letter, dates 23.12.1987, sent out on my behalf concerning the above.

In the case of the Moyglare Road and at the location referred to, I am pleased to inform you that provision has been made for some fairly substantial improvements on the section leading to the school in the near future. Some of this work will be financed from Development Levies, when available, and also there will

be some D.O.E. assistance by way of a County Road Strengthening Grant.

I am arranging for this work to be put in hand at the earliest opportunity and I regret any inconvenience arising from the inappropriate reply of the 23.2.87.

Planning Application:— J. Geoghegan has applied for permission for 200 houses at Moyglare.

Leinster Court:— At a recent Area Committee meeting of the Council it was agreed to recommend to the full council that the Estate be taken in charge.

Budget '88:— The Budget was discussed at a recent Branch meeting. Many features of it were condemned including the meagre 3% which farmers and self-employed people will be asked to pay in P.R.S.I. for the same benefits as workers on P.A.Y.E. paying more than double the rate. A more detailed reaction to the Budget will be given in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Patrick Moynan, Branch Secretary.

Political notes cont.
on page 16



WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

Local Workers' Party representative, Catherine Murphy has been pursuing the matter of the employment Office in Maynooth. Anyone who passes the office on dole day can only be struck by the scale of the problem of unemployment in the North Kildare area, as shown by the length of the queue.

The Employment Office handles over 3,000 claimants, of whom 1,200 visit the office each week. With only twenty hours available, this represents over sixty callers to the office per hour. The National Manpower Service is even more limited, with just three hours per week available to the public in Maynooth.

The Workers' Party is calling for the extension of services to meet the needs of the thousands of unemployed people in the area. Deputy Proinsias de Rossa tabled a question in the Dail recently asking the Minister for Social Welfare if he would arrange to have the Employment Office in Maynooth upgraded to a full employment exchange, and if he would arrange for the provision there on a full time basis of Manpower Service facilities. The Minister has replied as follows:

The Department's office in Maynooth is run by a Branch Manager who provides office accommodation and staffing under contract. The growth in the number of unemployed clients has undoubtedly placed considerable pressure on both the accommodation and the staff of all the department's local offices. While there are no plans at present to upgrade Maynooth Employment Office to a full employment exchange, the question of providing an employment exchange in the Lucan/Leixlip area is being examined.

The Branch Manager is in the process of acquiring alternative accommodation for the Branch Office, which will enable the level of service to be improved.

The question of arranging for the provision of full-time Manpower Service facilities in Maynooth is a matter for FAS. It is accepted that the provision of information on such facilities would enhance the service available to social welfare clients, and the objective is to arrange for this in future where it is feasible.

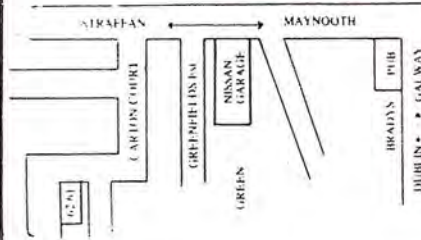
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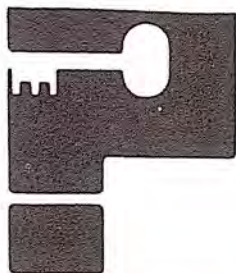
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2. Ask your employer to show you your tax deduction card (which you have a legal right to inspect every three months). This card is a record of your earnings and deductions. Check that entries on columns 13/14, which concern PRSI, are up to date.

3. You should check with the "Records" division of the Dept. of Social Welfare and ask them to provide information on contributions paid and credited to you (at least up to the end of the previous tax year).

4. Your employer is obliged to give you a statement of earnings and deductions (P.60) at the end of each tax year. If there is a delay in receiving your P60, ask your employer for an explanation. If you receive a P60 in good time it is usually an indication that your PRSI is being paid in.

5. If your employment only commenced in the current tax year the Dept. of Social Welfare wouldn't yet know details of PRSI deductions. In this case you should write to The Collector General, Office of the Revenue Commissioners, Teach Earlsfort, Hatch Street, Dublin 2. Quote your RSI number, employer's name and address and registered number.

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BRU BOSCO NOTES

The Club got off to a great start in their effort to celebrate Don Bosco's centenary in conjunction with all Salesians over the world. They held an Academy in the Geraldine Hall on Friday 29th January, it seems to have been a wonderful night. My only regret is that I was not present to enjoy the fun. The following notes were given to me by Eilis O'Malley our Club Secretary who you can be sure worked hard together with the rest of our Leaders to make this a very special occasion.

Notes from Eilis

ACADEMY 19th Jan.

Introduced by Brian O'Malley, who welcomed all present to the celebration. Compere for the night was Joe McGuigan, who did a championship job... thank you very much... a real knockout.

Items on concert.

1 — Maynooth's contribution to the Millennium — Molly Malone with Caroline and Stephane Thompson and Mary Hearins with Ciaran on guitar.

2 — "The Inspector" — written and produced by Paul Daly. Taking part were Jane McDermott, Karen Higgins, Darina O'Malley, Anne Marie Lysaght, Geraldine Caulfield and Marie Carr — a real studious bunch.

3 — "The Echo" needs to be seen to be believed — taking part Paul Daly, Brian Murphy, Damien Birchall, Louise Jolly and Yvonne O'Connor.

4 — "Blind Date" — 1st Part "Cilla" à la Eilis. Boys taking part Paul Flood, Colm Brown, Michael McEvoy and Damien Birchell all trying to get a date with Joanne O'Brien.

2nd Part Cilla à la Joe McGuigan — Girls — Anne Marie McEvoy, Sandra Thompson, Nicola O'Brien, Jeannette Thompson, Laura Troy and Sylvia Burke all trying to get a date with Br. John Campion.

5 — "This is your Life" — As a tribute to Ciaran Dallet who has been with us as a leader continually since 1984, we delved into his past to let us see Ciaran in his pre Maynooth Days. Cast — Paul Daly, Ciaran Murphy, Yvonne O'Connor, John Higgins, Patrick Ryan, Louise Jolly, Eamon O'Reilly, Brian Murphy, Peter Grant, Jason Burke, Fiona O'Connor, Damien Birchell. If you didn't see it you may have to wait on Ciaran's autobiography.

6 — Richie Ebeger — The Camel.

7 — Salesian Singers — Dan Ryan, Paul Bahagier and Fr. John Quinn.

8 — Special Request — John Gates and Ciaran Dallet in an action song.

9 — Goodnight — In true Salesian tradition, we had a good night in the theme of Don Bosco ably given by Br. John.

To finish the night we had a party for everyone there — parents, friends, club members and leaders. A good time was had by all.

Valentine Disco

By popular demand we had a disco for members and friends on Thursday 11th February. Music and lights were set up by Johnny Dowling and Gordon Read, and they were very ably assisted by Willy on sound. The girls really enjoyed the night although the boys were scarce on the ground. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the night which included a supper break for crisps, sweets and coke — not bad for 50p if you include light and heat.

Coming up lots of trips, perhaps a Unihoc competition with other Clubs and participation in some more Don Bosco '88 Competitions.

To Eilis' notes I have nothing to add except very happy to know the Club is going so well.

Peig Lynch P.R.O.

I.C.A. NOTES

The monthly meeting took place in the I.C.A. Hall on Thursday 4th February. Mrs. Bridie Brady presided and welcomed everyone. Madame President extended sympathy to Mrs. Bridie Moore and family on the sudden death of her husband.

An Open Irish night will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 20th March. Anybody interested in good Irish music and Irish dancing come along 8 p.m. — 12 midnight.

This month's competition "A Valentine Card" was won by Mrs. Geraldine Tracey, 2nd Betty Farrell and 3rd Mrs. Anne Doohan. There was a large entry in this competition. It just goes to show "Romance" is still very important. Next month's competition is "B.I.M. Fish Cookery Dish."

The guest speaker this month was Rev. Fr. Thynne. He spoke on emigration. It was a most comprehensive and informative talk. It included information about London, covering such things as Social Security, welfare benefits and lists of hostels etc. It also included information on the United States of America and some E.E.C. countries. We extend our thanks to Fr. Thynne for his advice and help and for giving of his expertise and time.

The Badminton ladies are working hard each Tuesday and Thursday mornings 11 a.m. — 12.30. We will be delighted to welcome new and returning members.

Crafts are continuing each Monday night 8 p.m. — 10 p.m., with dress-making, crochet, soft toys, and design your own knitting pattern.

The Set Dancing ladies are busy learning their "new steps", so come along to the I.C.A. Hall on Wednesday at 8.15 p.m.

Finally best wishes to the ladies who will be competing in the "Elanora Gibbon Competition" in Prosperous on February 28th. Next meeting will be held on March 3rd at 8 p.m. in the I.C.A. Hall.

Kay Burns, P.R.O.



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MARINADE:

150 ml/¼ pint orange juice

2 teaspoons made mustard

50 g/2 oz brown sugar

2 tablespoons lemon juice

1—2 cloves garlic crushed

2 tablespoons oil

salt and pepper

Mix together all the ingredients for the marinade. Put into a large dish. Add the diced pork and leave in the marinade for at least 2 hours; turn once or twice.

Simmer the onions for about 10 minutes in salted water; strain and add to the marinade. Cut each apple into about 6 thick wedges. Add to the marinade.

Lift the foods from the marinade and thread on to 4 long metal skewers. Hold over the dish so any liquid drops back into the container. Put under a pre-heated grill and cook for about 12 minutes. Turn once or twice and baste with the marinade each time you turn the skewers. Serve with cooked rice.

VARIATION

Simple Pork Kebabs: Dice the pork, as in the basic recipe, put on to skewers with diced red and green pepper — discard the cores and seeds. Add wedges of dessert apple, dipped in lemon juice to maintain the colour. Melt 40 g/1½ oz butter, add a little salt and pepper and dried sage. Brush the food with the flavoured butter before and during cooking. Grill as above.

Lamb and Tomato Tarts

9 to 12 baked patty cases

175 g/6 oz cooked lamb, minced

175 g/6 oz soft liver pâté

2 tomatoes, chopped

salt and pepper

9 to 12 tomato slices

40 g/1½ oz Cheddar cheese, grated

Put the cooked pastry cases on to an ovenproof dish. Blend the lamb, pâté, chopped tomatoes and seasoning. Put into the pastry cases just before heating so the soft filling does not spoil the pastry. Top each tart with a tomato slice and then a layer of grated cheese. Heat towards the top of a moderately hot oven (200°C/400°F or Gas Mark 6) for a few minutes. Serve hot.

MAYNOOTH CASTLE

A Focal Point of Local History

Mary Cullen

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

At this stage it is time to ask what we can know about the way people lived in the Maynooth area when Maurice FitzGerald was granted Offelan by Strongbow in 1176.

First of all we know that they did not live in the town of Maynooth because it did not then exist. But neither did they live in a remote or isolated area. The plain of Ma Nuad lay right beside the route of one of the five great roads of Ireland from ancient times. These major roads all radiated from Dublin to the north, north-west, west, south-west and south. Like the secondary roads they took advantage of the natural features of the country, eskers and areas of high, dry ground fords where rivers could be easily crossed, while they skirted mountains and other obstacles. The first of these great roads, an tSlighe Mhor, connected Dublin with the west and seems to have followed the line of the Eiscir Riada, a series of gravel hills forming a natural causeway from east to west through the boglands and woodlands of the central plain. It is suggested that this road left Dublin along the line of modern High Street, Thomas Street and James Street, and then via Inchicore, Lucan, Celbridge, Taghadoo and Timahoe to Clonmacnoise and Ballinasloe, and finally to Clarinbridge in Co. Galway. Not only was Ma Nuad right beside an tSlighe Mhor but the second of the great roads, Slighe Dhala Meic Umhoir, The Road of Dala, son of Umhoir, passed not very far to the south of its route from Dublin through Naas and Roscrea to Tarbert.

The Eiscir Riada seems to have been not simply a natural means of communication and transport but to have had a real political significance in Irish history. The annals tell us that in the second century A.D., in a struggle for the high kingship between Conn of the Hundred Battles and Mogh Nuadat, the rivals agreed to divide the country between them along the line of the Eiscir Riada, Conn taking the northern half, Leath Cuinn, and Mogh Nuadat the southern, Leath Mogha. That this division had some real significance is suggested by the fact that it formed the basis for the major reformation of the Irish Church in the twelfth century.

Essentially this reform involved the re-establishment of a network of dioceses to take back the management of the Church from the monastic *paruchia* which had usurped the power of the bishops. At the Synod of Rathbreasail in 1111 Leath Cuinn and Leath Mogha were used for the division of the Irish Church into two new provinces, Leath Cuinn becoming the province of Armagh and Leath Mogha the province of Cashel. This organisation of the Church has lasted up to our own day, with the further sub-division into Armagh and Tuam,

All this shows us that the people of Ma Nuad were not isolated from important events in Irish history, but does not tell us how they actually lived or how the coming of Maurice FitzGerald and the building of the castle of Maynooth changed or affected the pattern of their lives. Modern research tends to show that Irish society was very unstable and subject to rapid change and fluctuation at the political or ruling level, but was very stable and slow at the social and economic level of the lives of ordinary people. Because succession to the headship of a clan or kindred group did not descend from father to eldest son but was open to any member of the group of relatives called the *derfine*, i.e. all the descendants in the male line of one great-grandfather, there was a constant struggle for dominance among different factions within the same extended family, and Irish Kingdoms or Tuatha tended to split into parts and then come together again in a constantly changing pattern, something like a kaleidoscope. This is why our own Ui Faelain, one ambitious and successful segment of the Ui Dunlainge dynasty, quite regularly provided a King of Leinster but never monopolised the succession. The system also made it very difficult to unite the whole country permanently under any *ard-ri* or high-king since no ruler of any Irish Tuath could enter into any agreement which was certain to be accepted as final and binding by all groups within his own clan.

The same system of regarding the family group rather than an individual as the property-owning unit seems to have originally been the basis for all Irish society and this has led many people, including James Connolly, to see Irish society, at the coming of the Normans, as an ideally communistic one, where the Irish peasant was "a free clansman owning his tribeland and controlling its administration in common with his fellows..." (James Connolly, *Labour in Irish History*, 1910). However, modern research

tends to establish that for several centuries before the arrival of the Normans the kindred group had been replaced by the nuclear family of father, mother and children as the property-owning unit and Ireland had become a "land of settled mixed farmers with a developed sense of private property", (Donncha O Corrain, *Ireland before the Normans*, 1972), and various grades of land tenure from the relatively independent free-holder to the landless labourer.

The holding of the wealthy farmer was large, perhaps the equivalent of a modern townland, and its centre was the ring-fort or rath or lios, whose remains are to be found scattered all over the country. The words *rath* and *lios* are often to be found as part of place-names, rath in the eastern part of the country, and lios elsewhere. While some of these sites had a military significance most of them were farmsteads, and they were built and occupied as far back as the late Bronze Age and at least as recently as the fourteenth century. The typical form was a circular enclosure ringed by a rath or rampart of earth or stone. Inside was the family home and farm buildings and farmyard. Immediately outside the rath were the small cultivated fields, and beyond them forest, bog and rough land which might be privately owned or shared in common. The original small tilled fields have long since been absorbed into larger ones but the exciting new development of aerial photography as a tool in historical and archaeological research often allows their exact boundaries to be seen. These boundaries show up as lines of a distinctly different colour in say, a field or corn, and while not visible at all to the observer on the ground, can be clearly seen in an aerial photograph. Donncha O Corrain tells us that oats, barley, wheat and rye were grown. Wheaten bread was a luxury for the upper classes, while oats was the most extensively grown cereal and oaten porridge, a staple of the Irish diet. The other main elements were milk and milk products like butter, curds and various types of cheese.

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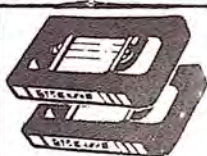
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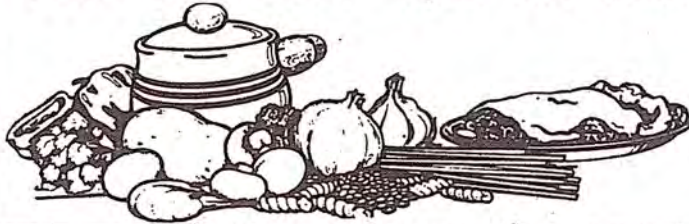
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Our Valentine's night Disco was a great success. Once again thanks to our sponsors for the night, the Leinster Arms and Petals. It was a very enjoyable night and there was great excitement in choosing our very own Canal Queen. From a line up of fourteen attractive young girls, our winner was Sandra Kenny, Greenfield, Maynooth. This girl was a very very popular and deserving winner. So we hope to see lots of Sandra at all our events during 1988. Take note of our entertainment for our coming events in March and April. Once again thanks to all for their support.

Hugh O'Sullivan, P.R.O.

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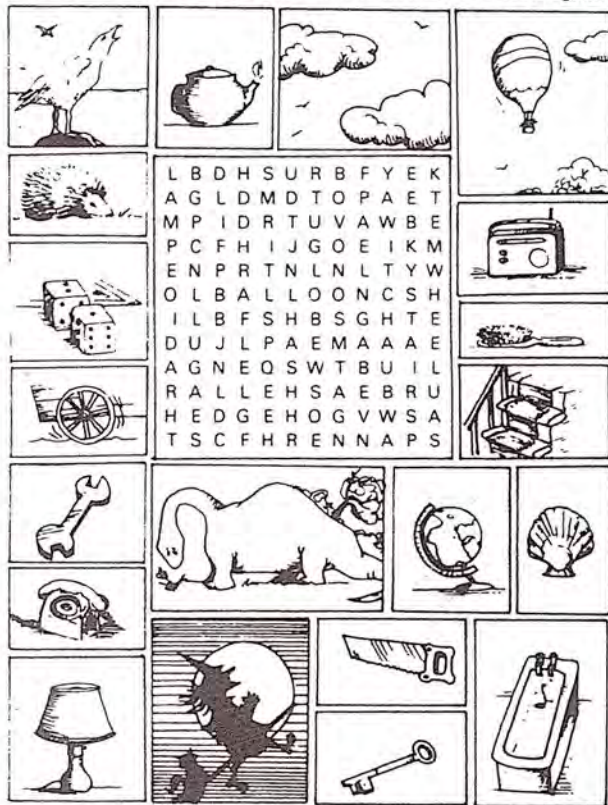




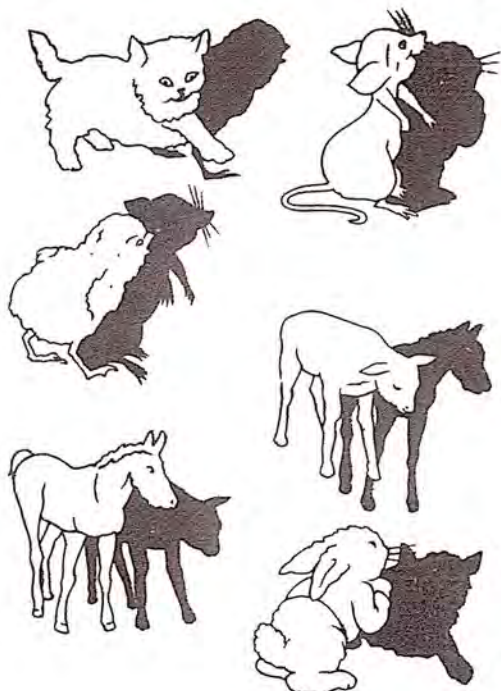
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2nd prize: Emmet Dalton, 17 Cluain
Aoibhinn, Maynooth.

Runners-Up:

Caroline Farrell,
60 Maynooth Pk.,
Maynooth.

Claire Hogan,
70 Maynooth Pk.,
Maynooth.

Warren Conroy,
Mulhussey,
Kilcock.

Ages 8—12

1st prize: Belinda Byrne, Barracks-
town, Maynooth.

2nd prize: Michael Duffy, Kilmore,
Kilcock.

Runners-Up:

Phillip Lalor,
37 Rathlawns,
Rathcoole.

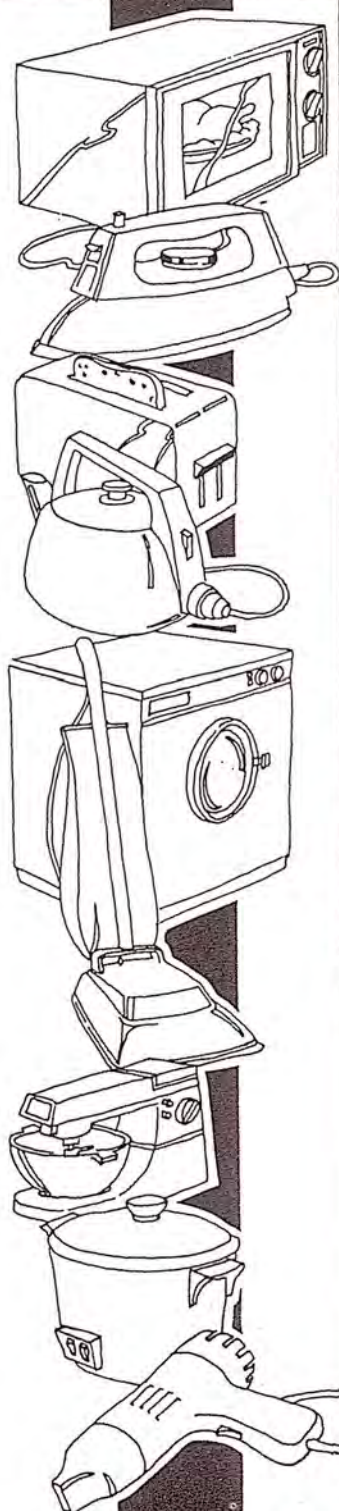
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90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR NANNY CONNOLLY

There was great celebration in the Leinster Arms on Saturday the 30th of January. The occasion was the 90th birthday of "Nanny" Connolly, and the large family took the opportunity to gather together to celebrate. There were about 50 people present in the restaurant for a meal and a sing-song which was in full swing when I arrived.

Nearly all her family were present for the occasion which began with a Mass. Although many are scattered throughout England, about thirteen returned including daughters, son-in-law and grandchildren. Unfortunately, one sister Molly Burke, who lives in Scotland, could not be present that weekend. She is 83.

The Burkes, which is Nanny's maiden name, have a reputation for living to a great age, and Kitty, pictured above with Nanny, is 88. Both are as lively as women half their age, and there was great singing and dancing that night. There are four generations of Connollys alive — a feat to be proud of indeed! If the ages of the two sisters in the photograph are added together, they cover a grand total of 178 years. It surpasses the

200 year mark if Emmet Stagg is included.

The family wish to thank all those who made the occasion such a great success. Firstly, Jack McIlhenny and the staff of the Leinster Arms for the meal and attention which they had all night. The P and L Bakery provided the cake as a present; the Old Folks Committee who gave a bouquet.

Ciarán Duke took the photographs all evening and is a friend of the family. They also wish to thank Father Peter Dowling who said the Mass in Kevin Connolly's house, and Emmet Stagg for attending.

May Nanny and indeed Kitty have many, many more lively years.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin.



Emmet Stagg T.D., Nanny Connolly and her sister Kitty Thompson

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Martina Lettice, winner Championship Celbridge Feis. Martina is a member of The Maher School of Dancing.

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

There were three categories of competition Adult, Teenager, and Under-12's, and as always one of the rewards of locally-based writing such as these stories comes from the insight which they provide into the way we see life in our own community today — something that no outsider, however accomplished, can do for us.

In the Adult Category, I was disappointed to note that one of the entrants from last year's competition submitted stories this year. I should have liked to see more from those writers; I hope they were not discouraged at not winning on that occasion. Persistence is everything in writing, as I would remind all entrants, whether winners or not. Persistence also comes into play with regard to the individual story, and I feel that some of the entries in the Adult Category, including the one we eventually selected as winner, could have developed their subject to a greater extent. However, it is not a bad technique to

leave a reader wanting more. The winner in the Adult Category is "The Adjournment Debate", a study of the major emotions which may be involved in even a minor court case, written by Declan O'Connor.

The Teenage Category was rather lacking in quantity but amply made up for this in quality, and Rosemary Bean's entry was a very effective portrayal of a terminal crisis in the life of a young person of today. She made striking use of some local detail, and followed her subject through unremittingly to the end. As well as the accomplishment of the style of writing, I would also like to commend the presentation of this story. A clear uncluttered lay-out, well spaced handwriting or, better still, typing, and clean paper seem to be details which inexperienced writers overlook all too easily. However, the overall look of Rosemary's entry reflected the care and thought which had gone into its writing.

There was a large and enthusiastic entry for the Under-12 Section, and it was difficult to select a clear winner. There seemed to be three major types of story favoured by this age group: footballing exploits, foiling robbers or kidnappers, or something that happened in a dream. Many of these were very well told and obviously reflect the interests of the writers, but in the end we chose a piece which struck its own individual note. "Shopping With Dad" mixed anguish and humour as it conveyed the air of puzzled superiority with which children regard the frantic efforts of adults, especially parents, to do things their way. So, the prize in this section goes to Feargal Ward.

Once again, congratulations to the prizewinners and our encouragement to those others who, even if they didn't win, care sufficiently to set down in writing the material of their life and imagination.

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STORY COMPETITION

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Declan O'Connor. 12-18's — Rosemary Bean. Under 12's: Fergal Ward.

They were presented with their prizes on Monday February 15th in the Library. They were sponsored by the A.I.B. and the Bank of Ireland. Frank

Byrne presented their prizes and Muireann Ní Bhrolchain presented the B.O.I. award in the unavoidable absence of Larry Ayres.

The prizewinners, their families and the sponsors were welcomed by Kay McKeogh to the library and she expressed the satisfaction of the newsletter with the quantity and

quality of the entrants. The award winning stories will be published in this issue and will maybe encourage more writers to try their luck. We would like to thank our sponsors, the staff of the library and our judges, Peter Denman and Mary O'Donnell for all their help.



SHOPPING WITH DAD

By Fergal Ward

When I woke up, I heard my Mum and Dad arguing again. Last night they had a fight because Mum burnt the rashers and already they had started.

Dad had got the bill from the Visa company and was shocked with the amount Mum spent. He was raging with anger and my Mum was nearly crying. I went over and got my cereal. By now Dad had cooled down a bit and Mum wasn't talking either. Mum and Dad had loads of rows but this looked to be the big one. Just then my Dad said "Come on son, we'll show women how to shop". I couldn't believe this because my Dad doesn't know the difference between a tomatoe and a red apple.

I got changed and went into the passenger's seat. My Dad, all huffed up, forgot the keys of the car and then started blaming me. I was just about to get out, but then the car started and we were off to the shops.

Dad was breaking the speed limit by miles but I didn't say anything in case.

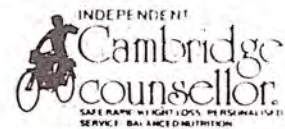
It took half an hour to get to Dublin. Dad didn't want to pay to park so he parked near the Ilac.

We went straight into the Ilac, into

the Dunnes-store department, and through the crowds and finally got a basket. As we were popping things in and out of the basket we heard a bang. The basket had snapped and a jam jar smashed into the ground. One of the security guards thought Dad was messing with the jam and made a jump for him. Dad caught me by the arm and ran out. We ran through the crowds and finally got to the Quinnsworth department. This time we got a trolley and Dad took it. We were going fine until Dad lost control of the trolley and knocked down a tower of beans. The manager of the store was coming over to him but I told Dad and in a few seconds we were off running again, this time to the Centra. We went to the fish counter this time and of course Dad was examining the fish. The assistant behind the counter didn't like Dad's remarks so he got a huge piece of meat and hit Dad on the head. Before Dad could argue we saw the security guard from Dunnes, the manager of Quinnsworth and now the fishman from Centra right behind us.

We ran and ran until finally we saw our car. But on our car was a parking

ticket because we were on a double yellow line. Dad paid the fine and was away as quick as possible. When we got home I was surprised to see Dad real kind to my Mum and he even made her a cup of tea. Really, I can't understand my parents!



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FREEDOM

by

Rosemary Bean
Age 17

Post Primary School Maynooth FREEDOM

Maeve turned off the television as the first strains of the National Anthem began. She put the old battered spark-guard in front of the fire, or rather the few remaining smouldering embers in the grate. Maeve went towards the door and turned the handle slowly so as not to disturb anyone else in the house. She turned off the light and closed the door gently behind her. Maeve went into her rooms and switched on the bedside lamp, got undressed, except for her shirt which she slept in, got into bed and reached for the switch on the lamp to turn it off. She listened hard and carefully to the silence.

"Maeve get up for school."

"Oh not again," she moaned.

It was the same old story every day, get up, go to school, come home, watch TV, go to bed and try to sleep. Maeve got up slowly and put on her school uniform. She went into the bathroom, glanced at herself in the mirror but quickly turned away. She couldn't bear to see her own reflection. She thought to herself that if she had to go through many more days like this, feeling the way she did, she'd end up killing herself. That idea had not been far from her thoughts of late. Maeve resented everything that surrounded her, her family, friends, school, society, oh yes especially society! She held that in the utmost contempt, after all, all it had ever done was to condemn and reject the people closest to her.

"Hurry Maeve, you'll be late for school", nagged her Mother.

"Yeah, yeah, I'm coming", she groaned: Maeve decided not to go to school that day. She'd go into town and call up to see Paul at work. So she stayed on the bus as it passed her stop. She saw Anne and Caroline walking happily up the beech-tree lined avenue on their way to school. They didn't see her. If only they had!

It was twenty past nine by the time she got into town. Paul wouldn't have started work yet so Maeve decided to take a walk up to Stephen's Green. The streets were noisy and packed with early morning shoppers. Maeve walked alone and slightly dazed, lost in her own train of thought. She stopped suddenly at a news-

agency on Grafton Street where a postcard of a poppy field caught her eye. She went in and bought it. She smiled softly as she remembered how Paul used to fantasize about poppy fields. When Maeve reached Stephen's Green she went in and found a quiet secluded spot to sit and think. Maeve tried to assess her whole life once again. Something she had tried to do but failed many times before. What had the past seventeen years meant to her? She had not been exactly happy and her strongest memories of her childhood were painful, she could recall in vivid detail the loneliness and rejection she'd always felt. She never seemed to be able to communicate with her parents. She always felt isolated and didn't seem to fit in anywhere! Then last year when Michael died, that was the last straw! It was so unfair, Maeve had tried to save her brother but it was too late and anyway Michael did not want to be saved. He wanted to be free and now at last he was. He had suffered nothing but rejection of one sort or another his whole life. He had felt unloved and that feeling Maeve knew was the worst feeling anyone could experience. Her eyes filled with tears as she remembered the unhappiness she had felt all those months ago, the sorrow that was still with her, even now. Maeve felt she was trapped, inside her own body. She resented the fact that she was not free to make her own choices, she wanted to make up her own mind, be free to do what she wanted to do, what she needed to do. Maeve felt oppressed by an unsympathetic Church which had condemned the manner of her brother's death, by society, by her family, but she couldn't face the pain

any longer. She needed to be free from it all and she only saw one way out!

She left Stephen's Green and walked slowly along some cold, dirty back streets. She knew these streets well as she'd often come here to get Michael some 'gear'. She knew exactly where to go and who to go to. When she reached York Street, she knocked on the cold steel black door of an old delapidated house. A haggard looking middle-aged man opened the door and greeted Maeve with a vacant smile. Maeve went in. After about ten minutes she came out clutching her school-bag which contained a large brown envelope. Maeve then went up to see Paul at work. She didn't stay long, just handed him the post-card on which she had written that life was an ever expanding circle that would eventually explode and then she'd be free. Paul looked at the post-card and smiled, he read it but didn't understand. He didn't realise what Maeve was intending to do. She kissed him on the lips softly and said good-bye. Paul looked after her, puzzled, trying to figure out what was wrong, but then he never could! He decided that he'd ring her that night and have a chat.

Maeve went back to her earlier resting place in Stephen's Green. She opened the envelope and filled the syringe with the deadly venom. She rolled up her sleeve and as she pushed the needle into her arm and injected her veins with the fatal poison she closed her eyes and smiled as she imagined she could see Michael in the distance. She could see Paul behind her. She smiled as she realised that she was almost free, yes she was at last free.

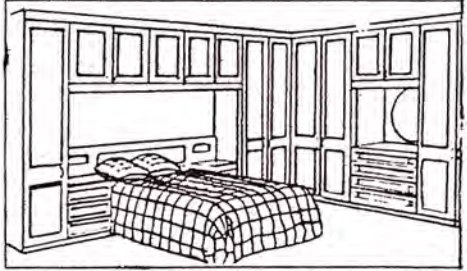
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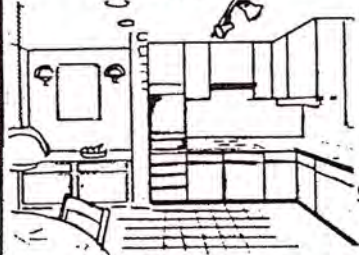
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THE ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

The smell assailed her senses when her sister-in-law lifted the latch. It was a smell she could almost see. It was at once musty and yet dry on the back of her throat. She expected to find the tell-tale pattern of water splashes on the boarded floor. The hall seemed hermetically sealed in spite of an almost perfect golf-ball size empty circle in the middle window. She concluded that the sensual feeling was trapped in the dirt brown floor boards which clunked and clunked under her weight when she walked to select a seat half way up the hall. She assumed she could sit down. Were people like her expected to stand? She had not yet been convicted by the Court. She wondered about the elderly man at the top of the hall who arranged a baize green cloth over two kitchen tables. He went through a practiced routine which ended in clicking life at the second attempt into a gas heater near the tables.

It couldn't have been more than ten miles from the hotel where the wedding reception was held. Blame was not an issue. She repeated that mentally because it seemed to have such a neat legal ring about it, almost like a regular line from Crown Court. She had insisted on driving that night. There would be a lingering memory of torches, scotch-belts, silent blue beacons and what seemed like an infinite variety of male accents in the garda station. The Analysis Certificate from the Medical Bureau of Road Safety seemed almost like transparent tissue when she edged it from the standard printed registered envelope. It was years since she had signed a receipt for registered post. The Certificate claimed or stated or alleged or recorded or call it what one wanted that the urine sample she had provided at 1/27 a.m. showed a concentration of 152 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine. That was drunk-driving by another name, a polite and sanitised name, it seemed. She accepted that the whole story would find its way compressed into a 1" x 2" column in the "Evening Press" or the "Evening Herald", or more than likely both. How many times had she herself sat in judgment in the Court of Appeal that was the evening paper? The written history of events now reposed peacefully in the handbag at her left foot.

She could almost recite the Summons:

"Whereas a complaint has been

made to me that you, the said defendant on the 24th day of May, 1987, at a public place within the Court Area and District aforesaid, did drive a mechanically propelled vehicle, to wit. — motor car, registered number: in said public place while there was present in your body a quantity of alcohol, being such, that within three hours after so driving said vehicle, the concentration of alcohol in your urine exceeded the concentration of 135 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine, Contrary to "Section 49 (3), and (a) of the Road Traffic Act, 1961, as inserted by Section 10 of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 1978 and the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 1984."

The floor reverberated as people entered the hall. She never looked back. The chairs scraped, clashed and squealed. Hardly four people sat ahead of her. It was like mass attendance. She began to experience a feeling of elation or was it relief. Whatever the feeling it was confession-based, sedating, and tranquillising. That's what it was. Hardly six minutes ago her fingers had ached for a cigarette, her mind or brains screamed for any brand of tea.

Guards and Solicitors straightened to attention. Everybody in front of her did and she did and the tubular steel chairs behind her did. The public announcement took place at 11/50 p.m. as recorded on her digital watch. Six minutes earlier the District Justice had asked his Clerk to read the D.P.P. list. She was aware of the abbreviation "D.P.P.". Fleshed out it was "Director of Public Prosecutions."

"Superintendent".

"Yes, Justice".

"This is a Section 49 case".

"Yes, Justice".

"Is it a pre-July certificate?"

"It is".

"Is the Defendant represented?"

Silence. The Superintendent swivelled almost mechanically with an open file in one hand, spectacles loosely held in the other. A garda standing at the wall caught his eye and pointed at her. "Have you a Solicitor?" Her stomach churned like the twin-tub in the utility room. She attempted to stand but the lacquered chair seat clung to the backs of her thighs. More scraping and clashing accompanied by tinny echoes.

"She's not represented, Justice."

"Justice, I'm applying for an adjournment in this case to the February court in view of the Appeal to the Supreme Court."

"No, Superintendent, I'll have to

dismiss it. As far as I'm concerned the decision in the Connolly-Sweeney case last July represents the law as it is until it is overturned elsewhere. There is a 1973 decision which supports that view. You know the views of a colleague of mine. They were widely reported. Justice delayed is justice denied — he used that maxim. Have you any more Section 49's to-day?"

**Declan O'Connor,
35 Greenfield Drive,
Maynooth.**

PARENT'S ASSOCIATION BOY'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

On Saturday night Feb. 13th a large crowd re-lived the sounds of the Sixties as we danced to the music of D.J. Willie in the Hitchin' Post. Not many braved the elements by donning their mini-skirts, but nevertheless the atmosphere was fantastic. Many people went home with some great prizes and one woman had her Valentine's surprise early, when she won a Valentine's cake, donated by the Elite Bakeries. We would like to thank the Elite and the following who donated the rest of the fantastic gifts: Tom Geraghty, Greenfield, Donovan's Newsagent, Billies, Hardimans Flowershop, Cameo Beauty Clinic, Top of the Crop, Hidden Treasures, James O'Neill, Jim Smyth, Sports Locker, Doyle's, Country Shop, Blossoms Beauty Care, Moulin Rouge, Caulfields, Bradys, The Roost, O'Briens Catering, Eileen and Michelle Hair Stylists, Bartons Transport, Moyglare Manor, The Poitin Stil, Barberstown Castle, Maynooth Jewellers, Logans Coal, C.P.L. motor factors, Maynooth Cycle Centre. We appreciate their generosity. We would like to extend our appreciation to M. Kearney and staff in the Hitchin' Post. A special word of thanks must go to the boy's who painted some wonderful posters. Their Art Teachers should be proud of them.

If you missed our Sixties night this time you will have another chance as we are planning to hold another one in June.

Anne O'Malley, Secretary.

MUINTIR MHAIGH NUAD

Paddy Carr interviewed by Jim Cunningham

When I called to see Paddy Carr one evening recently, he was engrossed in a card game of which, I had to admit I have never heard, called Spite and Malice. Two words less appropriate for use in connection with Paddy would be hard to imagine.

Paddy who lives at No. 1 Main St. was born there seventy-eight years ago last November and has lived all his life in the town. His family before him were natives of the town and Paddy's living room is dominated by two large photographs — one of his mother who was, on the evidence of the picture, a stunningly beautiful woman, the other of his father, a handsome moustached man with a hint of military bearing. His father did, in fact, serve in the British army in India and Ceylon, as it was then called. Although he had left the army he was called up on the out-break of the First World War and served in the RAF, where his trade of decorating was put to good use camouflaging planes. Paddy still has some of the brushes which were given to his father on leaving the RAF at the end of the war.

On his return to Maynooth after the war he resumed working with his cousin who owned a painting and decorating business. Paddy followed his father's footsteps into the trade when he commenced his apprenticeship at the age of fourteen.

In those days it took seven years for a decorator to serve his time, a year longer, as Paddy remarks, than it took to make a doctor. Paddy maintains that the trade was more complicated then, particularly in the area of mixing of paints. The blends which are now on the market were not available in those days.

Paddy spent all his working life at this trade, originally with his father and cousin, and later on his own. He always worked on a contract basis although he was asked at one time to join the staff of Maynooth College where he did a lot of work over the years. He worked in many of the stud farms and big houses around Kildare and Meath. He spent a lot of time working in Carton House and recalls, particularly, being brought in to decorate a room in preparation for the visit of Princess Grace. He also did a good deal of sign-writing for firms such as Kelly's Bakery and Kavanagh's Mills. Paddy regrets the

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virtual death of the art of sign-writing in recent decades and welcomes the new trend of a return to traditional shop fronts.

Apart from his work for which he obviously had a great love, Paddy has other strings to his bow — quite literally, in fact, since he can number playing the fiddle, piano and mandolin among his accomplishments. He played in a dance band for some time



and can still be called on to play a tune. He entertained me with a couple of tunes on a foot-pumped organ which he has in his living room.

His other great passions are cards and literature. He plays cards with his friends, many of whom are students from the College, and if he has nobody to play with he'll resort to Patience. He reads a great deal and has read many of the great classics of the English language.

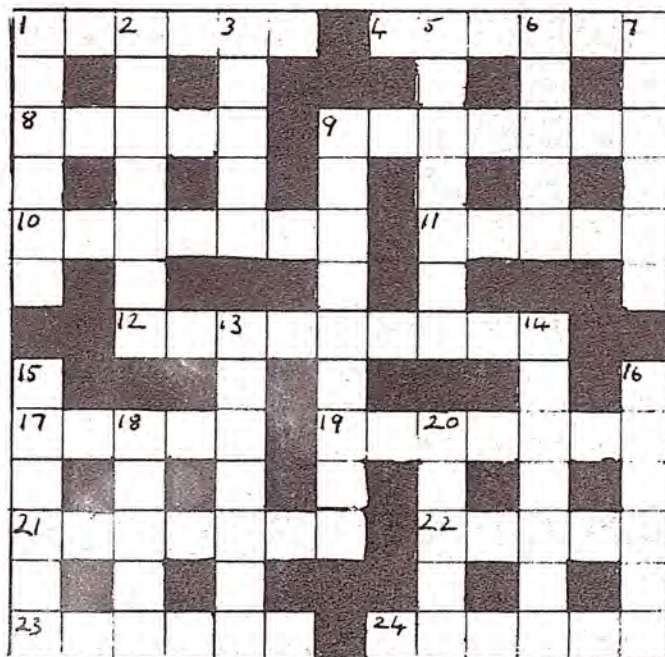
Paddy has many memories of Maynooth in the old days. He recalled for me one particular incident which was an ambush of the Black and Tans outside the church in which one man was killed. As a reprisal the Tans threatened to burn several houses in the town. One of the houses which was to be burned was the house next to Paddy's, which was occupied by Dr. Brogan who had been reluctant to treat the man who was shot. Paddy's family moved out for fear of the fire. Eventually the local RIC Sergeant Cleary persuaded the Tans to desist.

Paddy now lives life at a leisurely pace. He visits relatives in England quite often and is familiar with many parts of that country. However, he assures me that he never had any wish to live anywhere other than Maynooth.

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Across

- 1 & 17. Are the houses here made of cardboard boxes? (6,5)
4. Yes, a company provides backing for this playwright (1'5)
8. Tornado without publicity is blown apart, believe it . . . (2,3)
9. See 6 Down
10. Reform calls round and doctor takes operations at home (5,2)
11. Leinster Arms was formerly a warm Spanish article (5)
12. Takeaway aids cur if well chewed (9)
17. Woo (5)
19. That Quinnswordth is still often called this is borne out by the name (1'5'1)
21. To accomplish, I've confused pain roundabout (7)
22. The answer is not here - but it is! (5)
23. Placing metallic rocks in middle of thoroughfare could be very painful (6)
24. Is our patron saint stiff after taking herb? Not her! (6)



Down

1. Fourth line of seats in theatre enveloped in type of gas for dispersing these when rioting (6)
2. Escapes like water from a duck's back (4,3)
3. A host of swearwords? (5)
5. Spy and cow are types who might field at cricket - in the rye? (7)
- 6 & 9 Across. March means a day of parading for him (5,7)
7. Yes, O.K., learner can befuddle (local) bumpkins (6)
9. He is on Pat, hiding undergarments from Hidden Treasures! (5-4)

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13. Is "Demon" one of those ruddy dogs? (7)
14. Is only the first letter of this lettuce visible above the water? (3-4)
15. Bits and pieces of rubbish in the steamship (6)
16. Rise up while a hundred die (6)
18. He will guide to Row whatever-it-is in theatre you, me, and that woman (5)
20. A blade that circles in either direction (5)

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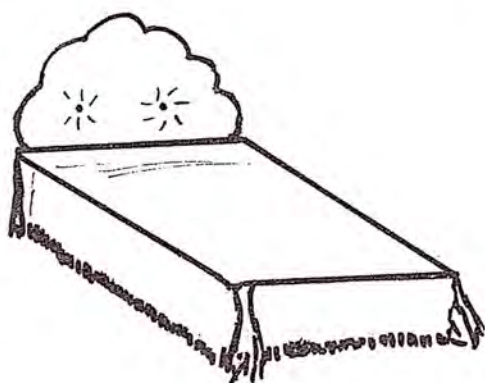
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POETRY

MY HOME TOWN

My childhood days living in a busy town
With cherished memories I will never forget
Through every corner and field I rambled around
In comfortable surroundings my whole self was set
I remember playing on meadows with such glee
Where nature and myself was truly a friend
A busy country town that meant much to me
Deep in childhood fantasy I felt never would end.

At early morning the Church bells would chime
Awakening many a worker to start their day
My empty pockets with not even a dime
But what is money without happiness I say.

I rambled through glens with my dog for company
Swam the river waters when the Summer was here
There were many wonderful sights for to see
In an adventurous childhood without any fear.

Life was simple to me in many different ways
I was seldom bored with lots to do
For want of love my whole self forever craves
In the town of my youth I wish forever I grew
My home will always be close to my heart
Where a feeling of comfort is within my mind
It is of my childhood memories I never will part
Where the local community are so lovable and kind.

A town of busy routine it is for sure
Where people carry on and never look back
But the souls of these people so wholesome and pure
In natural friendship that they never lack
This home of my youth is so familiar to all
That life in a working class area so unique
And as the passing years quickly they fall
Where each local has their own story to speak.

What would I do without my cherished home place
With little loneliness and so much company there
To me it is the best home in the human race

With a beauty of its own beyond compare
O town of my youth stay with me forever more
To re-live the adventures I had as a lad
It is of my home town has opened the door
To a happy way of life that seldom was sad.

Patrick Murray.

GOOD FRIDAY

Sunshine brought us out of doors
And woke a bee from winter sleep;
Children raced and shouted with delight
And girls lay bare legged on the lawns
Like blossoms opening in the heat.

Then promptly as the clock struck three
We squeezed inside a church
To play our part in what occurred
One sunlit Friday centuries ago;
A woman sang with poignant grief
And while life triumphed out of doors
We queued to kiss brass-moulded feet.

P. O'D.

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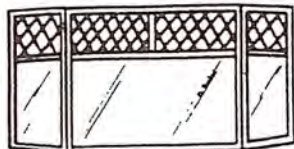
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MAYNOOTH ACCORDEON BAND

It is just over three years since Rita O'Reilly brought John Mitchell to the Boys National School to start accordion lessons. John the renowned accordion teacher had been teaching in Clane in the early 80s when Rita suggested to him that he start classes in Maynooth. He agreed and the first class was held on 29th November 1984.

Twelve children were required to make the class interesting but twenty turned up on the first night and so it began. Classes since then have continued each Wednesday evening from 4.30 — 9.30 and the number of pupils has grown to 40 ranging in age from 8 years to 13 years. Unfortunately the classes are now full but a waiting list is being kept and any enquiries should be made to the school on Wednesday evenings between 7.30 — 9.30. Within this number there are three divisions, two bands a senior and a junior in which there are 25 members and a 15 member beginners class. Drummer Stephen Boyd aged 9 has exceptional talent which he expresses well on a new set of drums sponsored by Ulster Bank, Maynooth. The com-

bined bands have been busy of late entertaining at Howth Pier, St Patrick's Day parade in Maynooth in 1986 and 1987 and in the town square during Community Week. In fact they won the award for the best junior band in the Maynooth 1987 St Patrick's Day Parade and additionally during 1987 Emma McArdle won first prize in the beginners accordion section at the Raheny Festival of Music. They also entertained our Senior Citizens at their annual get together and appeared in a number of concerts in the Parish Hall. It is a tribute to the commitment of the children, their parents, John Mitchell, Rita O'Reilly ably assisted by Rita Sheehan, Ann Naughton and Deirdre McArdle that after only a year and a half they were sufficiently competent to appear and do very well in a Band Competition in Baltinglass.

Their appearance at this years Senior Citizens party was one of their most rewarding performances. The enjoyment on the faces of the Senior Citizens and the young band members was self evident. The band is looking forward to similarly entertaining the patients in Peamount Hospital later this month.

John Mitchell, their mentor has been teaching accordion for the past

30 years and as well as Maynooth is currently running classes in:— Athlone, Ballyfermot, Palmerstown, Bray, Clane, Sallins, Baltinglass, Avoca, Roundwood and Enniskerry.

John, who is now fairly well known in the town and certainly by the patrons of Bradys every Wednesday evening where he proudly refers to his complimentary cup of coffee while he awaits transport to the school. He is a native of Ballytoran, Co Kildare and unfortunately he had completely lost his sight by the age of 11. He continued his education in St Josephs School for Blind Boys, Drumcondra where in addition to the formal subjects he learned basket making. He practised this profession for eight years in the factory for past pupils attached to St Joseph's School.

During the latter years there he became interested in the accordion having been influenced by a pianist friend. However the problem he had was acquiring his first accordion — having noticed one in Brereton's Pawn shop in Capel Street the problem he had was raising the money for it and after paying £1 per week from his wages for 52 weeks the instrument was delivered to him. He was 22 at the time and within 2½ years self-teaching he was sufficiently profi-

Accordeon Band contd.

cient to commence classes. He took his first accordeon class in Ballyfermot in 1957 and by 1959 the band which he formed there won the Hohner All Ireland competition. His next success was St Bernadette's Band, Dun Laoghaire which won numerous awards over a 12 year period. These are just two of his successes which happily are continuing to date. His past and continuing achievements are remarkable for a person who through blindness has never seen a written note of music. He is an example to us all, long may he continue.

Tony McArdle



MAYNOOTH CREDIT UNION NOTES

The Maynooth Credit Union is very near to opening now. In fact by the time you read this it may be open. Notices will be posted around the town — so watch out for them and come early on the opening day to avoid delay.

Many of you may not be aware what a Credit Union is for, so for your benefit, here is a few pointers. A Credit Union is to help members to save regularly and by doing so to provide a service of credit which would be available to all members at reasonable rates of interest.

When we do open, those of you who are members of Leixlip Credit Union, will have to join again at a fee of £1.00 and then transfer its shares they have in Leixlip to Maynooth. We must warn everyone at this time that in the first months the Maynooth Credit Union will not have the funds to provide large loans to its members, so anyone considering borrowing a large amount in the near future should remain a member of Leixlip Credit Union.

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COLLEGE NEWS

From the 8th—10th of February the College had its yearly Rag-Week (or should we say Rag 3 days). One would hardly know it was on only for posters, advertising the fact, hung around the college. It was the quietest Rag-Week the college has experienced ever. There seemingly was a "hat day" and a "flower come hippy day". Some of the more unusual events included a "drinkathon". Some of the bands that played in the Students Union included our very own Fiddlers Green, Royal Flush, Kenkins Ear and Mary Black. There was a special computerized Blind Date service for those lonely students who needed a date before Valentines Day. All in all it was very very quiet and very little disruption or the usual chaos within the College Walls.

Songs of Praise seemed to dominate the College — but more of that later on in the issue.

MAYO-KILDARE ASSOCIATION

A branch of the above Association was recently formed.

It has been decided to hold the first social outing on St. Patrick's Night in the Town House, Naas. This evening will consist of a Buffet Supper and entertainment appropriate to the day. Tickets, which will be strictly limited to a total of 150 will be available at a cost of £6.00.

Further particulars can be had by ringing 285492

The Club would like to offer their sympathies to the Farrell family on the recent death of Nicko Farrell as the family are always involved in club playing and on committee.

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The Maynooth children are collected at their own door in the morning and left safely home in the afternoon by the school bus. This is an excellent service which parents have been very satisfied with.

The curriculum of Education in the Scoil Lán-Ghaelach is the same as in all other primary schools, except the medium is Irish rather than English.

There is no school fee involved.

Mr. O'Muirthe, Priomh Oide, expressed delight at the 100% increase in the number of children attending the school. He also said that a new class of 4 year olds (Junior Infants) will be starting in the school on Monday 11th April.

If you are interested in sending your child to Scoil Ui Ráda, now is the time to enrol. Call to the school or phone 271146 (afternoons) for further information.

GLÓR NA nGAEL

Seo a mhí a mbímid go léir bróduil as ár nduchas — Lá le Pádraig chugainn! Is fiú do gach duine iarracht bheag a dhéanamh an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn: bain triail as! Bhí an-oíche cheoil againn ar an 2nd Feabhra. Bígí linn arís Dé Máirt 8 Marta ar 8.30 p.m. sa Leinster Arms. Beidh sár-cheoltóirí againn-cead isteach £1.00.

Tá forbairt mhór faoi Ghlór na nGael ar fud na tíre faoi láthair. Seans a tabhairt don phobal an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn mar is áil leo an aidhm atá ag Glór na nGael. Tá dhá phost a dtairiscint anois, beirt timire le ceapadh. Is féidir eolas a fháil ó Glór na nGael, 86 Sr. Gardner locht, Baile Átha Cliath!

As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day we usually feel proud of our heritage. Everyone can make some effort to foster pride in our language and traditions.

Our oíche cheol on 2nd February was a great success. Join us on Tuesday 8th March in the Leinster Arms. We have excellent musicians lined up and admission is only £1.00.

Glór na nGael is extending its activities at present. Two full-time timirí are to be appointed — application forms and information can be got from Glór na nGael, 86 Sr. Gardner locht, Baile Átha Cliath 1.



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MAYNOOTH SPRING TRADE FAIR

It's "Spring Trade Fair" time in Maynooth and the organisation of this year's event is at an advanced stage. The fair will be held in the Boys' School on 16th and 17th April. In addition to the trade displays and recreational activities, this year's fair is enhanced by the inclusion of a special cheese and wine exhibition incorporating a homebrew wine competition, so "home Brew" enthusiasts are well advised to start brewing now.

The proceeds from the "fair" will again be evenly divided between the "Royal Canal Amenities Group" and the "Boys National School". One has only to walk along the harbour to notice the massive refurbishing that is taking place, and this gives employment to nineteen persons from the locality, under the expert direction of supervisor Philip Mc Dermott. The school has long provided a sound basic education for our children, and so by supporting the "Spring Trade Fair" you are supporting all that is good in the educational and cultural aspects of the town.

Last year upwards of ninety-six exhibitors took part and it is hoped to improve on these numbers this year and to encourage more local trade to exhibit. To coincide with the fair a poster competition is being organised in the schools. Details will be circulated through the "Art and Craft" departments of the schools. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Finally those wishing to take part in either the trade section or the cheese and wine exhibition can obtain further information and by telephoning N. McDermott or Conor McMahon at 285922. Completed application forms should be returned promptly to:

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Maynooth College and some parts of the community shall feature on March 13th on the BBC programme **Songs of Praise**. The college was swarmed on February 3rd and 4th by the camera crew who made themselves quite at home within the College Chapel. All college staff and students and the community were invited to join in the congregation on both nights, and sing their hearts out with the aid of the college Choir and Prof. Gillen of the Music Department.

Among the people interviewed were Monsignor Michael Ledwith, Prof. Susan McKenna-Lalor of the Scientific area, Michael Riordan from the Catering field and John Chester, a theology student from Enniskillen.

The people who attended the first night were warned to wear the same clothes, same make-up, and same smile for the second night. Wonder if anyone would have really noticed anyway. Well all shall be revealed on the 13th. It's worth having a look at, just to see who was not singing and for miming the word Rhubarb!!

MAYNOOTH OLD FOLKS

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Folks Committee was held in the Health Centre on Tuesday 1st February, when a new committee was elected.

The Chairperson is Mrs. Imelda Delaney, Vice Chairperson Mrs. Bridie Brady, Secretary Mrs. Rose Bean, Ass. Secretary Mrs. Helen Doyle, Treasurer Mrs. Catherine Mulready and P.R.O. Mrs. Sheila Jolley. We are sorry to lose our previous P.R.O. Miss Mary Casey, owing to pressures of work but we hope she will return at some time in the future.

A party was held in the 1 S.M.A. House on Sunday 14th February when we had visitors from Celbridge. A good time was had by all. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Elite Bakery for donating cakes for our parties it is very much appreciated.

Our Flag Day this year will be the 19th and 20th March and we thank you in anticipation for your support.



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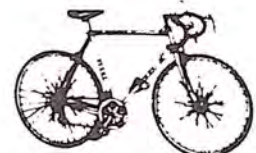
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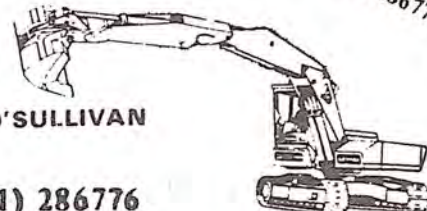
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SPORTS NEWS

MAYNOOTH G.A.A.

The A.G.M. held in the Athletic club house on Sunday January 17th was attended by a very large number of members and proved very successful as reflections were made on the past season. The chairman Mick Gillick said in his address that while no major titles were won during the year, there was great commitment from the players and with the fine spirit that exists in the club we could look forward to the new season with confidence. He congratulated Killan Fagan and Paschel Ennid on winning Leinster minor medals.

He thanks all who helped in the running of the club during the year.

Tommy Fay, Sec. gave a comprehensive account of all activities during the year. Jimmy McLoughlin, Treasurer, gave a detailed account of the financial situation of the club which proved satisfactory.

Plans for a new clubhouse and sports complex were produced and after some lively discussion it was decided to go ahead with the plan.

A major fund raising drive will be put in place, shortly to help finance the project.

The new seasons kicks off on Sunday March 6th at 3 p.m. with a home game for us.

We look forward to seeing all our loyal supporters there and anybody else who may have an interest in the G.A.A.

Officers elected.

Patrons: Fr. Supple, Ray Hammond; Presidents, Jim Nolan, Josie Murphy, Dinny Breen, Phil Brady; Vice-Presidents, Tom Moore, Ollie Reilly, Tim Twomey, Brendan Edwards (senior); Chairman, Mick Gillick; Vice-Chairman, Mick Kelly (senior); Secretary, Tommy Fay; Assistant Secretary, Madeline Stynes; Treasurer, Jimmy McLoughlin; PRO, Michael Caden; Committee, Fr. Tynne, M. Meally, J. Treacey, B. Desmond, P. Nevin, P. O'Toole, J. Nevin, M. Ryan, M. McManus, J. Ennis, N. Farrell, M. Kelly (junior). Football Manager, Mick Meally; Development Committee, M. Gleeson, P. O'Toole, P. Nevin, M. Caden, J. Conway, M. Kelly (senior), F. Leavy.

Michael Caden. P.R.O.



MAYNOOTH TOWN F.C.

Due to bad weather there have been few matches played for the last two months.

Premier Sunday:

Maynooth Town (8) Rialto (1)
Maynooth who had travelled and played Rialto two weeks previously gained sweet revenge in this match. Maynooth ran riot with goals from Terry Moore (2), John Doyle (2), Philip Doyle (1), John Nolan (1), Kieran McAtamney (1), Jerry Moen (1)

Premier Sunday:

Maynooth Town (0) Castlevilla (2)
After a long lay-off Maynooth played the league leaders. Castlevilla were much fitter having played and trained on a regular basis and it was no



Jim "The Camel" Reilly in good spirits at Henrys

surprise to see them gaining this victory. Features of this match were two fantastic saves from Maynooth keeper Brian Boyd — real "Match of the Day" stuff.

Off the playing fields Maynooth had some other activities. We had our Christmas party in "Henries", Naas. A large contingent of players, officials and supporters had a most enjoyable night.

Our Christmas Draws in Caulfields were very successful. Congratulations to all winners and "Thank You" to all who supported us. Our Easter trip to the Isle of Man is not now too far away, so everyone who is going on this trip please pay your fare as soon as possible.

It is with great sadness and regret that we mourn the passing of a great Clubman and great friend Tom Moore. Tom who was an Official of our club for many years, was very popular and his great work for the club will be sadly missed. Tom and his family have been an integral part of our club and his passing will be a big loss both to Maynooth town and to the community in general. May he rest in peace.

MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

At the Maynooth Golfing Society A.G.M. held in the I.C.A. Hall, Maynooth on Thursday, 21st Jan. '88, the following Officers and Committee were elected.

President: J. C. Carey.

Captain: P. Brazil.

Vice Captain: T. Sheehan.

Treasurer: J. Moore.

Secretary: S. Tracey.

Committee: R. Delamere, T. Flanagan, J. Ryan, W. Moore, E. Kavanagh, S. Feeney and T. Dunning.

Listed below are the Outings for the '88 Season.

March 26th: **The Heath.**

April 29/30th: **Dingle or Scotland**
(Weekend)

May 28th: **The Curragh.**

June 25th: **Longford** (Captains Prize)

July 23rd: **Tullamore** (Seamus Moore Memorial)

October 1st: **Athlone** (Presidents Prize)

October 29th: **Edenderry.**

All the above Outings have been confirmed with the exception of the Weekend Outing in April.

Please note that Membership Fees must be paid on or before March 26th (Our First Outing) and as always new members are more than welcome.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a good season's Golfing and I hope it will be as successful and enjoyable as previous years.

Sean Tracey, Hon. Secretary.



At the Slógadh Regional finals in Mullingar the girls from St. Wolstan's School, Celbridge, who qualified for Slógadh Náisiúnta in Ennis (6-10 April) with their play for under-15. With them are their two teachers (back left): Máire Ní Fhearraigh and Áine Ní Chonaill. The play is Cuairt an Mhéan Læ.

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EYE HEAR

The OPO (one-Person Operated) buses have been serving Maynooth over the past two weeks, and at last the route of the 66 has been extended to Carton Court. All this has been accompanied by timetable changes, details of which are published elsewhere in this issue. Motorists in and out of Dublin have noticed the difference too, if stuck behind an OPO bus at a stop. It takes considerably longer to embark passengers, as the driver has to inspect passes, collect fares and give out tickets and change before moving off. However, this is a matter of accustoming passengers to having the correct fare or their passes ready as they board the bus, instead of starting to fumble deep in the trouser pocket or handbag while standing on the stop. As the Boy Scout said to Girl Guide, "Be prepared!"

Maynooth was well represented in the first round of the Irish Times/Jury's Hotel Crossword Championship held in Dublin on March 14th. Jim Cunningham and Peter Denman both participated. Competitors had to complete four Crosaire crosswords. Quickest times on the day seemed to be about an hour or so for the four, with clues such as "Geel! Entertaining city seems dead (5,4)" — the answer to that is "Ghost town" (G — Host town, geddit?). Jim and Peter both completed in ninety minutes or so, but with some incorrect words, and must now wait to see if they get through to the final on March 20th. Meanwhile, there's no need to travel to Dublin to rack your brains — try the Demon crossword in the **Newsletter**.

High spot of St. Patrick's Day will be the Newsletter float — a newcomer

to the procession this year. So, watch out for the faces behind the deathless prose of your monthly magazine.

WANTED — A THIEF REQUIRED to catch the thief that broke the bank at the Community Council offices!! Unfortunately the position will not be salaried due to lack of finance. A lot of energy was expended to steal the princely sum of £3.00 from our telephone box! The damage done — one wrecked door and desk — will cost far more than that to replace.

Seriously though, we feel that the present spate of break-ins around Maynooth can no longer be tolerated by the local people and we ask all concerned citizens to keep a watchful eye on their own and their neighbours property. All suspicious behaviour should be reported to the Gardai immediately and this would perhaps save a lot of heartache for your neighbours.

RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Confey Bridge, Leixlip: New railway station, Iarnrod Eireann.

58 Carton Court: 2 storey detached dwelling, Lombard & Ulster.

Main Street: Extension to rear of shop, and change of shop front to 2 shops, J. O'Neill.

Crewhill: Change house type to dormer bungalow, Pat Mooney.

Main Street: Change use of shop to employment office, Trevor Reilly.

107, Carton Court: Extension, shed and garage conversion, T. O'Doherty.

Laragh: Dwelling and septic tank, Gerald O'Toole.

Johninstown: Dormer bungalow, and septic tank, J. Travers.

Main Street: Two way telephone kiosk, Telecom Eireann.

Crewhill: 220 houses, J. Geoghan.

Barrogstown: Dormer bungalow and septic tank, N. J. Plunkett.

Timard: Dormer bungalow and septic tank, M. Howe.

Newtown: Dormer bungalow, F. Scully.

Finerty House & Leinster Park: OPP 5 dormer mews dwellings and roadway entrance, O'Reilly.

Doctor's Lane: OPP 2 dwellings and access road, B. Edwards.

515 Newtown: Extension, M. Dempsey.

Railpark: OPP 2 houses and septic tanks, S. Munzar.

168 Kingsbry: Retain garage and utility room to side, J. King.

Laragh House: Single storey residence, septic tank, Rosaleen Deane.

Maynooth College: Retention of laboratory and offices, Space Technology, Ireland.

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STREET TALKING

Maynooth is fairly well provided with take-away food outlets, although they are mainly of the fish and chips or hamburger variety, with a smattering of oriental Chinese exotica. For an outlet specialising in pizza one has to travel to Celbridge, where Fusco's pizzas are available; of course, you can telephone your order and specify the topping in advance so that (in theory, at any rate) it is ready and heated when you collect it — and it does stay hot for the drive back to Maynooth, judging by our experience. But it would be pleasant not to have to go that far — how about a pizza parlour on the street? In Scotland the great vogue for takeaways — or 'carry-out's' as they call them there — is baked potatoes, which are available with a mouthwatering range of fillings. They never really caught on in Ireland, largely I suspect because they are associated with those quaint portable ovens which someone was producing to be towed along behind a car to set up stall outside football matches etc. But a good large hot potato with a chili filling is a delicious thing for a cold northern night, and if Ireland cannot make a speciality of the potato things are really bad!

But we seem destined to get our potatoes in the form of chips, and this month we give the first of an occasional series of informal reports on various takeaways in Maynooth, based on an anonymous sampling by our agents. We have decided to start with an outlet a little way off the street, 'El Dorado' in Greenfield Shopping Centre. This establishment seems dedicated to preserving the traditional values of the chipper as it was before MacDonald's introduced plastic tables and cardboard style french fries. At El Dorado you get real potato chips, chunky and fresh. Mind you, it means that it's not such a fast food outlet, because the chips are fried as you order them, but the results do mean that the wait is worthwhile. Fish portions come in a

heavy batter but without being too greasy, and this fish 'n chip combination is the staple of El Dorado's fare, although it does offer alternatives. There is a special price on Wednesdays, offering good value — £1.30 for plaice and chips.

Mind you, El Dorado is a real take-away — there is no seating, not even on the windowsill outside which is tastefully defended in wrought-iron armour. Our observers have remarked particularly on the friendly service of those behind the counter.

So we are pleased to recommend El Dorado for those wanting an unadventurous but reliable takeaway.

The street suffered in the big wind of February, but not to any great extent. Slates were blown off the roofs of at least two premises onto the pavement — from a house next to CPL Motors and from Brady's pub. However, the dangerous areas were very quickly cordoned off, and the guards were there to seeing the children from the convent home by a different route, as the normal safe way was impassable.

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Sympathy to the wife, family and relatives of the late Nicholas Farrell, O'Neill Park.

Sympathy to the wife, family and relatives of the late John McLoughlin, The Maws.

Sympathy to Paddy Moran Greenfield on the death of his father.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Mrs. Shirley Cummins, Highfield, Kilcock Feb 12th and daughter Niamh age 4 Feb 5th.

Larry McTiernan, Highfield, Kilcock Feb 27th and son Paul age 12 Feb 4th.

Gerard McTiernan, Greenfield, Feb 25th and son Gerard Barry age 11 March 4th.

Mrs. Mary (Doolie) O'Brien, Newtown Jan 23rd.

Mrs. Mary Halligan, Station Rd., Leixlip Feb 3rd.

Congratulations to Nuala McDonnell, Clonaugh who celebrated her 21st Birthday in February. A party in the Setanta Hotel, Celbridge was attended by family and host of friends.

MOTHER'S DAY

A Happy Mother's Day to all
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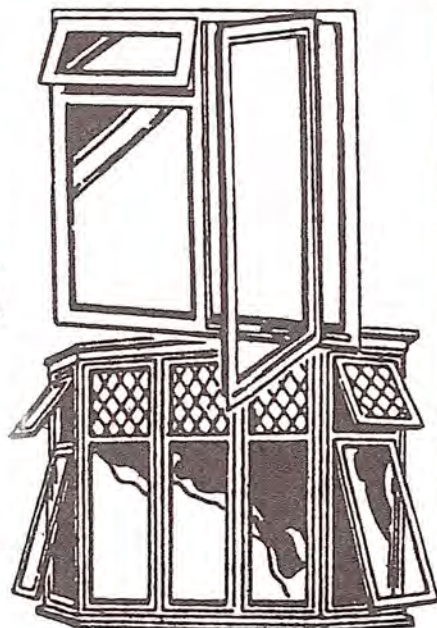
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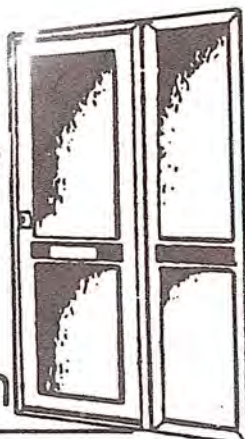
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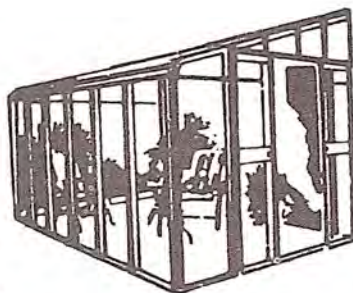


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