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Any contributor seeking further guidelines in this matter is invited to contact the committee.

NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS

We request all of our contributors to make sure their material is legible. If possible, material should be typed, but as not everyone has access to typewriters, the best way to present material is to use either neat legible writing or block letters, on one side of the paper one.

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LOTTERY LOOT

We mentioned in our last edition that Maynooth did not figure in the payouts from the great political slush fund of alltime — the Lottery. However, an eagle eyed reader spotted among the small print that local residents Professor Seamus Smyth and Dr Padraig O Gormaille had been awarded a small sum to finance a trip to Canada. We understand that this is what happened when you ask the Department of Foreign Affairs for support for academic and cultural missions abroad. They just dip into the lottery.

WATER CHARGES

The long threatened disconnections of water were put in force in Maynooth last month. Residents protesting against the continually rising charges toward their water supplies cut off by workers, who we are told are recruited under the Social Employment Scheme by Kildare County Council. Without taking sides on this issue the Newsletter enquires when is this issue going to be settled? There is considerable weight of opinion against the payment of these charges which are seen as a form of double taxation. Those who remember as far back as 1977 will recall that rates were abolished and income tax rates raised to compensate. There is no sign of rates coming down, as charges increase every year.

TOWN COMMISSION

No one can have failed to notice the forest of election posters in Leixlip for the forthcoming town commission



COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

TIDY TOWNS

Congratulations to Railpark on winning tidy estates and to Cluain Aoibhinn the runners up and Old Greenfield who came third. Congratulations also to O'Neills Butchers on winning first

Editorial

election. It took many years for Leixlip to be awarded Town Commission status. Perhaps Maynooth Residents could start a campaign now for similar status.

COPY DATES

The Newsletter has suffered some verbal onslaughts in recent months following the copy dates as people seek to submit their material too late for publication. We would like to remind contributors that we must stick rigidly and impartially to deadlines. Firstly because the Editorial Board must vet all items for publication, and secondly because of the strict deadlines imposed on us by our typesetter and printer. So all of those who feel that we are being unfair? you're not the only ones. The only way to avoid the frustration of not having your words of wisdom published is to submit before the copy date, which for the November issue is on Monday 17th October.

TIDY TOWNS DISAPPOINTMENT

What a disappointment faced the Tidy Towns Committee. At the time of going to press, the judges comments were not available — however, the verdict was down six marks on last year. This is a slap in the face for the committee and the residents of Maynooth who have tried so hard over the year to improve the environment. The odds seem insuperable, however we must now assess our situation to see where we go from here. We just can't accept a situation where our lovely town sinks lower and lower beneath a sea of filth.

prize for the shop front and North Kildare Travel second prize and the Geraldine Arms third prize. The tidy towns committee would also like to thank the people who helped to clean up Laraghbryan Cemetery. Also thanks to R.C.A.G. for allowing the committee to present the above prizes at their function in the Roost on Thursday 8th Sept. Thanks also to Social and Recreational Committee for funding the prizes.

YOUTH AFFAIRS

Thanks to the Commuity Council for funding the trip to Mosney for Community Games Competitions. Congratulations to the Maynooth competitors who did so well at the Community Games Finals at Mosney and to Evan Igoe who won a silver medal in the Boys under 16 Back Stroke.

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MAYNOOTH RELAYS

Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Travers attended the meeting on behalf of the company. It was decided that they would supply the Newsletter with updated news of progress. New cable has been installed in Greenfield Drive, Laurence Avenue and work will begin soon in College Green and Kingsbry.

Louis Lennon was welcomed to the Council as a representative for the Straffan Road and surrounding area. Norah McDermott was also

welcomed as supervisor of the office and as Secretary to the Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters were received from the five T.D.'s enclosing letters from FAS regarding the current position of Teamwork and Social Employment Schemes. It was stated that Teamwork and S.E.S. workers were not being replaced on many schemes due to an over run in placements throughout the country.

The Chairperson and Supervisor met with Eamonn Rapple, FAS Regional Director for the area concerning the schemes. He indicated that

he was very pleased with the schemes in the Maynooth area.

Kildare County Council wrote to say that they will see to cleaning the entrance to the Halting Site.

It was agreed that the Council should write to Kildare County Council concerning Carton Avenue and the area adjoining Manor Court.

Mary Simon, P.R.O.

FUNDRAISING

Fiddlers Green played in the Roost on September 22nd.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS in Slims on September 24th.

AMERICAN TEA PARTY October 22nd to be held in the Parish Hall, with the Community Games Committee.

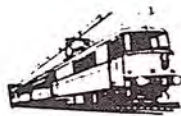
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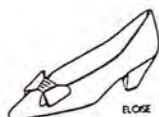


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Angela Murtagh
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Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all those people involved in our recent Jumble Sale. The youngsters who went out door to door in all weathers for weeks beforehand to collect jumble. Kevin Comerford who collected the larger items for the sale and delivered them to their new owners, a much put upon man who bore it all with great fortitude. Christina Dowling who ran the tea rooms with the single minded determination of the Mafia, if you went in for tea you invariably came out with a handful of tickets. This

earned her the nickname The God-mother, she had ways of making you buy. We had great fun on the day, all the helpers were wonderful, and there were marvellous bargains to be had. Thank you too to all the people who came out and supported us despite the weather, and to the Ladies of the I.C.A. who allowed us to use their hall.

And may I express a personal word of thanks to Garda Peadar Haran who helped me out of a tough spot and eased by conscience. On the day we made a grand total of £210 which will go a long way to replacing the windows and doors of the Bita Bosco house at Spanish Point.

Spot prizes were donated by, West-

end Carpets, Rye Vale Books, Step n' Style, Billies Boutique, 2 Guys, McCormacks, Tricias hairdresser, Moulin Rouge Boutique, Conroys Chemist, Doyles, The Sports Locker, Carlton Cleaners, The Newsagents, Shopping Centre, Petals, Coffee Kitchen, Head to Toe, New Waves, Ultravision, F.M.K. Casuals, The Drapery, the Shopping Centre, Maynooth Jewellers, Caulfields, Bradys, The Elite Bakery, The Leinster Arms, Top of the Crop, The Flower Pot, Greenfield Supermarket, Seans News-agents, Mulcahys Butchers, Smiths Butchers and Aidens News-agents who supplied all our needs for the tea rooms and Hugh Jordan & Co. Ltd., and Vinnie Doyle, Artist Extraordinaire.

Many thanks on behalf of

Fr Gerry Myres

Dear Editor,

Once again the ugly word "Nite" has appeared on a local hoarding. I see "Nite" everywhere — not only locally but even beyond the Pale. For a time I thought perhaps it was olde English posterd in a University town — but no. It has ousted the lovely sound of night. 'How deep was the night' will never again have the same impact. Please bring back the word night with all its beauty. Can you imagine dark clouds ambling across a nite sky. The nightingale must surely croak at the thought of being called a nitingale.

Please let us have "night" back.

Alice Drennan,
Old Greenfield
Maynooth.

Dear Editor

In the August edition of the Maynooth Newsletter you included a very welcome piece congratulating those students who passed their examination and wishing good luck next time to those who failed.

Unfortunately, this demonstration of goodwill on your behalf and concern for students was not indicative of the attitude of the entire community. The Autumn Examinations commenced on Thursday 5th August and many students faced difficult tests of their ability. Sadly, on the night of Friday 26th August, Cluain

Aoibhinn residents held an outdoor party. Many students found the noise levels quite unacceptable and thus found it difficult to gain valuable sleep considering the difficult day ahead. Despite the fact that this party continued until the early hours of Saturday morning and that there was a lot of noise and activity, Cluain Aoibhinn Resident's Association has consistently opposed any student activity in the immediate area and has frequently argued against noise levels made by students.

We are not suggesting that noise levels created by students are always at acceptable levels, but on behalf of students in the College we wish to express our disappointment that Cluain Aoibhinn Residents seem to be adopting one law for themselves and one law for students. In the interests of all concerned, we feel that at all times the residents should be fair and honest in all their dealings with students and only thus can they expect students to reciprocate this.

Yours sincerely,

Eric Gaughran, (President Students' Union)
Liz Murphy, (Vice President)

On behalf of all students.

Dear Editor,

I wish to protest about the discrimination practiced by Kildare County Council. For most of the summer months we have suffered very badly from inadequate public lighting in the estates around Maynooth. Laurence Avenue in Greenfield Estate had one light lighting. There are 60 houses approx. on Laurence Ave, Maynooth Park, Greenfield Drive and Straffan Way fared badly but not to the same extent as Laurence Ave. Railpark on the other hand was lit up like a Christmas Tree. There were some lights out but no area was pitch black. The circle of bungalows was practically flood lit.

I would like to know is it because there is a T.D. living in Railpark that they had not got to suffer like Greenfield Estate, or was it that the people who turned out the lights got their numbers reversed and left on what should have been off and off what should have been on.

Signed.

In the Dark.

P.S. There is a slight improvement in the position at present.

(name with the editor).

An Cúigéan Colún

Agus an t-alt seo á scríobh agam, tá bás na róna sa Mhuir Bhailt, ar chósta na hAlban agus anois ar chósta na hÉireann mar ábhar mór nuachta. Bronntanas eile ón duine dár gcomhchréatúirí neamhurchóideacha ar an saol seo!! Truailliú de shaghas éigin is bunchúis leis an slad seo, — cé go bhfuil roinnt easaontais fós i measc eolaithe cé acu dumpáil mhadraí (Huskies) a raibh "distemper" orthu nó ábhar dochrach tionsclaíoch eigin ba fhíorchúis leis. Tá scéalta mar é coitianta go leor na laethanta seo, sa chaoi gur deacair a shamlú nach bhfuil an lámh in uachtar ag neamhshuim, neamhaird, agus meon "cuma liom" i dtaobh cúrsaí éiceolaíochta. Nach maith dúinn é, agus nach comhartha dóchais é líon na n-eagraíochtaí a bhfuil sé mar chuspóir acu suim a mhúscailt i measc an daonra chun an timpeallacht in Éirinn a chosaint, a chaomhnú, agus a fheabhsú.

Is ag dul i gcumhacht atá siad chomh maith, creidim, agus is ár leas uilig é sin gan amhras. Más spéis leat obair aon dreama acu, céard tá dod' bhac, téigh i dteangbhail leo. Beid

siad buíoch díot as do bhallraíocht agus do thacaíocht, fiú mun n-éiríonn leat riamh freasta ar chruinniú nó obair a dhéanamh dóibh. Seo thíos cúpla seoladh aisiúla le súil go bhfuil cupla earcach i measc mhuintir Mhá Nuad!: *An Comhaontas Glas* (Green Alliance), 5, Upper Fownes St., B.A.C. 2. Tá leabharlann bheag acu dá mbaill, ina bhfuil leabhair atá rí-spéisiúil. Cuireann siad nuachtlitir amach gach re mí chomh maith.

Foilsíonn *Earthwarch*, Radharc an Chuain, Beantairí, Co. Chorcaigh, iris bhreá shúimiúil saor in aisce dá mhaill. Seirbhís éagsúil a chuireann *Crann*, Killegar, Co. Liatroma, ar fáil. Is é an cuspóir atá acu ná méadú a dhéanamh i líon na gcrannlethan-duilleogach a chuirtear sa tír seo, chomh maith le aird na ndaoine a tharraingt ar dí-fhoraoisiú an domhain. Traenálaíonn siad daoine óga i gcúrsaí foraoise, agus cuireann siad eolas, comhairle, agus crainn ar fáil do ghrúpaí agus do phobail bhailte agus chathracha. Foilsíonn siad nuachtlitir in aghaidh gach seasúir.

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Maynooth Community Council

Comhairle Phobail Mhá Nuad

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Address: _____

Telephone: _____

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

Co. Kildare Competitors soared to the top of the medal-winners table over the two weekends of finals at Mosney. Great thanks is due to all the competitors and committed adult managers who made the games so successful. Ann Cotter and Norah McDermott from Maynooth did the job of managers on the first weekend and Norah McDermott was County Manager on the second weekend.

We would like to congratulate the Maynooth competitors, Evan and Brett Igoe, Susan and Ciara Dillon, Conor Billings, Simon Cotter, Aoife Callaghan, Brid Ann O'Shea, Clare O'Connor, Patrick Hawkins and Ann Marie Gallagher for their superb performance at National level. They did Maynooth and Co. Kildare proud by the standards they reached and on their excellent conduct over the two weekends in Mosney, even if most of them were out of the medals. Special congratulations to Evan Igoe on winning the silver medal in the Boys U/16 Back Stroke. Evan has been a great competitor in swimming for years with the Community Games and we wish him well in his future swimming. We once again thank Maynooth Community Council for their sponsorship in sending the competitors to Mosney.

We would like you all to take note that we are running our annual American Tea Party on 22nd October 1988 in the Parish Hall. This promises to be a very good night's entertainment and we would ask you earnestly to support this as it is a very worthwhile cause. We have approximately 400 children taking part in Community Games at area level each year, so even if only half those parents support us, we would be assured of a successful night. Tickets will be on sale at a later date for this event. Keep the date free, as we now have to start preparing for 1989 Games.

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ROYAL CANAL NEWS

BOAT PUSH

The R.C.A.G. carried out our most unusual fundraising project on Thursday 18th August. This entailed pushing a boat from Maynooth to Dublin, with the intention of raising money for the local committee to continue the sponsorship of the Social Employment Scheme. There were to be twenty people involved initially, however the final turnout was an amazing 35! They included children, teenagers, committee members and those working on the canal with the S.E.S. The initial plan was to leave Maynooth at 2 p.m. and arrive at O'Connell Street at 9 p.m., to push the boat through the major towns on the route such as Leixlip, Lucan, Palmerstown, Chapelizod etc., and that the bus would transport the contingent in between the towns.

However, even the best laid plans can go awry and eventually blood, sweat and tears went into the Push - a lot more than originally imagined! The bus failed to turn up and when the second bus broke down, tears of

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP

joy when the third bus finally joined the boat and walkers at Lucan. A clown, sailor and gypsy tried hitching a lift but were taken as a joke by passing motorists. Blood was spilt when Norah McDermott tripped and had to be rushed to hospital and 4 stitches went in over one eye. Appearing in hospital dressed in a clown's suit as Norah was - was more than embarrassing!

However, the boat was pushed from Thomas Street to O'Connell Street where the boat maker Eugene McKiernan of Panda Boats joined us to see Charlie McCreedy T.D. present the boat to Mr. Foy for Best Fisherman of '88 Award at 9 p.m. Those involved were the committee, the S.E.S. workers and other miscellaneous volunteers: Breda Cunningham, Joan Shannon, Robert MacDonald, Mary MacDonald, Sean Halton, Fergal and Kevin Walsh, Tanya McDermott, DARA O'Malley, Robert, Tanya and Michael Kennedy, John Leavy, John 'Paddy, Christie Dempsey, John MacKeown, James Dee, Michael Bolger, Brendan Edwards, Guy Malone, Nancy Connerney, Christina Sauls, Carol Clifford, Conor McMahon, Don Foley, Norah and Philip McDermott, Juliana and Matt Kennedy, Eileen Fitzpatrick,

Muireann Ní Bhrolchain and Hugh O'Sullivan who drove the car and pulled the boat all the way.

We would also like to thank the bus driver and Dr. C. O'Rourke. We would also like to thank Kelly's Bread, Top of the Crop, Mulcahy's Butchers, Tayto, Geraghty's Supermarket, Quinns-worth, The Elite and Buckleys. The work on the slipway is well underway. John McKeown, the engineer, visited the site and afterwards the digging, levelling and filling was completed. Three hundred tons of sub-base material has been utilised and the blinding is now finished. The concreting should be completed in a fortnight. The work on the wall at Cluain Aoibhinn should be in pristine condition within the next fortnight also unless there are some unforeseen circumstances. The dumper is now on site.

SCULPTURED MONUMENT FOR CANAL

Local artist Vincent Doyle has offered to present the group with a statue of a young boy fishing; to commemorate all the children who have fished there for generations. The sculpture will be covered in a gold leaf and he hopes to get sponsorship for the project from business within the town.

Muireann Ní Bhrolchain P.R.O.

WHERE IN MAYNOOTH?

People were spotted wandering vacantly at odd hours of the day and night, staring at buildings, bridges, rivers etc. for the past fortnight. They were trying to complete the infuriating "Where in Maynooth" quiz set by our Treasurer Declan O'Connor. The results were announced at the musical night provided by the local Folk Group in a packed Roost on Thursday 8th September. We would like to extend our thanks to the Roost, the Folk Group and those following who donated prizes for the raffle: Phil Brady, Caulfields, The Roost, House Pride, Newtown Stores, Terry Edwards, Joe Buckley, Mulcahy's, Donovan's, Tom Geraghty, Quinns-worth, Kiernans, McCormack's Chemist and Barrys. The prize of £50 was finally divided between Vincent Watson and Mrs. Leavy.

WHERE IN MAYNOOTH PARISH

1. Start with free drink — (or so you think) in 2 streets. *Ans: Parson St. Main St.*

2. "Oh Sweet Larine so often seen". *Ans: Coonans House.*

3. Find old style telephone boxes. *Ans: Old Greenfield, Greenfield Shopping Centre, Lady Chapel.*

4. "I've stood here with My Birth Certificate for 189 years". *Ans: Annes Bridge.*

5. Find the sign for "Manser Ltd". *Ans: Town Centre Mall.*

6. "IMOGENFECIT, 1987". *Ans: Pope's Statue College.*

7. Rye House. *Ans: C.P.L. Motors.*

8. The oldest lady in Maynooth fall beneath your feet for the second time. *Ans: John Slade River.*

9. The Connaught Football champs rule — at least on this building. *Ans: Quinns-worth.*

10. Find four diamonds on a gate. *Ans: Brady's Gate, The Square.*

11. If you go back, double and cross over you could be heading for a row. *Ans: Dillons Row.*

12. Back to the monkey puzzle what faces. *Ans: Castle view.*

13. All the Presidents men (not forgetting yourself, Sir). *Ans: Regans. Main St.*

14. Take care when you step over or under Richard Evans. *Ans: Bridges on Canal.*

15. Find a two-faced liar in the town. *Ans: Brady's Clock or Patrick's Clock.*

16. Avondale House. *Ans: Convent Lane.*

17. Locate the circular steps. *Ans: Mill Wheel.*

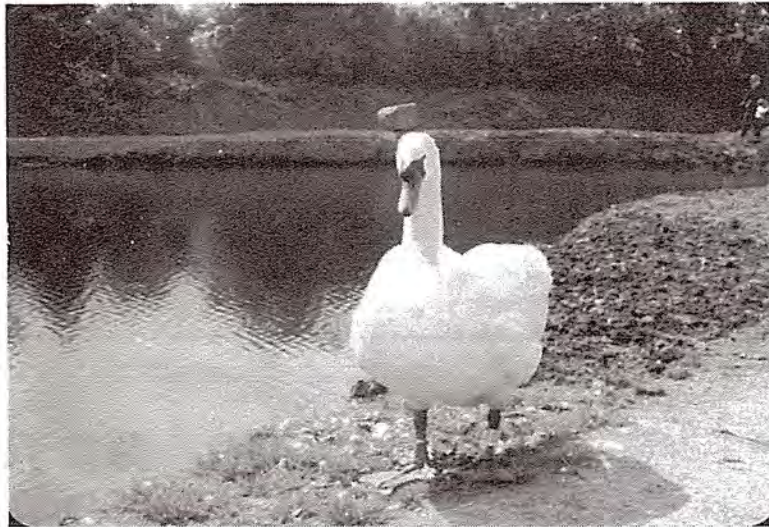
18. This house was established in 1903. *Ans: Caulfields.*

19. You'll find this famous Dublin 2 area address in Maynooth. *Ans: College Green.*

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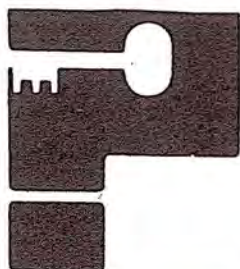
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A. If you go into a private or semi-private room in a public hospital or to a private hospital you have to pay the full costs involved — you do not carry your public ward entitlement with you.

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| County Hospital | | |
| and Voluntary | £73.50 | £55.00 |
| Non-Teaching Hospital | | |
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The Credit Union is affiliated to the Irish League of Credit Union and representatives attend chapter meetings monthly. This keeps us up to date on all activities within the Union.

During the month of September we will have a team taking part in the Credit Union quiz. This is an annual event for 16-20 year olds to encourage young people to become involved in Credit Union. We shall let you know next month how they get on.

One of our members has been nominated as Credit Union person of the year. May we wish her the best of luck.

Through the courtesy of the landlords of Maynooth shopping centre we now have a sub-office in the mall. Again we hope this will improve our service to our members.

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MUINTIR MAIGH NUADHAT Sergeant Mick Higgins

This past month has seen the end of an era in Maynooth Garda Station, following the retirement of Sergeant Mick Higgins after nineteen years' service to Maynooth.

Mick Higgins is a native of Killereim near Tuam, Co. Galway and despite having been away from his native county for thirty three years he hasn't lost any trace of his Galway accent. He joined the Gardai in nineteen fifty five at the age of twenty four, having previously worked on his father's farm, and at various labouring jobs. If he hadn't succeeded in his application for the guards he had decided to emigrate, like many others in the mid-fifties.

When he left the training depot which was in the Phoenix Park in those days, his first posting was to Kilkenny. He didn't particularly like his first few weeks in the job and, in fact almost packed it in. However, he stayed on and after nine weeks was transferred to Malahide. After a short period there and another brief spell in Lusk he moved to Cabinteely in March 1957. He married Phyllis in April 1960 and was transferred across Dublin again to Coolock in July 1960 where he remained for six years until he was promoted Sergeant and moved to Ballymore Eustace in March 1966. He was there until he came to Maynooth in August 1969.

During his years in Maynooth he has seen the place change from little more than a country village to its present size. He still feels, though, that it is sufficiently small for the Gardai to have fairly good local knowledge which is invaluable in the detection of crime. Maynooth, in his view, is still relatively crime free. Interestingly, Mick doesn't think that there is that much more lawlessness than there was in the past or that young people are as dismissive of authority as they are sometimes portrayed to be. He cites as examples the gangs who were a feature of Dublin life thirty and more years ago. In discussing policing methods he maintains that from the point of view of effectiveness, there was a lot to be said for the direct approach for which some members of the force were well-known in the past. That is not to say that he advocates a return to those methods, but he does feel that today's Gardai may feel somewhat inhibited in their dealings with crimi-

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nals particularly since the establishment of the Complaints Board. Indeed he is a little sceptical about the value of the board and thinks that a lot of time may be wasted by it investigating spurious complaints.

In the area of crime prevention Sergeant Higgins welcomes the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and feels that they can be a very valuable weapon in the fight against house-breaking, in particular. He has typically forthright views on the question of the opening hours of the Station. He maintains that, with the limited staff resources available, it is more beneficial for the guards to be out on the street rather than tied to the office.

The role of the local Garda Sergeant can be a very demanding one, in Mick's view. The sergeant has responsibilities not alone in the areas of crime prevention and detection but also such areas as traffic signs where his recommendation is vital. And as in any job where there is contact with the public it is impossible to please all of the people all of the time. Mick says that his own rule of thumb over the years in the performance of his duties was to try to apply the common sense approach. Despite having good days and bad days over the years, he says that he enjoyed his time as a policeman and it is a career which he could recommend to any young person.

He himself hasn't missed a day's work due to illness in 25 years, so in his case at any rate it has been a healthy life.

Although he has been involved in many cases over the years, including 30 fatal road accidents, the case which sticks out most in his memory is the time when he had occasion to arrest a "bishop". This was a case in the early seventies of a con artist

who posed as a bishop and was accepting donations throughout the country. He eventually decided to attend a bishop's conference at Maynooth. Mick was tipped off about his impending arrival and was waiting for him. The interesting thing about this cleric was that, whatever his knowledge of theology, his political geography was somewhat lacking. Having evaded extradition to England where he was wanted for deception by means of a successful appeal to the Supreme Court, he then boarded a bus for Derry. His departure from Busarus was noted by the Gardai and the RUC arrested him when he crossed the border.

Mick's family are all abroad at present. Annette teaches in Malta, Paula is a research scientist in London and Michelle is a merchandiser with a fashion house also in London. Mick and Phyllis have now moved into their house in Railpark where we hope they will have many happy years of retirement.



Sergeant Higgins

POLITICAL PARTY NOTES



LABOUR NEWS

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Maynooth Labour Branch wish to thank the public for the overwhelming response to the petition organised by the Branch to have public lighting restored.

With the approach of the dark evenings there is an acute awareness of the dangers involved in this policy of darkness.

Labour Councillors have now tabled an emergency motion for the next County Council meeting demanding that the lights be turned on and that this be funded by the closure of the 'Thing' in the Square and other such institutions throughout the County.

The public should now lobby the other Councillors to support this motion.

BUILDERS SITE

Deputy Emmet Stagg has requested Kildare County Council to take action with the Developer of the Beaufield scheme to remove the site huts and other builders waste which is now an unattractive eyesore and is attracting undesirable attention by vandals and cider drinkers.

LOCAL CHARGES

The Branch deplores the destructive action of Kildare County Council in cutting off water supplies to houses in Maynooth recently. In the process stopcocks were destroyed and footpaths damaged and left dangerous. These terror tactics have forced some residents to pay — but only under duress. We will continue our opposition to the charges as an inequitable additional taxation and will support the North Kildare residents against the charges in their campaign to abolish the charge.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to John McGinley (50 Greenfield Drive) who has been elected Chairperson of the Kildare constituency Labour Party. John, a long time member of the party joins his branch colleagues David Moynan and Michael Quinn on the Constituency Executive.

HOUSE VISITS BY DEPUTY

We wish to record our thanks to the residents of Maynooth for the warm and courteous reception accorded to Deputy Emmet Stagg when he recently called to houses in the area.

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LABOUR NOTES TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK

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PERMISSION FOR NEW PUB

The Branch have learned with dismay that Kildare County Council have granted planning permission for a public house at Newtown, Maynooth, beside the new Beaufield Estate and adjoining other proposed residential developments.

This case was discussed briefly at the last meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council when officials and the County Manager indicated to the local Councillors that permission would be refused.

Deputy Emmet Stagg has now placed the matter on the agenda for the next meeting and the Maynooth Branch are fully supporting the appeal to An Bord Pleanála by residents and others to have the decision reversed.

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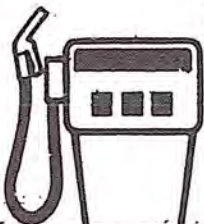
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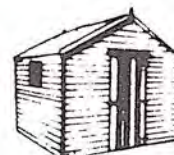
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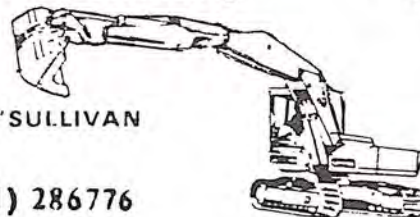
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WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

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Quite simply, what is happening is that the government is shifting the burden of taxation from central to local level. Thus, cosmetic reductions in taxation in the annual budget are being more than cancelled out by extra impositions by the Council. This, despite the fact that the government continues to give massive subsidies and tax concessions to private industry for non-existent jobs, while

refusing to come to grips with the general refusal of the self-employed to pay their fair share of tax. Is it any wonder that PAYE workers are refusing to pay local charges - the only tax that THEY can refuse to pay?

In the meantime, Kildare County Council is taking steps towards the complete privatisation of the refuse collection service. This would mean that private contractors would sell special refuse bags directly to households, and would only collect these bags. Thus, large families would automatically be required to pay more for refuse collection, regardless of ability to pay. This is yet another example of the spread of Thatcherite principles, whereby the state reneges on its responsibilities for providing vital public services for the common good, and instead allows the private sector to reap handsome profits, particularly at the expense of the less well off.

It is inevitable that further dumping of refuse, destroying our environment and creating a public health hazard, will result from the direction the County Council is being forced into by the refusal of the government to provide them with adequate financial support. The Workers' Party will continue to campaign vigorously for a new approach to local government financing which will put an end to the chaotic position in which local author-

ities are increasingly being put throughout the country.

Dental Treatment for Spouses of Insured Workers

A large proportion of Irish dentists have refused to operate a new scheme introduced by the Department of Health whereby the spouses of insured workers should themselves be entitled to dental treatment. This despite the fact that under the new scheme, insured workers are only entitled to fillings and extractions, whereas under the previous scheme they are entitled to almost all types of treatment, including crowns and bridges.

In all of County Kildare, only six dentists are operating the new scheme — three in Leixlip, and one each in Maynooth, Celbridge and Naas. With a waiting list of seventeen months for dental treatment from the Eastern Health Board, patients are having to pay for urgent treatment when they shouldn't have to, while the Department of Health and the dentists argue out their dispute. This demonstrates once again how it is the less well off members of society who are the main victims of a system of private healthcare, and how essential it is to introduce a comprehensive public health system which will treat illness on the basis of need rather than ability to pay.



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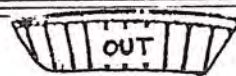
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MAYNOOTH REMEMBERED

Rev. Canon Matthew O'Donnell, Vice President of the College, has kindly allowed us to publish the text of his address at the opening of the exhibition of paintings of Old Maynooth in July.

"As the President cannot be here this morning, may I first, on his behalf, bid you welcome.

We are very pleased to host this Exhibition on Old Maynooth, organised by the Maynooth Community Council, and look forward to further co-operation with you over the years.

As you know, this College celebrates its second Centenary in seven years' time, and in those years we shall be trying to assemble as much as possible about the Maynooth of the past century. Our interests then coincide — to preserve a knowledge of the past, and a feeling for the past, among the wider Maynooth community.

It is not enough to preserve the history you get in history books — the story of the important events. There is also a kind of micro-history — the way that people lived: ordinary people, who had no remembered role on the national stage.

Maynooth has changed more, I suppose, in the last forty years than in the two centuries before that. The village lay between Carton and the Castle — later succeeded by the College, and the road bent around to take in this axis. The Canal came, and the railway, and later the buses — at first small companies fighting one another for passengers, before settling for a single carrier. Through most of that century not much seems to have changed. Maynooth described itself as 'the same old three and fourpence'. Carton employed large numbers; and the Duke came in his carriage to take the train to Dublin on Tuesdays, and afternoon tea with the Rector on Saturdays. The landed families around formed their own society. The villagers dabbled in a little mild agriculture — hens and pigs and a cow, and the hay for the winter feeding.

The young boys of the village received their initiation into economic activity by 'carrying cases' (for the clerical students arriving at the railway station: the going rate was just over 1p per case) and by 'minding crows' (acting as animated bird-scarers in the cornfields). Quite coincidentally, the clerical students were known as 'crows'; and the saying-of-the-month for September was "The winter is in: the crows are

back".

The village was a very uncluttered place: you get that feeling very strongly from Lawrence's pictures. The street was largely empty: people walked down the middle of it, and lived. Most especially, a lady with a new outfit was liable to introduce it to her neighbours by walking down the centre of the main street to early Mass on a Sunday. Children played football on a pitch that used the Convent gates as one set of goalposts and the entrance to the Doctor's Lane as the other — and were more seriously discommoded by passing cows than by traffic.

There were a few long-established shops, including, surprisingly, an off-licence; but there was also a rapid turnover of smaller shops. Most of these failed quickly, their demise marked by the curtaining of the window and the appearance of the potted geranium.

You cannot now hear the sounds of children playing in the street, or the other characteristic sounds of the past — the pounding of horses' hooves and the grinding sound of iron-shod wheels: but you can see the village largely as it was if you have occasion to be abroad early on a Sunday morning — for then the traffic and the parked cars are absent, and a returning ghost of the last century would recognise most of it.

Maynooth has very recently made the transition from a small static society in which everyone knew everyone else, to a very much larger and mixed society. I do not see this as something to be regretted.

Ours is a pleasant environment in which to live, and it is good to see it availed of; but it would be a great pity if we did not somehow graft the new on to the old, for then you have a history and an identity: you have your own place.

Of course we must not try simply to preserve the past, to prevent change. There are old institutions that survive — like the Mortality Society; there are others that perhaps should be resurrected (if they are not still alive) — like the Dramatic Society of old. There are others which are gone forever — like 'the men at the corner'. These were male discussion groups with a fixed location, an open agenda, a fairly stable membership, and a lofty contempt for climatic conditions.

Also gone is the general familiarity with local townland names, and the leavening of Irish words which survived in the language of the people to very recent times. There are fields in

Crewhill called "the Pairc Bhan" and "the Cruitin". A family's prosperity was referred to as "lan a mhala". A bundle of firewood tied together was a "breisne".

In seeking to develop our present society, it is good to have an eye to the past: not that the past is all good, for there was intolerance in it too. The "runner-in" was despised (anything less than 3 generations) and so also was the migrant, and, of course, the people from Leixlip and County Meath!

I promised not to make a long speech, so let me conclude by congratulating the Maynooth Community Council for its enterprise in mounting this Exhibition; with a special word of thanks to Jarlath Finn, Imelda Guiney and Eileen Fitzpatrick who I am told did most of the work, and finally to express the hope that the college and community can continue to cooperate in promoting an appreciation of our shared history.

V. Rev. Canon Matthew O'Donnell
Vice President

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Maynooth Castle

The Fitzgeralds continued to increase both their possessions and their standing in the Norman Irish Community as the thirteenth century advanced. This was no doubt due in large part to their own energies and abilities but also to a certain element of luck. What they had they were able to hold on to, and consolidate because they never lacked for a male heir to inherit properties intact while when other families died out in the direct male line, by Anglo-Norman law the inheritance was divided among the heiresses and in this way many estates found their way into the hands of absentees. For example, Strongbow's own lordship of Leinster was broken up in this way. Strongbow died leaving a son who was a minor and who died before coming of age. His sister Isabella became the heiress and the lordship of Leinster passed to her husband William Marshall. It descended to his heirs until the death in 1245 of Anselm Marshall the last surviving grandson of Strongbow and Aoife, daughter of Dermot MacMurrough. The lordship was now divided among five sisters and was broken up into the Lordships of Carlow, Kildare, Kilkenny, Leix and Wexford. Kildare passed into the hands of the de Vesci family for a period.

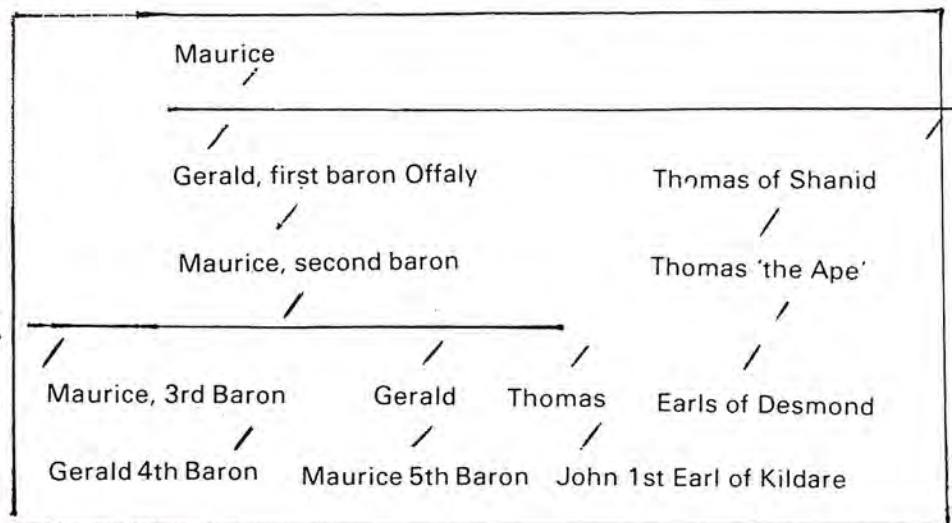
Maurice Fitzgerald, second baron of Offaly, died in 1257, apparently after a single combat encounter with an O'Donnell of Tir Chonaill. Wounded, he retired to Youghal where he took the habit of the Franciscans at the monastery he had founded and there he died. He was succeeded as third baron of Offaly by his son Maurice FitzMaurice. The third baron married Emelia de Longespee, heiress of the old territories of the O'Tooles, O'Murethy of Ui Muireadaigh, which lay south of Ui Faelain, and so acquired Kilkea, and Castledermot. Professor Otway-Ruthven reckons that by the end of the thirteenth century the Fitzgeralds held the overwhelming majority of the Knights' fees of the County of Kildare.

In 1277 the third baron died and was succeeded by his son Gerald FitzMaurice. Gerald had already completed the Grey Abbey at Kildare, commenced by William de Vesci, and had founded the Franciscan Abbey at Clane in 1271. By this time the community around Maynooth must have grown considerably for in 1286 Edward 1, by the grace of God, King of England, lord of Ireland, and duke of Aquitaine granted to Gerald FitzMaurice the fourth baron of Offaly, the right 'to hold a market every Friday at his Manor of Maynooth in

the County of Kildare in Ireland and one fair there once yearly of three days duration, on the vigil, day and the day after the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Mary, always providing the said market and fair do not interfere with the neighbouring merchants and fairs'. Gerald died in 1287, having been wounded in battle with Turlough O'Brien in Thomond and was buried at his Abbey at Kildare. He died without issue and was succeeded by his cousin Maurice Fitzgerald, the fifth baron, and son of Gerald the second son of the second baron. He too died without issue and was succeeded as sixth baron by John FitzThomas, another cousin of Thomas, third son of the second baron. The table shows how the Offaly or Kildare Fitzgeralds managed always to produce a male heir descended directly from the first Maurice.

Castle of Woodstock, near Athy, when there was an alarm of fire. In the confusion that ensued the children were forgotten, and when the servants returned to search for him, the room in which he lay was found in ruins. Soon after a strange noise was heard on one of the towers, and on looking up they saw an ape, which was usually kept chained, carefully holding the child in his arms. The Earl afterwards, in gratitude for his preservation, adopted a monkey for his crest and supporters, and some of his descendants, in memory of it, took the additional motto of 'non immemor beneficii'.

The other tradition is, that Thomas FitzMaurice was only nine months old when his father and grandfather were slain at the battle of Callan, 1261. The child was at Tralee, and on his attendants rushing out alarmed

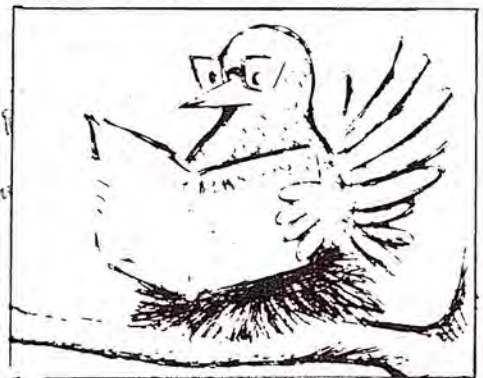


John FitzThomas inherited the FitzGerald estates in Connacht as well as Offaly and after a fairly stormy career, during which he was at times very much in favour with the English King, he won back favour by services rendered to Edward 11 during the campaign in Ireland of Edward Bruce, brother of Robert Bruce of Scotland, and was created Earl of Kildare in 1316, shortly before he died.

Over the gateway into Maynooth Castle can be seen carved in stone the coat of arms of the Kildare Fitzgeralds with the monkey crest and two monkeys supporting on either side. There are two stories of the origin of the monkeys, one concerning John FitzMaurice first Earl of Kildare and the other concerning his cousin Thomas FitzGerald of the Desmond line. The Marquis of Kildare gives them as follows:

'John FitzThomas, afterwards Earl of Kildare, then an infant, was in the

at the intelligence, he was left alone in his cradle, when a tame baboon or ape took him up in his arms, and ran with him to the top of the tower of the neighbouring abbey. After carrying him around the battlements, and exhibiting him to the frightened spectators, he brought the infant back to its cradle in safety. Thomas was, in consequence, surnamed 'An Appagh' (in Irish), 'Simicus' or 'the Ape'. He, however, was ancestor to the Earl of Desmond.



Residents' Associations News.

MAYNOOTH RESIDENTS AGAINST LOCAL CHARGES

As reported last month we have now completed our petition campaign/-opinion poll to our five local County Councillors regarding water disconnections and non collection of refuse. The following is the text of our letter sent to the County Councillors.

Dear Councillor,

As you will be aware we have organised a petition of residents in Maynooth to oppose the County Manager's campaign of water supply disconnections and non-collection of refuse, (see sample attached). We have now completed our petition.

The collection of signatures was conducted in two ways:

a) A door-to-door canvass in Maynooth Park

b) Signatures collection outside Quinnsworth Shopping Centre on the weekend of July 15/16.

The following is an analysis of households who signed:

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Maynooth Park | 64 |
| Shopping Centre | 137 |
| | 201 |

Please note that of all residents petitioned in Maynooth Park, only four declined to sign.

We intend to present this petition to the County Secretary on Friday 30th September. Should you wish to view the petition prior to this date, please contact myself at the below address, or any committee member.

Based on the results of this petition, which was carried out to reflect the attitudes of all Maynooth residents towards local charges, it is now clear that the majority are opposed to local charges in principle. The fact that many residents have paid part, or all of the local charges under duress, did not deter them from signing.

We would respectfully ask you as our elected Councillor to:

1) Instruct the County Manager to cease water supply disconnections and to resume full refuse collection.

2) Remove all local charges from the 1989 estimates.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our disgust at K.C.C.'s action in disconnecting water supply to a number of households in our town on Tuesday 23rd August. Does this action have your support?

We would appreciate an early writt-

en reply to our petition and specific requests as set out above, so that we, and all the residents of Maynooth are fully aware of your position on this matter.

Yours sincerely,
Matthew Carroll, P.R.O.
9.9.88.

At time of copy date 19th September we have received a reply from only two, namely Councillors Durkan and Purcell. Further replies are on the way and we will be publishing the response of all 5 Councillors in the next issue of Maynooth Newsletter.

Since the above letter was sent further water disconnections were made by K.C.C. on Tuesday 13th September in yet another attempt to intimidate residents who have refused to pay. Reports reaching M.R.A.L.C. indicate that these tactics, which include the vandalising by K.C.C. of public pathways, have been unsuccessful.

We wish to reiterate our determination to continue our campaign on behalf of all residents who oppose the charges irrespective of whether they have paid or not.

A.G.M.

The first A.G.M. will take place in the I.C.A. Hall at 8 p.m. sharp on Friday 7th October. A full report of the committees work during 1987/88 will be made. Everyone who is opposed to local charges are invited to attend and participate.

MONEY

Finally, if you haven't been approached for the subscription, (a mere £5 per annum), please drop it in to treasurer, Eamonn MacKeogh, 119 Railpark. This money is used for grass cutting, tree straightening, and sundry other purposes, designed to benefit the residents of the estate.

RAILPARK RESIDENTS NOTES TIDY ESTATES COMPETITION

Straightening up the trees in the estate was an expensive, but worthwhile investment. Railpark was awarded the first prize in the Tidy Estates Competition organised by the Tidy Towns Committee this year — and a lot of credit must be given to Mick Garvey for his miraculous effect on the trees. The estate looked really well this year, as a number of residents got carried away with paint brushes and new curtains, and a touch of the Gerry Dalyitis. Well done to all residents, and let's hope we can keep up the good work for next year.

There are still a considerable amount of improvements required. A lot of weeds are growing at the kerbsides, which would only take a few minutes

to control. Some of the trees have branches which are dangerously low, and will surely take someone's eye out sometime. We hope to do some work with the hedge along the Straffan Road before the winter sets in.

The condition of the paths is something over which we have no control — whatever scant amount of cement was applied in the original building of the estate has long since worn away — and recent attacks by council workers on the water supply of those resisting water charges have left yet more gaping depressions. Again, a source of potential danger for young and old residents alike.

BARBECUE

It's a little late at this stage to report on the barbecue which happened in June. However, just a brief reference to note that the event of the year was well attended by a wide selection of residents, with all ages mixing, and having fun. The tantalising aroma of steaks and burgers proved too tempting to resist for several young guests, and the neighbourhood watch scheme proved essential in ensuring that the dinner survived to reach its rightful owner. Thanks to Mulcahy's Butchers for providing sausages for the hungry hoards, and to all who made the event so successful.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The residents' association has ordered signs for the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, which are to be erected at the entrance to the estate in the near future. Aine Kennedy is the local coordinator if you are looking for assistance.

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Well, we are back to that time of year when the children go back to school and the summer weather begins, even if only for a week. The committee met on Monday, 5th September and we covered all that had happened over the summer recess. The committee wish to thank Muireann for all her hard work. A vote of sympathy has been extended to M. Callaghan on the death of his mother and to A. Byrne on the death of her mother-in-law.

The main item of interest was that an extension has been sought to the planning permission granted for the snooker hall/club in the Greenfield Shopping Centre. This time an opening on the front is being requested and along with space inside the centre. The people living close to the centre are very disturbed by this, but even they agree that the council is

unlikely to consider the fact that none of the residents in the area want the snooker hall. But then the council members do not have to live in the estate do they??? An objection has been lodged with the council.

In this year's Tidy Estates Competition run by the Community Council, Greenfield Estate was commended (although we did not fare well in the Tidy Towns). Fair credit must go to lovely displays on the Straffan Road entrance to the estate. It was noticed that the edges of the paths and the greens never seem to be cleared in some areas. Grass cuttings are still being dumped on the green in Greenfield Drive. Community spirit and a little consideration would be apprec-

iated from the guilty parties, please!!

The Association intends to resurrect a garden competition for next year and there will be prizes to encourage those of us who have never won before. The mowers have been buzzing around very efficiently all summer, thanks to the care given them by the regular users. **By the way anyone who has not paid their sub is NOT insured to use the mowers or any of the Association's equipment.**

A survey of the residents of Laurence Avenue shows a vast majority of the people in favour of closing the Celbridge Road entrance. This would reduce the volume of traffic and eliminate the heavy lorries

which have been cutting through it. The council is looking into the matter. Quite a number of trees have had a bad beating this year from weather and other sources. perhaps households could "ADOPT A TREE", taking responsibility for ensuring that the stake remains intact and in position, and that the tree is not abused by anybody or anything.

The Neighbourhood Watch scheme should be in action within the next few weeks. Anyone interested can take part and it should not take up too much time (it does not involve long committee meetings).

T.V. reception should be improving everywhere soon.

Carmel Hogan, P.R.O.

CLUAIN AOIBHINN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

ESTATE SPORTS

The Estate held its third annual sports and social day on the 27th August. Nearly everyone on the estate attended and it was a great success.

Gerry Fitzpatrick who headed its organising sub-committee, presented the sports in his usual efficient manner and ensured everything ran smoothly. Our thanks to him and all the parents and committee members who helped carry the burden of the day.

The children then enjoyed a magical show by "Eugene". It was a great pity however that his show was so short. This was followed by a Disco under the capable hands of "Marvellous Martin", who soon had them all rocking and jumping around the marquee until 10 o'clock. Many of the adults joined in. There did not appear to be much difficulty in getting the children to bed after their busy day.

The adults then had their bar-b-que and social get together with music provided by Gerry Fitzpatrick and an assortment of singers which went on until the small hours of the morning. Several residents saw the sun coming up but admit it was a bit hazy.

In general it was a well organised day enjoyed by everyone from the oldest to the youngest. I would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the day by helping in the organisation. Gerry Fitzpatrick, Freddie O'Melia, John McGrath, Jim Ryan, Kate Filbert, Denis Lynch. Eileen Fitzpatrick who typed up all the forms, lists and letters in relation to the sports. Michael Walsh who collected and returned the tent. Martin McLoughlin who organised an adequate supply of the "Black

Stuff". A special word of thanks to our barman, Con Hayes, who was able to produce a pint that would put a lot of bars to shame. Denis Lynch for the use of his trailer tent and Seamus Brennan for arranging the bar-b-que equipment. We would also like to thank Bailey & Co. for the marquee and Pat Dolan, Sound Services, for the amplification and disco equipment.

The committee would like to extend it's sincere thanks to our sponsors, especially our local supporters, who gave so generously. We are sure it must be very difficult for them when so many organisations look to them constantly for prizes etc. Everyone in Cluain Aoibhinn should remember to support their local shops at all times.

The sponsors are in no particular order, as each and everyone gave with a good heart; again thanks to everyone of them and those not mentioned who were not asked to donate.

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On a slightly sadder note now we take this opportunity to sympathise with Gerry Fitzpatrick and his wife Eileen. Gerry unfortunately fell from the ladder when dismantling the equipment in the marquee resulting in him being hospitalised for ten days with a back injury. We wish him a speedy recovery.

FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION

Cluain Aoibhinn held its first front garden competition this year. Judging was done by John Joe Costin who furnished a comprehensive report on most gardens.

1st Prize Freddie O'Melia No. 59

2nd Prize Seamus Brennan No. 61

3rd Prize Tom McMullon No. 63

Several gardens were highly commended. We hope this will inject some impetus to all to try and improve their frontage for next year.

Again we would like to implore all home owners when tending their garden to look around and see if there is any area around that needs attention.

Remember none of the committee members or those who do try to keep the estate in order will be offended if you do a bit.

TIDY ESTATE COMPETITION

The committee of Cluain Aoibhinn would like to congratulate Railpark on winning the 'Tidy Estate Awards' this year. We in Cluain Aoibhinn should take heart for the very positive comments which have been made by visitors, townspeople, etc., about the improvements in our estate this year. The roses and flowers, etc., have all given a greater beauty to the area.

There is still some areas which need attention, the black patch, the back of the estate and the intended rockery at the front. It is up to each individual to look after their own areas. There is not an estate work force, however, if anyone needs a hand we are sure someone will help.



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

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

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

AGE _____

Closing date

Monday 17th October

5.00 p.m.

Children's Corner.

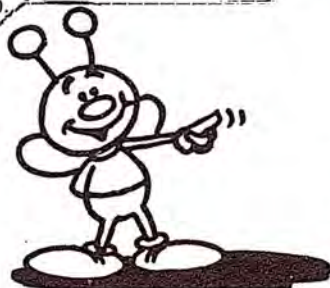


Joke :

Why didn't the skeleton jump out of the window?
He didn't have the guts.

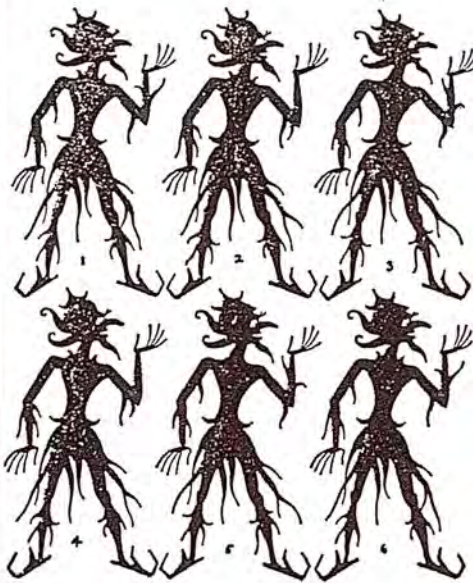
Why do bananas wear suntan lotion?
Because they peel easily.

What do you call 3 lemonade bottles?
A pop group.



SHADOW PUPPETS

These ragged robins are not all exactly alike. There are three pairs of identical twins. Can you spot them?



What do short-sighted ghosts wear?
Spooktacles.

Winners of September Competition

Ages 4—7 years

1st Prize

Fiona Phelan
38 Greenfield Dr.,
Maynooth.

2nd Prize

Tamara Burke
Killeaney,
Maynooth.

Runners up

Michelle Cunningham
79 Maynooth Park,
Maynooth.

Richard McGovern
833 Greenfield,
Maynooth.

Brian Rice

75 Maynooth Park,
Maynooth.

Ages 8—12

1st Prize

Aideen McCann,
Coach House,
Carton,
Maynooth.

2nd Prize

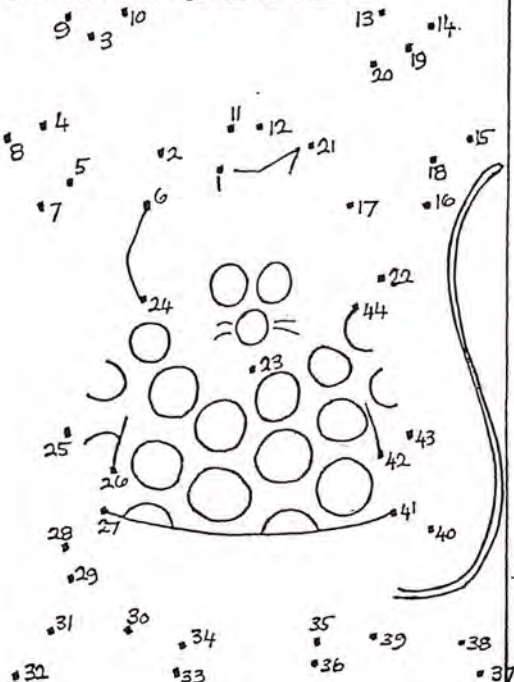
Grainne O'Rourke
Innisfree,
Celbridge Road,
Maynooth.

Runners up

Ciara O'Sullivan
29 Temple Lawns,
Celbridge.

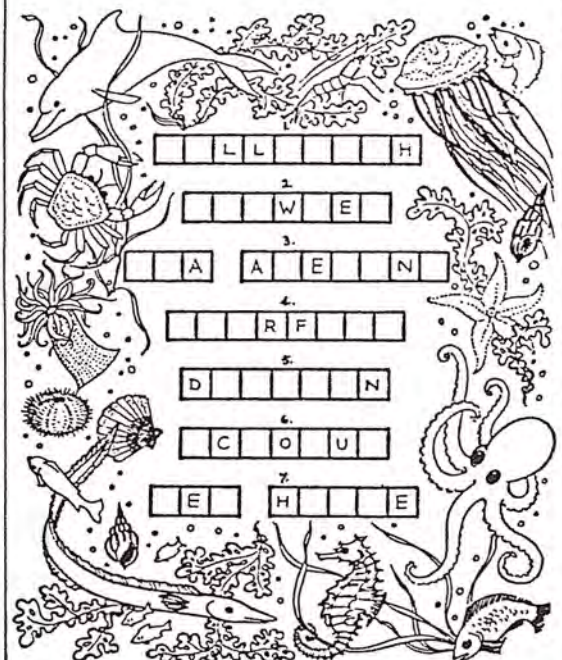
Cormac Eddery
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Maynooth.

JOIN THE DOTS



UNDER THE SEA

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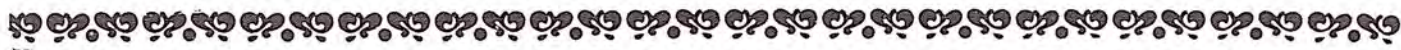
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CHILDRENS' PET COMPETITION



We are delighted to have received responses to our pets' competition which was announced very quietly last month. We publish two of the

entries below. Thank you, Sinead and Joanne for your lovely stories about your pets.

Now we want to shout a bit louder to all of our other children's corner readers. Do you have a pet that you love very much? Tell us about him or her, we would like to hear all about them.

We will be giving a prize for the two stories we like best — and we will

publish the clearest photographs. If you are under ten, please send in your story and photograph of your pet if you have one, to arrive at the newsletter before 17th of October 1988.

We look forward to hearing from you.



PETS.....

"MY PET MISTY"

Hello! I am going to tell you about my pussy cat and her name is Misty. Misty is my second cat. You see I had another cat called Claire. My mammy messes with Misty. Misty is a persian. Persians have lovely colours. Mistry takes things from other peoples gardens like dish-cloths and socks and carries them into our garden in her mouth. Once she even brought a little girl's pair of tights into our garden and we still don't know who owns them. Isn't she funny!! This is a picture of her in our neighbour's bird-house. She is birdwatching! I love Misty and I think she loves me.

My name is Sinead Keenan and I live in 95 Rail Park Maynooth. I am seven years old. Bye for now.



AND MORE PETS.....

"TUSSEX"

The night the Devil came for Granny

When my cat was a year old my granny came to stay for the weekend. I put Tussex in her box and went to bed. During the night we heard a scream. Daddy rushed into granny's room. Tussex was in one corner and granny under the blankets. The window was open and Tussex had jumped in and onto granny's bed. Granny said she thought the Devil had come to take her.

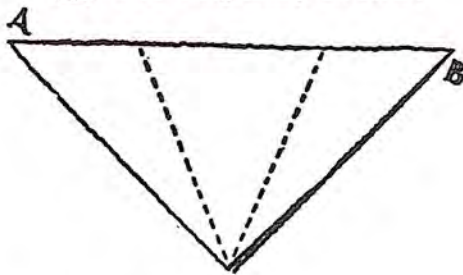
Joanne Cunningham,
79 Maynooth Park.
Aged 8.



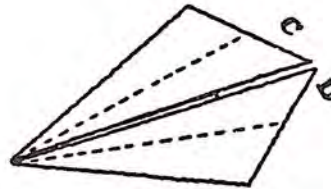
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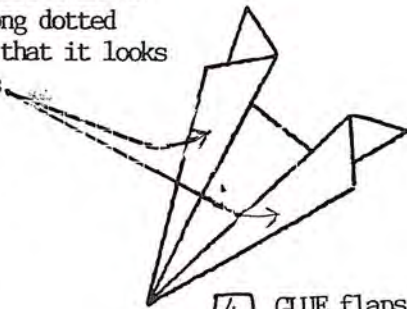
1. FOLD diagonally in half.



2. Fold A and B to centre along dotted lines.



3. FOLD corners C and D UNDER along dotted lines so that it looks like this



4. GLUE flaps down.

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS AND ADAPTATIONS.

5. MAKE a pair of holes each side and thread elastic through to hold it to your head.



6. CUT out black parts for eyeholes.

DEVIL or WIZARD

7. PAINT YOUR MASK.

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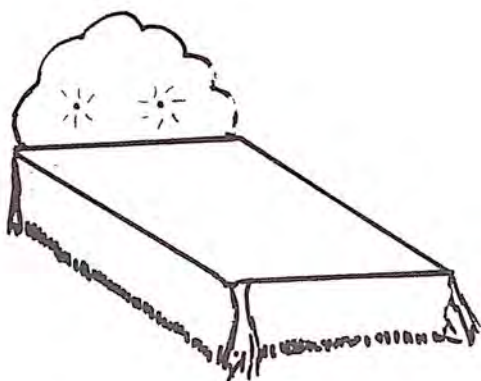
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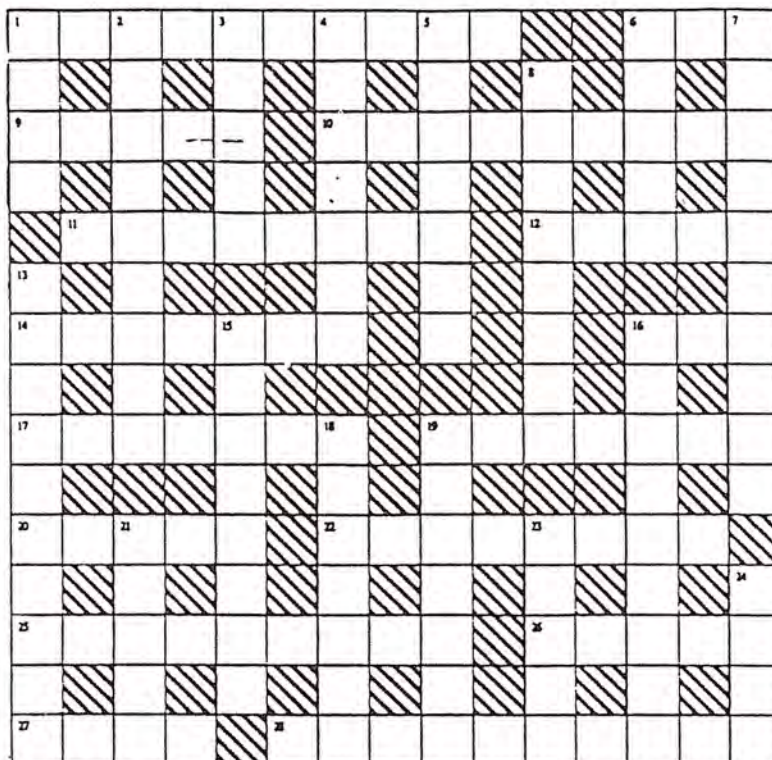
CROSSWORD CLUES

ACROSS:

- 1 This local stud ran at the end (10).
- 6 Place the ball at the hole (3).
- 9 Savour in this state (5).
- 10 Beyond all bounds (9).
- 11 Forest fleas (8).
- 12 A numerical relation (5).
- 14 A hard place for Ed to sleep on (7).
- 16 A tool to punch holes in the law (3)
- 17 Makes the blood boil (7).
- 19 Nowhere to be found (7).
- 20 A pint-sized state, one's self included, perhaps (5).
- 22 The party member maybe advancing, but there's a rodent in the end (8).
- 25 Chew after the flagpole (9).
- 26 Incompetent pet is inadequate (5).
- 27 Appendage with an aptitude for detection (4).
- 28 A book worm from all directions in the compass (10).

DOWN:

- 1 A receptacle for the knight? (4)
- 2 The ultimate command may result in a jar (4,5).
- 3 Lose hope of return on effort (5).
- 4 This local erection is the height of folly (7).
- 5 A cause to unite the Greek Island at the end (7).
- 6 Indicate the meaning of it all (5).
- 7 The local education factory (3,7).
- 8 One clerk gives credit (8).
- 13 This mariner seems competent at first (4,6).
- 15 It looks like the vital part must expire at last to make this transparent muslin (8).
- 16 An ultimate finish (1,5,3).
- 18 A doleful restaurant according to the ballad (3,4).
- 19 Mother starts the actors in a folk play (7).
- 21 Abstains (5).
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MAYNOOTH'S RAPID GROWTH CONTINUES

Maynooth is now the sixth largest town in County Kildare, according to the recently-published first volume of the 1986 Population Census. With a population of 4,768, Maynooth easily surpasses Kildare Town (4,268) which occupied sixth place when the previous census was carried out in 1981. In that year, Maynooth contained 3,388 people, giving a growth rate in the intervening period of 41%, as against 12% for the county as a whole and 3% nationally.

This rapid growth, of course, is mainly due to overspill from the Dublin area. This is even more apparent in the case of Leixlip which, with a 1986 population of just under 12,000, is now the largest urban area in the county, having overhauled Droichead Nua (Newbridge) in the period since 1981. However, the most spectacular growth of all has been shown by Celbridge, which increased by a massive 55% to 7,135 between 1981 and 1986. All in all, the Rural District of Celbridge No. 1 (Celbridge No. 2 is in Dublin County) - including Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge and Kilcock - grew from 25,000 to 32,000 in this period.

The commuter belt does not stretch far beyond Maynooth and Celbridge, however. More distant places such as Kilcock (1986 population 1,414), Straffan (303) and Clane (1,767) have now grown much since 1981. Some places have, in fact, shrunk in size since 1981. These include Sallins and Coili Dubh and, further afield, the larger centres of Monasterevan and Castledermot. One wonders what would be the effect on Kilcock if the train station there was to be re-opened. The same applies to Sallins, as there is talk of re-opening the station there also, with a view to serving the Naas area.

Going back to the 1971 Census, before the development of North Kildare as a residential area for commuters to Dublin had really got under way, Maynooth's population (including the College) was a mere 1,374, compared with 1,579 for Celbridge and 2,414 for Leixlip. At that Monasterevan was also larger than Maynooth - it is now less than half the size of Maynooth.

One peculiar feature of the population of Maynooth is the fact that it has a surplus of males - 200 of them, in fact. Nationally, there are slightly more females than males. This is due to the fact that women, on average, live longer than men, although, apparently, slightly more males are born




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than females. Maynooth's special case is, of course, due to the College. Since it was opened up to lay students, the sex balance in the College has been evened up quite a bit. However, the large Theology Faculty still has a great preponderance of males, a situation which is likely to persist as long as the Catholic priesthood remains an exclusively male preserve.

Finally, for those interested in electoral politics, there has been much talk of County Kildare being divided up into two three-seat constituencies for the next general election. Since the constituencies were last revised, the population of the county has grown from 97,000 to 116,000. On the basis that, traditionally, there has been one T.D. for every 20,000 people, this might suggest that an extra T.D. is in order. However, the indications are that a national average of 21,000 people per T.D. will apply to the next revision, which would leave Kildare a long way short of the figure needed to justify six T.D.'s.

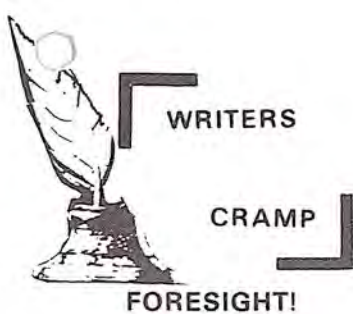
However, there will be an amount of variation around the national average in arriving at the ratio in individual constituencies. With neighbouring Laois-Offaly and Wicklow also containing a surplus population relative

to their present quota of T.D.'s, there could be transfers of population between these counties and Kildare. It is also possible that part of North Kildare will be incorporated into a Dublin constituency, as was the case prior to the last revision. Who remembers Brian Lenihan buying drinks for party supporters in Caulfields during the 1977 general election campaign?

Laraghbryan Cemetry Clean-up

Maynooth tidy towns Committee would like to thank all who put flowers/plants etc. on their family graves during the general clean-up. We thank those usual old reliables and members of our own committee who worked tirelessly to get the cemetery into shape. We can only hope that next year more people will help in this community venture, to give our former residents a tidy dignified place to rest.

A temporary farewell (we hope) to the Kiely family of Greenfield Drive who are off to Johannesburg for 3 years. The best of luck from your many friends in Maynooth.



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Assisi, rich with gospel poverty —
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Torto,
All hallowed spots of Francis' love —
Now, mere curiosities for the tourist,
Stepping from the shaded, cushioned
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DEVILLED EGGS

8 eggs, hard boiled
2 oz butter
1 small onion, finely chopped
1 teaspoon curry powder
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Salt and Pepper
1 oz salted peanuts

Halve the eggs, remove the yolks and mash or sieve. Heat the butter in a pan and cook the onion until soft. Add the curry powder, Worcestershire sauce then the egg yolks. Season to taste. Spoon the mixture into the egg whites and top with the chopped nuts. Serve with salad or crisp toast.

Variations: Mix the yolks with softened butter or mayonnaise and grated cheese; mashed sardines, finely chopped smoked salmon or other smoked fish or chopped shellfish or ham and chicken.

TIDY TOWNS

The result of the 1988 competition are out and we have not done well. Maynooth was less tidy this year than last and we are eagerly awaiting the detailed comments of the judges. We are disappointed and as soon as we know exactly where we lost marks we will get to work and try again to make the town less unsightly.

In the November edition of the **Newsletter** we hope to publish the entire report. Don't miss it. It may have something to say to you!

Gabriel Martin,
P.R.O. Tidy Towns Committee.

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MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The I.C.A. resumed their monthly meeting on September 1st, when Madam President welcomed back new and returning members from Summer vacation.

Brannera for Bread making was presented to Brid Sheil by Mrs Bridie Brady. She was congratulated by our produce promoter Rosemary Hanley. This month's competition "A pot of homemade raspberry jam" was won by Betty Farrell, 2nd Margaret Gee, 3rd Maisie McMyler.

The badminton ladies are again working hard each Tuesday and Thursday mornings 11.00 — 12.30. Crafts continue every Monday night 8 p.m. — 10 p.m. Set dancing every Wednesday night 8 p.m. in I.C.A., hall. The next meeting will be held on October 6th in the I.C.A. hall at 8 p.m.

K. Burns P.R.O.

NOTICE

It has been brought to our notice that cloakroom tickets have been sold in the name of I.C.A. in the past weeks. We wish to inform you, that nobody has been authorised to sell tickets on behalf of the I.C.A.

MAYNOOTH I.C.A. ANNUAL SHOW AWARDS

The Annual Show run by Maynooth I.C.A. was again very successful, entries were up from last year and the standard was very high, leaving the judges with no small task. The committee wish to thank all those who sponsored classes, presented cups and trophies, donated raffle prizes or made financial contributions, and to all who helped in any way in the running of the show.

CUP AND TROPHY WINNERS

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| Overall Cup + £25 | Eileen Tiernan |
| Flower Cup | Rita Sheehan |
| Floral Arranging Cup | Joan Downey |
| Vegetable Cup | John Brick |
| Fruit Cup | John Brick |
| Home Produce Cup | Rosemary Wallace |
| Craft Cup | Eileen Tiernan |
| Childrens Cup | Sinead Casey |
| Teenage Cup | Marie McMyler. |

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| Flower Garden Cup | Thomas Nolan |
| Mixed Garden Cup | Mrs Sheehan |
| Confined Garden Cup | Ann Doohan |
| Best Childrens Craft | Sinead Casey |
| Best Rose | Rita Sheehan |
| Best Adult Craft | Margaret Gee |
| Best Vegetable | John Brick |

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| Best Teenage Baking | Marie McMyler |
| Best Childrens Baking | Sabrina Keegan |
| Best Fruit Baking | Paddy Doyle |
| Best Adult Baking | Mary Halton |

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| Best Childrens Art | Catherine Tumilty |
| Best Teenage Craft | Damien Carroll |
| Best Fruit Cake | Myra Salmon |
| Best Floral Arrangement | Joan Reynolds |

CLASS WINNERS

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| Class 1. | K. Nolan |
| Class 3. | R. Sheehan |
| Class 4. | R. Sheehan |
| Class 5. | C. Marsh |
| Class 6. | R. Sheehan |
| Class 7. | S. Angel |
| Class 8. | S. Angel |
| Class 9. | G. Stag |
| Class 10. | J. Bergin |
| Class 11. | J. Brick |
| Class 13. | M. Darlington |
| Class 14. | M. Souhan |
| Class 15. | J. Downey |
| Class 16. | J. Desmond |
| Class 17. | J. Downey |
| Class 18. | J. Downey |
| Class 19. | J. Downey |
| Class 20. | B. Gleeson |
| Class 21. | J. Reynolds |
| Class 22. | M. Curry |
| Class 23. | M. Darlington |
| Class 24. | R. Sheehan |
| Class 25. | R. Sheehan |
| Class 26. | J. Brick |
| Class 27. | N. O'Brien |
| Class 28. | P. Doyle |
| Class 29. | J. Brick |
| Class 30. | J. Brick |
| Class 31. | P. Doyle |
| Class 32. | S. Angel |
| Class 33. | J. Brick |
| Class 34. | N. O'Brien |
| Class 35. | J. Brick |
| Class 36. | R. Wallace |
| Class 37. | M. Darlington |
| Class 38. | M. Scanlon |
| Class 39. | T. Moloney |
| Class 40. | N. Ralph |
| Class 41. | M. McMyler |
| Class 42. | R. Wallace |
| Class 43. | M. Halton |
| Class 44. | R. Wallace |
| Class 45. | C. Nolan |
| Class 46. | B. Morris |
| Class 47. | N. McGrath |
| Class 48. | N. Kenny |
| Class 49. | N. Kenny |
| Class 50. | R. Wallace |
| Class 51. | M. McMyler |
| Class 52. | M. Salmon |
| Class 53. | M. Gee |
| Class 54. | T. Moloney |
| Class 55. | M. Campbell |
| Class 56. | M. Campbell |
| Class 56A. | M. McMyler |
| Class 56B. | Marie McMyler |

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| Class 57. | M. Gee |
| Class 58. | M. Gee |
| Class 59. | M. Gee |
| Class 60. | B. Coyle |
| Class 61. | B. Cunningham |
| Class 62. | E. Tiernan |
| Class 63. | F. Dunne |
| Class 64. | F. Dunne |
| Class 65. | M. Teehan |
| Class 66. | E. Tiernan |
| Class 67. | G. Mulready |
| Class 68. | E. Tiernan |
| Class 69. | G. Tracey |
| Class 70. | A. Doohan |
| Class 71. | N. Ralph |
| Class 72. | E. Tiernan |
| Class 73. | E. Tiernan |
| Class 74. | B. Farrell |
| Class 75. | M. Kirwan |
| Class 76. | N. Kenny |
| Class 77. | E. Tiernan |
| Class 78. | P. Bergin |
| Class 79. | R. Long |
| Class 80. | C. Salmon |
| Class 82. | E. Daly |
| Class 83. | S. Casey |
| Class 84. | S. Casey |
| Class 85. | V. O'Connor |
| Class 86. | A. Casey |
| Class 87. | J. Corry |
| Class 88. | J. Cunningham |
| Class 89. | D. Corry |
| Class 90. | A. O'Connell |
| Class 91. | S. Keegan |
| Class 92. | S. Casey |
| Class 93. | E. Reynolds |
| Class 94. | O. Hodge |
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| Class 97. | K. Colgan |
| Class 98. | J. Corcoran |
| Class 99. | K. Hildabrand |
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| Class 101. | J. Dunne |
| Class 102. | A. Dunne |
| Class 103. | S. McMyler |
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The countryside of Maynooth cannot have been the inspiration for the name of local rock band — Scale the Heights which has been attracting some media attention recently. The band started two years ago, and plays most of its gigs in Dublin, although it has played in Celbridge, Cork and Mullingar recently. They had made two appearances on the television programme, *Borderline*, and they won the Carling Hot Press Band of the Year competition this year.

According to a recent article in the *Leinster Leader*, the band members are David O'Driscoll, Tony Doherty, Paul McAllister and Liam Kirkpatrick. The manager is Michael O'Regan. Most of the band members live in Maynooth, although Paul McAllister lives in Celbridge. The band got together while they were at Maynooth Post-primary School.

Their music is described as different, and is designed for entertainment — no other musical influence dominates. Most of their songs are written by David O'Driscoll, among whose compositions are 'Just for the day', and 'Gone to Texas'.

TIDY ESTATES COMPETITION

The following was inadvertently omitted from the judges' report contained in the last issue of the *News-letter*:

Doctor's Lane

A quiet cul-de-sac development which is maturing nicely. The poor road surface detracts from the overall effect.

Leinster Cottages

A nicely maintained area. Showing the benefits of co-ordinated painting schemes which enhance the small town terrace atmosphere. The adjoining park development adds to the amenity of this area, but would benefit from proper landscaping, including re-seeding and tree planting.

Moyglare Road

In their report, the judges made reference to the poor state of the Moyglare Road. The poor road surface and absence of footpaths make this one of the most dangerous parts of the town for pedestrians and motor vehicles alike. Telecom Eireann must take much of the blame for the state of the

road surface. They appear to find it necessary to dig the road up on a fortnightly basis. Perhaps they could be persuaded to terminate their excavations and fund the restoration of the carriageway — and maybe even finance the establishment of the footpath.

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LIONS INTERNATIONAL

Holiday in Mosney for Maynooth Old Folk

On Sunday 12th June last, the Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club held their "Olde Fair Day and Pony Racing". This event has become more and more popular every year and the proceeds finance a week's holiday for a group of Old Folks in Mosney. Lions Clubs from all over Ireland send groups on this holiday every August and for many, it is their first holiday ever.

This year the Olde Fair Day and Pony Racing made a profit of £3,500 thanks to the generous sponsorship of many local businesses and to those who supported the event on the day.

This support helped in so small way to achieve the target set by the Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club of taking sixty old folks to Mosney. On Saturday 20th August, this merry band of travellers and friends to the assembly point at Caulfield's in Maynooth to begin their coach journey.

The Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club, which was formed in March, 1981, also serves the areas of Celbridge, Straffan, Clane, Enfield and Donadea. Every effort was made by the organis-

ing committee to ensure that the old folks from all these areas came on the trip and preference was given to those whom the Lions considered would best benefit by the holiday. Twelve old folks from Maynooth were selected for the holiday.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

The club is only surfacing, so to speak after the summer recess. As this report goes to press we are preparing for our September meeting. We are looking forward to meeting all our members and friends and to a very interesting demonstration by Irene Cole.

The October meeting on Tuesday 18th will be our A.G.M., and we hope all our members will be present. Our President Mrs. Imelda Desmond who has done trojan work during her two years in office will be vacating the chair, and plenty of willing workers are needed to form a new committee. So ladies, don't forget Tuesday 18th October — come in force and cast your vote.

Betty Farrell, P.R.O.

PRESENTATION CONVENT PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Dear Parents,

Our A.G.M. will be held on Tuesday 18th October 1988 at 8 p.m. in the

school. We are delighted to have as guest speaker a representative from THE NATIONAL PARENTS' COUNCIL. Everybody welcome. Refreshments served.

M. Adderley, Secretary.

KILDARE-MAYO ASSOCIATION

Following our very successful first night out on St. Patrick's night a Supper Dance has now been arranged for 14th October 1988 from 9 pm to 2 am in Osta John Devoy.

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We are currently in the process of compiling a membership list. We would like any person of Mayo origin who has not already been contacted to get in touch with one of the above members as soon as possible.

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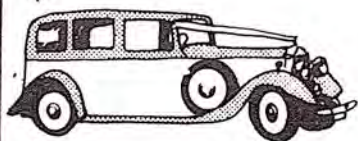
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The Club received a great boost to its hopes for a good 1988-89 season with the recent presentation of a new set of playing gear. The set was sponsored by Mr. Frank Regan, of Frank Regan and Associates Ltd. Independent Brokers, a firm which, in the short term it has been in operation in the town, has already made a big impact on the business scene. We in the Club are delighted to be associated with this progressive firm and feel confident that its success will be reflected in the performances of our teams. It will be a tough task for our First Team to compete in and, hopefully, be in contention for the Premier Division of the Leinster Junior League, while our Second Team faces an equally difficult task in Division One (Sunday) of the same league. However, if we can rely on support similar to that shown by the sponsors of this splendid set of new gear, we feel sure that we can reward our faithful followers with a trophy or two. Pictured at the recent presentation of the new playing gear are (left to right):—

Denis Enright, Annette Regan (Frank Regan and Associates Ltd.), Tom Dempsey (Club Chairman), Frank Regan, Philip Doyle (Club Captain), Seamus Feeney (Club Secretary), Liam McCall (Club Treasurer), Dessie Farrell (who represented the Club on the Leinster Junior League representative team).

**Gerry Durack.
P.R.O.**

"TAE KWON DO CLUB"

There has been an absence of this column in recent issues but we are all now back in full swing, and here is the latest news.

Our most recent event was a colour belt, junior and senior black belt tournaments held on Sunday, 11th of September in Maynooth Parish Hall.

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In the hall shouts and cheers could be heard as spectators and students cheered on the familiar faces of their friends and families in a competition which turned out to be a great success.

We saw some good sparring and patterns on the day and heard the familiar sound of wood being broken. There was a tremendous display of the fine art "Tae Kwon Do". Clubs travelled from all over Ireland to attend the competition in the hall, and I'm sure they all enjoyed their day. The competition was organised by the instructors and committee of Maynooth "Tae Kwon Do Club". There was a lot of outside help on the day and we would like to thank the Hall committee for the use of the hall, and the Order of Malta for their help. We are grateful to everyone who helped out on the day, and especially to the people who took part in the competition. There was great support for the students of all the clubs who put their best effort into the competition and there were also many happy

faces as the prizes were presented.

Congratulations are in order for Ciara Power who took second place in the junior green belt pattern and Martin Traynor who took third place in the same event. Sean Foy also took first place in the destruction with a powerful break of three inches of wood. Garreth Loane took third place in the sparring and Caroline Traynor took first place in destruction, side kick. Well done everyone!

We would also like to wish the best of luck to all the members who are grading on the 24th of September in St. Mark's School, Tallaght under Master Ki-Ha Rhee 8th degree and Chief Instructor to the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

There will be a senior and junior beginners class starting in the very near future and times and dates will be published in next months issue. We hope to see a lot of new faces joining our classes.

P.R.O., C.T.

SWIMMING CLUB



MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

SPLASHNEWS

The club's A.G.M. was held last June. We were disappointed at the poor attendance by parents, but our thanks to the few who did attend. We would appreciate greater participation by parents in the club's activities, in organising the swimming sessions and supervising bus journeys to and from Stewart's Sports Complex. We can best serve the interests of the children if the parents come forward with their suggestions, comments and help. The Maynooth Swimming

Club is very successful, we have full membership and there is always a waiting list for places, so we would like to see the parents becoming more involved and we would greatly appreciate your help.

Our sincere thanks and gratitude to the outgoing members of the committee, to Carmel Nolan (Treasurer) and Mary King (Ass. Treasurer), and a special appreciation to Catherine Mulready, who travelled with the children almost every Saturday throughout the year. The 1988/89 committee is as follows:

Chairman: Owen Byrne
Secretary: Rosemary Smyth
Treasurer: Frances Callaghan
Ass. Treasurer: Sheila Flemming

The current swimming session began on the 10th of September and will continue for 10 weeks, up to and including the 19th of November. There will be no swimming on the 29th of October. This session we

were able to offer places to 30 children on the waiting list, and we are hoping to be able to offer places again at the start of the next session.

Deirdre Hetherington, P.O.O.

REPORT ON INTER ESTATE 7 A SIDE, BELATED AS IT MAY BE

This is the 4th year Greenfield Residents Association has run this tournament and despite competing against World Cups, European Cups, elections, hail, rain and even thunder and lightning it has lost none of its popularity, in fact it has established itself as a foremost fixture for the last 2 weeks of June and supporters from the different areas are beginning to call part of the field their own such as the stretford end, Hill 16 etc. What a pity the field is not more attractive to people with seating, shrubbery and facilities for the children to play in. It is ideally suitable for this and the people of Maynooth should insist on this as they and their children deserve it.

Getting back to the games the standard was high and very competitive in both ladies' and men's. There was the usual bad luck stories and only if we had trained, but as the tournament progressed joints were beginning to loosen up.

Coming to the finals Carton Court looked good for the double but Ballygoran and the Crescent had other ideas and devised successful strategies on the day. Congrats to Ballygoran ladies and the Crescent men and thank you to all other teams who took part also thank you to our referees Melanie, Lenny and John and anybody who gave a hand with the pitch and nets etc.

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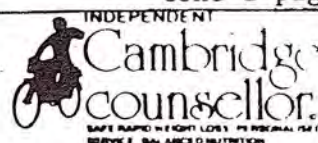
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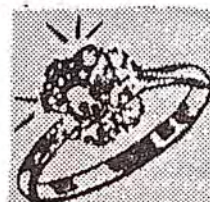
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TALKING

I remember the reaction of an acquaintance when he heard I was living in Maynooth. 'Bit of a one-horse town that, isn't it?' he remarked, recoiling in subtle horror at my fate.

'Not at all, not at all', I said off-handedly, doing my best to defend the place that had gradually become 'home'. Of course at the time I had a sneaking feeling he was right. It was so damned inconvenient, even if it was only fifteen miles from the city centre. The things I needed, could simply not be obtained in Ma Nuad of the Existential Pot-Holes and many Alleyways, necessitated frequent hops on and off the No. 66 in search of the required goods. I'm not talking about curtains (which couldn't be got in Maynooth in those days either), or pots and pans (equally difficult to come by), or spare parts for the car, or kennelling facilities for the dog (the wha? I hear you say). Perish the thought. How tenderly, how fondly I recalled the hills and *smooth* streets of that lively provincial town whence I came, where practically everything one needed to make life possible could be found.

I refer of course, to the typewriter ribbon in particular, and supplies of paper, staples, paper-clips and envelopes in general. Do I hear trumpets? Cor anglais?? A brass band??? I believe I do. For it's here, Ladies and Gentlemen, Mesdames et Messieurs, meine Damen und Herren. I refer — in case it hasn't registered — to MAYNOOTH OFFICE SUPPLIES, situated above Coonan's office on Main Street. The place, this Mecca, this haven from which Eileen Fitzpatrick operates, can get you almost anything you need by way of office equipment within 24 hours, and sometimes even the same day. The man behind the scene, *Paddy Boyd*, also offers a printing service and will deliver goods ordered. Photocopying rates are quite

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Talking about hats, was the ring-master wearing one at the circus? I didn't get to see it, to my deep chagrin, being a circus fanatic of some decades standing. But I saw the tigers in the Square. Ahh, the luvvely pussy-cats in from the wild in their stripey suits. . . Seriously though, I have misgivings about these big cats every time I see them. One part of me adores the sight of them, the smell of them (quite a funk too — it filled the Square), the absolute unfathomability of their yellow eyes. Another part is uneasy, because I suspect that these creatures are in some way unhappy animals — which must be one hell of a torment if we accept that animals live in an eternal *present*. And you can't confine any natural force for long without some sort of backlash.

Which reminds me — all you 'green'-minded ecological and environmental thinkers, turn to the Irish column post haste — therein lies a trove of vital addresses for those who want the planet to survive, with all its luvvely pussy-cats and accommodating office-suppliers, and the existential pot-holes and alley-ways . . . Cheers.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FORTHCOMING WEEKS

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| Sun. 1st Oct. | Convent School Walk, 2p.m. |
| Thur. 6th Oct. | Fashion Show, Carton House. |
| Sun. 9th Oct. | Junior Talent Show, Kilcock. |
| Mon. 10th Oct. | Comm. Council Meet. Office 8p.m. |
| Fri. 14th Oct. | Kildare-Mayo Ass. Dinner dance. |
| Mon. 17th. Oct. | Deadline for Newsletter items. |
| Tues. 28th. Oct. | Flower Club A.G.M. 8p.m. |
| " " " | Parents Ass. G.N.S. 8p.m. A.G.M. |
| Sat. 22nd Oct. | American Tea Party, Parish Hall |
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COLLEGE NEWS

NEW YEAR BEGINS

As this issue of the Newsletter reaches the shops, students from all over the country will be packing their bags to descend on Maynooth for the new academic year. And the news is that this year, more students than even before will be attending the College. This is because there will be the same number of First Years as last year's record level, while the survivors from last year's entrants will constitute the largest Second Year ever.

In fact, Maynooth College is becoming more popular than ever with Irish school leavers. This year, the applications for a place at Maynooth were up by nine per cent compared with 1987. While about the same number placed Maynooth first in their CAO application form, it was noticeable this year that much greater numbers were placing Maynooth second than in previous years. This means, for example, that students from the Cork catchment area, having placed UCC first in their applications, are now much more inclined to place Maynooth second rather than UCD or UCG.

Andrew Egan, the College Admissions Officer, gave insight into the way places are allocated at Maynooth. With a total of 360 places available in First Arts and 170 in First Science, the College has to estimate how many of those who have named Maynooth in their CAO applications will actually come to Maynooth if offered a place. A majority of those offered a place will not accept because they have also been offered a preferred place elsewhere or because, for one reason or another, they cannot go on to third level at all. Based on the experience of previous years, the College offers places to all those who attain a certain minimum level of points, in the expectation that a certain proportion of these will refuse the offer.

One can gauge how expert the College has become from this year's outcome. All 800 applicants who had

obtained at least 17 points were offered places in First Arts; of these, 360 accepted — exactly the number of places which were available. In Science, 400 offers were made based on a cutoff level of 18 points, of whom 160 accepted, just ten less than the number of places available.

However, not all those who have accepted will eventually take their places — mainly because some will opt instead for places in the teacher training colleges, which send out their offers quite late in the day. There will be little trouble in filling any extra available places — at the time of writing there was a waiting list of 420 for First Arts and 215 for First Science. An idea of how competitive the demand for university places has become can be gauged from the fact that three more points are needed to get into Maynooth this year compared with 1987.

Maynooth College would love to take in as many students as want to go there, but strict limits on the numbers of places available have been set by the Higher Education Authority. This means that many students who have the minimum qualifications to attend the National University of Ireland (of which Maynooth is a part) — two honours and four passes in the Leaving Certificate — will not, in fact, be able to enter the University (or any other Third Level college, in most cases) and will either have to repeat the Leaving or seek employment (if such is available in Ireland today).

CONDOLENCES

The Newsletter extends its sympathy to Tony Fahey (Department of Sociology) on the recent death of his mother, and to Peter Denman (Department of English) on the death of his father-in-law.

ANTIPODEAN JOURNEY

College Vice-President, Seamus Smyth, Head of the Geography Department, recently travelled to Australia as Ireland's official representative at the International Geographical Congress. He returned with an added bounce in his step, no doubt due to a surfeit of kangaroo steak!

BELFAST BOUND

Paddy Duffy of the Geography Department will be spending the coming academic year at the Institute of Irish Studies at Queen's University, Belfast. Formerly a resident of Maynooth Park Paddy is now ensconced in the

Meath landscape. Also spending the coming year at the same Institute is Dymphna McLoughlin, of Carton Court. A graduate of Maynooth College, Dymphna is currently completing her Ph.D. degree at Syracuse University in the U.S.A.

LEINSTER ARMS SOLD

The Leinster Arms, has been sold to Gerry Brady, Trim, Co. Meath, Hotelier for a figure reported to be in excess of £700,000, by local auctioneers, Coonans.

The property comprised Licenced Premises with restaurant and disco together with large car park and eight apartment two storied residence. The Auctioneers commented that they are very satisfied with the price achieved and said they had an excellent demand for licenced premises in the Kildare area, particularly within a 20 mile radius of Dublin. So if you have a pub for sale, now's the time to put it on the market.

EXTRA MURAL LANGUAGE COURSES 1988-1989

The Language Centre in the College offers extra-mural courses at three levels — Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced — in the following languages:— Nua-Ghaeilge, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian and Modern Greek. (All courses are subject to demand).

These courses are open to all registered students and staff in the College, and to members of the public. Each course is two hours weekly, from October to April, and all classes are taught by native speakers.

Classes will commence on the week of October 24th. Participants should register with the Secretary, Ann Mc Stravick, before that date.

Registration fee is £20.00 for College students and staff, £50.00 for members of the public, to be paid on registration for courses.

For further information, details of times and location of classes, please contact:—

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

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The wife and family of the late Michael Molloy, Straffan Way, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement. Those who sent mass cards, floral tributes and letters of sympathy; those who attended removal, mass and funeral. A special word of thanks to the priests of the parish and the kind neighbours and friends in Straffan Way. The Holy Sacrifice of the mass has been offered for your intentions.

Farrell: The family of the late Ellen Farrell, Easton Rd., Leixlip, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement. Those who sent Mass Cards, letters of sympathy, wreaths and floral tributes. Those who attended removal of remains, Mass and funeral. Special word of thanks to all our kind neighbours. We trust you will all accept this as a small token of our appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

SYMPATHY

Late Mr. H. Thynne

Mr. Henry Thynne died last week. He was a native of Kilshanny, Co. Clare, and father of Fr. Eoin Thynne, Parish Chaplain, Maynooth. The late Mr. Thynne, an ex-Garda, had lived in Dublin for a number of years. His funeral took place to Ballygall Road Church, Glasnevin, and burial was in Esker on Thursday. He is survived by his wife, sons, daughters, and other family members.

To Mrs. Maureen Troy, O'Neill Park, on the death of her brother John (Mara) O'Toole, Lucan.

Wife, sister, brothers, sister-in-law, nieces, nephews of the late Michael Maxwell, Laragh.

Parents, brothers, sisters, brother-in-law, grandparents, uncles, aunts, relatives and friends of the late David Morahan, Newtown.

Sympathy to Peter and Siobhan Denman of Leinster Park on the recent death of Siobhan's father.

Wife, sons, daughters, relatives and friends of Patrick Hubert Mooney, Toolestown.

Good luck to Conor McMahon and Paula O'Sullivan who left to make their fortunes in England on September 22nd.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Colin Brown of 18 Maynooth Park on winning the B.M.X. Raleigh Bike competition in Mosney. He won the weekly competition and then went forward to win the overall competition at the end of the season and was presented with a trophy and B.M.X. Bike.

Assumpta McDonnell, Breda Brennan and Orla McStravick past pupils from St. Wolstons who achieved enough points to gain places in Maynooth College in the first round allocation. They all hope to study Arts.

RECENT BIRTHS

Congratulations to Della and Mick Griffen, St. Marys Park, Leixlip on the birth of a baby boy.

To Willie and Regina Kilduff, Laragh-bryan, Maynooth on the birth of their son.

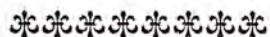
Congratulations to Margaret and Colm McDonald on the birth of their 8lb 3oz baby girl. Colm works with the Royal Canal Amenity Group.

Congratulations to Antoinette and Daragh Crosby of Carton Court on the birth of their baby girl who is a new sister to Sorcha.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Joe Moore Straffan Road and Margaret Scanlon Maynooth Park, who were married recently in St. Marys Church, Maynooth, and to Dessie Farrell, O'Neill Park, and Deirdre Stafford, Swords, in St. Columcille's Church, Swords, also Declan Barry, Main Street, and Mary McHale, Clontarf in John The Baptist Church, Clontarf.

Congratulations to Meta Gee, Carton Estate and Paul Coyle, Kingsbry who were married on 19th September.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Gearoid and Ita McTernan, Parson Street, who celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary Sept. 3rd.

Congratulations to Tony and Mary Bean "Nuada" Dunboyne Rd., Maynooth, who celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on Sept. 3rd.

Ivory Wedding

Larry and Marie McTernan, Highfield, Kilcock, on their 14th anniversary, Sept. 21st.

Willow Wedding

Raymond and Noelle McTernan, Greenfield on their 9th anniversary, August 24th.

Paper Wedding

Fred and Catherine Gibbons, Kingsbry on their 1st, Sept. 11th.

Peter and Delia O'Connor, Greenfield, on their 23rd, August 18th.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Keith McTernan, Dunboyne, aged 10, Sept. 9th.

Aileen McTernan, Greenfield, aged 3, Sept. 22nd.

Damien O'Connor, Greenfield, aged 19, Sept. 10th.

Francis Conway, Greenfield, Sept. 10th.

Cindy Moore, Moygaddy, Sept. 8th.

Mrs K. Peppard (nee Coyne, Dillons Row) London 78 August 21st. Kathleen an annual visitor, celebrated her first birthday in her native Maynooth in 50 years.

Mick Naughton, Greenfield, Sept. 21st.

90 YEARS YOUNG

Special birthday greetings to Jack (John) Darlington, Maynooth Road, Celbridge. Age 90 September 17th. This comes from Farrell and Grady families and to Owen Murphy, Kilwogan, Celbridge age 90 on August 10th this comes from your many friends in Maynooth.

21 TODAY

Congratulations to Nancy Nevin, Barrogstown who celebrated her 21st birthday September 11th. The happy event was celebrated with a party in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, attended by her parents, brothers, sisters relatives and a host of friends. A great time was had by all.

BIRTHDAYS

Michelle McGovern, Greenfield, 4 years October 1st.

Thomas McGovern, Greenfield, 5 years October 6th.

From Nannie Una, and Uncle Kevin.

Happy birthday to Edel Fay, Leinster Cottages, Maynooth, who celebrated her fourth birthday on the 15th Oct.

Birthday greetings to Lynda Haren who will be 10 years old on 23rd October. From all the family.

Happy Birthday to Brian Bean "Nuada" Dunboyne Rd., Maynooth, who celebrated his first birthday on Oct. 23rd.

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issues for discussion are: effect of cutbacks on school and your children, a large attendance is requested.

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