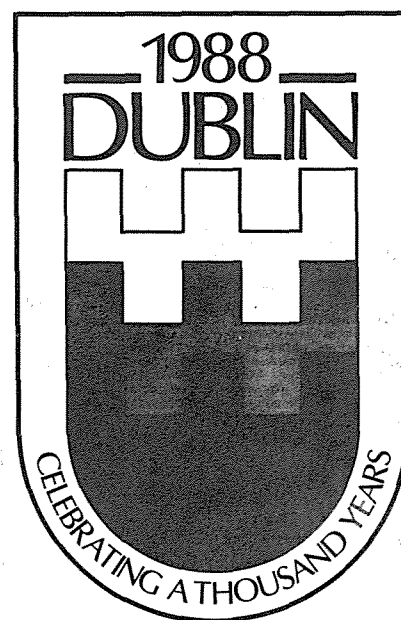


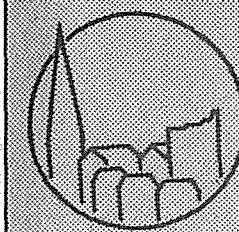
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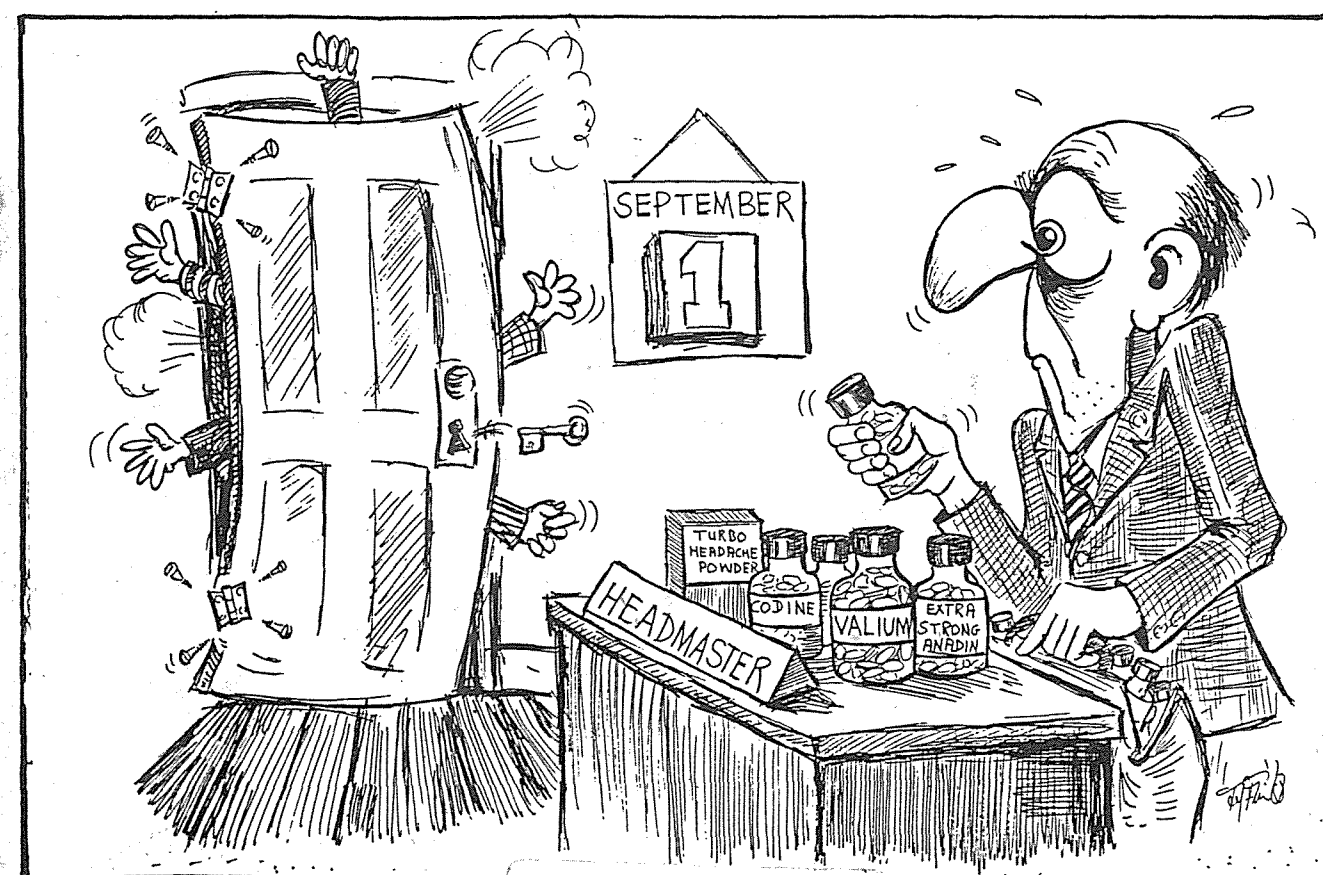


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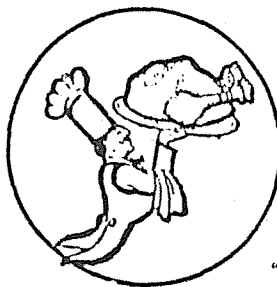
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### NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS

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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## Editorial

### Tidy Estates Competition

We publish the results of the Tidy Estates competition in this issue. Well down to those who won awards this time around. This competition has done an excellent service for the people of Maynooth as it has forced us to look at our own environment, to see what we ourselves are doing to it by carelessness and neglect. Many people have been stimulated to go and redress some of the harm done to our environment by litter, graffiti, neglected vegetation. However, the Tidy Towns Committee is quick to point out, that not enough people are willing to do their bit. Everyone can help by not dumping litter, by keeping their own property clean and presentable. They can also help the Tidy Towns Committee on their communal clean ups, as well as doing their own individual cleanups. Many people are concerned, quite rightly, about Sellafield and Nuclear Power — but closer to home, our environment is under greater threat from ourselves than from any outside forces.

As a start, the Newsletter reminds readers that it's Cemetery Sunday on 28th August. So off to Laraghbryan and help clean up our act.

### LIFE'S A LOTTERY

And finally with publication of the list of recipients of lottery funds we cannot help noticing that Maynooth is conspicuously absent from the list. Perhaps as a constituency we're not marginal enough, perhaps we should campaign for a Minister. Even if we did get an allocation who knows what case would be regarded as most deserving? Some of the allocations in other counties are eccentric to say the least.

### POETRY COMPETITION

More awards are announced in the form of the results of our third annual Poetry Competition. Once again our judge was pleased with the quality of the entries. It is good to see that a small town like Maynooth can produce such a crop of writers, willing to submit their work to the test. The Newsletter considers that one of its primary roles is to encourage members of the community to realize their potential as writers. Everyone has something to express, and all too often, there is no scope for expressing ideas, feelings or emotions publicly.

If you can speak and think, you have the basis for the ability to write. So work on it. The Newsletter as always welcomes contributions from anyone who has anything to say.

### LEAVING CERTIFICATE RESULTS

And more results. By the time this is published, Leaving Certificate results will have been published. Best wishes to all of those school leavers ready to embark on the rest of their lives. For many, the future can only promise unemployment here or emigration. Last year for the first time since the 1920's, the population of Ireland actually dropped, helped by the haemorrhage of our people to employment opportunities abroad. There are positive aspects of short-term emigration. The experience gained abroad can be put to the benefit of Ireland on return. But how many are likely to return now? What a waste of a resource.

coming in another section of this issue.

The Chairperson and some members of the committee have met with the social worker from Kildare County Council with a view to beginning the *Travellers Settlement committee*. The first step is the organization of a school bus and then to get a pre-fab built with a view to organising classes as required by the travellers themselves.

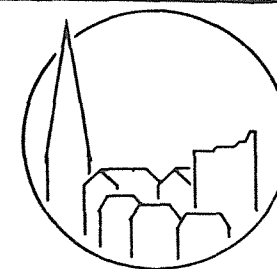
Although the Council itself is on holidays, the office does not close at all during the summer, there is always a full-time staff there to answer any enquiries on any matter.

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### COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

The Council takes a well-earned holiday in August, although some of the committees are still working away, particularly the *Tidy Towns* whose current work may be seen outside the Church.

The Tidy Estates have been judged and information should be forth-

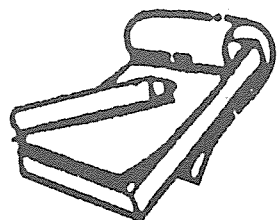




## FUNDRAISING

A *BATTLE OF BANDS* is being organised through the office by Caolán Clifford, there will be further information in this issue — it will take place in September. Watch out for posters round the town. Other fundraising events will be taking place within the next six months to fund the Social Employment Scheme and the two Teamwork placements who work in the office.

We would like to welcome our new workers, Caolán, Louise, Maurice and Marita to the office.



(Left to Right)

Peter Denman (College), Mary O'Donnell (Judge), Jillian Byrne (Winner Teen-age), Kay MacKeogh (Newsletter), Yvonne Nolan (Winner Under 12), Bernadette Cotter (Winner Adult), Dominic Nyland (Community Council).

## POETRY COMPETITION WINNERS

The winners of the Newsletter's annual poetry competition were presented with their prizes at a ceremony in the public library on Thursday, 11th of August.

The competition was judged by Mary O'Donnell, from Newtownmac-cabe, who is achieving national, and indeed, international recognition, as a poet. Her work has been published in anthologies, and literary journals, and her first collection will be published in the new year.

In general, according to Mary, the poems submitted suffered from an addiction to rhyming schemes, which create a mechanical effect. She advised aspiring poets to write from personal experience, and warned them of the perils of forcing their thoughts into rhyme. It is difficult to write well in rhyme, and she hopes that next year's entrants will liberate themselves from the constraints they impose on their writing.

The winner in the adult section was Bernie Cotter, from Beaufield Estate, whose poem, *Lines Written at the Kitchen Sink*, dealt with a topic which is not aired very often. There was a large entry in this section, and Mary commented that those who did not win should not be discouraged. She advised them to keep writing — this is the only way to improve and develop.

There was a small entry for the teenage section, and Mary praised the courage of those who entered for persevering. Gillian Byrne from Barrackstown Stud was the winner, with her poem *'Living Hell'*, about the effects of nuclear destruction.

There were two winners in the

children's section, Yvonne Nolan from Maynooth Park, aged 12, who wrote a lovely poem called *Summer Dreams*; and Cormac Ashe whose poem *My Mother's Advice* entertained the audience because of its rather unusual subject matter.

The prizes are funded by the College, and by Joe Wall of Cardinal Press. On behalf of the College, Peter Denman expressed his pleasure in being associated with the competition. It is important to encourage writing in a community, and to inspire a love of literature. A number of poets visit the college to read their work during the year, and members of the Maynooth community are always welcome to attend.

On behalf of the Community Council, Dominic Nyland commented on the high standard of poetry discovered through the competition, and on the Council's support for such initiatives.

Kay Mac Keogh of the Editorial Board of the Newsletter reminded those present that this was the third competition to be organised by the Newsletter; the Newsletter is committed to providing an opportunity for expression to any member of the community. She thanked the College and Joe Wall for their generous support for the competition, the Library for providing a venue for the prize-giving, Mary O'Donnell for judging, and Carol Clifford, for the trojan work she put into organising the competition.



## SUMMER DREAMS

The tide comes in to wash away our castles in the sand.  
Our palaces that last one day,  
will crumble in our hand.

The tallest waves grow in the sun  
and die in tiny streams.  
They take our castles one by one,  
they cannot take our dreams.

Yvonne Nolan,  
26 Maynooth Park, Aged 12

## MY MOTHER'S ADVICE

To cure the worms in your tummy  
You've got to eat something yummy,  
Like crushed rabbits' tails,  
And slime from snails,  
That'll cure the worms in your tummy.

Now you've set them on the run,  
You've got to upset the tum.  
Eat some dynamite with honey,  
Then add something yummy,  
Like crushed dog's nose,  
And boiled badgers' toes,  
That'll cure the worms in your tummy.

Now to get them out.  
Stick two fingers down your mouth,  
Then suddenly, rumble, rumble,  
Here it comes, prepare to grumble.  
Down the sink it goes.  
Gurgles, gurgles, clunk, there it goes.

Cormac Ashe,  
Ballygoran, Aged 11.

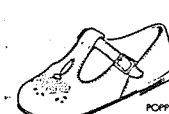
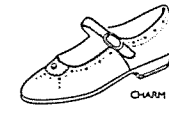
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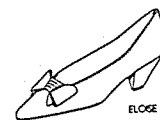
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There is no place for innovation.  
The washing bundled in my arms  
Heavy with domestic connotation  
And the baby with mischievous  
charms  
Confine conscious thought in bundles  
tight  
So all the notions, ideas, plans  
Will find it hard to see new light  
within their yet unlimited spans.

Thoughts that might have changed  
the world  
Struggle against the soap-sud tide  
Hoping to become unfurled  
But once again they sdyly subside  
With the dishwater down the sink  
They swirl away and disappear  
Gone for today, till the missing link  
May one day hopefully pull them  
clear.

**Bernie Cotter**  
3 Beaufield Close.

## LIVING HELL

No more nukes! we hear them cry  
As atom bombs go flying by  
And here and there as in a crowd  
springs up a "lovely" mushroom  
cloud.

Russia and the U.S. fight,  
Not concerned with our plight.  
Buildings falling round our ears,  
No homes to shelter us, our fears,  
All round there is destruction  
Not a thing is left to function.  
In the crossfire we are caught  
Just 'cause of the power they've got!  
Love and peace did not win through  
There was nothing left for us to do.

**Gillian Byrne,**  
Barrackstown Stud.

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## MAYNOOTH RESIDENTS AGAINST LOCAL CHARGES

M.R.A.L.C. wishes to thank and con-  
gratulate all those residents of May-  
nooth who have signed our petition  
to the elected members of Kildare  
County Council over the past number  
of weeks and in particular outside  
Quinnsworth shopping centre on the  
weekend of 15/16th July.

Hundreds of people have now  
signed our petition which calls on the  
Councillors for our area, namely,  
Gerry Brady, F.F., Bernard Durkan,  
F.G., Jim Gallagher, F.G., Colm Pur-  
cell, Labour, Emmet Stagg, Labour,  
to;

1. Cease threatening water supply  
disconnections
2. Resume full collection of refuse for  
all

We will be presenting the County  
Councillors with the petition shortly  
and we will also ask them to remove  
the water and refuse charges from  
the Co. Co's. estimate for 1989 which  
they will draw up in the autumn.

We also wish to condemn the  
actions of the County Manager in  
disconnecting water supply to resid-  
ents in other parts of the county who  
have not paid the charges on prin-  
ciple. K.C.C.'s action represents a  
major health hazard to the families  
concerned and their jackboot tactics

clearly demonstrate the extremes  
that the Council have to go to to  
impose these unacceptable taxes on  
the people of Kildare.

We also wish to point out that our  
petition received widespread support  
from residents who have paid part or  
all of local charges under duress as a  
result of K.C.C.'s campaign of inti-  
midation.

The committee will shortly be run-  
ning a 300 club draw to cover our  
printing and other expenses. We urge  
all residents to support this venture.

During the remaining part of this  
year we will be intensifying our cam-  
paign against the charges and we are  
confident that we will have the sup-  
port of the majority of the residents of  
Maynooth in our efforts.

## COMMITTEE

Matt Carroll, Mariaville, Dunboyne  
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Margaret Clinche, 28 Cluain Aoibhinn.  
285626 (Sec)  
Pat Hanley, 8 Greenfield Drive.  
286334 (Treasurer)  
Brendan Keegan, 87 Railpark. 286100  
Michael Keenan, 95 Railpark. 285774  
Dominic O'Keeffe, 5 Kingsbry.  
Michael Quinn, 13 Laurence Avenue,  
285258 (Chairman)

## Community Information Centre Notes

**Q.** Since November 1986 I have been  
receiving a special payment of £20  
p.w. from the Dept. of Social Welfare  
along with my Invalidity Pension. I  
was told at the time that this payment  
was to compensate me for losing out  
because of the new rules about  
equality. My wife is in receipt of  
Disability Benefit. Now I find that this  
payment has been reduced from £20  
to £18 per week. This reduction has  
made nonsense of the 3% increase in  
my Invalidity Pension. Is this a cut-  
back by the back door?

**A.** The transitional payment of £20  
p.w. which you have been receiving  
since November 1986 was made to  
compensate you for the fact that with  
the introduction of E.C. equality  
measures at that time you no longer  
qualified for an adult dependant  
allowance for your wife. It was  
intended at the time that this transi-  
tional arrangement would end after  
a year. In fact the payments were  
extended beyond November 1987 and  
remained unchanged until July of  
this year. The situation now is that  
people who had been in receipt of

£20 p.w. have had that payment  
reduced to £18 and those in receipt  
of a £10 p.w. compensation payment  
have had that reduced to £9 p.w. This  
would appear to be the beginning of a  
phased withdrawal of these special  
payments.

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Thurs. 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.  
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The N.S.S.B. will be giving a training  
course in Maynooth, in the mornings,  
September/October. The date has  
not been finalized. There is no charge  
for this course. Anyone wishing to do  
this course should contact Norah  
McDermott in the Community Council  
Offices, Tel. 285922.

**Frances Daly, Organizer.**

# Letters...Letters.



92 Pairc an Raile,  
Ma Nuad,  
Co. Chill Dara.

Dear Editor,

I see that An Post has bowed to the  
opposition of the residents of Tere-  
nure and Templeogue to the proposed  
loss of their Dublin 6 postal status.  
According to newspaper reports, "the  
residents had not been consulted  
and An Post recognised that they had  
made a mistake in not doing so";  
further, "the company's aim was to  
bring a better service to the people  
and their anxiety to do so had brought  
about a mistake".

Such abject apologies on the part of  
An Post will, no doubt, bring a wry  
smile to the citizens of Maynooth  
who, two years ago, had the local

Railpark,  
Maynooth.  
13-7-88

Dear Editor,

In a recent issue you pointed out that  
the name Railpark owes nothing to  
the proximity of the townland to the  
railway line, as evidenced by the  
earliest O.S. maps.

However, it should be noted also  
that the name Railpark is one word,  
for on the same page a Planning  
Permission Notice contained the  
words Rail Park, while further on in  
the issue, the name was abbreviated  
to Rail Pk. This form is becoming  
widespread, but to me its usage is  
akin to describing the National Flag  
as Green, White and Gold.

For those unfamiliar with Railpark,

post office transferred from the Main  
Street to a shopping centre located  
away from the town's main residen-  
tial areas. Although the relocation of  
such a vital facility clearly would  
have had a major impact on a small  
community, no attempt was made by  
An Post to inform the local community  
council about the move (let alone  
discuss it with them) in advance;  
instead, the council had to rely on the  
"grapevine" to hear about it.

The community council decided to  
oppose the move, partly because of  
the effect it would have on May-  
nooth's historic town centre, but  
mainly because of the inconvenience  
and hazards it would pose to old age  
pensioners and car-less mothers of  
young children, given the lack of  
footpaths and chaotic traffic in the  
vicinity of the shopping centre in  
question. A near-unanimous re-

sponse was obtained to a petition  
organized in the town's housing  
estates. An Post's response to this  
impressive show of community soli-  
darity was to argue that their new  
corporate status meant that com-  
mercial considerations had to take  
precedence, and that their decision  
to move the post office was final.

Then again, Maynooth is mainly a  
working and lower middle class  
community, located on the fringe of  
the Dublin urban area, not nearly as  
well-heeled as the Dublin 6 postal  
district. Of course, An Post is a state  
company, supposedly answerable to  
All the people: such is the distribution  
of power in our so-called democracy.

Is mise, le meas,

**Proinnsias Breathnach**

to think this is a separate district, and  
unless the address has an accom-  
panying number the person resides  
in 'Old Railpark'. I shudder to think  
that some residents are actually  
giving this form as their address, but  
let me add that the E.S.B., Telecom,  
the Revenue commissioners, and the  
Water Dept. of Kildare Co. Council  
have no problem locating me. Further,  
wasn't it fortunate that the city of  
York didn't adopt the prefix 'OLD'  
when the new version was founded.

Railpark now consists of two periph-  
eral roads (Celbridge Road and Bally-  
goran Road), a Cul-de-sac (the breen)  
and Railpark Estate. It surely must be  
possible to locate anybody within the  
boundaries without using Antiquar-  
ian Appellations. So please, Railpark  
then (check the library), Railpark now!  
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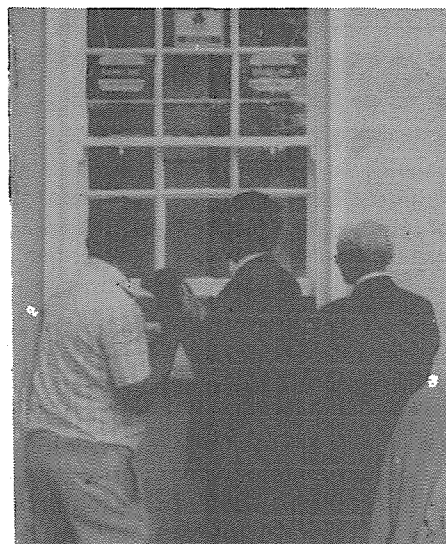




## STREET TALKING

It was Friday lunch-time, a couple of weeks ago, when everyone was making a bee-line to the banks to cash the well earned pay cheques. Just another typical Friday in Maynooth... or was it? 1.25 p.m. and one couldn't help but notice the small group of uniformed cashiers chatting very intimately outside the door of a certain bank. 1.30 p.m. and still they're at it! There was either a lot of gossip to catch up on or one of them was spinning a very long yarn indeed. Still more people gathered but not alas to cash in on their pay cheques but rather to cash in on the street gossip. Clearly something was awry.

Sure enough, up hops this fellow, sleeves rolled up, onto the window sill to bang at the window pane with a hammer no less! Much banging and a little broken glass later the window was unlatched, not wide enough, though, for him to get in (let's face it breaking into a bank is no mean feat!). As the gossip spread it transpired that the bank who likes to say yes had to say no on this particular occasion since the keys were inside and the bank staff were outside. 1.45 p.m.; Scores of spectators gather and



All hands on board

still no budge on the window.

An official suit-clad gentleman approached our workman and both went to conference, the former adjusting his tie in the rising heat and the latter scratching his head in bewilderment. They disappeared into the bustle of the lunch time shopping and re-emerged with two thick planks. Finally the window was levered open at 2.05 p.m. to the applause of our well entertained spectators and to the relief of our intrepid bank-breakers. But sure on a grand sunny day, that it was, wasn't everything bound to come right in the end.

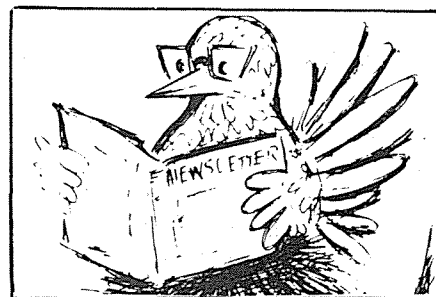
Not so entertaining was the episode of Main Street history that occurred in the Bank of Ireland on August 11th last. At approximately 2.05 p.m. on that day two men on a motorcycle drove up onto the path to the bank door armed with a gun and a knife and masked by their helmets. Neither



We're in at last

of them spoke a word while in the bank. One jumped the counter while the other held the staff and two customers at gunpoint. It was all over in seconds and the raiders sped away on their unregistered motorbike with approximately £2,500-£3,000 in cash. They headed towards the town bridge.

What a month the banks have had!



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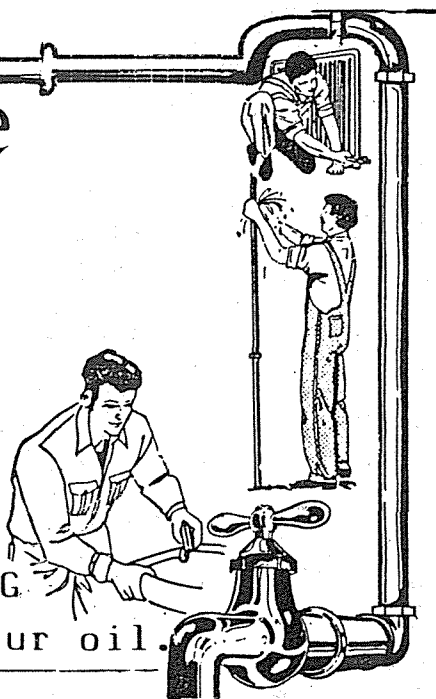
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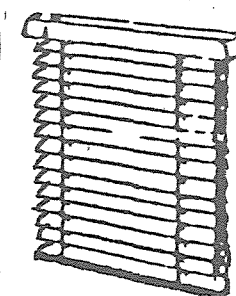
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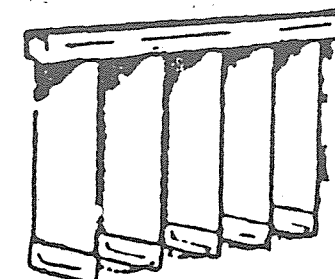
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# PARTY POLITICAL NOTES.

## FINE GAEL NOTES

### 1. Bond Bridge

The following reply has been received from the Minister for the Environment regarding road re-alignment and bridge replacement at Bond Bridge, Maynooth.

"This bridge is located on a regional road. Primary responsibility for improvement on such roads rests with the local authority. The funding for this being met from local resources supplemented by the block grant for roads.

In 1988, a special grant of £40,000 had been allocated to Kildare County Council as a contribution towards the costs of site investigations and the preparation of preliminary reports for schemes to improve Bond Bridge and Shaw Bridge which is also on a regional road. The Department has issued approval to the local authority's proposals for the appointment of a consulting engineer to prepare a preliminary report for the Bond Bridge Scheme. Following completion of the report and cost estimates, the local authority may submit detailed proposals for the scheme to the Department for consideration."

2. In a question to the Minister for Justice regarding reported crimes in the various towns in North Kildare, the following reply was received by Deputy Bernard Durkan.

"The information is readily available only in relation to Garda sub-districts."

The offences are broken down in four groups. The following is the breakdown for the Maynooth sub-district:

	1985	1986	1987
1. Offences against the person	10	6	2
2. Offences against property with violence	35	62	34
3. Offences against property without violence	18	13	19
4. Other indictable Offences	1	1	Nil
	64	81	55

### 3. Roadway outside Maynooth Post Primary School.

Following representation by Deputy Bernard Durkan to Kildare County Council the following reply was received:

"Work on this road, commencing with drainage is due to start any day and should be completed by the end of the holidays, in as much as this year's allocation extends."

4. By now the residents of Maynooth will be pleased that the travellers have moved to the Halting Site. Appropriate action will be taken to ensure that there is no further camping by travellers in the vicinity of Maynooth.

5. Another item which should please us here in Maynooth following representation by Deputy Bernard Durkan is the arrival of the litter bins, two on the Straffan Road and three new bins on the Main Street. We must now use them and not abuse them.

6. Deputy Bernard Durkan is available each Saturday at 2.30 pm to meet with constituents at the Geraldine Hall, Maynooth.

## LABOUR PARTY NOTES

### Did you Know...?

1. Almost £13 million pounds has been cut from the Child Benefit scheme. Payments have remained frozen at 1986 levels. The Child Benefit Scheme was introduced by the Labour Party in 1986.

2. If you have to claim Long Term Disability Benefit you now need 260 stamps (5 years constant employment) as against 156 in January 1987. This is a cut of £9.25 million affecting many thousands of claimants. The Labour Party maintained and improved these basic entitlements all during the 1970's and 80's.

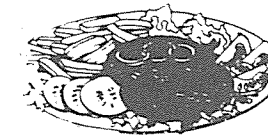
3. The 11% increase for the Long Term Unemployed last month works out at a bare 7% for a married couple with three children. The Labour Party first introduced special increases for the long term unemployed in 1983. Many families will now see their increases claimed back in increased local authority rents.

4. If you pay P.R.S.I. Contributions you are now paying more than ever before. The ceiling has gone up and the rate has been increased from 1% to 1.25%. Under this government you pay more for fewer and poorer services.

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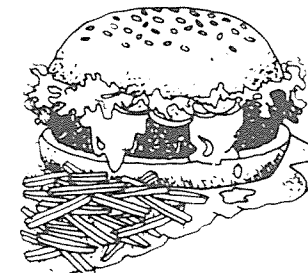
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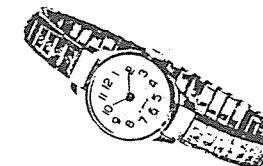
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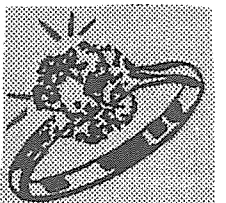
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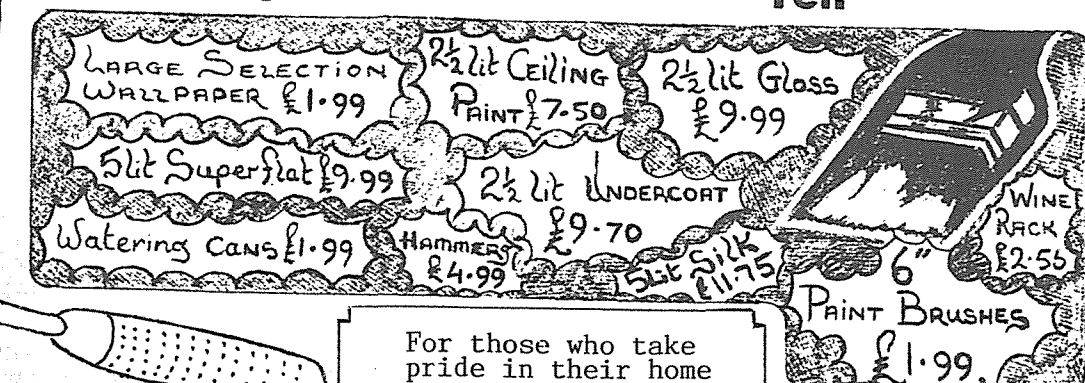


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## WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

### NATIONAL COLLECTION

The Workers' Party annual door-to-door national collection will be carried out in Maynooth over the next couple of weeks. Although the present government's policies have left many ordinary working class families with little cash to spare, we urge every household to make as generous a contribution as possible, in order to maximise the effectiveness of the Workers' Party campaign against the anti-working class policies of the main political parties.

### CONSTITUENCY REVISION

The cynical approach to politics of the Fianna Fail party has never been more apparent than in the terms of reference handed to the committee set up to revise the boundaries of Dail constituencies in the light of the 1986 census results. Despite the fact that no public disquiet had been expressed over the existing pattern of constituencies, which had gone a long way towards providing effective proportional representation, the government has — with the apparent connivance of Fine Gael — blatantly

decided to eliminate the five-seat constituencies which give the smaller parties their best opportunity to secure Dail representation.

Although the Minister for the Environment has gone on record as stating that the aim of this move is to reduce the number of "unwieldy" constituencies, in fact it is the compact urban five-seaters which will be the main casualties, as the much more unwieldy rural five-seaters will be protected by the added stipulation that county boundaries should be preserved where possible. While the existing Workers' Party seats appear secure from this move, the obvious aim is to prevent the party from gaining several extra seats, especially in Dublin. Such gains have become increasingly likely given the erosion of Fianna Fail support in working class districts in the capital indicated by successive opinion polls. It is no surprise that the gains achieved by Fianna Fail in these polls have occurred mainly among the better-off sections of the population.

It is quite possible that the constituency revision could see Kildare being divided into two three-seat constituencies. There will, however, be no let-up in the Workers' Party's efforts to represent the interests of working class people in all parts of the county.

### SOCIAL WELFARE INCREASES

Many families will have found themselves little better off from the social

welfare increases implemented at the end of July because of the niggardly decision on the part of the government to simultaneously cut the "cushion" payments introduced to protect some families from the worst effects of the so-called "equalisation" of social welfare introduced last year. In fact, in certain circumstances, some social welfare recipients could actually be WORSE off. The Workers' Party has already highlighted this anomaly at national level. However, anybody wishing to have their own positions investigated should contact the local Workers' Party representative, Catherine Murphy, at 244903.



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Under the watchful eye of manager and trainer, Mick Mealey, ably assisted by Tommy O'Flaherty, the teams have trained hard, and would deserve any success that comes their

## SPORTS NEWS

way. We wish them luck.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Mick Gillick on the birth of their son and we also wish to congratulate Mick Martin on the happy occasion of his marriage.

Michael Caden, P.R.O.

## FÉILE PEILE NA nÓG 1988

U/14 and U/16 Football Teams:—

The U/14 football team has reached the league semi final. A lot of work

has gone into the team and the tremendous efforts made by the lads themselves are beginning to show dividends. If every member of the panel were to attend the training sessions from now on, there is little doubt but it would take a very good team to beat them. So remember lads turn up for training.

The U/16 football team has reached the semi final of the championship having beaten St. Lawrence's in the quarter final. The final score was somewhat flattering to Maynooth though they did play good stuff in the second half. It is generally felt, however, that unless everyone gives of their best for the full hour the semi final will not be won. The semi final is in Clane on the 25th August at 7.00 p.m. so lads it is up to yourselves to ensure that ye are fully prepared by attending the training sessions.



#### ATHLETIC CLUB

August is always a quiet month regarding club activities. Training also goes slack as so many are away on holidays. A trip to Antrim during his holidays certainly paid off for Brian Redmond as he came away with two gold medals in the vets all Ireland Championships. The club is now busy preparing for the Road Race on 25th of September this is a popular race and we hope the entries will be even bigger this year. Everyone really enjoys this run which takes in part of Carton Estate. So all of you who do a bit of jogging at all, don't forget to get your entry in.

Another very important date in the clubs calendar is the A.G.M. which takes place on Wednesday 14th September in the club house at Maynooth Post Primary School. Anyone who is interested at all please try to attend. We would love to see some new faces at this meeting. Also anyone who has anything to discuss regarding training etc. We hope you will be there at 8.30 p.m. on the 14th September.

The track and field season is coming to a close but don't forget its what you put into your training during the winter months that determine how good your performance will be next season. I would once again like to thank all of you who continue to support our monthly draw and also those who go around selling the tickets.

Barbara Tracey, P.R.O.



FEILE NA nÓG Maynooth U/14 football team Recent winners of best dressed team



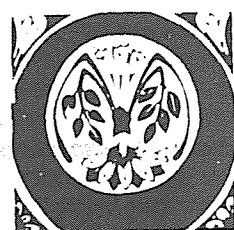
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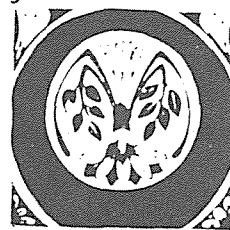
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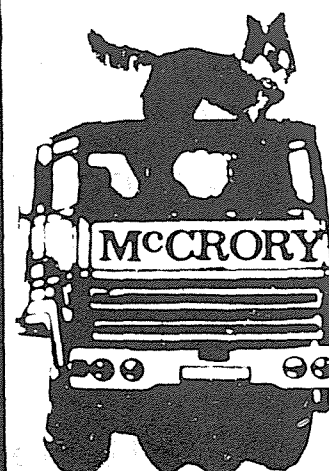
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## BOB'S KITCHEN

### Barbecued Pork Pockets

Ingredients: Imperial/metric  
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1 small onion, finely chopped  
1 level teaspoon curry powder, salt and pepper  
4 tablespoons apple juice  
2 tablespoons vinegar  
1 level teaspoon brown sugar  
1 level teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 level teaspoon ground cloves

#### Method:

1. Trim the fat from the chops, dice and render out in a frying pan. Using a sharp pointed knife, slit each chop to the bone to make a pocket.
2. Combine the onion and curry powder and use to fill the pockets.
3. Season the chops on both sides. Add the apple juice, vinegar, sugar, cinnamon and cloves to the rendered fat and stir well.
4. Brush the chops on both sides with the spice mixture.
5. Place on a rack and cook under a moderately hot grill for about 10 minutes on each side, basting with the spice mixture, until cooked and golden brown.

Serve with hot buttered potatoes and a green salad.

### MARSHMALLOW BISCUIT BARS

These will be a children's favourite.

Ingredients: Imperial/metric  
4oz./125g marshmallows  
4oz./125g margarine  
4 level tablespoons golden syrup  
4 oz./125g Rice Krispies  
3 oz./75g glace cherries, chopped  
2oz./50g chopped nuts (optional)

#### Method:

1. Heat the marshmallows and margarine over a gentle heat until both have melted.
2. Add all the remaining ingredients and mix well.
3. Place the mixture in a greased 7 inch/18cm. square tin and spread evenly.
4. Cut into 12 bars when cold and remove from the tin with a palette knife. Makes 12.

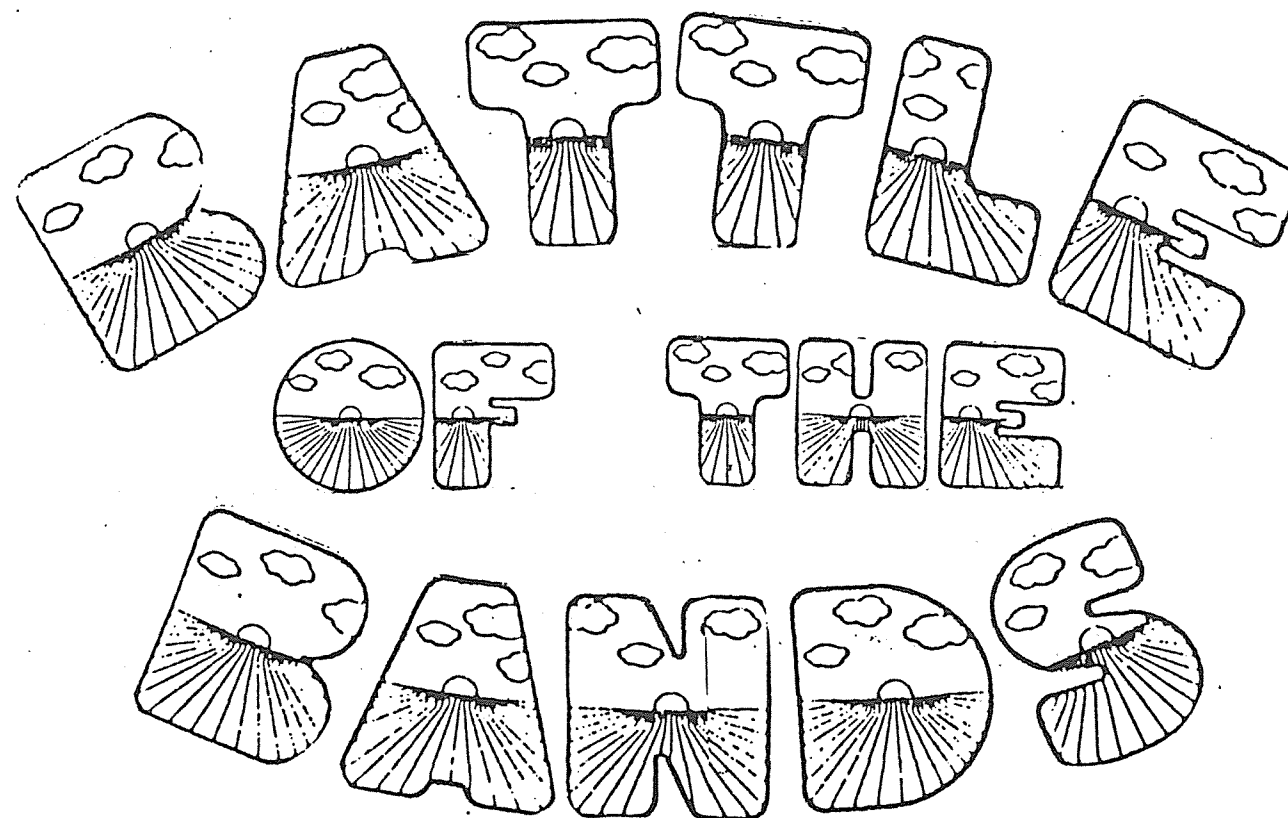
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We regret any inconvenience caused on our last attempt which unfortunately we couldn't hold due to circumstances beyond our control.

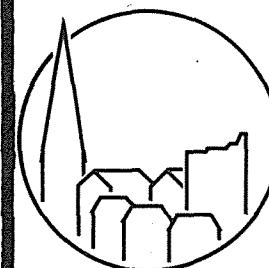
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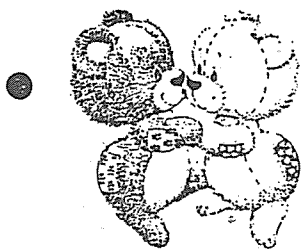
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## MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT 1988

Once again we had a terrific project. Over 300 children registered and they and their leaders had a ball.

During week one we played crazy games, made some really lovely crafts, played rounders and finished the week with 130 people going by train and Dart to Monkstown swimming pool.

For the next three weeks it was all go. We hiked, picniced, barbequed, treasure hunted and played soccer. The highlight of week two was a very successful day trip to the Hellfire Club.

We played basket ball and tennis, bingo and went bowling in Stillorgan. We mastered orienteering and "it's a knockout". Week three provided a gorgeous day in Avondale where we had a guided tour of Parnell's home.

Week four saw us barbequing in Donadea — (again!).

The project finished for most of the children on Thursday 28th with a really marvellous concert in the Geraldine Hall. The very talented and courageous children who took part deserve our congratulations and thanks for a very entertaining afternoon. The concert was followed by prize giving and a party.

On Friday 29th, 100 of us went to the Salesian College in Ballinakill, Co. Laois for our summer camp.

We had a wonderful weekend. It lasted for two and a half days but that didn't matter! Thanks to the Salesians, we used their terrific gym and their T.V. room for videos. The local outdoor pool is a memory that will linger on and on (brrrrr). Fr. Ross came down from Maynooth and we all took part in a beautiful Mass on Sunday. Dan taught us all lovely hymns and we finished by raising the roof with "Rise and Shine" — the project Anthem!!

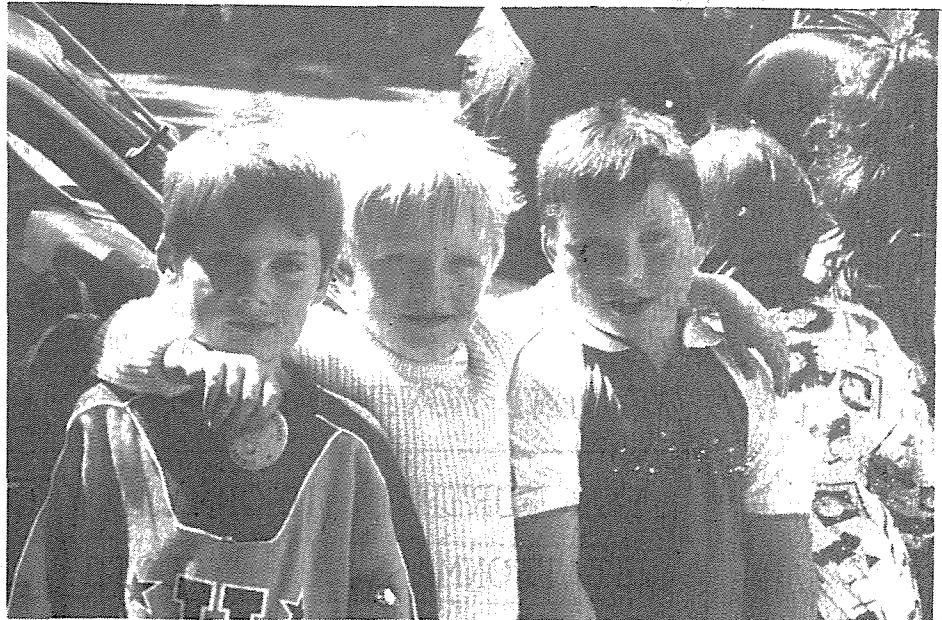
We would like to thank very sincerely John Campion, Dan Ryan — Salesians and Brendan Walshe — Columbans for all their help during the Project. We are also very indebted to Salesian House for all their facilities and to Salesian College — Ballinakill for allowing us the use of their grounds and facilities for our Camping weekend.



*Very talented ladies at the Summer Project Concert. They are: Patricia Purcell, Margaret Brennan, Grace Kelly and Emma McCluskey.*



*Great fun in "It's A Knockout" at Rail Park.*



*Happy Faces at the Barbeque in Donadea.*

## BUTTERFLY FARM AT STRAFFAN

(Notes taken from Leinster Leader)

An interesting afternoon's outing awaits visitors to our newest local attraction, the Butterfly Farm at Ovidstown, Straffan. The farm is the result of Desmond Fox's hobby. When he was only eight Des started collecting and breeding but abandoned the hobby for a while in adult life. Moving to Ovidstown, Dundrum-born Des returned to his hobby with renewed vigour. "The location was suitable," says his wife Iris, "so we erected the tropical house and got the plastic tunnel."

Although the butterfly farm is costly, it is not run as a commercial enterprise. The fees charged to visitors do not bring in huge revenue and any money made goes back into the farm. Heating costs are high. "The tropical house is thermostatically controlled," says Iris. "Temperatures need to be 60 at night and around 86 during the day. It costs as much on a hot day to keep the place cool as it does to keep it warm on a cold day."

The primary objective of the farm is the conservation of butterflies. "There is a shortage of butterflies in Ireland right now. Insecticides upset their habitats, intensive farming, hedge-cutting and pollution take their toll on the butterfly population: butterflies need very high light levels and therefore sunshine is highly important."

Des and Iris concentrate on breeding butterflies to release them back to the wild. They describe themselves as conservationists. "If somebody doesn't do something about the diminishing number of butterflies our grandchildren won't have a chance to see them," says Iris.

In terms of breeding, a breeder is successful if he manages to get right through the butterfly cycle for the second time round, for example, if he manages to get the butterflies from the egg to caterpillar to chrysalis to adult butterfly stage and back again.

John Lavery, Tralee, is one of this country's noted breeders, says Iris and Seán Burke, Senior, Tallaght, is also an enthusiastic breeder. Seán's son, Seán Junior, is at present helping Des and Iris in Straffan.

Some of the butterflies are imported from a butterfly farm in Penang, among them the Monarch, Swallow Tail, Papilio Chayon. The butterflies rely on two types of plants: nectar plants for the butterflies themselves and food plants for the caterpillars. In the tropical house, an Australian flower, the Lantana which flowers all year round, provides the nectar.

Among the indigenous Irish butterflies found at the farm are the Tortoiseshells which can be released anywhere; the Brown Hairstreak which is native to the Burren and Galway and which must be sent back to those specific areas; the Brimstone and the Dark Green Fritillary and Large Heath.

Besides breeding and collecting of

butterflies at the farm, the butterfly exhibition in a display area is important. "We frame all the butterflies that you see here ourselves," says Iris. "We even make our own frames in an effort to cut costs." Des, who is an expert at setting and handling butterflies and who has been doing so for years does all the setting and farming.

It takes between eight and ten weeks for a butterfly to dry out. The setter cannot touch the butterfly's because the colour is easily destroyed. If handled properly the butterflies retain their colour and last a lifetime. "The display area," says Iris, "is very educational and there's always someone here to chat to visitors about the exhibits".

In addition to butterflies the display area also houses a scorpion, eight tarantula spiders from South America, a lizard from Tunisia and Natterjack toad from Kerry, the sole species of Irish toad.

Des and Iris' two sons, Alan (6) and Ian (5), breed butterflies but, says Iris "we don't push it."

Des, who runs an engineering supplies business in Dublin with his brother, works at the butterfly farm in the evenings. For Iris, it is almost a full-time job. Why does she do it? "Because I love it," she says. "It's very much addictive. Once you've bred butterflies and seen the full cycle, you're addicted."

Further information about the butterfly farm is available from Iris at (01) 271109.

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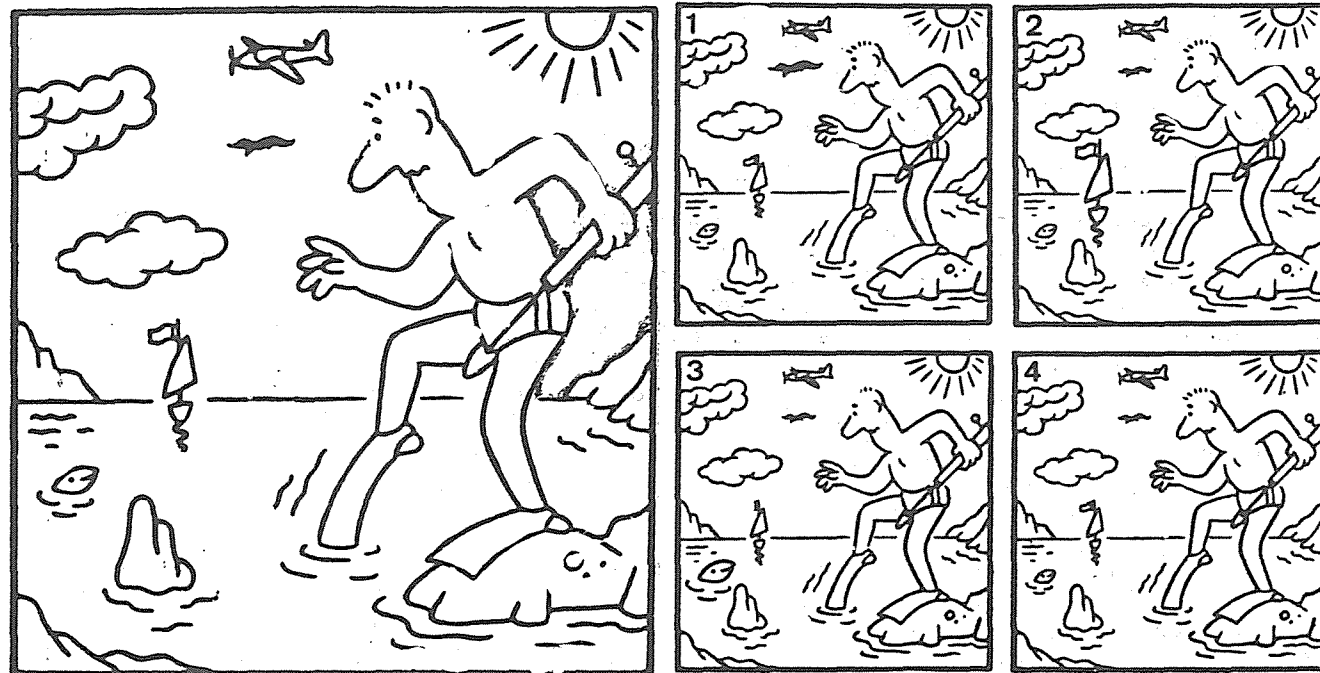
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# Children's Corner.



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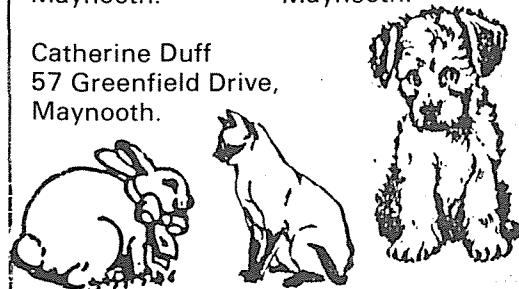
## Winners of August Competition

<b>Ages 4—7 years</b>	<b>Ages 8—12 years</b>
<b>1st Prize</b>	<b>1st Prize</b>
Sharon Cummins Crewhill, Maynooth.	Brian McGlinchey 10 Laurence Ave., Maynooth.
<b>2nd Prize</b>	<b>2nd Prize</b>
Sinead Keenan 95 Railpark, Maynooth.	Catherine Devaney 19 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth.

<b>Runners up</b>	<b>Runners up</b>
Jose Lorenzo Mooneycolley Stud, Maynooth.	Gemma Haren 58 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth.

Ross O'Sullivan 201 Railpark, Maynooth.	Debbie Burke Killeaney, Maynooth.
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Catherine Duff  
57 Greenfield Drive,  
Maynooth.



Children's Corner announces a new Competition for children with pets. You are invited to send in a brief story or description of your pets along with a photograph. Entries must be in by Monday 19th September. 5p.m.

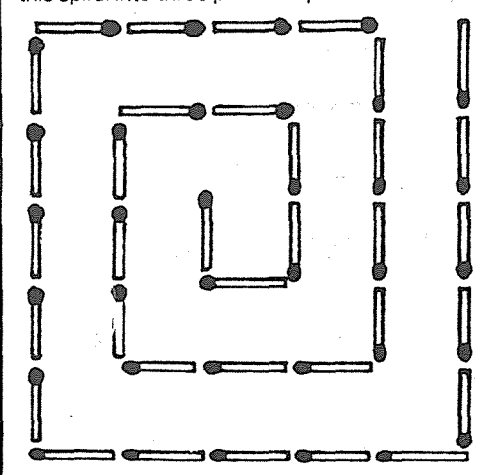
## Joke:

Why did the toadstool  
leave the disco?



## Matchmaking

By moving only four matches, can you transform this spiral into three perfect squares?



## Answer:

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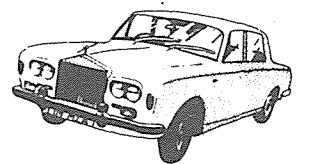
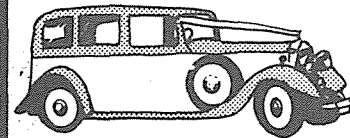
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## MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE:

### JUDGES' REPORT 1988

#### SHOP FRONTS COMPETITION

The judges inspected every commercial establishment in the village, Maynooth shopping centre and Greenfields shopping centre. On the basis of criteria such as — general maintenance, originality/character, harmony with the surroundings, presentation of window display, and the level of effort put into improvements, the following awards were made.

#### FIRST PRIZE:

##### O'NEILL'S FAMILY BUTCHERS

There have been some significant new developments in the Town over the past year, some good and some bad. The judges felt that the developments which have contributed to a visible improvement in the town's commercial facades should be given encouragement. This most recently installed new shop front (together with its adjoining unit) represents a tasteful blend of tradition and nostalgia which can only add to an increasingly attractive unity in the Main Street's shop fronts.

#### SECOND PRIZE:

##### North Kildare Travel

Again in this case, a former residential property has been converted impressively with the traditional shop front — which, though it is pastiche, represents a successful borrowing from Ireland's old shop front legacy. It represents an important improvement in this part of the Main Street also.

#### THIRD PRIZE:

##### The Geraldine Arms

One of the oldest, earliest and most tastefully maintained establishments.

#### COMMENDATIONS:

**Bradys:** For a continuing high level of maintenance at this important junction of the Square. While recognising the need for change in colour schemes — grey and white is not as effective as the previous starker contrasts.

**The Leinster Arms** — Probably the most important structure in the Main Street, it is well maintained and presented. The new signs can only be an improvement.

#### SPECIAL CATEGORIES

Best shops in Maynooth Shopping Centre — Shades and Petals (Quinnsworth Shopping Centre). No award made for Greenfield Shopping Centre.

#### TIDY DISTRICTS COMPETITION

The judges inspected all the housing areas in Maynooth. They paid particular attention to open grass areas/play areas, the general level of maintenance apparent in the estate, the front garden displays, the state of verges, kerbsides, walls, fences, shrubbery and the appearance of the houses themselves. On this basis the following awards were made.

#### FIRST PRIZE:

##### Rail Park

Tidy, well maintained and pleasing area, where the open plan or low fencing gives an overall unity that is added to by the mature trees. Open green areas are well looked after.

#### SECOND PRIZE:

##### Cluain Aoibhinn

For overall maintenance of effort in the face of the continuing negative impact of the number of rented houses. Well presented area, well maintained open areas. Verges well kept and trees present a nice aspect.

#### THIRD PRIZE:

##### Old Greenfield, Phase One

A tidy and pleasing place containing some nice gardens. It has improved over previous years. Green areas are well looked after — evidence of communal effort.

#### COMMENDATIONS

**Greenfield Estate:** The largest estate showing greater variability than others, but the overall impression is of a mature, proudly kept area.

**College Campus.** Apart from the obvious positive impact of the old campus, the new campus and new library area with extensive and impressive tree plantations creates an important impression on visitors entering from the West. Though it reflects greater resource investment than the rest of the town, it is still a bonus for Maynooth.



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## COMMENTS ON OTHER AREAS

**Parson's Street:** Tidy, pleasing colour scheme. The road and footpath towards Cluain Aoibhinn is a disgrace and is hazardous for pedestrians.

**College Green:** A nicely maturing area with a tasteful sign. There was evidence of an above average amounts litter and the kerbs could have been maintained. Open areas very nicely presented.

**Beafield:** Nice entrance and nice lay-out, obviously still settling down, though there is evidence of considerable effort at maintenance. Pleased to see the retention of old field hedges, though they could be tidied up a bit.

**Old Greenfield phase three:** A lot of litter and unkempt areas. Obvious lack of trees and garden colour.

**Old Greenfield phase two:** A tidy and neat area — again trees would improve it substantially.

**Greenfield Lane:** Though the road surface is very poor a nice impression is created by some well maintained and colourful garden displays.

**Carton Court:** Open areas are very well kept. Kerb maintenance could be improved. Overall a very tidy and pleasant place.

**Kingsbry:** Improving, but obviously there is a slow-down in completion of the estate. The road surface is still temporary. It could do with lots of planting for future improvements. Some of the smaller areas/cul-de-sacs obviously showing considerable

effort by their residents which is offset by intervening derelict spots.

**Manor Court:** A pleasant apartment development, which shows some problems in maintenance of lawns and grass areas.

**Moyglare Road and Village:** A variable area of residential properties and hostels, the effects of which are spoiled by the woeful state of the road, footpaths (mostly non-existent) and roadside verges (unkempt). Moyglare Village which is unfinished, has considerable potential — the retention of the mature trees at the entrance is a definite plus factor.

**O'Neill Park:** Pleasant little cul-de-sac which has not changed over the years. The verge along the main road shows half-hearted attempts at tidying up — cotoneaster plants have been swamped by ragwort and thistles.

**Leinster Park:** A nice quiet bungalow development.

**Travellers Halt:** This recent development has considerable potential which hopefully will be maintained.

## General Remarks:

There is obvious evidence of effort by the community to keep their houses/streets/roads and estates in a tidy and well maintained fashion. Everybody deserves congratulations.

The maintenance of open spaces was particularly impressive — because it is obvious that a considerable amount of energy and effort goes into these grass cutting operations. In addition, the retention of older field

boundaries/hedges is an important link with the older rural landscape. The hedges beside Greenfield Shopping Centre and in Carton Court are especially well maintained. Perhaps more could be done about hedges in the Beafield area. The restoration of the Harbour and Canal is an important development which will substantially improve the amenities in this part of the town. The open space outside College Gates and Castle continues to be a very distinguished feature of the town.

The Town Centre continues to improve and there is an obvious attempt to establish a cohesion in the appearance of the shops along the Main Street. The Square is showing the results of tasteful restoration over the past year, though the toilet block is a continuing anomaly. Is it beyond redemption?

On the negative side, a number of things can be said. Some are beyond the capacity of the local community to improve (for example, footpaths), but something might be attempted communally on other points. Footpaths in Maynooth generally are very sub-standard. This is surprising in a town with such a large pedestrian and cyclist population — either mothers and small children or students. The Students' Union especially should put pressure on the Local Authority to provide footpaths of an acceptable standard. Special attention should be drawn to the footpaths of Cluain Aoibhinn, the Moyglare road, Dunboyne road — and generally throughout the Main street. There are some open areas which have significant negative impacts — a derelict area with a Sign "Dogs loose" is particularly unattractive.

The Harbour field, though showing signs of improvement, together with the rather neglected playground, could do with a bit more attention, especially now that the Canal has been upgraded. The Avenue to Carton, which is a most attractive feature in Maynooth shows great neglect. There are too many unauthorised property development signs around the town. Two in particular create a negative impression — outside the Catholic church on the Galway road. With regard to Shop Fronts, most recent developments opposite the Country Shop have contributed little to the character of the town. Greenfield Shopping Centre is a typical suburban Shopping Centre — plastic, functioning and characterless. Perhaps Quinnsworth, with its substantial resources, could upgrade the front and general environs of their new property in Maynooth?

Finally, the judges noted the new Map in the Main Street. While credit is due for this development, an improved version might be put in place. Because of the size of the Map, most of the places mentioned in the numbered key might be easily lettered onto the map — with only individual buildings (such as the Post Office) numbered for the key. The Post Office seems to be in the wrong location. Additionally, all the housing districts around should be referred to on the map.

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# Maynooth Castle

Gerald FitzMaurice, first baron of Offaly and Lord of the Manor of Maynooth died in 1203. His son, the second baron of Offaly and the second Maurice Fitzgerald, had a long and distinguished career during which the FitzGerald moved decisively into a leading role in Norman-Irish Society. In 1232 he was appointed to the highest political and administrative position in Ireland, that of justiciar, and he retained it until 1245. The government of Norman Ireland was modelled on that of England and the King was represented in Ireland by the chief justiciar. At a time when the kings of England were active rulers, directly and personally at the head of military affairs, civil administration and the judicial system, their representatives in Ireland had correspondingly wide powers and responsibilities. His official duties, and his zeal to further the family interest, took Fitzgerald all over Ireland.

His father and his uncle, Gerald and Thomas FitzMaurice, had been granted the manors of Croom and Shanid respectively in County Limerick. At Croom Maurice built a castle and from its name came the famous war-cry and motto of the Kildare Geraldines, 'Crom Abu', while from the castle of Shanid came the war-cry of their cousins the Desmond Geraldines, 'Shanid Abu'. The castles were about sixteen miles apart and on the borders of a O'Brien territory so that the rival cries of the FitzGerald on the one hand and the 'Lamhlaidir Abu' of the O'Briens on the other constantly rang out as the Castles were attacked and the de-

fenders fought back. Later on the Butlers became the chief rivals of the FitzGerald and in 1495 an act of parliament was passed which stated that, 'forasmuch as there hath been great variances, malices, debates, and comparisons between diverse lords and gentlemen of this land', it was no longer lawful for anyone to get involved, 'as in using these words Cromabu and Butlerabu, or other words like, or contrary to the king's laws, his crown, and dignity, and peace, but to call only on St. George, or the name of his Sovereign Lord the kind of England . . .'

Maurice FitzGerald also brought the new mendicant religious orders, the Franciscans and Dominicans, to Ireland. For the Franciscans he founded an abbey in Youghal where many members of the Desmond branch of the family were later buried. In 1235 he was granted the manor of Sligo where he founded a priory and built a castle for himself to serve as a base for his planned invasion of Tir Chonnaill. Of the castle no trace remains today but the beautiful ruins of Sligo Abbey remain as one of the show-places of the town today.

It was the second Maurice FitzGerald also who built the castle at Maynooth, the great keep with its surrounding curtain wall with towers at the corners and the fine entrance gate. He built so well that most of his work still stands while later additions have long since vanished.

As well as the castle, Maurice also built the adjoining chapel which, greatly altered over the centuries, is

the nucleus of the present Church of Ireland, parish church. It is very interesting to find the new chapel or church at Maynooth incorporated, together with the older churches we have already met and which date back long before Norman times, in the newly developing parish system. As noted in the last article, Irish parish organisation was only beginning when the Normans arrived. The diocesan structure had been completed and this was of course essential before territorially defined parishes could emerge. The groundwork for these had also been laid by the Synod of Cashel in 1171-2 when it had been laid down that every man should pay tithe for the support of his parish church. The paying of tithes the tenth part of the produce of land or stock, was the basis of the defined parish throughout Europe, and it had developed in England during the tenth century. With the paying of tithe the word 'parish' became applied to a geographical area rather than to the people comprising it. The Normans who came to Ireland were already familiar with the idea of a parish supported by tithe and ready to introduce it into their new holdings.

The Lord of the Manor was usually anxious to have his lands recognized as an independent parish, and this accounts for the relatively small size of parishes in Norman populated areas. The Lord enforced the payment of tithe and often kept the advowson, or right of presentation to a church benefice, himself or might hand over the whole benefice to some religious house. The benefice was the ecclesi-

astical post or office to which property or revenue was attached, and the holder of the benefice was the incumbent. The incumbent of a parish was responsible for the provision of the essential services, such as the saying of Mass at stipulated times. The incumbent who might be a religious house or an individual, very often did not provide these services in person but paid a vicar to do so, and this system became so widespread throughout Christendom that canon law developed to regulate the division of the revenue of a parish as between the rector, who had the right to the tithes and any other income and the vicar who was paid a stipend or salary to carry out the parish work.

This pattern we now see operating in the Maynooth area. Fr. MacSweeney finds the priory of St. Catherine at Leixlip, and the churches of Leixlip, Confey, Taghadoo, Laragh-bryan, Maynooth and Donaghmore all included in the thirteenth century in the rural deanery of Leixlip. A rural deanery was a sub-division of a diocese, presided over by its dean whose main function was to act as a channel of communication between bishop and clergy. With the exception of St. Catherine's which was founded in 1218 for the canons of St. Victor by Warisius Petche, Lord of Lucan, the other churches within the deanery had, according to Fr. MacSweeney, parochial status. It also fits the pattern when we find Maurice Fitzgerald in 1248 requesting Archbishop Luke of Dublin to erect the chapel of Maynooth into a prebend of the Cathedral of St. Patrick's and retaining in his own hands and those of his successors the nomination to the prebend. This meant that some member of the cathedral chapter became entitled to a stipend coming from the revenue of the church of Maynooth in return for officiating there at stipulated times. The name of the first Prebendary of Maynooth, installed on 12th October 1248, was Richard de Carren.

References: Rev. M. T. MacSweeney, 'The Parish of Maynooth. (1014-1614) in Irish Ecclesiastical record. LVI 4. 1940

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## ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP

By the time this issue of the News-letter is out the BOAT PUSH will be over. It is planned for August 18th at 2 p.m. from the Square. A full account will be given in the next issue of the Newsletter.

On the fundraising front, the next project is a TREASURE HUNT, but this is not any ordinary hunt. Take a good look in your local shops for posters and answering sheets at £1 each, also see advert in this magazine. Our thanks to Declan O'Connor for setting up the quiz. We would also like to thank Barretts for transporting our dumper from Athlone. It is very encouraging for the committee to receive sponsorship like this for our project. We continually get support from the businesses and people of Maynooth and this indeed makes our work easier in seeing our project through.

Our resident family of swans were somewhat disturbed by a new arrival recently. An exhausted swan arrived on the banks of the canal, probably driven by the unusually strong July gales. He was rescued by the SES workers and now seems to be recovering his strength and settling in further up the canal away from the indigenous family. Thanks especially to John Leavy who came to the Community Council office and contacted the Wildlife organization.

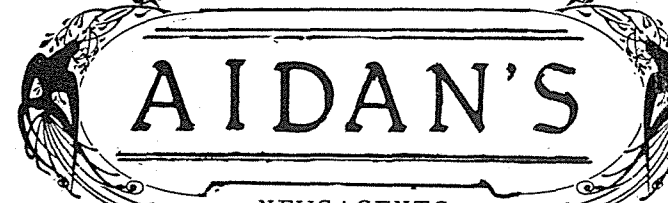


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**Muireann Ní Bhrolchain P.R.O.**

**Trivial Pursuits in Maynooth**  
By now most houses have received a notice advertising our "Where in Maynooth" competition. The prize is £50 and an entry form will admit you

free to a music night we have organised in Cassidy's Roost on Thursday 8th September where the Folk Group will play.

At this stage you will have found a pair of two-faced liars in the town—the clocks at Brady's Pub and Noone Motors, while you might have attempted to walk upright on the old mill wheel beside the main road at Kavanaghs in an effort to find the **Circular Steps**. Give the competition a try. It's great fun for all the family. You can buy an entry form in local shops.

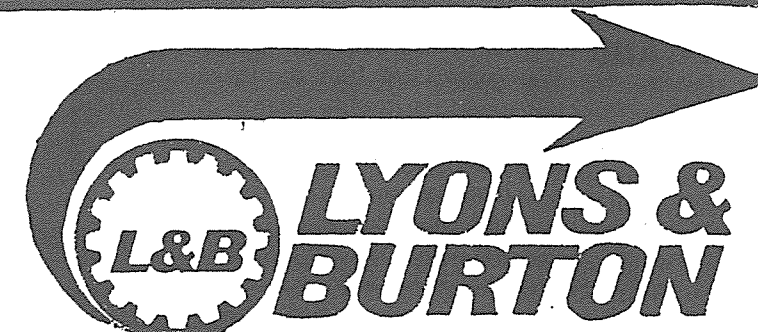
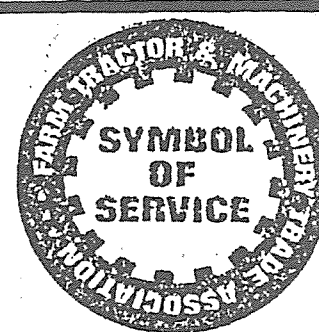
## BACK TO LEARNING

Mary Ryan, now back in business, after her recent marriage, has announced an exciting crop of opportunities for adults wishing to learn something new this Autumn. Mary is the organiser of extra-mural studies in the college and will be happy to discuss the course offerings with anyone who is interested. Telephone 285222. Courses start in October, but early registration is advised. Among the courses are:

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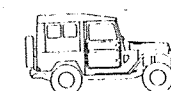
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On successful completion of these courses students will be eligible for either an Extra Mural Certificate or Diploma awarded by the college.

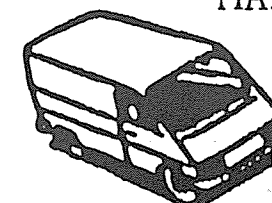


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## MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Our club has been on holidays since June. We met in July for our annual outing which this year took us to Co. Galway to visit the lovely gardens of Dr. Lorna McMahon. About 45 members and friends set off, our first visit was to the Royal Tara China where we had a most interesting conducted tour of the factory to see the beautiful china as it emerged through the various stages until it ended in the showrooms.

After lunching there we set off for the gardens. In brilliant sunshine we spent a lovely afternoon walking through these beautiful gardens, which were planned, planted, and cared for, by Dr. McMahon. She related the whole story which started when the family moved from Dublin to live there. At that time it was just woods and farming area surrounding their house. Year by year she has cultivated and planted more and now she can be justly proud of her work. We were treated to afternoon tea, and then left for Salthill where we

spent the evening. I think everyone agreed we had a marvellous day, thanks to Imelda Desmond and Bridie Brady for organising it.

Our next meeting takes place on 20th September at 8 p.m. in the I.C.A. hall. Demonstration by Irene Cole. All are welcome. Admission Non Member £1.00.

Betty Farrell, P.R.O.

## MAYNOOTH I.C.A.

At the meeting held on July 7th. President Mrs Brady introduced the new committee as follows:—

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Hostesses: Mrs Curran and Mrs O'Hara

Sympathy was extended to Mrs McArdle on the death of her father.

Congratulations to Mrs. Mary Connelly on the birth of her baby girl.

The hall which has been subjected to some mindless vandalism is receiving a much needed face lift over the summer months. Madam President wished all members a happy and safe summer holiday. Next meeting is on September 1st in the I.C.A. hall at 8'clock.

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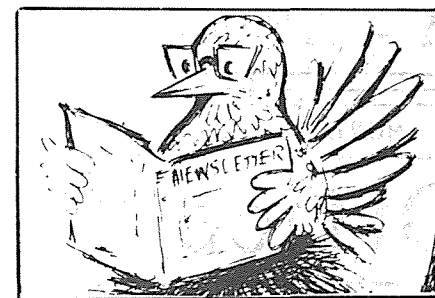
## THE CRESCENT

The Players of the Crescent Men's Veteran Team would like to thank everyone for the support which they gave us in the recent Community Week Tournament. On our way to the final we defeated Old Greenfield, Maynooth Town, Straffan Way, Maynooth Park and in the final beat a sporting Carton Court in a penalty shoot-out. Here's looking forward to next year's tournament.

Michael Murphy

## THE LIBRARY DIARY

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



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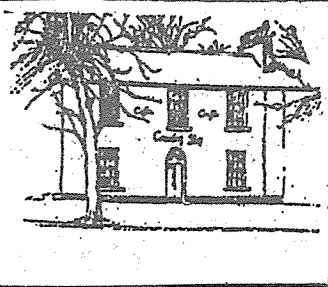
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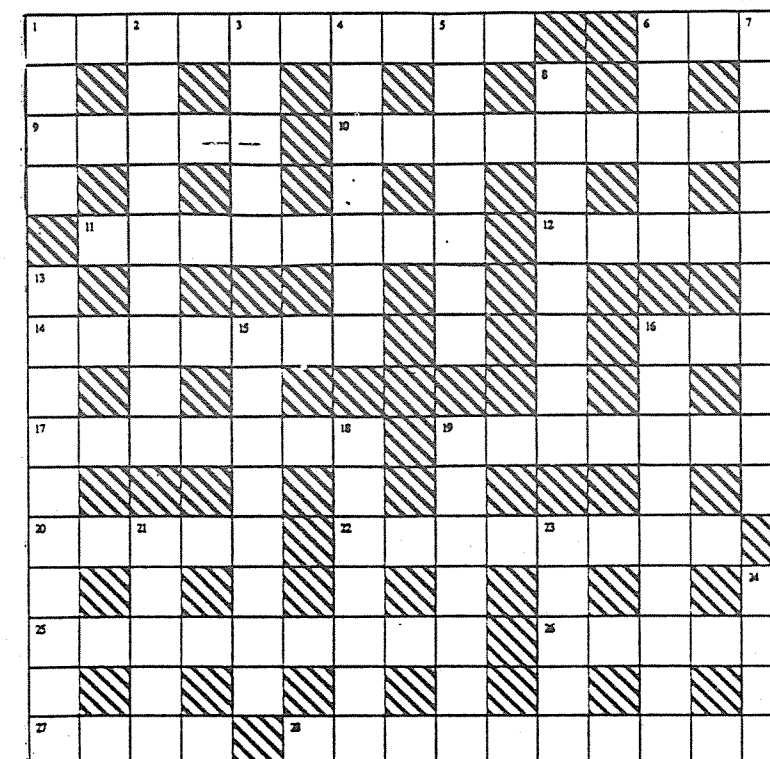
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### CROSSWORD NO. 10 By 'SPRITE'

Entries for No. 10 Crossword to News-  
letter by Monday 19th September.

#### ACROSS

- Regal passage (5,5).
- Pull an unsettled gut (3).
- Sal is a bit ropy (5).
- It's fireworks when she's around (9).
- As desire upsets the coastal resident (8).
- Vital part (5).
- This man has an iron fist (6).
- Downhill in a skid (3).
- Fidelity, on my oath (7).
- What the government takes to the health service (7).
- Slick way of cooking (2,3).
- Leave your train in this estate (8).
- Half six from Connolly (4,5).
- Do the chickens come to drink here? (5).
- What father wore at the window (5).
- Mam, test egg for local rep (5,5).



CROSSWORD - FIVE POUNDS PRIZE

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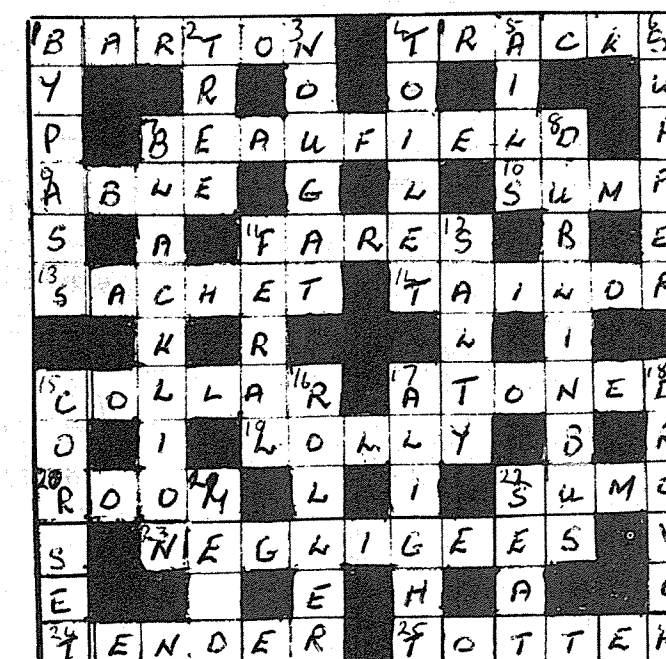
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#### DOWN

- Go to north Dublin town in a hurry (4).
- When all the troubles seemed so far away (9).
- Quiet intervals (5).
- Consented (7).
- The ninth-flower is Obelix's friend (7).
- Object to confused night in the square (5).
- Verdant pasture in Maynooth (5,5).
- Woman from the iron cave (8).
- Geraldine is up in arms here (10).
- It's too chill to cover the table (8).
- Exploding star is more than ravenous (9).
- Measure ship's limb (4,3).
- Blind people with this (5).
- Watering hole in a barren place (5).
- Get plastered in France or Texas (5).
- It's a social gathering of male chauvinists, dear (4).

We apologise for the omission of clue 21 down in last month's crossword. We have allowed for this error in judging the competition.

Solution to No. 9 below.



Winner of the £5 prize for DEMON No. 9 Crossword

is: B. Furlong,  
110 Carton Court,  
Maynooth.

## Further Progress on Maynooth By-Pass

Following the recent go-ahead given by the Minister for the Environment to the Leixlip/Maynooth/Kilcock By-Pass, Kildare County Council has issued Compulsory Purchase Orders to acquire the land needed for the road's construction. Because the by-pass will be 17.6 kilometres (11 miles) long, and will be built to motorway standards, a large amount of land is required for the project. In all, some 100 landholders are due to lose 200 acres to the scheme.

About one quarter of these landholders are in the Maynooth area. Those mainly affected include Bryan and Cara McCann, Treadstown House (about 17 acres), Peter Twomey, Newtown House (15 acres), the estate of Gerald Brady, Nobber, Co. Meath (14 acres), Joseph Bruton, Ravensdale, Leixlip (13 acres), Patrick Francis Dunne, Dowdstown (7.5 acres), Patrick Mahon, Newtown (7.5 acres), Margaret Flood, Cormickstown (7 acres), Richard Killian, Reeve's Castle, Straffan (6 acres), and Heaton Investment Company (6.5 acres). Full details of the compulsory purchase orders are contained in the Irish Press of July 25.

All landholders concerned were given 21 days to lodge objections with the High Court, which will adjudicate on their validity. Construction of the by-pass is scheduled to begin in 1990, and to last between three and four years. The total cost is estimated at £50 millions, of which £9 millions are earmarked for 11 bridges. The new road will begin at the Spa Hotel, Lucan (where it will join with the Lucan by-pass, due to open in August/September) and end west of Kilcock (see map). The only access point will be south of Maynooth on the Straffan Road (near the junction with the Ballygoran road, between Barrett's and Noone's garage).

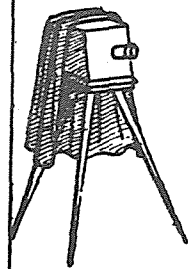
A new road is to be built from Newtown to provide direct access to the Straffan Road, near the junction with the by-pass. If this is not completed by the time the by-pass opens, Kildare County Council intends closing off the end of Greenfield Lane, to prevent it being used by Newtown residents to gain access to the Straffan Road. The Straffan Road itself is to be widened and straightened to cater for the extra traffic anticipated, and traffic lights will be installed at the Celbridge Road junction. Maynooth

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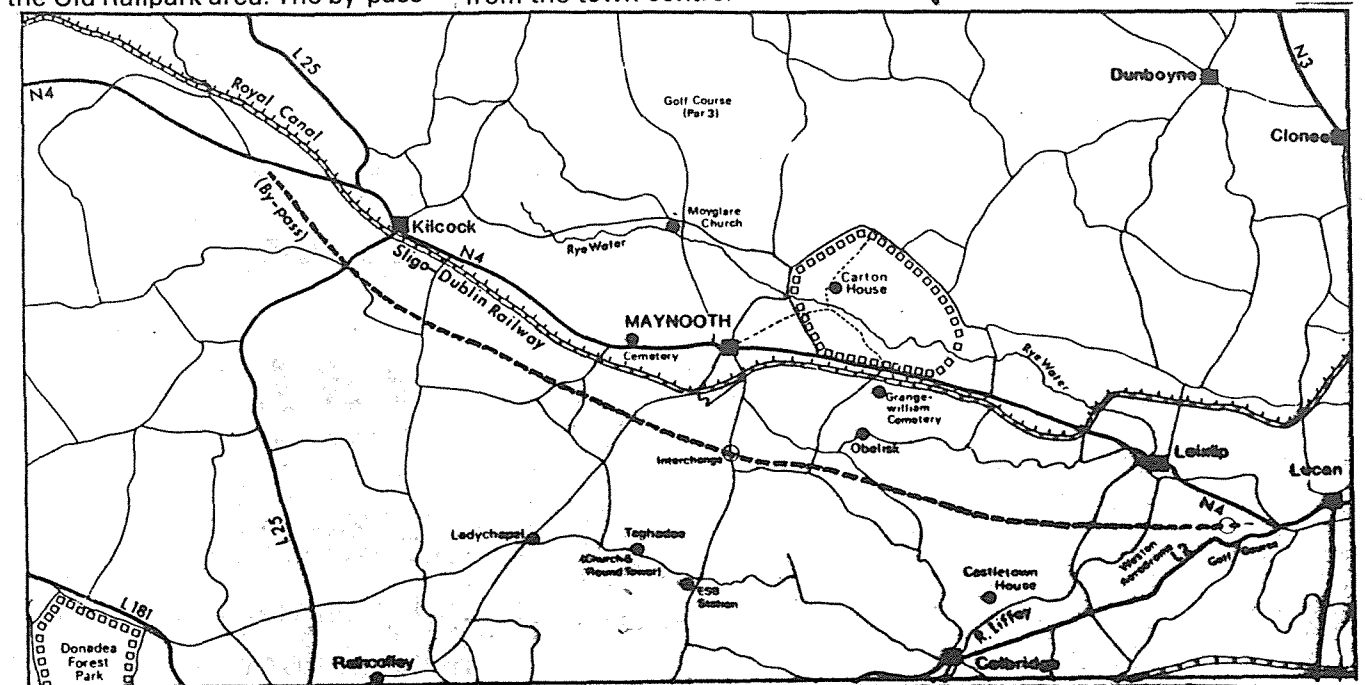
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Community Council has made detailed representations to the County Council concerning safety along the road.

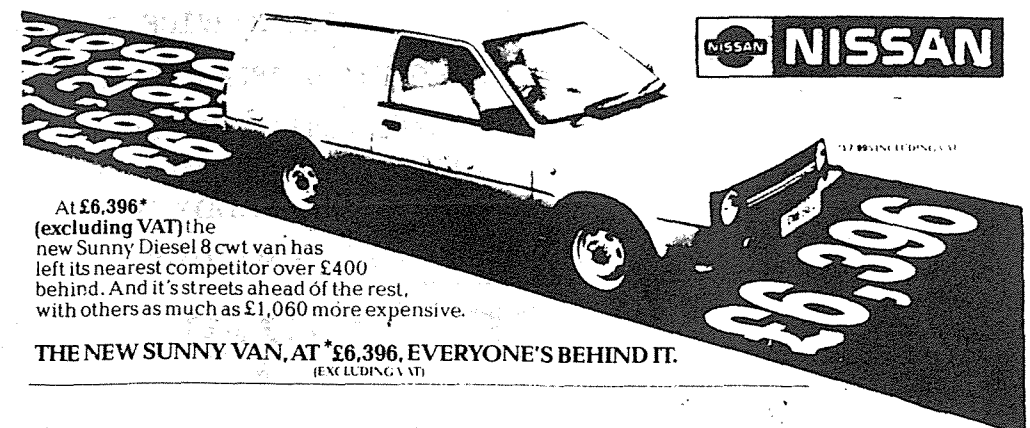
The County Council has long-term plans for a second relief road, running behind Carton Court and Greenfield Estate, as far as the canal. This is designed to cater for future traffic which will be generated by additional housing which is expected to be built in the Old Railpark area. The by-pass

will make Maynooth much more accessible to Dublin, and the demand for housing in the area is expected to increase as a result. However, Maynooth Community Council has pressed Kildare County Council to build this relief road as early as possible, and join it to the Dunboyne Road at Blacklion via a new bridge over the canal, in order to divert traffic coming from the Dunboyne direction away from the town centre.

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Jimmy and Christina Timmons would like to express their thanks for all the prayers and good wishes during Jimmy's recent illness. A mass will be offered in appreciation.

**FARRELL:** The family of the late Margaret Farrell, Easton Road, Leixlip wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathized with them in their recent sad bereavement. Those who sent Mass cards letters of sympathy, serephic certificates and floral tributes. Those who attended removal of remains Mass and funeral. Special word of thanks to kind neighbours, Fr. O. Thynne P.C. Maynooth. Trusting this will be accepted by all as an expression of our gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass eill be offered for their intentions.

**Devine:** I wish to thank most sincerely those who sympathised with me in the recent and sad bereavement of my father, Hugh Devine, Donemana, Co. Tyrone and Maynooth, Co. Kildare; those who sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy, wreaths and floral tributes; those who attended removal of remains, acknowledgment will be accepted as a token of my appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your attentions.

The wife and family of the late Patrick Tracey, 7 Double Lane, Maynooth wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with them in their sad bereavement, those who sent Mass cards, floral tributes and all who attended removal of remains, Mass and funeral. A special word of thanks to Fr. Cogan, Fr. Supple, Dr. Maurice Cowhey, Management and staff of Kavanagh's Manor Mills, Telemechanique, St. Patrick's College and our great friends and neighbours too numerous to mention, their prayers and help have eased our great loss. We trust you will accept this as a small token of our appreciation. Holy Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

### SYMPATHY:

Sympathy is extended to wife, daughters, brother, sister-in-law, son-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives of the late Patrick Tracey, Double Lane.

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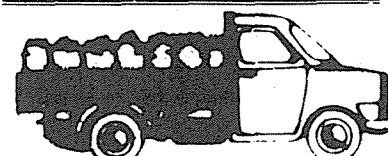
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Sympathy to Mrs Molly Lovely, Dillons Road, Maynooth, and Mrs Kitty Tracey, Doctors Road, Maynooth, on the death of their sister Mrs Bridget Turpin in England who died recently. Sons, Daughter, Sisters, Brother, Daughters-in-law, Son-in-law, grandchildren and relatives of the late Frances Fahy, Maynooth and Kilbeacanty, Galway.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Marian Bright on her success on passing her driving test.

### BIRTHS

Congratulations to Ann (nee Dalton) and James Malone on the birth of their Daughter. Ann works in Country Shop Restaurant.

To Noelle (nee Barry, Main St.) and Garda Donal Kelly, Abbeyleix baby girl, first grandchild for Jimmie and Ann.

Janet and Harry Leavey Greenfield, baby girl.

Tina Holly (nee O'Hearne, Greenfield) and Neil Holly, London, baby girl.

### RECENT BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Mary Bean, "Nuada" Dunboyne Road, Maynooth who celebrated her birthday on August 14th. From Tony, Aisling and baby Brian.

James (Chiko) Dowling Greenfield, July 7th

Michael Molloy, Millstreet 20 August 1st

Clodagh Quinn Greenfield, 13 August 1st

Mrs K. McEvoy Greenfield, August 1st

Mrs Baba Newton Greenfield, August 7th

Her son Michael, Germany August 7th

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Joseph Fleming Greenfield, age 5 August 3th

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Tommie Henrick, O'Neill Park, September 8th

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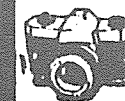
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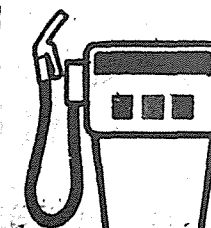
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Congratulations to Leo and Rose Bean, Rye View, Maynooth who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on 12th August.

Congratulations to Liam and Margaret Bean "Lemar" Dunboyne Road, Maynooth who celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on 18th August.

## LEATHER WEDDING

Congratulations to Jacqueline Balenger (nee O'Brien, Newtown) and Husband Kevin Wales celebrated their 3rd wedding anniversary August 3rd and Happy Birthday to their Son David age 1 October 11th.

## RUBY WEDDING

Belated congratulations to William and Eileen Henrick, O'Neill Park, who celebrated their 40th anniversary on July 1st.

## WEDDING

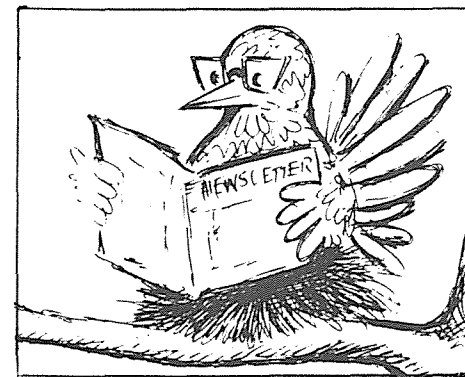
Congratulations to Dennis Breen, Claremount House, Maynooth and Mary Costello, Skerries, who were married recently.

## RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Parson Street: Erection of 11 2-storey detached dwellings; J. Hoare  
Parson Street: Construction of porch and car port to bungalow; M. Rafter  
Laragh: Use of site for dismantling of cars; Noel Higgins  
Newtown: Erection of two storey dwelling house; B. Burke  
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## APOLOGY

We regret an error in last month's emergency phone numbers list. C.I.E. Centre should have read C.I.C. Centre (Community Information Centre) 285477.



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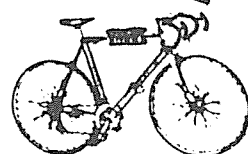
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