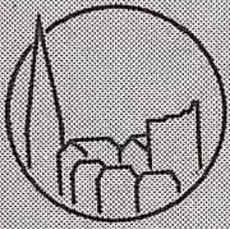


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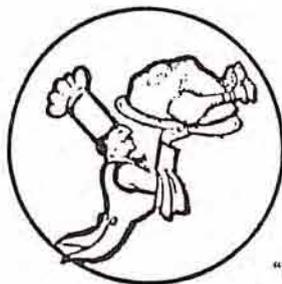
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EDITORIAL

LOCAL CHARGES

The local charges issue appears to have taken a sinister direction in recent weeks as some Maynooth residents have found to their disbelief. The County Council has taken a hard line in relation to cutting off those who are withholding payment of water and refuse charges in protest against the imposition of what they regard as double taxation.

A number of residents have decided to end their protest, and to pay up their arrears. One would think that the County Council would be satisfied with this action. However, in a number of cases, the reaction towards these residents has been nothing short of vindictive.

In at least one case known to the Newsletter, water was cut off, even though the resident had paid up arrears. When a senior County Council official was contacted, the resident was threatened with court injunctions. A visit to the County Council offices in Naas by the resident turned into an interrogation session. The resident was informed that the water supply would not be reconnected unless the names of those who were carrying out reconnections were given! It was only through the concerted efforts of two local politicians that the County Council was prepared to even discuss reconnection, and then at an extortionate price.

This type of behaviour by public officials, whose salaries are paid for through our taxes is inexcusable. The County Council relies on the co-operation of residents in carrying out its work - we would point out the successful

introduction of the travellers' halting site as one instance. Here, the County Council's work is made immeasurably easier through the co-operation of local residents who serve on the Travellers' Settlement Committee. There are many other examples of co-operation which could be cited. Certainly, if the Council allows its officials to get too big for their jackboots, and to abuse the trust which has developed over the years, it may prove difficult to secure such co-operation in the future.

FOR WHOM THE ROAD TOLLS?

Motorists will have noticed the pace of improvement in the road system in recent months. Already journey times to Dublin have reduced by ten to twenty minutes as a result of the Lucan by-pass. However, whispers have reached us about the possibility of toll charges on the Leixlip to Kilcock by-pass, a proposal which would be a cause for concern. Why should motorists have to pay for this long overdue improvement? The issue of double taxation occurs again here - we pay road tax, tax on petrol, VAT on cars, and in any case, most of the money will come from the EC. As one resident commented, we're being charged extra for travelling to work! If the charges on the East Link toll bridge are anything to go by, the additional cost of travelling to work could be 4.50 pounds per week or 216 pounds per year. What is more likely to happen of course is that local motorists will continue to use the old road network, to avoid toll charges, thereby bringing very little advantage to traffic congested towns such as Maynooth and Leixlip.



MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

The last meeting of the Community Council took place on Monday 13th March at 8 p.m.

Community Affairs

It was brought to our attention that a lot of refuse was thrown over the wall at the Halting Site.

All representatives on the Council have been requested to list the environmental improvements needed in their area for submission to Kildare County Council.

It was decided to buy two horses for the Race Night organised by the Boys National School.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be as last year. A full report next month.

Elections

The date of the next election was discussed. It was decided to hold it in February 1990 with the new council to take effect from March 1990.

Town Commission Status

It was decided to write to the Minister for the Environment looking for Town Commission Status. A population of 1,500 is necessary and the signatures of 21 householders. Agreement must then be reached regarding the boundaries.

The advantages are as follows:

1. The County Manager must attend Town Commission meeting and deal with the problems involved.
2. A part-time Town Clerk will be paid for by Kildare County Council.
3. There may be finance forthcoming for the rental or purchase of office space.
4. Greater publicity and media coverage by local newspapers.
5. It is a recognised local authority.

Peter Connell was thanked for his production of a handbill on the Community Council which will be delivered to each house in the town.

Mr. Tom Ashe has completed the handbill on the Swimming Pool which will also be delivered by Community Councillors.

The unrepresented areas have not replied to our request asking for a councillor for their area.

We received a letter from Mr. F. Leavy regarding the Harbour Field and the travellers.

A complaint was received about barking dogs disturbing the Carton Court residents. We request that dog owners control the behaviour of their pets at night.

The Tidy Towns Committee wish to thank those who gave so generously during their recent collection.

Finally, it has been decided that more detailed information on Community Council correspondence will be published in the Newsletter so that the community may be made aware of the representations made on their behalf. NB* Please note that the diary for booking the Harbour Field, and other events, is now in the Community Council Office. Muireann Ni Bhrolchain
Chairperson

Letters...Letters.



Greenfield,
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13/3/89

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Dear Sir/Madam

Next month the third Maynooth Spring Fair will feature a free Valuation Service for postage stamps, stamp collections and old stamped letters and postcards.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated 16th January, 1832, written from Carton House by the Duke of Leinster to London. Free postage was a 'perk' enjoyed by members of the House of Lords and the House of Commons, Ministers of State and Court Officials from 1652. Members of our Oireachtas to-day still enjoy this privilege.

There were a number of conditions to qualify for free postage. The main ones were that the writer's residence was not more than twenty miles from the posting area; the name of the sender complete with the date and place of posting had to be written on the letter; there was a limit on the number of letters to be sent and received in any one day. The law provided that the person could be deported for several years for forging the signature of a member of parliament or other qualified persons. In about 1630 the cost of sending a letter was 2p for eighty miles, 4p for distances between 80 and 140 miles and 6p for each letter over 140 miles.

Up to about 1707, the word FREE was written by hand on each letter that qualified and from about that date onwards a special circular stamp

was applied to each letter in either Dublin, London or Edinburgh. The design of these special hand stamps changed over the years.

There was widespread abuse of the free-posting privilege because some members of the Aristocracy, Court Officials and Post Office officials made certain that letters belonging to their friends travelled free. The ordinary postage system which charged by distance had to pay the bill. Postage was expensive. A letter from Donegal to Dublin cost one shilling while a letter from Donegal to Kerry cost two shillings. The charge was doubled if there was an enclosure in the envelope. There was widespread agitation in the 1830's for an uniform penny post and finally on the 10th of January, 1840, the free posting privilege was abolished. By way of setting an example the young Queen Victoria voluntarily renounced her right to free postage.

This particular letter was written on the side of one sheet which was then folded, sealed and addressed. If a separate sheet had been enclosed the Duke of Leinster would have had to pay postage.

Be sure to bring along your old stamps, collections, letters and anything of a postal nature to the Spring Fair and meet Mr. Mike Giffney who will offer a valuation and advice. Children are very welcome to bring their stamp collections along. Declan O'Connor

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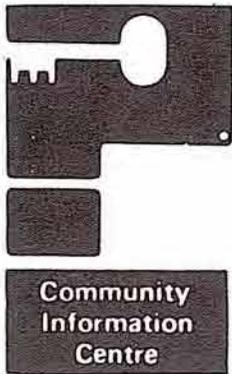
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Yours Obedt
Leinster



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE NOTES

RIGHTS COLUMN

Q. My husband is going to work in England next month. I will be remaining here with our three school going children. Will this affect our Medical Card? What will happen to our Children's Allowance?

A. As the dependants of an insured worker you will be entitled to a Medical Card here under E.C. Regulations. The Health Board will need confirmation from the DHSS in the UK that he is an insured worker.

The position regarding your Child Benefit (Childrens Allowance) will be as follows:

- (i) If you are not working your Child Benefit will be paid from the U.K.
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- (iii) If your husband is self-employed in the UK then there will be no charge and you will continue to receive your Child Benefit here.

For further information you should contact the E.C. Section in the Child Benefit Section, Oisin House, 212/213 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Tel: (01) 711911

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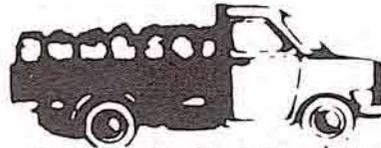
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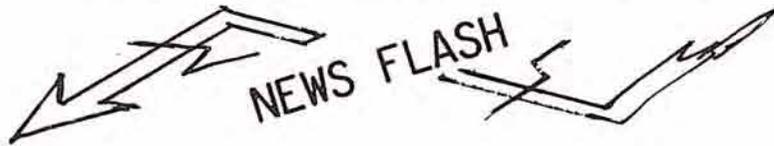
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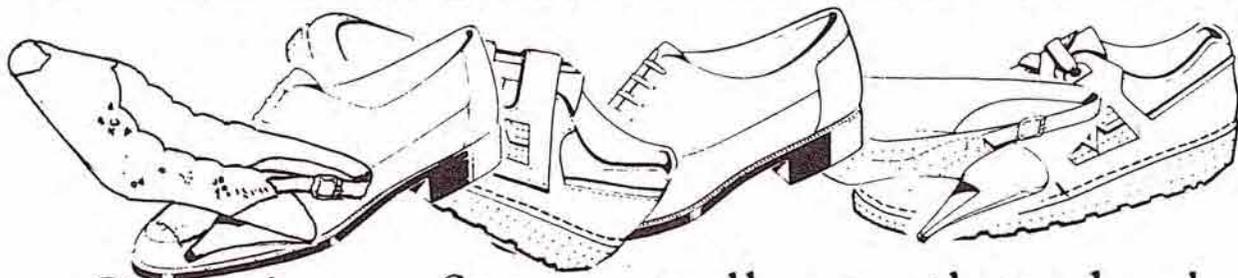
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There will be a Card Game in Keane's Lounge, Kilcloon on Friday 7th April at 8 p.m. It will be a Progressive 25 Game.

The Trade Fair will take place on 29th and 30th April in the Boy's National School.

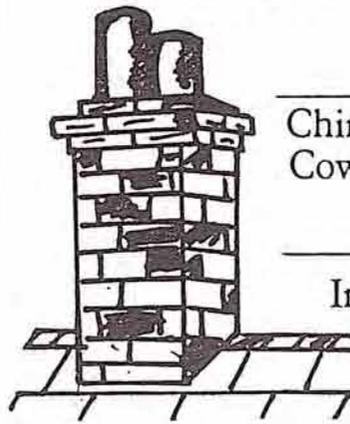
Watch out for the next Boat Push on May 25th.

Muireann Ni Bhrolchain
P.R.O.

**NEW MAGAZINE
ON MARKET**

March 15th saw the launch of a new tabloid magazine called **Alpha**. It is a fortnightly publication which gears itself towards a broadly alternative market, covering such issues as Ireland's relationship with other countries; the relationship between religion and social & economic infrastructure; sport; art and literature. **Alpha** is politically orientated in so far as it looks upon itself as a radically critical magazine of the existing status quo. What makes **Alpha** especially different from other publications of this nature is its inherent constructivist approach - an outlook which tries to combat the negative cynicism which is becoming an integral part of Irish analysis. It poses alternatives to problems of social, economic and political aspect, offering fresh and realistic indicators to solutions. Maynooth's input to **Alpha** is especially strong; Kevin Barry (from the college's English Dept.) is centrally involved while regular contributors include Enda McDonagh (Theology Dept.), Frank McGuinness (English Dept.), former student Michael Doherty and Donal O'Donoghue (currently studying English). It is available in most newsagents and also on sale in the college.

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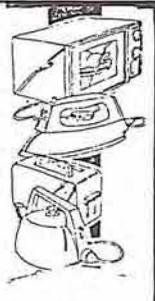
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Residents' Associations News.

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Association Supper Dance was held on the 18th February in Ned Slevin's as planned. The evening was most enjoyable and a great time was had by all. The food was beautiful and plentiful. There were salads of every sort and colour and the many piled plates were cleared with gusto. The fresh fruit salad really was fresh and delicious and the apple pie certainly met with unanimous approval. Everybody got a spot prize and some people got more than one. The atmosphere of the evening was matched only by the generosity of the sponsors of our spot prizes. While all of the spot prizes were lovely and very much appreciated (a full list of sponsors appears below) two were deserving of special note. Paddy Ryan Ltd., gave us a super set of car spot lights and the Moulin Rouge Boutique donated a beautiful dress. These were considered too substantial to be handed out at random and a raffle was held for them. The spot prizes and their donors were:-

Greenfield Supermarket (Voucher)
Donovan's Newsagents Shops (Box of Chocolates)
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Paddy Ryan Ltd. (Spotlights)
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Eileen & Michelle (Voucher)
Terry Edwards (Vegetables) (Voucher)
Dan Logan (Bottle of Whiskey)
Barrel's (Toaster)
Coca-Cola (24 Cans of 7UP & 24 Cans of Coke)
Westend Furnishing (Flower Stand)
Rye River Books (Book)
Patrick's Restaurant (Voucher)
McNamara's (Box of Chocolates)
Country Shop (Pottery Bowl)
Country Shop Restaurant (Bottle of Wine)

CARTON COURT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The committee are arranging a meeting with the County Council regarding taking charge of the estate. The committee are opposed to any suggestion of a cost being involved to the residents as the council are clearly at fault for allowing the bond to lapse. The committee will also re-iterate its opposition to the Straffan Rd. being used as a link road to the motorway. There have been numerous complaints about dogs barking at night. There is

Barry's Newsagents (Purse)
Billie's Boutique (Voucher)
Allied Irish Banks (Savings Account)
O'Neills Butcher (Voucher)
Hula Bou (Scarf & Tights)
Barton's (Voucher)
Maynooth Cycle Shop (Bicycle Light)
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Quinnsworth (Box of Biscuits)
Conroy's Chemist (Toiletries)
Doyles Shoes (Pair of Slippers)
Sports Locker (Voucher)
Head to Toe (Shirt)
Jim's Shoe Repairs (Voucher)
Ultravision (Clock Radio)
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Brady's (Bottle of Wine)
Caulfield's (Bottle of Whiskey)
Aidan's (Box of Chocolates)
Safe and Sound (Candle Stick)
Bank of Ireland (Bottle of Gin)
Carvery, Leinster Arms (Voucher)
Top of the Crop (Voucher)
Kehoe's Delicatessen (Bottle of Wine)
The Roost (Bottle of Whiskey)
Maynooth Labour Party (Bottle of Whiskey)

Thank you very much to each and every one of you for your kindness in helping us to have a great night. As the Chairman said with the spread which

no excuse for depriving your neighbour of peace and quiet.

Sign's have been erected by the residents association regarding the house numbers.

The committee are in the course of preparing a submission to the Community Council on the local environment. Headings for the submission will include the link road, recreational facilities, activities of local businesses etc. The Residents' Association is in the process of drawing up a new constitution. Copies of this will be distributed

Slevin's put on for us they are well on the way to having a hat-trick as the venue for the Association Annual Supper Dance. Roll on 1990!!

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place on the 14th March in the New Arts Block of the College. The meeting will start at 8.30 p.m. Before the meeting the long-awaited launch of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme will take place with a presentation by a member of the Gardaí. This will start at 7.30 p.m. on the same night in the same place. We hope to see a large turn-out to both meetings. The main event of the evening will be the election of the new committee. Nominations for the election of Officers of the Association will be accepted up to 14 days before the meeting. Names of nominees may be handed in to any member of the present Committee.

Names and Addresses of Present Committee:

Peter Holland, 72 Maynooth Park,
Chairman

Nuala Farrell, 2 Straffan Way,
Secretary

Tom Purcell, 49 Laurence Avenue
Treasurer

Carmel Hogan, 52 Greenfield Drive
P.R.O.

Committee Members

Mary Farrell, 11 Greenfield Drive
Antoinette Byrne,
35 Laurence Avenue

Michael Quinn, 2 Straffan Way

Mary Farrell, 60 Maynooth park

John McGinley, 50 Greenfield Drive

Jim Doyle, 13 Straffan Way

Matt Callaghan, 14 Straffan Way

Maureen Redmond,
2 Greenfield Drive

Richard Farrell, 11 Greenfield Drive

Pat Kinsella, 11 Laurence Avenue

shortly. An E.G.M. to adopt the new constitution will take place in April or May.

If you are using the telephone box please ensure that you leave the area tidy after you.

We would like to extend our sympathy to the family of Bridie Brady on their recent bereavement. She was well known to many of the residents of Carton Court and will be sadly missed. May she rest in peace.

Michael Kelleher
P.R.O.

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Residents will have noted that trees have been planted anew or replaced in various locations on the estate, and we would ask you to tend to the tree or trees adjacent to your dwelling until they are strong and hardy. The date of the annual clean up has not been finalised but more about this and the forthcoming A.G.M. in April later.

The committee would like to wish a speedy recovery to past chairman Paddy Holmes who is currently under going treatment in the Eye and Ear Hospital and to Sarah Sheehan who will shortly receive treatment at Cap-pagh Hospital. Sincere sympathy to the following who had family bereavements in the recent past: Jim and Marie Ryan, Pat and Catherine Darby and Tess McDonnell, John and Kate Filbert, and Christy and Anne O'Brien.

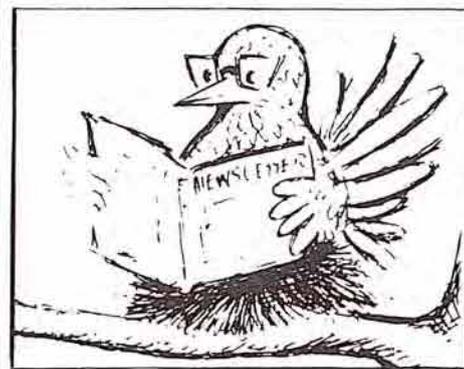
We will shortly be losing some of our residents who are moving on to better things we hope, they are: Martin and Philomena McLaughlin and Family, Pat and Catherine Holmes and Family and Christy and Ann O'Brien and Family. We wish them success in the future.

Congratulations are extended to Danny and Jossie Casey who celebrated twenty five years of Wedded Bliss on St. Patrick's Day. We wish you both happiness for another twenty five.

Finally congratulations to Fred and Mary O'Melia on the recent birth of their son Eoin.

A table quiz is being organised in the Roost on Wed. 5th of April, also a £300 Draw.

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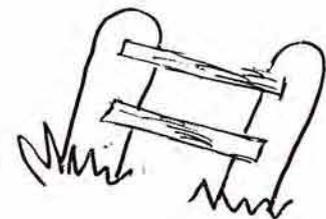
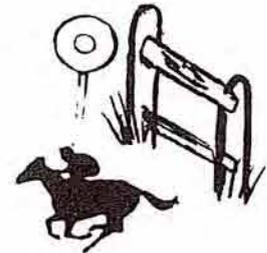


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POLITICAL PARTY NOTES



WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

Euroelection Candidates Selected

Among the candidates selected to contest the forthcoming elections to the European Parliament on behalf of the Workers' party is Catherine Murphy of Leixlip, who will be standing in the Leinster constituency. Catherine, along with her party colleague, Sean Purcell, was elected on the first count at the Leixlip Town Commission elections last October. She will be joined on the ticket by Councillor Mick Enright, a member of Wexford Corporation.

A leading member of the Leixlip Combined Residents' Association and Kildare Residents Against Local Charges, Catherine has been to the fore in campaigning for better public services for the North Kildare area, which she believes has been caught in a "no man's land" between Dublin and Kildare, with the result that there has been no proper planning for the rapid growth of the area. As a result, vital services such as public transport, policing, employment exchanges, FAS centres and community facilities are either non-existent or extremely underdeveloped. Catherine will also vigorously oppose any proposals to introduce toll roads in County Kildare.

As in every other part of the country, however, the central issues in North Kildare are unemployment and its unwanted partner, emigration. Catherine will be campaigning both for adequate funding from the EEC to tackle Ireland's backward economic

status within the Community, and for the use of this funding for the purposes of direct employment creation. At the moment, most of the money coming from the EEC goes into the pockets of wealthy farmers, or into indirect projects such as roads (which line the pockets of construction firms) and training schemes for non-existent jobs.

Left Co-operation

On the basis of past election results, the Left has an excellent chance of gaining seats in the Dublin, Leinster and Munster constituencies in the European elections. This, however, will depend on a disciplined transfer of votes between socialist candidates. The Workers' Party has made approaches in particular to the Labour Party to agree on a strategy of mutual transfers for this election.

It was disappointing, therefore, to note that the Labour Party Annual Conference rejected a motion calling for an electoral pact with the Workers' Party. It would appear that the Labour Party leadership is more concerned with establishing a dominant position within the Irish left than it is with promoting the socialist and working class movements in general. At a time of unprecedented public sector cutbacks and attacks on the position of workers and the unemployed, the need was never greater for a broad co-operative approach to the defence and enhancement of working class interests in Ireland.

If the Labour Party maintains its present attitude, it will mean that there will be NO socialist Irish members in the next European Parliament, where there could be at least three. The Workers'

party remains hopeful that a meeting of minds, in which the needs of Irish workers constitute the common objective, may yet prove possible.

Local Charges

Kildare County Council has recently raised the level of its campaign against those who have been opposing the payment of water and refuse double taxes, including the introduction of some nasty practices. In particular, some people who have decided to make their peace with the Council have been refused reconnection unless they name those who have allegedly been carrying out reconnections of houses disconnected by Council staff. This is a particularly reprehensible tactic, which clearly goes beyond the Council's legal powers, and conveys undertones of a totalitarian police state.

Alternatively, the Council has been making outlandish demands for reconnection fees, on top of demands for instant repayment of all outstanding arrears. In addition, those subjected to these demands have also had to put up with hostile verbal attacks in which general anti-North Kildare sentiments have been to the fore.

The Workers' Party believes that anybody who took a principled stand against these impositions and who now finds, through personal or family circumstances, or through outright victimisation by County Council staff, that they have no option but to comply, should be allowed to do so with dignity, and in a manner in keeping with their ability to pay. We therefore call on County Council staff to abandon their tactics of harassment and intimidation, and on all County Councillors to bring pressure to bear accordingly.

LABOUR PARTY NOTES



Annual Conference

Twenty seven delegates from Maynooth attended the Labour party Annual Conference in Tralee on the weekend of March 10th - 12th last. Over 200 delegates attended from the Kildare constituency. Most of the Kildare contingent stayed in the Earl of Desmond Hotel just outside Tralee which proved to be a very comfortable venue. Apart from being a very enjoyable weekend socially the Conference

decided on a number of important policy issues including a new set of policies on the economy.

Emmet Stagg TD, as Agriculture spokesman, presented the first major review on Agriculture in twenty years. The review, which is to be the basis of discussion throughout the Party over the next year, argues for a political alliance between PAYE workers and working family farmers.

Two Kildare delegates were elected to the Administrative Council of the Party. Pat Moynan from Maynooth was returned on the first count for a second term of office and Paddy Kane from

Athy was successful at his first attempt.

Laurence's Avenue Access

Emmet Stagg has made representations on behalf of the residents of Laurence's Avenue to Kildare Co. Council with regard to closing the entrance to the Celbridge Road from the Avenue. A recent survey of the residents in the area on this issue showed that in the interests of safety the vast majority favoured removing access to the estate from the main road. The Branch intends pursuing this issue with the Co. Council until the wishes of the residents are met.

MAYNOOTH MORTALITY SOCIETY

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The one hundred and fifty second Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Sunday February 26th 1989 at the registered office and drew a large number of members. Mr. Gerry McTiernan presided.

The Chairman Mr. McTiernan was very outspoken as regards defaulting members, and appealed to members to try and recruit some younger, and new members into the society. Mr. Frank Donnelly F.C.A., Hon. Auditor, read the balance sheet which stated that during the year 1988 twenty six members died at a cost to the society of over £7,000 showing a running loss to the society of £1,500.00. Despite this loss the assets of the society remain at over £6,000.

The secretary P. Nolan and Ass/Secretary thanked the Committee and members for their co-operation during the year.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Sean Reilly, Prosperous, for his most generous donation to society funds. It was unanimously agreed to retain Mrs. Oliver Reilly, Prosperous as undertakers to the society for the coming year.

The committee on behalf of the members would like to express their most sincere thanks to the following for voluntary services during the year.

Damien Maguire, Solicitor.

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Frank Donnelly, F.C.A. (Auditor).

Gerry Brady & Co., Patricia Hyland, Kathleen O'Neill.

John Saults, St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band and Freddie Leavy.

We would also like to thank Fr. Supple P.P., Fr. Cogan C.C., Fr. Peter Dowling and Carol Barton for their co-operation with the offering of the annual Mass for deceased members.

The following were elected for the coming year:-

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I.C.A. NOTES

An extraordinary meeting was held on Wednesday 22nd February, in the ICA hall. A vote of sympathy was expressed to the family of our late President, Mrs. Bridie Brady. The meeting concluded. The monthly meeting took place in the ICA hall on Thursday 2nd March. Mrs. Maisie McMyler presided and welcomed everyone. The month's competition "A dressed Rag Doll" was won by Jean Shannon, 2nd Mary Doyle, 3rd Mary O'Gorman. There are two competitions next month, first - "B.I.M. Fish dish for four people" and second "Cappequinn Chicken recipe" suitable for a main course.

On Friday 31st March at 8 p.m. a mass will be celebrated in the Parish Church for the late Mrs. Bridie Brady.

The badminton ladies are working hard each Tuesday and Thursday mornings 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Crafts continue every Monday night with dress-making, crochet and soft toys. Set dancing continues on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Our next meeting will be held on April 6th in the I.C.A. hall at 8 o'clock.

K. Burns P.R.O.

MRS. BRIDIE BRADY R.I.P.

The members of Maynooth Guild of the I.C.A. were deeply saddened last month to learn of the death of their esteemed President - Mrs. Bridie Brady.

Mrs. Brady was a committed I.C.A. member, having joined Maynooth Guild in the mid 1950's. Over the years she filled most of the officerships at Guild level, and also gave trojan service at Federation level, having been Grianan Teachta and was a current Arts promoter. Bridie touched everybody's life in Maynooth, because she gave of her talents, and enormous energy to every good cause. Generous to a fault she could never say "no", and because she was so willing to help, everyone called on her very good nature. Bridie was a legendary good cook, and over the years collected many Brannrai and many brides will remember her wedding cakes.

Bridie was such a warm personality, that she could never say a bad word about anyone, never in bad humour, the ready compliment always came to her lips. To her family we extend our deepest sympathy - theirs is the greatest loss and we pray that "in iothlainn de go geastar sinn". I.C.A., P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

Our February meeting was cancelled owing to the sad death of our esteemed member Bridie Brady. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Brady family. Bridie loved flowers, and she organised many wonderful trips around the country, to flower festivals and famous gardens. Last year in Galway we visited the beautiful garden of Lorna McMahon on a lovely Summer's day. She was a person who held out her hand in friendship and passed on that side of life on all those who knew her and those who came into her company.

"When the last sunshine of expiring day, in summers twilight weeps itself away, who hath not felt the softness of the hour sink on the heart, as dew along the flowers?" Lord Byron

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The news of the death of Bridie Brady came as a sad shock for her many friends and fellow workers in the Maynooth Credit Union.

Almost two years ago when the Study Group was formed she was one of the most enthusiastic members and on the formation of the Maynooth Credit Union she showed her usual great interest and willingness to help, by becoming one of our Founder Directors.

For those of us who had the privilege of knowing and working with her, not alone in the Credit Union but in other Clubs and Associations down the years have lost a loyal and trusted friend. A void has been created that will be very hard to fill again. To her family we extend our sincerest sympathy.

"Ar dheis Dé go raibh ah-ainm."

Now that our first birthday celebrations are ended it is back to work as usual. The Irish League of Credit Union's field officer recently paid us a visit and his report was most heartening, he congratulated the secretary on the manner in which the minutes are being recorded, and the treasurer on the manner of book-keeping. He felt confident that Maynooth Credit Union is on a very firm footing and can do nothing now but prosper. This gave us a wonderful boost of confidence and augers well for our future.

We now have £120,000 in shares and £75,000 out on loan to our members. Our surplus is wisely invested with the Irish League of Credit Unions. Of course we would prefer to have a greater percentage of our shares on loan to our members, so hurry and make yourself eligible for a loan.

Our Chapter delegates, John Butler and Michael Mooney, were congratulated at the chapter A.G.M. for their 100% attendance record at Chapter meetings. I think they like the nice tea they get there.

When you visit the Spring Fair be sure and call to our stand. You can have all your questions on Credit Union answered there. So don't forget to visit us, we will be in the P.E. room. C.U. there.

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BRU BOSCO NOTES

This month seems to have flown, St. Patrick's Day and Easter are here and the weather has been great even for the confirmation.

We have been very busy in the club lately. Last Saturday we took part in a C.Y.C. competition - "Rising Stars". John O'Connor had written a show and the group were really great. We don't know yet whether we are through to the final but really participation and enjoyment are what its all about.

On St. Patrick's Day our float will have the theme of 'European Year for Cancer', we intend to show how youth can lead the way in banning the "Weed". We will also have Zig & Zag on our float to help keep all the boys and girls on the sidelines happy. To round off the day we are having a disco for club members and friends. Again we are practising for the C.Y.C. table Quiz and hoping to do as good as last year. We had Mary and Geraldine from C.Y.C. to give a demonstration on exotic candle making and "Quilling" which is making shapes with spirals of paper. Is there anyone interested in taking part in Co-operation North?. Any boy or girl of 15-18 could get in touch with us, ask those who have taken part if you would like to find out just how much it can be.

THE ST. RAPHAEL'S PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

On behalf of the St. Raphael's Parents' and Friend's Association, we gratefully acknowledge the generous contributions to the Annual Flag Collection from the people of Maynooth.

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OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

The members of the committee would like to extend their heart felt sympathy to the family of Bridie Brady. She gave so much in the way of caring and hard work, on behalf of the elderly for many years and was currently our vice chairperson, we shall all miss her.

The March party was held in the SVD Hall and was preceeded by Mass which was said for Bridie Brady. About 70 of the elderly attended and the entertainment was provided by Josie and members of the Maynooth Accordion Band. Their performance was very much enjoyed by everyone - thank you.

Coal was distributed during the third week of March and we would like once more to thank all those whose generosity made this possible.

Our Tuesday and Thursday morning sessions will resume on April 4th and 6th after a 2 week break for Easter. There will not be a party in April - details of the May party will be given in the next Newsletter.

The two essays in this months issue came third in the essay competitions run by the old people's committee.

Non Literary Section,
3rd Place: Margaret Geraghty
Literary Section,
3rd place: Eileen Fingleton:

P.R.O.

GROWING UP IN A WORLD WITHOUT MACHINES

by Eileen Fingleton

I grew up with my parents and sisters on a dairy farm in the Golden Vale where, (as my mother would say) we were married to the cows! In any other branch of farming a day off now and then was feasible and certainly most Sundays were free - but cows had to be milked twice daily seven days a week. Thus, our farm was our world and all the chores of the year evolved around those cows and their offspring. Our hands and feet were our machines; we could never have envisaged a machine as a good substitute for four of us - experienced hand milkers - and we had a rapport with each animal which no machine could provide. Furthermore, how on earth could we operate a machine without electricity or any other source of power?

Ours was an undulating farm nestling in the shadow of the magestic Galtee



Eileen Fingleton

Mts. The townland - Glencushabinna speaks volumes. Sweet, indeed, was the music of the multitudes of birds that made their homes in nearby Glen of Aherlow and their songs gained volume as they re-echoed off the mountains. We grew up at our own pace in a quiet spot close to nature where the wild flowers in the fields and 'pinkeens' in the streams were our main source of entertainment. Recreation time was, of necessity, rationed because all hands were needed to accomplish the daily tasks. The work varied with the seasons so there was never a dull moment.

Spring time brought new arrivals all round the farm - calves, lambs, a foal and lots of chicks, ducklings, goslings and turkeys. A few bonhams were bought in for fattening so we were assured of a plentiful supply of meat. To each of us was allotted the care of some of the babes and what fun we had choosing names for our charges! I remember once announcing at supertime that Percy - the smallest lamb was about to make his will (this was our novel way of saying it was dying). At once Dad disappeared from the table and in a few minutes was kneading beside the lamb giving it drop after drop of his favourite medicine - poteen - until eventually, Percy reversed his decision and staggered to his feet. Somehow we all learned the skill of first aid; one day when my sister and I found a tiny chick had a broken leg, we made a wooden splint for it, bandaged it and wrapped it in an old sock, then placed it in my father's boot close to the fire - heat was a cure for all ills. We also learned to recognise the numerous medicinal herbs around the hedges

and we were sent to collect the appropriate one when an ailment was diagnosed - a veterinary surgeon made a poor livelihood in our locality!

We were always busy in a relaxed and peaceful atmosphere, rainy days didn't bother us as there was an ample supply of old coats and hats - when we went out in the wet fields we did so in our bare feet (Wellington boots and plastics were, as yet, unheard of). During the day if we got thirsty we drank from the pure spring well where there were a couple of enamel mugs in little niches close by, and often at milking time we treated ourselves to mugs of warm, frothy, fresh milk.

As summer arrived all stock were put out in the fields and that made a welcome change from cleaning out cow byres etc. We children had more time to enjoy our simple games in the fields and fishing for pinkeens in the stream. Tea and freshly baked scones tasted infinitely better in the meadow than around the kitchen table. When, at last, the hay was fit to pike, a few neighbours turned up to lend a hand. Every problem, every joy and every sorrow was shared by neighbours.

Summer passed all too quickly and Autumn brought us an abundance of fruit. Not content with what was grown in our orchard, we took delight in climbing the old plum and cherry trees which grew all along one of our boundary hedges. The main crop we grew was potatoes - we ate lots of them and so did the pigs, poultry, cows and even the horses. In October and November they were harvested. Three men would be busy digging them out all day and after school we had to pick them - often finishing by the light of the moon. This

task went on for 2 or 3 weeks and they were stored in long pits in the orchard, covered with straw and soil. We also stored our surplus vegetables which could not tolerate frost, such as turnips and beetroot. Finally, we spent hours and days collecting and chopping timber to store in a shed for our Winter fires.

When Winter came, work in the fields ceased but there was plenty of yard work because the animals were housed again. During the long, dark nights our

home was a hive of industry. My father would be soling our boots and shoes, repairing the horses' harness or putting new sugáns on the kitchen chairs whilst my mother made our clothes on her treasured sewing machine. An aunt, who spent long periods with us, spent hours knitting our jumpers, stockings, caps and scarves and she did some beautiful crochet quilts. Naturally, all those crafts were passed on to us.

I conclude by saying we led a happy,

simple life - happy because we got so much satisfaction from work done by our own hands and simple, because we were very close to nature and reality. We were almost self-sufficient with our own milk, butter, eggs, meat, lots of fresh vegetables and full from our trees and "sceach" hedges. Today, machines do most of the work - both on the farm and in the house and I believe that if we had fewer of them we would have more employment and less boredom. However, progress is something we cannot and must not impede.



IT IS INTERESTING TO REFLECT ON THE PROGRESS OF TIME

by Margaret Geraghty

Machinery is a great help to everyone and it is sad to think it reduces labour. It is particularly helpful in the factories, the assorted mills, large farms, large shops, large bakeries and garages etc. In the 1900's the men did not allow their wives to work out, but a few shillings from their spare time was acceptable. The wages were small (about £1) so the men worked after six on the farms. They planted the neighbours gardens, white washed the yards or toilets. Another occupation was to go to the woods and get sticks, chop them up and give to old people and neighbours.

On Monday morning the "washings" of six hundred students in the college was collected and divided according to space. The women on the Kilcock road spread them on the hedges and some school boys earned 6 pence to mind the clothes till dark after school. The experts at washing received baskets of linen, cotton and wollens and they finished off the linen pillow slips and gent's plainer shirts with the softening iron on the frills. The older women collected sacks in the mill and repaired them. Some collected work from the clerical tailor, who had tacked on canvas or hair cloth on front of jackets and waist coats. They put rows of hand sewing on the canvas and the tailor finished them off when returned. Some handy men collected

repairs in the college to suits and soutanes. Their wives helped with seats in pants, elbows, pockets and collars also repaired. The neighbours needed their hems adjusted and the children's let down. The Irish crochet lace was very popular at the time and worn by the clergy and altar boys on the surplice. A teacher came and taught the semi-invalids for months. Then she returned with order of yards of lace and certain depth and supplied the thread.

The older boys dropped potatoes on the farms in the Spring and collected and sorted them in the Autumn. They cut thistles for months in the Summer and for December they cleared the grazing parks for the cattle. Some old men washed bottles in the three pubs when the stout came in wooden barrels on the canal from Dublin. The boats on the canal also brought coal, cement, timber and all the heavy cargo. The boat often took the day to do the trip with two horses and a small engine to rest the horses.

The electricity came to Maynooth about 1929. The wealthy people got machinery when they had power to run it. We had about six lights in the main street and the two churches were lit.

In 1959 we got water in the taps. With the aid of machinery the County Council sunk large pipes from Wicklow to Kildare under ground. The following year we got sewage pipes through our gardens. And by most of the people paying for the entrance of the water the council was able to proceed. Since then we have got fire brigade and ambulance in the Harbour. Both are very useful as people can have help in a few minutes. We cheer the men and women of that period who worked as hard and now we have light, heat and water in the house. And now the house wife's burden is relieved with more cash for food. And so we thank God and man for progress.

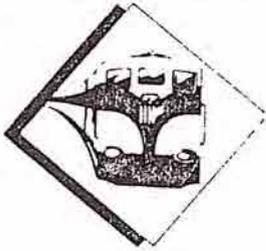
SPRING FAIR

Readers of the "Newsletter" are by now aware that the Spring Trade Fair takes place at the Boy's National School on the 29th and 30th of April with business been conducted between 10a.m. and 6 p.m. on both days.

The Trade Fair is not just about business however, it is an outing for all the family with activities for all ages. As mentioned in the last issue there will be a medal, coin, stamp and antique evaluation service so people can feel free to have their antique medals, coins or stamps expertly valued without any obligation. We can also confirm that the new Sam Maguire Cup will be on display during the Fair. Also confirmed is the Space Technology stand with Prof. Susan Lawlor who will assist with the official opening.

Children, don't forget the "Poster Competition" which is taking place in conjunction with the Trade Fair. Complete your poster now as the closing date is Thursday April 6th. Getting back to the business end of the Fair, booking of the stands are very heavy but there are still some vacancies. For information ring the Trade Fair Office at 286463. Some traders might like to advertise in the Trade Fair programme. If so ring Julie-Ann or Bernie at 286463. Home brew enthusiasts are reminded to have their brew ready for the Home Brew Competition which also takes place during the Fair.

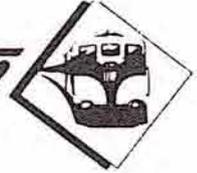
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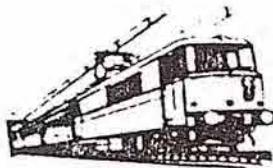
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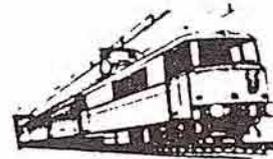
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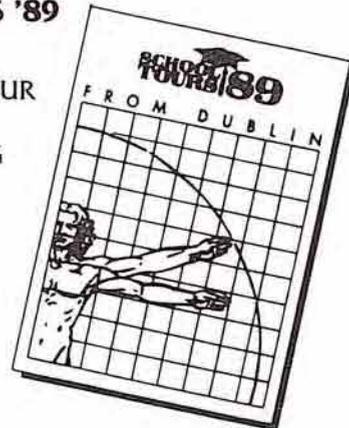


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Maynooth Castle

A FOCAL POINT OF LOCAL HISTORY

Mary Cullen

'Silken Thomas' was the eldest child and only son of the ninth earl and his first wife, Elizabeth Zouche. He was born in 1513, the year his grandfather, the Great Earl died. When his father was summoned to England for the last time in 1534, Thomas was a young man of twenty known by the title 'Lord Offaly'. Before his departure his father nominated him as vice-deputy of Ireland in his place and advised him to be guided by the advice of his uncle, Sir James Fitzgerald, and his cousin, Sir Thomas Eustace and also by Sir Walter Deladide of Moyglare and his wife, Lady Janet Eustace, who was an aunt of Sir Thomas. Lord Offaly was now chief governor of the country, but he was far too rash and head-strong a personality to deal successfully with the situation which faced him. This was the gradual but firm extension of centralised control by the English government which was a feature of Tudor rule at this period when Thomas Cromwell was in power. Cromwell had already begun to control the council in Dublin with whom Offaly would have to work, and would tolerate no longer than was absolutely necessary the continuance of a semi-independent lord-deputy, or chief governor, in Ireland, Lord Offaly either did not possess or did not exercise the diplomatic skills displayed by his father and grandfather, who had always been careful to avoid any open challenge to the English King. When in June of 1534 a rumour reached him that his father had been executed in the Tower of London, Thomas determined on open defiance and revenge. It seems that some of his friends and allies encouraged him in this policy, while others advised against it. However he summoned the council to meet him at St. Mary's Abbey and on 11th June 1534, he rode through the city of Dublin with a guard of 140 horsemen dressed in coats of mail, and with silken fringes on their helmets which gave him the name by which he is still remembered. He crossed the river and came to the Abbey where in a passionate speech to the council he renounced his allegiance to the crown of England. 'I am none of Henrie his Deputy, I am his fo. I have more mind to conquer than to governe; to meet him in the field than to serve him in office'. In spite of all efforts to dissuade him, he threw down the sword of office and rushed out to join his forces who were gathered on Oxmantown Green. He received considerable support from the gentlemen of the Pale and, follow-

ing some negotiations with the citizens of Dublin laid siege to Dublin Castle. He was also supported by such chiefs as O'Neill, McMurrough, O'More, O'Connor and O'Byrne which showed a fairly wide cross section of readiness to resist Tudor rule. But the rebellion never attained very serious proportions. The attempt to take Dublin Castle failed and the murder of Arch-bishop of Dublin, John Alen, by Offaly's followers alienated the sympathy of many. The archbishop was attempting to flee the county but his ship ran aground on the sand near Clontarf. Offaly caught up with him at Artane. The story goes that Offaly uttered the ambiguous words 'Beir uaim an bodoch', i.e. 'Take the churl away from me' meaning no harm to the prelate, but his retainers misinterpreted his meaning.

The king of England's reply to the Kildare rebellion was to send Sir William Skeffington back to Ireland as lord deputy in October, accompanied by a force to enable him to win back control. Offaly was in possession of a number of garrisoned and fortified castles, Maynooth, Rathangan, Lea, Portlester, Athy, Kilkea, Castledermot and Carlow. His chief opponent in Ireland was Piers Butler, earl of Ossory. The war proceeded with much taking and retaking of castles and the gradual dropping away of some of Offaly's allies, but it was recognised that the key to Offaly's continued defiance was the great castle of Maynooth, the centre of the power of the Kildare Geraldines, strongly fortified, still untouched and considered impregnable. It was not until March of the following year the new deputy arrived at Maynooth to up the challenge. Meanwhile Lord Offaly had succeeded to the earlship of Kildare when his father died of grief in the Tower of London on 12th December, 1534.

In January 1535 the English forces burned the town of Maynooth, and in March Sir William Skeffington laid siege to the castle with all his force. The earl himself was not there. He had fortified the castle so strongly that he was convinced it could not be taken, and he had left his foster brother, Christopher Parese, in command while he himself went to raise forces in Offaly. Skeffington placed his artillery on the north side, beyond the river, On Crew Hill, and from here the castle was bombarded day after day. It withstood the assault until 23rd but then it fell to the besiegers. It is still not quite certain

whether Silken Thomas was right or wrong in thinking that the castle was too strong to be taken by force, since two conflicting stories of how it fell survive. Skeffington's own report described the daily battering of the guns until a 'large entree' was made on the 22nd, and was followed by a successful assault on the 23rd. But the chronicler Stanyhurst Parese, who, in return for the promise of a money payment, made the watch drunk and then admitted some of the deputy's forces. Which ever account is true, Parese did not benefit as he and 24 others were summarily executed when Skeffington took possession of the magnificent castle. 'Great and rich was the spoil', says Stanyhurst, 'such store of beddes, so many goodly hangings, so rich a wardrobe, such brave furniture, as truly it was accompted, for householde stuff and utensiles, one of the richest earle his houses under the crowne of Englande'.

The fall of Maynooth was the end of the rebellion. When it was reported most of Kildare's forces dispersed and returned to their homes. He had one further minor encounter with Skeffington at Clane. His Irish allies also began to submit, and his other castles were taken, except for Crom and Adare. Finally in August Kildare submitted to Sir Leonard Grey the newly appointed commander of the English forces. Ironically, Grey was the brother of the ninth earl, Garret Og's second wife, and so the uncle of Silken Thomas' half-brothers and sisters. The earl was sent to England and the Tower where he was joined early in the following year by his five uncles, James, Oliver, Richard, John and Walter, the surviving sons of the second marriage of Garret Mor, the great earl, to Elizabeth St. John.

At least three of these, James, Walter, and Richard had actively opposed their newpew's rebellion, but this did not save them now. An act of attainder was passed against all six, and Silken Thomas and his five uncles, James, Oliver, Richard, John and Walter, the surviving sons of the second marriage of Garret Mor, the great earl, to Elizabeth St. John.

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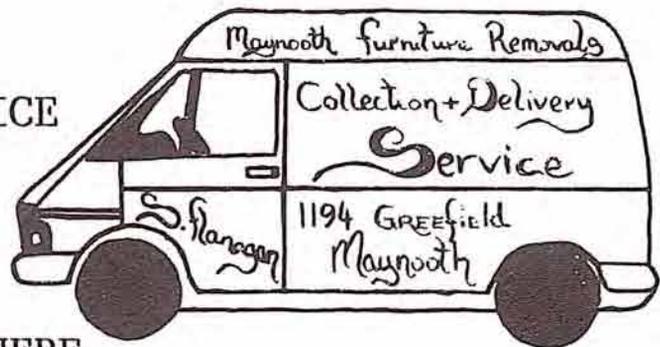
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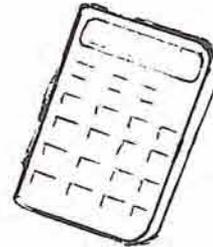
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MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB SPLASHNEWS

The current swimming term began on Saturday, April 1st. This will continue up to and including June 10th. There will be no swimming on June 3rd due to the holiday week-end. The fee remains the same and must be paid by April 15th.

At the time of writing this article, we are preparing for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We will publish the names of the winners of the fancy dress competition in the next issue. At this stage we would like to thank in anticipation all those who are helping with the preparations, in particular the Lawlor and Dunne families for providing the float, it's transportaton and storage.

Deirdre Hetherington
P.R.O.



MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

At the recent cross-country races held by Na Fianna Lisa McCluskey was third in the U/16 girls. Also running well for the juveniles were Ashling Redmond and Fiona Redmond. In the Vet Ladies race Patsy McCluskey won the ladies O/35, Helen Redmond was second in the ladies O/40. These two ladies with Marie Gleeson gained third team award.

Last week was International week with races in Rostrevor, Dundalk and Enfield. Our two U/16 girls took part in Enfield, Carmel Noonan was third and Lisa McCluskey was fifth. These two girls have brought great honour to the club throughout the cross country

season, training really hard all winter in all sorts of weather. Well done to all the youngest juveniles who took part in cross-country too. Our Vet ladies have really swept the boards with all their successes and we wish everyone the best of luck in the forthcoming track and field season. Training for this will be commencing soon.

Results of Club Draw 8/3/89

£100 Patrick Tierney c/o Bingo
£50 Betty & Johnny, Lady Chapel
£20 John Heffernan c/o B. Tracey
£10 M. Fitzgerald, Maynooth Park
£5 T. McDermott, Kellystown
£5 P. Paud, Greenfield Drive
£5 Gleeson Family, Straffan Way



G.A.A. NOTES

Our Junior A team got off to a great start in the league on Sunday 12th March when we beat Kilcullen, one of the better teams in that division, on a score of 3.3 to 3.2 with a solid display

from our backs and a brilliant performance by our midfield players. Danny Casey and Jim McAullife our forwarders got enough of the ball to notch up the winning scores.

There seems to be a new sense of commitment in the club at present and if this is maintained, it should be a very successful year for the club.

Planning permission has been granted for a new pavilion and we will be hearing a lot more about this in the near future. We are having a stand at the local spring show. The Sam Maguire Cup will be on display and some more entertainment so come along and see us. You will be all very welcome.

HURLING

Juvenile hurling training continues every Saturday morning from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. for beginners, under 12 and under 14. The under 12 and

under 14 leagues will be starting in April and now that the weather is improving we want all players and beginners to attend these training sessions. Our biggest problem in this area is that we haven't enough people to coach and help to train those teams. I would hope that some of you fathers or anybody else with hurling experience would come forward and help to promote hurling in Maynooth. For further information contact M. Gillick at 286556.

JUNIOR HURLING

We have entered a team in the Junior League and Junior Championship. Details of fixtures at a later date. Wishing you all the best of luck for the season.

U/14 HURLING

Maynooth 8-5 St. Olafs 5-1

Maynooth hurlers travelled to Rathdown on February 18th to play St. Olafs in the Dublin League in atrocious weather conditions. Playing against the wind in the first half Maynooth defended well with M. Gillick in goal and J. Doyle making some fine clearances and D. Tobin and P. Farrell made attacks on St. Olafs goal but failed to score in the first half. E. Deacy playing his usual brilliant game full back had to retire before half time with a hand injury. On the change of ends long puck outs by P. Leacy helped Maynooth to launch attacks on St. Olafs goal. With J. Nevin picking up some time scores well assisted by the Flynn brothers and M. Bennett Maynooth came out fine winners.

Well Done Everyone!

SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1989 DIVISION 4

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Round 1: Sun. 12th Mar. 3 p.m. | Round 2: Sun. 26th Mar. 3 p.m. | Round 3: Sun. 9th April 3 p.m. |
| MOORETOWN V CLONGOREY | NURNEY V CLONGOREY | EADESTOWN V CLONGOREY |
| MAYNOOTH V KILCULLEN | CARAGH V KILCULLEN | ARDCLOUGH V KILCULLEN |
| ATHGARVAN V BALLYKELLY | MOORETOWN V CAPPAGH | CAPPAGH V NURNEY |
| ARDCLOUGH V NURNEY | MAYNOOTH V BALLYKELLY | BALLYKELLY V CARAGH |
| EADESTOWN V CARAGH | EADESTOWN V ATHGARVAN | MAYNOOTH V ATHGARVAN |
| CAPPAGH V CONGEY | ARDCLOUGH V CONFHEY | MOORETOWN V CONFHEY |
| Round 4: Sun. 23rd April 3 p.m. | Round 5: Tues. 9th May 7.30 p.m. | Round 6: Tues. 16th May 7.30 p.m. |
| ATHGARVAN V CLONGOREY | CLONGOREY V CAPPAGH | KILCULLEN V CLONGOREY |
| CAPPAGH V ARDCLOUGH | BALLYKELLY V KILCULLEN | BALLYKELLY V CAPPAGH |
| BALLYKELLY V EADESTOWN | ARDCLOUGH V MAYNOOTH | EADESTOWN V ARDCLOUGH |
| MAYNOOTH V CARAGH | MOORETOWN V EADESTOWN | NURNEY V CARAGH |
| MOORETOWN V NURNEY | CARAGH V ATHGARVAN | MOORETOWN V MAYNOOTH |
| KILCULLEN V CONFHEY | NURNEY V CONFHEY | ATHGARVAN V CONFHEY |
| Round 7: Tues. 23rd May 7.30 p.m. | Round 8: Tues. 13th June 7.30 p.m. | Round 9: 20th June 7.30 p.m. |
| CLONGOREY V BALLYKELLY | KILCULLEN V ATHGARVAN | CLONGOREY V ARDCLOUGH |
| CAPPAGH V KILCULLEN | EADESTOWN V CAPPAGH | KILCULLEN V EADSTOWN |
| ARDCLOUGH V MOORETOWN | ARDCLOUGH V BALLYKELLY | CARAGH V CAPPAGH |
| ATHGARVAN V NURNEY | NURNEY V MAYNOOTH | NURNEY V BALLYKELLY |
| MAYNOOTH V EADESTOWN | CARAGH V MOORETOWN | ATHGARVAN V MOORETOWN |
| CARAGH V CONFHEY | CLONGOREY V CONFHEY | MAYNOOTH V CONFHEY |
| Round 10: 27th June 7.30 p.m. | Round 11: Tues. 4th July 7.30 p.m. | |
| CLONGOREY V CARAGH | CLONGOREY V MAYNOOTH | |
| KILCULLEN V NURNEY | KILCULLEN V MOORETOWN | |
| CAPPAGH V MAYNOOTH | CAPPAGH V ATHGARVAN | |
| BALLYKELLY V MOORETOWN | CARAGH V ARDCLOUGH | |
| ATHGARVAN V ARDCLOUGH | NURNEY V EADESTOWN | |
| EADESTOWN V CONFHEY | CONFHEY V BALLYKELLY | |

RULES

1. No Postponements, and any request for change must be in writing to:- R. WHELAN, at least 7 days before the game is due and must contain an agreed prior date, which must be signed by the opposition secretary.
2. Teams who do not play on Official Dates will both lose points.
3. The top team will be the winner in Div. 2,3,4. In div 1 the top two (2) teams will play for the "Leader Cup".
4. Three teams will be promoted and demoted as appropriate.



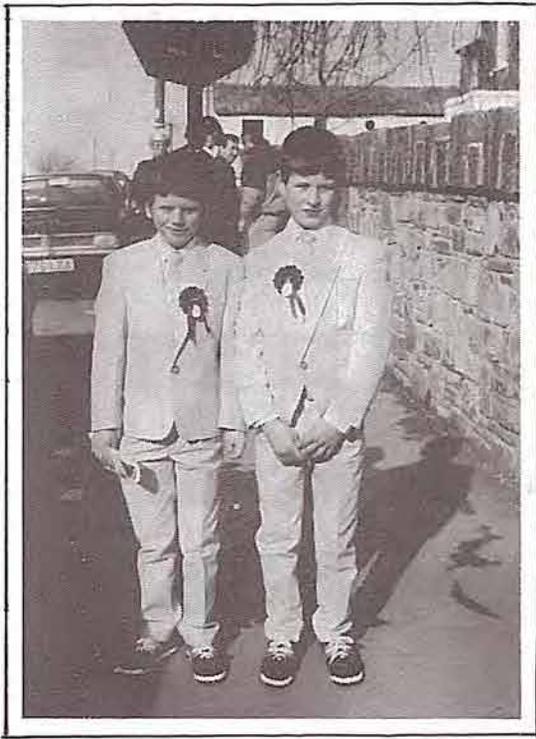
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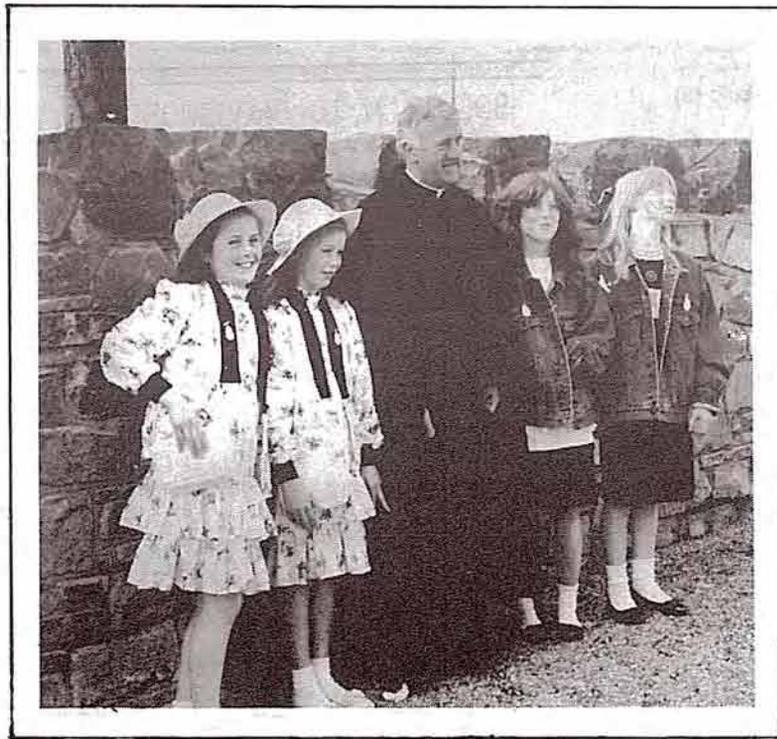
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Crossword No: 17 By Demon

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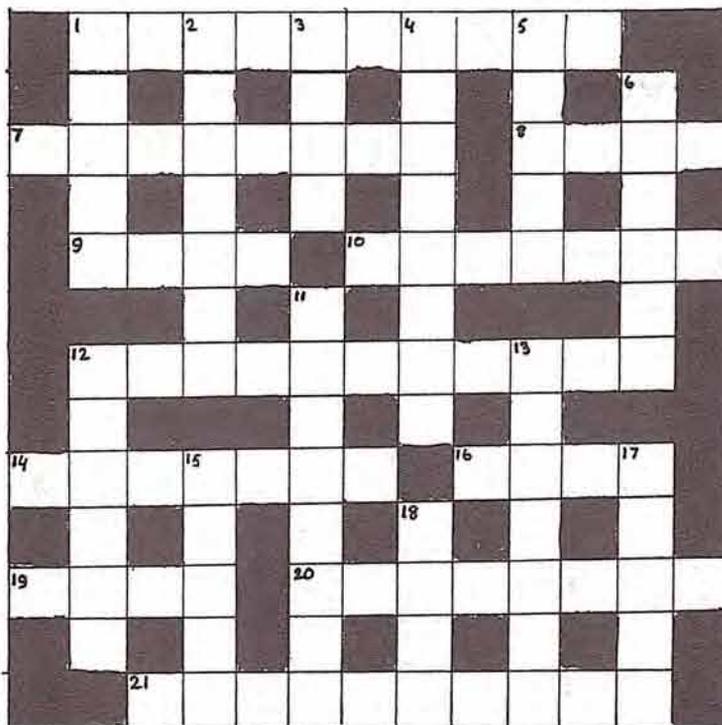
1. Dual cafe is rebuilt on Main Street (10).
7. Gets laid, and goes around a circle followed by urge (5,3).
8. Shape of 7 and 21 Across, and of 13 Down (4).
9. Hands back in exchange (4).
10. Cocky Maynooth drinker in store or maybe pub has to hesitate (7).
12. & 12 Down. floats through Maynooth once a year (8,3,6).
14. I follow five in test pursuit? (7).
16. & 5 Down. Biting doctor before operations will get you sweets (4,5).
19. Melodies played backwards seem not to call up this false God (4).
20. Out of fuel, even though this hour is the last minute! (8).
21. Gets grease to melt confectionery (6,4).

DOWN

1. Angry word like this (5).
2. The opposite direction to this word ends with a beginning; Cheeky! (7)
3. Enemies have fortresses surrounded (4).
4. Yellow insides not found in 21 Across (3,5).
5. Rain, perhaps (5).
6. Got a telly not long ago (6).
11. Aim flint to get part of light-bulb (8)
12. See 12 Across.
13. Gets laid! Avoid urge (4,3).
15. A house in the village (5).
17. Fruit? 17th and 24th are those for 12 and 21 Across, for instance (5).
18. Drink in 1 Across (4)

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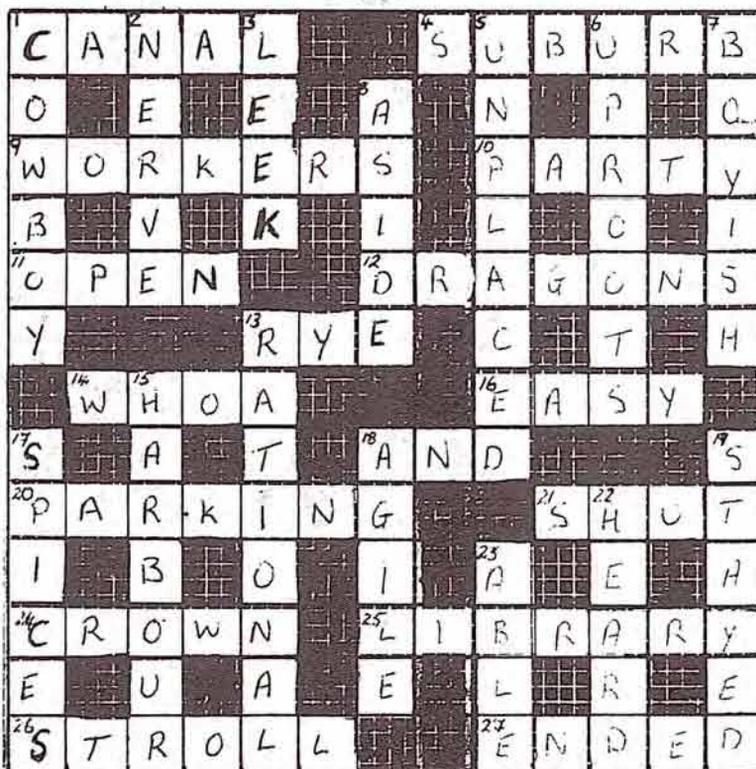


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THE PRINCESS BRIDE

Staring: Cary Elwes, Mary Patinkin, Chris Saradon, Andre the Giant, Peter Falk, Robin Wright, Peter Cook, Mel Smith etc.

Directed by: Rob Reiner.

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This fairy tale is full of adventure and is excellent viewing for all the family. It is approximately 94 mins. long.

Rating: 7 out of a possible 10.

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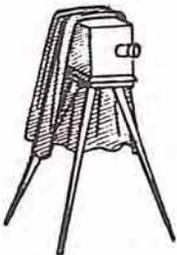
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Rating: 6 out of a possible 10.

These videos are available for hire in most of the video outlets in Maynooth. And depending on where you go the price range for renting these videos per night is 99p - £1.50

More next month!



KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL - THE FACTS

by John Colgan

The message from Kildare County Council - including its elected Councilors - is frequently that "we haven't the money to mend the pot holes, provide services etc. with all the cut-backs and early retirements . . ." etc. Although local authorities employ over 37,000 persons nationwide and spend some 15% of national charges much more rapidly that the rate of inflation, as the following table shows:

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| | Kildare | Meath | Difference |
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| Rates in £ | £25.50 (up 8.5% on '87) | £19.12 (up 5% on '87) | £6.38 |
| Water Charges | £50.00 | £50.00 | Nil |
| Refuse Charges | £50.00 | £35.00 | £15.00 |
| Overall Increase on previous year | 43% | 13% | |

In summary, charges and rates in Kildare are generally higher than those in adjoining Meath and have been increased at higher rate - many times the rate of price inflation of consumer goods - in the past few years. In fact, the increase in Rates in the £ was the second highest in the country and the overall increase in local charges was the third highest in the country in 1988. Arrears for domestic service charges for water and refuse were, at £1.5M (1/1/1987) the second highest in the country. Last year arrears had grown to £1.9M, still second highest to Co. Dublin.

(John Colgan is an independent member of Leixlip Town Commissioners and is Chairman of the Consumers' Association of Ireland).

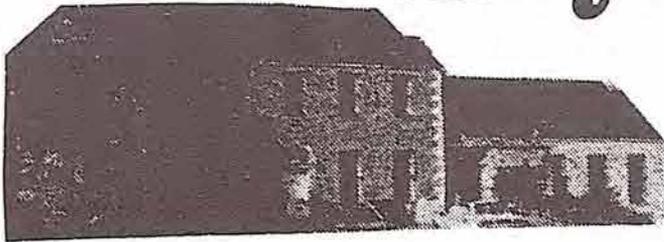
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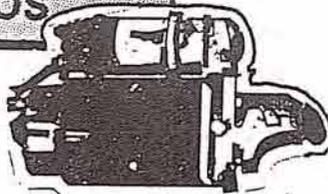
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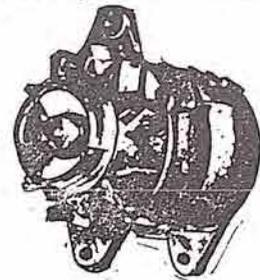


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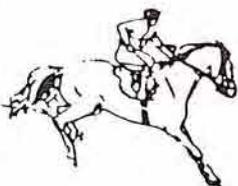
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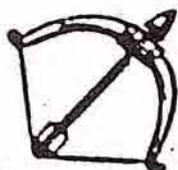
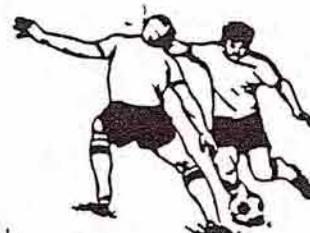
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MAYNOOTH TO BENEFIT FROM EURO PLAN?

Maynooth could be a major beneficiary of the extra funding which the EEC is to make available to Ireland to strengthen its economy before the Single European Market comes into operation after 1992. This is one of the main messages from a consultants' report which has come the Newsletter's way. This report was prepared for the County Managers of the counties in the Midlands-East Region, one of seven regions into which Ireland has been divided for the purpose of drawing up plans for the disbursement of the extra EEC funding. This region contains all the counties of Leinster except Dublin, Kilkenny, Carlow and Wexford. The report is being submitted by the County Managers to the Working Group set up by the Department of Finance to compile a plan for the expenditure of EEC funds within the region.

The report has divided the region into four zones, and Maynooth is located in the so-called "Dublin Peri-Urban" Zone, comprising that part of the region in the hinterland of Dublin. In this region, the report sees the best prospects of economic development in "Knowledge-based" industries (for which a high quality of environment and access to communications facilities are of key importance), and the expansion of the bloodstock and horticultural/nursery industries.

The report attaches particular importance to the role of Maynooth College, as the only university in the region, as a magnet for the attraction of "high-tech" knowledge based industries. Accordingly, the report plans for an investment of £29 million in the College, including a Science Building, Science Park, a Science and Technology Research, Development and Training Centre and a Business Studies Finance and Marketing Centre (see "College Notes" for further details).

Readers may also like to know that the report provides for the establishment of a Regional Sports Centre at the College, costing £3M, with work earmarked to begin in 1990. There is also provision for the creation of an Ecclesiastical Museum in the College, at a cost of £100,000. The report also mentions a Maynooth "Town and Gown" project, to be sponsored by Kildare County Council, but gives no further information as to what this might be!

The report also envisages Carton being turned into an hotel and sporting centre at a total cost of no less than £30 million. As this no doubt reflects Kildare County Council's current view of the future use of the estate, it will come as a disappointment to those who would like to see it come under public ownership and be developed as a Heritage Centre.

The latter would appear to be more in keeping with another section of the report, which states that "the region has the largest spread in the State of historic and architecturally important buildings of Norman to 18th century age, and specifically mentions Carton in this respect. The report goes on: "These represent an important part of the built heritage of Ireland and of Europe and, if properly maintained and developed, would be a major tourist resource for the State". Indeed, the report, very much in line with current government thinking, sees tourism as playing a major role in the economic development of the region generally. Maynooth, with the College, Castle, Carton, the Obelisk, the Royal Canal, etc., must constitute one of the major concentrations of tourist attractions in the whole region, meriting considerable investment in tourist facilities.

The report, predictably, provide for the early completion of the Maynooth By-Pass. More interestingly, the report also refers to the Drogheda-Maynooth road (including the notorious Dunboyne-Maynooth stretch) as a regional road which experiences traffic volumes in excess of those on national roads elsewhere in the country, and calls for it to be upgraded accordingly. Such a status might, hopefully, allow it to be upgraded accordingly. Such a status might, hopefully, allow it to attract funding to direct it away from the walls of Carton Estate, which are under threat from heavy traffic.

In fact, perhaps we might eventually see the longed-for diversion via Blacklion over the Canal, linking on to the By-Pass via the inner relief road which is already in the long-term plans for Maynooth. This would divert traffic coming from the Dunboyne direction away from the centre of Maynooth. Such traffic coming from the Dunboyne direction away from the centre of Maynooth. Such traffic is likely to increase substantially with the opening of the By-pass, and will need to be diverted if Maynooth is to derive the full benefits of being by-passed. This is

especially important if Maynooth is to offer the clean and pleasant environment necessary to attract the knowledge-based industries mentioned above.

EYE HEAR

Local climbers scale the charts!

Local band, Scale the Heights are continuing their onward climb to fame, with the recent release of their first single on WEA records. The Maynooth based four who won last year's Carling/Hot Press Band of '88 competition have just released their debut single. 'Goodbye to all that', described by *In Dublin* as 'a tasty slice of guitar-based pop'. The group are now on a nation wide tour - saying hello to all their fans, no doubt.

HAYDN'S CREATION

We're told it took six days to create the world. It took approximately two hours to sit through the most glorious account of these most productive days in earth's history. The venue for the telling of the story of creation according to Haydn was the College Chapel, on Sunday, 12th March. The 200 strong College Choir, together with the RTE symphony orchestra, and soloists Mary Hegarty, soprano, Emmanuel Lawlor, Tenor, and Nigel Williams, Bass, provided a memorable evening for the audience who included Mrs. Hillery, the President's wife, as well as members of the diplomatic corps. While Haydn's oratorio may be less familiar than Handel's ubiquitous 'Messiah', some members of the audience were inclined to find this work more pleasing. The beautiful choral singing, and the duets magnificently sung by Mary Hegarty and Maynooth graduate, Emmanuel Lawlor were highlights of the evening.

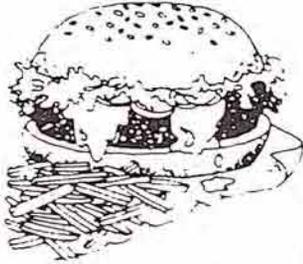
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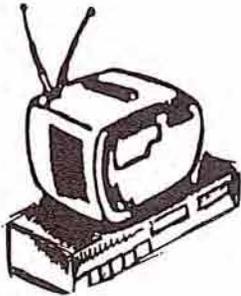
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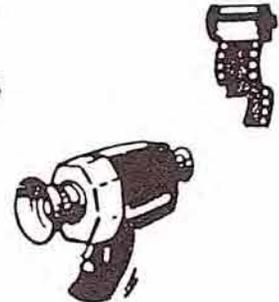
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Through the bus window
I gaze, a Connacht warrior,
At the barrier of mountains
Rising beyond Dún Dealgán;
Today Cuchulainn will be
A British soldier at a customs post
And the Brown Bull the constellation
Taurus
Domed in Armagh's planetarium.

This land through which we drive
Is surely rock and clay of Ireland,
So one seeks manmade alteration;
A slightly different architecture,
Road signs minus Gaelic placenames,

A courthouse caged in wire mesh.
Yet passing people look the same -
Even pupils in their rival uniforms-
As those inhabiting the Republic -
Though one reminds oneself
That underneath such normalcy
The Christian gunman lurks
Like the snowpatch on a hillside.
At night this place transforms itself
Into a no man's land
Between the sloganed tribal hatreds:
Not an inch, Brits Out, No Pope,
IRA, UVF, INLA, UDA, Sinn Fein . . .
That one must set one's heart -
One's history - corrupted heart - against
To listen for tomorrow's birth squall.

In the darkness of the planetarium
The show director's eager voice
Speaks of East and West co-operating
To send a mission out to Mars,
Proud Ulster entrenched behind your
ramparts
Shall we not journey out together?

SHELLFISH
by Martin Gates

It's not really there and it can't see me,
I know it's paranoid and I know it's not
real,

But it's trying to change me, and it
might win,
It's all the same to me but I feel it
watching me when I'm sitting,
Strange and small it threatens my very
existence,
It has a face and a mind but cannot feel,
it's cold and never worried but lives in
my shoes,
it's not my foot, but it has a face,

It needs space to understand it's
meaning, but it can't see,
It wears a coat of ink which is warm in
time and sense.

OVERCAST FEELINGS
by Martin Gates

I travel, shrouded by my feelings,
Through an empty space of thoughts,
I watch by day and night,
The sky so full of silver tears,
I feel so lost and lonely,
in the middle of my fears,
Although I have my doubts,
I need to feel some pain,
To understand my sadness,
And as the sky darkens,
And the rain begins to fall,
My tears will go un-noticed,
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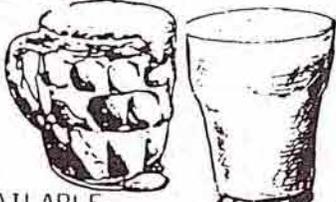


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WHAT 1992 IS ALL ABOUT

by Martin Doyle

The Single Market

Although the European Community was established in 1957, it has not yet achieved the original objective of creating a single European market. While tariffs and quotas have been abolished, a wide range of non-tariff barriers such as national technical standards and national public procurement policies still exist. This means in effect that at present the Community is made up of twelve separate national markets, rather than one single market which was intended originally.

In June 1985, the Commission presented its White Paper on Completing the Internal Market by 31 December 1992, and listed 300 legislation changes necessary to create the single market. The White Paper proposals were unanimously accepted by the 12 nations in the Single European Act which came into effect on 1 July 1987.

Trading: The Current Position

In order to understand the purpose and benefits of a Single European market, it is important initially to appreciate how trade is carried out within the EC at present.

Take a simple example of an Irish company which wants to expand business by exporting its products to other EC Countries. Those products must first meet certain technical standards and be approved by the Authorities in each separate country. This takes a lot of time, effort and money. Later, if the company achieves the required standards, it can expect to encounter long delays at border crossings with customs documentation etc., when it comes to actually exporting its goods.

The result of such bureaucracy is reduced trade between countries within the Community, and businesses concentrating on servicing markets in their own countries. The European market is therefore fragmented and intra-country trade is stifled.

Mutual recognition of national technical standards, simplified border formalities and replacing a plethora of documents with the Single Administrative Document (SAD) will alleviate the problem and encourage cross border trade and traffic.

Purpose of a Single European Market

The major purpose of a Single Euro-

pean Market is to provide European companies with a "home" market of 320 million consumers in order that they can compete on equal terms with the US and Japanese.

The removal of physical, technical and fiscal barriers will increase competition within the EC and make European enterprises more competitive when welling in Europe.

Reforms Necessary to Create Single Market

As mentioned above 300 legislative provisions will be implemented to achieve the Single Market by 1992. It is important to recognise that Europe 1992 will be a process rather than a single event. Already, in excess of 200 provisions have been either adopted or are in the process of being adopted. Examples of reforms in some areas would be:

- free movement of workers will enable companies to recruit throughout Europe and facilitate staff movement within Europe.
- simplified internal border formalities will encourage cross border trade and traffic.
- competition in road transport and insurance should reduce freight costs.
- approximation of national company law and the creation of European company law will facilitate mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures.
- public contracts will be open to tender throughout Europe instead of being limited to national suppliers.
- liberalisation of banking and financial services, insurance and the free movement of capital e.g. an Irish car owner could insure his/her car in London.

Effects of a Single European Market

As we have seen, the liberalisation of trade and freedom in the movement of people, goods and services will increase competition in Europe. The ultimate objective is that European companies will become more efficient, cost effective and able to compete on more favourable terms with US and Japanese companies, not only in the European market but throughout the world.

But how will European businesses become more competitive?

Increased competition generally leads to lower prices to the consumer. Providers of goods and services will need to invest in new modern plant and equipment to reduce their costs and

maintain their profit margins. Increased competition will reduce transportation and insurance costs. By lowering costs therefore, European businesses will become more competitive and enable them to compete more effectively on a world wide basis.

How will non EC companies react to the the Single European market? After all, the business of US and Japanese companies for example, must be affected by these changes. Although we can only speculate the following scenarios are worth consideration.

- (i) Non EC companies (US, Japanese etc) currently selling into Europe from their home countries may consider opening factories, service centres etc. in Europe, thereby creating employment.
- (ii) US and Japanese companies might establish a foothold in Europe by purchasing European companies, operating joint ventures or licence agreements.
- (iii) US and Japanese companies already in Europe may consolidate their operations by concentrating production at one or two locations and closing the remainder.

While the US and Japanese are taken as examples above, the list of countries affected is not limited to these two. For example, the impact of the Single European Market on countries like Korea, Hong Kong and Taiwan will be considerable. Europe imports vast amounts of textiles, clothing, electronic components and consumer goods from these countries. Tough anti-dumping laws could force companies from these countries to transfer production to Europe to avoid violating these provisions. New factories etc would increase employment in Europe.

Ireland - Opportunities and Threats
So where does this leave Ireland? Companies here will no longer have to concentrate on selling their products primarily in Ireland. Lifting the barriers

to trade in Europe will open up opportunities for Irish companies to export into a much larger market (100 times greater than the Irish market). If Irish producers avail of these opportunities and expand their operations, employment here will increase.

However, it has to be said, that companies from other European countries will now be free to sell their products in Ireland creating greater competition for Irish companies.

A further opportunity for Ireland lies in the area of attracting foreign companies to establish factories here to manufacture products to serve the European market. As mentioned earlier, many large companies in America, Japan and other countries must consider moving production to Europe in order to compete in the "new" Europe. Ireland has particular strengths and experience in attracting foreign companies to locate here. Ireland has a well-educated and productive young workforce, and offers the best tax and grant incentive package. This puts us in a strong position to secure foreign investment and create welcome employment for all our people.



A few tips on gardening; I am not an expert gardener. If you want to have a good crop of vegetables you cannot beat the farm yard manure. I don't fancy artificial manure but it is alright on the land. Now is the time to get your garden in order. If you have the garden all dug you can start it right away. Start at the top if there is nothing in your way. Put down your line and get your spade and dig a trench 11/2 ft. deep. Put down a layer of manure, before you shift your line put a peg each end of the trench and shift your line 2 feet. Then put the soil you take out of the second

trench and put it in the first trench. Carry on the same until you have enough to plant your vegetables. You can plant all sorts of cabbages in the ground you have ready and also peas and beans. Plant your potatoes and turnips in drills. I don't manure carrots or parsnips but if you have a bit of ground that was manured the year before give it a good deep digging and it will do. For the rest of the vegetables dig in the manure not too deeply. March is the time to prune back your rose trees and shrubs. For bush rose trees prune them back - the very strong ones to three eyes and the lighter ones to two eyes. If you have a green house or frame you can sow all sorts of seed for the garden. If you have a bed of cabbage plants that stood the winter you could chance a few rows now. Don't sow anything out as the weather is too cold and wet. Wait until the ground is dry.

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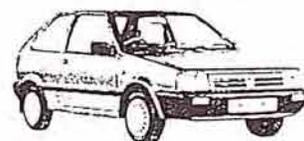
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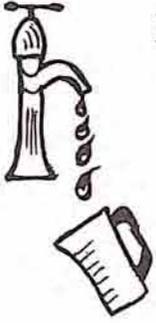
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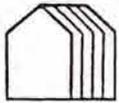
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CHRISTY MOORE IN MAYNOOTH COLLEGE

Anyone who was present in the Aula Maxima of Maynooth College on the night of Wednesday first of March should consider themselves highly privileged. Christy Moore isn't just one of this Country's greatest exponents of popular folk music. To my mind - and I'll admit to a bias, as I've long been a confirmed fan - he is the best and on the night in question he was at his best. Its just over sixteen years since I first saw Christy Moore on stage one Saturday night in January 1973 in the old, long since departed Hangar Ballroom in Salthill, Galway. Many of the audience in the Aula on the first of March weren't much size then but its one of Christy's strengths that he has attracted new young fans along the way to add to his older ones. I've seen and heard him in his various incarnations over the years, with Planxty and Moving Hearts and with different acoustic and electric combinations on his records but the Christy we saw the last night was the Christy I like best - alone with his guitar. Christy wouldn't claim to be any virtuoso. He 'boasted' on the Late Late Show some years ago that he knew

eight or nine chords. He mustn't have been in any humour to show off the other night because as far as I could make out, he only played six. But he showed that there is a hell of a lot more to being a great performer than knowing where to find C Sharp diminished seventh, or whatever, on the guitar. Christy sings and plays from the heart. The hands do just enough any more would be an intrusion.

The set which he played demonstrated the wide range of material of which Christy has command. The only problem is that he always has to leave out many great songs purely for reasons of time. In the public mind in recent times he is probably talking songs; 'Lisdoonvarna, Dilerium', themes etc. He produced these on the night plus a few other gems. This hilarious Rose of Tralee song brought the house down as did his mixture of tribute to and slagging of Bishop Casey of Galway. One of his greatest talents, however, is how he can suddenly change the mood of an audience, who one minute are in tears of laughter, by staring them into silence with a song like his angry lament to the tragic Ann Lovett of Gardard. The songs cover a wide range of topical issues; apartheid, emigration, Northern Ireland and, in a lighter vein,

the European Soccer finals (Joxer goes to Stuttgart) and many others and they are all sung with great conviction. Except for one by Jimmy McCarthy which I recognised I don't know which of the newer songs are from Christy's own pen but it doesn't really matter. Every song Christy sings becomes his own.

The set lasted about an hour and forty minutes and very little time was wasted talking. Such talk as there was consisted of the usual witty banter like his jibes at an obtrusive photographer of his comments on the temperature of the hall. I'm told his crack about it being the first time that he had to wear a jumper during a gig wasn't true. He had to do the same the last time he played the Aula. Can nothing be done about the heating?

Congratulations, also to the group from the college who opened the night. My none to keen ear thought there were some turning problems with the steel-stringed guitar but nevertheless they played a nice set. The girl whose name escapes me, is a fine singer. Finally many thanks to Cuallacht Cholmcille who promoted the gig and brought one of Kildare's favourite sons to perform in the county.

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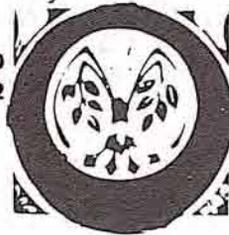


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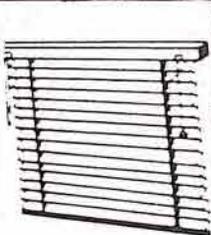
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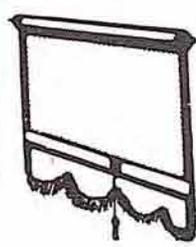
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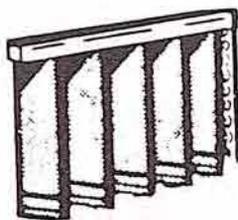
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TALKING

One of the more unusual and interesting shops on the street is Cillo Aquatics, which has been trading now for nearly five months from the premises in what was Finerty House on the Dublin Road. Cillo Aquatics can supply pets, pet-food and equipment, and caters for a need which is not easily met by other outlets in the vicinity. It is run by Bob Harte, who has extensive experience in the retail trade in England, but now commutes from his home in Kilcock to the shop where he can combine business with pleasure: keeping tropical fish is a hobby of his, and he sells a range of tanks and specimens - anything from a gold fish to a shark (a small one!).

Watching the colourful fish swim around is more relaxing than television, some people say - and cheaper. An 18" glass tank, with all the accessories necessary - hood, heater and thermostat, pump, filter, lighting and control unit, a net of food and gravel for the base comes to £80.05. And that in-

cludes fish to the value of £10.00 to get your collection started. The specimens in Bob's shop range in price from 50p to £14, and there are some sixty types to choose from.

As well as tropical fish, Cillo Aquatics can also provide coldwater and pond fish, and everything necessary to set up a garden pond. And low-voltage garden lighting, which is not only decorative, it also adds to home security at night.

A cheap idea for some wild life is to buy a bird feeder for the back garden, fill it with suitable food, and watch the flutter of tiny wings as they flock to eat.

The display of rabbits and guinea-pigs in the window, and the jerbils and terapins inside, make ideal pets for the caring youngster. And at the back of the shop, not readily seen by the customer, are the finches and budgerigars which Bob breeds.

Customers from Lucan to Mullingar have so far beaten a path to Bob's door, not to mention the passing school-children who call in to look at the fish and animals, and so get some practical experience of natural history in the friendly atmosphere of the shop.

Among the specialised equipment Bob can supply, along with the food mixes for rabbits, hamsters, etc, are the IATA approved pet carriers, which are required by airlines if you plan to travel with your animals. So go on, take puss to the Canaries this summer!

I don't know if it's anything we said, but a couple of months ago this column remarked on the slowness of the Express Checkout at Quinnsworth; recently, it's been good to note that there

are often two such checkouts on the go, and service at each is now quite rapid.

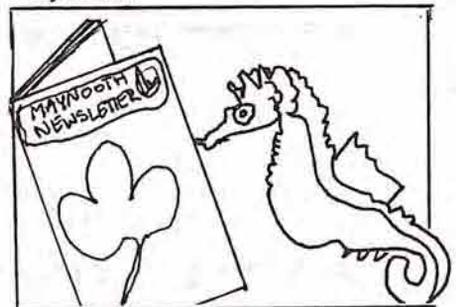
So, here is another niggler, why is the fresh meat at the butcher's counter always priced per pound, but weighed and sold in metric weights? I do get confused! But that said, the meat department is one of the better features of our local Quinnsworth.

Homepride, the hardware shop in the shopping centre, recently completed a refurbishment of their display. The whole rearrangement was done while continuing to trade, and they now offer a greater range of wallpapers, and a clearer display of hooks, nails, screws, etc.

The Country Shop now has a fine range of Stephen Pearce's pottery, semi-glazed, brown and white. Expensivish, but worth going in just to look at.

Welcome to the new 'Pound Shop' in Centrepoint Arcade, near the shoe shop.

And good news to end on: Paddy Ryan's Garage now has unleaded petrol at the pumps. Congratulations to him and Maxol on making this available in Maynooth.



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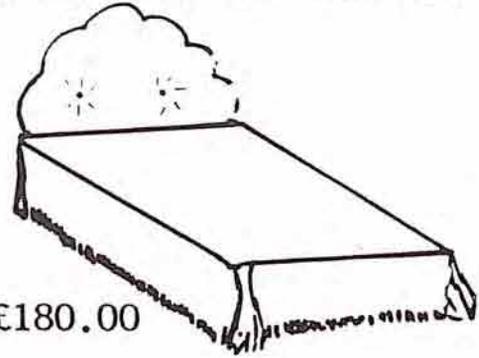
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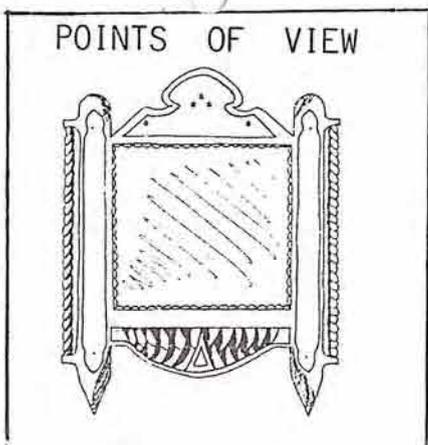
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UP THE SWANNY

I have been sitting here on this stretch of water for the past four years, being bombarded by everything from hailstones to brown bread, being peeked at, stared at, talked about and photographed and not once was I asked how I felt. Not as much as a "Would you prefer something other than an apple?" or "Do you really feel like paddling through concrete and bullrushes to get to the bank and taking a polite nibble for a potato crisp?" No. The presumptions made about myself and my partner are of a condescension which can only be termed 'almighty' and have led us to accept that humans will believe anything as long as its romantic to the point of nausea. Never, I repeat, never, have either I or my ancestors pined away and died after the death of a mate. What an utterly extraordinary notion! What in the name of Leda, do you take us for? Occasionally, if a cob (a male) loses its mate (a pen) early in the breeding season, he will sit upon the nest for a suitably respectable number of weeks before launching into a new relationship. Indeed, I have had occasion to do this myself - mourned for three and a half weeks and then met up with my partner, who for your information, has an enormous ring attached to her leg which loudly displays the appellation "2BX". I am known to the Irish Wildbird Conservancy (and to any human who cares to glance at my leg) as "IBS". We were unceremoniously ringed during an unfortunate lapse of awareness by the above organisation in order that they might keep an account of our movements. As the viewer from the bank, you are asked to report sighting the ringed number of any of our kindred (all of us are mute swans) to the IWC (01-804322).

In actual fact, we are rather grateful to the I.W.C., for despite the indignity of being forced to sport such an object

about the ankle, we find that the organisation protect us in as far as it is possible to do so. They campaign against the appalling scale of pollution in our environment and assist us when disaster strikes. A number of our friends were killed recently when 1,000 litres of oil 'escaped' into the canal near Dublin. The remainder were saved by the I.W.C. who removed the fatal substance from their feathers.

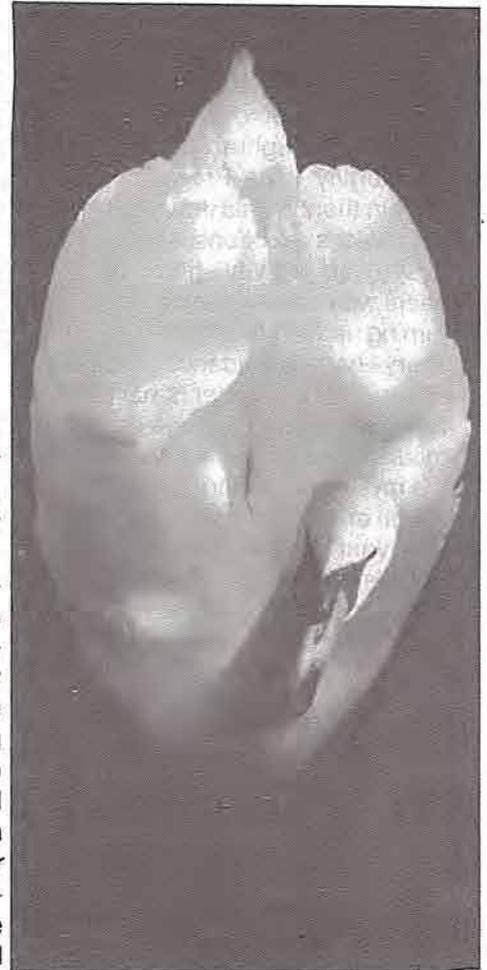
Now, how can humans allow this to happen?. How would you like it if we arose *en masse* and savagely flooded your sitting-rooms and kitchens with undiluted poison?.

We are also at the mercy of cables and high wires (which can kill us in flight) and from toxic residue from angler's lead weights. Where does this leave your romantic perceptions of our 'ideal' lives ?

Most of us do, in fact, mate for life, although we wait for at least three years before finding a partner. Our early years are spent with our own flock where in we eventually find our mates.

"2BX" and myself have had many children (cygnets) - often up to nine babies in any one season. Life is unbelievably tragic for our young as half usually die three months after hatching. At the moment we have no children living with us - the last couple migrated to Kilcock not four months ago. You will see only the pair of us here in Maynooth for the next few months as this is *our* territory. No other swans will be allowed near the place as we are in the process of building our new nest and preparing for the next family. And let me tell you all, if one of you as much as steps within a yard of our nest we will personally demolish you on the spot. We're not often aggressive, but during breeding season we become danger-

ous. You can't say you haven't been warned. In the meantime do pop by for a chat. We enjoy human - made environments and are partial to the odd bit of human made food. But for the sake of our sanity, would you ever bring along something more adventurous than plastic. Thank you.



Photograph taken whilst in one of my more sedate moments of introspection. (I am not a brooder by nature).

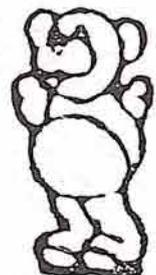
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STUDENTS UNION ELECTIONS

On Wednesday, March 15th the elections of President and Vice President of the Student's Union in St. Patrick's College took place. This year saw nine candidates go before the voters, five for President and four for Vice president. On Wednesday evening Pauline Maddigan from Limerick and John O'Sullivan from Listowel were deemed elected. They will take office on July 1st, replacing outgoing sabbatical officers Eric Gaughran (President) and Liz Murphy (Vice President) and will remain therein until June 30th 1990.

This year's elections saw a greater bustle of activity than in recent years, with more people than usual turning up to vote. Posters were everywhere in evidence - including a series of endorsements nailed to the trees outside the college gates. Rumours of 'unfair play' abounded due to the mysterious resurrection and distribution of one candidate's two year old, irrelevant and somewhat scurrilous literature.

One of the newly elected officers will have a seat on Maynooth Community Council, at present held by Eric

Gaughran, which represents the 2,300 strong student community in the town. The President and Vice president also represent the student body at college administration level and a considerable amount of their time is spent attending the various meetings of the even more varied college committees. Their other responsibilities include the maintenance and management of the Student's Union businesses (bar, shop etc.); the provision of welfare information and facilities for students and the orchestration of the ongoing campaign for greater public accessibility to third level education.

The incumbent sabbatical officers have stated "that it is our policy to strive for improved and satisfactory relations between the student body and the local residents, and for greater involvement in the affairs of one group by the other. Having met informally with members of Maynooth Community, John and I feel it is essential that we do our utmost to break down the existing barrier between students and the residents of Maynooth. The members in question were extremely co-operative and we hope this relationship shall continue."

BOYS NATIONAL SCHOOL

Last November the pupils of Maynooth Boy's National School were involved in a Readathon to raise funds for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland. The total amount raised was £1,084.84. I would like to congratulate all the children involved on their fantastic effort. Well Done! You can be sure that through your reading you have helped people with Multiple Sclerosis to have a better life and the hope of a cure. Unfortunately we did not win one of the big prizes, but we shall be receiving some books and certificates and because of our outstanding effort, a special certificate for the school personally signed by Roald Dahl. I would like to thank parents and teachers for their support and encouragement and sponsors for their generosity. The children enjoyed participating in the Readathon and hopefully the love of books which was germinated will continue to blossom.

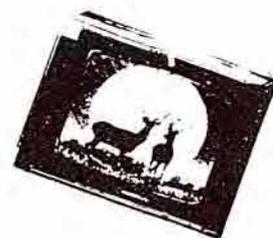
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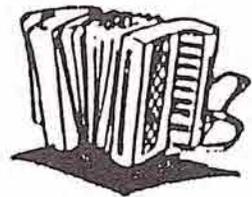
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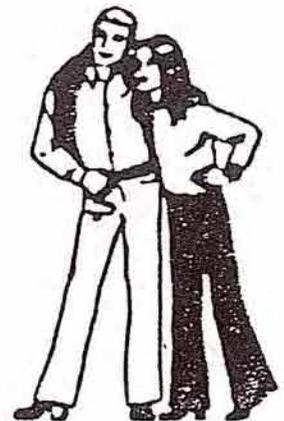
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 5 Chicken Wings
 3 Chicken Breasts
 2 Pork Chops
 1 Lamb Chop
 1lb Liver
 1 Teaspoon custard powder, curry powder, bread soda,
 1 large bottle Pepsi Cola (must be Pepsi not Coke Cola or cheapies).
 Put all the meat in a large casserole dish. Add in the pepsicola and leave for two days. Blend together the Custard, Curry and Bread Soda with half pint vinegar, pour over meat and cook for 6 hours in a very hot oven.

Jelly Surprise

1 Raspberry Jelly, 1 Lemon Jelly
 1lb cooked potatoes
 1 onion, roughly chopped,
 1 turnip
 1 cauliflower

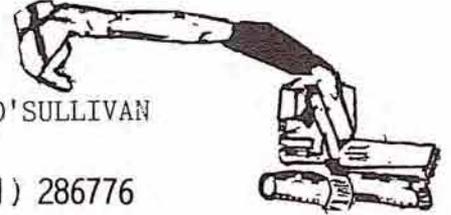
Make the jellies as directed. Pour over the potatoes. Add the onions and turnip. When jelly is set decorate with cauliflower. Serve with Ice Cream and chopped parsley.



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munity Council Office by the 30th April in a clean and repaired condition. We would like to welcome a new member to our existing committee - Ann Kinsella, 30 College Green. The following are the dates for our area finals:

13th May - Art - Post Primary
14th May - Swimming Stewarts
18th May - Gymnastics - Parish Hall
21st May - Athletics G.A.A. Field

and to County Finals dates are:

27th May - Variety - Newbridge
11th June - Art - Curragh
17th June - Swimming - Athy
18th June - Gymnastics - Leixlip
24-25th June - Athletics - Crookstown

All these dates at the moment are subject to availability of premises. We will have confirmation of all dates in next edition of the Newsletter and times of all events. Watch out for posters advertising team events.

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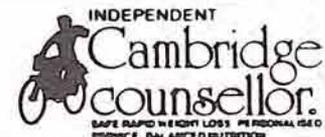
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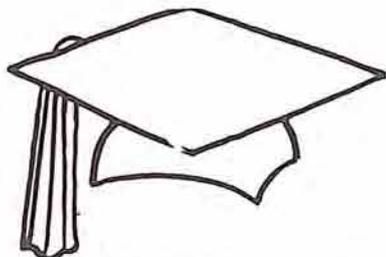
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COLLEGE NEWS

Ambitious Expansion Proposals for College

Maynooth College has been allotted a central role in the future development of the Midlands-East Region in a major report produced by a firm of planning consultants. This region consists of all of the Leinster counties except Dublin, Kilkenny, Carlow and Wexford, and is one of seven regions into which the country has been divided for the purpose of administering the increased flow of structural funds to Ireland over the next five years. These additional funds are designed to strengthen the Irish economy in advance of the coming into operation of the Single European Market after 1992.

The report, prepared by CAAS Environmental Services Ltd., in association with Jonathan Blackwell and Associates, places particular emphasis on the potential of knowledge-based industries, located in environmentally-pleasant surroundings, as a basis for future economic growth. Maynooth College, as the only university in the region, and with a location which is both central to the region and adjacent to Dublin (where high-quality transport, communications and other services are available), is considered as having a particular role to play in attracting such industries to the region. To quote the report:

"... there is a university at Maynooth. This represents a particular opportunity for the region in so far as it is the

only university in the State outside a large urban settlement, and as such will, if developed, prove attractive to industry in terms of campus linkages with leading edge technology operations. There is a proposal for the expansion of the technology specialisms of the University, and the development of a science park in this prime location for knowledge-based activity".

In its list of proposed projects for the part of the region within the Dublin hinterland, the report gives top priority to a Science and Technology Research, Development and Training Centre at Maynooth College, costing £8 millions, of which £5M is earmarked for the period 1989-91. The report also provides for a Science Building and Science Park in the College at a total of £20M, of which £12M is due to be spent by 1991. Other projects recommended for the College include a Business Studies Finance and Marketing Centre (costing £1M), a Regional Sports Centre (£3m) and an Ecclesiastical Museum (£100,000).

It is not possible to say for definite that any or all of these projects will come to fruition. The report in question was prepared for the county managers in the region, and forms their submission to the Regional Working Group which is preparing an overall development programme for the region. This Working Group has representatives from various organisations within the region, working under the direction of the Department of Finance. The Group's final report will be co-ordinated with similar reports from the other six regions, from which an overall national plan for the disbursement of structural funding will emerge. However, given that greatly increased funding will be available and given the particular stress placed on the development of Maynooth College in the present report, one remains hopeful that big things may yet be in store for the College.

Intervarsities

This is the time of year when most of the sporting and other competitions between the Irish universities (popularly known as "intervarsities") take place. Maynooth this year acted as hosts for the basketball competition, and had the satisfaction of taking the Shield competition (for first round losers). The hurlers gained entry to the Fitzgibbon Cup proper for the first time in many years, and gave a good account of themselves, being edged out eventually by Waterford RTC by a mere two points.

The Gaelic footballers have been among the College's most likely intervarsity contenders in recent years, but never seemed able to realise their potential when it really mattered. This year, again, they were edged out by UCD in a qualifying game which they could have won. The camogie team, by contrast, emerged from a period in the doldrums to qualify for the league final in which, unfortunately, they were beaten by a strong Queen's side playing at home in Belfast.

Perhaps the most notable performance by Maynooth College in this year's intervarsities was pulled off by the student Geographical Society. This year the Society hosted the Irish Student Geographical Congress, in which the main feature is the competition for the Edward Fahy Memorial Trophy, awarded for the best academic paper delivered at the Congress. This year, Maynooth took the first two places in this competition. First place went to Alan Kehoe, of Portlaoise, for his paper on "The Glaciation of the Slieve Blooms". In second place was Pat McKenna, of Summerhill, who spoke on "Irish Migration to the Argentine". Both Alan and Pat are Third Year Arts Students. Heartiest congratulations to them both.

SYMPATHY

Kevin McNamara, Castle Stores on death of his brother in Dromod, Co. Leitrim.

Sister, sister-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives of Mary Alice Maguire, Mill Street.

Sons, daughters, brothers, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, relatives of Thomas Larkin, Kilcloon.

Wife, sons, daughter, brothers, sisters, daughters-in-law, son-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives of Sean Byrne, Drumcondra formerly Rail Park.

Daughters, sons, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren, relatives of Bridie Brady, St. Brigids, Kilcock Road.

Sean Buckley (Staff), St. Patrick's College, death of his Father in America.

Sisters, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives of Gerard Cruise, Maynooth, late of Straffan.

ALICE MOORE R.I.P.

The family of the late Alice Moore, Reeves, Straffan, and Mount Thunder, Confey, Leixlip, wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement. Those who attended the removal, Mass and Funeral, all who sent Mass cards,

floral tributes and letters of sympathy. A special word of thanks to Fr. Michael Fitzgerald, Fr. Peter O'Reilly, Fr. John McKee, Dr. Desmond Kelly, the staff and all her many friends at the Rye Vale Nursing Home, Leixlip. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of the late Catherine (Kate) Walsh, Moneycooley wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement. Those who sent floral tributes, mass cards, serephic cards, letters of sympathy, those who called to the house, attended removal of remains mass and funeral. A special word of thanks to our good and kind neighbours and friends who helped in many ways. Thanks also to Fr. Supple, Fr. Cogan and Fr. Thynne and to doctors and nursing staff of St. James Hospital. Trusting this will be accepted by all as an expression of our gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the mass has been offered for the intentions of all.

The Husband and Family of the late Mary Smyth (Dundrum D.16) wish to thank most sincerely, those who sympathised with them on their recent sad bereavement, those who attended the removal of remains, Mass and Funeral, those who sent Mass cards and floral tributes. A special thanks to all our neighbours and friends who were very helpful. As a token of our appreciation the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

WEDDING

Congratulations to Mary O'Riordan, The Bungalow, Greenfield, and Kieran McCourt, Coneyboro, Celbridge who were married in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth, March 3rd.

SILVER WEDDING

Congratulations to Kevin and Rose Comerford, Greenfield who celebrated there 25th Wedding Anniversary, March 5th. Party to celebrate the happy event held in their home was attended by family and friends.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Birthday Greetings to:-

Ashley Thompson, Summerhill, (April 2nd)
 Gerry Thompson, Fernslock (April 4th)
 Julia Donovan, Greenfield (April 5th)
 Joan Coughlan, Woodgreen, London, formerly of Maynooth (April 5th)
 Patrick Judge, Edenderry, Aged 6 (April 6th)
 Paud Thompson, Summerhill (April 11th)
 Stacey McGovern, Greenfield, Aged 6 (April 13th)
 Jackie Coughlan, Laragh April 19th
 Bridget Thompson, Fernslock, (April 22nd)
 Tom Collins, Woodgreen, London (April 24th)
 Sean Tracey (Sen.) Greenfield (April 24th)
 Siobhain Tracey, Greenfield (April 30th)

Happy 6th Birthday to Stacey McGovern, Greenfield, April 13th with love and best wishes from Nannie, Una & Uncle Kevin.

Belated Birthday Wishes to Jason O'Keeffe, Enfield who celebrated his 13th Birthday, on March 5th from Una McGovern & family in Greenfield, Maynooth, also to James Coughlan, Laragh, March 2nd.

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Birthday Greetings to Catherine (Kitty) Dunne, Celbridge Road, Maynooth

Congratulations on your 90th Birthday from all your family. Also Caroline Dunne, Greenfield, on her 19th birthday.

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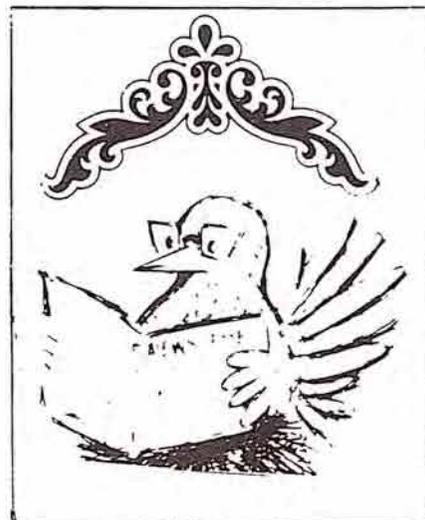
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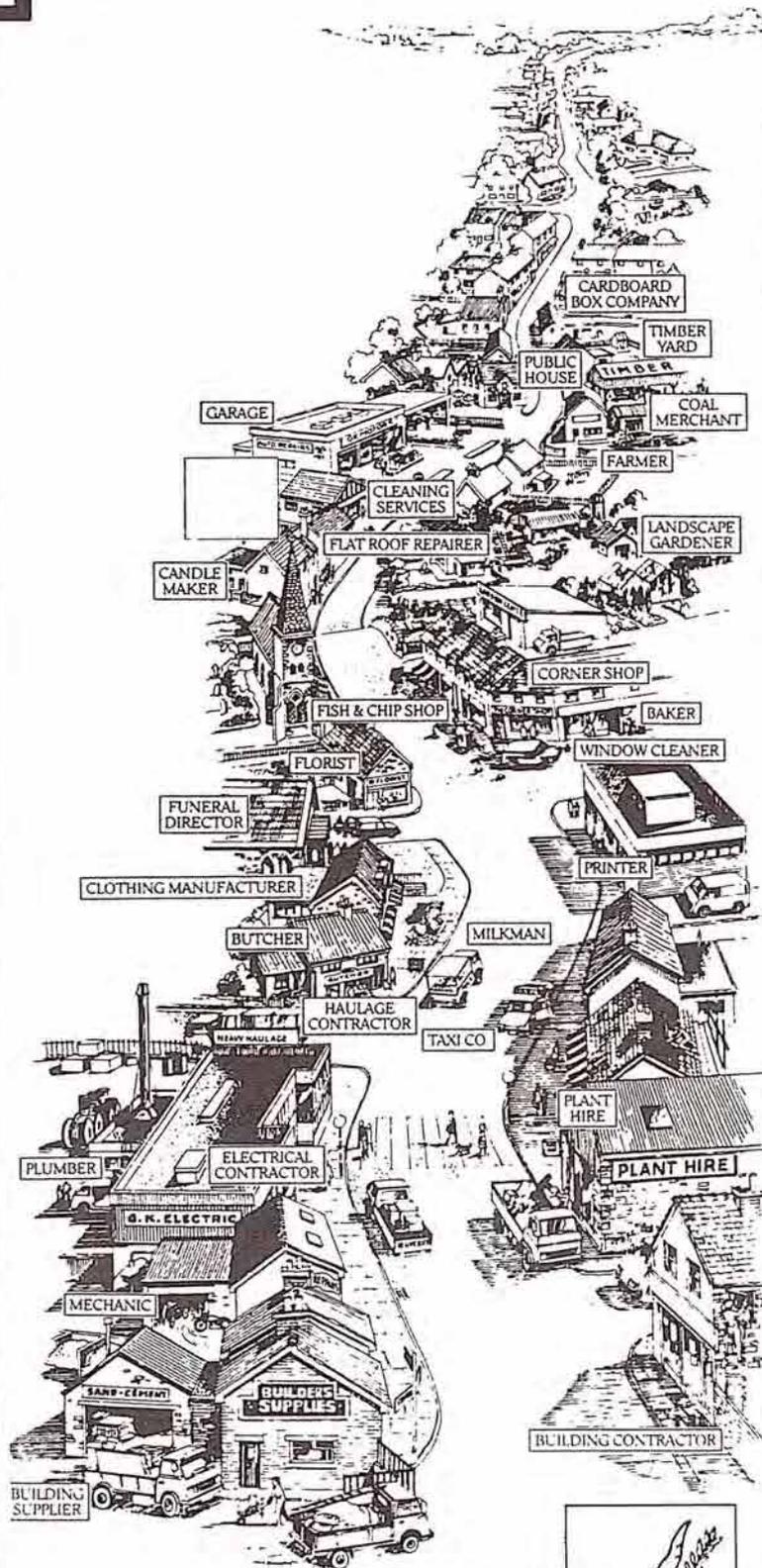
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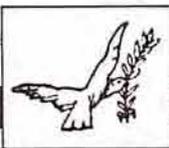
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