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

### NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS

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

### The Community Council

The Community Council held its Annual General Meeting in January. A report of the meeting can be read elsewhere in this issue. However, the Newsletter would like to remind readers of the importance of this manifestation of local democracy in our midst. Pending the establishment of a Town Commission, and subsequently, an Urban District Council, this is the only body which adequately represent the interests of the people of Maynooth, in its dealings with all levels of bureaucracy.

To date, the level of achievement has been quite impressive. The Council has been the instigator of a number of projects which have brought employment to a significant number of local residents. One can point to such events as the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and Community week, as evidence of the Council's role in bringing people together. The Newsletter has developed into a substantial medium of communication, thanks to the work of the Social Employment Scheme workers.

There is a lot more that can be done, of course. While the large attendance at the AGM could take pride in another year of existence, the overall emphasis at the meeting was on the prospects for survival beyond the next few years. It has not proved possible to persuade residents of some areas to provide a representative on the Council. There is a feeling that there is a lack of interest in the Community Council, both in what it is doing, and in its great potential. This will need to be tackled in the forthcoming months. The Newsletter will do its part in enlarging the profile of the Council in Maynooth. But, it is up to the people of Maynooth to play their part in supporting the activities of the Council. And this doesn't mean merely putting their hands in their pockets to help raise the five thousand pounds needed to maintain the Social Employment Scheme. There are many ways in which people can contribute; by becoming involved in some of the activities - for example, by joining the Newsletter Committee.

The first Community Council in Maynooth died away, largely due to lack of interest, leaving behind as a legacy, the Newsletter. The Newsletter would prefer not to see the demise of the second community council - so

people of Maynooth, support local democracy, and support your local Community Council.

### Participation in Education

It may surprise readers to realize that Kildare school leavers have a smaller chance of entering higher education than pupils leaving school in County Leitrim. A survey of school leavers carried out for the Higher Education Authority in 1986, shows that 24% of school leavers from Kildare went on to third level, compared with 34% from Leitrim. Despite the small proportion, this still represents an increase on 1980, when just 16% of Kildare leaving certificate students continued their education. Despite the fact that we have a University in the County, just over a third of Kildare students attend University, while over one half attend vocational and technical institutions. And parents may be interested in knowing that over half of third level students obtained a grant - mostly through the European Social Fund. What this means is that a considerable proportion of our young people do not continue their education - perhaps an outcome of the lack of suitable third level vocational/technical facilities in the county. Perhaps it's time for a more concerted campaign to expand the level of educational provision in the Kildare region.

### Lottery Funds

The identity of the winner of the quarter of a million prize in the Christmas Eve lotto must be the best kept secret of all time. Many candidates have been subjected to scrutiny of their Christmas holiday destination, where their spouses came from, the ages of their children, and the licence number of their cars. Nevertheless, despite the fact that one lucky individual in North Kildare has received largesse from the National Lottery, this doesn't mean that North Kildare in general is in any way satisfied with the way in which lottery funds have been disbursed. While golf courses and other deserving causes all around the country have benefitted to a lesser or greater extent from the Windfalls of the Lottery, North Kildare has received nothing. There are a number of organisations and individuals who would benefit from a grant from the Lottery, not the least of which would be the Community Council, which could



make considerable headway towards its goals, with the help of a few thousand pounds. Regrettably, it appears that the absence of a government minister in the Kildare constituency may have something to do with this stinginess.



## MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

The fifth A.G.M. of Maynooth Community Council took place on Monday 9th January at 8 p.m. The Secretary reported on the activities of the council over the past year.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT Office and Administration

In the last year the following people have worked in the office, Kathy Robson, Janet Nolan, Debbie O'Rourke, Louise Boyce on Teamwork. Since January on the Social Employment Scheme we have had Christina Sauls, Jarleth Finn, Imelda Guiney, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Anthony Morgan, Mairead Murphy, Michael Begley, Willie Kilduff, Michael Joyce, Carolann Reaper, Maurice Fitzgerald, Geraldine Hayden, Maura Craddock and Marita Thompson, under the supervision of Norah McDermott. We would like to thank all those who have worked in the office for the past year, and for their dedication and the extra times they worked on a voluntary basis for the smooth running of the office. Some of the work carried out during the year by the workers were as follows: The issuing of the Newsletter each month, The Old Maynooth Exhibition, The Maynooth Trade Fair and some work on the Maynooth Directory which will be reprinted during 1989.

### Sports Complex / Swimming Pool

Ongoing talks are still taking place on a sports complex and swimming pool.

### Community Information Centre

This centre still operates in the Library despite the fact that last year it looked like all centres would close down. It is thriving well under the direction of Frances Daly as organiser with Norah McDermott as Deputy organiser and

some new volunteers have been recruited for the coming year.

### Maynooth Enterprise Group

This group are still meeting under the direction of Eilish Murray. The ultimate aim of the group is to provide employment in the Maynooth area and for this we need a dedicated band of committed people to carry this through. We also need expertise in all areas to carry out the aims of the Enterprise Group.

### Community Council Meetings

Meetings were held every month except in July. Once again the ongoing problem of resignations and replacements have been with us for the past year and we still have areas who are not represented by community councillors.

Representations were made by the Secretary on the following issues during the year:- Piped T.V., Sports Complex, Social Employment Scheme, Halting Site, Laraghbryan Cemetery, General state of Maynooth and Kildare County Council, Transport, Problems between Students and Residents, Bypass and "The Thing". The Piped T.V. has been successfully taken over by a new company - Maynooth Relays. We have two new bus services, i.e. 67A and the extension of the 66. The Halting Site has been completed and is now fully occupied. Kildare County Council placed 6 Social Employment Scheme workers in the Maynooth area.

We also had a visit from Mr. Eamon Rapple, Regional Director of FAS during the year, we learned from this visit that Maynooth is one of the model areas for the successful running of Social Employment Schemes. We also organised and ran the following events during the year, Battle of the Bands, Fiddlers Green in the Roost, Flag Day, American Tea Party, 60's Night, Hank Halfhead in Hitchin Post, Trade Fair, Douai Boys Choir and Old Maynooth Exhibition in July and Jan. '89.

## SUB-COMMITTEES

### Communications

On completion of the Old Maynooth Exhibition in July this committee was disbanded. The Editorial Board for the Newsletter is a direct sub-committee of Community Council. We would like to thank Jarleth Finn for all his work while on the Scheme and particularly his work and co-operation since he finished in May.

### Newsletter

The Newsletter is going from strength to strength with an increase in sales and advertising. It was decided to increase the price to 40p from February '89. We would like to thank all the office staff for their dedication and hard work during the year also for working late and on Saturdays to ensure that the Newsletter got to print on time. Our thanks also to the Editorial Board for their continued work for the Newsletter.

### Social & Recreational Board

Once again our thanks to this committee and John McGinley for the organising of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Community Week and erection of the Christmas trees. We would also like to thank the Chamber of Commerce for placing lights on the trees along the streets. We are delighted to welcome John McGinley back as Vice-Chairman of this committee.

### Tidy Towns Committee

Congratulations to Tidy Towns Committee on their efforts to make Maynooth a tidier place. This committee meets every Thursday to do a clean up of the area. Their task is made much harder by the fact that people are not responsible in keeping Maynooth tidy. This committee are planning an Anti-Litter week in 1989. Thanks also to this committee for running the Inter-Tidy Estates competition and best shop front.

### Youth Affairs

Once again a small hard working committee who take on and run the Community Games in Maynooth each year. We would like to thank all those who helped in any way to make the games successful and congratulations to our 11 gold medal winners in the County finals and 26 silver and bronze winners. Our thanks also to the Community Council for their donation of £400 to send the gold medal winners to Mosney. We would hope that in 1989 we will get better co-operation from collectors for our fundraising week, so as to ensure that we will have enough monies to support the games right through to the National Finals.

### General

We would like to thank all Community Council Members for their support, co-operation and dedication for 1988 and look forward to an even a better year in 1989. We have helped in no small way



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with the problem of unemployment in Maynooth. At least 8 people that passed through the office this year have now secured full-time employment. We look forward to a successful year ahead with 6 people working on the Social Employment Scheme and five working on a teamwork scheme. This concludes my report for 1988.

Norah McDermott  
Secretary.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer expressed concern that funding during the year was not very successful and that the financial position is far from healthy.

### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Quite an amount of work has been achieved during the year, despite recent impressions that all the energies of the Council has been directed towards fundraising. I wish to thank the following: the Executive for their hard work and support, all the Council sub-committees, local traders for support during events organised, the Editorial Board, St. Patrick's College and John Saults, Maynooth Office Supplies and Eileen Fitzpatrick, Joe Wall and the Cardinal Press, Tom Flanagan and Larry O'Brien.

My grateful thanks to the office staff who have worked long hours, above and beyond the necessary. They have tolerated me and my demands with patience. Every single worker has worked more than the hours outlined by the Schemes. The numbers who have passed through the office may seem long, but this is due to their having obtained permanent employment. I would also like to thank Des Murray of FAS for his help, advice and co-operation during the year.

A new Social Employment Scheme and a Teamwork Scheme began in January. This ensures the continuity of the Newsletter, the updating of the Directory and other projects such as providing history of Maynooth suitable for tourism and a short version for schools based on the research carried out last year in conjunction with the Old Maynooth Exhibition. The Teamwork Scheme is designed to provide Open Access Community Arts for the children and teenagers of Maynooth.

I would like to thank the members of the Council who have supported me and the Executive during the year. It has been a difficult year for everyone

and many people have become disillusioned. But it is necessary to fund raise and to continue the schemes and keep the office open.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairperson: Muireann Ni Bhrolchain  
Vice-Chairperson: Peter Connell  
Secretary: John MacGinley  
Treasurer: Dominic Nyland  
P.R.O.: Mary Simon

Congratulations to John McGinley on his re-election to the position as Secretary.

There was a lengthy discussion on the financial situation.

A handbill of the Community Council is to be drawn up and distributed to the housing estates in the town. The Daisy Pat Lottery will take place on St. Patrick's Day in the G.A.A. field. Lines will be sold at £1 each. So watch out for your local councillor and try to win £300.

Mary Simon P.R.O.

Your Community Council (and its sub-committees) is responsible for the publication of the Maynooth Newsletter, the Maynooth Directory, Community Week, St. Patrick's Day Parade, erection of the Christmas trees, Community Games, Tidy Towns committee and various recreational activities. Any complaints or community problems may be brought to the attention of your local councillor.

The Harbour field and the playground beside it are not the responsibility of the Council. Any group wishing to use the field must take out Public Liability Insurance.

### SWIMMING POOL

**The following is the position regarding the Swimming Pool for Maynooth Project.**

Basically there are two possibilities. The first was set out in a Newsletter several months ago i.e. a pool attached to the Post Primary School with a free site would cost approximately £350,000. The finance for which would have to be raised locally. A survey on the viability of a pool costing and use etc., seemed to indicate that if a pool were built it would be supported and be self financing. While an application for

funding from the National Lottery was made it would be foolish to rely on it. In which case it would take 1700 people paying £200 each or 850 people paying £400 each and this proposition will be put to the residents of Maynooth by the Community Council in the next month or so. The issue is a simple one. Do you want a Swimming Pool for Maynooth - YES/NO.

Would you be prepared to pledge a total of £200, £300 or £400 over a maximum period of two years by lump sum or monthly instalments. Such a questionnaire will be put to you and your reply should be returned to your local Community Council representative. When the arithmetic is done if it adds to £340,000 then a pool is a distinct possibility, if not then this project is dead. Before anybody asks, the money collected some years ago for a pool is intact and will be handed over if the pool project gets off the ground. This assurance was given by the Development Association at a meeting last Summer, indeed the Development Association also agreed to contribute £100 towards the cost of the above mentioned survey for which, many thanks.

The second option involves the College, Community Council and Maynooth Post-primary School. This is a much more grandiose scheme in so far as it proposes a Regional Sports Complex which would include gymnasium, pool and other ancillary sports facilities. The College has already agreed to donate the site free of charge. There would be some funds available from the college students funds, there would have to be local contribution and of course the money already collected. However, the bulk of the finance would be from the National Lottery. The project would cost about 2 1/2 million and without National Lottery funding the project is a non-starter. The whole project would be located on the Kilcock Road and is at the moment before the Minister for his consideration. A meeting was requested with the submission of the project but there has been no reply to date. Being realistic about both possibilities the basic fact is if the people of Maynooth and District want a Swimming Pool then the likelihood is they will have to pay for it. You will be asked therefore to return your pledge of financial support as if there was no other source of finance or option.

### The Maynooth Annual Diary

To all groups, associations and organisations etc., who organise events in



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

## Letters...Letters.



Dear Editor,

As invited by Bernard Durkan T.D. in your December issue I wish to reply to some contradictions and omissions in his letter which he penned in response to my criticisms of his published views that residents who withhold local charges are responsible for redundancies in Kildare County Council and for its financial crisis. I pointed out the factual reality that K.D.D.'s underfunding is as a direct result of successive Governments' refusal to hand over to the county taxes collected from its citizens by means of P.A.Y.E. and VAT.

Mr. Durkan highlights that he voted against K.C.C.'s 1988 and 1989 Estimates but neglects to remind us that he voted for them whilst Fine Gael were in Government. I certainly welcome his voting against Estimates which include local charges especially as he cites for

one of his reasons "insufficient funds to pay for services". I take it this means lack of funds from Government as the alternative would mean increased local or business rates which he states to be too high. Is this not a contradiction of his previous view that residents of Kildare were to blame for our problems by withholding payments of local charges.

More surprisingly Mr. Durkan accuses me of making allegations of hypocrisy and malice against him personally. This is not so. I took issue with him in his capacity as a public and political representative on the basis of his policy statements. The last paragraph in my December letter refers to the scandalously low levels of tax returns from the private sector in Irish society. This sector enjoys generous grants, tax

breaks, subsidies, etc., and overall tax returns show that P.A.Y.E. workers pay over 80% of the tax take. Indeed large farmers backed up by expensive financial advisers only paid £42ml. in 1988 the same as in 1983. By contrast the P.A.Y.E. sector paid £2,197ml. last year with the average worker seeing his tax bill increase from £1,900 in 1983 to over £3,000 in 1988. But on all of this Mr. Durkan is silent, choosing instead to be personally affronted. Why be so defensive?

Lastly, I wish to refute Mr. Durkan's charge that I or the party of which I am a member - the Labour Party, deal in personal attacks. We consistently deal with political issues and make no apology for promoting our socialist policies of greater tax equity, wealth re-distribution and social ownership.

Yours sincerely,  
Peter Holland

Dear Editor,

I wish to inform you, and all other relevant parties about a meeting that took place in Maynooth College before Christmas. This meeting was in connection with the behaviour of a small amount of students in the last and other terms. Present at the meeting were representatives from Cluain Aobhinn and Beaufield Resident's Associations, the students union and Professor Smyth, Vice-President of the college. After a very frank and informative meeting, the following was agreed:

1. The college and the Students Union wish to have the problem solved in

order to clear the name and reputation of the college and the vast amount of decent students, that have had such a large input into the community to date.

2. The Resident's Associations wish to have normal life returned to the people who have invested large amounts of money and time in their homes, not to be held under seige every time students have a party.

In order to solve the above the following was agreed if a student or number of students are causing unnecessary disturbance the name and address of the said students should be reported in writing to the Student's Union. If the same happens again with the same

students or at the same address the matter should be reported directly to Professor Smyth who will interview the students concerned.

These measure are to be taken for the good of both the community and students, who are large contributors to the business life of the town.

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Thanking you,  
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### KINGSBRY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

#### Christmas Party

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### GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Your Committee hope you all had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year. With all the festivities and very little going on, we are delighted to announce the forthcoming Supper Dance. The date to keep available in your diary (or for the yuppies your Filofax) is the 18th February. The venue is the same as last year - Ned

Slevin's. The time 9.30 p.m. - 1.30 a.m. All those who attended last years event will remember the lovely food, the many spot prizes and the great fun had by all. The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has been temporarily delayed due to the age of the last canvass. Your local representative will be around to you shortly to get you to sign the appropriate forms. We hope the response will be as good as the last time if not better as we have all become more conscious of security. **It may be of interest to you to know that some insurance companies give a reduction on house insurance if you are in a Neighbourhood Watch area.** That should be an extra incentive if one were needed!

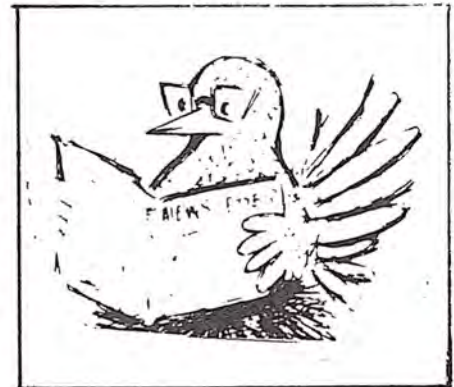
We are now certain that the Greenfield Shopping "Complex" is to be up for auction in the near future. A number of the shop units have been purchased and some of the others are covered by the planning permission for the snooker hall. We are hoping perhaps to interest a community orientated body in its purchase.

More news as soon as it is available. Could the person or persons who have

been dumping household refuse near the shops please STOP. It is most unfair to everybody else, and particularly to the generous people who have repeatedly cleaned it up, when the bin-men leave it and the dogs and crows have a go at it. Further action on this may be taken if our appeals fail to gain a response.

The A.G.M. is to be held in early March and you will be notified of the actual date and the venue as soon as it is settled. We look forward to seeing you all, or as many as possible at both the A.G.M. and the Supper Dance.

Carmel Hogan, P.R.O.



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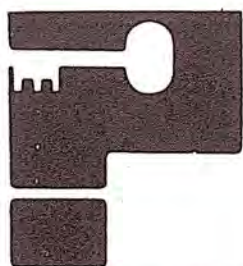
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**Q.** Last week at the sales I bought a dress. While I did try it on I couldn't see it properly with the crowds. When I got home I didn't think it suited me. The shop had a sign up saying that there was no exchange on sales items. I read in the papers that this is illegal. If I bring the dress back can I demand my money back?

**A.** It is illegal for any store not to give a refund. However, you are only entitled to a refund under certain circumstances.

**Under the Sale of Goods & Supply of Services Act 1980**, goods should be

- (i) of merchantable quality
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- (iii) they should be as described

The only complaint you have is that the item didn't suit you. So, you wouldn't be entitled to a refund on those grounds. You could approach the store and see if they would agree to exchange the dress for something else. They are not obliged to do this but they might in the interest of good public relations. A satisfied customer is more likely to return again.

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The management would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers who give their time and energy so selflessly throughout the year to help make the Centre the success it has been.

Remember this is a Community Centre and our facilities are open to all so feel free to drop in and look around. The staff will be pleased to answer any enquiries you may have about any of the items on the programme, and to advise you of the best way to get involved with your choice of Leisure Activity.

### NEW EXTENSION

We are pleased to announce the commencement of our new extension to the existing centre at the Hitching Post side of the centre. The extension will consist of 6 new dressing rooms for

the many outdoor activities including Soccer, Athletics, Gaelic and Rugby. This will take the pressure off the existing rooms which were designed basically for our many indoor activities and Tennis club activities.

Also included will be a new Centre Entrance and Foyer, Committee/Office Room and Coffee Dock area. A glass wall/viewing area into the main hall is also planned. This will be at ground level. All in all the benefits to all our clubs, groups, members and participants will be enormous, both indoor and outdoor.

### P. Conway Cup Soccer

The annual 5-A-Side Blitz '88 was held over the xmas and again was a great success.

Eventual winners were "Shooting Stars" from Usher Celtic and Neillstown who beat Lucan side "Dancers" 3-1.

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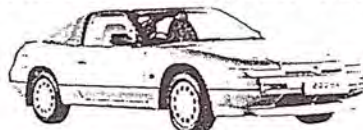
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The A.G.M. took place on Tuesday 13th, December in the Community Council offices. The Chairman thanked all those involved in fundraising during the year. There is still a lot of work to do in the Harbour area which is to be opened officially in the Summer.

We have been accepted by FAS and the new scheme will begin in February '89. He also thanked the Community Council for all their help during the year and that we would not have been so successful without this support.

## Election of the Committee

The following are the members of the Committee: Matt Kennedy, Norah and Philip McDermott, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Declan O'Connor, Brian Horn, Hugh Sullivan, Don Foley and Muireann Ni Bhrolchain.

Our grateful thanks to the **Lions Club** for their kind donation from the Egg and Spoon race on New Years Day. We were extremely disappointed with the response to the 600 handbills which were delivered to the houses in the Maynooth area asking for new Committee members.

It will soon be time for the Canal Queen to be selected for 1989, so look out for information in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Muireann Ni Bhrolchain  
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As usual the Royal Canal Amenity Group (Maynooth Branch), join with the Boys National School to present this trade spectacular which, judging from last years show, will be well worth a visit.

The success of the Spring Fair has been based on a committee policy of widespread and effective advertising. To date this has included nationwide adverts, an appearance on 'Live at 3' in 1987 and 1988 while Radio 2 broadcasted live from the Spring Fair in 1988. The wine competition will again take place so Home Brew enthusiasts be prepared. A free stamp, coin and medal valuation service will be available. It is also hoped to have an antique expert. Many other attractions have still to be finished so watch out for next months issue for further details. This years Trade Fair is being co-ordinated by R.C.A.G. Chairman, **Matt Kennedy** and all correspondence should be sent to him at **83 Maynooth Park, Maynooth. Tel: (01) 286463.**

Traders should note that stand fees are being maintained at the same low level for the third year running so early booking is advisable. A poster competition is being organised in the school with good prizes to be won and it is envisaged that the winning entry will be show on R.T.E.'s 'Live at 3'. All in all if this years endeavour is the success it was last year then it will be well worth a visit.

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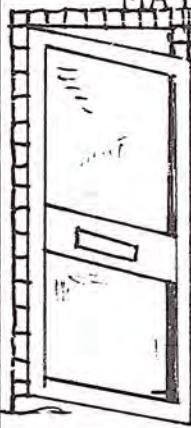
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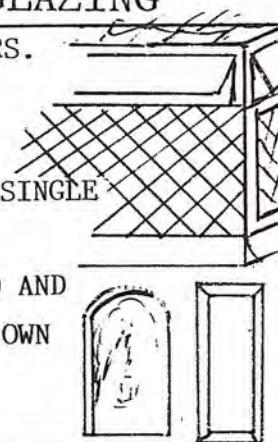
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# POLITICAL PARTY NOTES

## LABOUR PARTY NOTES



### Successful Campaign

The fruits of a sustained campaign by the Labour Party in Maynooth have, literally come to light in the last few weeks. Residents will have noticed that the County Council have switched on all public lighting since the beginning of the New Year. This reverses a so-called economy measure supported by Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and Progressive Democrats councillors, where by one third of public lighting was switched off in 1987. Labour councillors Stagg, Purcell and Coleman opposed this ludicrous cut back at County Council level and throughout 1988 and Party organised a public petition in Maynooth and throughout the county demanding that the lights be switched back on. The Party's campaign and the tremendous public support it received has resulted in the Council backing down.

The Branch is pursuing the issue of local charges and proper funding of Local Authorities in the same view. With public support this issue too can be won.

### Travellers Settlement Committee

The Branch would like to congratulate the Maynooth Traveller Settlement Committee on the valuable work it is doing in promoting the interests of travelling families. Several members of the Branch are active members of the committee reflecting their concern that there should be mutual understanding between travellers and the settled community and that travellers should be able to avail of basic amenities for living which most of us take for granted.

### Labour Party Draw

Congratulations to Anne Hegarty of Carton Court who won £4,000 in recent national Labour Party Draw. Other winners from Maynooth included Ted Connolly, Imelda Dowling and Michelle Bergin all of whom won weekends in a Ryan Hotel. The Branch would like to thank all those who supported the Draw.

### Best Wishes

Best Wishes to Mrs Annie Connolly of 351 Greenfield who celebrates her 91st birthday on February 1st. Annie, who is currently a resident of Larchfield Nursing Home, is a long time supporter of the Labour Party. Congratulations, Annie and many happy returns.

### "INDEPENDENTS"

Jim Bardon and John Colgan, Town Commissioners for Leixlip.

In response to a request from the Kildare County Manager, Mr. J.G. Ward, Mr. Jim Bardon and Mr. John Colgan, Leixlip Town Commissioners have submitted the following program for inclusion in the Midland East Regional Plan, now being drawn up to avail of its share of the E.C.'s £4 billion program.

1. Upgrading of existing Dublin Maynooth Rail Link:-  
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Introduce "from the cab" control of level crossings.

Introduce battery powered DART trains. Increase frequency of commuter service.

2. Upgrade existing B roadlinks between the National Primary Routes. Leixlip to Derry Road, via Blanchardstown - Finglas, to Belfast Road and Leixlip to Naas Road.

3. Extend Natural Gas grid to Leixlip and Maynooth thereby serving; - Leixlip, I.D.A. site at Collinstown, Carton House, Maynooth town and Maynooth College and possibly existing stud farms.

4. Investigate Geothermal Heat Sources and establish pilot District Heating Scheme using existing Spa's at Leixlip and Lucan as sources.

5. Develop Weston Airport for Tourism/Corporate/Leisure business.

6. Establish a hi-tech Regional Tourist Agency to provide a Regional Booking and Information Service drawing on

our digital telephone exchanges.

7. Establish a Business orientated Private or Joint Venture Third Level College to Serve Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge and Lucan.

Mr. Bardon and Mr. Colgan were elected to the newly formed Leixlip Town Commission as Community Candidates standing on behalf of the Combined Residents Associations of Leixlip. Mr. Bardon was subsequently elected the first Chairman of Leixlip Town Commission.

J. Colgan has proposed a resolution from Leixlip Town Commission to increase the number of Councillors from five to six in the Celbridge Area and reduce the number in the Kildare area. A Letter to this effect is going to the Minister.

Further information may be had from John Colgan 244631.



## WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

### DENTAL SERVICE

In this issue, we focus on the totally inadequate public dental service provided for insured workers and medical card holders.

The Department of Social Welfare, under the Treatment Benefit Scheme, operates a panel of dentists who treat insured workers. Currently there are about 750 dentists on this panel. However, when the Department sought to extend this scheme to include the spouses of insured workers, most of the dentists - anxious to preserve their more lucrative private practices - refused to co-operate, so that a second panel of only 170 dentists have been created for this aspect of the scheme. There are only five dentists on this panel for all of County Kildare. The fact that so few dentists are participating means that most eligible spouses will have to change dentists in order to avail of the scheme. Since many of those affected will have built up a



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degree of trust and confidence in other dentists over the years, they will be reluctant to change, especially if the participating dentists are hard to get to. As a result, many people will continue to pay for services to which they are entitled free of charge.

To make matters worse, the Department of Social Welfare, in order to finance the extension of the scheme, had extended the number of contributions needed in order to qualify (from 26 to 39) and had also reduced the range of treatments covered by the scheme. Because of the low take-up of the extended scheme, the Department has actually made savings as a result. Meanwhile, the position of medical card holders continues to get worse. These are entitled to free treatment at Health Board clinics, but an inadequate supply of dentists has led to growing waiting lists, especially for specialist treatment. In a Dail reply on December 6, last, the leader of the Workers' Party Proinsias de Rossa, was told that the numbers waiting for treatment in the various districts of Kildare were as follows: Naas (1,600), Newbridge 9880), Athy (720), Kildare Town (780), leixlip (340), Maynooth (185), Kilcock (75). This comes to an incredible total

of 4,580 people awaiting treatment in the county.

The worst situation of all arises with respect to the orthodontist service. At the moment, the Eastern Health Board does not directly employ a single orthodontist. A visiting specialist attends at Naas for one day a week: the current waiting list for this service is 1 1/2 years. Those who need more complex "fixed appliance" treatment are referred to a special clinic in Crumlin Health Centre for the waiting list is four years. The shortage of public health orthodontists is directly linked to the fact that no training is provided within Ireland, plus the lucrative income which can be gained from private practice. Currently, an orthodontist in private practice can expect to make between £80,000 and £100,000 a year, which will hardly come as a surprise to parents who have had a stump up typical bills of £1,000 for treatment. Many families of moderate income have had to raise loans for this purpose, while most medical card holders simply have to go without.

Most recently, the Department of Health has sought to introduce a dental service for medical card holders similar to the choice of doctor scheme, whereby those seeking treatment would attend

a private dentist instead of a health clinic, with the dentist in question being paid a fee by the health board. Predictably, however, the dentists association have refused to co-operate with this scheme. Once again, question of financial gain have been placed before the nation's health.

The current crisis in the VHI underlines the urgent need for a complete overhaul of the country's health service. It is appalling in this day and age that in a country as well off as Ireland, over a million people live in constant fear of getting sick, because they cannot afford treatment. A free comprehensive and high-quality health service for all is well within this country's compass, but will require a radical restructuring of administration, training and remuneration with respect to the health professions.



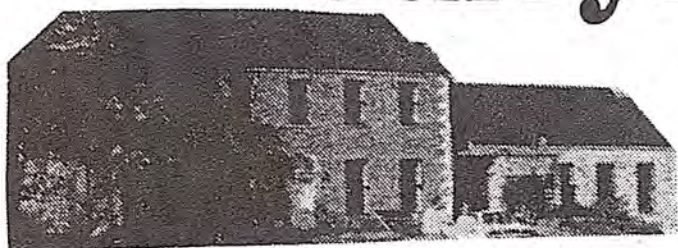
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The Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade is organised by the Social and Recreational sub-committee to the Maynooth Community Council. Despite the fact that last years parade was bigger than the one held in Cork, the committees are hoping to have an even bigger participation this year. Businesses, voluntary organisations, bands and marchers from neighbouring towns of Leixlip, Celbridge, Kilcock and Clane would also be very welcome participants. Indeed the committee would welcome entries from elsewhere in Kildare as well as in surrounding counties.

Entries should be submitted to the Community Council Offices before the 17th, February. Ring **Christina Saults** at 285922 in the Community Council Office if you want further information. The entrance fee for commercial participants is £25 and for all others £5. The running costs for the parade are now £900 (insurance, trophies, prize money etc.).

The Organisation of National Ex-Servicemen will again be marching with 100 Ex-Congo vetrans, some of whom were in the Niamba ambush. The first time that they marched in public was the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade of 1987.

The committee are delighted that they have again agreed to participate.

Efforts are also being made to have the regular army participate, with armoured cars, if possible. It is probably wishful thinking that they would agree to demolish 'The Thing' in the square after the parade is over.

The backbone of our parade is of course the businesses and clubs of Maynooth who have supported us by participating and by financial assistance over the years. A special word of thanks must go to the bands that take part each year namely:-

**The Narraghmore Pipe Band**  
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**Rita O'Reilly Accordeon Band**  
**Panache (Barretts of Maynooth)**

The Social and Recreational Committee would not be able to organise the event without the support of the many Maynooth people who make their expertise available to the committee. And here a special word of thanks is due to Willie Kiernan who has provided us, free of charge, with the public address system for the duration of the parade.

John McGinley  
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The A.G.M. was held on January 10th and the following officers were elected.

Chairperson: Imelda Delaney  
Secretary: Rose Bean  
Treasurer: Catherine Mulready

A reminder that social mornings are held each Tuesday and Thursday in the I.C.A. Hall (10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.). Everyone over 60 is very welcome. On Tuesdays we have cards and crafts (items made last year raised £185 at the Christmas fair). On Thursdays there is a bingo session and on both mornings lots of tea and chat. The Valentine's Party will be held at the S.M.A. Hall on Sunday, 12th February at 4 p.m. It will be preceded by Mass at 3.30 p.m.

### ESSAY COMPETITION JOINT WINNERS LITERARY SECTION

#### The Parish Mission

The Parish Mission or annual retreat, was a great occasion some years back. It was announced a fortnight in advance. We looked forward to it very much in those days. May was the usual month. The church bell rang out on the evening air. The faithful could be seen making their way nearly a half-an-hour before devotions would commence in order to secure a seat.

The Rosary was recited, then a hymn in honour of Our Lady. The choir and congregation raised their voices in "Hail, Queen of Heaven" or some of those lovely hymns not so often heard now. Then the missionary appeared. He gave a full outline of the week's devotions and plenty of encouragement for us to attend.

Then came the sermon. Away back in the thirties I so well remember a Redemptorist Father. His invitation was the sacred quotation "Come, come unto me, all ye who labour and are burdened and I will refresh you". All through the week as his voice rang out on the deadly sins and occasions thereof that invitation was there to give hope and encouragement to all. Each evening the church was crowded with men, women, boys and girls. Devotions

each evening at eight o'clock. After the sermon the hymn "God of Mercy and Compassion", or "Jesus, my God, behold at length the time" was sung with great fervour. Then Benediction all in beautiful latin - Osalutaris, the Divine praises (in English) Tantum Ergo. As the Blessed Sacrament was raised in Benediction it was a most solemn, soul-raising moment. As the priest led us in the Divine Praises it was really like being in communication with the Divine Presence. The "Adoremus, Laudate, and Adoremus" again. How beautiful it all was! The final hymn was sung then. "Holy God we praise Thy name", or "To Jesus Heart All Burning" or maybe "Faith of Our Fathers". Anyway some of these lovely hymns. The Mission mass was at seven a.m., followed by a short instruction. Again there was a large attendance. Confessions were not heard on the Monday in order to give us time to examine our consciences. For the rest of the week they were heard daily - morning, mid-day and evening. There used to be blessing of pious objects purchased at the stalls - pictures, statues, medals, rosaries and prayer books, also scapulars. Of course, there was enrolling the the Brown Scapular, and the Sacred Heart Sodality.

The closing on Sunday was something to remain with us long after the mission had passed. It was most edifying. The lovely farewell sermon, the renewal of Baptism vows, with lighted candles and the fervour with which "Faith of our Father" was sung at the end must surely have rained blessings down on our parish. Of course the highlight of the closure for the missionaries was our Brass and Reed band out to pay their tribute. I remember a missionary saying "When we go back we'll tell them we had the band out". In those days, of the old Maynooth, people were not afraid to raise their voices in the hymns.

Of course different Orders came through the years. There were those who preached very vehemently. The reaction of one old man was to say he would not go any more. When I asked why he said, "Didn't he say Hell won't be full till we're all in it? The Passionist Fathers gave us a lovely retreat one year - Father Austin and Father Gerard. They really made it easy for anyone who had lapsed to come back. I remember coming up from the seven o'clock Mass which the missionary, Father Austin, I think, said on the

Over the Christmas period hampers and coal were distributed to the elderly of the town and we would like to thank all those whose generosity throughout the year made this possible. The most recent donation was from the girls of the 6th class in the Convent who held a sale in the school - thank you very much. We are also very grateful to Mr. Tom Geraghty who gave vouchers amounting to £100 which were given to the old people living in the Greenfield area. The elderly who are in hospital were visited by committee members, they are all in good spirits.

The Christmas dinner, given by Mr. & Mrs. Peter O'Brien was held on January 8th. More than 150 old people from Maynooth and Kilclone enjoyed an outstanding evening. We would like to thank Mr. O'Brien for providing such a fantastic meal, his family and employees for working so very hard, and Mr. Tom Ashe and his family for allowing us to use the Post Primary School and for helping with the preparations.

Our thanks are also sent to all who gave so willingly of their time and talents to provide such excellent entertainment at this function and throughout the year. Particularly we would like to thank 2 committee members Kevin McGovern and Josie Moore who have given the back bone to the entertainment for a number of years. Other commitments will prevent Kevin from continuing - at least for the present and he will be sorely missed.

Best wishes to Ruth Morrissey who is going forward in the over 55's Entertainer of the Year Competition organised by RTE/Lions Club.

The essay competition run during Active Age Week was a great success with over 20 entries. Mr. C. Dockery of the Post Primary School very kindly suggested the titles and judged the competition. He felt that the standard was so high that it was necessary to divide the entries into 2 sections - literary and non literary and a selection will be printed in the Newsletter, starting this month with those of D. Clifton, G. Coyne and B. Sauls. Do look out for them and also a full list of prize winners. Congratulations to everyone who submitted an essay.

### LITERARY

1. Brigid Sauls  
Dympna Clifton
2. Kathleen Canavan
3. Eileen Fingleton



Monday (the day of his departure). He had asked as many as possible to come to it, as he was saying it for the parishioners. There was a large attendance. On the way home a man said "we're fairly good now if we could keep that way". I said 'Didn't he tell you the weapon to use - prayer?' He replied "I don't know then, the owl boy is fairly strong, too". I was a young teenager then. The world was a lovely place. There was a great feeling of fraternity between the people of the parish then. I could write reams on those days. So many of those dear people have gone to their reward. May they rest in peace.

Brigid Sauls

#### THE EMERGENCY

"Go on", they said. "Go on, write something about The Emergency." My friends, God bless them, are like that. They are all well endowed with a fine sense of humour, at least that's what I attribute to their bubbling enthusiasm. It cannot be that they trust me to chronicle the events of almost half a century ago when they are forever coming to the rescue in my quest for lost objects put away safely only yesterday. They have long since ceased to drop hints and have taken to giving me useful gadgets like whistling key rings and pretty reminder note pads for each room. They diligently search my pockets and bags when we leave the house together and make no bones about their horror of having to call the fire brigade to get re-entry. Their anxiety and gifts are deeply appreciated. The key ring is especially useful except that it plays up unmercifully from time to time. It refuses to activate in a real emergency and thinks it's a cuckoo when I am listening to my favourite symphony and has to be evicted.

"No matter" they said. "Sit down and write something short, sweet and simple." They had the 'simple' bit in mind when they asked me in the first place!

Well, at first I thought of hot-footing to the library with one of my reminder pads for a quick scan through the shelves; a few jottings from this and that and who knows, I could put paid to nostalgia and instead come up with the entire history of WW2 re-written. That is, until I remembered a thing called plagiarism and that there are folks around who can smell it a mile off, so I had second thoughts and settled for

honesty and a search for memories that are fading fast.

The Emergency for me coincided with youthful pastimes and activities. Looking back, I probably spent the whole of it gazing into the mirror wondering why I wasn't born with Ingrid Bergman's beautiful face, Betty Grable's long snappy legs, Ginger Rogers's dancing feet and Deanna Durbin's mellifluous tones. Nor could I reason why the boy friends didn't measure up to the Robert Taylor look-alikes, all immaculately uniformed and Brylcreamed on the covers of PICTURE POST FILM WEEKLY etc., magazines many decades out of circulation.

The Wireless - it was never called Radio then - played an important part in our lives, no so much for its news content and Lord Haw Haw but for the 'sounds'. Glen Miller, Benny Goodman, Victor Sylvester, all had their special tempo and could send us into raptures about spacious ballrooms with shining floors and handsome partners. Reality, however, had a nasty habit of catching up with us and would find us preparing for our own version of all this glamour which took place at the Leinster Hall, Maynooth, now a shopping emporium. It was a Mecca for the youth of the surrounding village as much as the locals, and the Sunday night 'hop' would become our Ballroom of Romance. Many a romance blossomed but, like all important arrangements, weddings were postponed until after The Emergency. We would hear and dance to our favourite ditties, solidly from nine to three. We had our Hot House Flowers too but they were reserved for the houses of the famous and we had Sting but that usually meant a quick retreat from a bed of nettles. Our parents had to eke out the food, guard the Ration Books and cultivate friends in the 'know'. An extra ounce of tea could make the difference between having a cuppa or going without until next week's ration. It was frequently eked out by adding grated roasted carrot or fresh hawthorn leaves, dried and ground and added to the meagre ration. There were few brand names, everything came in plain packets. We had no choice but for all that our food tasted good. Even the black flour was wholesome; it had none of the nutrients removed.

Money? We had little or none of it. However, we were young and consumerism hadn't yet arrived so our expectations were modest.

Work was as scarce as it is today.

Those who had jobs were indeed fortunate because there were few, if any, handouts from any source.

All imports ceased: that forced us into self-sufficiency and a pretty good job we made of it too. The shortage of fuel restricted motorists to a few professionals like doctors etc. The pony and trap came into its own and the bike was invaluable.

If you did not cut your own turf you relied on the turfman's visits in his horse and cart, the wheels for which were all beautifully made locally. They must have had an outer rim of metal for you could hear them coming in the stillness of the morning long before they reached the village. The coalman, "Rashers" Fulham, would deliver bags of coal when available. We had a branch of the LDF to look after security; we attended their functions and applauded their duties. The regular army had a HQ in Carton for a time.

All mail from abroad was censored and little coded messages from relatives and friends experiencing the real horrors were frequently spotted by the Censors and duly erased.

Like the summers of long ago we are inclined to remember the good parts. Many people, however, suffered gravely through death and destruction, practically on our doorstep. The people of Dublin will have many sad memories of The Emergency.

By the time it had all ended we had begun to enter a more sophisticated - or so we thought - period and gradually the Ration Book became less important. Though we had not been so severely rationed as some countries, we did have dire shortages. Fresh fruit was restricted to what we produced at home, so, it was strictly seasonal. Imagine the excitement of children seeing and tasting a banana for the first time! News of consignments being off-loaded spread fast and so imported fruit and vegetables remained in the luxury class for a long time.

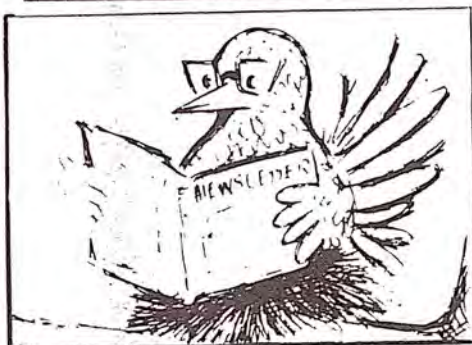
"Nylon" was a new word and when it appeared in stocking form - and very short supply - we thought it was nothing short of miraculous, especially after years of no stockings and painted legs.

Maybe it is just as well that memories dim, otherwise the promise of something short and simple could become lengthy and complicated. My friends, straightforward one and all, could well accuse me of 'awandering' so, never let it be said . . . . .



**WINNER: NON LITERARY**  
**Gerry Coyne,**  
**Dillons Row, Maynooth.**

I started to work when I was about 12 years old the first job I got was carrying water from the pump in the square to my neighbours. I used to be looking forward to getting a lovely round of bread and jam every day of a slice of currant cake. I would get 2 shillings at the end of the week from them, my mother would get the best part of it. I would get 6 pence for myself. I then got a small job in Dawsons delivering papers and cleaning windows. I got 4/6 a week from there. We got our holidays from school, and we cut thissels in Carton until we went back to school. We got 12/6 a week and in our spare time we used to kill rabbits, you could not beat a cup of rabbit soup. We used to go down to the College gate at 6 o'clock in the morning to carry a bag for the students we might fish out 1/6 or 2 shillings if you were lucky. My first permanent job was in Robinsons of Crinstown. I then went to work for the Parist Priest Rev. Fr. Killeen for about a year and 6 months. From there I went to Mr. Blake Kelly of Moygaddy. From there I went to Mr. Phil Brady, Clock House. When I got married I worked for the Post Office laying cables from Leixlip to Maynooth. On Thursday 26th November, 1947. On the 2nd of January, 1948, I went to Mrs. Coonan on Monday 6th March 1949. I then went to Mrs Kavanagh for 3 days a week I also worked for Shawn Weafer when I was in Coonans three days a week. On May 5th 1952 went back to Kavanaghs constant - May 11th 1953 retired from work after 29 years 7/8/1978. I was always very happy at my work thank God. I was never idle, and I do feel sorry for all the men and women that are idle. I am getting tired out now, will come to a close. I do hope you will be able to make out my bad spelling and writing as I was never much of a scholar wishing you the best of luck in your competition.



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### Rice and Lamb Hotpot

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1 celery heart chopped  
15oz can of tomatoes  
Salt and pepper  
2 teaspoons sugar  
2oz long grained rice  
2oz sultanas  
4 large or 8 small lamb chops  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
Celery salt

Put half the onions, celery and half well drained tin of tomatoes in a large casserole. Add a little salt, pepper and half the sugar. Sprinkle half the rice over the vegetables then add half the sultanas. Place the chops over this layer. Top the chops with the remainder of the vegetables. Season lightly. Blend the lemon juice, a little celery salt and pepper with the tomato juice and enough water to make up half a pint. Pour over casserole. Cover casserole and bake in centre of oven at 150/300 F or Gas 4 for 2 hours.

### Topping

4oz soft breadcrumbs  
2oz Cheddar cheese  
2oz butter or margarine  
Mix the topping ingredients together. Sprinkle over casserole. Do not cover. Return to oven with temperature raised to 180/350 or Gas 4 for a further 30 mins.

### Pot Roast of Beef

2lb topside brisket of beef  
1oz fat  
2-3 fat bacon rashers, (derinded and chopped)  
8 medium potatoes  
8 medium onions  
8 medium carrots  
Beef stock or water  
Salt and pepper

In a large deep pan, heat the fat with the bacon rinds, add the beef and turn over a low heat until well browned. Remove the meat and bacon rinds. Add the meat, it should be supported by a bed of vegetables and should not be covered by liquid. Put the lid on the pan, bring to the boil, and cook for 40 to 50 minutes. Check on the amount of liquid once or twice. Serve the meat with the vegetables and thicken the water for gravy.

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### MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

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Mary Horn - Secretary - 286467  
Catherine Mulready - Treasurer - 286596

Delmea Walsh - Ass. Treasurer - 286420

Norah McDermott - P.R.O. - 285922  
or any committee member.

We wish to thank all those who contributed in any way to the great success of our recent Sale of Work. Our busy committee are already planning the Programme of Events for the summer. Registration Day will be Wednesday, 5th July and the Project will run from Monday 10th July to Thursday 3rd August. The event calendar will include a camping weekend, swimming outings, trips to the bowling alley, visit to Malahide Castle, trip to Donadea and the Curragh plus many more events. More news in future Edition of the Newsletter. Norah McDermott P.R.O.

### CLUB BRU BOSCO

First of all a happy new year to all our members, their families and their friends. By way of enlightenment, the following are the current leaders in our club: Johnny Dowling, John Gates, Brenda Gormally, Joe Merciea, John McGarry, Joe McGuigan, Fiona O'Connor, John O'Connor, Ellie O'Dwyer, Brian O'Malley, Jeo Portelli, Dennis Reidy, John Read, May Daly and her "band of workers" are in charge of the crafts, while John O'Connor is in charge of Drama and Variety and Brian O'Malley in charge of Quiz teams.

On 16th December last we had our Christmas celebration which commenced with a lovely Mass during which the members participated thus giving it more meaning for them. Our sincere thanks to Fr. Florrie McCarthy S.D.B. who was the celebrant. Following the Mass we had our party - I'm always amazed at the amount of 'food' young people consume especially the sweets etc.

We are now starting to practice for our C.Y.C. Rising Stars entry - which is a new Musical written by John O'Connor especially for us. John hopes to do at least as well as last time when we took three major awards. If 'you' are under

18 and enjoy taking part in group work and enjoy drama, singing, or dancing, then come down and join our merry gang. New members (and leaders) are always made to feel at home as any of our members can tell you.

Bye for now.

### MAYNOOTH FLOWER CLUB

The Chairperson Eileen Burns wishes all the members and friends a happy and prosperous New Year and hopes to see all at the demonstrations and outings in 1989. The new programme is out from the new season. Please note that the meetings and days are changed, the new venue is:

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Clonsilla	d	07.19	08.07	08.29	09.27	10.09			17.22	19.14			
Ashtown	d	07.28	08.16	08.38	09.36	10.18			17.31	19.23			
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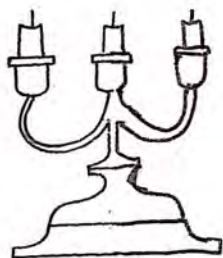
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### 8-12 Years

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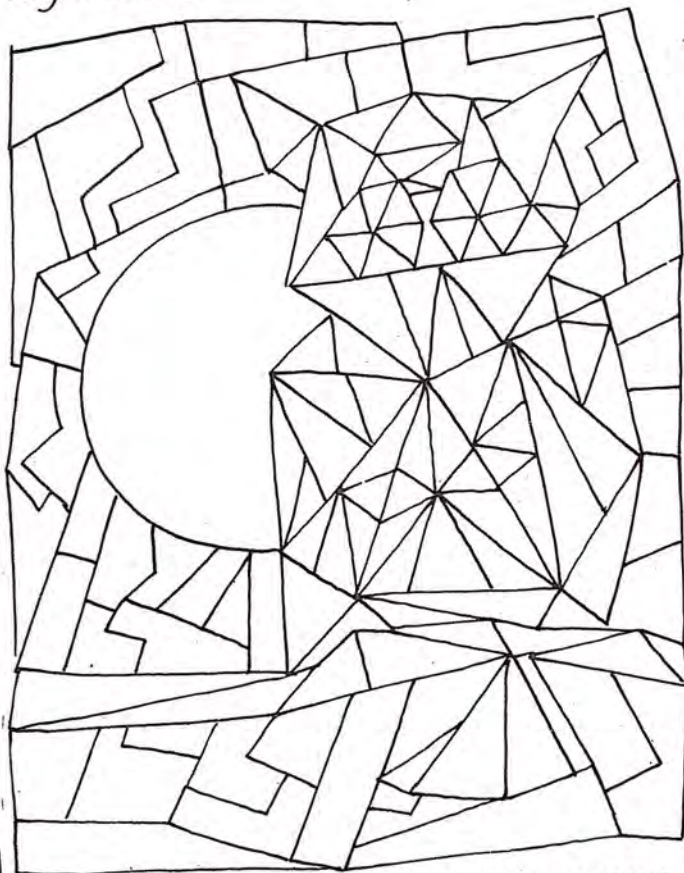
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3rd: Joanne Cunningham,  
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## The Scarecrow



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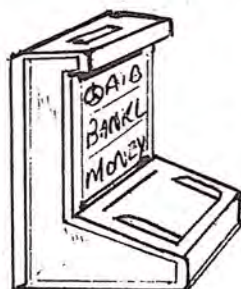


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### YOUNG SCIENTIST EXHIBITION

Among the hundreds of entries at the recent Aer Lingus Young Scientists Exhibition held at the RDS in Dublin was a project from Maynooth Post-Primary School. The project dealt with the extinguishing of traditional public rights of way in County Kildare, and was put together by two 14 year old second year pupils, Ciara Egan of Enfield, and Maria McMyler of Taghadoe. Maria is daughter of well known local figures, Maisie and Tom McMyler.

The girls' interest in the project was initially stimulated by local historian, John Walsh of Timahoe. They got further help from another local historian, Dick Cross of Allen and from the Land Registry Office, which supplied maps. Most traditional rights of way allowed the public through private land for various purposes such as to provide short cuts, access to wells, or access to land which otherwise is cut off from public thoroughfares. With increased use of motor cars and piped water, rural people have had less need to use such rights of way, and the ensuing indifference and neglect have given landown-

ers the opportunity to close off many of them. In their project, Ciara and Maria have several maps showing examples of such rights of way which have been closed off. One such rights of way was a "mass path" used for processions to the church at Allen (near Kilmeague) from nearby Drumsna. A collage of photographs illustrates this old pathway, most of which is now overgrown. Not all attempts to close off rights of way have been successful, however, and the project gives accounts of court cases brought before Naas Circuit Court and the High Court in Dublin by people objecting to closures. In both cases, these objections were upheld. Maria and Ciara feel that, although rural dwellers may no longer need to use these rights of way, they could prove of great usefulness to urban dwellers who are increasingly inclined to go for leisure walks in the countryside.

In England, rights of way are publicly signposted. The project concluded that there was a need for more public awareness about the dangers of rights of way being extinguished, and more vigilance to prevent this happening.

### MUSIC IN THE COLLEGE

Lunchtime Concerts all at 1.15 - 2.00 p.m., Education Hall, Old Campus.

Mon. 13th Feb. The Boys of the Schola Canorum, Mullingar, directed by Shane Brennan.

Mon. 20th Feb. Kenneth Rice, violin; John O'Keeffe, piano; Marlene Hauttmann-Voight, mezzo soprano; Anton Voight (Concert presented in association with the Austrian Embassy).

Mon. 6th Mar. UCD Chamber Choir, director Seamus Brett

Mon. 13th Mar. College Traditional Irish Musicians

Mon. 20th Mar. Brahms Clarinet Trio: Michael Seaver, Clarinet; Niall O'Loughlin, Cello; Reamonn Keary, Piano.

#### Other Events

Tues. 31st Jan. RTE Invitation Concert, at the National Concert Hall for the Staff and Students of Maynooth and UCD.

Sun. 12th Mar. 8 p.m. "Creation" by Josef Haydn. A performance by the College Choral Society, Sinfonietta, and soloists, Mary Hegarty, Emmanuel Lawlor, and Nigel Williams.



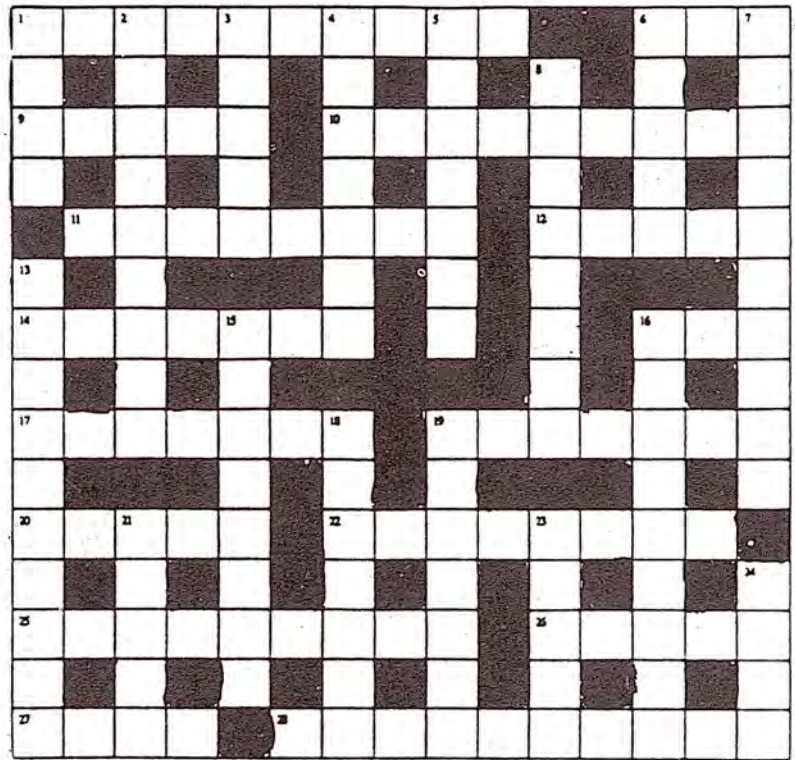
## CROSSWORD CLUES

### ACROSS

1. An upset lift grazed local historic family (10).
6. Diamonds are this gal's best pal (3).
9. 'E confuses her in a lane (5).
10. Become corrupted, like the kind of love in the song (2,7).
11. Tiles around the tub help make the foreign film clear (8).
12. At last, I see not, but it concerns invigorating sounds (5).
14. Nag ciro, about bodily matters (7).
16. The princess couldn't sleep on this (3).
17. Her tags confuse the assembly of things, such as rosebuds (7).
19. Sounds like I showed my age, but my lover made the appointment(5,2).
20. Jump over the strongroom (5).
22. Looks like time speeds up, but you go hungry at the same time (4,4).
25. Just north of the US border, I see me before ten, and I'm up to date (3,6).
26. This person may rue by making purchases (5).
27. He was a big hit with the girls; he can still swirl the waters (4).
28. Navel nites give a hint of love usually from guess who (10).

### DOWN

1. In short, Father Edward might recall the Flintstones (4).
2. Get a sprout at last in the annual programme of expenditure (3,6).
3. The US soldier is jolly green (5).
4. Roll on first, body odour, and a facial twitch - it's all quite mechanical (7).
5. Did the Rye almost toll? Well it did for someone in Maynooth to the tune of quarter of a million (7).
6. Language of lovers? (5).
7. Where romances end and lifelong partnerships begin, between many a chap and a girl in Maynooth (10).
8. Put Sid off, by putting the cart before the tee (8).
13. Desire a meeting place for romantic walks in Maynooth (4,6).
15. To me, a lack of appreciation is seen (2,6).
16. He keeps us going on the Straffan Road (5,4).
18. In short, the clerical assistant has to be fair to do well in this faraway place (1,6).
19. Sid, turn around and model, that's the way to part with what you have (7).
21. Sounds like you went, but haven't reached the altar yet (5).
23. In short, Deborah comes out initially at a backwards trade union (5).
24. It's a sore thing, when he strikes, but lovers don't mind (4).

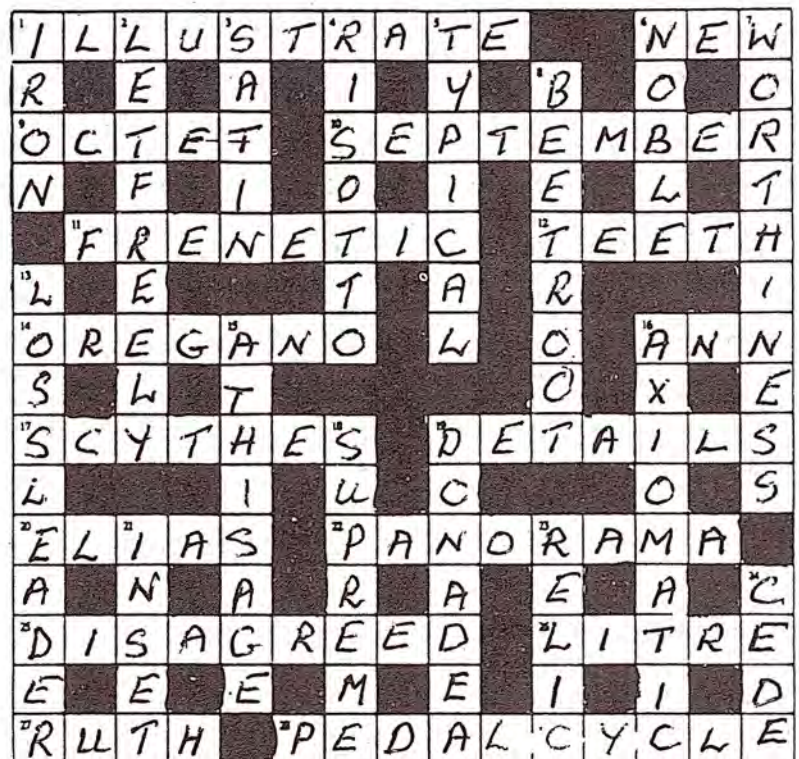


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### SOLUTION TO No. 14 BELOW



Winner of Crossword No. 14  
E. Gaffney,  
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# STREET



## TALKING

Being back on this column after a few months absence gives a suitable opportunity to look around and note some of what has taken place on the street during the latter part of last year. Coming with a fresh eye, as it were, means that the changes, which probably occurred over a period of time, stand out with clarity.

Most striking is the new row of shops at the Dublin end of the street, in what was Finerty House. Aquarium and car accessory suppliers now flank the baby-clothes boutique which was the pioneer outlet in this area. Maynooth Cabs continues to provide a much needed facility from its base here, and there is a magnificent splash of colour from the fruit and vegetable display outside the new green-grocers. This can do as much as any shop front to brighten a grey February day. While there is indeed cause to regret the loss of the facade of a fine old landmark such as Finerty House, the new row of shops does serve as a sort of link

between the shopping centre and the main street.

And moving on towards the main street, I see that Mullins and Henry, the opticians, have an eye-catching (!) new sign over their premises. However, that seems rather an insensitive intrusion on the frontage of Market House, which otherwise is taking on a suitably "professional" appearance.

In the Square, the ever-handy Aidan's has been joined by the Maynooth Bookshop and by Safe and Sound; the business of the former is obvious from the name, while Safe and Sound deals in home security and educational electronics. And further down the street, there is a new betting shop, and another video rental, "Flicks", which offers excellent selection and service behind its stylish window.

All in all, there have been more openings than closures. Some of the new outlets duplicate businesses already in the town. We wish both the older established shops and the newcomers well, and trust that the local community will support the local ventures in proper measure, allowing all to continue and so promote the benefits of competition for the consumer.

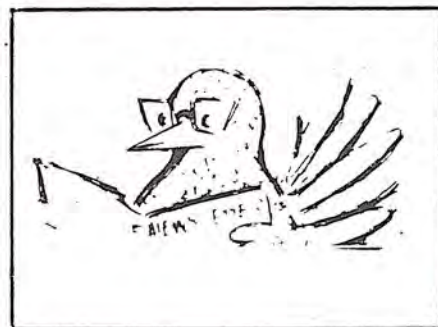
Meanwhile, it was good to make the acquaintance of some old friends again on returning; The Elite, with its delicious bread, the exotica of Kehoe's Delicatessen, and the various delights of The Country Shop, all contribute to give Maynooth a unique and attractive character. And of course the aisles of yellow packery in Quinnsnorth provide a further reminder that some things remain crashingly the same. Speaking

of which, a question: Why is it that the "Express Checkout" at Quinnsnorth is always the slowest, item for item? Is it that they let the learners practise on the hapless customer in a hurry, or is there some subtle marketing ploy at work, trying to persuade us to fill a trolley while we're at it and not bother with just the six or seven things in a basket? I think we should be told.

The Credit Union has been steadily building up its membership, funds and reputation in Maynooth of late, and provides a useful savings resource for the whole community. Next month "Street Talking" will do a special feature on the organisation.

### IRISH IN MAYNOOTH

A survey of attitudes to Irish among business people in Maynooth has been begun. The initial response was very positive. Quite a few people said that they would like to hear some Irish, to encourage the use of basic greetings in Irish and some would use a little in transactions with customers. The use of even the "cupla focal" would be appreciated by many who get no opportunity to practise their Irish and may encourage children in their efforts to learn it.



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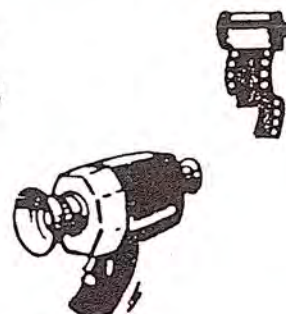
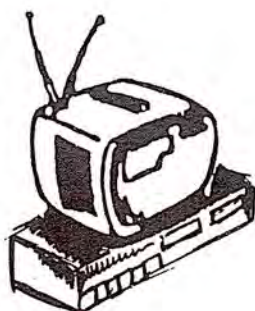
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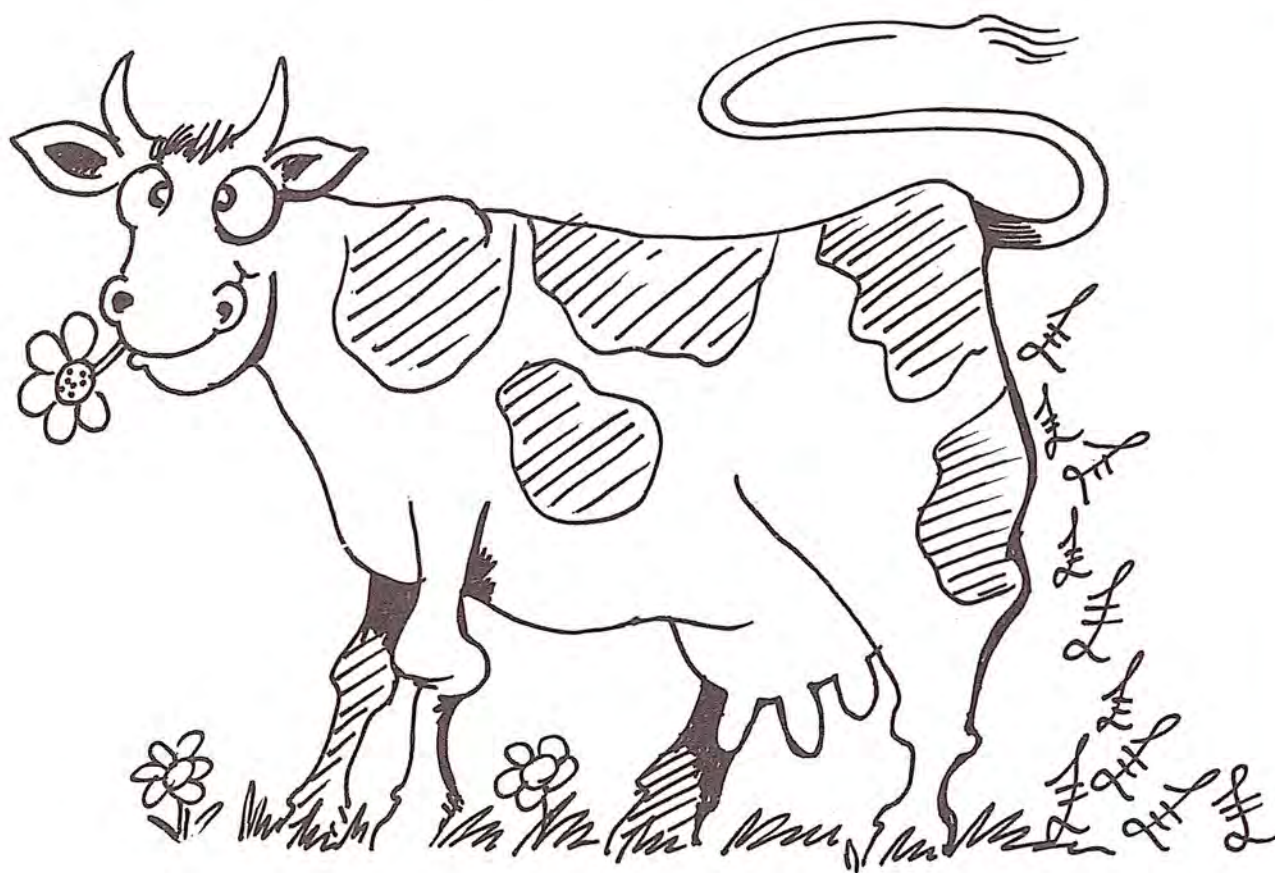
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## The Great Egg & Spoon Race New Years Day

### LIONS COME BARKING DOWN MAIN ST.

New Year's day in Maynooth started with a bang. At the top of Maynooth Village appeared a lion. Little did the unsuspecting public know, but that lion Joe Wall donned the mantle of our favourite Leo and was getting ready to parade down the village. Then appeared St. Mary's Brass Reed Band. As they were about to move to the Oomppah they were shocked to see Tina Turner appearing around the corner and boy was she showing leg and too much of it. When she bent down to pick sixpence she showed 'she' had boxer shorts of beautiful colour scheme. She turned out to be none other than Aidan Flood. That newsagent from the metropolis of

Maynooth. One thought that one had seen it all when out of a car popped an Ape Man. Straight from "Viking knows where" and when these ape men had bellies they didn't leave this one too far behind. None other than Figures man Padraig Fitzgerald. Then Bo Bo the clown appeared up the street and if it started to rain he would have had his wide trousers filled with lovely liquid. Again it was hard to see who it was. It was the Proprietor of the new and exciting Maynooth Book Shop John Byrne.

Now the stage was set for the great Egg and Spoon Race. The real Lions of Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club started to arrive. Lion Bill Byrne was starter. Paul Mealy was money collector together with his affable wife Alikki. Local medicine man Lion President Jim McCormack was official starter but because of the length of the course he had to be half way down the street to make sure the eggs were in plentiful supply. Well the runners are ready, Junior section to start, the Gardai stop the traffic and away they go. The Band had played so brilliantly as always down the street. So you could feel the tense

atmosphere as the Junior Runners began loosing their eggs.

Eventually Edward Keogh (with the thing on his head) pipped the nearly lady-like Paul Flood in a brilliant turn out.

Then it was time for the Senior business people to start - Robert Barry, Noel from Bradys, John from the Roost and all the models in their full regalia were ready to start. Off to a blistering pace from the gates went John (Bo Bo) Byrne obviously well schooled by his jockey brother Niall. The ape man Padraig "Figures" Fitzgerald was in hot pursuit but he was not used to soft eggs on hard spoons so he had to have his replenished by Michael Doyle before they got to the lights. Bringing up the rear was a bumpy Tina Turner who didn't seem to know whether she was coming or going and had to have assistance from Paul Mealy whilst she was crossing the Bales of Straw outside Kiernans. Passing the Leinster Arms John Byrne seemed to be running out of stamina but by the time they got to Trevor's group of shops he seemed to have found a new lease of life and shrunted away to a well deserved vic-

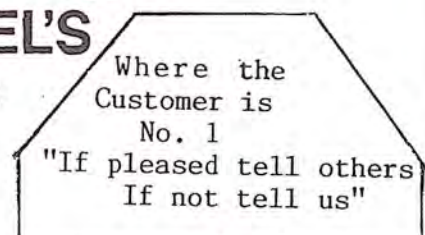


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tory to tumultuous applause. Lion Willie Coonan could be seen struggling in fourth place. John (The Roost) finished strongly to take second while the ape man was still struggling in third. Tina Turner (Aidan Flood) had trouble with her high heeled shoes and she promised she would be better 'shod' next year. Tina Turner finished - tailed off last.

Presentations were then made by Lion President Jim McCormack to first and second in the race and to the best fancy dress which was won by ape man Padraig 'figures' Fitzgerald. The time keeper was Tom Fox. The judge was Victor Egan, Keith Griffin appeared as assistant. Clerk of the course was Peter Robinson and Bill Byrne was Clark of Scales.

We received apologies from Jack Weafer who was to be official judge but he was detained on unofficial business in London.

The proceeds approx £2,000 from sponsors and donations will be distributed between 3 local charities - Maynooth Old Folks - Royal Canal Amenity Group and Church of Ireland Organ Restoration Fund.

Aidan Flood P.R.O.  
Maynooth/Kilcock  
Lions Club

## Eye Hear

### Aiming High

Congratulations to Jim Walsh of Carton Court on his victory in the Final of the ICS Cup recently. With the help of his team mates in Team Roadspeed, Jim provided an exciting two days of Basketball for his fans in Maynooth, who watched the finals on RTE.

### Street Talking moves to the Tribune

The Sunday Tribune was so impressed by our Street Talking columnist that they lured her away from the Newsletter with promises of riches and fame as their new Drama Critic. However, the Newsletter bears no grudges against our sister publication, and we wish Mary O'Donnell well in her starring role - and never mind what Hugh Leonard says. Who was it said he felt about critics, as lamp posts feel about dogs?

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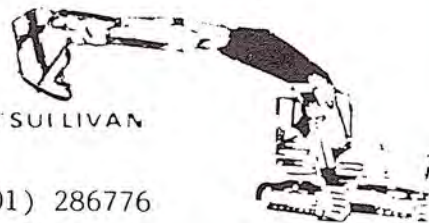
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- 14th Feb: International Night  
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- 18th Feb: Greenfield Estate  
Supper Dance,  
Dunboyne.
- 19th Feb: Monster Bingo:  
Parish Hall.  
3.00 pm.
- 24th Feb: Kildare Community  
Games Social night  
Lumville House.  
8.00 pm.
- 25th Feb: Confirmation Day:  
Maynooth.
- 3rd Mar: Athletic Club  
Social Night  
Dowlings
- 11th Mar: Post Primary  
Supper Dance  
8.00 pm
- 16th Mar: Royal canal Queen  
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Slims 10 pm - 2 am.
- 17th Mar: Patrick's Day Parade  
11 am.
- 17th Mar: Daisy pat Competition  
G.A.A. Field 3 pm.
- 17th Mar: Dance: Parish Hall  
10 pm - 2 am.

## MAYNOOTH MORTALITY SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of the society will be held in the Band Hall on Sunday, February 26th '89 at 3.30 p.m. The annual mass for deceased members will be offered on the same day at 11 a.m. Celebrant will be Fr. John Nevin. Members are invited to attend. Members will be notified before the A.G.M. of the committees new proposals for 1989.

The Committee would greatly appreciate your attendance at the A.G.M. as they have several recommendations to make and cannot implement them without your approval.

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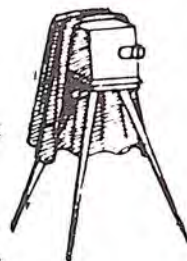
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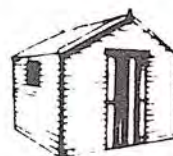
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Castle, and caused it to be made a prebendal Church, instead of Larah Bryan. The perpetual right of presentation, however, even to the College Church, was still reserved to him and his successors down to the disestablishment of the Irish Church. In 1521 this prebend being vacant, it was at the Earl's request, annexed to the Mastership of the College, the Vicar of Larah Bryan should be Sub-Master of the College, in which he was also to reside, while retaining the cure of souls in the Parish of Larah Bryan.

The profits of the vicarage were to be added to the funds of the College, with exception of £6 13s 4d per annum, to be paid to the vicar. Five marks were to be deducted from the profits of the vicarage for his support in the refectory. A 'good and learned curate' was to be provided at the expense of the College, to celebrate the divine service in the 'Cathedral' of Larah Bryan. The Members of the College were generally prohibited from going to market to buy corn, on any occasion however urgent, even for feasts of Charity.

The College founded with so much enthusiasm and generosity was given very little time to develop and prove itself. Only fourteen years after 1521 Maynooth Castle was stormed and taken by the King's forces in 1535, and in 1538 the College was suppressed together with many other religious. However the new college was not the only casualty of this stormy century in Irish History. With it fell the power of the house of Kildare and the ninth earl, who had built the college, died of grief in December, 1534 on hearing the news that his eldest son had come out in open rebellion against the King of England. This was something that he and his Father the Great Earl, in spite of all the ups and downs of their relationship with English crown, had managed to avoid.

Gerald the ninth earl of Kildare was called Garret Og, or Garret MacAlison after his mother, Alison Eustace, by the Irish annalists. As a boy he spent some years at the court of Henry VII as a hostage for his father's loyalty. These however must have been pleasant

years for not only are there records of the King ordering for his use such items as black velvet and tawny satin doublets, crimson and tawny hose, and velvet gowns trimmed with white lamb's fur, not to mention boots, spurs, shoes and slippers, but before he returned to Ireland he had married Elizabeth Zouche who was a cousin of the King himself. Back in Ireland he was appointed Lord Deputy soon after the death of his father in 1513.

His career followed the pattern of that of his father in many respects. He lived and acted in Ireland as an Irish Chief, furthering the interests of his family, while at the same time trying to keep the king satisfied that he was acting only in the defence and best interests of the English crown. Unfortunately the time was fast approaching when the kings of England would feel strong enough to refuse to tolerate this situation any longer.



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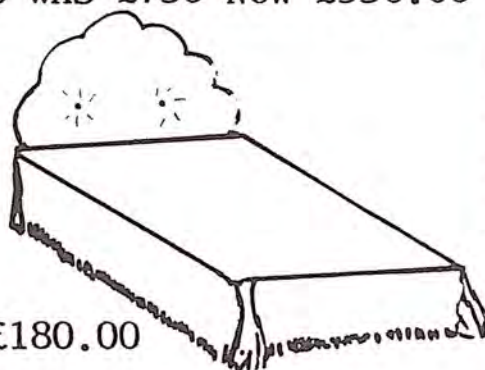
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# SPORTS NEWS



## COLLEGE GREEN F.C.

Despite a spate of injuries the most recent period up to Christmas saw a good showing in all bar one fixture. We are in the happy position of topping the League Division 3 table at the Christmas break.

Div 3 table after 11/12/88					
	P	W	D	L	Pts.
College Green	12	9	2	2	20
Clonee Utd	13	6	5	2	17
Dunleek	12	5	6	1	16
Stackallen Rov.	13	5	6	2	16
Dunboyne	11	5	4	2	14
Electro Celtic	9	6	2	1	14
Munster-connaught	13	5	3	5	13
Shambo	12	2	7	3	11
Athboy Utd.	11	3	4	4	10
College Rovers	12	3	1	8	7
Claremont	20	0	0	20	0

## RESULTS

College Green 2  
Shambo 0

The battle between last season's promoted sides resulted in a clear cut home win for the 1987/88 Div. 4 Runners-up.

Dunleek (1) 3  
College Green (1) 3

Gerry Murtagh equalised an early Dunleek lead, only to see us slip 1-3 down. However, goals from battle scared Paddy Govern (doing impressions of Kevin Moran) and Ciaran McGroarty gave us a share of the points. This was a thriller and the large crowd enjoyed a skillful, fast moving game, later to be christened "the narrow squeak in Dunleek".

College Green (0) 6  
After extra time  
Grove Rangers (3) 5

This was one to tell the grandchildren. A "Lazarus like come back" the Evening Press called our recovery, from 1-5 down to win 6-5. the Div. 1A giants from Drogheda were an intimidating first round, Challenge Cup draw. The

fact that they had failed to take a point in ten league outings was some consolation to us, or so we thought. At half-time and 0-3 down league form was for the birds. The second half revival commenced with a goal from Skipper Purcell, which only served to cancel out the visitors by then 0-4 lead. Minutes later, however Grove made it 1-5. Then battle commenced. Goals came in rapid succession from O'Brien, Canning, McGovern and in the 89th minute Murtagh's equaliser 5-5. Extra time produced a winner for us mid-way through the first period, compliments of a casual Canning back heel.

If it is possible to single out one outstanding individual after that display, then inevitably it had to be young Cavan Lad, McGovern.

College Green (1) 3  
Dunboyne (0) 0

Gerry Murtagh put us into the lead against the run of play. Only in the final quarter did goals from John Hughes and Ray Broughan allow us a comfortable margin. As always Dunboyne provided us with a hard fought battle.

College Green (0) 1  
Clonee Utd. (3) 5

The less said about this the better. A minor aberration: hopefully! Paddy McGovern got a late consolation penalty.

College Green (3) 3  
Athboy Utd. (0) 2

A brilliant opener for Ray Broughan, from a Paddy McGovern pass, set the scene for a 3-0 half-time lead. Gerry Murtagh added the other two. However this flattering half-time scoreline was put into a more sensible context, when Athboy pulled two back in the second half. The visitors travelled home probably feeling that they deserved a share of the spoils and who could argue with that.

## Happy New Year

On behalf of the club I would like to wish all our supporters, sponsors and all at the "Newsletter" all the best for 1989.

Declan Forde  
Chairman/P.R.O.



## MAYNOOTH G.A.A. CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of Maynooth G.A.A. Club was held on Sunday 8th January. There was a very big attendance. In his welcoming address M. Gillick, Chairman, thanked all who helped in any way in the running of the club for the past year, also those who sponsored the various events. He had a special word of thanks to the school teachers who did so much good work with the juvenile teams.

Our junior A & B teams competed well in their respective leagues and finished very close to the top teams.

Our A team was beaten in the semi final of the junior championship. As most of our players are young the chairman said the future of the club looks good.

The secretary, Tommy Fay, gave a comprehensive report on the workings of the club but his address was tinged by a bit of sadness as he announced that he was stepping down from the position he has filled so well for the last fifteen years. He said it was for personal reasons, but assured all that he would always be a loyal Maynooth supporter.

The treasurer, Jimmy McLoughlin, gave a detailed account which showed that the club is in a sound financial position. A long discussion took place on the proposed new pavilion for which planning permission is now being sought. It was agreed by all that this should be stepped up.

Officers elected for the coming year  
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## DUBLIN LEAGUES U/14 GAELIC FOOTBALL

Maynooth 8 goals 2 points  
Na Fianna 2 goals 4 points

Maynooth G.A.A. got off to a flying start for the New Year when the U/14 footballers completely overwhelmed the fancied Dublin side played in very windy conditions at Santry Ave., on the 14th January. Na Fianna had set a very hot pace in the league so the Maynooth lads knew what had to be done right from the outset.

Having won the toss, Maynooth elected to play with the wind, but for a time it looked as if perhaps the wrong deci-

sion had been taken as Na Fianna were dominating play and took a well deserved lead with two excellent points. Maynooth were finding life difficult at this stage and but for some great play by Michael Meally and Allen O'Shea in the backs Na Fianna would have got through for more scores. Man of the match Edward Mitchell at centre half forward came into his own at this stage and a shrewd positional switch which saw John Lynch go to left half forward and Colin Browne to full forward completely transformed the forward line, and resulted in Maynooth having a 10 point half time.

The Maynooth lads knew that a 10 point lead was not such a substantial lead considering the gale they had to

face so they set themselves the task of building on the half time lead, and this they did immediately scoring a goal and a point in the first few minutes. There was no way back for Na Fianna at this stage and with Derek Fleming in goals displaying a renewed confidence the entire Maynooth team moved into top gear and such was their dominance they led by 23 points at one stage, and it was only in the last 5 minutes that the 2 goals were scored against them but by then they had done Maynooth and Kildare football proud. Well done to everyone of the 20 players who travelled.

Michael Caden  
P.R.O.



## MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

Fr. Murphys Athboy was the venue for the Leinster cross-country championships for Vet Ladies 0/30 - 0/40, Vet. men 0/35 and Girls U/17.

Once again our vet ladies kept the club colours to the fore with a fine win for Patsy McCluskey in the vet ladies 0/40, Helen Redmond was 3rd and Marie Gleeson fifteenth. These three ladies gained first club award and were also on the county team which was placed second. Bernie Dunne was sixteenth in the ladies 0/30 and was also on the winning county team. Carmel Noonan had her best run of the season, coming 5th in the girls U/17. Also running well in this race was Lisa McCluskey 9th and Catherine Gleeson seventeenth. Unfortunately they hadn't a fourth person to make a team. David Jolly was our only competitor in the mens 0/35. Monday 9th January was an outing of a different kind when over 30 of our juvenile members were taken to see "Cinderella" which they enjoyed immensely.

Margaret Noonan  
& Barbara Tracey

## MAYNOOTH TOWN F.C.

The committee would like to thank all who supported our Christmas draw and indeed our weekend draw in the past year and we look forward to your support in the coming year and would like to wish every one a belated happy and healthy New Year.

Our annual Christmas night out was a happy event and we renewed our friendship with Henry Carthy (ex Caulfield's) in the Emmet Tavern in Trim. Henry indeed looked after us well with sambos and music. A good night was had by all.

The next event was on New Year's Day when Kilbarrack Utd. came down to Maynooth for a match which ended in a two all draw. Everybody was pleased with the game and retired to Caulfields where Mrs. E. Carey had laid on soup which was very welcome, and another good night was had by all. In return we have been invited to play in Kilbarrack in the near future.

Well on the football and league scene our first team played Celbridge on Sunday 15th Jan. it proved to be a very fast game finishing up with a one all draw. Our goal was scored by Tony Kearns. Well done Tony and welcome back Noel Kearns after injuries, and new players Ray Lanigan and Maurice McGeliget (Keeper). All the team played very well and really put every thing into the game which a lot of people say should have been ours. Well played lads. The season is not over yet and if our lads keep up the good work we are still in a position to bring home a cup or two.

On the dull side we have been having a lot of trouble in and around our dressing rooms, what with cider parties,

vandalism and such and both we and the Gardai would welcome any information. After all the pitch, dressing room and indeed the club is for the youth of the area, and what they are doing they are doing to their own. Again thank you for your support. All the best in sport.

Following the Christmas break things have been getting back to normal on the playing front and while results have not been outstanding, hopefully we can look forward to better things in the remaining months of the season. Our chances have not been helped by injuries to key players and the curse of emigration. Indeed someone remarked recently that a team of "Maynooth Town Exiles" would probably be good enough to win the League. Nevertheless the signs have been there that there is still plenty of ability in the club and that all that is needed is a bit more effort and a little luck for results to improve dramatically. The First Team's results have shown in recent weeks just how the Second Team has been constantly chopped and changed due to injuries and the First Team calls, and this explains the difficulty of getting results in a very tough division. The First Teams results have shown in recent weeks just how competitive the Premier Division is and how narrow the gap between top and bottom.

January 8th  
Maynooth Town 2  
Grangewoodbine 6.

This was an extraordinary result for at no time were we four goals inferior to a side challenging for League honours and it was only a series of defensive



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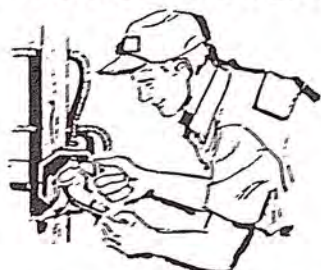
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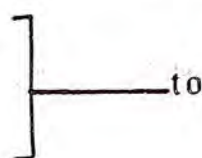
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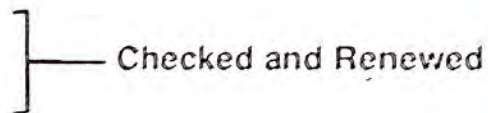


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errors that made the difference. Tony Kearns and John Doyle scored.

**January 15th  
Maynooth Town 1  
Celbridge Town 1**

This was much more like it! No doubt because of a "needle" element of a local derby, the players responded magnificently and gave the league leaders the fright of their lives. A large crowd witnessed a tough but generally sporting battle, with good football and chances to both sides. Following a scoreless first half, Maynooth put strong pressure and it was totally against the run of play when a slack by-pass allowed Celbridge to take the Lead. However the home side did not allow this setback to upset them and continued to press strongly. They were rewarded when Tony Kearns finished a left wing corner to the Celbridge net half-way through the second half. After that play was fairly evenly divided and a draw was probably a fair result, though Maynooth had a glorious chance to win the game just before the end. In a great team performance, Noel Byrne, Paul McCourt, Philip Doyle, Gerry Tracey, Tony Kearns and Ray McArdle were outstanding and the feeling shared by most people coming away from the match was: "Why can't they play like that every week?".

Gerry Durack P.R.O.

**BASKETBALL**

Congratulations to "Team L" on winning the Basketball Tournament in the Boys National School. The teams is as follows:-

Brendan Hanley (Capt.)  
John Higgins  
Paul Flood  
Alan Gaffney  
John Paul McMahon

**RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP**

At the halfway point in the 1988/89 Hella/Ecco Rally Championship the Maynooth based rally team of Ted Gaffney and Don Foley are leading the series. Following the Co. Kildare Motor Clubs' Heartbreak Rally on Saturday the 7th January they now hold an eight point lead over their nearest rivals. Having finished 3rd overall in last years' National Rally Championship they are also strong contenders again this year, but having missed two of the county rounds run to date they have a lot to do to take the overall title.



**COLLEGE NEWS**

**Student Union Survey  
of Pass Rates**

The College's Student Union has recently completed a study of pass rates among students between the years 1981 and 1988. For First Arts, the study concluded that there has been a gradual rise in failure rates over the period concerned, from 17% in 1981 to 38% in 1987. The study also compares the number of students registering for First Arts with the number who eventually get the B.A. three years later. The number eventually qualifying has generally been around the two thirds mark, although there was a significant drop to 56% in 1984.

The Students Union finds the growing First Arts failure rate disturbing, although it is difficult to explain it. It could be due to a lowering in the quality of students entering the college, although with entry standards rising all the time, this is unlikely. It is also possible that the growing pressure on students to do well may be taking its toll. Other possibilities are that marking standards are being raised by departments, or that teaching standards are dropping. As regards the latter, the Student Union has decided to carry out a survey of teaching standards among students. Although such surveys are common practice, and officially supported in North American universities, they tend to be viewed negatively by college authorities on this side of the water. It will be interesting to see what the results of this venture on the part of the Student Union will be!

**Security Problems**

In a previous issue of the Newsletter, reference was made to a growing problem with thefts around the College. Unfortunately, things appear to be going from bad to worse. Several valuable items of equipment have been stolen from the residential area of the campus. One staff member had the boot of his car broken into in the Arts Block car park and all the contents removed; in

addition, his petrol tank was siphoned dry. While this happened at night time, much more disturbing was the fact that a staff member had a substantial sum of money stolen from her office, also in the Arts Block, during the morning. Again, the College authorities urges all staff and students to be extra careful with all personal effects, to lock all offices before vacating them, and to report any suspicious movements to the security staff.

**Young Scientists Exhibition**

While the rest of the teaching staff were enjoying the last few days of the Christmas break, Proinnsias Breathnach of the Geography department was busy helping out with the judging for the Aer Lingus Young Scientists at the R.D.S. In fact, Proinnsias was Chairman of the panel judging the group projects in the Social and Environmental Section, one of three sections into which the entries are grouped. As panel chairman, Proinnsias was involved in the final stages of the judging process, when the top prizes were decided. Proinnsias, who is the only college staff member on the panel of judges, and who has been involved for a number of years, tells us that it is quite a hectic experience, but most enjoyable and interesting nonetheless.

**Music In College**

Details of the programme of public recitals organised by the College Music Department for February and March are provided in a separate panel elsewhere in this issue. The public are welcome to attend the lunchtime concerts which are held on most Mondays between 13.15 and 14.00 in the Education Hall (Old Campus). The major forthcoming event is the performance by the College Choral Society of Haydn's "Creation" on Sunday March 12th, in the College Chapel. The guest soloists will be Mary Hegarty, Emmanuel Lawler and Nigel Williams. Tickets for this performance will be in great demand, and anyone interested in attending should contact a member of staff or the Music Department directly at 285222.

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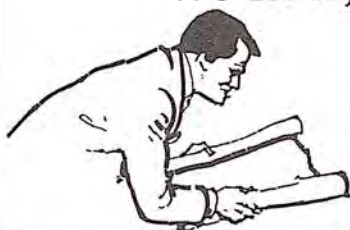


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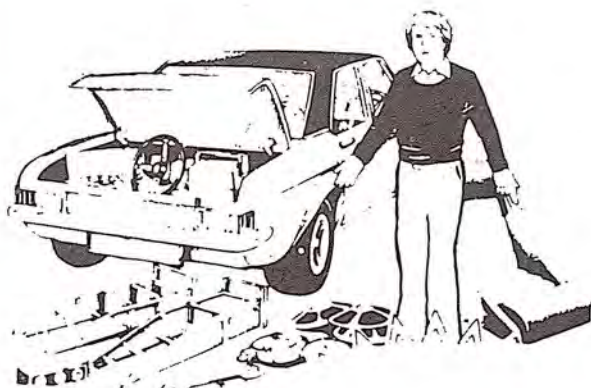
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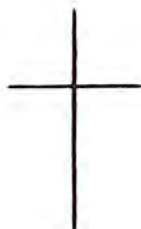


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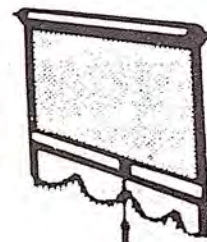
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## MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION

One of the functions of the Association is fundraising and they have recently presented the school with another video and T.V. set.

Dates for your Diary for other fundraising events.

February 9th: Monster Bingo in Parish Hall (Sunday afternoon)

March 11th: Supper Dance in Parish Hall. Tickets £5.00 - other details later.

May (Date not set)

Table Quiz in Keane's Lounge, Kilcloon.

Parents are now involved in hosting Coffee Mornings in their own houses with the proceeds (£2 per head) going to the school.

William Coughan  
Chairman P.T.A.

We wish to congratulate our following past students who were conferred last Autumn with their degrees.

Margaret Cremin	B.Sc. Maynooth College
Elizabeth Dunbar	B.Sc. Maynooth College
Noelle Donnelly	B.A. (Hons.) Maynooth College
Michael Noone	Dip in Mechanical Engineering Bolton Street
Hugh O'Donnell	B.A. (Hons.) Trinity College
Vincent Murphy	B.Sc. (Computers) N.I.H.E., Dublin.
Elaine Murphy	Cert in Dental Nursing Trinity College
Owen Dockery	B.A. H. Dip. Maynooth College

John Drennan	B.A. H. Dip Maynooth College
Breda O'Flaherty	B.A. H. Dip Trinity College
Kevin Carey	B.A. Gold Medal and Scholarship to Princeton, U.S.A. Trinity College
Sophie Burns	B.S. H. Dip (Hons.) Maynooth College
Ann O'Connor	B.A. Maynooth College
Joan Healy	B.A. Maynooth College
Philip Crowe	B.A. Maynooth College
Esa Nolan	Dip in Geo-Surveying Bolton Street
Paul Powell	B.Sc. (Computers) N.I.H.E., Dublin
Declan Doyle	Dip in Mechanical Engineering Bolton Street

## THE TRIP TO ARMAGH

On Wednesday, 14th December the Intermediate Certificate classes and some of the secretarial students paid a visit to the Planetarium in Armagh. The trip was organised for the purpose of developing an interest in science and was both educational and enjoyable. Visits to the Armagh Planetarium are not a common feature of schools in the Republic. It was the first time that such a tour was organised for Maynooth Post Primary School but because of its' huge success other tours are certain to follow. As one of the teachers present on the occasion I can strongly recommend such a trip as being both cultural and interesting.

The lecturers at the Planetarium gave us a warm welcome because of their association with Dunsink Observatory and with Maynooth College. Our students left Maynooth at about

9.10 p.m. travelling by Barton's bus, and arrived in Armagh at about 11.35a.m. We then visited a resource area of the Planetarium where the students were allowed to operate computers which gave information on space travel and on many aspects of the solar travel and on many aspects of the solar system. The graphics on these computers were excellent. Also on display were a number of optical experiments which are part of our science syllabus.

Our lunch break lasted from 12.45 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. This gave time for a quick visit to the town and some shopping. At 2.00 p.m. sharp we entered the Planetarium where a special show called "The Star of Bethlehem" was put on for us. The room was darkened and the projector went into action giving a very vivid picture of the sky as it appeared to the Magi. During the show various theories and demonstrations were presented in an attempt to explain what these wise men might have seen at the birth of Christ. Was it a meteor, a comet, a super nova or a conjunction of planets. While we can never know for certain what happened in the sky during the first Christmas, nevertheless, the presentation of various theories was fascinating. After the special show, our students had time for a quick session on the computers in the resource area before boarding the bus of the return journey. We left Armagh at about 3.30 p.m. and arrived back in Maynooth at 6.00 p.m. with happy memories of the warm welcome we had received.

Michael J. Walsh  
Maynooth Post Primary School

## TRAVELLERS' NEWS

As everyone probably knows by now Kildare County Council has provided a halting site for the travelling population of Maynooth. The site consists of 6 'bays' each with toilet, shower, washing and cooking facilities. The travellers supply their own caravans and pay £3 rent per week plus the cost of the electricity they use. There is also a play area (unfurnished at the moment) and a grazing area for animals. A fulltime caretaker is employed to take care of rent collection and the day to day running of the site. The provision of this site has been welcomed by both the travellers and the

settled community for very obvious reasons and forms part of a long term plan which will hopefully lead to a full settlement and integration into the community of the travelling families. Experience has shown that the permanent settlement of travellers, accustomed as they are to moving from place to place for generations, is a slow process. There are social, cultural and economic barriers to be overcome by both the travellers and settled community alike. Halting sites provide travellers with an introduction to permanent settlement. The tendency is for families, once having experienced living on the sites, to travel less especially dur-

ing the school year and to eventually want to 'settle' in one area.

Through this process, education, both formal and informal, plays a major role in assisting travellers to gain the confidence and knowledge necessary for integration into the settled community. For this reason, in areas where sites have been provided, "Settlement Committees" have been established to assist travellers with the provision of educational and recreational facilities. The purpose of the committees is to liaise with the travellers social worker, caretaker statutory and non-statutory bodies, schools and general public. Such a committee has now been es-



established in Maynooth. Its first task, the provision of school transport has been accomplished and 20 children started school on 16th January. 98% of the cost is provided by the Department of Education, the remaining 2% (£55 approx) will have to be provided by the committee through fund raising activities.

There are at present a number of pre-school children, and 5 young adults living on the site. It is essential to provide education and recreational facilities for them; pre-school play groups for the under six's and structured recreational educational activities for the 12-16 year olds.

To provide these services, a communal area will be needed on the site, e.g. a pre-fab or other suitable building. While the statutory and non-statutory bodies will give grants towards some of the costs, the committee will have to raise a proportion of the funds themselves.

There is we know, a feeling of antipa-

thy towards giving "handouts" to travellers and many may be reluctant to donate money to such a cause. The Settlement Committee believes "handouts" to be detrimental in the long term and seeks to help develop a sense of independence among travellers. Therefore, all our fundraising activities will be directed towards the provision of educational and other such needs. It is in the long term interests of both the settled as well as the travelling community that such provision be made. Therefore, in forthcoming fundraising activities we would ask you to be as generous as you can. Another matter we will seek to attend to is the fact that despite the provision of the site, some travellers are still living on the road side. This situation has arisen because the site, which holds only six families, is too small to contain all travellers indigenous to Maynooth. As soon as a vacancy occurs the family now living on the Kilcock road will move into the site.

Another matter which has come to our attention is the harassment many shops suffered at the hands of the groups of travellers a few weeks before Christmas.

On investigation we found that this group were not connected with Maynooth travellers, but were from Dublin, 'dropped' into the town in the morning and picked up in the evening. This type of activity by 'outsiders' gives all travellers a bad name which they don't deserve. Indeed, inquiries have shown that by and large, travellers indigenous to Maynooth cause very little annoyance and tend to keep to themselves.

We would welcome anyone who is interested in helping us or who has any helpful suggestions. We can be contacted via the Community Council Offices. Tel: 285922. The Officers of the Committee are as follows:

**Chairperson: Margaret Clince**

**Secretary: Muireann Ni Bhrolchain**

**Treasurer: Kay McKeogh**

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

88/000995	Maynooth G.A.A. Club, c/o J.S. Deane Arch., 11 Brookfield, Anglesea Rd., Dublin 4.
P 09/12/99	Extension to existing club premises, containing Squash Court, members lounge and bar. Refreshments/function area. Kitchen, stores and toilets Moyglare Road, Maynooth.
88/001072	Michael Coyne, Kilmacreddock, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
P 13/12/88	Erection of dwelling and septic tank. Kilmacreddock, Maynooth.
88/001162	McGee Celbridge Homes Ltd., Maynooth Rd., Celbridge, Co. Kildare.
P 05/12/88	Retention of house as constructed, i.e. conversion of approved garage to playroom to sites 127, 129 and 130. Beatty Park, Celbridge.
88/001178	T. Moore & M. Freeney 485, Straffan Road, Maynooth Co. Kildare.
P 09/12/88	Erection of 4 bedroom bungalow, garage and septic tank. Ballygoran, Maynooth.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family, brothers, sisters, relatives of the late James (Jim) Horan, Newtown wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, those who attended removal, mass, and funeral, those who sent mass cards, floral tributes, serephic cars, letters of sympathy, the kind neighbours. A special word of thanks to the Timlin family Ballina. Please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

FAY - The brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces and family of the late Michael (Mikie) Fay, Newtown, Maynooth wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement. Those who sent Mass Cards, Everlasting Gift, Letters of Sympathy and Floral Tributes. Those who attended removal of Remains Mass and Funeral. A special word of thanks to Dr. Cowhey, local Gardai, Oliver Reilly Undertakers and his many friends in the Labour Party. Trusting this will be accepted by all as an expression of our gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

Eileen McGovern and the Flynn and Browne families wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them on the recent sad bereavement of Brid Browne, those who attended the removal, Mass and funeral. All those who sent Mass cards and wreaths. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, we trust that this will be accepted as a token of our appreciation. Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

Kenny - The wife and family of the late James (Jim) Kenny 480 Straffan Rd., Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement. Those who sent mass cards, wreaths, letters of sympathy, attended removal of remains and funeral mass. A special word of thanks to Dr. and Mrs Waldron and the nursing home and Naas hospital, Fr. Supple and Fr. Cogan, Dr. Cowhey and all our good neighbours and friends. As a token of our appreciation the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

#### SYMPATHY

To Eileen McGovern, Greenfield on the death of her sister the late Breda Browne, Timahoe.



Sympathy to wife, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces and relatives of the late Gerry O'Neill, England formerly Greenfield.

Sympathy to Tom Gaffney, Greenfield Drive on the death of his mother in Dilleshan, Laos.

Sympathy to son, daughters, sister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandchildren and relatives to the late Catherine Walsh Mooneycooley, late Cashel, Castlebar.

Sympathy to brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, relatives of the late James (Jim) Horan, Newtown.

Sympathy to Mrs. Ciss Waldron, O'Neill Park, Maynooth and Mr. James Dowling, Greenfield, Maynooth on the death of their sister Mrs. Bridget Taffe, England.

Sympathy to Mr. Jim Moore, O'Neill Park, Maynooth, on the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Moore from Drogheda.

Sympathy to Mrs. Molly Heslin, Smithstown House, Maynooth, on the death of her mother Mrs. Alice Moore from Dublin.

Sympathy to the family, relatives, of the late Mrs. Kathleen Walshe, Mooneycooley, Maynooth and late of Old Carton, Maynooth.

Sympathy to Miss. Gertrude Hyland, The Harbour, Maynooth on the death of her brother, Mr. John Hyland from Dublin.

Sympathy to Sister Aquinas, Presentation Covent, Maynooth on the death of her mother Mrs. Christina Gannon from Dublin.

#### WELCOME

Lyreen Residents' extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Cassidy, who has taken up residence in Leinster Cottages.

Tomas and Michael Martin would like to extend a warm welcome to their parents, Bernard and Greta Martin who have recently come to live in Maynooth.

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Michael and Eileen McGovern, Greenfield who celebrated their 9th Wedding Anniversary on Jan. 26th from their five daughters, Karina, Stacey, Michelle, Debbie and Regina, with lots of love & best wishes.

#### PEARL

Congratulations to Paddy and Bernadette Barlow, Greenfield who celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary. Feb. 4th.

#### WOODEN

Congratulations to Tony and Bernadette Price (nee Barlow) Prosperous, who celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary, Feb. 6th.

Congratulations to Mary and Jack Simon of Railpark on their Fifteenth Wedding Anniversary on the 16th February.

#### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

##### Octogenarian

Very best wishes to Phil Brady, Clock House, who celebrates his 82nd birthday on Feb. 19th, this comes from all the patrons of Clock House.

Thomas Fay, Parson St., Age 13, Jan. 29th.

Bernadette Price (nee Barlow), Prosperous, Jan. 28th.

Eva Barlow, Lucan, Age 9 Feb. 2nd.  
Darren Naughton, Greenfield, Age 9, Feb. 14th.

Ray Troy, Avondale, Leixlip, Jan. 8th.  
Mrs. P. Burke, Ballygoran, Jan. 8th.

John Sauls, Parson St., Jan. 10th.  
Mrs. G. McTernan, Parson St., Jan. 11th.

Her grandchildren, Maeve McTernan, Avondale, Leixlip, Age 12, Jan. 24th.  
Gillian McTernan, Highfield, Kilcock, Age 7, Jan. 24th.

Her sons, Larry McTernan, Highfield, Kilcock, Feb. 25th.

Gerard McTernan, Greenfield, Feb. 27th.

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

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

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

Congratulations to Patricia Dempsey who celebrated her 21st birthday on the 31st January.

Belated Happy 21st Birthday to Noel Tracey, Greenfield, Dec. 20th.

Happy Birthday to Nanny Connolly Larchfield Nursing Home, 91 years 1st Feb. Love from Madge, grandchildren, great grandchildren.

Congratulations to Siobhan Bennett who celebrated her 21st birthday on the 14th January.

Happy Birthday to Karina McGovern, Greenfield who celebrated her 8th birthday on Jan. 14th from Nannie, Una & Uncle Kevin.

To Doreen Tracey, Greenfield, Jan. 17th, to David Tracey, Jan. 17th and Lisa Morrissey Baltracey, Jan. 17th.

To Una McGovern, Greenfield, Feb. 2nd and Barry Collins, Mariaville, Feb. 5th and Brian Collins, Feb. 10th.

Orla McStravick, 18 on 29th January. Happy Birthday, Manus McCarron, 2, Greenfield 15th Feb., Yvonne McCarron 3 yrs 27th Feb., Denise McCarron 11 yrs, 20 Mar. Love from Nana Imelda and Peter.

Congratulations to Emer McDermott and Ed Du Vivier of Rail Park on the birth of a baby girl, Una in December.

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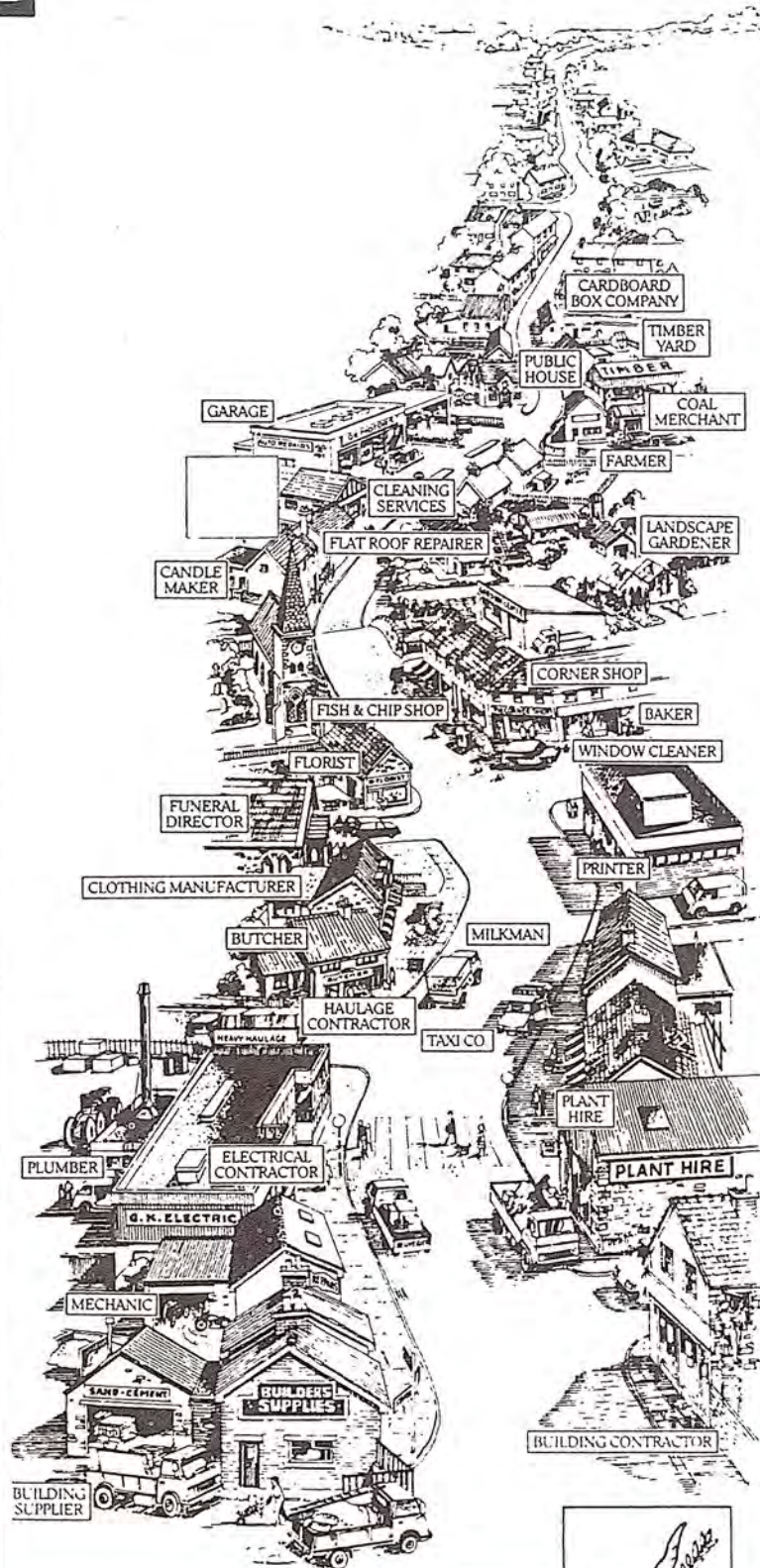
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