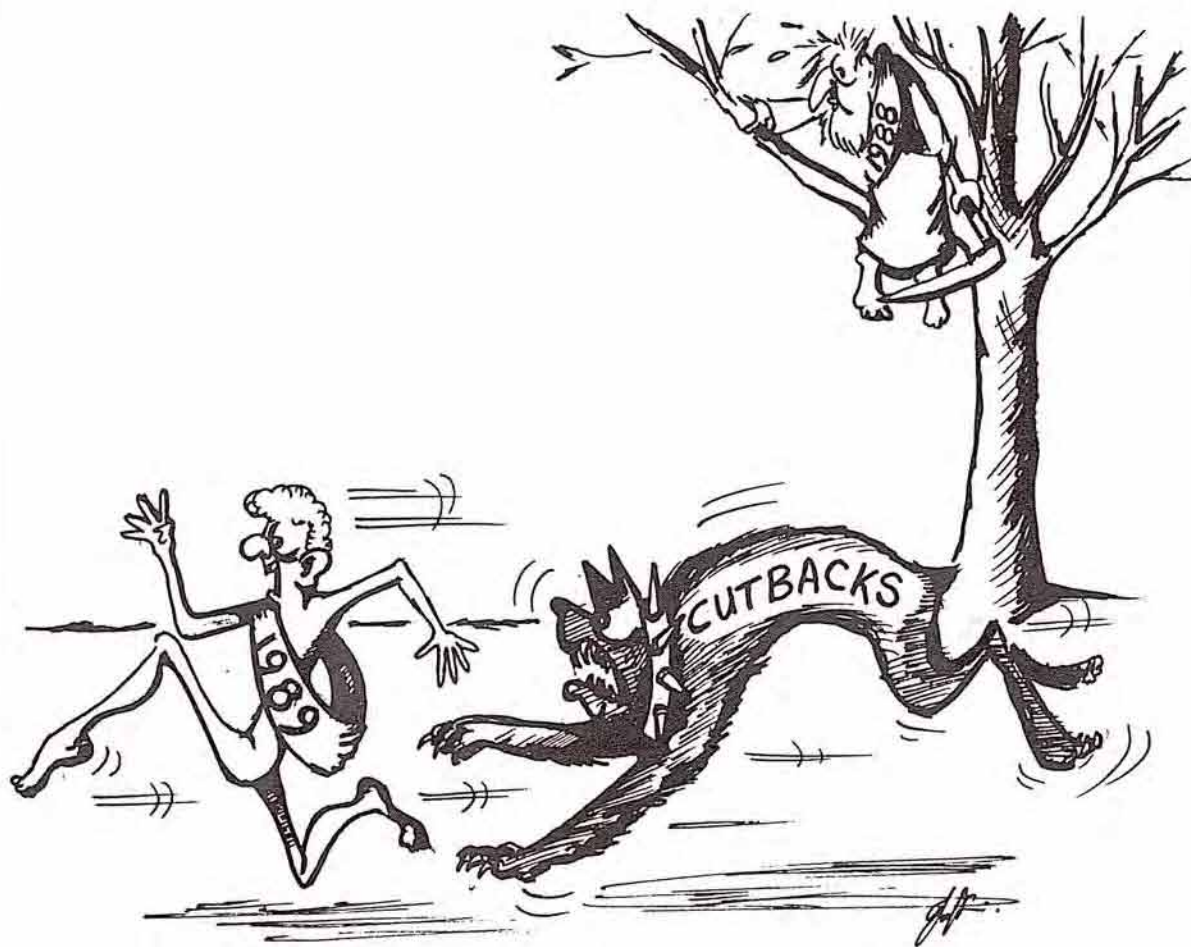


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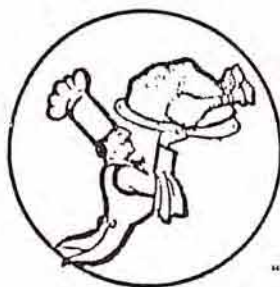
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NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS

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

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EDITORIAL

Happy New Year

The Newsletter extends wishes for a Happy New Year to all its readers, and to thank you for staying with us over the three years since the Community Council took over from the previous committee. The three years have flown. We would like to think that while we may have got older in the process, we have also improved immensely the service we offer to the people of Maynooth. This we couldn't have done without the workers on the Social Employment Scheme. It is a source of some satisfaction to us to know that these workers have acquired valuable experience through working on the Newsletter, which has been of benefit to them in acquiring employment.

We are always happy to highlight the huge range of activities which go on in Maynooth. News, and indeed not so new residents are sometimes surprised to find out that this sleepy commuter community boasts of over sixty six organisations, providing no excuse for those who complain of nothing to do.

We also see our function as informing, and entertaining our readers by alerting them to development which are, or will affect their lives in Maynooth.

In turn, we rely on our readers to keep us informed of what is going on, and of what kind of service they would like us to provide. So please keep up the contact - we need your response.

Of course, in the three years of our existence, the price of the Newsletter has stayed at thirty pence. Over the years, the price of paper and printing has increased, and we have also increased the size of each issue. It is with some regret that we have decided that we must increase the cover price to cover our costs. So, from next month, we will be charging forty pence per issue. We hope you will continue to

support us. In return we will continue to provide good value.

CAR PARKING AT THE CHURCH

The Newsletter vendors at the church have long seethed with rage as they witnessed the destructive carelessness of mass-going motorists who parked their cars on the grass triangle in front of the church on Sunday mornings. This practice not only destroyed the grass, leading female correspondents to write to the Irish Times to draw attention to the woeful condition of this area, but also constituted a traffic hazard.

Now, with the use of a few traffic cones, and the non-stop vigilance of the local gardai, these motorists have had to park elsewhere for the last few weeks. Congratulations to the gardai for taking action at last. However, we cannot expect the presence of the gardai every week. How about some double yellow lines, and some hefty fines for the culprits?

GREMLINS

Eagle eyed readers may have thought that the newsletter had abandoned its cherished neutral stance, when they read an item in the last issue entitled "A Christmas Wish". This item was, in fact, the final paragraph of the notes supplied by one of the political parties, which had come adrift, and which came to rest on a separate page from the political notes section. Those reading this paragraph may have thought that we were advising readers to join a certain political party, and we apologise to those who may have been offended. The Newsletter strives to maintain a balance in its material at all times and we regret that this error at the lay-out stage may have inadvertently suggested otherwise.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

John McGinley was welcomed back to the Council as a representative of Greenfield Estate.

We would like to thank the Parish Hall for donating chairs to the Community Council Office.

We would also like to thank Billies, Patrick's, Country Shop Restaurant, Jim's Shoes, Fresh Ideas, Tricia's, Petals, Top of the Crop, Gerry Brady, Brady's, Keogh's Delicatessen, Donovan's Newsagents and Maynooth Office Supplies for donating prizes for our Sixties Night which was held recently. It was noted with relief that great improvements are evident in the town's environment due to the extra work of

Kildare County Council.

Mrs. B. O'Brien has agreed to take over the chair of the Social and Recreational Committee. Our thanks are due to John McGinley, Larry O'Brien, Leo Bean and Pat Corroway for erecting the Christmas Tree. Congratulations to the Chamber of Commerce for lighting the street so well.

All committees in the town are invited to contact the Community Council Office with suggestions for activities and to send a delegate to the committee. The dates for Community Week are 16th to 25th June.

Cluain Aoibhinn Residents Association met with the Students Union and the College Authorities regarding the problem of student parties. It was felt that a very constructive meeting had taken place and that the Students Union would police events and parties themselves. If this failed, the College themselves would be contacted.

It was also decided that the Community Council should write to Kildare County Council regarding the reappearance of itinerants on the Kilcock Road. The halting site is now full and

no one else can be accommodated. It was felt that since the people of Maynooth had agreed to and even requested a halting site that it is unfair to expect the Community to accommodate caravans in the area again.

The A.G.M. takes place on Monday 9th January. All councillors are required to attend, particularly in view of the low attendance over the last few months.

Muireann Ni Bhrolchain
Chairperson.

Letters...Letters.



Dear Editor,

I read with interest the letter from Mr. Peter Holland, 72 Maynooth Park, which you published in the December issue of your Newsletter.

I think Mr. Holland should remember a few facts which he seems to have overlooked;

*My letter which had been previously published in the Newsletter was a reply to a specific request from a particular association and the information as set out by me was and is accurate.

I voted against the Kildare County Council Estimates in 1988 for reasons clearly stated by me at that time i.e. Insufficient funds to pay for services,

Loss of County Council workers jobs, high rates and charges and diminishing services.

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A CHANGE IN THE METHOD OF GRANT ALLOCATION BY THE MINISTER.

Needless to say I also voted against this year's Estimates for the same reasons.

Finally, as is usual for members of the Branch of the Political Party of which

he is a member, your correspondent appears to have taken licence to make personal allegations of hypocrisy, malice etc, which I would never attribute to him particularly since he at least appended his name to his affirmations, but, perhaps in the interests of accuracy, he or the Editorial Committee for the Maynooth Newsletter would expand further on the final but obviously unfinished paragraph of his letter.

Yours sincerely,

Bernard J. Durkan T.D., M.C.C.

It is not the policy of the Editorial Board to expand on reader's letters!

Dear Editor,

At its Annual General Meeting on 15th November, 1988 the Academic Staff Association of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, the local branch of the Irish Federation of University Teachers, passed the following resolution: "In the light of the prejudicial press reports and political statements before and during the recent trial of three Irish defendants in Winchester, the Academic Staff Association urges the Irish Government to use all avenues of diplomatic and political influence to ensure a more equitable climate in England for the forthcoming appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeal."

Prior to the charging of the three accused, the media, especially in Britain, had effectively convicted them as IRA

terrorists and would-be assassins. Witness, for example, the headlines in TODAY ("IRA TRY TO KILL KING") and the DAILY EXPRESS ("IRA PLOT TO MURDER TOM KING") both of the 1st of September 1987. During the trial the prosecution admitted that they had failed to find any links between the accused and the IRA.

Furthermore, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Tom King, the alleged victim of the alleged conspiracy, on the very day on which it was announced in the media that the three accused were to exercise their right to silence, held an impromptu press conference to announce the proposed changes in Northern Ireland on the inferences to be drawn from the silence of a suspect. At this conference,

Mr. King said that there had been a systematic abuse of the right to silence by people accused of terrorist offences. The timing of this announcement and its subsequent discussion by politicians and others, including Lord Denning, was extremely prejudicial to the outcome of the trial.

For these reasons the Academic Staff Association urges the Government to make every effort to ensure a more equitable climate in England for the forthcoming appeal.

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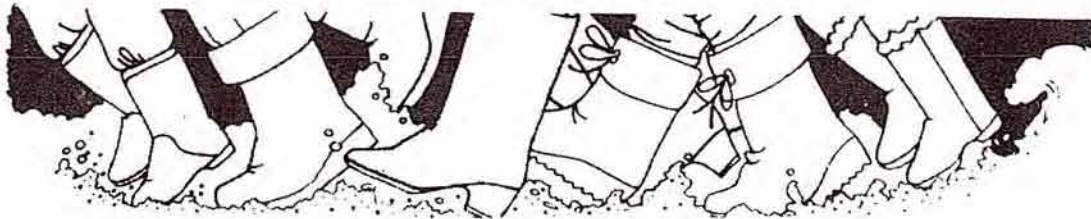
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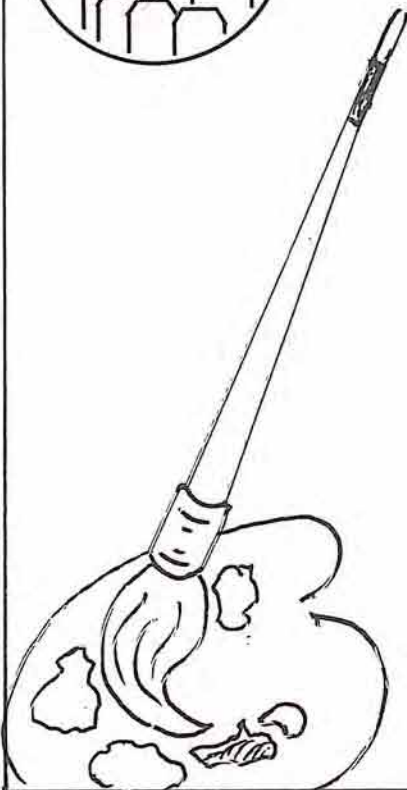
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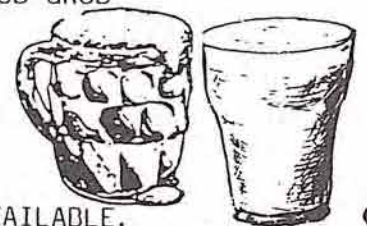
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MAYNOOTH RESIDENTS AGAINST LOCAL CHARGES

So finally, and it would appear most reluctantly at a last-ditch meeting held on Saturday, 3rd December, members of Kildare County Council adopted the 1989 estimates on the casting vote of the Chairman Cllr. Michael McWay, (FG). At three previous meetings on the issue a majority had voted against the estimates which include £100 local charges and with the probability of disbandment of the Council by the Minister for the Environment Padraig Flynn if they refused to vote in a budget looming near, they had a final decision to make. In the event something "gave" and Councillor Paddy Aspell (FF) announced that he would now vote in favour despite having voted against five days previously and saying "I don't take U turns". His change of heart resulted in a 12/12 split vote.

Most interesting is the breakdown of Councillors' voting results. Fianna Fail and Fine Gael over divided within their own ranks, with Fianna Fail voting six in favour and three against, while Fine Gael were split four for and four against. The three Labour and one Sinn Fein Councillors maintained their traditional opposition to estimates which include

local charges. The sole P.D. Councillor Timmy Conway, with the independent Joe Bermingham, voted for the budget. M.R.A.L.C. is pleased to note that all five Councillors representing North Kildare, namely, Gerry Brady (FF), Bernard Durkan TD (FG), Jim Gallagher (FG), Colm Purcell (Lab.) and Emmet Stagg T.D. (Lab.) voted against the estimates, although media reports indicate that F.F. and F.G. Councillors cited insufficient funds for roads maintenance as their reason for opposition to the estimates.

However, as a result of the Council's decision, householders are again faced with local charges for 1989, but there can be no doubt that the tide of opposition to the charges is growing. The lessons of the Leixlip Town Commission results have begun to be taken on board by the two main parties and this was reflected within the Council chamber. M.R.A.L.C. believes for 1989 that the campaign against charges should be stepped up and focused to bring more pressure to bear on Councillors outside of North Kildare to abandon local charges. We also wish to highlight that for the first time since their

introduction in 1983 that no increase has been levied on water and refuse charges - they each stay at £50. Also the suggestions of an extra charge for sewerage did not materialise. These are small but significant victories for the anti-charges movement.

But how do Kildare's local charges compare to other counties? Here is a table showing charges in surrounding counties.

Household service charges - county by county comparison

Wicklow	£154
Meath	£104
Carlow	£100
Kildare	£100
Offaly	£85
Laois	£70
Dublin	No Charge

The county with the highest charges at £160 per annum is Leitrim. Ironically Leitrim is reputed to be the poorest county in Ireland.

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We believe that our basic demand that Councillors and Local Authorities nationwide should unite and insist upon sufficient funds from Government is more feasible now than has been for some time. Continued opposition and withholding of payments can and will win out and M.R.A. L.C. looks forward to the continuing and increased support of the householders of Maynooth throughout 1989.

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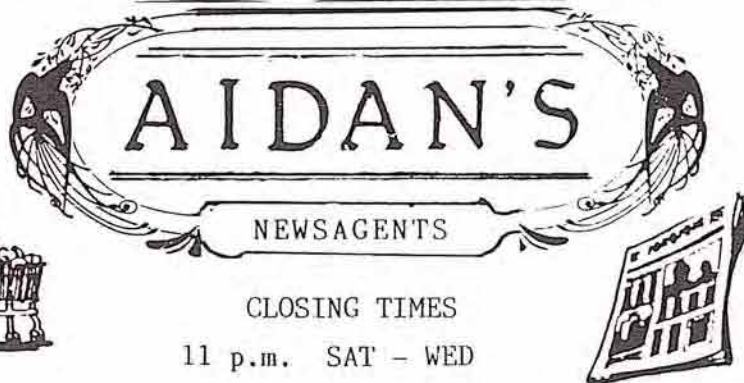
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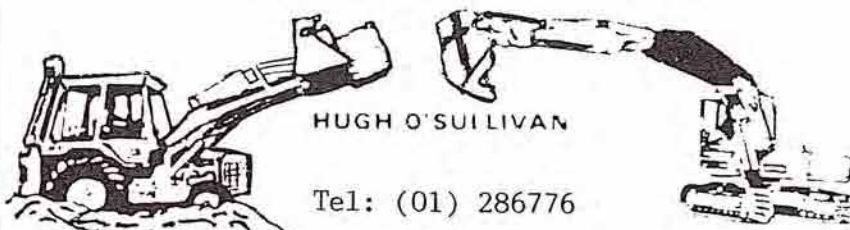
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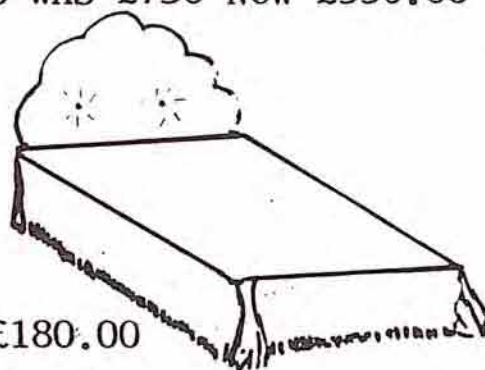
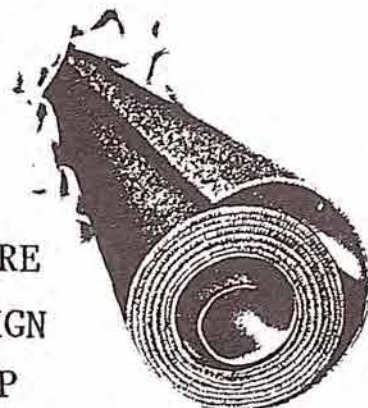
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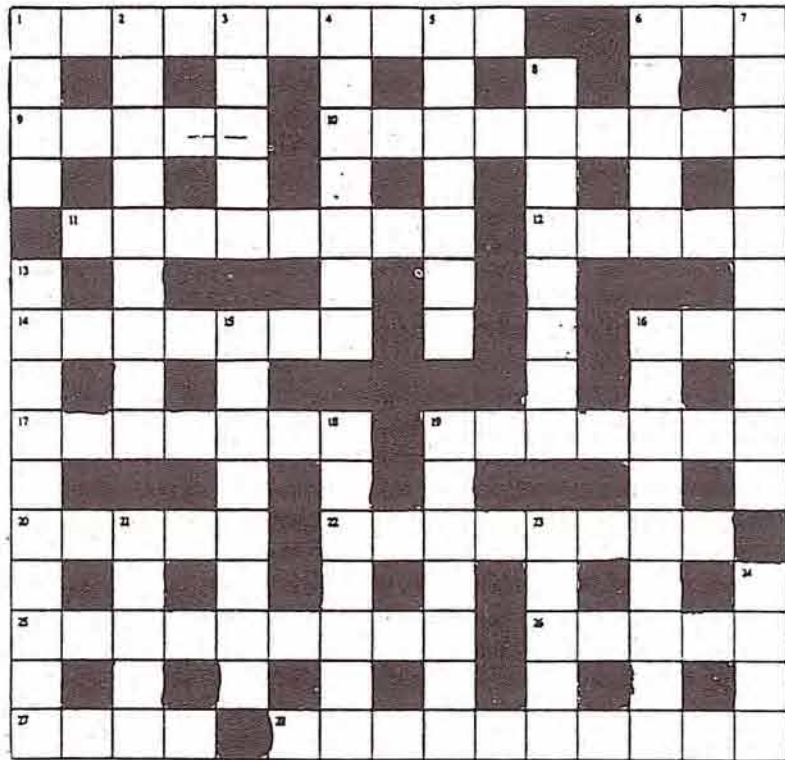
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ACROSS

1. Seems sick at first, but can show by example (10).
6. Just discovered (3).
9. E.T. is mixed up in the cot, and then their were eight (5).
10. Looks like the seventh glowing cinder, it's really the ninth (9).
11. It seems frantic to cite fern in this way (8).
12. They may come out at night if they've nothing to chew on (5).
14. Oo, anger adds flavour to the cooking (7).
16. Some pray to her for a man (3).
17. In short, Cyril, the SS can mow or reap (7).
19. The particulars show Des surrounds the extremity (7).
20. Can 'e sail away when he's upset like this ? (5).
22. The vista includes a pot and a sheep! (8).
25. At first, Sid reversed, and stood in opposition (9).
26. It may sound less, but there's more than a pint in it (5).
27. Without her, we would all be heartless (4).
28. Ed pal, up on this, you may find a job (5,5).

DOWN

1. In short, Ronald and I can smooth things out with this (4).
2. Allow liberally to those who want to rent (3,6).
3. A stain on this material would upset us (5).
4. In toto, sir, this is how the rice is cooked (7).
5. Initially, the clerical assistant with the pilot is up to date (7).
6. Almost seems like there's nothing to toll, but it is illustrious (5).
7. I throw ness into confusion, but that's how to tell its value (10).
8. Mix the robot with the tee, and add to the salad (8).
13. Sounds like Parnell, but it's used to lure the customers in (4,6).
15. Expression on that suggest he's old enough to know better (2,3,3).
16. As may be self-evident, I am a toxic person (9).
18. Diana was one of them - she was the greatest (7).
19. Where Maynooth strollers go when confused on a dead day (7).
21. Confuse the stein with an extra page (5).
23. A surviving trace of old decency (5).
24. Yield possession of (4).



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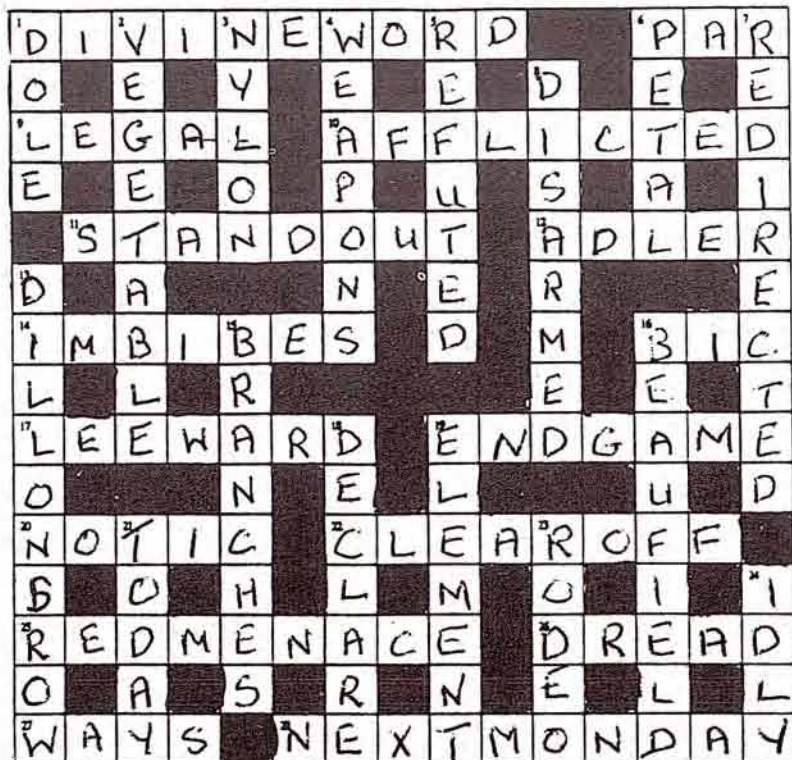
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POLITICAL PARTY NOTES

FINE GAEL NOTES

The Annual General meeting of the Maynooth Branch of Fine Gael was held on Tuesday, 22nd November, in the I.C.A. Hall, Maynooth.

There was a very large attendance at the meeting including Bernard Durkan, Cllr. Jim Gallagher, Commr. Dave Kearney, Leixlip Town Commission, Vincent Kelly, Constituency Organiser and member of the National Executive of Fine Gael and the special guest speaker, spokeswoman on the Marine, Deputy Madeline Taylor Quinn. Cllr. Jim Gallagher chaired the Election of Officers, thanking the outgoing officer board for their efforts during the past year, including their invaluable help during the Leixlip Town Commission elections. In welcoming the incoming officer board, he warned them they would certainly face an Euro election in 1989 and perhaps a general election also. He then handed over the meeting to the new Chairman.

The new Officer Board are as follows:

Chairman	Senan Griffin
Vice Chairman	Gerry Smyth
Secretary	Clare Cullen
Treasurers	Margaret Howe & Pearl Conlon

P.R.O.	Andree Eddery
Organiser	Michael Gaffney

In welcoming the new officers Deputy Bernard Durkan stated the importance of their role in the organisation. He also spoke on the Estimates Meeting which were ongoing and explained to the members the Fine Gael stance at council level.

Dave Kearney, T.C. in addressing the meeting said he was the novice amongst all his colleagues, but he intended to work hard for all the people of Leixlip.

Deputy Durkan then introduced his party colleague, Deputy Madeline Taylor-Quinn, spokeswoman on the marine. Madeline spoke of her long association with Bernard Durkan and of his tremendous work on behalf of his constituents. She outlined her policy

on the Marine and was hopeful that the situation vis-a-vis Rod Licences could be resolved in the near future. She warned members that they should be vigilant at all times in putting forward the thinking and policies of Fine Gael. She then thanked the Branch for inviting her as guest speaker and hoped she would be invited again.

It was also brought up at the meeting that grants for youth and sports groups would be available from Kildare VEC in January. Many clubs may be unaware of these grants. Clubs such as football, swimming, handball, forroige, scouts, boxing and summer projects should write for application forms to Kildare VEC, Limerick Road, Naas.

The meeting closed with a cheese and wine evening organised by the ladies of the Branch. The evening was enjoyed by members and supporters and a special word of thanks is due to the ladies who organised the "eats". Well done to you all.

We in Maynooth Branch would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

YET ANOTHER TAX SCANDAL

When the last coalition government brought in the Deposit Interest Retention Tax (the DIRT tax), the then Fianna Fail opposition argued vehemently against it. Yet, in the first year of operation, the tax brought in FIVE times what the government expected. The tax amnesty announced in the last budget brought in TWENTY times more than was anticipated. Now comes news that in the first two months in operation, the self-assessment system for the self-employed has brought in £150 MILLION more than the government projected.

It is now patently obvious that the government has no idea whatsoever how much income is being earned in the self-employed sector, and that down through the years, there has been massive tax evasion by people operating in the sector. It must be borne in mind that the tax brought in by the tax amnesty and the self-assessment system represents merely what those involved have volunteered as being owed. It is more than likely that this is just the tip of the iceberg, and that huge

sums are still owing. When one sees the effort being put into stamping out social welfare fraud, and when one sees disadvantaged people being sent to jail for petty theft, one can readily see the blatant lack of balance in the administration of justice in Irish society. Does any of our readers know of anyone who has been sent to jail in Ireland for tax evasion?

Recent figures also show that Irish farmers have received an overall income increase of 40% over the last two years. Yet farmers are now paying 30% LESS tax than they were six years ago. Most of the latest income increase has accrued to the select group of big-time farmers who choose to hide behind their less well off brethren when calls are made for more income tax from the farming sector. Averages mean nothing when one farmer may have 300 acres and another 30 acres. Yet, when Tomas Mac Giolla made the reasonable argument that rich farmers should pay a fair portion of their additional income in tax, he was accused by an IFA spokesman of "tiresome rantings" and "hollow rhetoric". What do you think?

LOCAL CHARGES

Kildare County Council came desperately close recently to refusing to accept estimates for the coming year in

protest against government cutbacks in its grant aid to the council. In the heel of the hunt, however, not enough councillors had the courage of their convictions, and the estimates were accepted on the casting vote of the chairman. It is now clear than many other councils around the country were ready to take their cue from Kildare, and that, had the Kildare councillors not lost their nerve, a mass revolt against government underfunding of local authorities could have forced the government's hand on an issue which has caused much anger and distress throughout the country. It is now necessary to increase pressure on our county councillors, and to ensure that sufficient of them will no longer play ball with the Minister of the Environment the next time the estimates come round.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

Finally, we would like to thank all those who supported us so generously in our church gate collection in Maynooth in early December. The Workers' party cannot rely on big business donations like the conservative parties, and has to depend on what ordinary Irish working class people can afford to give. Never before has there been such a need to defend the interests of these people; therefore, every penny donated to the Workers' Party is a penny very well spent.

LABOUR PARTY NOTES



COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

At the selection convention held on 17th November, 1988 Labour selected 3 candidates for the next County Council Elections in the Celbridge Electoral Area. The candidates selected are sitting Councillors, Emmet Stagg, T.D., and Cllr. Colm Purcell, and John McGinley of 50 Greenfield Drive. John McGinley who is married with 3 children is currently Chairperson of Maynooth Labour Branch. An executive member of Greenfields Residents Association and member of Maynooth Community Council. He is well aware of the problems facing Maynooth. As secretary of Maynooth Community Council from 1984 to 1987 John was instrumental in setting up the various committees who act on behalf of the community. His priority is the provision of sporting facilities, be it a sports complex or swimming pool, for the people of Maynooth.

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL STRIKES A RATE

It took two meetings of Kildare County Council to strike a rate and agree the estimates for 1989. The people of Maynooth may be surprised to learn that one of their local T.D.'s is acting hypocritically. Deputy Bernard Durkan who voted in the Dail for the allocation of funds to County Councils "by sitting on his back side", voted against the

estimates for Kildare County Council. One wonders why he changed his position at local level. The only T.D. for Kildare to maintain the same position on opposing the stringent cut backs in all areas is the Labour T.D. for Kildare, Deputy Emmet Stagg. At least we have one honest politician.

TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK

At a party held on Sunday, December 11th, the proceeds of the Tony Smith Memorial Walk were handed over to the Maynooth senior Citizens Committee see photo elsewhere in Newsletter. The amount raised in this year's walk was £1,321. We would like to thank all our sponsors and in particular we would like to congratulate the senior citizens who took part in the walk.

BOREEN

Arising from discussion with Maynooth Town Soccer Club, Deputy E. Stagg has made representations to Kildare County Council concerning the condition of the Boreen leading to the soccer field. Deputy Stagg is hopeful of a positive response.

TELECOM EIREANN

It appears that coin boxes are not being emptied in Maynooth at the moment. The double kiosk in the centre of Maynooth operates one for coins and the other on call cards. The kiosk operating on coins is continually non functional due to the inadequate cash collection service. The other phone operates on call cards, the cheapest of which is £1.50. Deputy Stagg has

written to Telecom Eireann asking for a more reliable cash collection service in Maynooth.

MICK FAY R.I.P.

Branch members learned with deep regret of the death of Mick Fay of Newtown, a life long member of the party. We extend deepest sympathy to his many relatives in the area.

BOND BRIDGE

Recently a pedestrian was knocked down on Bond Bridge, Newtown. Once again we call on those opposing the provision of a one way traffic system with raised footpath to stop objecting to these proposals. The new bridge which the branch in Maynooth are seeking is still a good number of years away. It's time now to provide safety for the pedestrians in this area. We call on all residents in the area to lobby public representatives. As stated previously Deputy Stagg is to further pursue this matter.

HAPPY XMAS

Maynooth Branch Labour Party would like to thank the people of Maynooth for their support in the last year. We wish everybody a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

THANK YOU

We congratulate the committee of the Maynooth Newsletter on the continued excellence in the presentation and production of our community magazine.

TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK



Left to Right Gerry Coyne, John McGinley, Jack Dowling, Rosie Harte, Emmet Stagg T.D. and Paul Connolly.

This is the 9th year of the walk organised by the Labour Party on behalf of

the Senior Citizens of Maynooth. To date £10,000 approx has been raised.

This is a credit to the respect the community has for the Senior Citizens of Maynooth.

OLD FOLK COMMITTEE

We would like to thank again all who supported our sale of work in November the total amount realised was £3668.49. The Christmas Party was held in the Divine Word Hostel on Sunday 11th December, there was a great turn out including visitors from Celbridge and Clane. It was preceded by a folk Mass. Everyone had an enjoyable time and Santa Claus made his annual visit and gave out gifts and spoke to all who were there. Also in attendance was Mr. Emmet Stagg and some other members of the Labour Party. Mr. Stagg presented Mrs. Imelda Delaney with a cheque for £1321.00 the amount raised by the Tony Smith Memorial Walk. Best wishes to all for a peaceful and prosperous 1989.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Christmas Party in Moyglare Manor.
Date Jan. Monday, 16th 1989 at 8 p.m.
Members and unmembers very welcome. Inquiries from Secretary Imelda Desmond.

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Catherine Mulready
Joan Weld-Moore
Bridie Brady
Kathleen Cleary,
Diana Seery
Nell Byrne
Felicity Satchwell

Hostess
P.R.O.

Kindly convey our regards and best wishes for Christmas and 1989 to all members and associates of the Maynooth Community Council with a special word of praise and thanks to the Folk Group for their beautiful singing during our Mass last May and the Youth Band for entertaining all those present at the Children's Sports Day on 31st July.

We hope to have both groups back in Cathal Brugha Bks., in the coming year.

From O.N.E. Cathal Brugha Bks.



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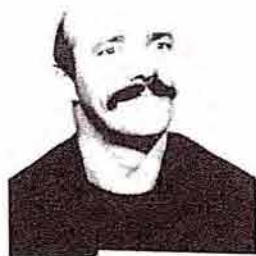
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ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP

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1. Is the Master on the Main Street. (A) James O'Neill
2. Marysfield (A) G.A.A. Field
3. 1943 in Stone (A) Boys National School
4. Hidden Treasures (A) Country Shop
5. J. Clarke near Carton Avenue (A) On gate at entrance to Carton
6. 6 times 1740 (A) Connolly's Folly
7. A Memorial To Mr. John Dillion (non-cemetery) (A) Lady Chapel Church.
8. MDCCCXCIII (A) Aula Maxima College
9. An Edwardian Letter Box (A) At cross roads after G.A.A. field
10. Where on Main Street is the name of a Scottish Town or 1st Division Soccer Club (A) Water fountain on Main Street
11. A Business called Grand Prix (A) Guest House in Carton Court
12. The 1963 Gates (A) G.A.A. Gates
13. The Fourth money Bank (A) A.I.B. Branch in College
14. A Public building with Towers DISALLOW (should have read 4 Towers)
15. A Memorial to Mr. Hugh Maguire (non-cemetery) (A) Connolly's Folly
16. Cocked Hat Wood (A) Donaghstown (road from Taghadoe - Ladychapel)
17. Written directions to St. Patrick's Church (A) St. Mary's Church of Ireland
18. Back to the monkey puzzles what business faces north (A) Kiernan's Main St.
19. Pound Hill (A) Geoghegan's Farm
20. MGWR/I.S.O (and) 19 (A) Rail Bridge at Mullen Bridge

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP

The Social Employment Scheme finished on the canal on Friday 18th November. A very enjoyable party was held by the group and the workers in Slims on Tuesday, 22nd November. A great night was had by everyone, although it was tinged with some sadness as the camaraderie which had built up over the years was now coming to an end.

There will be a new S.E.S. beginning in January for 19 workers and anyone interested should contact Norah McDermott, Maynooth Community Council Office, Main Street, or any member of the committee. Tel: 285922. The latest fundraising event was a flag

day held in Dublin on Saturday 19th November. Thanks due to Christina Sauls, Carolann Reaper, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Matt Kennedy, Brian Horn, Declan O'Connor, Norah, Philip and Tanya McDermott, Mary McDonald and Don Foley for organising and co-ordinating the collection.

The response to the raffle has been tremendous and we thank all our supporters and wish them all a happy New Year.

Muireann Ni Bhrolchain
P.R.O.

ROYAL CANAL NOTES

The following are the winners of the Royal Canal Amenity Group and Boys

National School: Christmas Draw.

- | | |
|-----|---|
| 1st | Bernie Flynn
Treadstown, Maynooth. |
| 2nd | Marie Duff
57 Greenfield Dr., Maynooth. |
| 3rd | TOM FOX |
| 4th | K. McKone
Butlers House, Dunboyne Rd., |
| 5th | Rose Hayes
69 Cluain Aoibhinn |

We would like to thank the following for their sponsorship to this draw: Des Walsh - Butcher, Celbridge Shopping Centre, Londis Supermarket Celbridge, Kavanagh's Mill, Maynooth, and B & I Dublin.



BOB'S KITCHEN

Choux Puffs with Plum Rum Sauce

Serves 6

21 1/2 oz. plain flour

1 oz. caster sugar

2 oz. butter

1/4 pint water

2 eggs, size 3

For the Sauce:

1 1/2 lb. eating plums

4 oz. granulated sugar

1 pint water

3 level tablespoons cornflour or arrowroot

4-6 tablespoons dark rum

2 tablespoons lemon juice

4 firm bananas, roughly chopped

icing sugar

Piping bag and medium-star vegetable nozzle

2 baking sheets, lightly greased

To make the choux pastry: Sift the flour and sugar together. In a pan melt the butter, then pour in the water. Bring to the boil, then shoot in the flour and sugar all at once. Beat with a wooden spoon until the mixture forms a ball and leaves the side of the pan clean.

Leave to cool.

Beat in the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition to form a smooth mixture.

Turn the paste into a piping bag fitted with a medium-star vegetable nozzle. Chill.

To make the sauce: Wash, dry, halve and stone the plums and cut into quarters. dissolve sugar in water, then fast boil for 2 minutes. Add one third of the plums and liquidise or process.

Blend cornflour with rum and lemon juice. Add the puréed plums, bring to the boil, to thicken, stirring. Remove from heat, cool, then add the rest of the plums and bananas.

Set oven to hot, Gas Mark 7, or 425 F/ 220C.

Pipe 1 1/2 inch shells on to greased baking sheets. Bake for 20-25 minutes.

To serve: Dredge puffs with icing sugar, and accompany them with the sauce.

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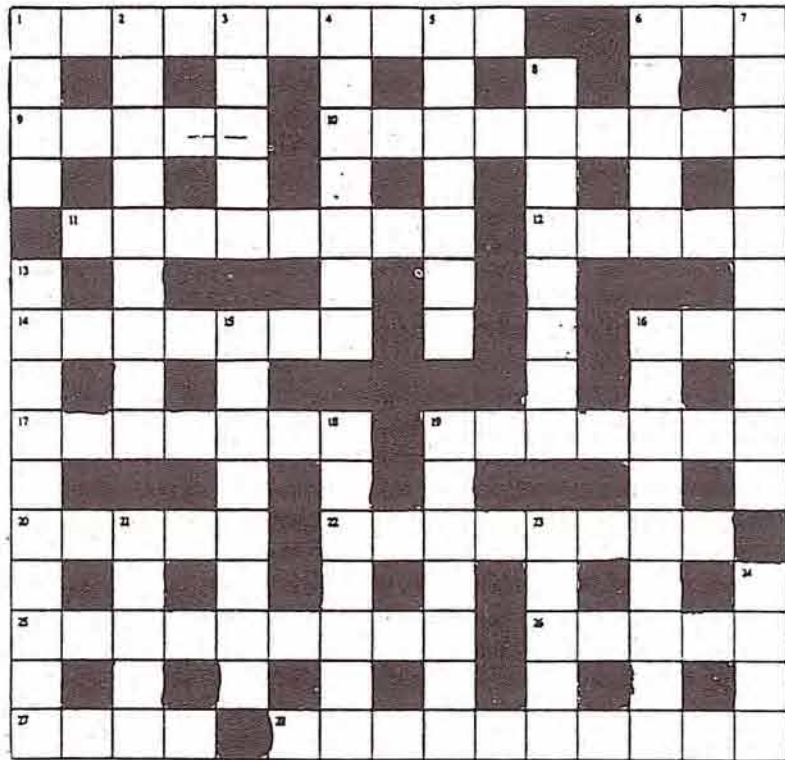
CROSSWORD NO. 14 By 'SPRITE'

ACROSS

1. Seems sick at first, but can show by example (10).
6. Just discovered (3).
9. E.T. is mixed up in the cot, and then their were eight (5).
10. Looks like the seventh glowing cinder, it's really the ninth (9).
11. It seems frantic to cite fern in this way (8).
12. They may come out at night if they've nothing to chew on (5).
14. Oo, anger adds flavour to the cooking (7).
16. Some pray to her for a man (3).
17. In short, Cyril, the SS can mow or reap (7).
19. The particulars show Des surrounds the extremity (7).
20. Can 'e sail away when he's upset like this ? (5).
22. The vista includes a pot and a sheep! (8).
25. At first, Sid reversed, and stood in opposition (9).
26. It may sound less, but there's more than a pint in it (5).
27. Without her, we would all be heartless (4).
28. Ed pal, up on this, you may find a job (5,5).

DOWN

1. In short, Ronald and I can smooth things out with this (4).
2. Allow liberally to those who want to rent (3,6).
3. A stain on this material would upset us (5).
4. In toto, sir, this is how the rice is cooked (7).
5. Initially, the clerical assistant with the pilot is up to date (7).
6. Almost seems like there's nothing to toll, but it is illustrious (5).
7. I throw ness into confusion, but that's how to tell its value (10).
8. Mix the robot with the tee, and add to the salad (8).
13. Sounds like Parnell, but it's used to lure the customers in (4,6).
15. Expression on that suggest he's old enough to know better (2,3,3).
16. As may be self-evident, I am a toxic person (9).
18. Diana was one of them - she was the greatest (7).
19. Where Maynooth strollers go when confused on a dead day (7).
21. Confuse the stein with an extra page (5).
23. A surviving trace of old decency (5).
24. Yield possession of (4).



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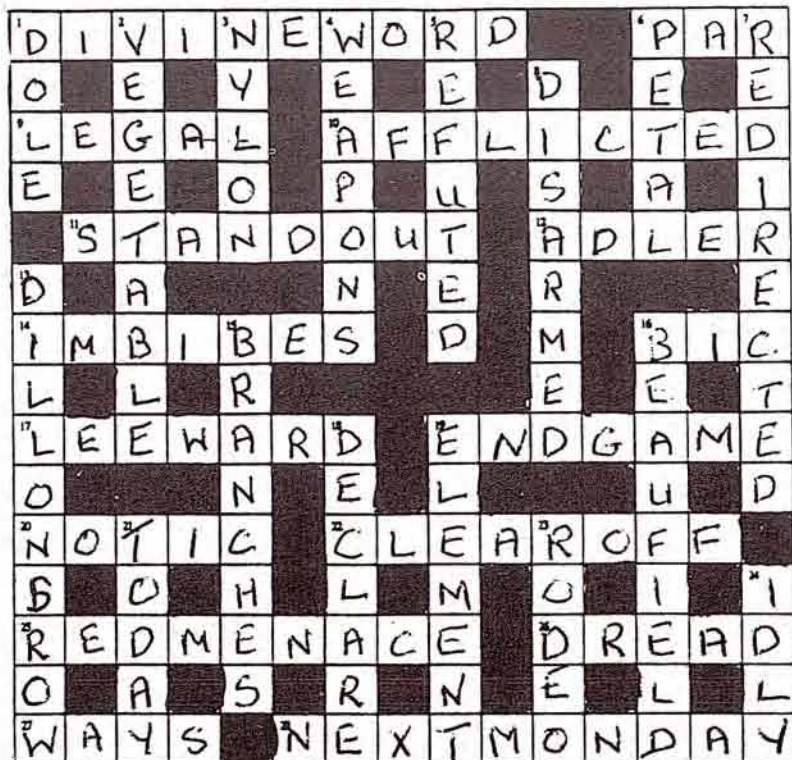
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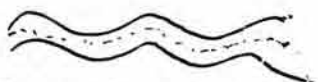
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THE IRISH TIMES YOUNG HISTORIAN AWARDS

Once again, the Irish Times is organising the Young Historian Awards competition. This year, provincial newspapers have joined with the Times in sponsoring the competition. The competition is open to all history students at post-primary schools in the Republic and Northern Ireland. In all, there will be a prize fund of 5000 pounds.

The competition is designed to encourage young people to take an interest in the history of their local area and to realise that each family, building, street, village, or town has a fascinating history of its own. History is not all about political developments and national movements; it is as much about the lives of ordinary people and the goings on of everyday communities. There are four categories for which students can enter:

Local History

Leaving Certificate/A Level Syllabus

History of a Business Enterprise

Bicentenary of the French Revolution

The closing date for entries was 9th December, with the date for completed projects on Friday 3rd, March, 1989.

Maynooth seems like an ideal location for a project - how about a history of the businesses in the town for instance. Kavanagh's Mills is a venerable institution at this stage, and the College is a treasure house of history. The Convent goes back over a century and a half, and the Parish Records must offer considerable scope for tracing families.

The Newsletter looks forward to seeing the outcome of Maynooth students' efforts - perhaps even publishing some of their results?

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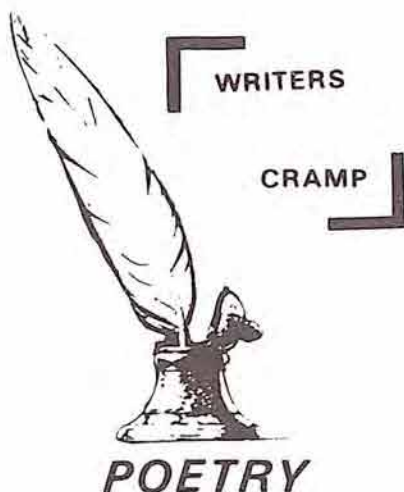
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Grievance of Ages
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Flowing from their eyes,
Land, torn and burning
Laden with Bodies,
Widows and Orphans
Kneeling side by side.

"ICE QUEEN"

by Mary E. O'Donnell

Night fog, then the white shock of
morning.
That dark breathing festoons hedges,
drapes birches like diamante.
She does the high ordinary,
Ice Queen for a day,
tongue still cool,
cheeks quiet and bloodless,
transcends roof and field,
open-armed, sends crows
in spinning circles, pagan fear,
commands the frozen kingdom,
intent on storming airways of desire.
Her fingers stroke titanium silence:
No ravenous sound to colour
what she gets up to
when the world plays games in white.
She is Ice Queen -
urgent in want of seeing
how blood is sucked and secreted -
needs no palette to quicken her.

THE LIBRARY DIARY

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

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GRADUATION



Brian Sheehan, 7 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth who graduated from St. Patrick's College, Maynooth on November 9, 1988 with a B.Sc. Honours Degree.

Brian is pictured with his girlfriend, Celia, and friend David. David also received his B.Sc. Honours Degree in Maynooth.

GENERAL LOCAL NEWS

HONOUR FOR LOCAL TEACHER

Congratulations to Pat Watson of Leinster Park, a teacher at St. Wolstan's school in Celbridge, one of whose pupils obtained the highest marks in Ireland in the Leaving Certificate Geography examination in 1988. In recognition of her achievement, the pupil in question, Yvonne O'Meara, was awarded the Gwenda Hurst Memorial Medal by the Association of Geography Teachers of Ireland at a ceremony in Trinity College. This annual award is given in memory of the Association's founder. Yvonne is currently studying for a degree in physiotherapy.

These scholarships are granted on the results of summer examinations. Aisling obtained first place in the biology exam in 1987 and first place in zoology in 1988.

LOCAL PROPERTIES CHANGE HANDS

Two major properties in the vicinity of Maynooth have recently changed hands. Ballygoran Stud, including 257 acres, 85 loose boxes and four cottages, was sold to Sheikh Hamdan al Maktoum, who already owns Derrinstown Stud, near Ladychapel. Meanwhile, the much-publicised sale of Straffan House to celebrated Irish businessman, Michael Smurfit, has finally gone through at a cost of some £4 million. The house is to be turned into an international conference centre and country club, including an 18 hole golf course (costing an additional £3 million) and fishing and horse riding facilities.

MOYGLARE ON THE MAP

Moyglare Manor has received yet another honour in the form of a listing in The Good Hotel Guide 1989, published by the Consumer Association in Great Britain. The hotel is one of thirty one Irish hotels listed in this publication.

Mrs. Nora Devlin owns the hotel, which is managed by well known Lion, Mr. Shay Curran. It has thirteen suites, and is adding a further three. A number of famous people have stayed there - including we believe, J.R. Ewing, as well as a host of others whose names may not be familiar to the average person in Main Street, but who yield considerable power in the world of horses and business.

FISHY LABELS

Some of our young anglers may be lucky enough to catch a fish down at the

harbour some of these days - although the fish may not feel so lucky. Some of these fish may have a label with the lettered code CFB IRL, along with a five digit number. These will have been marked by the Fisheries Board workers as part of their fishery management programme. The fish are labelled with a tag sited in the vicinity of the dorsal fin. Anyone who catches a labelled fish should furnish details of tag number, fish species, location where caught, length and weight to Mr. Joseph Carrfrey, Central Fisheries Board, Mobhi Boreen, Glasnevin, Dublin 9. The information gathered will provide sufficiently detailed information to help in the effective management of the canal fishery resource.

The Fishery Board has been involved in some research with fish along the Kilcock stretch of the canal for the last year. In May, they stocked the canal with 400 pounds of bream, each one individually marked, so that their movements could be monitored. The bream weighed between two and five pounds. Unfortunately for the anglers, these bream proved very adept at avoiding capture during the summer, leading to suspicions about their fate. It was feared that some source of pollution may have put paid to them. The Fishery Board decided to send a search party for the little critters in September, and by means of electrical discharges in the water, succeeded in bringing most of the wily bream to the surface. They were a little stunned, but were released back into the water, none the worse.

The Fishery Board concludes that either the bream are super intelligent, or the anglers aren't. In any case the bait they are offering are not too tempting for the average bream. They provide valuable advice for those seeking to entice the fish into the frying pan - pre-bait the swim and present maggots or worms, or a cocktail of both on small hooks attached to 3 or 4 pound breaking strain line.

CONSUMER'S RIGHTS

If Autumn is the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, then Christmas and New Year represent the season of mad consumption of the fruits carefully saved over the year. We all go on a spree around Christmas and the sales,

spending money we probably haven't got, on things we don't really want or need.

Whatever about the quantity of spending, sometimes the quality of what we buy brings disappointment. So, what are our rights as a consumer?

Firstly, when you buy goods, you have a contract with the seller, whether it is written down or not. Under this contract, you are entitled to expect that goods will be of 'merchantable quality'. This means that they should be of reasonable quality, taking into account what was said about them, what they are supposed to do, the price paid, how long they should last etc.

They should be 'fit' for their purpose', and they should be 'as described'. You cannot claim for faults brought to your attention, or for faults which should have been seen assuming the goods were examined.

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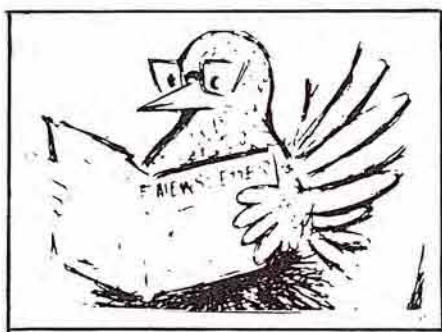
The Great Egg & Spoon Race New Years Day at 1 p.m.

The Maynooth / Kilcock Lions Club are organising the annual **Egg & Spoon Race** for the proprietors of business' in Maynooth and other local towns, on **New Years Day** at 1 p.m. The charities benefiting this year are once again *The Old People's Committee Maynooth*, *The Royal Canal Amenity Group* and *The Local Church of Ireland*. We hope to have a large attendance with plenty of novelty side shows. The event is walked from the top of the town (Carton Gates) to the bottom (front of College) and anybody who has witnessed it in the last few years are guaranteed a good laugh. The Club is active in other areas at this time of the year and would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who bought or contributed in anyway to the Lions/ R.T.E. 2 Food Appeal. This worthy project ensured that the less well-off in our locality had some food for Christmas. This Christmas we also donated toys and clothes to the needy and again we send out season's greetings to all who helped.

The club now totals 40 members, each active in his own way, and can look forward to 1989 with great relish as we have an *International Youth Conference* in *Clongowes Wood College* in July of 1989.

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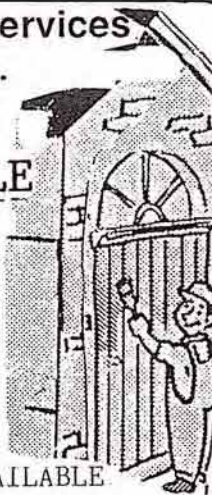
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SPORTS NEWS

MAYNOOTH G.A.A. CLUB UNDERAGE FOOTBALL

Our junior A football team was beaten in our last game of the season by Robertstown in the top four play off of the senior league. We won many games all the year but always seemed to fail at our important games.

We were beaten in the semi final of the championship in a game which we could, and should have won.

Our junior B team had a good start to the season but lost their last four games which put them out of contention for any honours. As we progress in competition more dedication and determination is required and this is something we must keep in mind in the next season.

DUBLIN LEAGUES U/14 GAELIC FOOTBALL TEAM

The Maynooth U/14 gaelic football team playing their first year in the Dublin leagues gave exhilarating performances in their last two games against Naomh Mearnog and Erin's Isle, both

of which they won convincingly. In fact in the game against Erins Isle, the Maynooth lads were so superior that they held the Dublin team scoreless for the entire game and in the process scored 1 goal and 11 points themselves. When it is considered that a number of players did not turn up for some of the matches, it must be obvious to everyone that the sky is the limit for this team in the Dublin leagues if all of the players were to give their full commitment in the New Year, so the management would like to make a special request to all of the players on the panel to turn up for the games. Remember that not alone are you representing the Maynooth G.A.A. Club but also your own county of Kildare in the Dublin leagues. This surely is a great honour and privilege for all of the U/14's. Regarding the game against Erin's Isle, the management would like to give a special word of thanks to four players who came along for the first time and thus ensured we didn't have

to forfeit the match and those players were, Eric and Damian Flynn, Richard Cotter and Andrew Ashe. So in future would every member of the panel make an extra special effort to turn up for the matches.

It is great to see Eddie Lacey and Joey Nevin have recovered from injuries and that they will be back with us in the New Year, so the management would like to take this opportunity of wishing all the players a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year both on and off the playing field.

SOCIAL EVENTS

We had two very enjoyable social events during the year. One was a weekend trip to Cork as quests of Nemo Rangers that great Cork Gaelic Football Club. Here we must pay tribute to the Nemo Rangers for their kindness to us and hope that one day we will be able to return the compliment.

The other event was the presentation of trophies, "Kilcock Tournament" at a dinner dance in the Setanta Hotel. A good time was had by all. When we consider that Maynooth teams played

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fifty two games during the year and never once failed to field a full team, And never had a player sent off it can be seen that the Club is in a very sound position. The management and selectors of all teams would like to congratulate our players on their excellent behaviour on and off the field.

We wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Our annual general meeting will be held in the Athletic Club rooms on January 8th 1989 at 2.30 p.m.

Michael Caden P.R.O.



MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

Patsy McCluskey was fourth overall and the first lady home on the winning

vet ladies team which represented Ireland in Belgium recently. This was a splendid performance for Patsy, as she had run in the Dublin City Marathon the week before going to Belgium. Lisa McCluskey also ran very well on the Girls U/17 team, finishing 19th overall. The second round of the Kildare cross-country championships took place in Kilcock. In the Girls U/13 Patricia Purcell was second with Emma McCluskey, Ashling Redmond and Margaret Brennan joining her to take second team award. Girls U/15 Fiona Redmond 5th. Girls U/17, nice win here for Lisa McCluskey and Carmel Noonan 2nd, unfortunately they were one short for a team. In the vet. ladies Bernie Dunne was 2nd in O/30. A win for Patsy McCluskey in the O/40. Helen Redmond 3rd O/40. Marie Gleeson was also in the O/40 race and these three ladies won 3rd team. Liam McNamee won his event and with Pat Maher and David Jolly got 3rd team. Liam McNamee won his event and with Pat Maher and David Jolly got 3rd team. Boys U/13 Paul Flood 13th and Niall Gillick 23rd. The Kildare grade 'B' even age juveniles and senior

men and ladies took place in Brutons field Maynooth. (Thanks to Mr. Bruton for the use of his field). Conditions were good but it was quite a tough course. Girls U/10 Michelle Gillick and Carol Dunne took part but didn't have enough for a team. Girls U/12 Eimear O'Sullivan, 2nd Margaret Brennan, 3rd Aisling Redmond, 5th and Yvonne REidy 12th. These girls got 1st team, WELL DONE. Girls U/14 Emma McCluskey 2nd and Fiona Redmond 5th, again we were short of girls to make a team here.

Niall Gillick Boys U/12 and Paul Flood took part in Boys U/14. Senior ladies Patsy McCluskey 2nd, Helen Redmond 5th, Marie Gleeson 9th, Bernie Dunne 11th, 2nd team award. Senior men D. Cunningham 9th, Pat Maher 13th and David Jolly.

Carbury was the venue for the Grade B un-even age championships for juveniles and the Intermediate men and ladies. Girls U/13 2nd Emma McCluskey, 6th Ashling Redmond. U/13 Boys Niall Gillick 20th. U/11 Girls Michelle Gillick 14th. U/15 Girls Fiona Redmond 2nd. Ladies Intermediate, a win for Helen Redmond, 6th Marie Gleeson and 7th Bernie Dunne, these ladies took 1st team award. David Jolly

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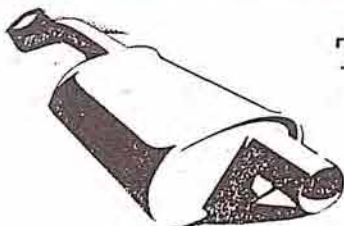


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was 22nd in Intermediate men. Leinster Championships round one were held in Edenderry. Michelle Gillick took part in the U/11. Fiona Redmond 23rd and was on the county team which was 3rd team. Girls U/13 Eimear O'Sullivan and Niall Gillick Boys U/13. Ladies O/35, we had 3rd club team

here with patsy McCluskey 1st, Helen Redmond 8th and Marie Gleeson. Patsy McCluskey and Helen Redmond were also on the winning county team. Bernie Dunne was our only novice lady and she was also on a winning county team. Vet. men O/40 Liam McNamee 1st and David Jolly 16th, also on winning county team.

Congratulations to all who continue to turn out week after week, especially the children who don't always have full teams. We would like to wish everyone a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

B. Tracey
M. Noonan

STREET TALKING

We're moving into the seasonal abyss, the gaping, empty January days when things seem to be at a standstill, and any remaining Christmas lights only increase the sense of darkness. The urge to shout 'Take them down and be done with it!' isn't far from my lips, and of course getting on with it is the only option really. Being an optimist by nature, and someone who never makes New Year resolutions, looking forward is unavoidable, natural.

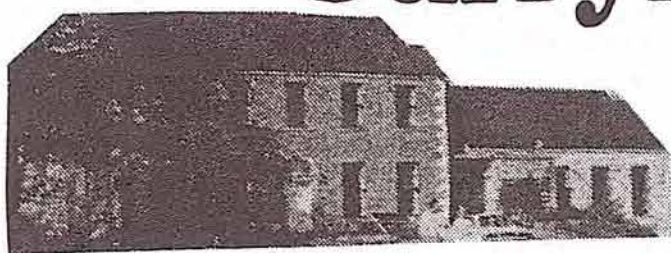
Having managed to avoid the serious side of Christmas cookery for most of my life - attending to an unwieldy turkey and stuffing and sewing that crawling cold flesh - I've come to realise that Christmas is tough - for women. It's slog-work, it's hot, it's worrisome, and 'Go mbéimís beo ag an am seo arís' is all very well before the Christmas meal commences, but I know women who

say 'Thanks be to God' when the whole thing is over, who are sustained on generous measures of gin while the house is in chaos.

So specially for them put aside a few quid and pay a visit to Ann Carey of the Cameo Beauty Clinic. It's situated just over the Country Shop and will soothe the most tattered nerves, will restore calm to the ailing (i.e. those who have put on a few pounds during the festivities, those who feel that even if the gin made them sin, it sure as hell didn't do much for their complexions). Ann trained in Bronwyn Conroy's Beauty School in Grafton Street and is a specialist in all aspects of skin therapy. She offers Cathiodermie treatments, electrolysis, waxing, René Guinot skin care products and of course there's also the sunbed for those who want to restore last summer's golden skin to its former glory. Gift tokens are also

available - a nice idea for men who realise that the woman in the lives could possibly do with a bit of pampering. It's great to see the new Maynooth Bookshop in the Square. Every success to John Byrne and staff with it. Perhaps this is the beginning of the swing towards making The Square a village square where people actually shop. The shop stocks a wide variety of literature, to suit all age-groups and tastes, and books can - naturally - be ordered. I bought Longman's Chronicle of the Twentieth Century (plenty of copies of that in stock) for one of the men in my life and even though it's not a dainty little thing you'd squeeze into a back pocket, I reckon he's poring over it with considerable enjoyment. And it's not suitable for bed-time reading either - unless you want to end up with extraordinary biceps. Happy New Year may it be a good one.

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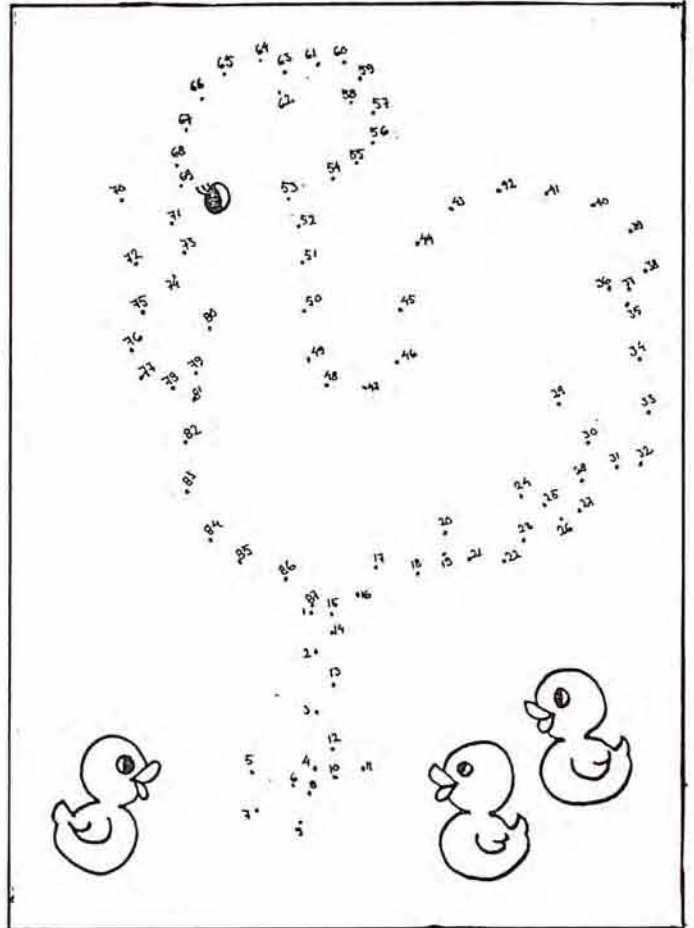
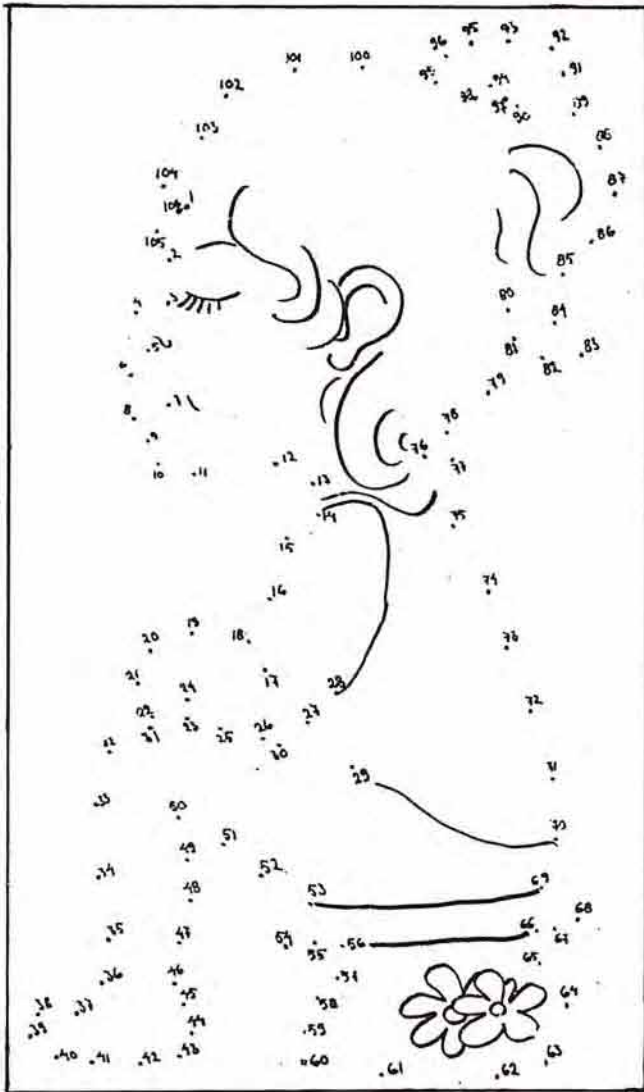
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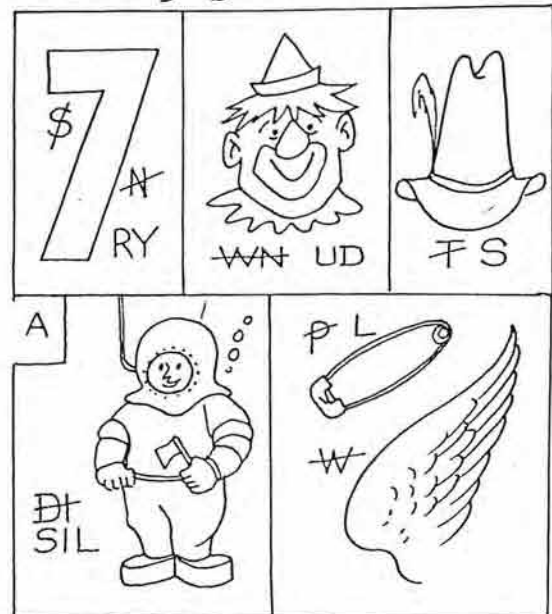
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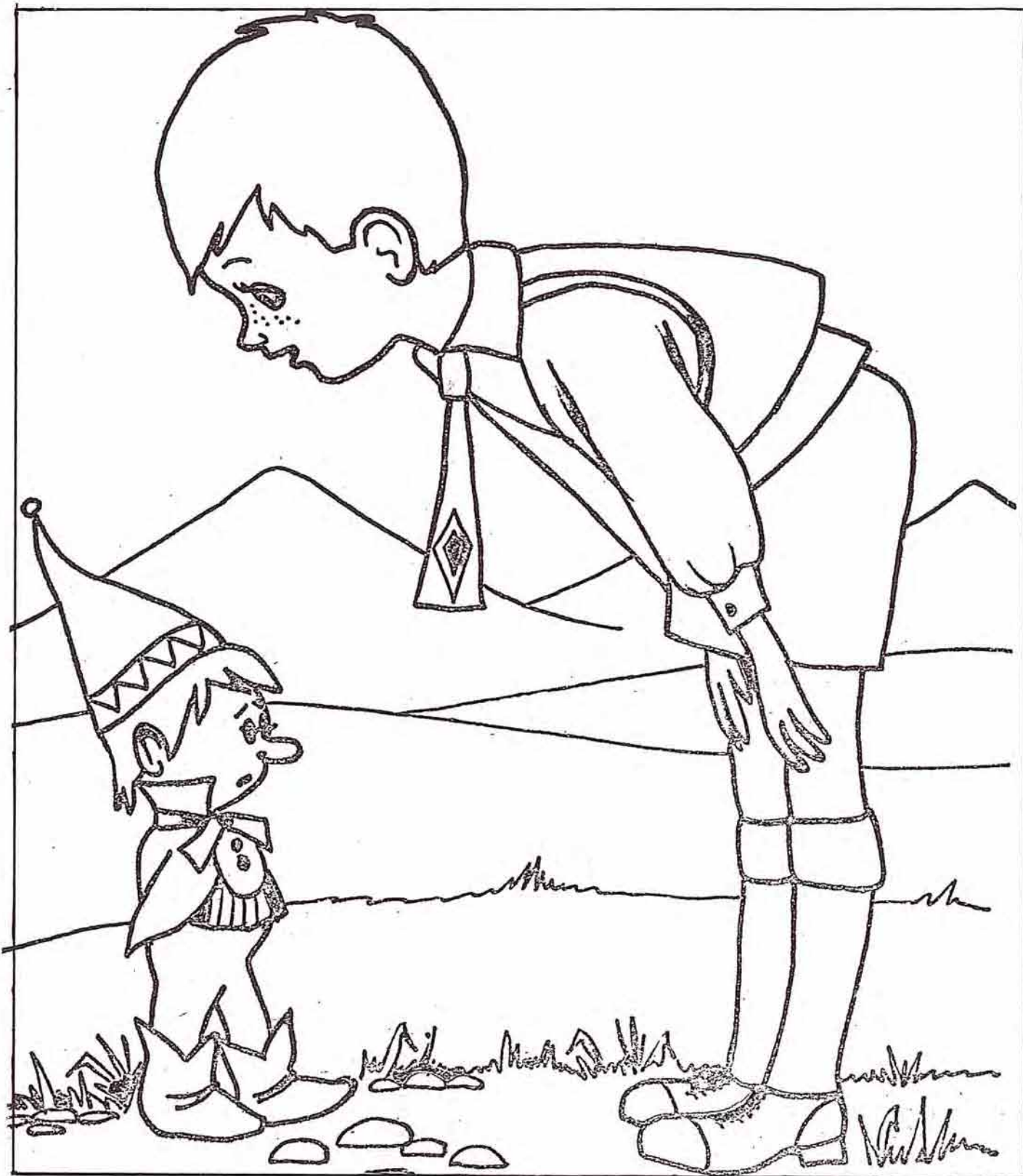


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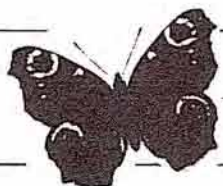
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Gerald, ninth earl of Kildare, 'Garret Og' to the Irish as his father had been 'Garret Mor', was born in 1487. He died in the Tower of London in December 1534, or grief on hearing the news that his son, Silken Thomas, had come out in open rebellion against the king of England, Henry VIII. This rebellion proved to be the occasion of the final fall from power of the house of Kildare, so that it is both sad and ironic that it is for the life-time of the ninth earl that we have the most abundant evidence for the life-style of the Fitzgeralds at Maynooth Castle, just before it was swept away and destroyed for ever. The surviving evidence suggests that the life-style was one of power, elegance and culture, and very much in line with the development of The European renaissance culture of the period.

When Maynooth Castle was captured by the king's forces a few months after the death of the ninth earl Sir William Skeffington reported to Henry VIII on the strength of its fortifications. It was he wrote in a letter dated 26th March 1535 'so strongly fortified both with men and ordnance, as the liek hath

A FOCAL POINT OF LOCAL HISTORY Mary Cullen

not been seen in Ireland, synes anny your moost nobell progenitors had first domynion in the lande.' But it was also richly and beautifully furnished. The chronicler Stanyhurst describes it at the same time; 'Great and rich was the spoile; such store of bedds, so many goodly hangings, so rich a wardrob, suche brave furniture, as turly it was accompted, for householde stufte and utensiles, one of the richest earle his houses under the crowne of Englande.'

Still more striking is the evidence of the inventories belonging to the Fitzgeralds, of the books and plate compiled during the rule of the ninth earl. Two lists of the books in his library are extant, one not dated and the other, the later, dated 1525-6. The earlier list must relate for the main part to books already in the library of the eighth earl, with perhaps some additions in the time of his son.

The Great Earl's biographer, Donagh Byrne, analyses the earlier list as follows:- 'In his library, where Latin books

predominated, Gaelic manuscripts came next in number. There were more French books than English. The French books were chiefly romances. The English were similarly romances and histories. Among the Latin were works of Virgil, Juvenal and Terence. Some of the Latin and most of the Gaelic volumes, were devoted to religion. There was a gilt copy of the Psalter in Latin on parchment. In Gaelic there were the lives of various saints, but there were also 'Couchullyn's Actes' and a 'boke wierin is the begynning of the Cronicles of Irland.' Some of the additions by the date of the later list of 1525-6 are particularly interesting as show that whoever was responsible for their presence was aware of and interest in contemporary European developments in renaissance scholarship and religious controversy. Among the Latin works are Sir Thomas More's UTOPIA which was first published in 1517 and LA URENCIUS VALLA, presumably with a book about the famous humanist scholar who contributed so much to the critical approach to documentary evidence, or some of his works.

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Among the later additions in English are another work by Thomas More, this time in defence of traditional religious practices which were coming under heavy attack by reformers, Sir Thomas Moore his books Agayns the new opinions that hold agayuns pilgrimages,

and a book by no less a person than the King of England, Henry VIII himself. This was Henry's venture into religious controversy in answer to Martin Luther's attack on the seven sacraments. Henry's reply was first published in 1521 in Latin. Assertio Septem Sacramentorum, and was soon translated into both German and English. The Pope, Leo X, was extremely pleased with the book and conferred on its author the title 'Fidei Defensor', defender of the faith. Although the royal author's subsequent career caused Pope Paul III to deprive him of the title the English monarchs retained it and to this day it appears in abbreviated form on British coins as FID, DEF or simply F.D.

The inventory of the plate belonging to the earl of Kildare was drawn up in 1518 and so again much of this must have been in the possession of the Great Earl. The list is long and much of this elaborate plate must have come

from the continent. A few examples will give the flavour of the collection:-

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An adder his tonge garneseld.

An Almayne pott, parcell gylt, witha man on the handell, weing iiiii score vi unces.

Another Almayne pott of the same sorte parcell gylte, with a marmaid on the handell weing iiiii score and x.'

A last personal note about the ninth early will round out the picture, it comes again from the chronicler Richard Stanyhurst: 'This noble man was so well affected to his wife, the Ladie Gray, as he woulde not, at any time, buy a sute of apparell for himselfe, but hee would sute her with the same stuffe.' The furnishings, the books, the plate, and the last small insight into

personal relationships, together suggest that renaissance culture had made more impact on Ireland than is sometimes imagined. But the ninth earl's life-time, which saw these developments also saw the beginning of the end of it all, as the English Kings grew more powerful and were less and less willing to tolerate what was, from their point of view, the threatening power of their over mighty subjects in Ireland, the Earls of Kildare.

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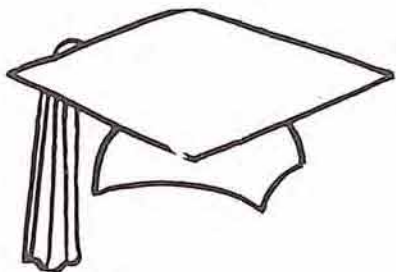
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COLLEGE NEWS

STAFF ON THE MOVE

Since the College began its modern expansion in the late 1960's, there have been two major relocations of the offices of the teaching staff. The non-residential staff who were recruited at the beginning of the expansionary phase were initially accommodated on the ground floor of New House, on the Aula Maxima side of St. Joseph's Square. Most of these were moved to the new Arts Block when it was opened in 1976, but such was the rate of expansion of the College at that stage that by then the Arts Block was already unable to absorb all the departments in the Arts Faculty. As the ground floor of Humanity House (on the Bookshop side of St. Joseph's Square) was already being used as offices for various functions associated with the National University side of the College, it was

decided in 1978 to move all remaining staff in New House over to Humanity House, which then was devoted exclusively to NUI activities, with New House becoming exclusively a residential area for seminarians.

However, with the College continuing to grow, the last few years saw offices creeping back into New House, a trend which was accelerated this year with the redeployment to Maynooth of a number of staff from Carysfort College, which was closed during the summer. Thus, the College authorities have now decided to turn Rhetoric House (where the Computer Centre is located) completely into offices, and to move all staff currently housed in both Humanity and New Houses there. The latter will again revert to exclusively residential functions. This will require a lot of refurbishment work which is due to begin early next summer, and the staff involved are scheduled to move into their new offices next August or September. There will undoubtedly be an amount of misgiving among a lot of the staff concerned, who will be swapping their present splendid views of St. Joseph's Square for a new view of unrecognisable male figures grunting in the mud of Rhetoric pitch.

ACADEMIC STAFF ASSOCIATION

The College's Academic Staff Association, which is the local branch of the Irish Federation of University Teachers, held its Annual General Meeting recently. The meeting saw popular local history lecturer, Mary Cullen, stepping down after three years in the chair, to be replaced by Dermot Moran, of the Philosophy Department. There is also a new secretary, with Seamas O Siochain, of Anthropology, taking over from Maire Ni Annrachain of Nua-Ghaeilge. The meeting also passed a motion calling on the government to ensure that the forthcoming appeal by the "Winchester Three" be carried out in a non-prejudicial environment.

SECURITY PROBLEMS

A serious security problem has recently emerged in the College's swimming pool and changing room area, where articles of clothing and other personal possessions have been stolen. There have also been thefts from offices around the campus. The College authorities have introduced a security presence in the swimming pool area, which appears to have eliminated the problem for the moment. At the same time, all staff and students have been asked to be extra careful,

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3. Mark Hallinan, Greenfield Drive.

In all there were over 200 entrants and the stories dealt with every imaginable topic. Unfortunately everybody could not win prizes, but such is the nature of the competitions. I am sure that readers will agree that the standard of the winning entries in each category was excellent. My thanks are due to Clairr O'Connor who had the difficult task of picking the winners.

"DINOSAUR WORLD"

by Hugh Denman

I checked my gear-raygun, inflatable tent, rifle and a portable tomy-tronic 3-D game converted into a radar scanner. I looked at the unknown planet outside. I turned to my assistant, David. David said, "You Okay?". I said briefly, "Yep", and then added, "What's the atmosphere like out there?". "It's breathable, but it's very damp and moist" was the response from my assistant. Looking up doubtfully from his position over the dashboard of our class IV Explorer ship, christened "The Starshooter", he asked me, "Look, are you sure about this?". I sighed. "Look, I said wearily, "Scientists on Earth have spent ages at this question: 'what killed the Dinosaurs?'. So, in order to find out, they issue a reward of five million bucks to anyone who can give them a flawless reason with proof. Just think two million and five hundred thousand bucks each! Of course I'm damn sure!" "Okay. okay, no need to tell the whole universe", said David. He checked his gear, he also had a scanner and raygun but instead of my tent and rifle, he brought a first aid kit, a powerful torch (with several spare power units), and a lightweight stove. So equipped we set off into the unknown.

Once we were outside, the faint buzzing that we had heard inside the ship arose to a deafening crescendo with the odd chorus of perodactyles thrown in. As if that was not enough, a choir of stegosauruses joined in, accompanied by a gallant (but by no means elegant) soloist in the shape of a tyrannosaurus rex. Just as the noises seemed to reach its peak, an exceptionally loud roar silenced all else. It is best not to tell the king of the meat-eaters where you are if he's hungry. There he stood, the soloist from the recent concert, and his piggish red eyes seemed to say, "What! You didn't like my performance! I'll teach you to dislike me!". His teeth were as big as a man's hand, and he could easily have stuck his head into a third floor window. He slashed out with one of his forelegs and hit David on the head. It was such a hard blow that had it not been "dampened" by his helmet it would have sent his head flying. As it was he was sent rolling down a steep incline, at the bottom of which there was a winding river which was frothing about as a million or more creatures spotted this tasty meal. Now it was my turn. The great monster (a tyrannosaurus rex, in

case you haven't guessed) began to run at me, gathering speed as he lumbered along towards me. I dodged between his legs and spun around beginning to pepper his bottom as I ran backwards towards the drop in which David had fell. With a scream of pain the dinosaur fell to earth and rolled for a bit. Then he lay still.

I looked down the incline. I saw that one of the creatures was swimming around in circles, apparently in agony. I then witnessed the astounding sight of a laser coming out of its back? Out of the hole that the laser had made, I saw a familiar figure coming out! David jumped to the bank and scrambling and scrambling upwards, with several amphibians hot on his heels. Finding a hollow in which to sit, he made a stand using his raygun to hold off the numerous creatures who were on his tail. He remained like that for the best part of half an hour, continuously aided by me. Eventually he got out, though how I cannot remember.

We decided to go up in our ship to get an aerial view of the planet, so after charging our power units, we left that hostile planet. Once in space, we could observe the planet at ease. We noted mountain ranges, lakes, valleys and several volcanos. We also saw a great ocean to the north of where we had been.

I found that it was a lot like prehistoric earth. The land on the planet seemed all to be centred around a big landmass which must have been something like 7000 miles in diameter. "I think . . . "began David, but what he thought we will never know. At that moment the huge landmass began to split up. Gigantic storms and cyclones swept through the planet, wreaking damage throughout the planet. We stayed up there for several months, gathering food from other planets in the solar system of nine (an interesting observation was that they were roughly spaced out in the same way as our planets were). During the period of time we spent in space we took photographs and made notes, several of which were theoretical. When the storms had ceased we decided to land once more to continue observing this wonderful place. On landing, we got out (well, that's obvious, isn't it!) and began to collect samples of rock, bone and dead dinosaurs. Before moving the bones and bodies, however, we photographed them where they lay. After doing this for about an hour we were forced to leave due to bad weather.

On looking back for the last time on the planet, I started in amazement at the sight that I saw. The various parts of the main land mass had settled in the positions of Arfice, America, Europe and all the other familiar continents of home! Their shapes were identical as well. I turned to David to find him trancelike, gasping in awe out of the viewport. After a few minutes, David said, "If one travels far enough, they go through a time warp and end up back where they started from". "Yes", was all I could say. In total silence we returned to the controls. About an hour later I broke the silence by saying, "I wonder how long it takes to count \$2,500,000". David said, "I don't know, but I plan to count very slowly!"

"THE CORMORANT"

by Aengus Martin

It was an icy morning in November. The freezing breeze stung the cormorants feathers like frosty bees. The cormorants were huddling together like a mother and her new born baby. Presently one of the young ones was pushed out of the nest on to the rock ledge. It tried again and again to get back in but without success. One more got pushed out and pushed the one off the ledge. The bird managed to flap its wings and go out to sea so he could gain height to get back to the rock ledge. It eventually managed to reach the rock ledge. But as it was going up it hit its wings off another rock ledge. Presently the birds started pecking and kicking it because it was different from them. After a while it was pushed over the side and this time it fell into the sea. Just at that time a young fisherman was pulling in his nets and saw it he took the young bird in. When he got home he bathed the bird in warm water and rubbed on some cream. Day by day the bird became stronger. Once a week he would bring it out and test its flight. For three months the bird became a sort of pet. After two years they trained him to be a bird acrobat. He would do loop-the-loop. He could jump through fire and he could land on a plane. Then one morning the fisherman had a fantastic idea. It was this: he and his wife would set up a bird circus and make much more money. They would also use the boat for different tricks. His wife was in full praise of the idea. First of all he would have to buy a caravan and lots of equipment. Four days later he went to the nearest town. The only thing he did not get was a pipe for the bird to go through. For

the show name they called him "Cormac the cunning cormorant." But for his ordinary name they called him "Cormy". In two weeks they got a female for him to mate. When he got enough money he brought the pipe. Tom the fisherman and his wife Mary were very excited the night before the first show. The next day was very hard because of the preparations. They were also happy because they had a buyer for their house. Tan-tan-Tara the show began: Cormy's first trick was bursting balloons with his beak. Five days later and whoopee the house was sold. Their life as circus people was very happy especially when the cormorants mated and got babies. The circus kept going for ten years until one fatal day. They were riding along on the horse when a motor car came and frightened the horse. The horse bolted and the caravan shook and the cormorants were both killed. The two people were as sad as ever and had to buy a house and live a very lonely life until their death which was in 1980, on the fifth of January. They died of a heart attack and lived a very happy life with their cormorants in heaven.

HIROSHIMA by Brian Boland

On the 6th of August 1945 Flight Commander Bob Reid and his crew were briefed in a small cave which served as headquarters for the 47th Brigade of the American Air Force. They were to go on an important and scientific bombing mission into Japan. Their target was the great and industrious city of Hiroshima. They were to fly in at a height of over 4,000 feet to avoid the effects of the horrific and deadly bomb, yet it was a normal size bomb. Little did they realise the enormity of the horrendous havoc and devastation it was to mercilessly unleash on its ill-fated target.

The first atomic bombs were developed during the period of the Second World War in a project named "The Manhattan Project". This huge bomb contained plutonium and uranium. They took off in a *Beaufighter 111 plane armed with ten cannons and machine-guns. The day was perfect for flying, but not for them. They had hoped for fog, mist or low cloud banks to conceal them from the treacherous *flak and anti-aircraft guns that were to await them.

The journey was nerve-racking and tense with the crew fervently checking and re-checking their equipment. On arrival at the shores of Japan *flak and

anti-aircraft shells burst unceremoniously sending fragments of whistling steel hurtling through the dense atmosphere. Enemy fighter planes swooped down like hungry vultures on their prey. The pilot, white-faced and ferret-eyed with taut nerves wove like a terrified bird through the air. The rear-guns sent spurts of hot lead through the enemy planes with savage ferocity sending one cascading with smoke pouring from its engines to the ground. In a gesture of resignation and enemy pilot open up with a burst of machine-gun fire and dived towards his aerodrome.

On arrival at the illfated target, Hiroshima, the pilot gave orders for a bombing run. They were at 40,000 feet when they donned their protective face mask and their dark goggles. Then they dived, and on releasing the bomb they sprung up as if slapped by a giant hand, relieved of thousands of pounds. The bomb fell slowly at first but, gathered speed and hurtled down to the doom of the city. Then, by an ingenious mechanism a parachute sprung from the bomb immediately checking its speed. At about five hundred feet from the city the bomb let out a mighty nerve-shattering earthquaking crack and a blinding flash was emitted into the air. The explosion was so powerful it propelled the aeroplane upward like a feather on a brisk breeze. With a devastating, inexplicable lurch the whole city seemed to crumble to atoms of dust. Even in their plane 20,000 feet up the crew could feel the scorching heat of the flames that licked hungrily up the remaining articles that were strewn haphazardly across the countryside below them. What used to be a huge city was now a pile of scorched debris and licking flames. A scream of anguish over the headsets of the crew revealed that the bomber had not gone entirely unscathed. After they had investigated they found out that the rear-gunner had been hit by a piece of red-hot iron that had been hurtled up from the mass of debris and melee below penetrating the rear of his head, thus, killing him instantly.

On the journey home the crew at first were filled with utter delight at accomplishing their mission. But slowly deep remorse seeped into the souls of the crew, now saddened by the fiendish and savage deed they had committed. These men landed as heroes.

*Flak is a deadly anti aircraft shell with a timer which automatically exploding the shells at a certain height.

RUSSIA - A PUPIL'S VIEW

by

Monica O'Donnell

It was dusk on our arrival at Moscow Airport and this gave the place a gloomy and bleak appearance. I was delighted with the snow covered ground, somehow Russia wouldn't have been the same without it.

After the tiresome formalities of passing through customs a friend and I sat down to observe our surroundings. Numerous furry hats bore underneath solemn faces and their eyes we thought were hard and impenetrable.

On the way to the Hotel we could see the shadows of tall, bare trees in a straight line along the road beyond these were high sky-scrappers all lit up and quite picturesque in the darkness. Moscow held many fascinating contradictions. There were beautiful buildings with decorative roofs which had been gilded in gold or painted in bright colours and yet the majority of the people dwelt in grey, featureless tower blocks.

In Moscow we spent most of our time visiting Red Square. We went to see Lenin's tomb where his body is preserved. People queue for a long time to catch a glimpse of their hero. He is almost God like to them and they show great respect and reverence towards him. We were not allowed to bring cameras, walkmans, etc., with us. We had to walk silently in pairs, button up our coats, take our hands out of our pockets and remove our hats.

Queuing seemed to be a part of life in Russia, for example, in a book-shop where I was buying posters I had to queue three times, firstly to select the posters which were behind a counter. This done, the girl handed me a ticket with the price written on it, I then had to queue again to pay and receive a receipt, lastly I had to queue to the counter and receive the poster. The shops had a certain dull quality, having no advertisements, food was packed and stacked on shelves and as I already mentioned all items were behind counters, possibly eliminating the chances of shoplifting. Even fruit didn't appear as attractive because unlike our supermarkets, artificial lighting was not used. The food was acceptable most of the time. Rumours were circulating in the Hotel in which we were staying that we would have the privilege of tasting horse-meat some evening. This made me decide to become a temporary vegetarian. What surprised me was the fact that the people ate a lot of cold

food even in winter. I remember seeing an ice-cream man making money selling ice-cream while his customers happily walked off licking the ice-cream which was colder than the snow beneath their feet.

Western goods find a high price on the Black Market. I was almost involved in a transaction where I was going to exchange a pair of track-suit bottoms and £8 sterling for a real rabbit fur hat. Unfortunately the transaction didn't take place and I had to take my goods home with me. I was, asked on numerous occasions if I would exchange jeans, t-shirts, hats, anything that was a symbol of Western Europe. They also exchanged money, usually for £1 sterling one could get 7 roubles, compared to 1 rouble for £1 sterling which you would get in a bank. I was amazed to see that even young children were involved in the Market, many trading badges for sweets and chewing gum. Transport obviously played an important role in our trip I would have loved to have brought some of the C.I.E. authorities with us for the Russian Transport System was excellent. There was hardly any need for time-tables because buses and trains come often and regularly. I was amazed to see real trams for the first time in my life. They reminded me of post cards that I had seen of Dublin in the 'Rare Owl Times'. I found the Metro to be very interesting, the equivalent of 15p in Russian money would bring you to any destination along the route in the city. The other passengers showed a mixed reaction towards us. Some were irritated by our noises and others showed signs of amusement. The majority of the people possessed Lada cars and by the time that we were leaving jokes had been invented about them. For instance 'what do you call a Lada with two exhaust pipes? . . . A Wheelbarrow!' I think that I saw one Limousine while I was there.

We travelled over night on the Red Arrow express train from Moscow to Leningrad. We slept easily, lulled by the click-clacking of the train. The next morning as we passed through the country-side we all remarked on how pretty the wooden houses with their roofs heavily laden with snow were I think that this was the only chance that we got to see how the country people lived.

Leningrad itself appeared to have a

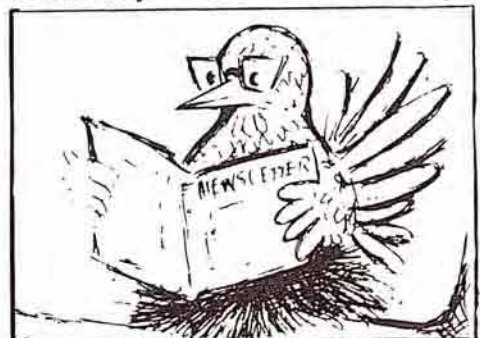
more relaxed pace of life than Moscow. This was due to the fact that it wasn't as big and the standard of living was somewhat higher. There are many tourist attractions there, probably the most famous being the Winter Palace and the Hermitage Museum which contains millions of works of art and the building itself can only be described as awe-some. They say that if you stopped for one minute at every work that it would take you 9 years to see everything.

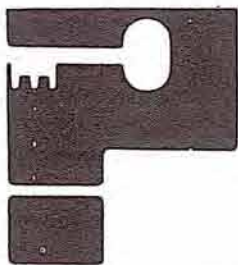
During our stay in Leningrad we met a group of Russian students who were extremely friendly and open towards us. We discussed our different life styles and learned a lot. They had heard of U2, Elton John, The Beatles, Queen and Rick Astley but surprisingly they did not know of Madonna or Michael Jackson. They questioned us on our politics but once we asked them about their's and their past history, they just gave a brief comment and changed the subject. However I did find out that Gorbachev, like Lenin, has gained respect. I saw a man in a lift wearing a badge, with a picture of Gorbachev on it. Can you imagine an Irish man walking down the street wearing a badge of Haughey or his like?

I also learned that although the people are quite poor they are more or less equal. Equality is also seen where males and females are on the same level where work is concerned. I saw a woman in her mid-forties outside in -12 C shovelling snow and breaking ice along a kerb.

At the beginning of this account I said that the people had solemn faces but, I can honestly say that I never met friendlier people in my life. I suppose we should never judge a book by its cover.

All in all I found that the tour in Russia was a very enjoyable one, it was an experience that I will never forget and I definitely will return there someday.





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2. PROTECT THE SCENE

Make every effort to prevent further accidents. If possible have someone stationed to warn approaching vehicles. If the accident happens at night, and reflectors are available, put them out or have somebody do it immediately; if you have a flashlight use it to warn other vehicles.

3. ASSIST THE INJURED

Check for injured persons. If somebody is seriously injured, try to get a doctor or call an ambulance, whichever is quicker. Do not move the injured person unless you know what you are doing. Good intentions on your part may result in further injury to the victim.

4. CALL THE GARDAI

The law requires that the driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in personal injury or death shall as soon as possible give notice of the accident to the Garda Síochána.

Even when there are apparently no personal injuries, it is advisable to give this notice immediately so that the Gardai can investigate the accident promptly. The Garda official report may assist you later if any claim of liability is made.

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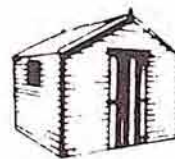
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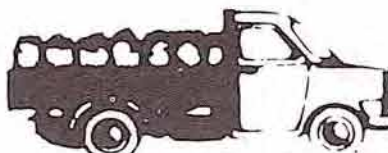
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7. OBTAIN PARTICULARS

Obtain the other driver's name, address, the registration number of the vehicle he is driving; the name and address of the owner of that vehicle and the name of his Insurance Company.

8. WITNESSES

Obtain the names and addresses of any and all witnesses as soon as you can - both eye witnesses and all others who might have some information about any of the circumstances of the accident. After writing down their names and addresses, attempt to obtain from these witnesses a statement as to what happened and, if they will, have them write it down at the scene.

9. MAKE NOTES

Always have a pencil and pad, as well as this information, in the glove compartment of your car. Make your own written notes of all significant circum-

stances concerning the accident. Show the position of the cars after the accident. Step off exact distances of skid marks and other important distances. Be certain that you can, at a later date, point on the road to where the vehicles collided or where a person was struck and where the vehicles came to a stop. If you or someone else has a camera at the scene take pictures to preserve skid marks and note the important features; position of cars; mud and grass on the road; and other physical evidence that may disappear very quickly after the accident.

10. ASSIST THE GARDAI

Remain at the scene until the Gardai arrive. No one can force you to give an opinion as to the cause of the accident at the scene, at a Garda Station or elsewhere. You have the right to consult a solicitor before making any statement and you should contact him as soon as possible.

11. ARREST

An arrest at the scene of the other party or yourself does not necessarily indicate liability. An arrest and conviction in connection with a car accident cannot ordinarily be used against you later for damages. It is important that you contact your solicitor as soon as possible before admitting anything or

making any statement. A plea of guilty may be used as an admission on making any statement.

12. PAY NOTHING

Making no immediate payment of any kind to the other party and do not promise to make a payment. Any such payment would be at your own risk. The other driver cannot force you to make a payment without legal proceedings, nor can he hold your car without legal action.

13. SEE A DOCTOR

Remember that serious and costly injuries do not always result in immediate pain or bloodshed. Have a check up with your doctor as soon after the accident as possible.

14. INFORM INSURANCE COMPANY

Make a complete report to your Insurance Company immediately, and ask your solicitor to assist in making the report (keeping a copy). Failure make a prompt report may void your Insurance.

15. SEE YOUR SOLICITOR

Be very cautious in dealing with persons offering to settle your case or anyone seeking to hurry you into a settlement. See your own solicitor. He is trained to assist you in handling the problems which are created as a result of the accident.

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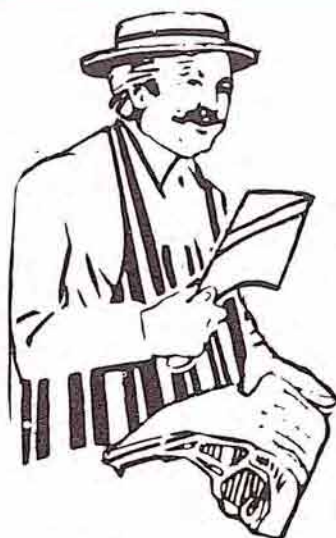
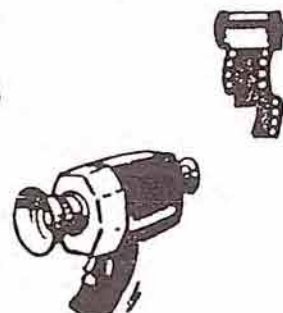
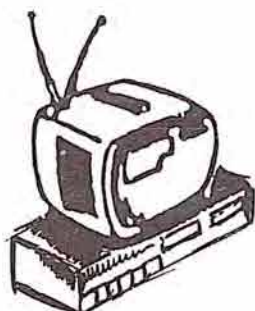
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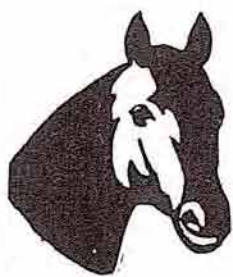
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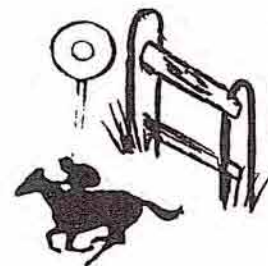
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I'll give them to Mrs. Jake.

Geraldine Caulfield.

MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The December meeting was held in the I.C.A. hall on Thursday 1st December. Mrs Bridie Brady presided and welcomed everyone. Mrs Bridie Brady extended sympathy to Mrs. Sherry's family, Mrs. Kenny, Mrs Cahalan and Mrs. Bernie King on their recent bereavements.

Congratulations to Mrs. Satchwell who was placed second in the National Rathbourn Competition. Three of our guild members, Mrs. Bridie Brady, Mrs. Betty Farrell and Mrs. Rosemary Hanly were presented with Brannera's at our Federation meeting on November, 30th.

Brannera for handcrafts were presented to Ann Douhan by Mrs. Brady and Mrs. Satchwell presented Brannera to Mary Halton for bread making. Ecumenical service for deceased members was held at our last meeting. Mrs. Brady thanked Rev. Fr. B. Supple P.P., and Mrs. N. Barry and Sr. Aquinas for attending the service.

This month's competition "A decorated Christmas Candle" was won by Mrs. Betty Farrell, 2nd Mrs. Margaret Gee, 3rd Mrs. Ann Douhan. Next month's competition is "A Slice of Christmas Cake".

We have crafts on Monday night, Badminton on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and Set Dancing on Wednesday night.

Mrs. Brady concluded the meeting by wishing everybody a Merry Christmas. Our next meeting will be held on January 5th at 8 p.m.

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MAYNOOTH ACCORDIAN BAND

As our fourth birthday draws near the Band can look back at their most successful year to date.

1988 commenced with an award for our display and contribution to the St. Patrick's Day Parade - two in a row. The members played twice for the Army, first entertaining former Army senior citizens and later in the year we played at a sports day for children of Irish Soldiers serving in the Lebanon. We also played on a number of occasions for the patients in Peamount Hospital - we were delighted with the

opportunity and are most grateful to the hospital for the invitation and subsequent refreshments.

Competitions too also featured in our calendar. The Band came third in The John Mitchell Band Festival at Baltinglass - this event takes place annually during the Baltinglass Festival. In November we took part in The Raheny Festival of Irish Music where in addition to the Band competition we also had seven solo participants viz Leonara Naughton, Emma McArdle - Emma won an award at this event last year - Marie McMyler, Niamh Sheehan, Jackie Mooney, Mary Reilly and Steven Boyd our drummer par excellence. At the time of printing results are not to hand but we are confident.

Finally on behalf of our forty-two members we thank you the Maynooth Community for your generous support at our Flag Day, we also thank the parents for turning out the children so well and a special word of thanks to all those who helped with transport to the various events and to the parents who week after week, month after month supervise in the Band hall on Wednesday and Saturday nights. A special word of thanks to John Mitchell for the commitment and enthusiasm he brings to the Band such as the level of interest now that with forty-two members the panel is full at the moment but we hope to be able to take on new members next Easter.

Belated best wishes to the Band members, their parents and families for Christmas and continued success in 1989.

GOLD MEDAL AWARD

Congratulations to Celbridge student Yvonne O'Meara and to her Geography teacher, Mrs. Patricia Watson of Leinsterpark, Maynooth. Yvonne, who was a pupil of St. Wolstan's, Celbridge, achieved first place in Ireland in the Leaving Certificate Honours Geography Examination this year and was awarded the Gwenda Hurst Memorial Gold Medal by the Geography Teachers Association of Ireland.

She received her medal at a function in Trinity College, Dublin on 23rd November. Well done to both student and teacher! (Further details, if required, may be obtained from Sister Josephine, Principal, St. Wolstan's Holy Faith Convent School, Tel: 288571).

PRESS RELEASE

"MAYNOOTH STILL SAYS NO!"

For the second year running, Maynooth College Joint Board has refused to ratify the Gay society.

The role of the Joint Board, which is made up of representatives of the college authorities, academic staff and students, is to review and assess applications for ratification by college societies. Without ratification, a college society is not entitled to a share of the 'capitation fund' which is financed by students themselves.

The Gay Society's application for ratification was rejected by a 6-3 majority at a meeting on Tuesday, 6th December. The three board members who voted in its favour were the Student Union President, Vice President and Treasurer. Two other clerical students on the Joint Board, although mandated by the student body to vote in favour of ratifying the Gay Society voted against, with the college authorities.

The two academic staff members who had already expressed their support for the Gay Society could not be present for the vote.

A spokesperson for the Gay Society said: "In the light of the recent outcome of David Norris's European Court Case, and the condemnation of the college's prejudice and discrimination by the Irish Council for Civil Liberties, it is all the more remarkable that gay people in the college continue to be denied basic rights and recognition extended to other students. The college authorities and the clerical students who voted against the mandate of the people they represented have utterly disgraced themselves".

PLANNING PERMISSION APPLICATIONS

Kilmacreddock: Permission sought for drilling and septic tank by Michael Coyne.

Main Street: Permission sought for development of shop, offices, and apartments at Main Street, Maynooth, by E. Kavanagh.

Mill Street/Castle Street: permission sought for change of use of commercial and extension at corner of Mill Street and Main Street by William Maguire.

Railpark: permission sought for two storey extension and alterations to cottage, and install septic tank at 205

Railpark, by P. Donoghue.

Main Street: Permission sought for retention of back stairs and entrance porch of premises to North Kildare Travel and retention of use of part of ground floor to Travel Agents at Main Street by P. Ennis.

P 10/10/88 Extension to existing club premises, containing Squash Court, members lounge and bar, Refreshment/function area, kitchen, stores and toilets.

88/001000 Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

Ms. F. Reidy,
c/o McManus Archs.,
Main Street, Maynooth,
Retention of back stairs and entrance porch of premises to North Kildare Travel and retention of change of use of part of ground floor.

88/001066 Main Street, Maynooth.
Keith Griffin

c/o Studio 33, Ling yeun,
Maynooth, Co. Kildare

P 28/10/88 Retention of existing extension to rear of residence Barrogstown, Obelisk Lane, Maynooth.

88/001072 Michael Coyne,
Kilmacredock, Maynooth,

88/001039 William Drennan,
343 Old Greenfield,
Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

P 20/10/88 Erection of extension to house

343, Old Greenfield,
Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

P 03/11/88 Erection of bungalow and septic tank

Kilmacredock, Maynooth.

88/001005 B. Gannon,
50, Maynooth Park,
Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

P 11/10/88 Erection of bungalow
Newtown, Maynooth.

88/000978 Brian Connaughton,
Newtown, Maynooth,
P 05/10/88 Changes to parking area in front of shop

Newtown, Maynooth.
P 21/10/88 Extension and alterations to cottage and septic tank
205 Rail park, Maynooth.

P 11/10/88 Erection of bungalow on site
349 Greenfield Cottages,
Maynooth.

P 24/10/88 Change of use of ground floor of residence to Doctors Surgery.

No. 8 Doctor's Lane,
Maynooth.

88/001035 P. Ennis
c/o Ciaran Hassett,
99, Carton Court,
Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mary Boyd & family of Greenfield, Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with the death of her father, John Manning. Those who sent mass cards, wreaths, those who attended the removal of the remains mass and funeral. Trusting this will be accepted by all as an expression of our gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for their intentions.

MORAHAN

Parents & family of the late David Morahan, Newtown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare wish to thank all those who attended the removal of his remains, the funeral mass and burial, who sent floral tributes and letters of sympathy, those who called to the house or telephoned. We would also like to thank the clergy of the parish, the ambulance service, Dr. O'Rourke, the staff of Naas Hospital and Oliver Reilly undertakers. A very special thanks to all our neighbours for all their support. Mass will be offered in appreciation and for all your intentions.

SYMPATHY

Sons, Daughters, Sisters, Daughter-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends of the late Edward William Rafferty, Upper Parson Street, Maynooth.

Husband, Sons, Brother, relatives and friends of the late Mary Goggin, Killeaney, Maynooth.

Wife, Sons, Daughters, Sister, Brothers, nieces, nephews, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, grandchildren, greatchildren, relatives and friends of the late James (Jim) Kenny, Straffan Road, Maynooth.

Husband, Sons, Daughter, daughters-in-law, son-in-law, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends of the late Eileen Brazil, Ballygoran, Maynooth.

Brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends of the late Michael Fay, Newtown, Maynooth.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Aisling Barton "San Feliu", Maynooth who has for the second year obtained a scholarship from the Science Faculty of U.C.D.

SILVER WEDDING

Congratulations to Larry and Mary (Dulie) O'Brien, Newtown who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on November 6th.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Paddy & Maureen Malone, Leinster Cottages, Maynooth who celebrated their 48th Wedding Anniversary on October 26th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to Mrs. Madge Dowling, Leinster Cottages, Maynooth who celebrated her birthday on November 25th.

Happy birthday to Mark Hallinan who will be 7 on January 12th, from Mammy, Daddy, Ruth & Stephen.

Adena Connelly, Pagestown Age 2 Nov. 29th.

Clare McTernan, Greenfield Age 16 Dec. 12th.

Sylvia Burke, Newtown Age 16 Dec. 16th.

Mrs. Noelle McTernan, Greenfield, Dec. 10th.

Mrs. Noelle Kelly (nee Barry) Main Street, Dec. 18th.

Eithne Cunningham, 58 Laurence Ave. Age 10 Dec. 20th.

21st BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to Maria Morrissey who celebrated her 21st birthday in December. Over 200 guests attended her coming of age party in the Hitchin' Post, which included her family and relations from Liverpool and many friends. Many of them joined the band on stage for a few songs making it a most enjoyable night. Maria is daughter of Ruth & Pat Morrissey, Balracey, Maynooth. Also congratulations to Maria's mother Ruth, who recently won the regional final of the entertainer of the year run for R.T.E. Good luck for the next round Ruth. Also love and best wishes for a very happy birthday to Lisa (Ruth's granddaughter) who will be 4 years on January 17th.

RECENT BIRTH

Congratulations to Tommy and Mary Daly, Laurence Avenue, Maynooth on the birth of a baby girl.

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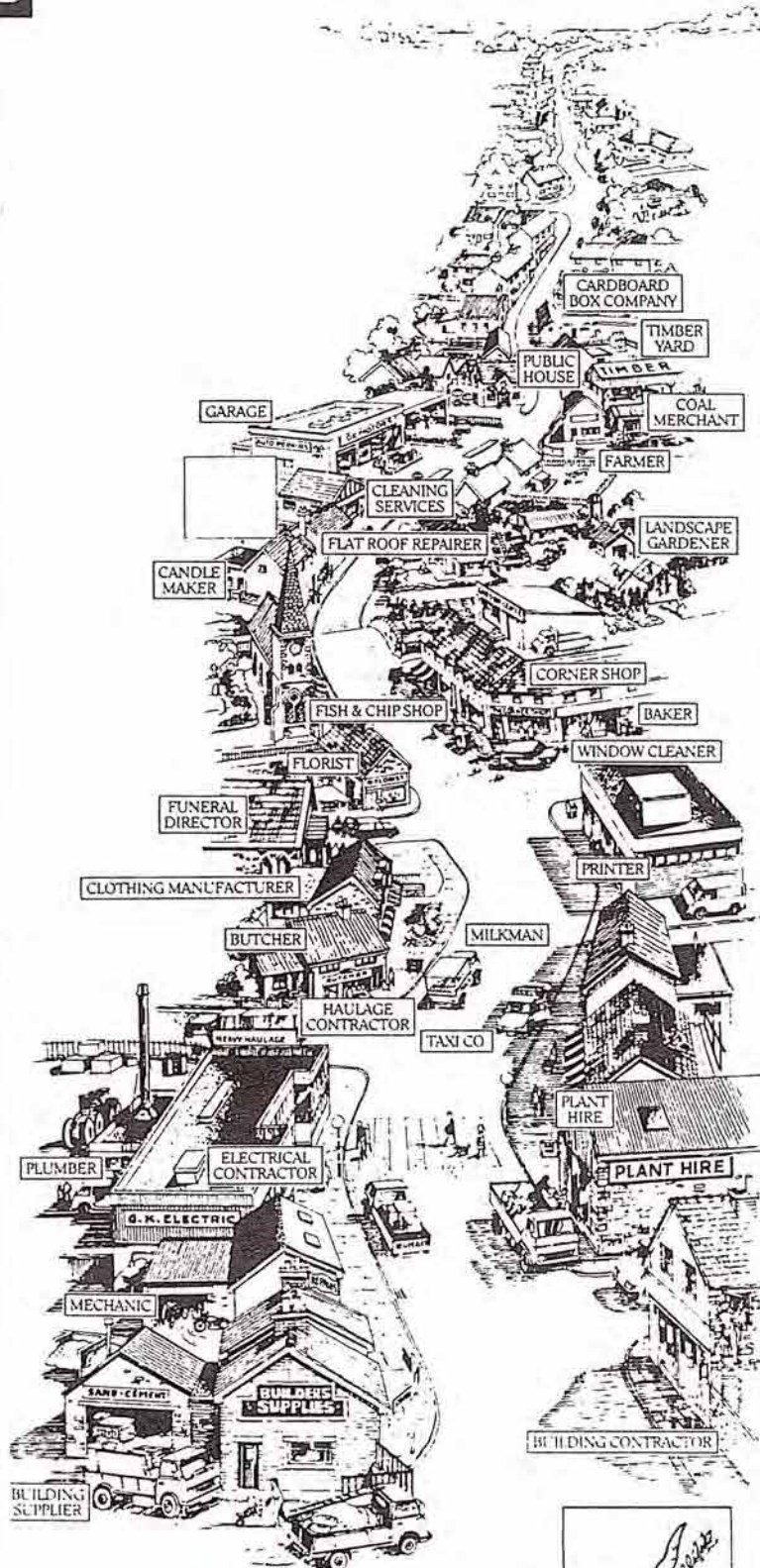
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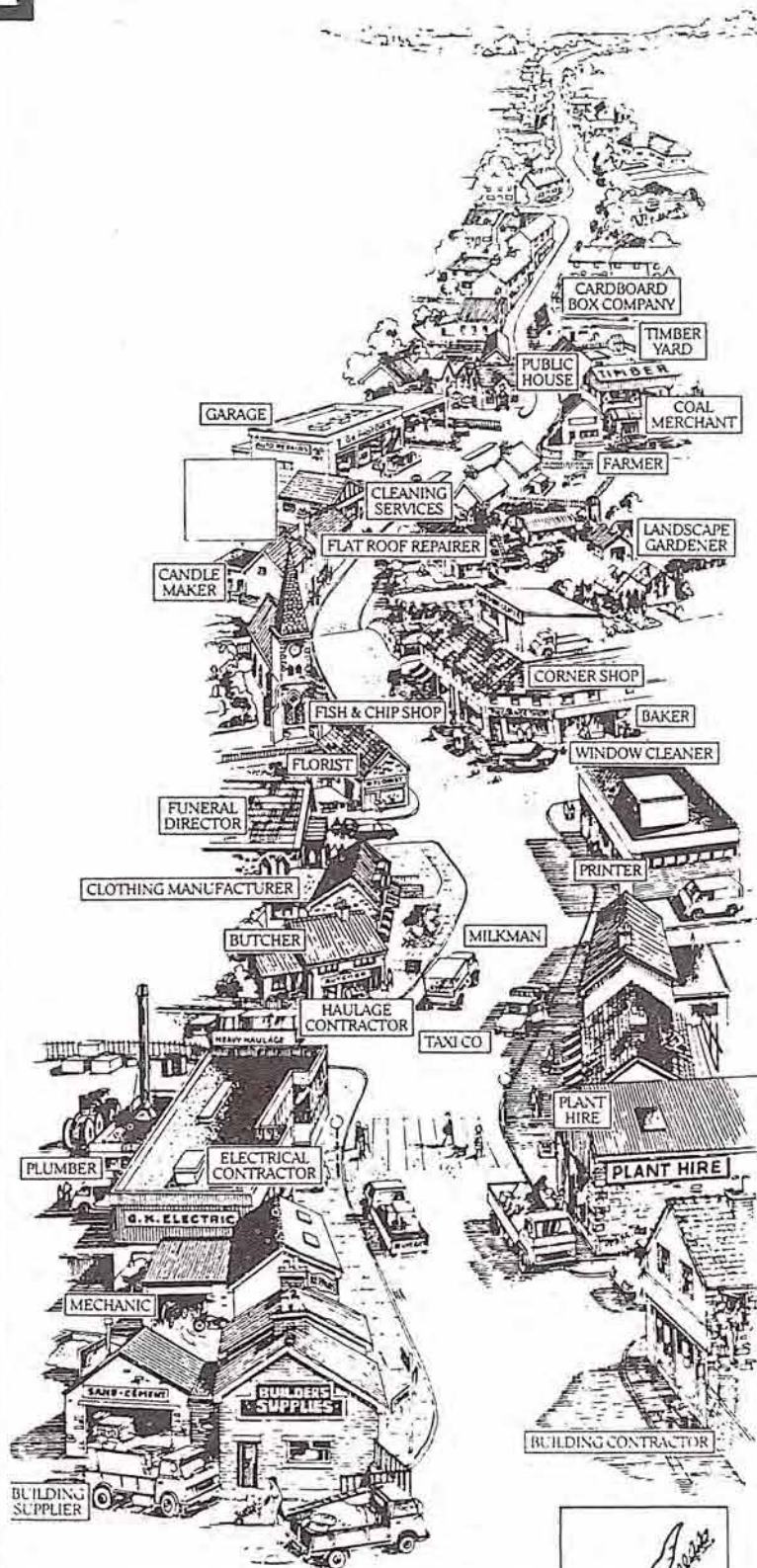
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