

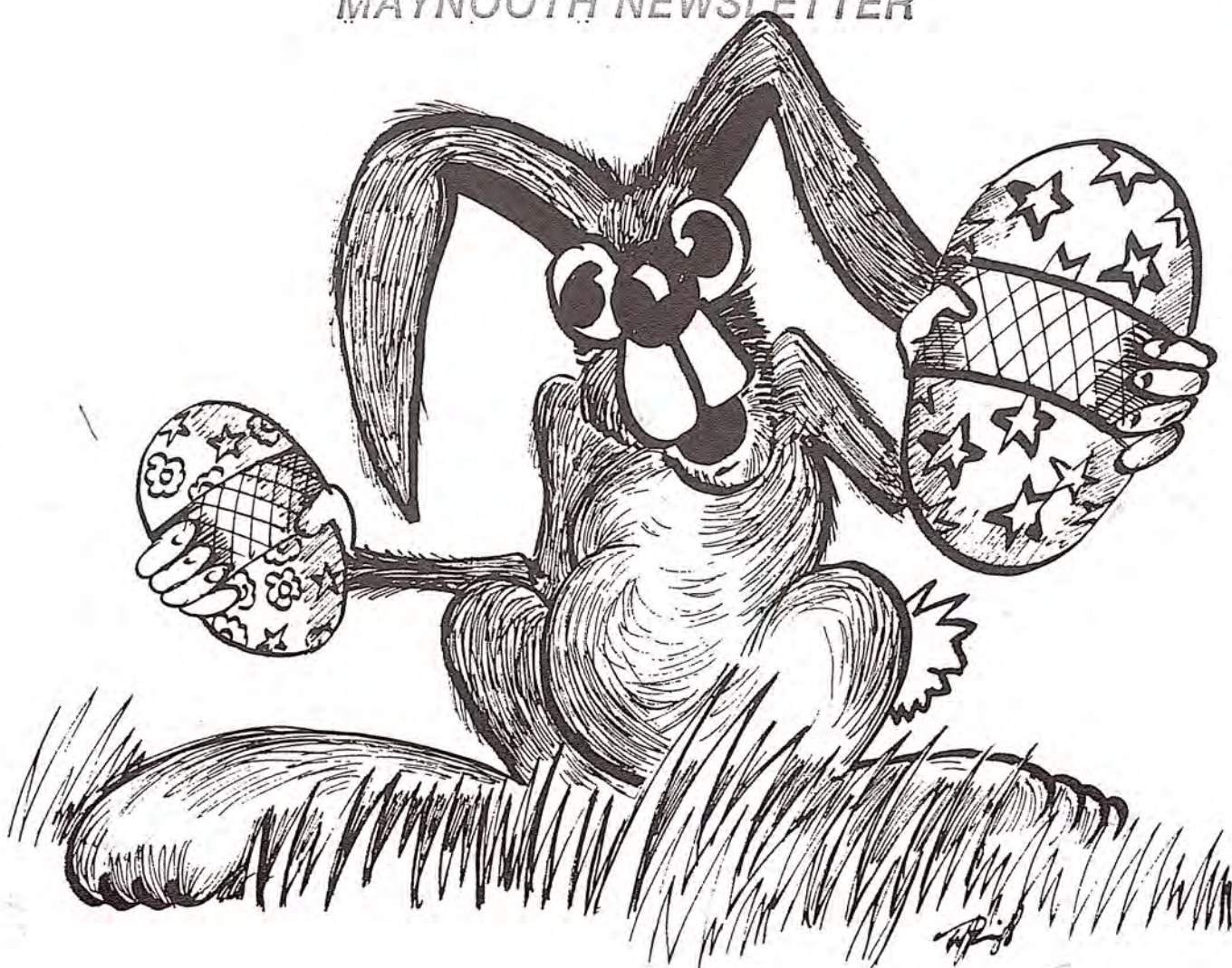
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NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS

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

The Travellers

Travellers have been in the national news recently, as Dublin County Council has attempted to pursue a policy of siting halting sites throughout the county. These plans have been resisted by various interests, despite the plea from the Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Desmond Connell for some compassion in this area.

Most of the protests against the siting of halting sites relate to the anticipated problems - vandalism, crime, dirt, falls in property values, assuming that all of these are inevitable, while little attention is given to the needs of travellers for decent accommodation.

Unfortunately, many of the protesters are decent people, who sincerely believe that they are the ones who are being made to suffer, and that of course the travellers should be accommodated, but of course, not on their doorstep, and preferably as far away as possible. The fears of settled people of the consequences of halting sites in their locality may have some basis in reality, sometimes caused by the settling in problems of a small minority of traveller families. However, given tolerance and understanding, and a dose of the same generosity of spirit which moved the Irish nation to send over ten million pounds to help the poor and homeless of Africa during the Band Aid campaign, these problems can be resolved.

We have a halting site in Maynooth since last October. Maynooth must be unique in that there were no marches, no demonstrations. The Community Council was consulted on the issue; the matter was fully debated; a Traveller Settlement Committee composed initially of members of the settled community is working in liaison with the travellers to help resolve the problems which residents of other areas fear will arise. So far, no major problems have arisen, and the travellers who were formerly forced to live in shanty conditions on the side of the road, can now live with the dignity provided by privacy, and some small facilities including a hard stand, water, toilets and showers. The media highlight the ugly scenes, giving the impression that trouble is inevitable and that travellers are unwelcome everywhere. Perhaps they should come to Maynooth for a different picture.

PUTTING THE PAT INTO PATRICK

St. Patrick's Day this year promises to be an occasion of hilarity, as the Community Council have laid out a day of fun, starting with the parade, and finishing with a dance in the Parish Hall. The Parade is expected to be bigger and better than ever, and RTE have promised they will come this year. For those sober enough to take it, the afternoon will be spent in the Harbour Field, watching Daisy Satchwell contributing the most desirable pat that has ever been lusted after. Daisy's whereabouts will be a closely guarded secret, to prevent any attempts to bribe her with castor oil or other inducements to put her pat on a particular portion of the pasture. For those who have been out of the vicinity, we refer of course to the Daisy Pat Lottery, on St. Patrick's Day - the square where Daisy decides to drop the first pat will net its 'owner' some £300.

THIS ISSUE

A new feature has been included in our pages this issue. Martin Doyle contributes an article on the effects of the recent budget on our wallets. If other readers have ideas about features which they would like to contribute, or which someone else could write up, we are always happy to hear from them.

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Yes it's short story competition time again.

Once again we call on all writers to enter our annual short story competition. There are three age groups: Under 12 years, 12 to 18 years, and over 18 years. Stories may be about any subject, and should be no longer than 1500 words. To help the judges, entries should be legible, either typed, or written in block letters, and on one side of the paper only.

Entries should be addressed to:

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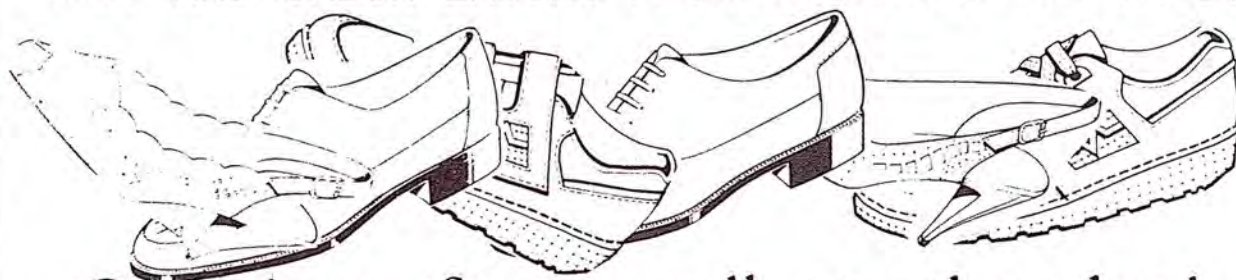
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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

The M.C.C. meeting was held on Monday, 13th February in The Council Office. From next Month the meetings will be held in the Boys National School, our thanks to Mr. P. O'Connell for this facility.

It was agreed to write to the college, at the request of The Students Union, to ask them to "Freeze the fees" considering the astronomical rise over the previous eight years.

A handbill is being prepared for delivery to each housing estate by the community councillors, outlining the Aims and Directions of the Council.

The Tidy Towns annual collection was

on the weekend of the 17th and 18th of February. We thank you for your contributions.

Patrick's Day

All clubs, business and associations have been circulated and we would appreciate a reply as quickly as possible. Take this opportunity to buy your lines or cards for the Daisy Pat Lottery to be held in the Harbour Field at 2 p.m. Michael Dillon has kindly consented to judge the Daisy Pat for us, and we hope that he will appear on the reviewing stand.

Come along to the dance in the Parish Hall that night to see the final line drawn for a prize of £300, dancing to the "Kees", 10-2a.m. Raffle with spot prizes. Where else would you be on Paddy's Night?

Travellers Settlement

The McDonagh family who were on the Kilcock Road have moved into the Halting Site. We are writing to K.C.C. regarding the provision of a Transient Site to accommodate families who move through the town.

We have been requested to write to CIE regarding the change of timetabling in the morning train schedule. We have received numerous complaints about this change. We are also writing to Dublin Bus to complain about the last bus leaving Dublin before the allocated time.

We are also writing to K.C.C. regarding the general disrepair of the footpaths in the town, but particularly in Rail Park. Due to the recent water disconnections the footpaths are particularly dangerous. We are also writing to Kildare County Council to ask them to insure the playground and to renovate the equipment.

The Community Council wishes Breda Connolly a speedy recovery.

The Councillors would appreciate information on problems and complaints in their areas. Would people also please contact the office in writing regarding complaints.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE NOTES

Q. A friend of mine has been granted the new pro-rata old age pension. My work record was very similar to his but when I made enquiries I was told it didn't apply to me. It was something to do with the fact that when I came back in to compulsory insurance in April 1974 I was only paying the Widows and Orphans rate. I paid the full stamp up to the time my income went over the limit and so this doesn't seem fair. Is there anything I can do?

A. These reduced rate pensions were introduced last October to cater for the people who came back into compulsory insurance in April 1974 when the income limit was removed.

In an effort to identify those likely to qualify, a special Pension Check leaflet was issued. It invited anybody who could answer Yes to the following three questions to apply.

1. Did you pay full rate social insurance contributions (stamps) early in your working life?
Yes ☐ No ☐
2. Did you stop paying social insurance contributions before April 1974?
Yes ☐ No ☐
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being abolished?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Your answer to these questions would be Yes and you should apply immediately.

The Regulations which gave effect to these pensions require you to have become an 'employed contributor' in April 1974 when the income limit was removed.

The fact that you came back in at the low rate for Widows and Orphans doesn't necessarily appear to exclude you at the moment.

This column has been compiled by Maynooth Community Information Centre which provides a free and confidential service to the public.

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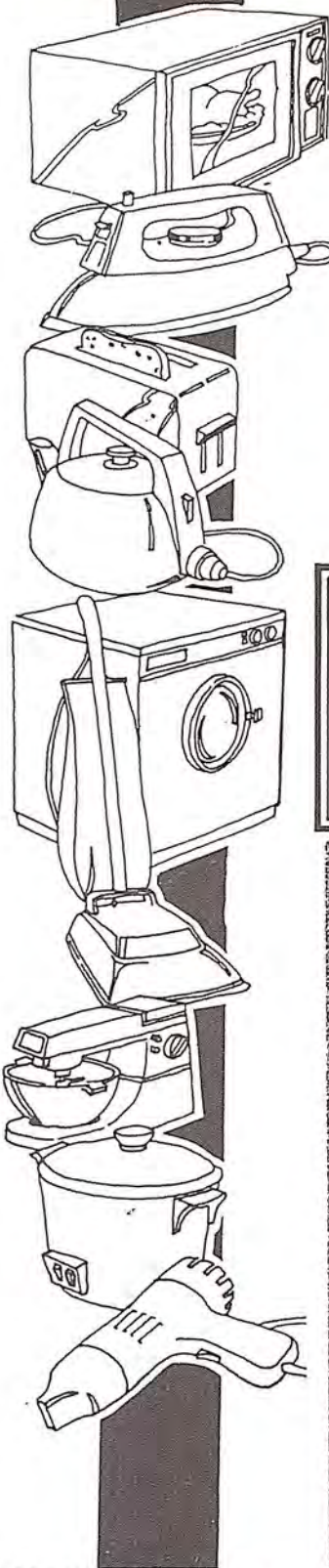
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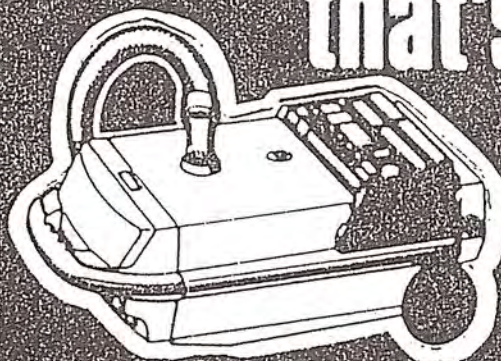
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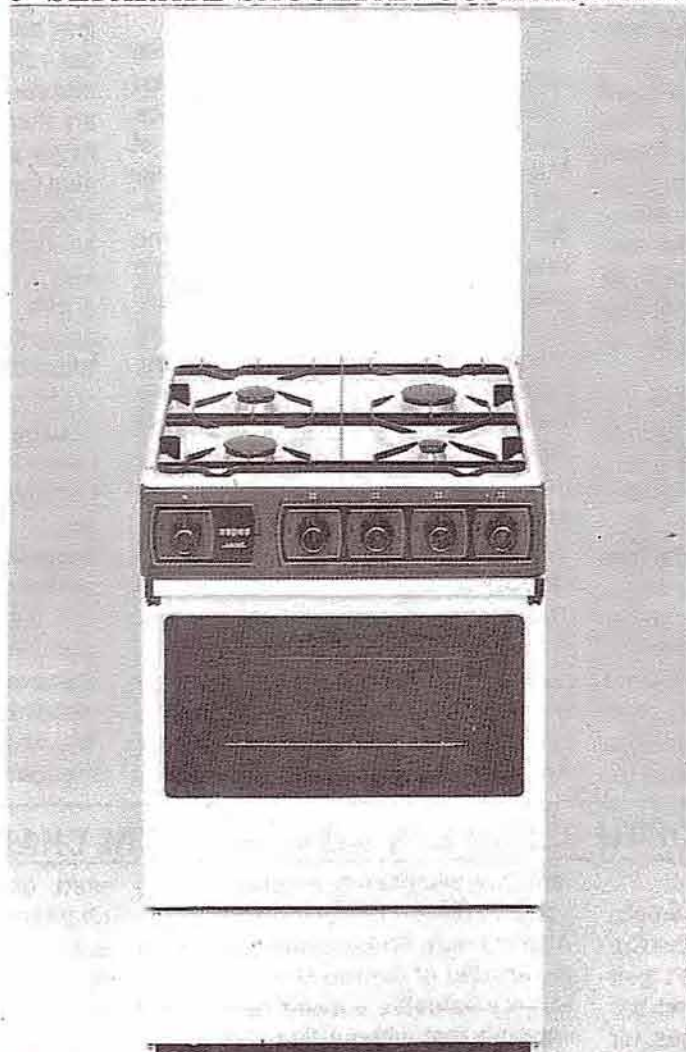
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The Budget

The extra assistance to the long-term unemployed and those on low pay provided for in the recent Budget is most welcome, although it still falls a long way short of the levels recommended by the Commission on Social Welfare. The income tax reliefs included in the budget will make very little difference to the average taxpayer, as the main benefits will be enjoyed by those on high incomes. This is a typical reflection of this government's priorities. The budget contented itself with tinkering with the tax system, and shied away from the radical overhaul, including taxation of the corporate sector and large properties, and effective tax collection from the self-employed, which are urgently needed. As a result, the PAYE sector will continue to bear a disproportionate share of the national tax burden.

The Workers' Party is opposed to the proposed means test for Children's Allowances, as it favours the principle of a direct payment to mothers who have no other direct income of their own. While the proposed means test may be set at a high level, past experience shows that these are never adjusted in line with inflation, with the result that more and more people are affected every year. It would have made more sense to have left the top rate of income tax as it was, and re-

tained the universal payment of children's allowances.

The main weakness in the budget was that it presented no evidence that the government has any overall strategy for tackling the country's most pressing problems, namely, high levels of unemployment and emigration. Given that the Budget Statement is supposed to be the government's key statement on economic policy, then it is disturbingly clear that there simply is no such policy.

Youth Conference

The Workers' Party Youth Conference was held in Dublin during the last weekend in January. The conference was the occasion of the launching of the party's Social Guarantee Plan for the young people of Ireland. The principal points in the Plan include full time education and training for all young people up to 18 years of age; guaranteed full-time employment at reasonable pay levels for all school leavers; protection against exploitation for young workers; adequate leisure and sport centres in all communities; and proper "Lifeskills" programmes in all second and third level education institutions.

Union Merger Welcomed

The proposed merger between the ITGWU and the FWUI has been welcomed by the Workers' party. At a time when workers' rights and working conditions are coming under the most vigorous and vicious attack for half a

century, it is vital to have a strong, professional and well resourced trade union movement. The proposed merger marks a major step in this direction. The provision of additional services for members and their wives, such as holidays and insurance, which the new union intends introducing, is also welcome, as are the more democratic organisational structures which are envisaged.

Travellers' Rights

The current controversy over travellers' halting sites in Dublin is possibly a fair reflection of just how "Christian" this country really is. Closer to home, an attempt by a Fine Gael member to move an anti-traveller motion at a recent meeting of Leixlip Town Commission received no support, after being attacked by Workers' Party members. Maynooth has given a very good example to the rest of the country by accepting a halting site in the locality. While there have been some inevitable problems, in general the site has been a success. The local Travellers' Settlement Committee, set up by Maynooth Community Council, is doing excellent work in maintaining contact between those occupying the site and the local settled community. The Workers' Party fully supports the work this dedicated committee is doing in attempting to improve the lot of perhaps the most disadvantaged group in Irish society. We urge all Maynooth residents to give the committee all the backing they can.

MAYNOOTH RESIDENTS AGAINST LOCAL CHARGES

Here We Go Again!

Well 1989 was hardly a couple of weeks old and with indecent haste Kildare Co. Council had presented us all with their dreaded demands for water and domestic refuse collection charges for 1989. No doubt residents will have been immediately struck by the novel use of two red stars on the remittance slips.

This seems a rather curious use of a reward system often used by the teaching profession to compliment pupils on the excellence of their homework. Surely this is a totally inappropriate device for K.C.C. to apply to the householders of Kildare who have consistently treated these bills with contempt by either ignoring them completely or by paying them most reluctantly, bit by bit, and then only under the very real

threat of withdrawal of refuse collection and disconnection of water.

Also we note on the refuse bill that in the smaller of the red stars the words "A very valuable service" are placed implying that without this charge refuse collection would not be possible. MRALC feels that this is most misleading and wishes to restate that all services are already well and truly paid for by PAYE and VAT. But more threateningly on the water bill and words "Your most essential service" are used as a thinly veiled threat that if you don't pay their disconnection crew will soon be vandalising the pathway and shutting off your water. Nice people these K.C.C. officials, Ronald Regan could have used their talents when drawing up his "Star Wars" programme.

Further evidence of the Council's blink-

ered determination to impose the charges at any cost is their plan to supply marked green bins to householders whose bills are paid. Thereafter only green bins will be emptied on bin day. MRALC is currently investigating the cost of purchasing the thousands of these bins and indeed the country of their manufacture.

We will keep you informed.

Finally we note that proposals to replace and/or to add to local charges a new form of domestic rates are being considered at national level. Again the committee of MRALC are examining these suggestions and we would welcome comments from any resident or indeed residents associations on this matter. Please send comments to the Secretary, Mariaville, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

MAYNOOTH BY-PASS MOVES CLOSER

The main road network in County Kildare will be transformed over the next few years as a result of a series of decisions made recently by the Minister for the Environment. One of these gave Kildare County Council the go-ahead to purchase the land required for the Leixlip-Maynooth-Kilcock By-Pass. It is now hoped that actual construction work on the project will begin in 1990.

The Minister has also instructed the County Council to prepare plans for the future extension of the new by-pass road as far as Kinnegad. It is expected that this will involve a much-needed by-pass of Kinnegad itself. With work on the Chapelizod by-pass now proceeding rapidly, this additional project would mean a continuous dual carriageway - most of it of motorway standard - from Heuston Station in Dublin to beyond Kinnegad, a distance of almost forty miles.

The Minister has also sanctioned the Newbridge By-Pass, work on which is expected to begin this Summer. This will link with the Naas By-Pass, and pass east of Newbridge, connecting up with the dual carriageway across the Curragh which was built some time ago. Contrary to what many people think, the existing dual carriageway between Naas and Newbridge will not form part of the project.

It is intended that a spur from the Newbridge By-Pass, beginning near Athgarvan, will act as a by-pass for Kilcullen, joining up with the Carlow road south of Kilcullen. This will be welcomed by those who have ever experienced the present main road between Naas and Kilcullen. However, approval for this part of the project is still awaited.

Kildare County Council has also been asked to prepare plans for the extension of the Naas/Newbridge motorway as far as Portlaoise, including a by-pass for Kildare (and presumably Monasterevin also). This is long overdue, as the stretch of road just south of Kildare Town is simply appalling, given that it is part of the main road from Dublin to Cork and Limerick - the most important road in the country.



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ROYAL CANAL NEWS

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It has not been possible to fill the places on the FAS Social Employment Scheme. The office of Public Works are visiting the site to give advice concerning the building of the walls around the slipway. In the absence of a scheme, voluntary work must begin again on the Canal. We would welcome anyone who has time to spare to come along and muck in - bring the wellingtons along. Tools will be provided.

The Trade Fair is up and running with stands coming in very quickly.

CANAL QUEEN: A disco will be held in Slims on Thursday 16th, March, dancing 10 - 2 a.m. Admission £4 - those interested may enter the competition on the night.

Thanks to Cassidy's Roost for running the raffle for us.

Muireann Ni Bhrolcháin P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH SPRING FAIR

The arrangements for this year's Spring Fair on the 29th - 30th April, are well under way and so far it looks like it will be a big success:

For the last two years the committee, comprising members of The Royal Canal Group and The Boy's National School have endeavoured to make The Spring Fair a family occasion and this year is no different. There will be

two experts in attendance to value and give advice on coins, banknotes, medals and stamps.

Michael Giffney is an international dealer in fine stamps and is a specialist in all aspects of Irish Stamps and postal history. He has published books relating to Irish Stamps and is a member of the Irish Philatelic Traders Association (I.P.T.A.). He will give face valuations on all coins, banknotes, and medals. He is also a collector of Militaria which takes in military items like badges, uniforms, books, photographs, helmets and equipment. In addition he is a collector of postcards and sports programs especially GAA, Soccer and Rugby.

For information on any aspect of The Spring Fair contact M. Kennedy, 286463.



BRU BOSCO NOTES

Our sincere congratulations to Johnny Dowling and Ellie O'Dwyer on their magnificent achievement on being finalists in the Don Bosco Youth Awards held on the 28th January in the National Concert Hall. Each finalist was presented with a specially struck medal and certificate by Archbishop Desmond Connell. President Hillary attended and was delighted with the good work being done by young people around the country.

On Friday last, 10 February, we had

our Valentines Disco and the comments have all been really favourable. Our 'fab' D.J. John (Read) kept the music, chat and requests flowing and in the shop Fiona (O'Malley) kept the orange flowing to quench the thirst. Our happy dance-songster group are busy practicing on Thursday nights and Saturday mornings for Rising Stars. We are all busy with our thinking caps looking for a suitable theme for our St. Patrick's Day float.

This year we intend taking part in Co-operation North again. If there are any young people of 15 plus out there who would like to take part in this really worthwhile twinning exchange please contact Eilish 285131 evenings for further details. To date we have had exchanges and work projects in Dundrum, Co. Dublin and Belfast - totally different but very interesting and good fun.

We end as we began, "Congrats" to our members who make their confirmation on Saturday 25th. Have a really lovely peaceful day. A very happy St. Patrick's Day to all our members, friends and their families.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

Members and friends had a most enjoyable evening in the Moyglare Manor for their Christmas party. A delicious beef supper was served by Shay and head chef Jim. After all the good food, the games, all joining in the fun.

"The Parcel game" was won by Mrs. Joan Howard Williams. "Place the tie on correct spot" was won by Maureen Dermonty. The Christmas Bring and Buy made £100 for 'Femscan', the committee thank all the ladies who helped and supported this very worthy cause.

"Tour of the Garden" Illustrated talk by Dermot O'Neill, Live at 3 fame. Monday, 20th March, 8 o'clock sharp, M.A.K.E. Centre, Maynooth.

A.O.I.F.A. A.G.M.

Wednesday, 22nd March 1989, 11 a.m. Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin. Demonstration "The Beauty of Nature" by Robert Barlon, N.A.F.A.S.

Felicity Satchwell P.R.O.



MAYNOOTH CREDIT UNION LIMITED

On the 5th March, 1988 Maynooth Credit Union opened its doors to the public. What a wonderful year it has been. We now have 350 members, many having transferred from other Credit Unions with their shares and loans. You can be sure of a "Cead Mile Failte" in Maynooth Credit Union.

Our A.G.M. was held in January and many members attended. Not as many as we would have wished, but our members must feel confident with how the Credit Union is being operated otherwise they would have come to voice their objections.

Sean MacKeon from the Irish League of Credit Unions attended. He complimented the Board on the business like manner in which our C.U. is run and in particular the way the A.G.M. was conducted. He paid particular attention to the way in which the reports from the various committees were presented.

Vera Daly from Chapter 25 also attended, and she expressed satisfaction at the manner in which our C.U. is operating.

During the year we took part in the St. Patrick's Day parade. We also had a stand at the Spring Fair. Our representatives attend Chapter meetings regularly on a monthly bases. Two delegates attended the Irish League of Credit Unions convention in Galway. Any seminars which the League have organised have been patronised by our directors, and or supervisors.

So you can see we have a very busy time. These are in addition to running the C.U. efficiently and in a business like way. Which of course is our primary concern. But by attending all of the above we are extending our knowledge and expertise.

We do require more assistance. So if you are a member please do not feel shy about offering your services as was pointed out at the A.G.M. there is a place for everyone in the C.U.

We urgently need more Tellers as it would be impossible for the Board of Directors and the Supervisors to operate the C.U. in a business like way without the assistance of good reliable tellers. Those we recruited during the year have been wonderful and the Board would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to them. They have been without exception 100% reliable. Unfortunately we have lost some of the tellers to other committees such as Credit and Supervisory committees. You see they have gotten the C.U. bug. I am sure they will prove to be just as conscientious with the various tasks

they have taken on as they were as tellers.

Congratulations to Anne McGarry who received the Person of the Year award at Chapter 25. This is a very great honour for Maynooth Credit Union especially at this stage of our development.

Anne has many years of experience of C.U. and she is one of our founder members.

We would like to extend our best wishes to Bridie Brady, who is ill in hospital in England. Bridie is one of our founder members. May she have a speedy return to good health and be fit to join us again in the not too distant future. Do come along and support your local Credit Union. We assure you of complete confidentiality in all your business with us. Again we would like to stress that if you have a particular problem you would wish to discuss with us, we have an interview room in our office in the Harbour. We do not have this facility in the Office at Quinns-worth's mall.

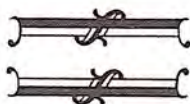
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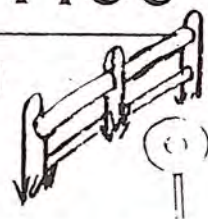
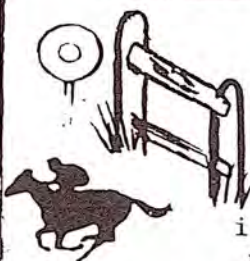
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Residents' Associations News.

RAILPARK RESIDENTS' NOTES

What a grand summer we had this Winter, and now that Spring is on the Agenda, the Railpark Residents' Association emerges from hibernation. The Annual General Meeting is to be held in early March, and details will have been circulated to residents by now. A full report will be given in the next issue. Meanwhile, just to remind residents of the pre buingaloid phase of Railpark history, some Census figures from the last century indicate that the residents' association in those days would have been a fairly select gathering. In 1841, there were three houses, and 19 people in the Railpark townland. Two people either left or died during the famine years, as the number had dropped to 17 people, and two houses in 1851. The population fluctuated fairly substantially for the sixty years - there were twenty people in 1861, 10 in 1871, 24 in 1881, 16 in 1891, 20 in 1901, and then, a population explosion in 1911, when the Census recorded 43 people. This is presumably due to the increase in houses to ten in 1911, compared with only four in 1901 Census. How many of the forty three are still alive now?

Unfortunately, no figures are available after 1911, as the information is no longer published on a townland basis. Perhaps the new committee might consider doing a headcount.

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

The project committee would like to welcome Sheila Jolly, Mary King and Carmel Nolan who have joined us in response to our plea for more leaders. Already plans for Project '89 are well in progress and trips to Donadea, Baldonnell, Malahide Castle, Bowling and swimming have been booked.

Registration day is July 5th and the project will run from July 10th to August 3rd with camp from August 4th to 7th. Lookout for more information on the project in future editions of the Newsletter.

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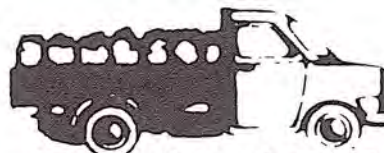
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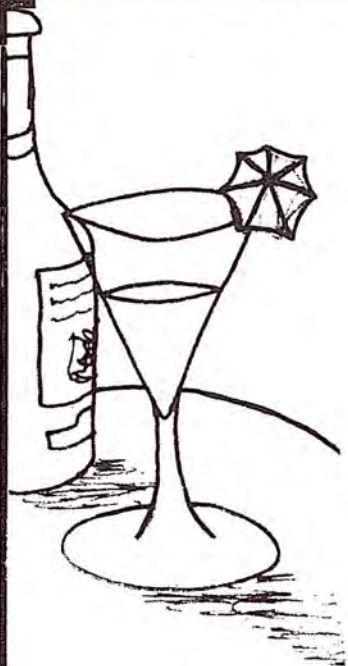
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1989 WHAT THE BUDGET MEANS

Personal Tax Highlights

- * Standard rate of tax reduced from 35% to 32%
- * Top rate of tax reduced from 58% to 56%
- * Tax bands widened (see below)
- * Mortgage interest relief reduced from 90% to 80% of qualifying relief, subject to maximum of

	1989/90	1988/89
Single	£1,600	£1,800
Married	£3,200	£3,600
Widowed	£2,320	£2,610

- * Life assurance relief restricted to 80% of previous relief
- * Additions to exemption limits of £200 per child for low income families
- * PRSI ceiling increased from £16,200 to £16,700 but rate remains unaltered. Health contributions ceiling increased from £15,500 to £16,000
- * PRSI for self-employed is increased to 4%. The ceiling has been increased to £16,700

Business Taxation

- * The System of self assessment intro-

duced for income tax purposes by the 1988 Finance Act is to be extended to companies this year. The effective date to be announced later.

- * With effect from 1 April, 1989, the rate of corporation tax for companies is 43%.

* the rates of capital allowances on new plant, machinery and industrial buildings.

75% of cost for investments made before 31, March 1989

50% of cost thereafter

* A system of one annual remittance of PAYE/PRSI and VAT for small businesses is proposed. Definition of small businesses will be given in the Finance Act, the system will come into effect on 6 April 1989 for PAYE/PRSI, and on 1 September 1989 for VAT.

- * VAT rates remain unaltered

* Ceiling for employer's PRSI contributions is to be increased from £16,200 to £18,000. Employer's contributions for Class A1 employee will reduce from 12.4 to 12.2%.

- * Qualifying expenditure limit for capital allowances and running expenses

on motor cars increased from £6,000 to £7,000 from 25th January, 1989.

Farmer's Taxation

- * Stock relief extended for another 2 years
- * Clawback period in the event of destocking is reduced from 10 to 7 years for stock increases after 5 April, 1989
- * VAT refund rate to unregistered farmers increased to 2% (from 1.4%)

Excise Duties

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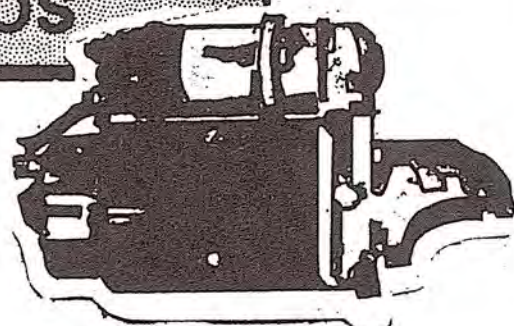
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INCOME TAX COMPUTATION

Impact of the Budget Proposals:

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	1989/90	1988/89
Salary	14,000	14,000
Less: Personal Allowance	4,100	4,100
Interest Relief	2,000	2,250
Life Assurance	320	400
PAYE Allowance	800	800
PRSI Allowance	286	286
	<u>7,506</u>	<u>7,836</u>
Taxable Income	<u>6,494</u>	<u>6,164</u>
Tax: 6,494 @ 32%	2,078	6,164 @ 35% 2,157
PRSI 14,000 @ 5.5%	770	770
& Levies 14,000 @ 1.25%	175	175
14,000 @ 1%	140	140
	<u>3,163</u>	<u>3,242</u>
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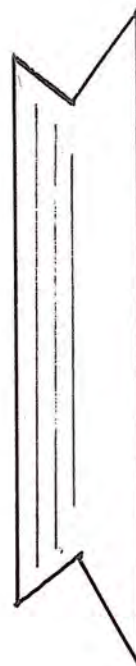
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OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

I am sure that many of you will have enjoyed reading the essays in last month's newsletter. There is a further selection printed in this issue and all of the essays are displayed in the Library. Many thanks to the Football Club for their contribution of £30, proceeds of a match between married and single club members, and to the Lions Club for their donation of £900 raised by the New Year's Day Egg and Spoon race. This money will go towards the cost of fuel for the Maynooth old people.

The Valentine's party was held in the SMA Hostel on February 12th. About 80 senior citizens came including 15 from Kilcock. The entertainment was most enjoyable, as well as old and new favourites sung by Josie Moore, we were treated to an original short musical based on HMS Pinafore performed by members of the Kilcock ICA. This was followed by a lovely selection of pieces played by 4 members of St. Mary's Brass Reed Band. Thank you to everyone who gave us their Sunday evening on our behalf. We send our best wishes to the 2 ladies from Kilcock who fell as they were leaving and hope they are now fully recovered.

The next party will take place on March 12th, in the SVD Hall, starting with Mass at 3.30 p.m.

THE EMERGENCY

by
Jack Clery

The 31st September, 1939 was a day to remember, when World War II broke out and was to continue until 1946. Anybody who remembers that period will never forget it.

By way of rationing and ration cards, all household goods and hardware of every kind. Petrol too was very hard hit. Only one coupon to the gallon every month per H.P. was all you were allowed, after that it was black market, at £1.00 per gallon, when it was only 3/6 at the pump.

Groceries were worst hit, especially the 1/2 oz grain of tea, very little to do, for a week cigs were very scarce. There was always a rush when they were seen coming to the shop and it was under the counter from there on, unless you were prepared to buy American ones and they were terrible. Nothing escaped rationing from the bit of soap down to the polish on your shoes. I knew of one blacksmith who used to make bootnails, necessary for men working in the mines.

Fuel was always hard to get. The bogs were very much in demand, as they had to supply all institutions and as for coal it was like gold. Hardware and building material were also hard hit, you were lucky if you could get a pound of nails and cement was very bad on ration too. I knew of one landlord who tried building a mud house, but after spending a lot of money on thatching etc., it collapsed.

Labour was very cheap then, I built a bungalow and the carpenters wages were 10/- per day without food. I found it hard to sell afterwards to £600.00 in 1946.

Security was very important during those years, there was the L.S.F. and L.D.F. It was necessary to have a force trained to reinforce the army, which had to be at full strength. It was necessary for the L.S.F. the local Security Force to do night duty in the event of paratroops being dropped from enemy planes. Damfrie had some bombs dropped on a cemetery and in Dublin at Fairview and Eastwall, suffered very bad.

One funny incident I will never forget, as being a great follower of the G.A.A. to get to all the matches was so important, whether it was the old bicycle, if you were lucky enough to have a good pair of tyres. Anyway a few of us decided to ask one local man, who

possessed an old Model T Ford. He was fairly bulkey, about 16 stone. Once he was installed behind the wheel was hard to shift. He did all his direction work with a referees whistle. He obliged us by driving us to Kilkenny, (any port in a storm) but on our way there, Tom blew the whistle and announced we had a puncture. All had to get out only to find there was no spare, he had a brain wave, we had to go to the side of the road and pull a bundle of grass and stuff same under the tyre, all well again, Tom blew the whistle again, but I regret to say the final whistle had gone at the match when we got there.

Electricity wasn't heard of until 1926, when the Shannon scheme started, but it took years before it reached the general public. Where would we be without it today, everything is done by pressing a button now. It was very hard to see the departing of the horse from the farm who, for so many years kept us in our bread and butter, what a contrast today, are we happier or better off? There was nothing better to look at than a harvest scene, the twone binder in the golden field of corn.

Next to go was the lovely old thrashing set, how we enjoyed the days thrashing, big shopping had to be done to cater for about 25 men for the day, including 1/4 barrel of porter and minerals.

So to finish wouldn't be complete without the old accordion and knock sparks out of the floor with a dance.

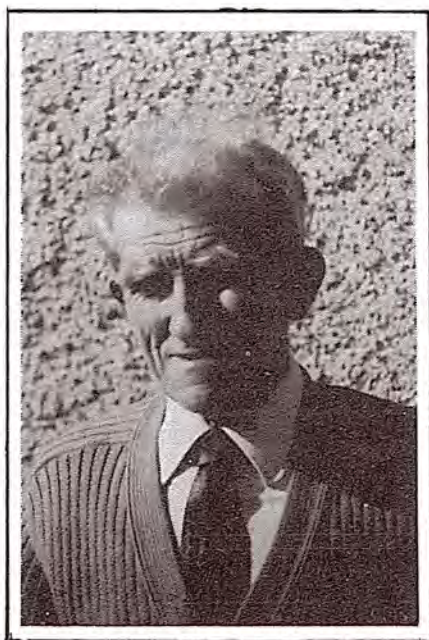
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What the Emergency Meant to Me 1939 - 1945

by Kathleen Canavan

World War II or the Emergency as we called it in Ireland meant, there were some very serious moments, when we listened to the radio news and heard of the terrible disasters in other European countries, especially in England as it was so near, and so many of cousins, and indeed nearer relatives were there. I was in my early twenties then, and I realized how much better off we were in the 26 counties, also much happier than anywhere else in Europe. Food was rationed, but not to the extent that it was in England.

If one happened to reside in a country place in Ireland, there was a scarcity of young men, as several had joined the British army and helped significantly to fight the war, others joined the Irish



JACK CLEARY
Second in Non Literary
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army, although they had no fighting to do they endured quite a rigorous training. This left fewer men in the dance halls and cinemas.

As far as I can remember, tea, sugar, flour, rashers and bacon also ham was rather scarce and rationed, we were given ration books, we could only buy a certain amount of each item per week. For instance 2 ounces tea per person. Needless to say some of these commodities could be had for a special price on the "Black Market". In these days there were no supermarkets, one had to be served by the shop assistant across the counter. Each individual got his or her ration of food, but there was always an extra amount kept by the shop proprietor under the counter, this was more expensive and held for friends or friends of friends, this indeed would be "Black Market" produce.

Older people especially those who lived alone found the ration of food far too little and rather tough, as some depended very much on a good strong cup of tea. If and when I returned home on holidays to the country I helped my mother overcome some of her trouble in procuring tea, rashers etc., by cycling several miles to certain shops that no doubt had the reputation of having extra stock. Now and then I was disappointed, my journey would be fruitless. On these occasions I became depressed as I knew my mother could not then help some of the older inhabitants of the district.

Larger families did not have trouble about food to such an extent, as in most cases where there were very small children and babies, whose ration cards could be used for the older members, strangely enough small children were allowed as much tea, sugar etc., as adults. Baby food such as eggs and milk were not rationed. Just about the time the war started, I had finished my training as hotel Catering Manageress in Northern Ireland. I then got a position as Catering Manageress in a large popular hotel in the South. The lady proprietor of this hotel had stores very well stocked, with all kinds of food except perishable goods, which we could not have in abundance in those days as we had no deep freezers. I was responsible for the ordering of goods and arrangement of menus with the head chef. As everyone knows some chefs are temperamental, and I could not say 'NO' to his demands this applied to our clientele as well. Our hams and bacon were a big worry, I will explain about these

later.

De Valera, who was then 'Taoiseach' had laws passed, on and then regarding food, he also appointed inspectors to check on hotels and restaurants. We were only allowed to serve one rasher and 2 slices of bread for breakfast, no bread could be served with a bowl of soup. You might ask why bread was so scarce, in those days we did not grow our own wheat, all grain except barley and oats were imported, in those days we did not have our own fleet of cargo ships, so we had to depend on other countries for our imports. Afterwards De Valera started our own small fleet of cargo ships which as you know has recently been sold. To return to the bread situation, we could only buy or get brown flour, as



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refining or manufacturing white flour caused it to be more scarce. As I mentioned before the Government employed inspectors to check on food. The hotel I had been employed in, had a very good dining room turnover and it was a constant worry to keep up the supply of food on demand. Inspectors came from time to time, most times everything was on order, until one particular day an inspector walked into my office and asked my name and if I was responsible for the serving of food. I gave my name, then he proceeded to say or threaten me by saying "Whatever you say now will be written down and used in evidence against you". For a moment I was startled, wondering if I was in breach of the law, or if a client suffered food poisoning or worse. Then he explained that he had a meal in the dining room and a customer sitting at the next table, had been served a slice of bread with his bowl of soup by

a waitress. I replied I had no knowledge of this, that our staff already understood the law and were careful not to serve bread when unnecessary. Suddenly the door burst open and a middle aged waitress (native of Dublin) who had been employed for the Summer season came in and explained, it was her fault she understood the law, but had served one slice of bread with soup as she felt sorry for the customer and was prepared to take full responsibility, and also to pay a fine.

The inspector turned to me and asked if it was possible to have her discharged from her duties, I replied 'certainly not' she was one of our best waitresses, I refused to let her go for such a small offence. Strangely enough we parted good friends and he promised there would be no court case provided we adhered to the law. For a period we had visits from several inspectors regarding our bacon and ham situation, it had been reported we served ham to all who requested it. My explanation again was we bought sides of pork and legs of pork and our chef cured them by putting them in brine for a period. This really did happen we had a special store for the purpose. I could never understand why pork was plentiful and bacon rationed.

To get away from the hotel, nearly every town in Ireland during the emergency could boast of at least 2 shops that nearly always had plentiful supplies, procured no doubt on "Black Market". The real trouble started when those shop owners ran short of supplies, then his customers refused to believe him as most people thought there was an unlimited supply under the counters. For a short period he became very unpopular and was a real target for abuse, but when supplies returned again all ill will was forgotten. Regarding the "Black Market" there were some very amusing stories told, unfortunately I have not time to relate them.

I must add that petrol was also in very short supply only doctors and priests got the extra petrol coupons. The bicycle or the pony and trap were the only means of transport. The Emergency added colour to our daily lives, but at the same time, we were always reminded by the media, how lucky we were in Ireland, and how much the people of Europe suffered especially England people, some of whom were our own friends.

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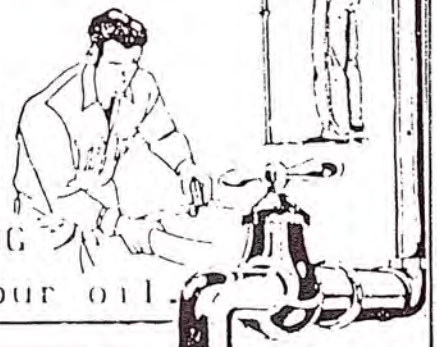
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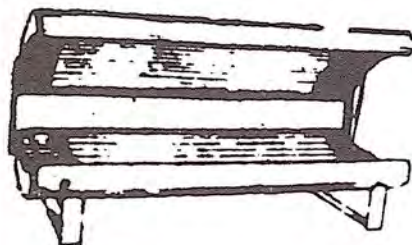
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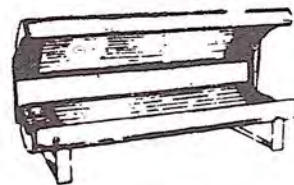
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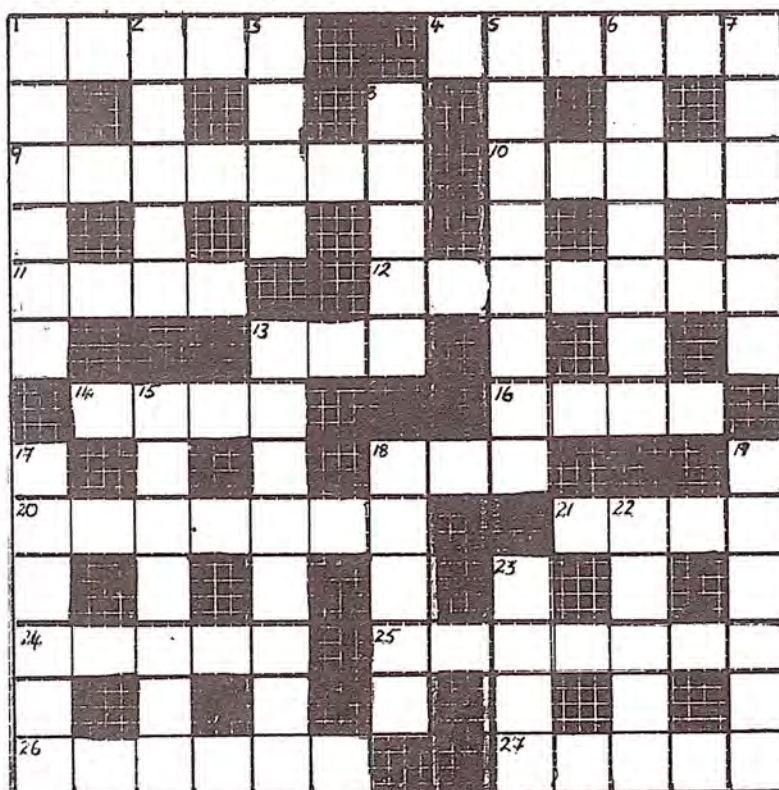
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Across

1. Is Alan able to make ours royal? (5)
4. Rub the wrong way after taking bus back to outskirts of town (6)
- 9, 10. A do for the staff on the left (7,5)
- 11,18,21. The sort of case liked by customs officers and gardai (4,3,4).
12. These deformed monsters are so grand! (7)
13. Carton contains this water, or grass (3)
14. How a slurred shout makes one stop (4)
16. The answer to this clue is not difficult (4)
20. P? Maynooth drivers are to be seen doing it on the pavements (7)
24. 2/6 used to be half a one, but Charles is still waiting for it (5)
25. Book here for a read in the Main St... (7)
26. ... and amble along the street with a small cake of bread (6)
27. Kill Edward and it's over and done with (5)

Down

1. Beast leads youngster to Lone Ranger, for instance (6)
2. Courage! Never change! (5)
3. Vegetable not wanted in plumbing, we hear (4)
5. Not first, second or third - nap clued unreliably (8)
6. Turns up or sot digs up (7)
7. O, by his confusion this must be acting like a young lad (6)
8. A team apart (5)
13. Getting into Lara? That's reasonable (8)
15. Feature of 1 Across names field and street (7)
17. Pepper, pimento, mace, for example, are parts of little girls' make up (6)
18. Nimble, I had a leg wrapped around and... (5)
19. ... remained intertwined yet sad (6)
22. Listened to, it sounds like a lot of cattle (5)
23. Skillful in taking top off table (5)

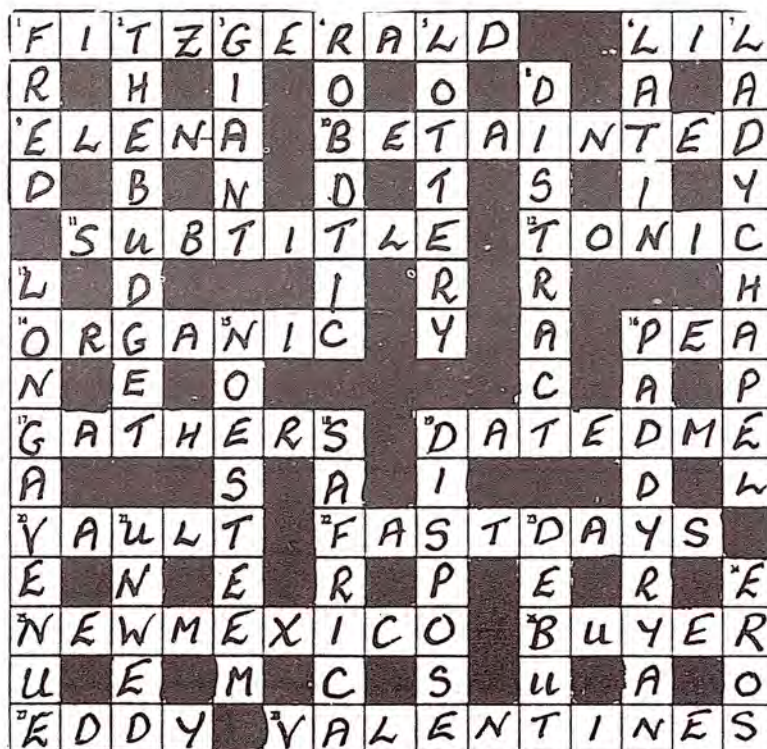


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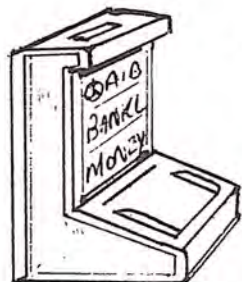
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DUBLIN ARTS DIARY

The Olympia Theatre promises a feast of activity to cater for every taste over the next few months. From March 13th to 17th, Kildare born singer/songwriter, Christy Moore will perform his inimitable brand of music to no doubt, packed houses. March 20th and 21st sees the appearance of Hale and Pace, two British comedians best known as Ron 'n' Ron, the management. They're thick-headed bouncer types who hate long hair, hippies, beards, moustaches, polonecks, jeans, brown shoes . . . in fact, they hate anything that you might choose to wear to their club. Hale and Pace recently finished a successful sitcom series on ITV.

Opening March 25th, for three weeks, is the Hank Williams story, an Irish Premiere of the hit West End musical which recreates the American composer's last scheduled concert, one that he never gave. He died in a car crash en-route to a performance. This musical will be staged as a "Posthumous Concert" with the backing of some of our finest country musicians.

Bookings are now being taken for the above and also for the first Irish staging of the musical *Evita* (with Rebecca Storm) which opens on May, 16th in

the Olympia.

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Joe Dowling has recently had enormous success and glowing acclaim for his direction of *Twelfth Night* at the Gaiety Theatre on Cavendish Row. He shifts his talent to the Gaiety for what promises to be a vibrant interpretation of O'Casey's 'The Plough and the Stars' in March. The cast includes Donal McCann, Rosleen Linehan and John Kavanagh and the previews will take place on March 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th. 'The Plough and the Stars' opens on Tuesday 7th March and should not, if at all possible be missed.

Look out to for the film 'My Left Foot' which is currently being shown in town. The World Premiere of the Irish based film took place on Feb. 24th in the Savoy in aid of the Rehabilitation Institute of Ireland. 'My Left Foot' is based on the book of the same title by Christy Brown. Set in and around Dublin, the film covers the life of the handicapped author from his birth in 1932 to 1959. The cast includes Daniel Day Lewis, Hugh O'Connor, Ray McAnally and Brenda Fricker and was produced by Noel Pearson.



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An bheal a d'abhair creidimh an Mhuin-
tir.
Forogra na hEireann Beannaithe,
Gan fheiscint nios mo ins na scoil-
eanna,
Ag feachaint anuas dom
Thar bharr mo leaba,
An Tine Bheo ag feithimh,
An Dord Féinne ag ghlaach orm
"Oró 'sé do bheatha bhaile"
Ach, níl an tSamhriadh tagtha go fóill.

Childrens Corner.

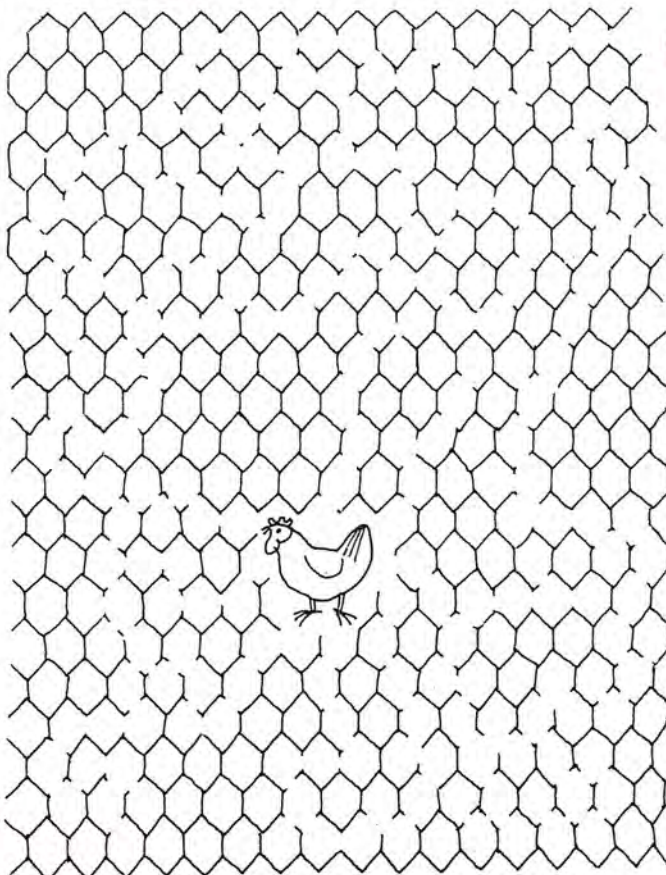
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8-12 Years

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- 2nd: Eithne Cunningham,
58 Laurence Avenue,
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- 3rd: Sarah Adderley,
105 Railpark,
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Orange and Lemon Mousse

1/2 oz Gelatine
1 Tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 Pint orange juice
2 oz caster sugar
1/4 Pint double cream, lightly whipped
2 Egg whites

Decoration : Orange Slices

Dissolve the gelatine in the lemon juice with 2 tablespoons orange juice over a saucepan of hot water. Stir in the sugar while the mixture is warm. Cool and blend with the rest of the cold orange juice. Allow the mixture to stiffen slightly, then fold in the cream. Whisk the egg whites until stiff and fold into the mixture. Spoon into a serving dish. Top with orange slices and chill before serving.

Frosted Coffee Gateau

3 oz Butter softened
3 Large eggs
5 oz Caster sugar
3 Teaspoons instant coffee powder
3 tablespoons boiling water
8oz sponge finger biscuits
2oz walnuts

Decoration: 1/4 pint double cream
Few halves walnuts

Whisk the eggs and sugar in a heatproof bowl over a pan of very hot water until thick and creamy. Gradually whisk in the butter. Remove from the heat. Dissolve the coffee in the boiling water and whisk into the egg mixture. Allow to cool. Crumble the sponge fingers into fine crumbs. Chop the nuts. Blend the biscuits and the nuts with the coffee mixture. Line a 1/2 to 2lb loaf tin. Spoon in the mixture and freeze until firm. Turn out. Whip the cream until it stands in peaks. Spoon over the top of the coffee Gateau. Decorate with the walnuts.



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BILL DONOVAN

One of the most familiar faces around Maynooth must surely be that of Bill Donovan who has been involved in the business life of the town for many years. Bill is a native of Narraghmore and you could say that he was bred to the grocery trade. His grandfather was a grocer and butcher and his father also was a grocer. Along with the rest of his family he helped in the shop from the time when he was able to count. His brother became a butcher and now has four shops, one in Limerick and three in Dublin.

At the age of sixteen Bill started to serve his time in Staples-Dowling's bar and grocery in Naas. His wages when he started was a half-crown per week which were doubled to five shillings after the first year. He points out though that he was lucky to be getting paid at all because were it not for the fact that his mother was related to the owners of the shop he would have had to pay for his apprenticeship.

The grocery business in those days was much different to nowadays. There was very little pre-packaging and many commodities had to be weighed in the shop. Bill recalls the Monday morning was weighing time when they weighed enough tea, sugar etc to last the week. The war was raging at the time and rationing was in force which made the grocery trade more complicated particularly when customers were in the habit of bringing their usual shopping day forward bit by bit and eventually became confused as to what week their coupons related to.

As well as working in the grocery during the day he worked in the bar and among his duties was the bottling of the seventy two dozen bottles of stout costing 61/2d. Each of which was needed to satisfy the thirst of the bus passengers who stopped outside. The shop was the official bus stop and Bill recalls the late Oliver J. Flanagan as one of the more notable travellers. After two years in Staples - Dowlings, Bill went to work in Paddy Fitzsimon's bar where he spent six months before going to work for Paddy Kavanagh. Due to the fact that the boss spent a lot of time travelling to fairs dealing in cattle, Bill was left more or less managing the grocery and the business. He spent ten years in this job but then decided to take up a completely new



L to R Bill Donovan, 1 Maynooth Park, Dinny Guiney, Main Street, Joe Keenan, The Square. Photograph taken outside M.P.

career as an insurance agent with the Royal Liver. He gave up his job but before he took up the insurance he had a change of heart mainly on the advice of a friend. So he was left with no job. This situation didn't last long however. While in M.P. O'Brien's shop in Naas, on a message for his mother, he was offered six weeks holiday work. This six weeks turned into thirty years and he was never told that he was permanent. Although he was an experienced hand in the retail trade he started at the bottom in O'Brien's, sometimes driving a van and, also, doing the window dressing which was a speciality of his. He was two years in O'Brien's when the General Manager, Mr. O'Kennedy died. He was replaced by Joe Morrin who was manager of the Maynooth branch. Bill was asked to become manager of the Maynooth branch but declined. He had just bought a house near Naas and was reluctant to move. Eventually he agreed to move to Maynooth in October as a temporary measure until the position was filled. He was promised that the position would be regularised by Christmas. However, things dragged on as they often do and when he was offered the manager's position again he accepted. The turnover when he started the job was £300 per week and this had increased to £1,000 after twelve months. Bill greatly enjoyed his long career in

O'Brien's shop. In the early 1960's Window dressed by Bill Donovan, Manager for Corpi Christi Procession

O'Brien's where he was given a free hand in the running of the business. To him therefore must go the credit for making O'Brien's store known far and wide for its quality and range of goods. From the mid-sixties onward it coped with the major upheaval in the grocery trade brought about by the birth of the major supermarkets. Bill believes that it is very difficult but possible for an independent retailer to compete with the big multiples provided there is the will to do so. The goodwill built up with suppliers over long years of trading can make up for a lot of the power of the big guns. However he acknowledges that the aggressive marketing and campaigns such as the present bread price war make it increasingly difficult to compete. He says that image is very important in the trade and the customer is inclined to go where the image is of low prices, whether real or imaginary.

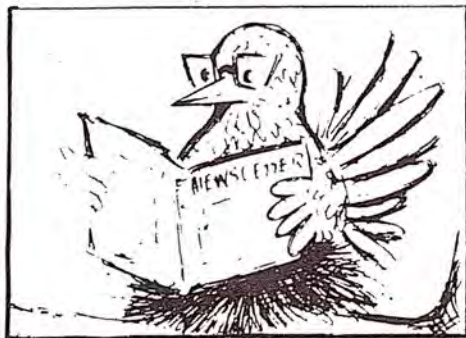
In recent years and particularly since the sale of O'Brien's to Quinnsworth Bill was concentrated on business interests of his own. He and his family now have two newsagents, a coffee shop and the post office which, despite much controversy initially, seems to be functioning well in its new location. He is pleased with the fact that he has been able to provide employment for all of his family although one of them, Mary, has left the Greenfield shop to an

to Australia for a year. Sean is in the Greenfield shop, Breda in the newsagents in the Shopping Centre Arcade, Annette and Martina in the Coffee Kitchen and Eoin is the post-master.

Apart from his career in the grocery trade Bill has had a lifelong interest in music. From the age of ten he was practising with the Narraghmore Pipe Band. His uncle also played in the band and his son Eoin also plays the pipes. Despite the fact that musical instruments are expensive and all the competing attractions there is still great interest in the band. Bill also played saxophone in McGarr's dance band and, indeed, this was one of the reasons for his reluctance to move to Maynooth since it was a welcome supplement to his wages at the time. He is still very active in the ballrooms but now on the floor rather than on the bandstand. He and his wife, Jane, attend dances at several venues around Kildare and neighbouring counties.

Bill's other great interest is Gaelic football and he has been a lifelong supporter of the Kildare team although he does admit that they haven't given him much to cheer about in recent times. An interesting G.A.A. connection is that Jane is a niece of the famous Stanley brothers, Larry and Jim. When he left O'Brien's Bill tried to live a life of retirement but found that he was unable to. He says that more than anything else he missed the company of people, something which he was used to all his life. Thankfully, he shows no signs of retiring and, hopefully, he will continue to contribute to the business life of the town with the good grace and geniality which has been his trademark for many years.

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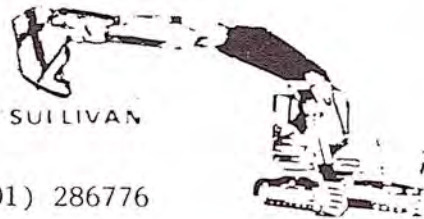
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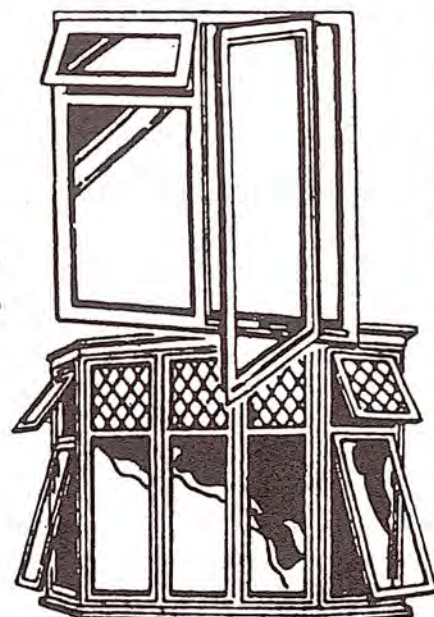


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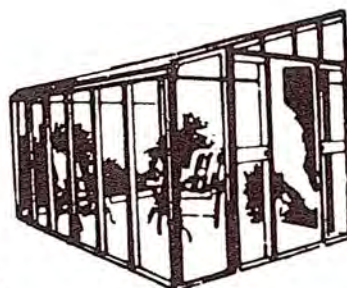
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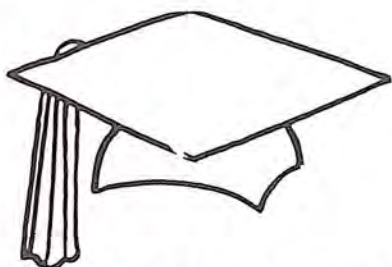
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COLLEGE NEWS

Watch this Space!

It is probably appropriate that Maynooth College, with its traditional involvement with the after life, should develop a special scientific interest in the heavens. The person mainly responsible for this is Dr. Susan McKenna Lawlor, Associate Professor of Experimental Physics in the college. Susan has carved out for herself a leading international reputation in the field of astronomy, and, in doing so, has attracted considerable publicity for the college also.

Such is Susan's involvement in international space research that she has launched her own commercial company - Space Technology Ireland Limited (STIL) - which is based on the Maynooth campus. This type of 'campus company', involving joint ventures between academic researchers and private investors, is becoming increasingly common elsewhere in Ireland and abroad. STIL specialises in designing and manufacturing components for incorporation in space probes, satellites, etc.

Susan McKenna Lawlor's latest venture is related to a Soviet space mission to Mars. This mission is named Phobos after one of the two tiny moons which are in orbit around that planet. Having recently reached its destination, the Phobos spaceship will orbit Mars until April, and one of the scientific objectives of the project is to investigate whether Mars has a magnetic field of its own. A number of different experiments are being conducted for this purpose, and that in which Maynooth College is involved is called SLED (Solar Low Energy Detector). This experiment has been designed and developed in conjunction with the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies and the Max Planck Institute of West Germany. Most of the hardware for the project was built in Maynooth by Michael Martin and Derek Gleeson. At the moment, Susan McKenna Lawlor herself is in the Soviet Union monitoring the project.

In April, the spaceship will move on to investigate Phobos itself. Phobos is a tiny moon - a mere twelve kilometres long by eight kilometres wide. This unusual shape - almost like a potato has given rise to speculation that it may be a stray asteroid which got caught in Mar's gravitational field, rather than being a true moon. The spaceship will hover just fifty feet above the moon's surface, from where a landing device will be sent down to study the moon's make up. STIL personnel, including John Maloco, Nigel Russell and Peter Rusznyak, were also involved in developing this device. Peter is a Hungarian scientist who is currently doing a two year stint with STIL.

In addition Nigel and John were involved with other experiments on the probe.

Nigel built the power supply electronics for a German project, while John developed the programming software for an Austrian venture. All of the above STIL personnel are residents of Maynooth: Michael Martin in Kingsbry, Derek Gleeson in College Green, Nigel Russell and John Maloco in Greenfield Drive, and Peter Rusznyak in Manor Court.

Meanwhile, STIL is simultaneously involved in a number of other projects, including a study of satellite receiving stations in conjunction with the European Space Agency (ESA), and studies of magnetic fields in conjunction with both ESA and NASA (the National Aeronautical Space Agency of the USA). Later this year, STIL will begin work on an ESA project on board a satellite going to the sun. This, presumably, will be the hottest project the company has been involved in to date!

Irish Times /Gael Linn Debates

The annual Irish Times /Gael Linn Irish language debating competition for third level colleges was held in Maynooth this year, over the weekend of February, 10-12. For the first time since the competition was initiated in 1976, a team from Northern Ireland emerged as winners from a total entry of sixteen colleges, when Queen's University, Belfast edged out University College, Dublin, in the final. The final debate, on the motion; "Tosóidh ré órga an chomhphobail i 1992") was presided over by the Minister for Agriculture, Michael O'Kennedy, himself a graduate of Maynooth.

Apart from the serious debating activities, a number of social functions were organised for the weekend, including a

Table Quiz, a concert by Scullion and Tadhg Mac Dhonnagáin, and a Céilí Mor. We hear that the "craic" was "maidhtí" at times during the deireadh seachtaine!

Hi-Yo Silver Away!

There was another first for the College recently when the Riding Club won the National Student Championships at Iris Kellett's riding school. This was an outstanding achievement for a club which was founded only eight years ago, but which had already shown its potential by finishing third in last year's competition. Strong point of the teams performance this year was the dressage section, in which Ruth Geoghegan and Paula Murray finished in second and third place, respectively, to give Maynooth a clear first place. The team made fifth place in both the team showjumping and Prix Caprilli section, and this was enough to finish in the top spot overall. Our congratulations to all concerned.

New Fire Alarm System

Parts of the campus took on a First World War appearance recently as trenches suddenly appeared all over the place. However, no invasions from hostile quarters are imminent. Instead, the function of the trenches is to accommodate piping through which the wiring for the College's new fire alarm system passes. This is part of the plan currently being implemented to upgrade fire precautions in the old campus. A major review of these precautions was conducted following a tragic fire in a convent in St. Stephen's Green in Dublin some time ago in which several people died. Very substantial sums of money will be expended in the coming years as a result of this review, involving the enclosure of staircases, the installation of fire doors and escapes, etc. This is necessary in order to comply with the very strict fire regulations which are in operation nowadays.

Wedding Bells

Congratulation and best wishes to College employees Mary Butler and Ray Manning, who were married recently. The ceremony took place in Wexford, with Fr. Art McCoy, O.F.M., a cousin of the bride, officiating. The honeymoon was spent in Lanzarote. On their return, Ray and Mary joined with their families and friends for a lovely social evening at the Town House in Naas. While currently living in Kingsbry, the newly-weds will shortly

be moving to a new home at Rosetown, Kilcock.

Having worked together in the College Administration for many years, Mary from Falcarragh in Donegal, and Ray, from Kilcock, are looking forward to many years of further close co-operation. And some of us thought, with St. Patrick's Athletic doing so well lately, that Ray was experiencing enough pleasure these days!

Photo: Right

Ray Manning and Mary Butler at a function in the Town House, Naas following their return from their recent honeymoon. Mary and Ray work in the Maynooth College Administration



STREET TALKING

Just twelve months ago, on March 5th 1988, Maynooth Credit Union was established to provide a saving and lending facility for the people of Maynooth. Now, one year on, it is thriving with 350 members and plans to consolidate its position in the community. Funds are building up well in the books, with many transfers from other credit unions, and one of its voluntary board of directors, Ann McGarry, has just received the annual award of the national watchdog body, the Irish League of Credit Unions, for her work in the movement, and things appear to be on the up and up for the local body. "Street Talking" recently had a word with Ann, who helps to handle public relations for the Maynooth C.U. She explained that the Credit Union is a co-operative and voluntary organisation, owned and run by its members. Its aims are to encourage saving and to provide its members with a loan facility which is an alternative to the commercial banks and finance companies - and at rates which are more favourable. One of the fundamental requirements in constituting a credit union is that its members have some identifi-

able "common bond"; in this case the common bond is that all members are drawn from those who either live or work in the area of Maynooth, as defined by the parish boundary. Want to join? Then try to get along to either the Quinnswoth shopping Centre Mall between 7 and 8.30 p.m. on Thursday or Friday, or else to the Harbour (7 to 8.30) on Friday evenings, or 10 to 12.30 on Saturday mornings). There you will be asked to fill out some forms, pay a £1.00 joining fee, and after that it's up to you to start saving.

After three months a member of the union becomes eligible to apply for a loan; the amount available for borrowing will of course depend on various factors, not least the funds available, but complete confidence is assured at all times. That confidence extends to the life assurance which comes as part of the membership package; at no extra charge this will pay off any outstanding amount owing to the society by a member who dies before paying back a loan in full, or, depending on age, will double the share which a member has in the Union.

There is an umbrella body, the Irish League of Credit Unions, which acts in an advisory capacity to individual credit unions. It also has field officers who may ask to inspect the accounts without prior notice. Indeed, accounts of the Union's finances are presented monthly, so that a close eye is kept on the position of the organisation. But the real assurance comes from the knowledge that the credit union's af-

fairs are in the hands of its own members drawn from the community, and under the able guidance of such as Pat Harney (Chairman), Marie Kelly (Secretary), and Pat Arthurs (Treasurer).

College Rag Week

Maynooth Student's Union hosted Rag Week from February 13th - 17th. A wide range of events were held in an effort to raise money for the chosen charities. Events such as "Blind Date", a "Rag Week" Debate and a "Drinkathon" in the local pubs finishing the the S.U. proved very popular.

Throughout the week, bands such as up and coming "Shimpu Zig Zag" "Lee-A-Zon" and the ever popular "Century Steel Band" and "Runaway Boys" played to packed houses in the Students' Union.

The money raised is expected to be in the region of £1,000 - £1,500 and is to be donated to the Anchor Trust, a centre to help the unemployed in Maynooth and the Maynooth Community Council. According to Eric Gaughran, President of the Students' Union, "Rag Week was a great success. The students enjoyed the week immensely and the Students' Union is only too glad to help contribute towards the needs of the unemployed and to support the Community Council in all its work".

The students would like to take this opportunity to thank the managers of Brady's, L.A., Caulfields and the Roost, all the local businesses and the general public for their co-operation and tolerant support.

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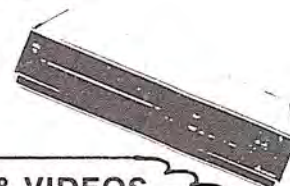
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Aids in Uganda

Sally Fegan, daughter of Mrs. Pamela Fegan, formerly of Pound Hill in Maynooth, was home recently for a holiday, having spent the last thirteen years in Africa. Sally is the Director of the UNICEF programme in Uganda, which has a mandate to tackle the causes of child mortality, such as water and sanitation, food, nutrition and disease.

In an interview with the Irish Times, Sally described the tragedy which has affected almost one in four of the population in the form of AIDs, or 'slim', which is what Ugandans call the wasting disease. This in turn is having an effect on the children - 10 per cent of all AIDs deaths are among infants who are born to parents who have the virus. Considerable progress has been made in the last few years, helped by a supportive government under President Yoweri Museveni. Sally comments that Uganda is not the worst affected African country, rather it is more honest about the problem than some of its neighbours.

A cure for this plague of our times has still to be found. We can only applaud the courage of people like Sally Fegan who continue to work to find solutions in very difficult circumstances.

Great Gas Over Maynooth

Maynooth residents who have sometimes felt that the little planes flying over their gardens from Weston Airport were too close to the ground for comfort, and who expect one to drop in sometimes, may be interested to hear of the close encounter with disaster experienced by a Dublin man and his son early in January. David Hooper and Gary his son, from Templeogue were on a flight from Blessington, not in a plane, but in a hot air balloon, to Carton Demesne, when the balloon touched some wires and burst into flames.

The balloon had just crossed Carton wall when it hit the wires. The occupants were lucky enough to escape alive. Twelve homes in the area were without power for a few hours.

When reporters were describing the scene of the Lockerbie disaster for Irish listeners, they likened the town to Maynooth. Luckily, Maynooth escaped this time. After all, Tullamore was destroyed by fire caused by a hot air balloon back in the eighteenth century.

Now, if only we could persuade them to drop in on the 'Thing' in the square!.

An Educated Guess

From the what are they teaching them in our institutions of higher learning department - this extract from the Union of Students in Ireland newspaper may cause some puzzlement to the residents of Maynooth.

The piece is extraced from an article investigating the value of the property on which our universities are located, and reads as follows:

'St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Probably the least desirable site in Ireland, due to its being miles away from any centre of population. Maynooth is about 30 miles east of Dublin, and Maynooth town consists of a petrol station, a bank and fourteen pubs. The college stands on about 100 acres, split between two sites which are bisected by the main Dublin-Galway road, and many families would have to be bribed to occupy the houses on such a large site. About 1.5 - 2 million would get you the land, a relatively modest sum, and included would be one of the scariest, low-cut pedestrian fly-overs in the country'.

Indeed, but where have the other ten pubs gone to, and has Dublin moved fifteen miles eastwards while we weren't looking?

Heritage Funds

It seems that there's money in history these days. At least the Government has decided to fund heritage projects to the tune of 3.5 million pounds. Among the projects funded are interpretive and visitor centres at a number of sites around the country, including Boyne Valley Archaeological Park, Kilkenny Castle and Roscrea Castle. What's wrong with Maynooth Castle we ask? How about setting up an interpretive centre based around the castle, the college, Carton Demesne? This could generate considerable local employment. No doubt the Community Council is at this moment ringing up Mr. Noel Treacy, Minister for State at the Department of Finance, asking him to remember us in the next round of grants.

The Maynooth Model

I hear that a certain political party who of course shall remain nameless, or should it be blameless, have circulated a document to other branches around the country giving away the franchise for winning votes and influencing

people. It's called 'The Maynooth Model'; no, not a steamy saga concerning man eating Maynooth maidens, merely a step-by-step guide to how to develop a party structure through good works and involvement in local issues. The Newsletter even comes in for a mention. However, lest any of our readers come across this fascinating document, we would like to assure them that the Newsletter is completely independent of any political affiliation and practises a policy of strict neutrality in relation to all political parties. That's why our lips are sealed concerning the identity of the party involved.

ESB

Press Release

On Wednesday 18th January, 1989, the E.S.B. held a Seminar in Leixlip for a representative group of Domestic Customers in the locality. Invitations were sent to a random selection of Residents' Associations in Leixlip, Maynooth, Celbridge, Dunboyne, Straffan and Newcastle and to voluntary organisations operating in these areas.

In line with the stated E.S.B. objective of providing a good and reliable service the Seminar was an effort on the part of Local Management to further improve the flow of information between the E.S.B. and its customers.

Presentations were made on a range of activities including Public Lighting, Appliance Repair, After-hours service and Billing matters. Lively and informative discussion took place on many topics and the E.S.B. agreed to follow-up on issues raised by the representatives of the various Community Groups. Information on who to contact in the E.S.B. organisation was also provided and the E.S.B. hoped that this would enable the customers to have ready access to whatever form of service they require.

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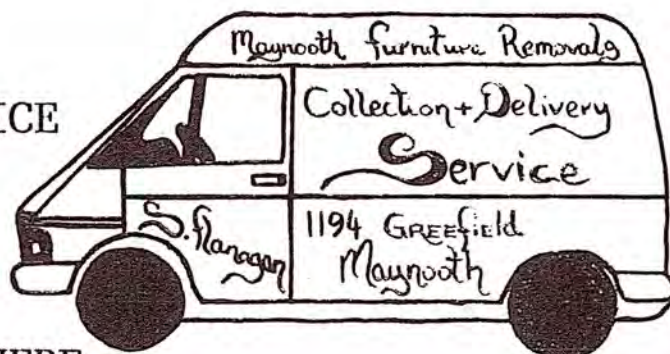
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Maynooth Castle

A FOCAL POINT OF LOCAL HISTORY
Mary Cullen

The arms of the eighth earl of Kildare as they appeared on his tomb in St. Mary's Chapel, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, commemorate both his marriages. The two lower shields show the Fitzgerald arms impaled with first, those of the Eustace family of his first wife Alison or Alice, and secondly, with those of the St. Johns, the family of his second wife Elizabeth. Alison was the mother of the ninth earl and of six daughters. Two of these sisters of the ninth earl made names for themselves in Irish history. The formidable Margaret married Piers Butler, the eighth Earl of Ormond. This may have been intended by her father as a politic union to bind the two rival families in ties of friendship, but, if so, the plan misfired. Margaret took Piers' side against her brother Garret Og and her strong personality and ability made her a serious threat. She is also remembered as a woman with a mission to bring English hygiene to the Irish of Ormond. Richard Stanyhurst described her as follows: 'The Countess of Ossorie, Kildare's sister, a rare woman, and able for wisdom to rule a realm, had not her stomach over-ruled herselfe. Through the singular wisdom of this Countesse a lady of such port, that all the estates of the realme couched to her, so politique that nothing was thought substantially debated without her advice; man-like, tall of stature, very rich and bountiful, a bitter enemy, the only meane, at those dayes, whereby hir husband's country was re claymed from the sluttish and unclean Irish custome to the English habits, bedding, house-keeping and civillitie.'

Another sister Eleanor was an equally strong personality, who as we shall see later, played a major part in saving the heir to the earldom of Kildare after the death of her brother and the execution of her nephew Silken Thomas and of her five half-brothers.

After the death of Alison Eustace, of grief, it was said, at her husband's imprisonment in the Tower of London, the great Earl and his second wife, Elizabeth St. John had another family of seven children. These were all sons

and all ill-fated. The two eldest died young and the other five died with their nephew on Tyburn Hill.

But all this tragedy was in the future, and could hardly have been foreseen when Garret Og, the ninth earl, succeeded his father as the king's deputy in Ireland in 1513. His rule, as was noted in the last article, followed the pattern set by the eighth earl and, like his father, he too married twice. His first wife, Elizabeth died suddenly at Lucan in 1517 and was buried at the monastery of the Friars Observant at Kilcullen. The Earl found his second wife in England also. On this occasion he had been accused of seizing crown revenue and lands for himself and his followers and of forming alliances with the King's 'Irish enemies'. He was summoned to England to answer the charges in 1519 and while there he married another cousin of Henry VIII.

This was Lady Elizabeth Grey who shared a common grandmother with the King. Elizabeth Woodville had been married twice, first to Sir John Grey, by which marriage she became the grandmother of Elizabeth Grey, and secondly to Edward IV by which she became the mother of Henry VII and Grandmother of Henry VIII. After this prestigious marriage Kildare accompanied the King to France for his famous meeting with the French King, Francis I in 1520, called the 'Field of the Cloth of Gold' from the lavish splendour displayed by both monarchs.

Finally the earl was acquitted of the charges brought against him and returned to Ireland in 1523. His brother-in-law, Piers Butler, Earl of Ormond was now deputy and the rivalry and hostility between the two intensified. Kildare had the advantage now of the active support of his new relations in England, the Greys, and when in 1524 Commissioners were sent to Ireland to judge the rights and wrongs of the perpetual quarrelling of Ireland's two most powerful earls, they found in Kildare's favour and he was re-appointed deputy, though he had to promise not to make war without the consent of the Council.

But he was soon in trouble again. His cousin the Earl of Desmond was accused of treason and the King ordered Kildare as deputy to arrest him. This he failed to do and was accused of helping Desmond instead. In 1526 he was back in London and lodged in the Tower. The story is told that the King's chancellor, Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, tried to have him executed without the King's knowledge and was only foiled by a last minute appeal to Henry himself. But the state papers show Wolsey as anxious to retain Kildare as deputy in Ireland - and hence alive - on grounds of expediency. Wolsey considered that the Butlers could not succeed as deputies because they could not control Kildare and his Irish allies. It was the story as it had been in his father's day when the bishop of Meath had complained that 'all Ireland cannot rule this man' and the King had replied that then Kildare must rule all Ireland. Indeed the ninth Earl actively tried to make it impossible for anyone but himself to govern Ireland in the King's name and in 1528 he was in disgrace again for trying to stir up trouble in Ireland so that his own return to quell it would seem imperative.

He seemed to make his point when he returned to Ireland in 1530 with a newly appointed English deputy, Sir William Skeffington. Within two years Henry had recalled Skeffington and reinstated Kildare in Office. But the end was now in sight. The following year he was again summoned to England to answer the latest set of charges. Before he left he nominated his eldest son Thomas, Lord Offaly, as vice-deputy to act in his place, advising him to 'behave yourselfe so wisely ...'. Reports came back to Ireland that he had been beheaded in the Tower of London. Offaly resigned his deputyship in a dramatic scene where he threw the sword of state on the table in the council chamber in St. Mary's Abbey and came out in open rebellion against the King. His father heard of this fatal imprudence as he lay in the tower and the shock and sorrow were so great that he died there on December, 12th, 1534.

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THE MAYNOOTH ACCORDION SCHOOL OF MUSIC

The Annual General Meeting of the above school took place on January 25th. It has achieved excellent results despite its short number of years in existence. This is mainly due to the very dedicated piano accordion teacher, John Mitchell, who only missed one teaching session in the past year due to being detained in Wales by a storm.

In 1988 the pupils played at many venues both at competitive and non competitive levels. They entertained the patients in Peamount Hospital on two occasions - February and July. They were invited to Dublin in May and July to play for the organization of Ex-service men and women. On the home scene they provided a session of Irish Music in the Square during Community Week and they also played their part in the entertainment section for the Olde Fair Day.

The Accordion Band section achieved 1st place at the Raheny Festival of Traditional Irish Music last October. They also took the 2nd award at the Baltinglass Band Festival.

They didn't lose out in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Maynooth either - they got 1st prize in their section and are hoping to enter again this year. Some pupils reached the All Ireland Accordion Competition and performed very well.

Practice is also taking place for Mr. Mitchell's Band Festival which will take place in the Parish Hall on Sunday, April 23rd, at 2 p.m. This festival brings most of Mr. Mitchell's pupils, from various teaching venues, together in competition. Following the competition there is a total Band Recital.

So don't forget the Parish Hall, April, 23rd at 2 p.m. Anybody interested in Irish Music will enjoy it. Further details later.

Finally I would like to extend sincere thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Phil Brady and staff for their kind attention to John down the years. As he himself says "I am very well looked after".

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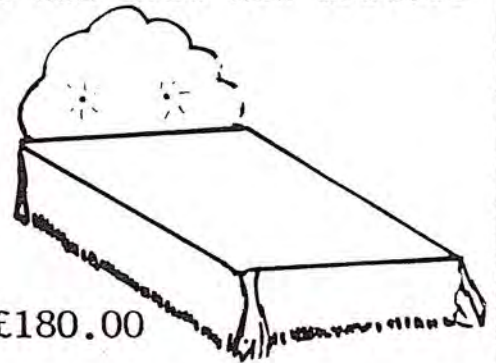
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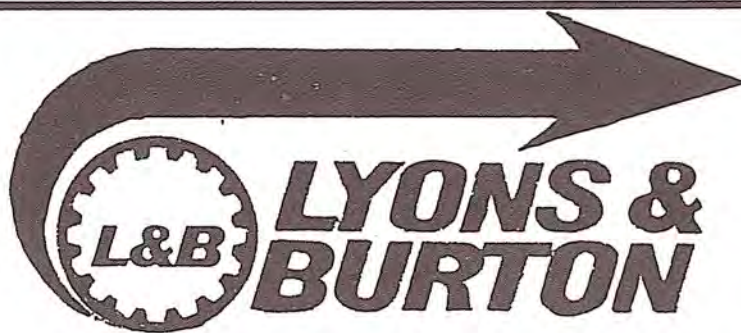
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COMMUNITY GAMES

It's back to that time of year again and this is a reminder to get training for your respective event. Once again we will have athletics, swimming, art and gymnastics. We may even have a choir competition this year if we get a manager to do the same. We will have our usual team games of G.A.A. Hurling, Soccer, Badminton, Tennis and Draughts. We also could have rounders, pitch and putt, basketball, chess etc., if we had managers for these teams. Children continually ask every year if we will have rounders teams, but unfortunately there seems to be no adults out there who can spare the time to devote to these children and get the

PRESENTATION CONVENT PARENTS ASSOCIATION Maynooth, Co. Kildare

It is now four months since the new committee of the above association were elected. The committee are working very well together and our first venture was a raffle held before Christmas which was a great success. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors who contributed so generously to the raffle: Aidan's, S. Murray, O'Donovan's, Barretts, Mulcahy Butchers, Elite, Cassidy's Roost, Caulfields, Hula-Bou, Top of the Crop, Buckley's, Conroy and McCormick Chemists, T. Geraghty, Casey Courts, House Pride, M. O'Gorman, D. Duignan and Mr. & Mrs. P. McGuire.

At the moment the Annual Subscription Fee is due to the Association. The fee of £2.00 per family still stands and we hope that all parents will make an effort to contribute this year. These funds are used to purchase sports equipment and special items for the school, finance for which is not available from any other source. They also provide refreshments for your children on their Sports Day. So we hope that each family will contribute this year and we would like to thank all parents and friends of Presentation Convent

rounders going. There is no shortage of children to play the game but there are no adult managers. So maybe this year could be our lucky year with adults coming forward with time on their hands, to give to the children of Maynooth for Community Games.

As and from our A.G.M. entry forms for the Community Games will not be required as in other years. It was decided that all individual events i.e. Gymnastics, Swimming, Art and Athletics will be open to all participants within their own age group i.e. Boys and Girls U/8, U/10, U/12, U/14, U/16 and U/17. So come on all you boys and girls and take part in as many events as you like in your age group in your Community Games. Watch out in the coming months for posters in your schools and areas advertising Community Games events.

This is also the time when we would request all holders of Perpetual Trophies to shine them up, have them repaired, if broken, and return them in good order to the Community Council Office before 30th April. This request goes out each year, but in a lot of cases

Girls School for their generous support over the years.

The committee would like to extend their deepest sympathy to Sr. Aquinas, Principal, on the recent death of her mother. Finally may we wish you all a very happy and peaceful 1989.

Sheila Fleming, 286475
Secretary, Parents Association G.N.S.

I.C.A. Notes

The monthly meeting took place on Thursday, 2nd February. Mrs. Maise McMyler presided and welcomed everyone. Mrs. McMyler extended sympathy to the families of the late Miss McGuire, Mrs. Donnelly; and to Sr. Aquinas on the death of her mother. Congratulations to Breda Cunningham who was runner up in the Kilcara National Knitting competition "An Oldest Irish Coin" was won joint 1st place by Mary O'Gorman and Ursula Walshe and 2nd place Breda Cunningham. Next months competition "A Dressed Rag Doll".

An open Irish night will be held in the I.C.A. hall on Wednesday, 8th March. Anyone interested in good Irish music and dancing come along for the "Ceoil agus Craic".

The guest speaker this month was Mr. Ray Bonar. He is an officer with the Eastern Health Board. He spoke on

it falls on deaf ears and it means the Committee have to go door to door to collect in Trophies, also in lots of cases to clean and repair them before the Games. So we the committee, would appreciate getting them back in time and in proper condition.

The committee for this year is as follows:

Chairperson - Eilish O'Malley
Vice Chairperson - Paddy Hanley
Secretary - Norah McDermott
Treasurer - Madeline Stynes
P.R.O. - Ann Cotter
Committee - Philip McDermott
and Breeda Gormally

We are sorry to lose Phil McLoughlin who worked very hard on our Committee and we wish her and her husband and family the best in the future. We wish all our competitors for 1989 the Best of Luck in their competitions.

We would like to congratulate Norah McDermott and Eilish O'Malley who have just completed 10 years on Maynooth Community Games Committee.

stress, and mental health, one of the most common illness' of the eighties. He gave a most informative and detailed talk aided with slides. We extend our gratitude to Mr. Bonar for his advice, and giving of his expertise and time.

Crafts continue every Monday night 8 - 10 p.m. and Set Dancing at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the I.C.A. hall. Badminton every Tuesday and Thursday morning 11 a.m. - 12.30 in the parish hall. Next meeting will be held on Thursday March 2nd, in the I.C.A. hall.

Kay Burns P.R.O.

KILDARE COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS

Later this month, on Monday, March 14th, the Kildare Council of Trade Unions holds its annual general meeting in Newbridge. This body provides a forum for the various trades unions representing members employed in the county; it also seeks to aid those who are unemployed, and has taken an active part in the setting up of Resource Centres for the unemployed at various localities - Newbridge, Athy, Naas.

Maynooth Community Council

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AIMS: Promote wellbeing of the community; secure facilities it considers lacking; assist local authority in the exercise of its office; provide, or help to provide employment in the Maynooth area.

ACTIVITIES: 5 sub-committees: Social and Recreational, Youth Affairs, Tidy Towns, Editorial Board of *Maynooth Newsletter*, Travellers Settlement. Planning Document to Kildare County Council, liaison re Maynooth By-pass and Link Road, lighting, housing estates, the "Thing", the Playground, general maintenance, Halting Site requested and opened July '88. Management of Harbour Field. *Community Survey* profiles '86, '89, set up *Community Information Centre*, public lectures on alcoholism, drugs etc. *Tidy Towns* liase with Residents Associations, care for general cleanliness. Summer activities for children. Petition against movement of Post Office. Representations to councillors, T.D.'s Ministers: new ownership of Cable T.V., establishment of Residents Associations, Neighbourhood Watch, co-operation with Gardai, extension of 66 bus route, provide 67A, improve train service. *Tidy Estates* competition. Close liaison with local clubs: Soccer, GAA, RCAG, Swimming, Golfing, ICA etc. Plans to build Swimming Pool with Post-Primary School or Sports Complex with the University. Organise St. Patrick's Day Parade, Community Festival, dances, discos, concerts, Open Day Carton House '87, Community Games.

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A Daisy Pat Lottery is being organised by Maynooth Community Council as a fund-raising exercise on St. Patrick's Day at 2 p.m. in the local pitch. The T.V. personality Michael Dillon has kindly consented to come along as a supervisor and adjudicator for this

rather unusual event. He will lead a cow into the centre of the field, which will have been sectioned off in 80 squares of 3 foot square. Each square is being sold in the form of 30 lines per square and at the price of a £1 per line! When the cow performs the 30 lines contained in that square will go into a drum or a hat and the final winner will be drawn on St. Patrick's night at a **Patrick's Night Dance** in the Parish Hall, Maynooth.

In conjunction with the usual St. Patrick's Day Parade, the biggest in Kildare, this event will offer some off-beat entertainment in the town for the afternoon. The Patrick's Dance that night will provide long-needed facilities for everyone leaving the pubs at 11.30 and having to head off home while the rest of the world celebrates our feast day! Music will be provided by "The Kees", headed by a local musician, Al Brady. Bar facilities will be available and all that for only £3.00 for the general public, and £2 for students and the unwaged. Apart from the attraction of watching the winner of £300 in the ultimate draw that night, there will be a **Grand Raffle** during the night. Music and dancing from 11 - 2 a.m. What more could anyone ask for on Patrick's night?

Lines for the raffle are being sold by all Community Councillors and enquiries about buying lines may be made to
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Tel: 285922 (Christina Sauls).
 Clubs may buy an entire square at a cut-price of £25.
 (Find enclosed poster and diagram of field and rules and regulations for the Lottery).
 Poster and layout courtesy of Jarleth Finn, Maynooth.

Muireann Ni Bhrolchain
 Chairperson, M.C.C.

MAYNOOTH BASED BAND RESLEASE 'DEBUT SINGLE'

'Scale The Heights' are a four piece band who have been together for two years and are based in Maynooth. For the past year they have been gaining an increasing amount of attention from the music industry in Ireland, most notably from the magazine Hot Press which has consistently promoted them as one of the more talented young acts in the current Irish Rock Scene.

On June 2nd 1988, Scale The Heights won the prestigious Carling/Hot Press band of the year competition; in February, 1988 they reached the final of the Borderline/HMV Band of '88 contest; they appeared twice on T.V. and took part in the Radio 2/Hot Press lark in the Park in July. Their music, which is all original material, has been described as 'humorous, melodic, dance floor rock', by Hot Press. 'Scale The Heights' first single "Goodbye To All That", (on WEA records) has just been released and is in the record shops now.

An Irish Tour has been planned for March which will include a residency in the Baggot Inn (1st, 8th, 15th, March, upstairs). Look out also for a Late Late Show appearance this month and a full interview in the current issue of Hot Press.

The band hopes to play in London in April and are planning to release their second single later this year.

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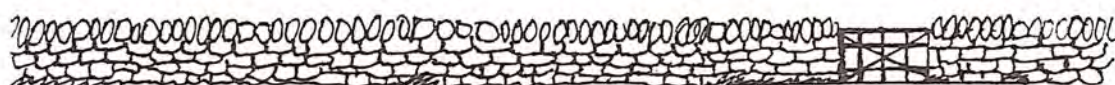
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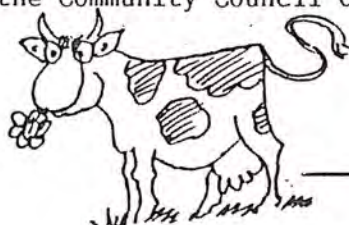


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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This event will take place in the Harbour Field at 2 p.m. on 17th March
2. The Lottery entails dividing a section of the field into 80 squares.
3. Squares will be 3 sp. ft.
4. Each square is represented by a card containing 30 lines.
5. Lines are sold at £1 each.
6. A cow will be released into the field at 2 p.m.
7. The cow will be led to the centre of the field to wander from there.
8. The square in which the cow pat lands will contain the winner
9. The final winning line (of £300) will be drawn at a function in the Parish Hall that night.
10. The first cow pat will be the only one considered.
11. The square in which the majority of the cow pat lands will be the only one considered.
12. Lines may be bought in any number of squares.
13. Clubs, societies, associations may buy a card for £25.
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SPORTS NEWS



MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

The Leinster Senior, U/12, U/14 and U/16 Cross Country Championships were held in Kilkenny. Running well for the club in the girls U/12, were Patricia Purcell, Ashling Redmond, Margaret Brennan and Eimear O'Sullivan. Our two girls in the U/14 race Fiona Redmond and Emma McCluskey also put in a good performance as did Paul Flood and Niall Gillick in the Boys U/14.

Best performance of the day was Carmel Noonan 6th in girls U/16 and Lisa McCluskey 11th, these two girls made the county team. As usual our Vet Ladies did very well, this time running as a senior ladies team, they were Patsy McCluskey 10th, Helen Redmond 23rd, Marie Gleeson 31st and Bernie Dunne 32nd. The following week the Vets made the long journey to Rostrevor for their 'All Ireland Championships'. Patsy McCluskey was a worthy winner of the Vet Ladies 0/40; Helen Redmond keeping up her good form came 3rd 0/40 these two ladies were on the winning County team; Bernie Dunne also ran well in the ladies 0/30 and came 2nd. These three ladies also took the 2nd club award. Despite not feeling the best Liam McNamee came 3rd in men's 0/40, also running well in this race was David Jolly. Some of our juvenile club

members also had success in the schools cross country championships in the Kildare Schools; Carmel Noonan was 1st, Lisa McCluskey 2nd, thus helping their team to a win for the school, Emer Farrelly also ran well in the championships coming 5th. Despite the much stronger competition in the West Leinster schools Carmel Noonan was 3rd and Lisa McCluskey 9th.

The juvenile 'All Ireland Cross Country' were held in Killarney. Congratulations to Carmel Noonan who was our only medal winner. Carmel got a well deserved silver medal in the girls U/16. Lisa McCluskey also ran a good race coming 4th. In the girls U/13 Emma McCluskey was 46th and Fiona Redmond 32nd in girls U/14. Very good results for these girls who travelled to Killarney and put so much effort into their training to get there.

Barbara Tracey
Margaret Noonan

MAYNOOTH TOWN F.C.

Not a great deal to report on the playing side as results have not been all that good. The most encouraging news was the Second Team first win of the season, a convincing 4-0 victory over high placed Brookfield. The goals, all of the spectacular variety, were scored by Johnny Thompson and Willie Saults, each of them scoring twice. The First Team once again suffered the disappointment of making an early exit in the Sheeran Cup, losing 3-0 at home to Lansdowne Celtic. The team was admittedly understrength but it was still a game that could and should have been won. On the League front; weather conditions have caused quite a few postponements in recent weeks, so let's hope that when games are resumed that, with all players available, past disappointments will be forgotten. We are all looking forward to the St. Patrick's Day parade and hoping to play an active part as in previous years. As a 'curtain raiser', we are pleased to announce that we will be staging a Sports Table Quiz in the Hitchin Post on Thursday March 16th. The entry fee is £12 for each team of four people and the top prize will be £100. Further details may be had from any of the committee, so let's see all you budding Jimmy Magee in the Hitchin Post on the 16th.

Gerry Durack
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH BADMINTON CLUB

The club entered four teams in the Dublin League, three mixed and one Ladies team. Competition in all grades was very high. Our 1st team were narrowly beaten in their section. One point stood between them and the quarter finals.

Well done to Michele Farrell and Olive O'Shea who won out the Ladies' Doubles of the American Tournament which was played on 16th Dec. '88. Runners up were Marie Connolly and Frances Murphy. Winners of the Men's Doubles were Paddy Nolan and Paul Murphy. Runners up were Hector Dalton and Mick Lynch.

The Kildare League is now underway and the Club would like to wish all five teams (four mixed and one Ladies) the best of luck. Competition for places on these teams was very keen. The club has vacancies for players of League Standard only, preferably in Grades C,D, and E. All enquires should be made to the Sec. Tel: 285440 or Chairman Derek Gleeson Tel: 285668

Congratulations to former member Mary Butler on the occasion of her recent marriage to Ray Manning.

Olive O'Shea
Secretary

U/14 GAELIC FOOTBALL

Maynooth 1 Gaol 5 Points
O'Tooles 1 Goal

Maynooth made somewhat heavy work of defeating a determined O'Toole's team in this game played in Maynooth on the 4th Feb. Maynooth dominated play for long stages of the game but the atrocious conditions meant that it was very difficult for smaller Maynooth team to play their usual high standard of football and hence found scoring anything but easy. With Kenneth Killoran, Peter Lacy and Padraig Hogan dominating the back line, Maynooth were able to easily cope with the O'Toole forwards so much so that it was only in the last five minutes that O'Toole's got their only score of the game.

Joey Nevin and Gerard Horn won the midfield battle and constantly gave their forward line plenty of possessions, but with the exception of a good goal scored by Cathal Ryan, they failed to make greater use of the possession they enjoyed. Yet both teams should be complemented on their efforts to play good football at all times in the wind and rain. Outstanding for Maynooth besides those already mentioned were Patrick Farrell, Stephen Noonan, Martin Donnelly, Hughie Nevin, Eddie Lacey and Richard Cotter.

G.A.A. NOTES

After a brief period of recruitment many new players have been attracted to the club, and we now have a pool of over fifty players.

Training nights in the G.A.A. field, Moyglare road starting at 8 p.m. All are welcome to come along and take part. Friendly matches have been arranged against senior teams and this has proved very successful for us. Mick Mealy "team trainer" should have his teams well prepared for the coming season, which kicks off on the second Sunday in March.

We are entering the St. Patrick's Day parade again this year and we are asking all you G.A.A. fans out there to come out and join in with us.

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Congratulations to Ruth Morrissey, Baltracey, Maynooth who was recently picked to appear on R.T.E.'s Live at 3. Ruth, having won in earlier competition rounds was picked to appear on the January 16th programme.

A great day was had by all who travelled to R.T.E. which included Ruth's

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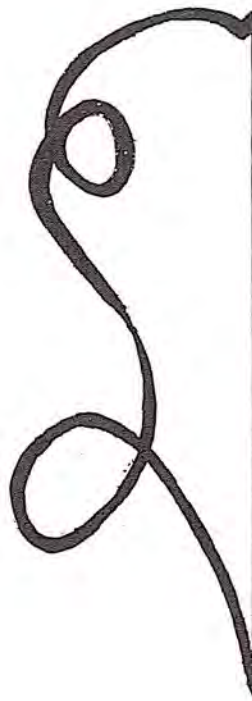


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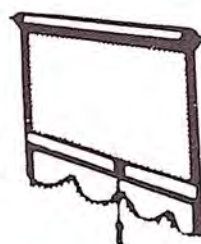
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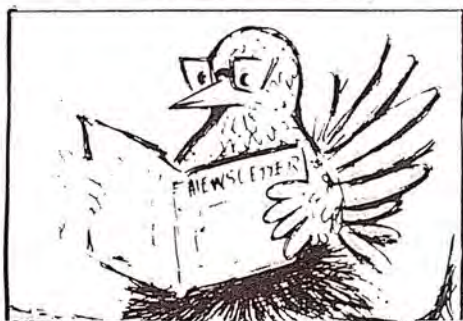
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Kenny - The wife and family of the late James (Jim) Kenny 480 Straffan Road, Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement. Those who sent Mass cards, wreaths, letters of Sympathy attended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

WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

The Leixlip Tennis Club would like to congratulate Mary Butler on her recent marriage to Ray. We wish them both lots of happiness and the very best for the future.

The senior Badminton Club of Maynooth would like to wish Mary Butler many years of happiness after her recent marriage to Ray Manning who also works in Maynooth College (Ray is Mary's boss which must be a nice set up there for Mary). Some of her team members had a very enjoyable night with them at their celebration in the Town House. Once again we wish them the very best and hope Mary is back with us soon again.

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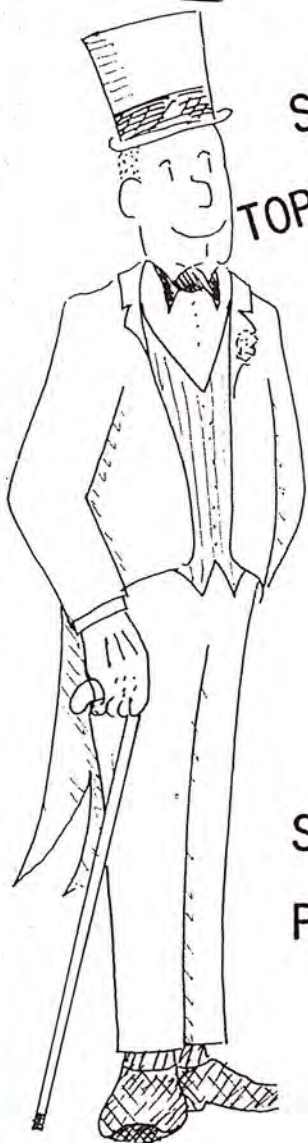


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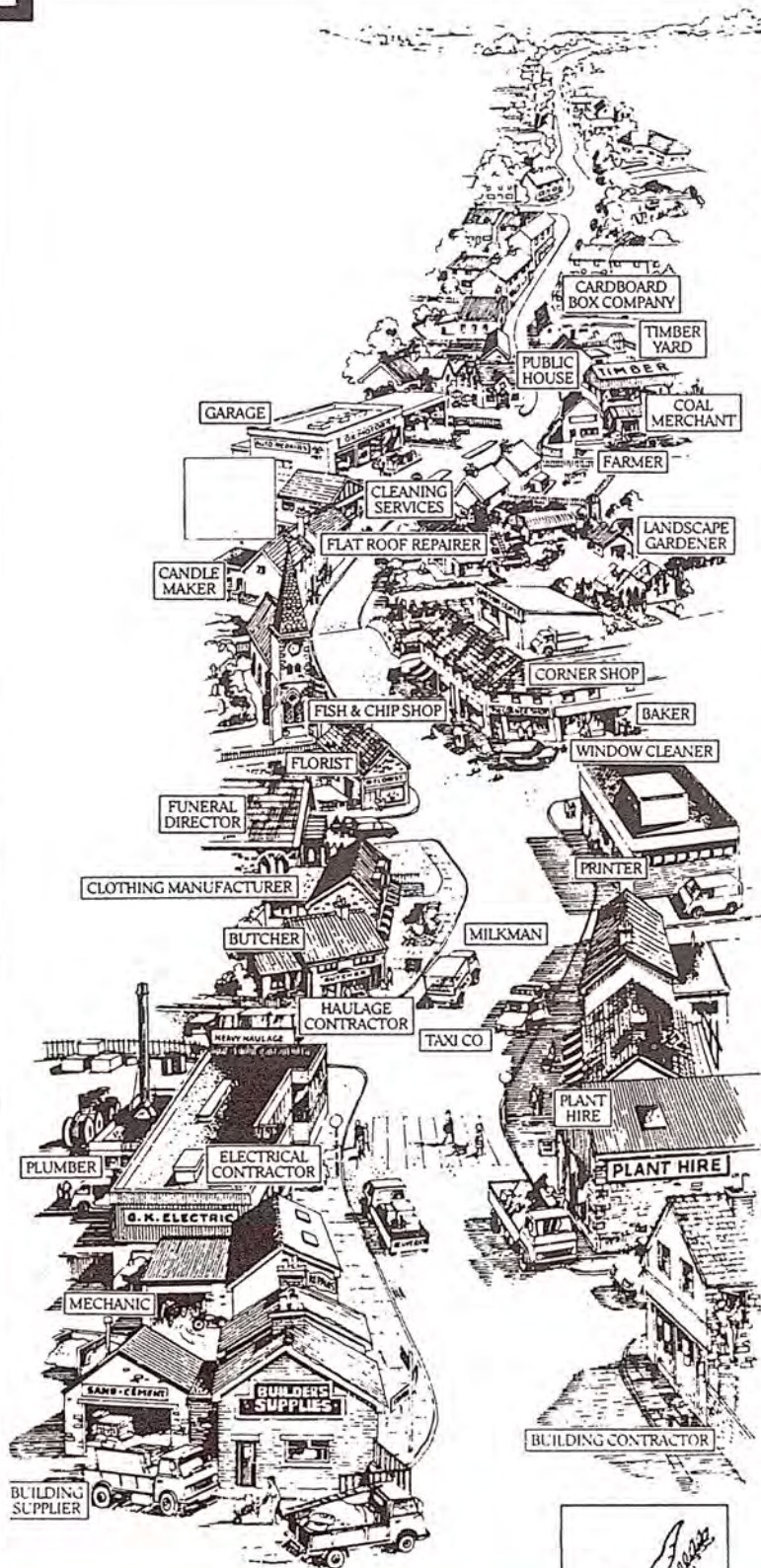
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