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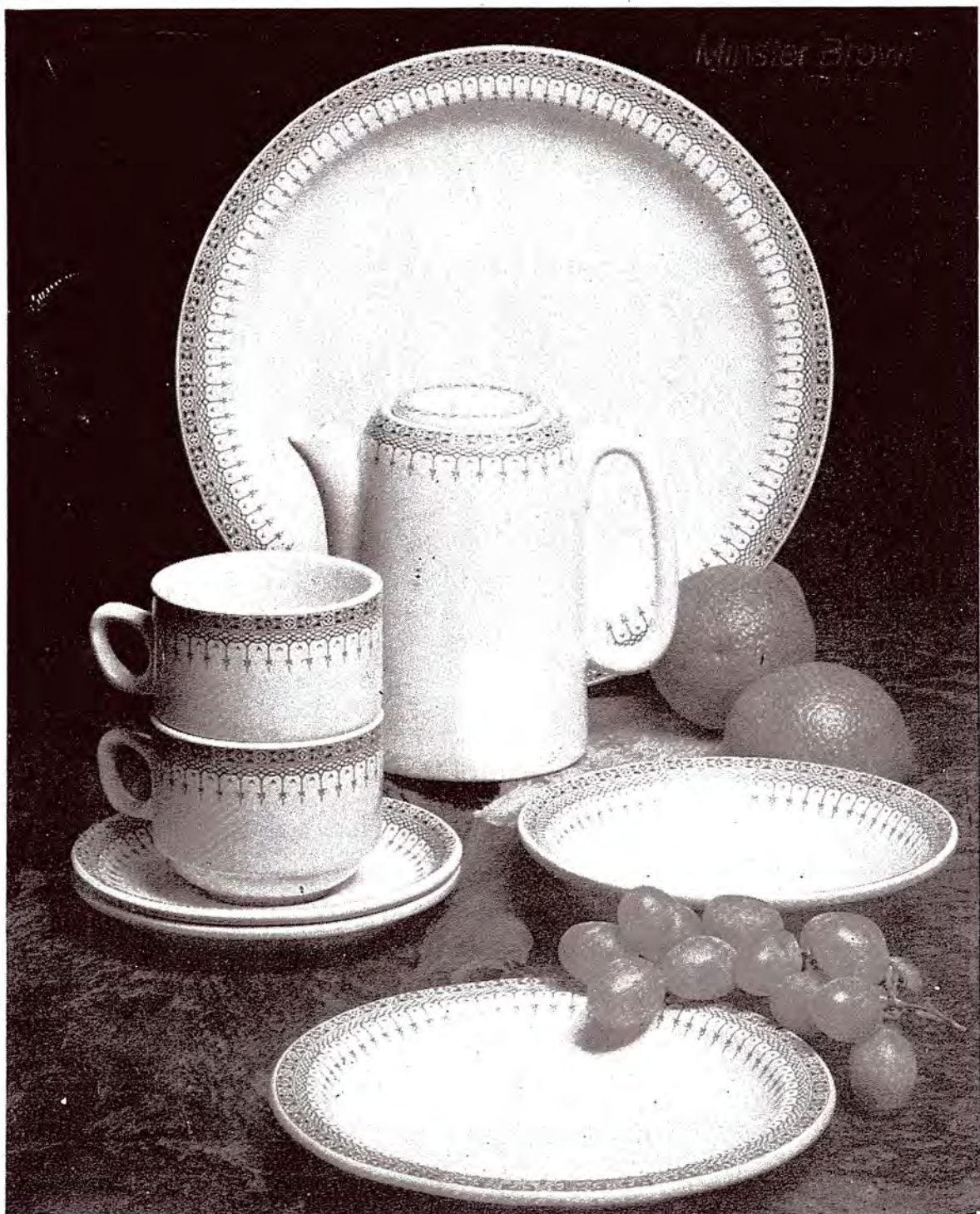


Seen collecting their "Mile of Money" appeal at the Maynooth Shopping Centre were the Cubs, Scouts and Beavers. In the photograph are Christopher Armour, Gearoid Higgins, Thomas Halton, Brian McGlinchey, Richard Leavy, Simon McGrath, Gemma Haren and Sean Halton.



Representatives from Citizen's Information Centres with Gay Byrne at the launch of the new logo for the C.I.C. in the Mansion House last month. Norah McDermott from Maynooth C.I.C. is included in the photograph.

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A PRESIDENT FOR ALL THE PEOPLE

November will provide a unique experience for voters aged under 35, who will be voting in their first presidential election. While enthusiasm for this expensive ritual of electing a political vacuum is noticeably lacking in many parts of the country, still, all voters are encouraged to go out and vote on the day. Who knows, it might make a difference.

EDUCATION FOR ALL THE PEOPLE?

Some readers may have been following the saga in our sister town of Celbridge, where the Archbishop has stepped in to dismiss the Board of Management of Scoil Mochua. The basis for this action lies in the Board's resistance to an order by the Archbishop that only children from a defined area would be enrolled in the school, and that brothers and sisters of children already in the school but who lived outside this area would have to go elsewhere. This decision appears to lack a sense of reality, as brothers and sisters would have to go to different schools causing considerable problems for parents who have to organise transport, and collection of children from school. There were other ways of solving the acknowledged problem of overcrowding which would not have led to protest meetings and pickets and considerable bitterness. A more democratic approach might have been tried, rather than this autocratic dictatorial approach.

The outcome is a questioning of the appropriateness of management structures in our primary schools, and this may not be a bad thing, if it leads to legislation which will enshrine the rights of parents to decide how and where their children may be taught in schools which are funded by their taxes, whether paid through revenue, or directly as voluntary contributions.

HALLOWE'EN

Finally, a word of caution to parents and children about the dangers of bonfires at Hallowe'en. The fire brigade is usually inundated with calls at this time, so take good care to ensure that things don't get out of hand. Don't leave children unattended. And lock up your dogs and cats, as the bangers and fireworks scare the living daylight out of them!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

It was with delight that I picked up a copy of October's edition of the Newsletter and saw the striking changes.

Apart from the new format it was great to see changes in content. The 'Student Section' in particular is long overdue.

I have to compliment the writer or writers of most of the new articles in the magazine - not only were they informative but they were also by and large hilarious.

The article on Maisie Keane also bodes well for the return of the 'Munitir Mha Nuaid' section.

Yours,
**Fidelma Cullen,
Greenfield Drive.**

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Many congratulations on your 'new look' Newsletter. The change is indeed welcome and greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely,
Martin O'Neill,
Carton Court.

Dear Editor,

I would like to take a moment of your time in order to pass on my sincere thanks to all those who were involved in the preparation and organisation of the Treasure Hunt last weekend.

Along with two other couples, I took part in the event and we all had a very enjoyable four or five hours of entertainment. We travelled around the environs of Maynooth and found that locations previously thought to be unconnected, led to one another through high-ways and by-ways.

I can say for certain that I had never noticed that there were fairy lights around the square in Kilcock before, I never knew that there was a nursing home so close to Maynooth. I can now tell you how many tennis courts are available in the North Kildare Club and found that, for once, some litter lout's trade mark actually served a useful purpose by providing the reference for another clue.

The tension ran high as our patient driver, Joe Kelly, was, by turns, told to "Hurry Up" and then "Don't drive so fast" and then the back seat drivers gave varying instructions on direction. Stephen Kennedy thought through the clues carefully and was also told to "Hurry Up" as we ladies knew best (his persistence did pay off a couple of times). Carmel Kelly found out where Graves came from and Grace Kennedy was very quick on the up-take, especially when we tried to sort out the 'Treasures' at the end. We tried to avoid the wine car with the Misses Bean and Oliver but like the bad pennies, they turned up every where we went. They offered seemingly 'helpful' advice generously to us mature entrants. Fortunately we relied on our own wisdom and found our way round quite satisfactorily. It is funny how often we were told we did not need to go where they had just been!! Maybe we had a different set of clues, what do you think? We must know every foot of the Round Tower site at Tagadoc but we still took ages to find the "3 white 20s". We casually tried to look inconspicuous as we checked out clues, when the next competitors arrived at the same spot. And still we did not manage to win.

There was only one black spot on the day and that was the cheats in the red car who, we were informed, removed the speed limit sign from the Nursing Home. It is a pity when four young men can make the effort to take part in an event of this kind and then seem to fail to find the right spirit. However it was themselves they let down, let's hope they learn from it.

I look forward to the next event and this time I will be keeping my eyes open for weeks before hand. Again thanks to the workers.

Carmel Hogan.

Dear Editor,

I would be very grateful if you would kindly publish a few words to express my gratitude to my many friends in Maynooth. My friends honoured me by inviting me to a very enjoyable social occasion held at The Springfield Hotel on October 2nd. The function was held to celebrate my Silver Jubilee of Ordination. During the social Very Rev. Father Supple PP presented me with a wallet of notes, amounting to £500, on behalf of my friends.

My dear friends, thank you very much. I cannot express my deep appreciation of your kindness and how much I treasure your great generosity and thoughtfulness.

I know many people contributed in making this a special occasion, including many of my old school-mates of 1947. But I would like to make special mention to Paddy Nolan, who was the prime mover in the whole affair. He was helped by Kevin Murphy, Owen Byrne, Gerry MacTiernan and many others. I am a proud man today with so many good friends. You will always be in my heart and in my prayers. May God reward you all and, God willing, we'll celebrate again after another 25 years.

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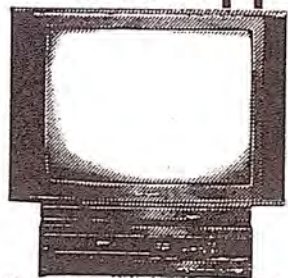
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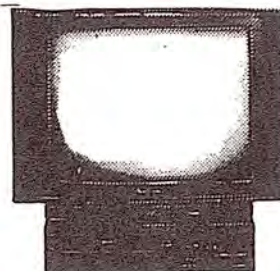
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ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES

FASHION SHOW

Preparations are almost complete for our annual fashion show which this year incorporates the selection of "Miss Royal Canal 1990 - 1991". The venue for the show is the newly refurbished function centre at the Setanta House Hotel in Celbridge. Fashions on display will include: articles from the exclusive **Libra Design Range**, articles from the fabulous **Family Album Range** and bridal wear from the exquisite **Roses and Wine Collection**.

Proceedings commence at 8.30 p.m. and intending patrons are reminded that since the selection of Miss Royal Canal will precede the fashion show, punctuality is advisable. The committee are pleased to announce that the host and compere for the evening will be none other than "The Elder lemon" himself, **Mr Christy Walsh** - that versatile broadcaster and presenter, by kind permission of **CKR Radio**. Fashion commentaries will be courtesy of the charming and redoubtable Joan Howard-Williams who has assisted us for the past five years. **Family Album** will sponsor a lovely prize for the best dressed lady and I am advised that there will be a selection of nice prizes for the raffle. Look out for some other surprises as well. There is also a prize for the best dressed gent. As stated in the last Newsletter there will be dancing after the fashion show until 1 a.m. so a good night's entertainment is assured. Out going "Miss Royal Canal", Miss Paula Buckley will be on hand to present the sash to the winner of this year's competition. Tickets for the show are very reasonable at £3 a head and there are group rates available, details of which may be obtained from any member of the committee. The committee are: Matt Kennedy, Chairman (Maynooth Park), Philip McDermott (Leixlip), Declan O'Connor, Ann Cotter and Gerard McGlinchey (all of Greenfield Drive), Hugh Sullivan (Kingsbry) and Eileen Fitzpatrick (Cluain Aoibhinn).

PIKES BRIDGE

The inclement weather of the last few weeks could not in any circumstances be considered as conducive to restoration work but such is the dedication and enthusiasm of the SES workers that they worked through most of it only stopping when forced to due to torrential down pours. The fruits of their labour is clearly evident to anyone passing the bridge, since the area has been much enhanced even in the short space of time that the team have been there.

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ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES CONTINUED

MISS PAULA BUCKLEY

The Chairman and committee would like to extend sincere thanks to outgoing "Miss Royal Canal" Miss Paula Buckley, for staunch and loyal service during the year of her reign. Paula's work with the group in the area of Public Relations was much appreciated. We wish her well in the future.

LITTER

The harbour and its environs are now in regular use by many people and while the committee are pleased to see this wonderful amenity being used we would appeal to all those using it to take cognisance of the amenity, the environment and the community by keeping it litter free.

PATHS

As promised in October's Newsletter cleaning of paths has already commenced and people will again be able to walk along the banks with ease.

**DON'T FORGET THE FASHION SHOW
ON 30.11.90 - TELL YOUR FRIENDS!
A GOOD NIGHT IS PROMISED**

Gerry Fitzpatrick,
PRO

MAYNOOTH CASTLE RESTORATION COMMITTEE

At last a very small step in restoring Maynooth Castle's identity has come to pass. At the time of going to press the wiring for the floodlights is complete and connection is expected shortly. We have been assured that we shall have light for Hallowe'en. This is all due to the Castle Committee who acquired a letter of intent from the Hon. David Nall-Cain as present owner, and to the Office of Public Works, the prospective owners. The National Monuments section of the O.P.W. somehow found the money for payment of the installation of the floodlighting and Kildare County Council very kindly acceded to our request to take the responsibility for the running cost.

All this did not happen of its own accord so many thanks are due to the committee for their time and dedication. Gratitude is particularly due to our hardworking and tenacious administrator, Mr Gerard Howard-Williams for not taking 'no' for an answer. He has worked untiringly behind the scenes, co-ordinating, badgering and ironing out all the problems, little and large.

This tiny step behind us we now have to concentrate on the main restoration project. FAS have approved the committee to take on a Social Employment Scheme. This scheme will be to research and co-ordinate all aspects of a project which the Office of Public Works requires before restoring Maynooth Castle. This project is to present a continuing use of a restored castle. We must make use of this fantastic asset and put the legacy of the past to work for the future of our town.

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Our ex committee is as follows:

Mons. M. Ledwith - Chairman
Mr. G. Howard-Williams - Administrator
Mrs J. Howard-Williams - Secretary
Mr. M. Stapleton - Treasurer
Mr. E. McCann - P.R.O.
Ms. M. Cullen - Historian
Mr. D. Stewart - Architect

This committee is truly representative of Maynooth town but if there is an organisation or individual who feels they and their views are not represented then the secretary would like to hear from them. Her address is Carton, Maynooth.

During the coming weeks the activity around the castle will be caused by the Survey. Through our architect Mr. D. Stewart, lecturer in Architecture, third year students from the schools of Architecture & Surveying, College of Technology, Bolton Street, will be carrying out a survey, including an aerial survey. We know this is going to be of enormous value to the castle and again is a step to the establishment of a visitor's reception centre. There is a long, hard road ahead but with such a dedicated committee I'm sure it will achieve its aim - i.e. the restoration of Maynooth Castle.

Secretary.

OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

This month the big date is: **SUNDAY NOV. 18th at 3 p.m.**

The Place: **THE PARISH HALL**

The Event: **OUR ANNUAL SALE OF WORK**

This is the major fund raising event for the year and we hope that you will support us as generously as in previous years. During the coming days there will be a door to door collection by committee members for donations and items for the stalls.

Raffle tickets will be on sale at the supermarket during the weekends of Nov. 8th - 10th and Nov. 15th - 17th. The winning ticket for the Monster Christmas Hamper and other valuable prizes will be drawn at the Sale of Work.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Lorrie Farrelly of Newtown who died recently.

PRO

ICA NOTES

The October meeting was held on Thurs. 4th Oct. Madam President Mrs. M. Stynes in the chair.

A vote of sympathy for Geraldine Tracy on the death of her mother. The Oct. Competition "My Favourite Postcard" was won by Margaret Kirwan, 2nd Madeleine Stynes, 3rd Kay Byrnes.

Nov. Competition will be the best flowering pot plant. All activities continue with crafts on Mondays at 8 p.m.

Badminton: Tues. and Thurs. 11 - 12.30 p.m.

The Nov. meeting will be held on Thurs. 1st Nov. in the ICA Hall, The Harbour, at 8 p.m. New members welcome.

Geraldine Tracy

PRO

BAND BULLETIN

The new music classes have been a tremendous success with all the students and their parents showing lots of interest and ability. We hope that their enthusiasm will see them right through the early and most difficult months when the going seems tough. Don't worry though if you can see this period out the rest will be well worth while, ask any member of our Senior Band. Although this is the 'Closed Season' as far as engagements are concerned, we led a Scouts parade to a special Mass in Kilcock last month and on Saturday 3rd November we travel to Leixlip for a parade and short recital in the Main Street.

On Sunday 4th November at 11 o'clock we turn out for our most important engagement of the year - our Annual Mass for Deceased Members. We hope to be joined by relatives and friends of all deceased members for this very special occasion. Fund raising is an ongoing feature of our recent Bulletins, at least until our new uniforms appear on the streets, and the next episode takes place in the Leinster Arms on Friday 9th November where we are organising a night of fun with a Race Night and dancing to a live band. Racing begins at 9 o'clock sharp and the dancing at 11.30 p.m. There is a Bar Extension and tickets are only £3. We hope to see all our friends and supporters there for what will be a most enjoyable evening.

See you with all the news on this and other topics next month.

LYREEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our news this month is all about SIGNS. Our new neighbourhood watch signs have now been received and locations are at present being agreed and we should see the distinctive blue and silver signs on display within a matter of weeks.

The most important signs as far as we are concerned are the NO ENTRY signs to be erected at both ends of the long lane between Mill Street and the Dunboyne Road. The County Traffic Committee have at last given the green light for the erection of these signs which will end many years of frustration for our Residents. During this period they have lived with the continuous threat from drivers of vehicles of all shapes and sizes who have used this lane as a race track to avoid traffic build-ups on the Main Street, without any regard for those using the lanes leading on to the long lane. In recent years, with the increase in numbers travelling to and from the city at weekends, the problem has grown out of all proportion. We are pleased that both the Gardai and the County Council have at last acknowledged that there has been a danger and we hope the new signs will be erected without delay. Let's hope that the next Newsletter notes will be reporting on the success of the New System.

KINGSBRY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

A lot has been happening over the last few months. Firstly there was the children's sports and bar-be-que day on the 14th of July. This was a fun day for the children with all kinds of races followed by a bar-be-que and a prize-giving ceremony. Later that evening the adults bar-be-que took place with bright coloured lights, live music and good food, cooked on the open fire. This, as usual, was a great opportunity to socialise with all your neighbours and have a good night of fun.

On the 18th of August the annual Golf Outing took place. After setting off early and trekking around an 18 hole golf course the refreshments provided by Donovan's were more than welcome. The competition was stiff and the outcome of the day was Mr Matt Doran, first place. Second prize was won by Mr Dermot Coonan and the third by Mr Eddie Cunningham. The visitors prize was won by Mr Noel Byrne. But we have to say well done to all who took part and played so well. Unfortunately there were no female competitors but who knows perhaps next year they'll give the men a run for their money.

The prizes for the golf were presented to the winners on the 25th August at the Annual Dinner Dance, which was held in Ned Slevin's in Dunboyne. As usual Mrs. Slevin excelled herself in preparing an absolutely marvellous meal. Many thanks to both Mrs. Slevin and all her staff, who made everyone feel relaxed and comfortable during the night. There were spot prizes galore to be won thanks to the generosity of the local business as listed below.

TIDY ESTATE COMPETITION

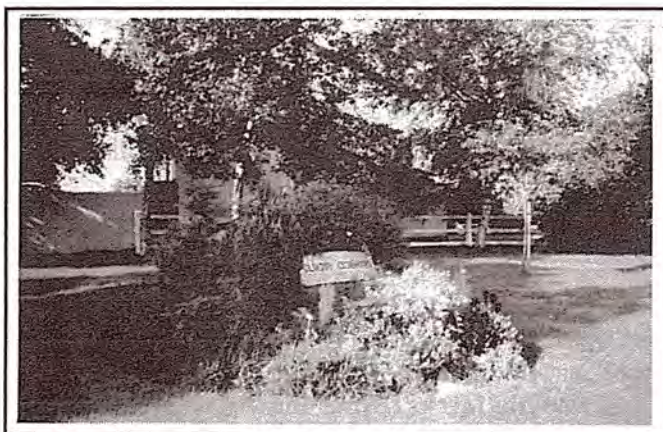
In September we received the welcome news that Kingsbry won the Tidy Estates Competition. We were especially delighted with this placing as last year we were voted as the worst estate in Maynooth. At the end of May last, the Residents' association organized a 'Clean Up' day. The response was such a positive one that a tremendous amount was achieved on that day. Also (Mr. Doolin) our contract grass cutter has done a

Resident's Associations Notes

wonderful job on the greens this year. He has met with all our expectations and surpassed them. I think you will all agree that he deserves a commendation for talking such pride and care with his work. Also the Residents' Association members with the help of Mr. Mick Martin got to grips with the entrance stone and planted shrubs and plants around it which further enhanced the entrance to the estate. All these factors combined to improve the appearance of the estate sufficiently enough to raise our placing in the Tidy Estates competition from last to first. So well done to everyone concerned, without your help we could not have done it. Later in the month there will be a presentation to the Chairman of the Residents' Association, news of which will be forthcoming.



Winner of Tidy Estate - Kingsbry Maynooth



Second - Cluain Aoibhinn Maynooth.

VANDALISM

In order to further enhance the estate the committee have planted new trees at various points throughout the estate. But it seems as if we are fighting a losing battle as the 'tree wreckers' are about once again. Several trees throughout the estate have been broken recently. What possible satisfaction can be attained from breaking these trees is totally beyond the understanding of most people but none-the-less the trees are still being vandalised. The Residents' Association would like to ask all residents to be more vigilant if they see someone tampering with trees, as at the end of the day it is us, the residents, who have to pay to have them replaced. Finally we would just like to say to the 'tree wreckers' themselves **"PLEASE LEAVE OUR TREES ALONE"**.

Lastly, there will be a Fun Night Out in the form of a pub quiz early in November and we anticipate a good attendance on the night. Further notice will be sent through your door at a later date. The list of sponsors for the spot prizes for the Dinner Dance are as follows:

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GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

We are in the Season of 'Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness' again, but it is hoped, not of SMOG. Do what you can for YOUR environment this year from the beginning. It is also time for a general tidy-up of the Estates and your own gardens. The trees need some pruning and general maintenance and stakes may need to be firmed up and a check made that the tie is not biting into the flesh of the tree. It all takes time but many hands make light work!

Presumably everyone knows by now that Greenfield Estate was third in the Tidy Estates competition. We should aim to go up one place next year, at least. In the meantime, congratulations to the winners of first and second place - but look to your laurels, we will not be staying at third!!

Speaking of trees - it is terrible that the children and even young adults in the Estate have so little respect for trees. They are to be seen swinging on their lower branches until they tear off and the biggest black mark goes against the children - mostly young teens of GREENFIELD DRIVE - who have managed to completely kill one tree on the Green, by stripping it of bark. Some people suggest that they did not understand what they were doing, but their parents always claim high levels of intelligence for them. I wonder what excuse they would give for this vandalism on their own doorsteps.

Having criticised some young people, it is very nice to be able to give praise to others. There are two young gentlemen who should be considered honorary members of the Committee. They bring round the agendas, deliver newsletters, help out with the tidy-ups, give a hand with the fence on Laurence Avenue. In fact they turn up just about everywhere there is work to be done. They are Alan Quinn of Straffan Way and Damien Farrell of Greenfield Drive. Thank you lads! All you members of the Boy Scouts could do worse than to take these two lads as a practical example of behaviour.

And another vote of thanks is in order this month - firstly to the new Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Farrell, and secondly to all of you who have paid your subs. It was a record collection and is greatly appreciated by your hardworking Committee. Thanks.

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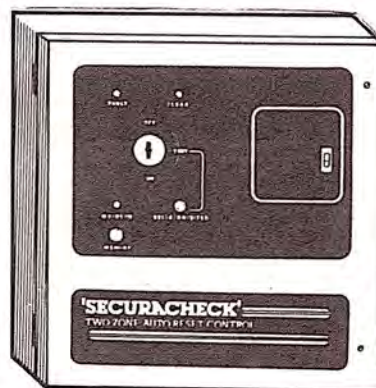
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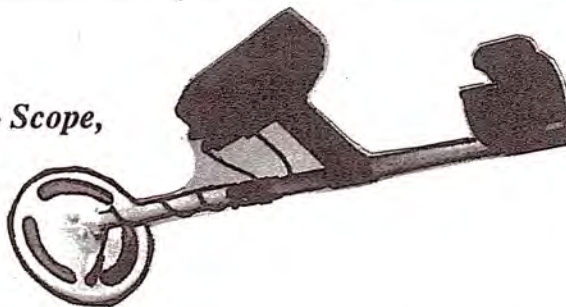
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Residents' Associations Notes

By the way, if you have paid your subscription and have not received a receipt, please contact your Committee member who will arrange one for you.

The fence on Laurence Avenue is making progress and work will be going on again this week-end and probably next week-end also.

The Committee confirmed the Association's support for the ACRA campaign against Toll Roads in the Kildare area and pledged to help in any way possible. Two members of the Committee attend the area ACRA meeting in Celbridge, one of whom, Michael Quinn, presently serves as Secretary for the local branch. The Committee agreed to support his continuing in that role. The Supper Dance is again on the horizon. The reservation has to be made within the next month.

CARTON COURT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Committee was held in September. We are awaiting the date of commencement of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. A meeting with the Gardai has to be arranged for our matters to be formalized. At long last "the wall" has been re-built again. This work was carried out by the residents and a very fine job has been done. No doubt it will keep the draught off the road.

The A.G.M. will be held in this month and a full turn out is expected. A date will be arranged.

ACRA

A PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST! - BUT WHERE'S THE REFERENDUM TO ABOLISH GROUND RENTS?

Last Spring the Minister for Justice indicated that a Referendum on the issue of ground rents may be held at the same time as the Presidential Elections. ACRA welcomed this opportunity to finally rid the country of the feudal practise which requires households, whose houses were built prior to 1978, to pay in perpetuity a "black" rent for which no goods or services are provided.

However, despite a country wide campaign by ACRA to insure that the Referendum be held, we were most disappointed that the Minister announced that due to the long summer recess the Dail did not have sufficient time to approve the holding of a Referendum. This 'excuse' rang very hollow when we witnessed the speed with which legislation was enacted to enable the Goodman organisation to be saved from liquidation. Where there's a will there's a way.

The ending of ground rents now would have been most timely in view of two new disturbing trends. The first trend being the tactic of some ground Landlords to threaten householders in the Dublin area with re-possession of their dwelling despite a provision of the 1978 Landlord and Tenant Act which effectively states that no person can be evicted for non-payment of ground rent.

The second trend is the sell-out by some big Irish ground Landlords, namely Belton Housing, Irish Life and McInerney Properties to British ground Landlords who specialise in collections in England. Indeed we still have the national scandal whereby the State pays to English Landlords ground rents on 365 properties including the G.P.O. and Arbour Hill, where our 1916 leaders are buried.

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In view of all of these facts ACRA calls upon householders in Kildare to request from canvassers for Fianna Fail's candidate a full and proper explanation as to why the Minister for Justice did not provide us with the opportunity to consign the ground rents to the dustbin of history.

Michael Quinn,
Secretary.

LABOUR PARTY NOTES

MARY ROBINSON PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Recent opinion polls which suggest that Mary Robinson has a real chance of winning the forthcoming Presidential election have given an added spur to our campaign in Maynooth. Members have been out canvassing over the past two weeks and the Labour Party are quite confident that if people come out and vote our candidate can win a majority of the votes in the Maynooth area. The response on the doorstep has been very positive to Mrs. Robinson particularly among women voters and there is a growing consensus that the electorate want a different kind of presidency after over fifty years of conservative, male politicians retiring to the Park.

By coming out and voting for Mary Robinson on November 7th you will be affirming your support for progressive politics and rejecting the tired 'no problem' cliches of the conservative parties.

LYREEN RESIDENTS

Maynooth's Labour candidate in the forthcoming local elections John McGinley, has recently been in contact with Lyreen Residents Association as follows:

"I have been informed by Deputy Emmet Stagg that the recent Co. Council meeting agreed to the proposal, put forward by the local Labour Branch on behalf of the Residents' Association, that will prevent traffic entering your area from the Dunboyne Road or from Mill Street. Access will be available from the lanes leading from Main Street and the Gardai have agreed to keep these clear of parked vehicles".

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STRAFFAN WAY

Following representations from residents in the area, Deputy Stagg has been in contact with the Co. Council regarding the provision of a screening wall between Straffan Way Green and the new motorway.

STREET LIGHT FOR DOCTOR'S LANE

With the onset of the dark evenings residents are again becoming aware of the poor public lighting which is provided in many parts of the town. Deputy Stagg has recently made representations in this regard to the Co. Council with reference to Doctor's Lane which is particularly badly served and has asked that an additional street light be provided in the area.

O'NEILL PARK PARKING PROBLEM

Following representations by John McGinley to the Co. Council in connection with the parking of trucks and cars around the entrance to O'Neill Park, the residents have now been provided with bollards for erection around the entrance and we trust this will eliminate the traffic hazard that was occurring there.

MOYGLARE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Residents attempting to negotiate the Moyglare Road are well aware of the very poor condition of the road. John McGinley has recently written to the Co. Council seeking a timetable for the completion of work on the road which is in bad need of repair before the onset of winter.

WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

ANNUAL COLLECTION

This year's local annual door-to-door collection was a resounding success, with receipts almost double last year's. We thank all those who contributed. Your contributions, however small, are vital to a party which depends entirely on the financial support of the general public, in the absence of the business donations which are the main lifeline of the bigger political parties, and which clearly reflect where the real interests of these parties lie.

MARY ROBINSON CAMPAIGN

By the time these notes appear, the Presidential election campaign will be in full swing in Maynooth. The Workers' Party has given its full support to Mary Robinson's candidature, in view of her outstanding record in defending the rights of the disadvantaged and of minority groups, and her outspoken position on the need for progressive social changes. Opinion polls have shown that her campaign has appealed to a wide section of the Irish public, and that ultimate victory is now on the cards. In Maynooth, the Workers' party has involved itself with the local Robinson Campaign Committee established at a packed public meeting on October 10 last, and is confident that the people of Maynooth will maintain the admirable progressive voting record which they have established for themselves over the last decade.

INDUSTRIAL POLICY

The Workers' Party held a special consultative conference on October 6 in Dublin to debate a Discussion Document on Industrial Policy prepared by the party's Economic Affairs

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Committee. The document stresses the vital role of manufacturing industry in generating the wealth to expand the job-creating potential of the Irish economy. Existing policies are seriously defective in that, while industrial output is actually growing rapidly, much of the potential spin-off is lost to the country through imported goods and services and exports of profits. This is largely due to an overdependence on foreign firms.

The discussion document argues that industrial policy should place the emphasis on developing native Irish industry which can capture export markets. Because of the weak nature of native Irish enterprise, the state must take the leading role in creating a support structure capable of building up a limited number of sectors with export potential. A National Industrial Council is proposed, bringing together government, trade unions and private business in a single forum to reach a consensus on what needs to be done, and to obtain support throughout the community for achieving these aims. This Council would in turn agree on a National Industrial Plan, to be implemented with the assistance of a streamlined state agency which would replace the fourteen or so existing different state agencies which have a role in economic development.

Attended by some eighty delegates from around the country, the Dublin conference was a great success. Working through the medium of a set of discussion groups, the conference threw up a wide variety of ideas and concerns, which have been reported back to the Economic Affairs Committee. These will now be taken into account in a revised document, to be presented to next year's Ard Fheis for adoption as party policy.

FIANNA FAIL NOTES

Returning after the Summer break, it was gratifying to see the return of old members together with a refreshing influx of new blood to the Cumann.

AGM

This was held on 13 September last. There was a most pleasing turnout of members and prospective members and the committee elections were all well-contested. The new committee, under the continuing calm and committed chairmanship of Michael Caden, is finalising its programme for the coming year and it will be the principal topic for discussion at the next monthly meeting.

GARDA STATIONS

Our local representatives have been keeping their minds on important local issues over the Summer months and unfortunately local crime is a fact of life with which we must now contend. Deputy Sean Power continues to keep his colleague, the Minister for Justice, informed of local needs, in particular the problems created by the lack of a permanent Garda presence in the towns of Leixlip and Celbridge with our own station being open only in restricted hours during the day. Deputy Power will report back to the Cumann on developments very soon.

GOOD NEWS

It was good to hear also that North Kildare's branch of the Irish Wheelchair Association received a grant of £10,000 from the Minister for Social Welfare under a new Social Services scheme for Voluntary Organisations. The money is to provide the Branch with a new Mini-Bus.

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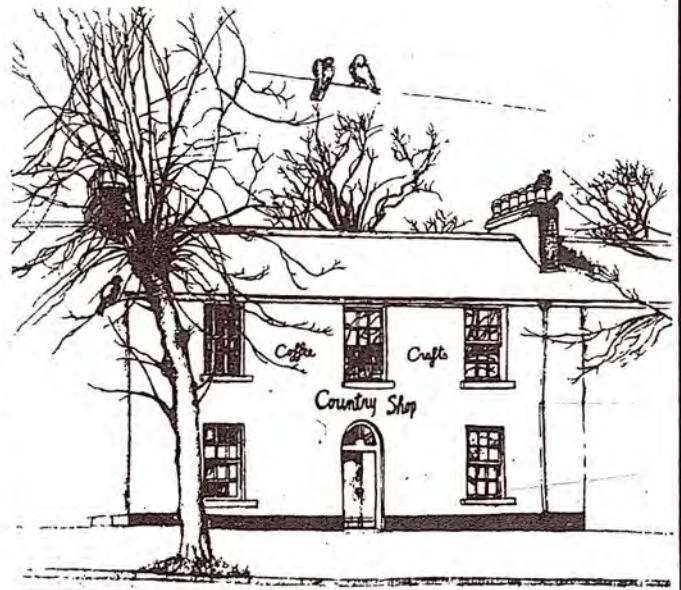
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NEW ROADS

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PRESIDENCY

For those who missed it, the Tanaiste and Fianna Fail candidate, Brian Lenihan, T.D., was in town last Friday, 12, October. His campaign bus arrived here after leaving Cashel that morning and taking in a number of stops on the way, including Athy, Naas and Clane. What impressed local observers was the vigour and enthusiasm for the canvass which he displayed at the end of a gruelling tour of the country and despite the stream of speculation about his state of health. Indeed, many of his younger tour-party seemed to be sagging at the knees praying for baths and bed while the Tanaiste himself revelled in his whirlwind tour of shops, pubs and populace in the Main Street. Then it was off for more of the same in Leixlip and Celbridge before making for Dublin.

MARY ROBINSON FOR PRESIDENT COMMITTEE

At a very well attended open meeting on 10th October the following Committee was elected to promote the candidature of Mary Robinson for President:

Chairperson: Mary Cullen

Director of Elections: John McGinley

Committee Members: Fran Walsh, Peter Connell,
Pat Moynan, Fiachra O Ceilleachair.

The committee will be canvassing house to house in a 3 week campaign. Particular attention will be given to the College. (It was Mary Robinson who sought the rights for 18 year olds to vote in 1973).

Any members of the public who would like to help on Election Day are most welcome. If you can provide transport on the day please contact John McGinley.

MAYNOOTH BRANCH MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE GROUP

Martin Foran is a non political prisoner in Frankland Jail, Durham. He says he has been framed twice by the notorious West Midlands Serious Crime Squad, the force responsible for the conviction of the Birmingham Six. Like the Birmingham Six he was convicted on the basis of an uncorroborated "confession" made while in police custody.

Martin has always claimed he is innocent and in 1980 he went on hunger strike. As a result he developed a serious medical problem and his life is now in danger. He is suffering with a very poorly performed colostomy operation. A nurse who examined him describes the way the operation was bungled as "Criminal Negligence". He has also developed cancer in his right eye and suffered a heart attack last year.

We the ordinary people of Maynooth can help by:-

1. Writing to Gerry Collins, Minister for Foreign Affairs.
2. Signing the petition available for the Martin Foran Support Group, Box 2794, Dublin 4.
3. Coming to the protest at the British Embassy, Tues. Oct. 23rd from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
4. Coming to a public meeting A.T.G.W.U. Hall Middle Abbey Street, (Chaired by Mary Cullen) Oct. 24th 8 p.m.

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EYE HEAR

ELEVEN YEARS ON . . .

A copy of the November 1979 issue of the Newsletter has recently fallen into the hands of Eye Hear. Readers may be interested to know what the main concerns of those far off days were.

It seems we were still talking about the visit of Pope John Paul II to the College, and expecting a subsequent wave of spirituality to wash over us. A welcome was extended to the Reverend J.F. Hammond, now moved to other parishes. The political parties were gently requested to remove local election posters. The highlight of the October meeting of the ICA was the visit of Mrs Camilla Hannon. The doubting Thomases of Maynooth had the temerity to cast doubt on the possibility of erecting the footbridge on the Straffan Road. Little did they think that the blue metal structure would ever provide a convenient location for the multi lingual graffiti which now grace its graceful contours.

Condolences were offered to Bernard Durkan on the death of his father. Joe Buckley was looking for a male shop assistant aged over 16 years - Sylvia Meehan of the Employment Equality Agency might like to see Joe to talk about the Employment Equality Act!

Bernard Durkan told the Newsletter that the County Council intended to include the construction of a footpath at the Square along Brady's in the other works list for 1980. We're still waiting for that one. Bernard also submitted a motion to the County Council about the possibility of providing a swimming pool in Maynooth - seems like it will be easier to set about draining the Shannon. Interestingly, local labour T.D., Emmet Stagg was not mentioned.

There was an enthusiastic review of the History of Maynooth by Mary Cullen and Vincent Duffe - Mary is still in Maynooth to give us an update on the last ten years. Vincent is guarding the peace in other regions.

A meeting of the Geraldine Beekeepers Association was held on 8th November - did this group come to a sticky end?

The County Council was taking legal action against the builders of Cluain Aoibhinn to compel them to complete the estate - until the work was done (at a cost of £6,500) the County Council would not take over the estate).

Eithne Bean was awarded a £600 scholarship to Maynooth College - and acquitted herself very well in later years.

The perennial sore point of the Tidy Town's Judges Report noted that telephone kiosks were poorly presented, and that advertising was excessive, ostentatious, and out of character. The traditional style of shop fronts was to be admired and encouraged - with Coonan's and Caulfield's being singled out for praise. Readers will remember that Caulfield's is keeping up the good work, with its most recent Best Shopfront Award for 1990. At least the marks obtained have gone up from 104 to 109, so there is some improvement.

Birthday greetings were extended to Mrs Brigid Saults, on 1st November, and the same are extended again, for this year. Finally as a sign of the times, and how some things change, and some things stay the same, here is a list of advertisers - work out how many are still around. Eye Hear thinks that eleven out of this list may be still in business, but as always is open to correction:

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SUNFLOWERS IN OCTOBER

Watch out for a review in the next issue of Mary O'Donnell's first collection of poetry, called 'Reading the Sunflowers in September' which paradoxically was launched in October. This means we'll be Reading the Sunflowers in September in November!

MISOGYNY

Hard luck to Maynooth graduate Michael Harding, whose play the Misogynist in the Abbey during the Dublin Theatre Festival attracted scathing reviews. A misogynist is a man who hates women. Maybe a mishardingist is a person who can't understand Harding plays.



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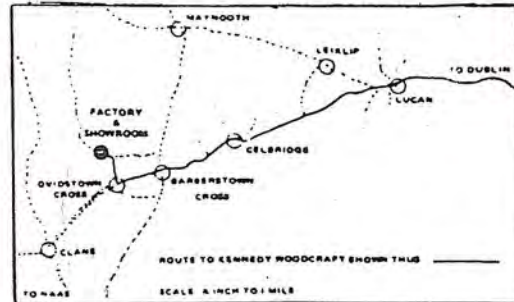
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EYE HEAR CONTINUED

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

While Street Talking is taking a rest for the moment, Eye Hear is free to comment on recent commercial developments in Maynooth. The new Centra Supermarket which opened on 12th October certainly poses some challenges to the long established businesses on Main Street. These businesses have already survived the first Main Street Supermarket, O'Brien's located where marble floors now rule the Roost, and which moved out to better things on the Dublin Road and is now Quinnsworth. The new shop is bright, clean, and well stocked, and will certainly appeal to the many hundreds of students on the basis of convenience. Let's hope that the recent expansion in the Maynooth population will expand business overall, so that there is enough space for all to continue trading.

PETROL STATIONS

Recent developments in the Gulf States have had a direct impact on the petrol pumps, with prices leaping. Has anyone any explanation for the fact that Maynooth has equal numbers of public houses and petrol suppliers? Now that prices are high, and no free glasses or stamps are handed out to compensate, how do we choose which supplier to patronise? Eye Hear has noticed that the station in the Shopping Centre has provided add-on services in the form of windscreen washing while you wait - a very welcome service indeed. At least the human touch is still paramount in local service stations - but it's only a matter of time before the faceless forecourt is on hand, and motorists can fill their own tanks, and wash their own windows themselves.

MAYNOOTH CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE

Frances Daly, organiser of Maynooth Citizens Information Centre, and Norah McDermott, Deputy Organiser, attended a week-end seminar at Gort Mhuire, Ballinteer. The seminar looked at the vital roll of organisers and volunteers who man the many centres around the country. These centres are of vital importance to the general public, for information on matters of rights, social welfare, taxes, housing, etc. The seminar was organised by National Social Services Board who are in constant contact with the centres and update all their information. In Kildare there are four of these centres, Maynooth, Athy, Naas and Newbridge. There could indeed be a lot more if the volunteers were there and it is a service that is badly needed in the present time. Further information on Centres can be had from 628 5477 during opening hours.

Q. Can you tell me the age limit for child dependants under the Social Welfare System?

A. The age limit for child dependants is 18 years. Even if the child is working or claiming a Social Welfare payment in their own right the parents can claim the increase for them up to age 18. If the child continues in full-time education they may remain qualified up to age 20 or 21 but only in respect of certain payments.

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The payment for the child stops at the end of the school year and is resumed when the child is certified as having returned to school/college in the Autumn. In this event the arrears are paid back for the Summer period. The fact that the child worked or claimed Unemployment Assistance during the holidays does not affect the payment of the arrears.

Opening Hours:

Wed. 10 a.m. - 12 noon Thurs. 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m. - 12 noon Fri. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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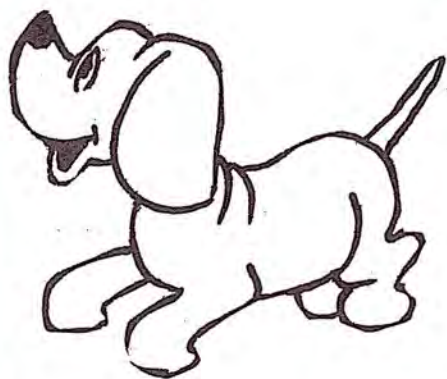
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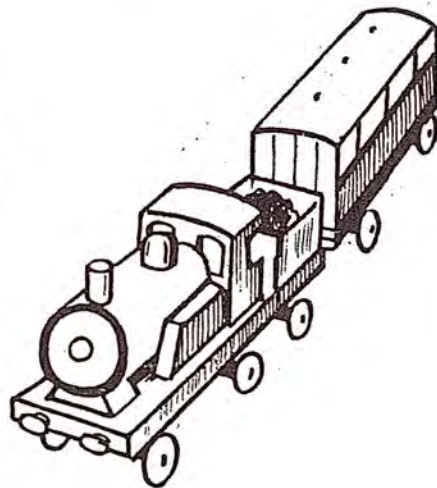


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TREASURE HUNT A HUGE SUCCESS

The Community Council's second treasure hunt on September 30th maintained its fine and noble tradition of totally confusing all participants and successfully jeopardising the navigational skills of dozens of Maynoothians. Bamboozlement ruled the day. The number of teams in the event doubled since our first hunt in the summer, with individuals and families coming from as far away as Johnstown Bridge and Straffan to take part. The route took our gallant hunters out to Kilcock, over to Celbridge and back to Maynooth - from 3p.m. to 7p.m.

Four teams tied on final scores whereupon the organisers (Peter Hussey and Carolann Reaper) evolved a mindless quiz to determine the winners later that night in Caulfield's. The survivors were eventually identified as Agatha Cunningham and family (i.e. Breda, John and daughters) who gained £50 for their efforts.

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MUSIC IN COLLEGE

The College's very active Music Department has recently produced its schedule of events for the Michaelmas term as follows:

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Nov. 5th
Westland String Quartet
Nov. 12th
Gerard Lillis, organ (College Chapel)
Nov. 19th
Sandra Oman, mezzo-soprano, Alison Young, Piano
Nov. 26th
Aileen Dullaghan, violin, Roy Holmes, Piano
Dec. 3rd
Thérèse Fevre O'Connor, Harpsichord
Dec. 10th
Kenneth Edge, Saxophone, Anthony Byrne, Piano
Dec. 17th
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In addition to the above, the following major evening events are scheduled.

Nov. 2nd
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College Chapel, 20.00

Dec. 19th
Annual Christmas Carol Service
College Choirs, Soloists, Brass Ensemble, Timpani and
Organ - College Chapel, 19.30 (No tickets required)

DIARY DATES

1st November
Bachelor of the Year, Springfield Hotel.

1st November
I.C.A. Meeting 8 p.m. I.C.A. Hall.

4th November
Annual Mass 11 a.m. Deceased Members of St. Mary's
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9th November
Race Night in Leinster Arms (Band)

18th November
Old Folks Sale of Work 3 p.m. - Parish Hall

19th November
Flower and Garden Meeting. Post Primary School - Note
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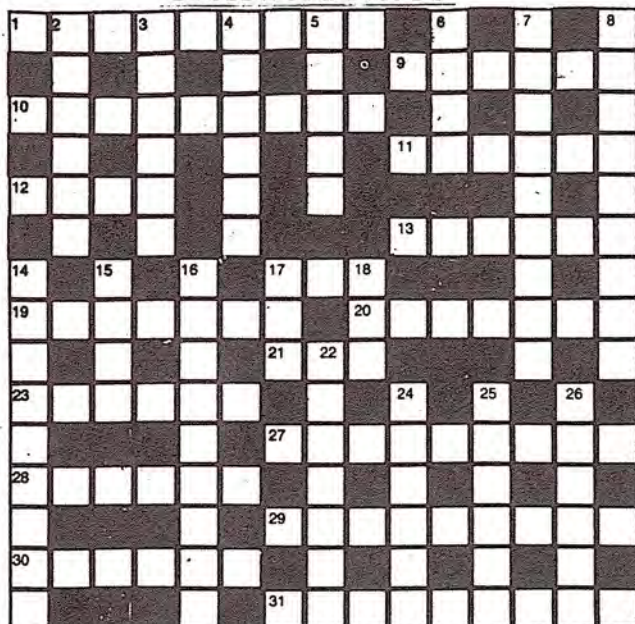
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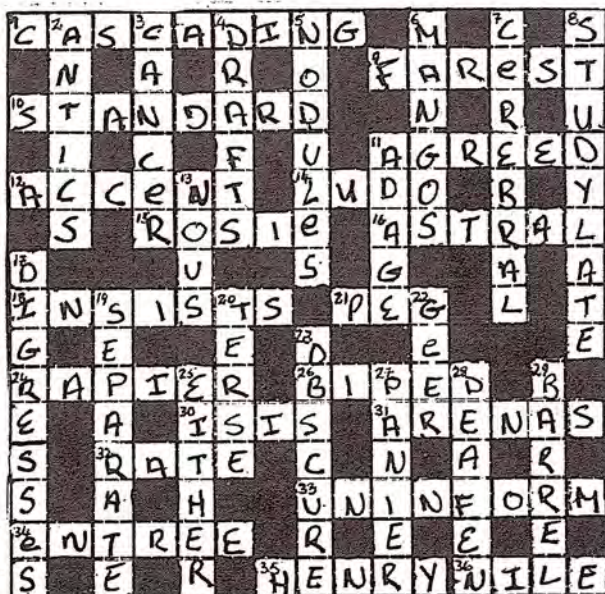
Winner of Crossword No. 35 £5 Prize

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Entries for Crossword No. 36 must be in before
19th November at 5 p.m.

Solution to Crossword No. 35 by Elle Bias.



ACROSS

1. What's read, and black and white all over? (9)
9. Unfruitful. (6)
10. One that feeds on carrion. (9)
11. Allow. (6)
12. Slight movement. (4)
13. Base. (6)
17. Period in time. (3)
19. In a state of relaxation. (7)
20. Contrary. (7)
21. Sphere. (3)
23. Scrounge from. (6)

27. Dispositions. (9)
28. Resists. (6)
29. Imposed by law. (9)
30. Urging-on! (6)
31. Rise above. (9)

DOWN

2. Stimulate. (6)
3. Harsh. (6)
4. Conclaves. (6)
5. Odds and. (5)
6. Large body of fresh-water. (4)
7. Those who advocate a thing. (9)
8. Bodily structures. (9)
14. Keeps safe or intact. (9)
15. Thus. (2,2)
16. Ceoil & Craic! (9)
17. Poyché or self-esteem. (3)
18. Capture. (slang) (3)
22. Muscle that facilitates a joint. (7)
24. Short cylinder of Metal in car engine. (6)
25. Of the Country. (6)
26. Two German men!? (6)

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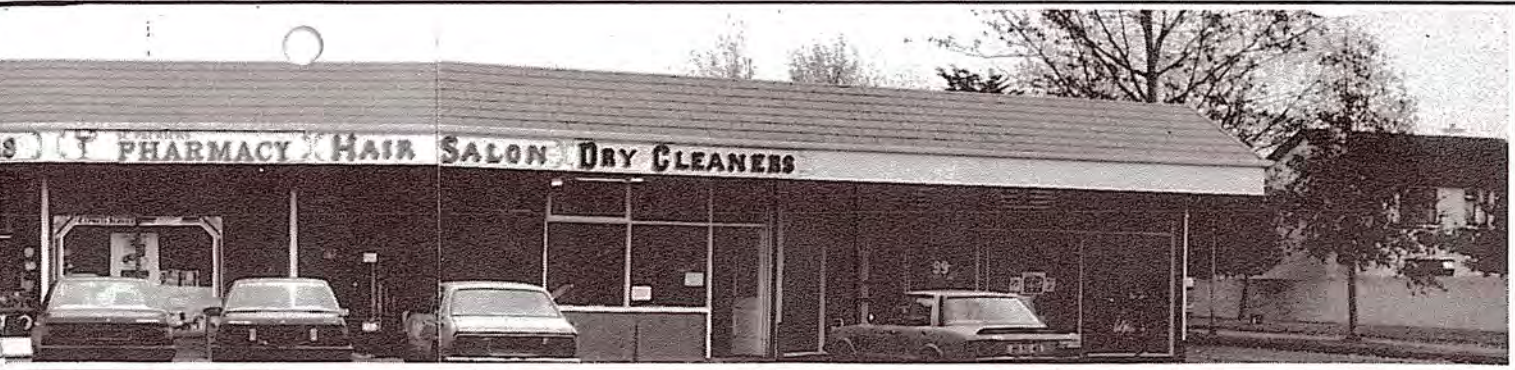
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3. Fit a strong door chain to both the front and rear door. A chain will allow you open the door a few inches before admitting a caller.
4. Door viewers are very useful for seeing callers before the door is open.
5. Be careful with your door keys; never hide them outside the house in what might appear a safe place.
6. Keys should always be turned in locks even when in the house; if you lose a key the lock should be changed immediately.
7. Never give any personal information about yourself or your neighbour to any strangers who may call or telephone enquiring.
8. You should make special observations of strangers who call to your house and arouse your suspicion; note a full description of them; the Reg. No. and make of their car; pass this information to your Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator or the Gardai.
9. Persons claiming to be Inspectors or any kind of Officials should be asked to produce identification and be fully satisfied before you admit them to your home; if in doubt refuse entry and contact the Gardai.
10. If a forced entry is in progress take immediate steps to summon help; use the telephone if available and if necessary shout/scream to alert passers by.
11. If you do not have a telephone you should make arrangements for a system of signals to a neighbour indicating when you need assistance.
12. Good lighting inside and outside your home greatly assists in stopping intrusion to your home; time switches can be used to provide cut-off with great effect.
13. Keep the minimum amount of money and valuables in your home; never leave such items exposed to public view; surplus cash/valuables can be deposited for safe keeping in Banks or other Financial Institutions.
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HALLOWE'EN

This is a period of joy and fun; it's the first break for adults after the Summer and prior to the Christmas festivities; let's all enjoy it without causing disruption.

Play your part to make it a pleasant but safe time, trouble free; **Children and young people: Have your fun but avoid incidents of vandalism and rowdyism.**

Garda Talk Continued

Parents: Exercise control over your children's activities during the Hallowe'en period. Know where children and young people up to 18 years of age in your household who live with you are, and supervise any bonfire occasions etc. in your locality. We appeal for your support and thank you.

GARDA STATION RENOVATIONS

Renovation work has commenced at the Garda Station; when completed it is hoped to have appropriate accommodation to provide an improved and more socially orientated service to the community. Be patient with us over the next few months while the improvements are being carried out.

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REVIEW

WILD AT HEART at the Screen in College Street

David Lynch's latest cinematic work, *Wild at Heart*, is undeniably a highly accomplished stylish addition to his oeuvre. However in comparison to his earlier work most notably his magnum opus, *Blue Velvet*, it pales in significance. Having garnered the Grand Prix award in Cannes this year, *Wild at Heart* has opened to high critical acclaim. Such praise is justified in terms of the film's brilliant editing and photography yet the comic-book characters that pop menacingly in and out of the narrative emphasise more an exercise in style than in substance.

This style is punctuated in scintillating fashion by a powerful Angelo Badamenti score which backgrounds the anarchic odyssey of the central protagonists and lovers. Sailor Ripley (believe it or not) played by a suitably naive Nicholas Cage, and Lula Pace (Laura Dern). It is undoubtedly a 'violent movie', as described by Lynch himself, a claim immediately and graphically illustrated by the disturbing opening sequence. This violence alternates with a pervasive black comic touch to produce a cocktail of incendiary cinema that suggests a director with his tongue firmly in cheek.

The fugitive lovers ostensibly on the run from the grotesquely parodic figure of Lula's mother Marietta (Diane Ladd), encounter a menagerie of assorted oddballs on the trek to Big Tuna via New Orleans including the sinister figure of William Dafoe and the beleaguered character of Harry Dean Stanton. The narrative is gaggedly unpredictable emulating these slightly off the beam characters. It is this stimulating frisson of volatile cinema that demands that *Wild at Heart* be seen. However, it is the superb mini-series 'Twin Peaks' (currently showing on RTE and BBC) that firmly establishes Lynch as the king of American cinema.

Donal O'Donoghue

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

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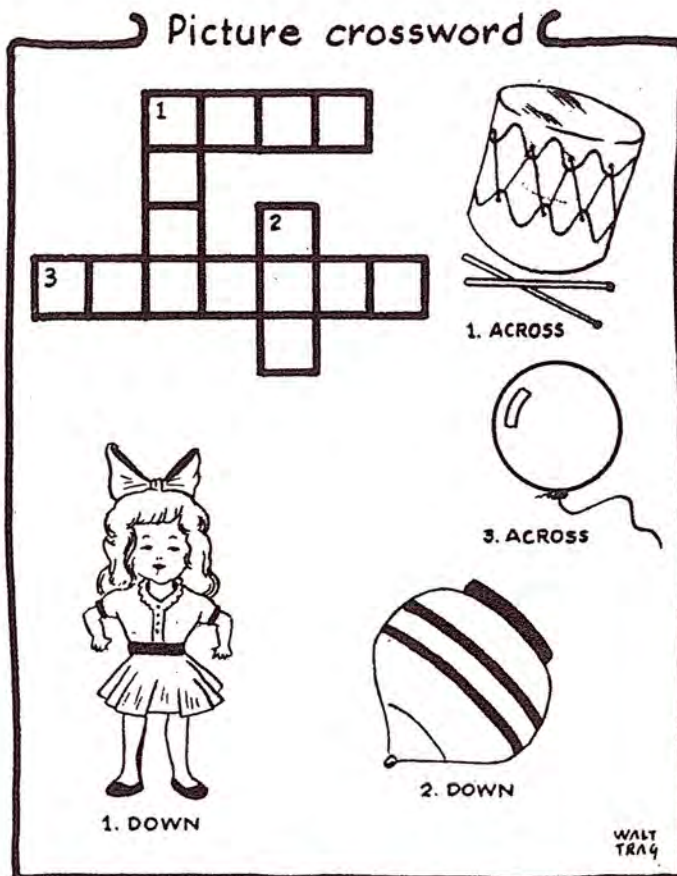
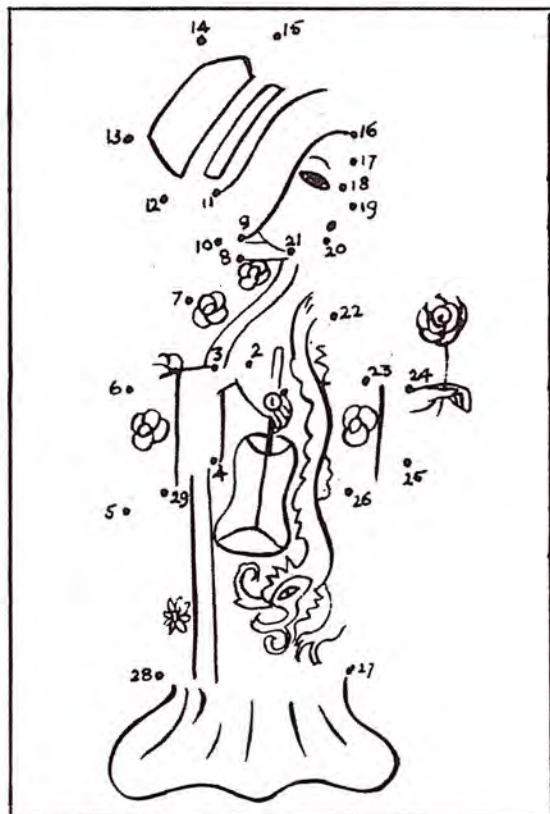
Quite often scorch marks can be removed by washing in warm water and soap. Little more can be done, as it is the material which is damaged, white material can be bleached with peroxide.

Remember that cream or liquid rouge should be applied before powder. The dryer varieties should be put on afterwards.

Rice water is better than starch for starching delicate lingerie. Silver washed in hot soapy water and then polished well with a leather will be bright and free from scratches.

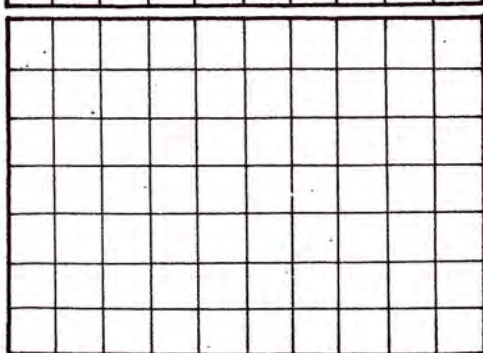


Children's Corner.



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Household Hints Continued

Stiff paint brushes will become pliable again if soaked, bristle deep, in vinegar heated almost to boiling point.

Stiffening organdie is best done by adding a little borax to the rinsing water.

To keep beds fresh and aired, the underblanket should be shaken and then put on the line in the fresh air and sunshine once each week.

Use a larger needle than necessary for working a jumper when casting on. You will find it is much easier to knit into the back of the stitch.

Umbrellas that have become shabby can be renovated by brushing with a solution of ammonia and warm water.

Very often a little cold milk added to milk when it is boiling will prevent a skin from forming.

When cooking cauliflowers, two lumps of sugar in the water will keep it white.

Excellent results can be obtained when jam making, if only small quantities are made at a time instead of one large boiling. You should treat fruit nets, canvas, chairs, hammocks and ropes with Cuprinol in order to prevent them rotting through exposure to rain and sun.

IT'S IN THE STARS

LIBRA Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

A lot of things to do this month, you must plan carefully. Social life picks up mid month. Watch finances carefully.

SCORPIO Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You may be in a funny mood this month. Could be your luck is changing. Listen out for bells ringing, could be important. Someone with the letter P means a lot to you.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Wedding bells are in the air. Your partner could be in for a shock. Get out the glad rags and hit the town shortly, give the alcohol a miss.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

It's a good month to plan a holiday, finances are great. A romantic opportunity could be slipping away. Take advice from close friends.

AQUARIUS Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Stick to the green cross code. A journey on a trike should be interesting for you, but think of others. The haircut is still imminent.

PISCES Feb. 20 - March 20

Don't let people lean on you and mistake you for something you're not. Stay off the high heels for present or suffer the consequences. Romance in the form of letter "D" is well worth pursuing.

ARIES March 21 - April 20

You may be feeling down this month. Treat yourself to something nice. A red car brings a bit of luck mid-month. Enjoy.

TAURAS April 21 - May 21

Don't act too hastily in a situation that will arise mid month. This may involve travelling. You should have plenty of drive. Letter T important romantically.

GEMINI May 22 - June 21

All is well that ends well. Don't give too much away, social life good, lots of parties, so be careful how you go.

CANCER June 22 - July 22

Slow down or your health may suffer. You're very popular this month. A phone call could change your plans for mid-month, romance or travel, you could do with a rest.

LEO July 23 - Aug 23

Should be an exciting month. Someone with the letter R may pop the question, don't let doubts hold you back. Let your feelings out and go for it.

VIRGO Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Health improves, you're feeling good about yourself. Social life takes a turn for better mid month. Go easy on finances.

Maire Celeste.

A WALK ALONG THE CANAL

One fine sunny Friday morning in September I donned the track suit and off I went, to walk from Mullen Bridge to Pikes Bridge. The first impression was the litter at the beginning of the walk and the second was the thistles I was facing. After the first 10 yards the thistles were not as bad as I thought and the Chaffinches were busy collecting the seedheads from them as were the Hedge Sparrows. The bright red berries of the Dog Rose reminded me of when I was young and collected them for the school funds to sell to Delrosa for Rosehip syrup. The Haws of the Hawthorn bushes and the Blackberry were also out in force. Someone else had also decided to do the walk and take a picnic with them, unfortunately they left the sandwich carton and mineral can, shame on you.

The dainty blue "Small Scabious" was supporting a big fat Bumble Bee, while in the canal the Yellow Waterlily lay basking in the sun. How nice to see the swans go by with there ugly duckling, but not for much longer, he/she is growing up fast. The "Scarlet Pimpernel" was wide open which meant the day was going to stay fine and sunny. In parts of my walk the ground was very compact and hard which meant very little growth but with a little rain the grass seeds and flowers will settle in and cover the balk patches. The Heron flew up and gave me a fright as I was only six foot away from him and had not noticed this patient fisher. The tiny blue Moths bobbed around from the Ragwort to the Narrow-leaved Vetch to the Red Clover. There are lots Elder-Berries for the birds to enjoy and plenty of seeds of all varieties, for the field mice and Voles. The leaves of the beech trees were turning bronze as the beech nuts were falling and the ivy that climbs up so many of the trees had large berries that pigeons and crows seem to enjoy. In parts of the canal there are spaces where the young budding fisherman can sit with ease and you can see the Roach go swimming by, with lots of little Pinkeens.

It took me three quarters of an hour to get to Pikes Bridge but what an enjoyable way to spend some time.

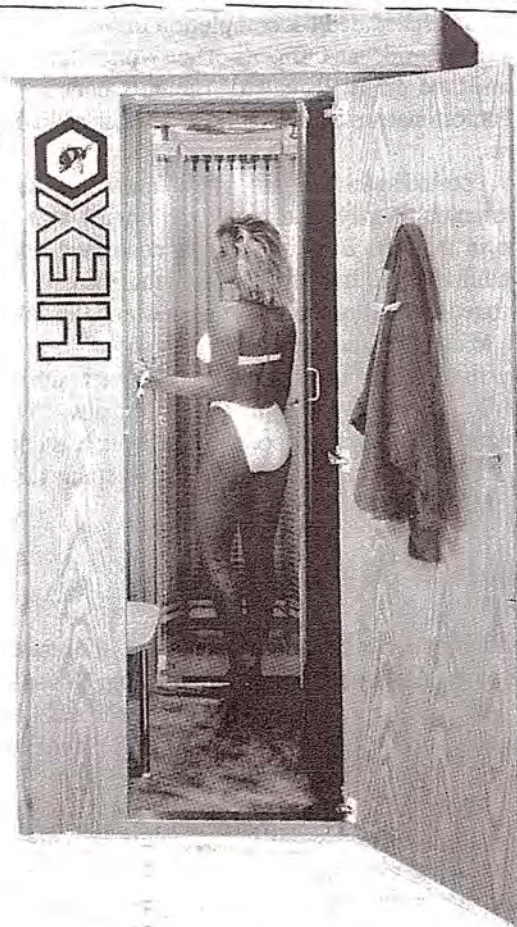
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COLLEGE NOTES

CRAMMING THEM IN

Ordinarily, for most students the term "cramming" refers to the intensive studying done in preparation for examinations. This year, however, the term has taken on a new meaning, as a sharp increase in student numbers has put physical pressure on space all over the campus and beyond. First Year numbers are up by over twenty per cent. In addition, there are reports that the numbers repeating are up on previous years. The total number of full-time students in the college is now in the region of 2,700. The increased numbers are in evidence everywhere. Packed lecture halls are the order of the day. As previously reported here, the Aula Maxima has been pressed into teaching service, and even then is having problems coping with some of the demands being placed upon it. The problem of feeding the student hordes was already beyond the capacity of the Arts Canteen before this year's further surge in numbers. The Students' Union, with its additional space and expanded catering service, has benefitted greatly from the spillover, and is reported to be doing a roaring trade, as are the various eating places in the town.

There is a particularly acute problem with accommodation this year, which hasn't been helped by the carry-over from last year's First Year, which itself was much larger than before. Very little new accommodation has become available, while the advent of the Intel company is already having a significant impact on the housing market in the area. While all new First Years have been catered for, there are still problems for later years, especially for students returning late from working overseas during the summer. Hopefully this will prove to be a temporary problem, as the College's own new apartment development, with places for 240 students, is scheduled for completion in March 1991. Meanwhile, as the Residence Officer's office works flat out to solve the immediate crisis, legendary rumours continue to abound about unfortunates sleeping under bridges, in haybarns, shoe boxes, etc.

As previously reported in this column, a new canteen facility is due for construction shortly, and many are hoping that the vacated space in the Arts Building will be converted into a major new lecture theatre. It is also expected that there will be a fresh move to reduce the number of subjects which First Year students have to do from four to three. This would have the effect of reducing the average numbers doing each subject, which would help to relieve the pressure on space. This, however, is likely to be only a temporary expedient, as student numbers entering third level are projected to keep rising until the end of the decade.

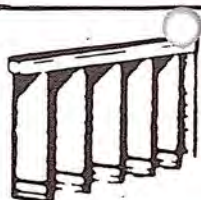
A WORD IN YOUR EAR

What would Maynooth be without the Students? It's remarkable how that particular question keeps popping up whenever students have a good chat. Many locals would appear to believe that we students are privileged. Us, privileged? Believe me it is fairly difficult being a student in Maynooth College. It's about three years now since I discovered that I was going to Maynooth. I was privileged to go to Maynooth because no place else would take me. I actually wanted to come here however, not a common desire amongst Irish students. I remember at my first ever lecture that some lecturer asked for

a show of hands to indicate those who had Maynooth down as first choice on their C.A.O. form. Very few put up their hands. Perhaps this trend has changed slightly in the last two years, but back then it was, apparently no surprise. Having spent a year or two in Maynooth most students tend to realise that they're better off here anyway. Therefore, the fact that they didn't want to come here in the first place becomes irrelevant. Getting into Maynooth is one thing" getting out is another.

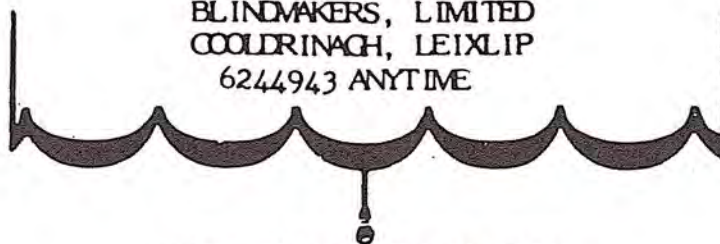
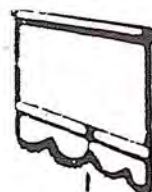
Of course many students are privileged in the economic sense. They are the ones who never miss a social occasion, doss the whole year, fail exams and yet are back again the following year because their family can afford it. Then there's some who are unlucky in that respect. Miserable is the lot of the students who wait and wait for their grant cheque, enduring hardship until it finally materialises in the end. The first thing I noticed when I signed up for my first payment was the others who were receiving it. Some of them were farmers who had far more money than I'd ever have. That said, I was hardly going to hand it back in protest. Not all student money is spent in the Roost either, or the Union for that matter. Accommodation and food claims an awful lot from a student, and if such services are inadequate then you wonder whether you're privileged to be paying for such services. There is a way out. You could, if you were male, join the clerics; free education, free accommodation, free food and what more do you want? In time I've seen that there's more to being a cleric than playing internal soccer leagues, singing in the song contest, going to the films in the Aula and turning up to vote whenever there's an important S.U. referendum. A lot of students seem to have a lot of admiration for these boys. Then there's the cleric lovers. They're the innocent country girls who 'hang out' with these boys because they don't see them as sexual threats. Come January and February, the depressing times of the year, there are many boys who decide it's not for them. It must be tough. It's also tough for the rest of us students. Constantly one has to explain to people that no, you're not studying for the priesthood - or life as a nun even. Maynooth still only means one thing to a lot of people. The locals know differently, God bless them, for they have the privilege of putting up with us.

If we are privileged to get beyond first year, we often see things in a different light. In recent times the hatchet job at the end of first-year claims many souls, some deserving, some not. All too often older students forget they ever were in first year. We must remember that formative period when everything seemed so different. Those were the days when you scrambled to a nine o'clock lecture having had only a few hours sleep and nursing a hangover. Those often were the days when you didn't have your own house. Instead you had to go softly, softly at three in the morning so you wouldn't wake the family. Those were the days when everyone running the Union seemed like older wiser adults. Now it's the other way around I suppose. For me those were the days when you didn't know whether you'd be around next year. We've come a long way. It's amazing how little students know about Maynooth town. Over the years there have been the run-ins with the neighbours and whatever, but still we students live the life of an alienated minority. We are certainly not the privileged ones. Imagine living in Cluain Aoibhinn and having to face the hell of a walk into the village to get to a phone. It probably registers 999 calls only when you reach it! Then those of us who are commuters, how many times have we stood in the rain waiting for the bus? Locals are still afraid of students. Contrary to many myths, not all students are strange, drugged-



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out troublemakers. We may be perceived as being slightly immoral, but that's something Maynooth will have to come to terms with. That goes for inside the gates as well. It's amazing how the neighbours actually watch out to see how many members of the opposite sex go into the house next door. Some neighbours are sound people, like a lot of locals. No doubt some students might damage our name but the rest of us aren't that bad. Take a look at the houses we live in - are we privileged? The long grass in the front garden, the bare rooms and the second rate furniture - home sweet home. I forgot to mention the television licence man, feared by all students. Of course there's always the possibility of the landlords calling at the door and the ensuing scramble. Would it be fair comment to say that most of them don't care what goes on inside the door as long as you've got their money?

Down the country they tell us it's great to be in Maynooth. Well yeah it is sometimes, I suppose, but many students don't agree. Many of us pass through this community without ever having taken part in it, and we didn't care. Maynooth community includes us too, we all suffer the same problems. Our houses get burgled too, we have to walk the dangerous roads and we too have to wonder what the thing is in the town square.

To return to the original question, what would Maynooth be without the students? My answer is that it would be far worse off. As it is Maynooth community is not complete without us. We're here, we've got our problems, but who doesn't?

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LAZIN' ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON, WITH ABSOLUTELY NOTHIN' TO DO.

Try as one might, it is difficult to suggest a solution to the perennial student dilemma of what to do in Maynooth on Sunday except to propose that one remains between the sheets until 'Glenroe'.

The Aula Maxima committee show films every Sunday evening at eight o'clock but unless one is immune to the effects of close encounters with viewers of the yahooin' gobdaw persuasion it can be a frustrating and tiresome experience. Basically, nothing much happens in Maynooth on Sundays. However, there are four restaurants open: Kehoe's (from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.), the L.A. (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), Patrick's (10 a.m. to 9ish) and Stephen Hero's (11 a.m. to 10 p.m.). Grab your Sunday papers and make tracks to one or all of these for the morning. Alternatively, there is usually an interesting assembly of after mass drinkers in the pubs from 12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

At 2 p.m. however, people point themselves towards roast potatoes and beef and leave the town practically deserted. Unless there is some special event taking place in the afternoon, nobody appears out until the late evening for a drink. The Community Council run occasional events such as treasure hunts (see elsewhere in this issue) and there are occasionally tournament matches run by the soccer club in the Harbour field. When nothing seems to be happening take the opportunity to wander around the outskirts of the town. Walks out the Moyglare and Celbridge-Straffan link roads can be particularly pleasant as can strolls along the canalbank. The latter has been renovated in recent years by the Royal Canal Amenity Group and extends for a considerable number of miles in either direction from Maynooth. If the County Council bothered about Carton Avenue at the top of the town this mile long walk would be an ideal attraction on a Sunday afternoon.

Dublin of course is only fifteen miles away and accessible by bus and train. You could make it in one time for the early afternoon showings in the cinemas (most of which begin at 3.15 p.m.) and cost less than £3. However there are no cinemas open after this until 8 o'clock. The theatres are unfortunately closed on Sundays. What's new?

When it comes down to it, your best bet for Sunday entertainment in Maynooth is to make as many friends as it is humanly possible to do so and spend the day visiting them. Failing that you could hire a video recorder from either Ultra Vision in the Maynooth Shopping Centre or The Movie Store on Mill Street and spend up to £2 per video (from the latter and from Xtra Vision in Greenfield's shopping Centre) on cold winter's evenings. Finally, if all else fails and you have exhausted every conceivable possibility, you could study.

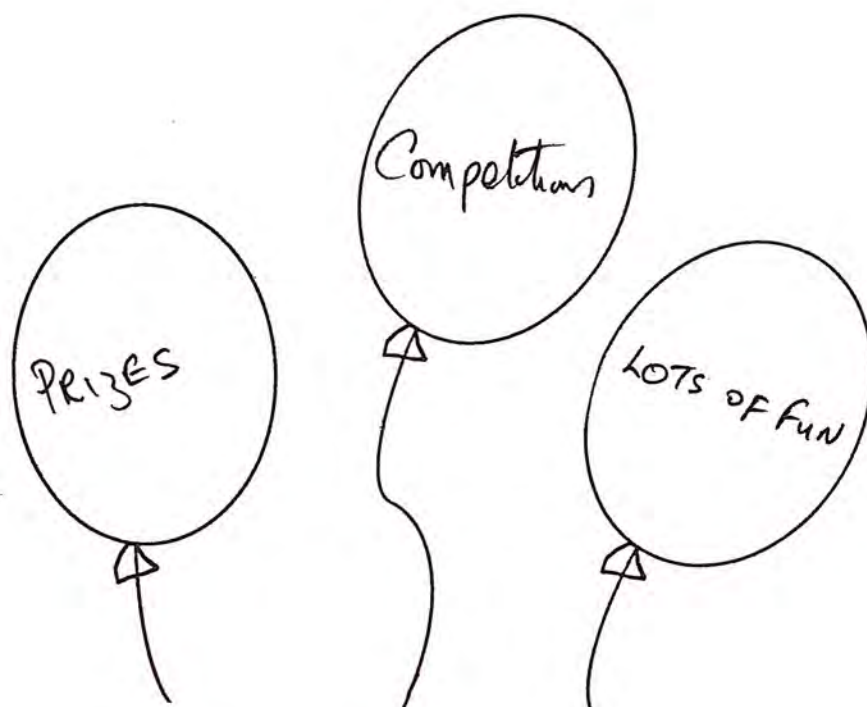
LECTURERS ARE HUMAN TOO!

University teachers in Maynooth - as elsewhere - are a very variable and individualistic lot, thus rendering it difficult to make any general statement about them. They vary in the quality of their teaching and academic work, in their interest and commitment to their subject, in the relative importance attached to teaching and research, in their availability and helpfulness to students and in their humour and personal disposition.

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On the other hand, many teachers (hopefully the majority) are genuinely interested in imparting "knowledge" to their students, particularly those who are passionately devoted to their subject matter. It does not necessarily follow, of course, that simply because the teacher is interested in a particular subject, the student should automatically follow suit. At the same time, the teacher does find it rewarding when his/her enthusiasm is echoed by the student. Unfortunately, the number of students who do display a genuine interest in acquiring knowledge for its own sake is depressingly low. It might be that this situation would improve if course content was perceived to be more "relevant" to the students' needs. This raises some interesting questions about what determines course content. This is more likely to reflect the teacher's interests rather than the student's needs and one would not normally expect the two to coincide. For example, a majority of Maynooth graduates still enter the teaching profession, and many of those might welcome courses geared specifically towards the requirements of this profession.

On the other hand, the great majority of the teachers at Maynooth would undoubtedly reject the idea of virtually turning the College into a teacher training centre, and would argue instead that the traditional function of a university is to provide a broad, liberal centre of learning. In theory, there is certainly something in this argument, although, whether this aspiration is actually realised in practice, and whether alternative functions for a university are preferable are debatable points. What is certain is that the final determination of how the university functions is a very one sided affair, with students having virtually no say in the matter.

Another interesting question concerns the traditional division of students into "honours" and "pass" categories. This system, although common in the "British" university system, is by no means universal. It may be that the function of selecting an elite group of student is to groom at least some of them to be the university teachers of tomorrow. It may be that for some teachers the honours students are all that matter: the all-too often silent majority of general students are suffering because their numbers are needed in order to keep the institution ticking over. In this respect it is worth bearing in mind that, almost invariably, the university teacher was once an honours student her/himself. An interesting question worth asking concerning any department is: Is the departmental programme built around the general course, with honours courses added on, or is it built around the honours students, with the "generals" (in fact they are the privates) thrown any old stuff depending on which teacher has an hour to fill here and there?

the question of assessment is obviously a topic close to the average student's heart. Maynooth is again very traditional in placing heavy emphasis on the end-of-year examination in this respect. This system frequently places the emphasis more on temperament, organisational ability and luck, than on intellectual ability. On the other hand, a system relying heavily on continuous assessment places constant pressure on the student, making it difficult for him/her to engage in the extra-curricular activities which happily are still an important feature of university life (although there may be signs that the proportion engaging in such activities is declining). Continuous assessment also facilitates cheating: many universities have a thriving industry devoted to the production of sale of essays for students who could hardly write their names in examinations. A mix between examination and continuous assessment, therefore, seems to be desirable, although what the precise balance should be is difficult to say. In Maynooth, a maximum of around 35 per cent is generally allowed for continuous assessment, but even this relatively low figure is rarely approached by many departments. Many teachers feel a degree of affiliation to a system which they came through themselves, while the fact that continuous assessment generally means more work may also be a significant factor in the context.

The original purpose of this essay was to give the students an idea of what is expected of them by their teachers. Hopefully it will now be apparent that it is impossible to generalise in this respect. Some teachers are happy with regurgitation of lecture material; others are not; some may be in a good humour; some may not; some may be prepared to give the benefit of the doubt where a point is not clearly made; some may not; some are prepared to accept answers presented in point form; some require a coherently written essay; some are meticulous about grammar and composition; some are not. With regard to the latter, this writer has detected a decline in recent years in the

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standard of English among students, who are increasingly careless about grammar, punctuation and syntax. The rules relating to these were originally devised to make the meaning of the language clear; abuse of these rules can lead to ambiguity and confusion. The examiner who has to go back over a passage to decipher its meaning is not improving in humour, while the continuity of the presentation is disrupted. Where the meaning is not clear the benefit of the doubt need not always be forthcoming.

Some final points arising from experience over the years: when you have finished an essay, read over it again before handing it in. A surprising number of students fail to do this. The point is not simply to detect errors (which tend to be frequent) but to assess the coherence of the work as a whole. Too many students are happy enough to stitch together pieces from diverse sources almost at random: the teacher is rarely happy with the result. As regards essays, a further sore point is the use of references. Students read books and journals, yet never seem to learn how to use reference material. Of course, much worse than poor use of references is the complete non-use of references. Too many students are content to transcribe lengthy chunks of material from books without acknowledging their sources. As a result the material is presented as if it was the student's own: this rarely goes undetected, not simply because teachers may be familiar with the passage in question, but more likely because the sudden change in writing styles is obvious. Teachers are not simply being unduly finicky in this respect: they wish to see whether the student understands what is being written about, and an ability to paraphrase accurately is a good indication of this. Finally, in relation to examinations, the one piece of advice which is hammered time and time again is this: answer the question asked. Too often, the student who has banked heavily on a particular topic coming up is so overjoyed to see the keyword indicating that topic appearing in a question that she/he immediately outpours all he/she knows about the subject, whereas the actual question will undoubtedly have specific requirements which either remain ignored, or appear only fleetingly in the answer offered. So read the question carefully before attempting an answer. And do not be too hopeful if you write a lot, but fail to answer the question, that the teacher will take pity on the grounds that the question was misinterpreted. The experienced teacher will know darn well that in most cases the student has simply prepared the wrong question and is determined to answer the anticipated rather than the actual question at all costs.

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MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

Our senior football team finished the season on a losing note, when we were beaten by Carragh in the final game. This should mean demotion to division four next season but I understand that division four is to be discontinued and all teams accommodated in three divisions. This would seem to be a better arrangement. We wish Mick Nevin the best of luck on his inclusion on the Kildare Senior football panel. Pascal Ennis is not included on the present panel but no doubt his time will come.

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Mrs. Flood, looking elegant in the brilliant sun shine presented the cup to the winning captain and after that both teams were entertained in the Roost lounge where they received their trophies. We wish to thank the manager of the Roost for his contribution and to all his staff for the excellent service. Also we wish to thank Diggins and Conway Construction and Sean Power for their contributions.

And of course Tommy Fay as always ensured that all arrangements ran smoothly.

Our senior team is playing in the Ardclough tournament on October 28th and it is now up to all the players to train and rally around the team trainers and management so as to end the season on a winning note.

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LEINSTER JUNIOR CUP

Maynooth Town 2 Newbridge Town 1

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LEINSTER JUNIOR LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Drumfinn Celtic 2 Maynooth Town 2

The concession of an early penalty to our Ballyfermot rivals was a cruel blow to our hopes of a good showing in this league game. Further misfortune was to be our lot 5 minutes into the second half when a defensive error just outside our penalty area allowed the Drumfinn centre-forward a clear route to goal and he made no mistake. Maynooth took this setback seriously and came more into the game. Sean Moore reduced the deficit midway through the half with a wonderful solo goal. With ten minutes remaining Tony Kearns sent over a perfect cross for Gerry Treacy to head a deserved equaliser.

F.A.I. JUNIOR CUP

Maynooth Town 1 Town Celtic 3

An excellent Town Celtic team from Wexford deserved to win this game by virtue of their greater midfield supremacy. Maynooth opened the scoring through Dessie Farrell but were pulled back to equality before half time. An early second half goal for Celtic left Maynooth with an uphill task and our hopes were finally dashed 5 minutes from the end when Celtic converted a penalty.

LEINSTER JUNIOR LEAGUE 2nd TEAM

Maynooth 1 St. Vincents 4

Maynooth had a chance of sharing the points up to half time when we trailed 1-2. The greater physical strength of the visitors told in the second half when they scored twice with reply. Joe O'Riordan scored Maynooth's goal and was unlucky not to add to his total. Mick Murphy also played well for Maynooth.

Maynooth 1 St. Matthews Boys 2

Maynooth made the visitors fight hard for their two points and with a little more sharpness in front of goal could have had better reward.

DUBLIN & DISTRICT SCHOOLBOYS LEAGUE

Our U/12 team continue to blaze along in Cups and League. One defeat in seven games is a fine achievement for those boys considering that it is their first season in competitive football. Trainers Mick Murphy and Mick Kelly have this team in tip top shape and could well vie for honours at the close of season. Eamonn Gallagher continues to score in every game almost and is our top scorer. Pierse Ryan is now finding his form and has got himself on the score sheet of late. Darren Naughton is now our "jack of all trades" and pops up everywhere to lend a foot where needed. Niall Naughton in goal is doing a Packie Bonner and keeping his defence on their toes with his vociferous contribution and excellent goalkeeping. Patrick Carroll, Declan Buckley, David Coughlan help to make up a very strong defence.

A strong midfield including Eoin Guha and Stephen Brennan provide plenty of scoring opportunities for the forward line which thrives on the pinpoint crosses of Martin Byrne.

The club extends sympathy to Joey Edwards on the death of his father Brendan R.I.P.

We would like to thank Noel Brady Clock House and Denis Enright Broker for their sponsorship in the setting up of our Members Lotto Draw jackpot. We are indebted also to Maynooth I.C.A. for use of hall to provide tea and sandwiches to our Cup Conquerers town Celtic before their long journey home to Wexford. To Lily and Kathleen for doing the catering and our washer-up "Kitty". Noel Brady Clock House helped defray our costs by providing an ample supply of sandwich fillers.

We are very proud of the fact that one of our members Dessie Farrell was recently selected for the Leinster Junior League Representative trials. The eventual outcome was his selection to represent the League in a friendly game against Dundalk. A 4-2 win for Dundalk underlined the present high standard of our League and Dessie played a major part by scoring both goals for the Junior League. He has now set a standard for others to follow and we may soon add to our tally of players who have represented the club at Representative level.

We would like to thank Joe Wall Cardinal Press for his recent sponsorship of tickets.

MAYNOOTH BOW OUT TO DETERMINED FOXHILL

Maynooth Town 2 Foxhill (Athy) 3

Despite scoring as early as the 3rd minute, controlling the game for long periods and, at times, playing some neat football, Maynooth Town still contrived to lose this entertaining 2nd round Leinster Junior Cup match.

Furious assaults on the Foxhill goals in the last five minutes eventually produced Maynooth's second goal in the 91st minute but by then it was too late and a determined Foxhill outfit had gained a surprise, if well merited victory.

The game had opened on a very bright note for Maynooth when full back John Geogheghan overlapped down the left, found Gerry Tracey inside, who in turn set up Dessie Farrell just inside the box. Farrell's right footed shot beat the Foxhill keeper and found the far corner of the net.

Inspired by this great start Maynooth pushed forward, playing very neat football in midfield and creating a lot of space down the left wing where Geogheghan, Tracey and Moore combined to good effect. Despite their total dominance in the first 15 minutes, however, Maynooth failed to create a further chance in this period, and after 18 minutes Foxhill gave notice of their intentions by hitting the Maynooth post and Derek Murray was forced to clear the ball off the line. Three minutes later Maynooth keeper Mick McGarry turned a 20 yard shot around the post. It was now mid-way through the first half and 'The Town' were allowing their grip on the match to slip. A 20 yard shot by Dessie Farrell after 27 minutes produced an excellent save from the Foxhill keeper but this was to be Maynooth's last shot in anger for the rest of the first half as they were pushed back by a battling Foxhill midfield.

Just on the half hour a poor kickout by Mick McGarry only succeeded in finding Foxhill's no. 10 whose mishot shot was finished off by the visitor's left winger. Two minutes later a sweeping Foxhill move out of defence saw the ball crossed from the left and headed home by the Foxhill centre half with the Maynooth central defence badly caught out.

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The tables had now been completely turned on 'The Town' and in the ten minutes leading up to half time their concentration and teamwork fell apart. Their frustration at letting the match slip from their grasp was also neglected in two bookings - Derek Murray and Joe Edwards - for heavy tackles.

Half time saw the introduction of Paul McCourt for Gerry Tracey but just four minutes into the second half the Maynooth defence was again exposed and the ball was crossed dangerously from the left. A scramble ensued at the far post and with the ball ending up in the Maynooth net the home team were left with a mountain to climb. Heads visibly dropped at this stage and it was not until a good shot by Dessie Farrell on the hour that Maynooth began to show signs of life. Almost immediately a free kick on the edge of the Foxhill box was cracked off the post and two minutes later Tony Kearns worked himself into a good shooting position only to blast it high and wide.

This proved probably the crucial period in the whole match as Foxhill were pinned back in their own half. Substitute Fergal Barton, together with Gerry Thompson, Farrell and Edwards won a plentiful supply of the ball around midfield but the quality of the final pass seldom troubled a well organised Foxhill defence. A tremendous shot by Barton produced the save of the match from the Foxhill keeper and although Maynooth increased the pressure in the final ten minutes most of the attacks faltered due to a series of poor crosses. The much sought for goal finally came in the 91st minute when a free kick by Dessie Farrell on the edge of the box broke to Tony Kearns who scored from close range. Shortly afterwards the final whistle blew and one was left with the certain knowledge that if only Maynooth's 2nd goal had come half an hour earlier this cup tie might have been saved.

As it was thought justice was probably done and Foxhill's battling performance against their more illustrious opponents certainly delighted their band of travelling supporters.

For Maynooth Town, their Junior cup campaign ended in bitter disappointment and the players will know better than anyone that they had the talent to win this match. The failure to capitalise on Farrell's early goal and the subsequent inability to convert sustained second half pressure into a badly needed second goal, in outline, represents a summary of why the match was lost. Foxhill's sweeper certainly booked an accomplished player but that may be partly because the Maynooth attack failed to put him under real pressure. On the positive side Derek Murray was always solid in his defensive duties and Dessie Farrell battled manfully in midfield even when the tide was flowing against him.

TAE KWON DO

Maynooth youths brought honour to their town as they swept the board at the Tae Kwon Do all Ireland Finals recently. It was obvious from the full car park that Maynooth Parish Hall was filled to capacity on Saturday 29th. Saturday was a special day for those involved in the organisation as it was a time for upgrading or perhaps down-grading of the students individually. To coincide with this was the presentation of the trophy to the organisation for winning the overall team award in the all Ireland Tae Kwon Do Championships recently. Mr. McClelland and Michael Devereux were in charge of the whole operation in the Hall and are the teachers of Tae Kwon Do in Maynooth.

The art of Tae Kwon Do demands total discipline from the students. Without this discipline Tae Kwon Do would not be effective as a marshall art.

Maynooth Parish Hall is filled every Saturday morning, Monday and Tuesday with students ranging from eight years old up to fifty (both male and female). Both of them instruct approximately sixty people in the art and discipline of Tae Kwon Do. Fifteen in all competed in the competition, most of which returned with one medal or another.

Martin Traynor, John McLoughlin, Sean Foy - 21 points, Carol Nolan 3 points, Robert Kennedy, Anthony Kennedy, Jessica Kennedy, Ciara Power - 13 points, Gillian Power - 12 points, Cahill Power 13 points, Andrew Rowan - 10 points, Robert McKeon - 12 points, Cian McGinley, Andrew Clark and Richard Leavy.

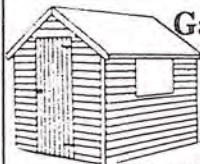
Mr. Michael Devereux won a gold Medal in the Senior Black-belt competition and is of International Standard.

The Presentation was made to the Maynooth School by Mr. Robert Howard, the Sixth Dan of the countrywide organisation. It was a great triumph for the small disciplined club and parents and relatives cheered them on as they received the trophy.

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BEAN (Mooretown, Celbridge)

The wife and family of the late Thomas Bean wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them during their recent sad bereavement; those who sent Mass cards, Wreaths and Seraphic Certificates; those who attended the removal of the remains, Mass and funeral; the priests of the parish and the visiting priests who concelebrated the funeral Mass; the organist and soloist; the very kind neighbours and a special word of thanks to the nurses, doctors and staff of Peamount Hospital, in whose loving care he died.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

CONGRATULATIONS

Belated congratulations to Elizabeth and Declan Ui Bhriain, Kingsbry who became proud parents of daughter Sinead in June. Elizabeth is an ex-member of the Editorial Board.

The Residents of O'Neill Park would like to extend a warm welcome to Brigid and John Waldron who have recently taken up residency.

To Nuala (Noodle) Noonan and John (Nutter) Walsh on their recent engagement from all their friends.

To Michael Hughes and Carol Wilson, on their recent engagement from all the gang.

Congratulations to Ann O'Riordan who celebrates her 21st Birthday on the 28th October from the Dempseys, O'Neill Park.

Congratulations to Margaret and Joe Moore, The Crescent, Straffan Road, Maynooth on the birth of their baby boy.

Debbie Dunne Greenfield and Seamus Boylan Courtown Park Kilcock who were married in St. Mary's Church Maynooth on Sept. 11th.

Anita Barlow Greenfield who celebrates her 21st Birthday Nov. 2nd, lots of love from Daddy, Mammy, Martin and Bernadette, a party in Springfield Hotel will be held for the happy occasion for parents, family and friends.

Paddy and Alice Cleary Greenfield who celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary Oct. 25th.

Paddy and Carmel Mulready Dunboyne formerly Mariaville Maynooth who celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary Sept. 28th.

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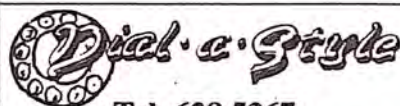
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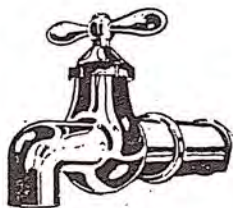
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Personal Greetings

CONGRATULATIONS

John and Clare McDonald Palmerstown (formerly Blacklion Maynooth) who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary Sept. 4th - not their 15th as printed in error in Oct. Newsletter.

SYMPATHY

Daughters, brothers, sisters, son-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of the late Mary (Lorrie) Farrelly nee Smith, Newtown, Maynooth.

John Hearn Greenfield on the death of his father Michael (ex Garda Siachana) Celbridge.

Sons, Sister, Daughters-in-law, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of the late Thomas J. Nangle Maynooth late of Sallynoggin.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Brid Conneely and her husband Michael lots of love, Mickey, Stephen, Aedeana, Ritchie, Kevin, Sarah and all the Sheridan gang.

Happy birthday to Donal Fitzpatrick from all the gang.

Happy birthday to Norah McDermott from all in Maynooth Community Council.

Happy birthday to Marie Dempsey from all the gang.

Happy birthday to Tom Maher love Teresa.

Birthday greetings to Declan Noonan from Fitzer & Kellyser.

Happy birthday to John O'Connor (Germany) on 13th Nov. with lots of love from Mammy, Daddy, Ann, Fiona, Yvonne and Claire.

Happy 18th birthday Catherine, from Mam, Dad, Sue and Peter.

Happy 4th Birthday to Aedeana Conneely from Mammy, Daddy, Stephen and Mickey.

Happy birthday to Carolann Reaper from the office staff.

Birthday Greetings to Margaret Cline, Cluain Aoibhinn, November 3rd.

Happy 20th birthday to Alison Boylan (Nuzstop) from Mammy, Daddy, Jennifer and Justin.

Happy birthday to Mrs. B. Saults, 9 Parson Street, who celebrates her birthday on the 1st November. From her family and friends.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Karen Cassidy, Rail Park, Oct. 4th

Tom Nolan, Old Greenfield, Oct. 4th.

David McTernan, Highfield Kilcock, age 12, Oct. 19th.

Birthday Greetings to Maura from all the gang.

Birthday Greetings to Kay McKeogh, Nov. 3rd.

APOLOGY

In last month's issue we inadvertently placed an incorrect caption beneath the photograph of Brady's pub which appeared on the cover. We apologise to the owners and management for this mistake.

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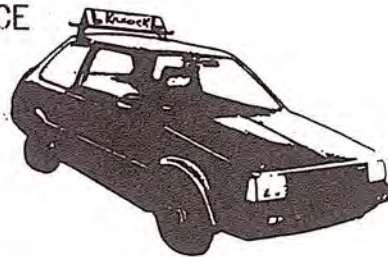
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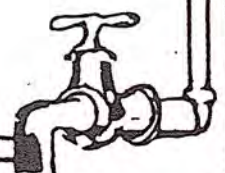
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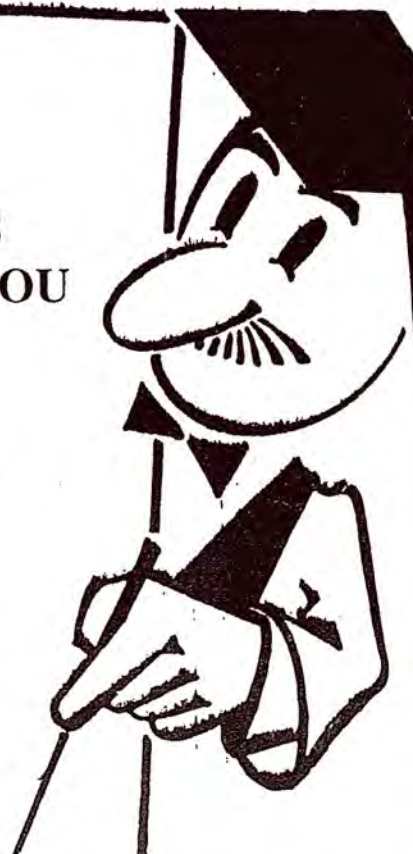
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