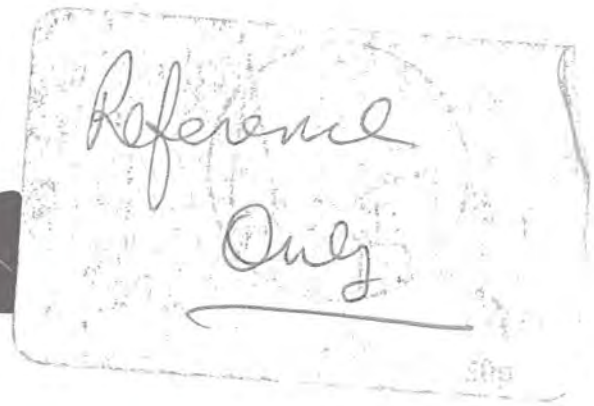


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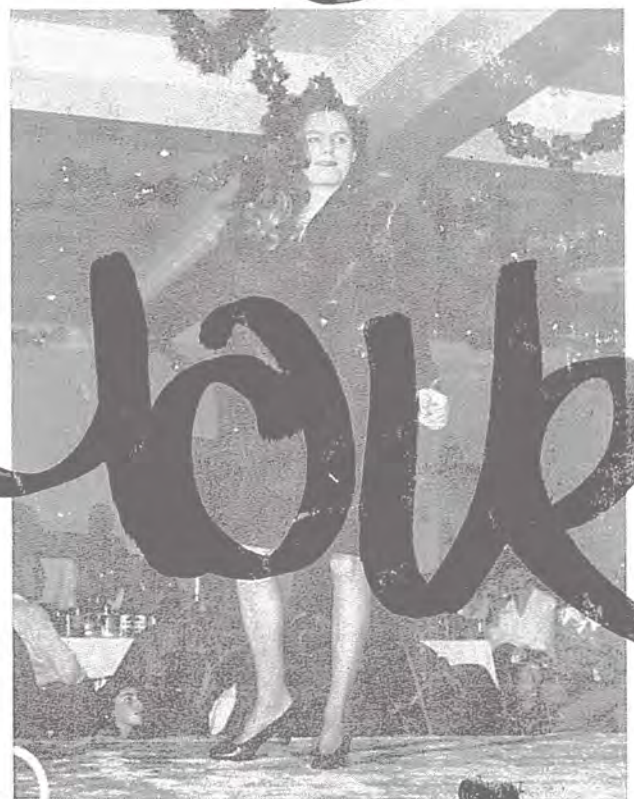
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New Year Wishes

The Newsletter has consulted some well known, and lesser known residents of Maynooth to ascertain their wishes for Maynooth in 1991. These following resolutions were reserved:

- (1) That the statues in the Roost stop moving and interfering with the clientele.
- (2) That search parties start looking for the long Avenue and restore it to the people of Maynooth.
- (3) That Fine Gael and Fianna Fail awake from their slumbers and give the Newsletter some news of their existence.
- (4) That the 67A would take passengers outside Aidan's and not make them walk across the square.
- (5) That the pedestrian lights on Main Street will always be red to allow motorists from the Straffan Road to escape.
- (6) That the next person who parks on the grass margin on the Galway Road on a Sunday morning receives a parking ticket.
- (7) That Carton House is bought by the state as a national park.
- (8) That a vegetarian restaurant opens in Maynooth.
- (9) That "The Thing" in the square is demolished by the 67A bus trying to reach Aidan's.
- (10) That "The Thing" be sold brick by brick.
- (11) That no more grocery stores open in Maynooth.
- (12) That C.I.E. put on a late night train service.
- (13) That the remaining naf uncool shop fronts in Main Street change their image.
- (14) Leave your car at home. Your average car spews out more than it's own weight in pollutants every 12,000 miles. And if you do bring it out don't park it on the footpath in the Main Street.
- (15) Don't mix your drinks - experience over the Christmas suggests it leads to a woeful hangover.
- (16) **Keep Maynooth Tidy.** We were 10th in last years Tidy Towns Competition - that's 10th last. How does it feel it be the 10th most untidy community in Ireland?
- (17) That the average pedestrian can cross the Main Street in less than ten minutes.
- (18) That the local engineer's hearing problems clear up so he can hear what the people want.

Competition time again!

Short Story Competition Writers are requested to get their pens out, or switch on the word processor, for the Newsletter short story competition. Entry date is 19th March 1991. There are three sections - under 12 years, 12 - 18 years, and over 18 years. Stories should be original, previously unpublished, and be no more than 1000 words.

**We wish all our readers
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a prosperous 1991.**

Letters to the Editor

Royal Canal Amenity Group Notes

Maynooth Chamber of Commerce

Dear Editor,

On behalf of Maynooth Chamber of Commerce I would like to clarify our view with regard to the state of the footpaths in the Main Street and surrounding areas of Maynooth:-

1. It seems obvious to all concerned that the footpaths are in a poor and dangerous condition and that it is high time that something radical was done about the state of them.
 2. We note that there has been some suggestion by Kildare County Council that they would be prepared to carry out major repair work to the footpaths and a suggestion that part of the cost of same would be borne by the traders in the town.
 3. No approach has been made to the Chamber of Commerce with regard to making any such financial contribution.
 4. Any such financial contribution would present difficulties for the Chamber insofar as our members would point out the fact that they are already paying Commercial Rates, Water Rates and Refuse Charges, that the Chamber as a body does not have the necessary funds to make a contribution, and that it would not be possible to have different types of paving for parts of the town depending on who did make a financial contribution. Indeed, traders feel that they are seeing a poor return for the Rates collected by the Council spent on the town of Maynooth.
 5. If and when these major works are carried out to the footpaths we would like some thought given to correcting the inadequate car parking available in the main street which may necessitate reducing slightly the width of the footpath to make for more parking on the side of the street with a view to greater safety. In particular the parking of cars on the footpaths should be strictly forbidden, and a wider street created for the already overloaded traffic that it has to take.
 5. We would like Kildare County Council to consider converting the two roads at "The Thing" in the centre of the town into two one way systems to alleviate the traffic problems in that area.
- We invite formal suggestions from Kildare County Council as to when these works on the footpaths in particular are to commence, the type of paving envisaged and when the works will be completed.

Yours faithfully,
Declan Foley.

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Fashion Show

The Fashion Show which for the first time incorporated the selection of Miss Royal Canal took place on Friday 30/11/90 at the Setanta House Hotel Celbridge.

This event was an outstanding success for which we are grateful to everyone who helped in anyway. The Show commenced with the selection of "Miss Royal Canal." The twelve lovely ladies contesting for the title were interviewed by compere Christy Walsh of C.K.R. Radio, whose professionalism enhanced the entire proceedings. After lengthy deliberations by the judging panel, Miss Joyce Quirke emerged as the winner. On behalf of the committee I extend warm congratulations to Joyce and good wishes for an enjoyable reign. The judging panel were: Mr Michael Stapleton of Alan Frazer Menswear, Mr Richard Tobin manager of A.I.B., Mr Yan Pawelezyk, manager of Quinnsworth, Mr Denis Enright of 'Enright Insurances Ltd', Michelle Dempsey 'Travel Options', Miss Dolores Bowden, A.G.E.S. (UK) Ltd, Mrs Pauline Hennessy, Roses & Wine Dress Hire & Bridal Wear, Mrs Lorraine Kavanagh A.M.I.P.L.C. The twelve lovely contestants were: Mary O'Donoghue, Maynooth; Deirdre Treanor, Kilcock; Sheila Brady, Maynooth; Aoife Kavanagh and Evan Salmon, Dublin; Eugena Gregory, Kilcock; Dianne Walsh, Kilcock; Sandra Kenny, Maynooth; Anne Finan, Maynooth; Irene O'Brien, Maynooth; Carmel Ryan, Dublin and Joyce Quirke of Naas. The prizes for the winner were: £200 Switzers Voucher, a Libra Design Outfit, a B&I Voucher, an evening of Beauty at Cameo Beauty Salon and she will have her portrait painted by that much sought Mayo artist F.J. O'Connell.

With the judging panel away trying to pick the Queen, the Fashion Show commenced. Christy Walsh handed over to fashion commentator Joan Howard-Williams who as usual did an excellent job on describing the clothes. First out was the childrens wear from Family Album. This was followed by a selection from F.M.K. Casuals. At the interval, Miss Paula Buckley (outgoing Queen) selected the Best Dressed Lady on the night (Miss Fiona Cummins, Maynooth) while Michael Stapleton of Alan Frazer Menswear selected the Best Dressed Gent (Mr Hubert O'Sullivan of Kingsbry, Maynooth). The second half began with a selection from Naeem Fashions, Maynooth, followed by a second selection from F.M.K. Casuals Maynooth. The Libra Design collection followed after which we saw a selection of Evening Wear from Roses & Wine. They concluded with a selection of Ladies' Bridal Wear from Roses & Wine and Gents Wedding Wear (Morning & Evening) from the extensive Alan Frazer range.

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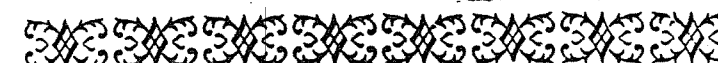
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Old People's Committee

CREDIT UNION NOTES CONTINUED

At this stage we would like to give a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee for their outstanding work throughout the year. A Credit Union is a great asset to any community, it is run by the community for the benefit of the community. Adult and Junior members are always very welcome. One thing to remember if you are a new member is to be a REGULAR saver. Opening hours are as follows: Thursday 7pm - 8.30pm. Friday 7pm - 8.30pm. Saturday 10am - 12.30pm.

Seasons greetings to all.

May Haren.

OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

As we enter into the New Year we would like to wish everyone, especially the elderly, health, happiness and peace not only for 1991 but for the whole of this last decade of the 20th Century. On behalf of our senior citizens, we would also like to thank all those who have given so generously of their time, money and love during the past year. The elderly are very grateful, but it is a privilege for us to repay them, even in a small way. For all they have given us so willingly down through the years. The committee is rather small at present. If anyone feels they would like to join us please could they: Contact Imelda Delaney 6286341

or come to one of our morning session (10.30 am, Tuesdays, Thursdays, in the I.C.A. Hall)

or come to the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 8 pm prompt, on January 15th in the Health Centre, Harbour Lane. (Existing Committee members please note these details). Any commitment would be welcome. Examples: Coming to our tea and coffee mornings or bingo sessions, on Tuesdays respectively or perhaps making a few scones for these on a regular basis.

Helping with the parties which take place every six weeks or so on Sunday afternoons either coming or sending sandwiches or cakes.

Helping with the laundry service.
Visiting the elderly in hospital.
Helping with our fund raising events.

We would like to welcome Br. Bren Murray of SMA House whose company and help at our Tuesday morning sessions has been much appreciated in recent weeks. The grand total for our sale of work is £3,361.27p. We are very grateful to everyone who contributed to making this event so enjoyable and successful.

Our thanks also to the Lions for their continuing support for our efforts for the elderly. They have recently contributed £300 towards the cost of fuel.

We had to postpone visiting the elderly in hospital until January. We would like you to know that you are not forgotten and we look forward to seeing you in the new year. We send our best

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wishes to Mrs B. Wall who was in hospital recently and we are delighted to have Mrs Quinn back with us after her spell in hospital. A message from Imelda - get stuck in to the physiotherapy, we miss you!

We would like to extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Bridie Farrelly who died recently. We also remember the other old people and their loved ones who have died during the year and extend our sympathy to their family and friends. Our morning sessions will resume after the Christmas break on Tuesday, 8th January and Thursday, 10th January. New faces are always welcome.

Finally we would like to thank the staff and Editorial Board of the Newsletter for your service to us all and to extend our best wishes for the coming year

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Royal Canal Amenity Group Notes

Fashion Show Continued

The committee would like to thank: all those who sponsored prizes, the local business fraternity for their continued loyal support, Christy Walsh and Joan Howard-Williams for a job well done, Quinnsworth Maynooth for laying on a cheese & wine reception for all patrons, Kingsbry Developments who provided a fabulous perpetual trophy which was presented to the winner by their chief executive, C&C got soft drinks, K.S.C Homes for the catwalk, and everyone who helped in anyway to make the show a success.

The Island

Work on the Island is now almost complete. The height of the Island has been substantially increased and the entire Island has been sealed. The Island has been topped with reed bearing silt (obtained by dredging further up the canal) and the O.P.W. are confident that the reeds will grow in a reasonably short time. Paths have been left to enable "Mr and Mrs Swan" to gain access to the Island which they have made home for a long number of years. At Carton Harbour fencing is being installed and walls are being re built.

The committee would like to wish everybody contentment in 1991 and thank you for your support throughout 1990.

Gerry Fitzpatrick
P.R.O.

CREDIT UNION NOTES

The A.G.M. of Maynooth Credit Union was held on 20th November '90 in the I.C.A. Hall, this meeting was very well attended. At this meeting seven new Board Members were elected.

The new board of Directors is as follows:

Pat Harney, Ann Higgins, John Reid,
Pat Arthurs, Marie Dempsey, Joan Grant,
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Seamus O'Reilly	B.A. Maynooth.
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Mark Burns	B. Engineering U.C.D.
James O'Donnell	B. Engineering (Hons) U.C.D.
Colm O'Donnell	B. Engineering (Hons) U.C.D.
Jim Doyle	B.A. (Hons) Maynooth.
Niamh Brady	B.A. (Hons) Maynooth.
Niall Doran	B. SC. (Hons) Maynooth.
Bernadette Travers	Pharmaceutical Tech. Diploma - T.C.D.
Noelle Donnelly B.A.	M.B.S. (Hons) U.C.D.
Amelia Mullan	B. SC. (Hons) University of Ulster.
Coleman Corrigan	Dip. Computer Studies - R.T.C. Galway.
Joan Healy B.A.	M.A. (Hons) U.C.D.
Frank McMyler	Dip. In Agr. U.C.C.
Ann O'Connor	B.A. Dip in Library & Information Studies (Hons) U.C.D.
Mary Murphy B. SC.	H. Diploma (Hons) Maynooth.
Michael Keogh	Dip. Elec. Engineering - Carlow R.T.C.

Our best wishes are also extended to those who have found employment, apprenticeships and those who out of necessity have had to seek employment abroad.

Good luck to one and all.

SVP NEWS

Christmas Collection

Many thanks to all those who contributed so generously to our Annual Christmas Collection on Saturday and Sunday December 8th and 9th 1990.

The total church contributions amounted to £3,413.33. There were also a number of most generous separate contributions which are most appreciated. Thanks are also extended to the Priests of the Parish for their help and to everyone else who was involved in this event.

Travelling Community Childrens' Party

St. Mary's conference, in collaboration with St. Patrick's college conference, organised a very successful Christmas party for the local Travelling Community Children on Sunday 9th of December 1990.

A good time was had by all and I would like to offer a special word of thanks to the following for their invaluable help:-

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Finally, if anyone knows of someone - especially elderly who may be in need of help, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Pat O'Brien

President.

THE MAYNOOTH CASTLE COMMITTEE

Flood lighting ceremony

It was with great pleasure that the Maynooth Castle Committee hosted the "Switch On" of the flood lighting of the Castle. The Minister of State at the Department of Finance Mr Brendan Daly performed the turning on ceremony of the new flood lighting. "These lights are a symbol that work will continue to be undertaken here," said Mr Daly.

Also present at the ceremony were Commissioner John Mahoney, chairman of the Bord of Commissioners; Ms June Thompson, Principal Assistant, Office of Public Works; Mr Paul McMahon, Chief Architect Office of Public Works and Mr W. Cumming, Architect, Office of Public Works. Mr W. Cumming is the architect appointed by the Office of Public Works to look after Maynooth Castle. The Chairman of the committee Mon. M Ledwith invited our VIPs and committee members to refreshments in Renehan Hall. Mon. Ledwith thanked the Minister and Commissioner for their attendance and most importantly for the commitment they have given to the restoration of Maynooth Castle.

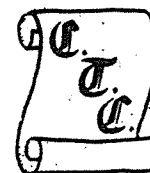
Survey

The College of Technology Bolton St students have now finished their survey and we await their results.

The next step in the restoration may take a little longer than the nine months it took to get the flood lighting. This we hope will be a visitors' reception centre which will be open all the year round.

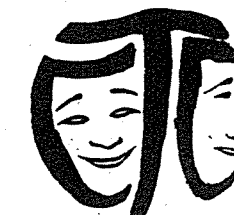
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The following Officers were elected:-

- Chairperson - Eileen Dunne
- Secretary - John McGinley
- Minutes Secretary - Christina Saults
- Treasurer - Pat Ryan

Other members:-

Ian McKenna, Peter Connell, Bridie O'Brien, Derek Horan, Larry O'Brien, Kevin Murphy, John McDermott, Anna Kavanagh, Margaret Clince, Tommy Flanagan Snr, Peter Finan, Peter Holland, Muireann Ni Bhrolchain.

Anyone else who would like to help out should please contact Christina Saults, Community Council Office 6285922. If any member of the Community know of a band, marching or otherwise, who would be willing to take part, please let Christina or a committee member know.

The next meeting is scheduled for 5 February 1991.

John Mc Ginley.
Secretary.

GARDA TALK

Safe Driving

Freezing weather - the cold, rain, ice and snow, has its effects on all of us, but to drivers it is particularly dangerous. Anyone contemplating a journey in these conditions should take a little time out and make a few checks on your car.

You should check your tyre pressure (including the spare), clean your windows, mirrors, and lights. When you set out on your journey, and encounter any of the following elements follow this advice:

Fog

1. Slow down - Fog deceives.
2. Use dipped headlights.
3. If you have fog lights, use them.
4. Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front.

Snow

1. Remove all snow from the windows & mirrors.
2. Accelerate gently - brake gently.
3. Use the main roads where possible.
4. Most important - slow down.

Ice

1. In the comforts of your car, you may be unaware of the drop in temperature outside - Be aware.
 2. *Black ice* - You can't see it, but reduced road noise tells you that it's there.
 3. Above all - slow down and take your time. Carry de-icers, jump leads, and in severe weather carry a shovel and warm coat.
- Forewarned is forearmed.

Who's that guard?

On a lighter note, the talk around town is *who is the new guard?* We are pleased to announce that Michael Clifford, a native of Kerry, came into the fold on 23rd Nov last. We wish Michael well during his stay in Maynooth.

Dinner Dance

As mentioned in last month's issue, Maynooth Gardai are holding their 1st Dinner Dance. This dance is destined to become the focal point of Maynooth's social calendar. Friday 8th February 1991, at The Setanta House Hotel, Celbridge, where a good night is assured. Tickets at £17.50 are available from the Garda Station. The Dance is in aid of the Garda Benevolent fund - a worthy cause, and your support will be greatly appreciated.

Renovations

And finally, we hope that by the time you read this, the renovations at the Garda Station will be completed. Thank you for your patience, and co-operation over past few months.

SANTA CLAUS FLIES INTO MAYNOOTH

It was fitting that on the eve of Santa Claus's visit to Maynooth on Saturday, 8th December, snow flakes were gently falling. In the Harbour Field men, women and children were barely recognised under woollen hats, scarves and gloves to keep out the bitter cold. The weather was braved by the Maynooth Brass Band resplendent in their fine uniforms and everyone looked to the sky in anticipation of what? Maynooth Chamber of Commerce for the second year running were holding their Christmas Bonanza, a festival of Santa Claus, music and free gifts.

The hundreds of children waiting in anticipation were delighted with the arrival in the helicopter of the man himself who did not disappoint as he shook hands with as many as possible and gave out sweets to the younger enthusiasts. He was then led by Maynooth Brass Band, ably assisted by the Gardai, up to the Shopping Centre to meet Christmas shoppers.

Those who did not want to make the journey stopped off in the car park in the Bank of Ireland for live music provided by Panache led by Tina Barrett. The band kept the circulation moving as the people bopped away to Christmas songs and carols. Santa Claus returned from his expedition up and down the town, over to the Greenfield Shopping Centre, looking tired but explaining that he was in serious training for Christmas Eve. Out of the crowd leaped Michael Jackson wanting to know why he was not booked for the gig but cheered up when he was asked to give out the prizes in the free draw.

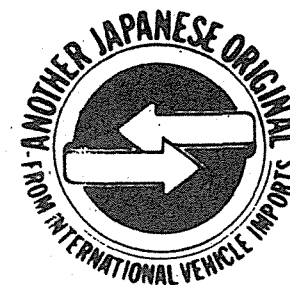
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Local News Columns

Santa Claus flies In Continued

The Chamber had run a colouring competition in conjunction with The Maynooth Newsletter and Sharon Cummins won a bicycle for her fine effort with 1st prize. In the free draw bicycles were also won by Clodagh Neville, Theresa Flood and the main prize a mountain bike was won by Laura Mulcahy. The bicycles had been sponsored by the four Public Houses in Maynooth. A total of eighteen other prizes were given out mostly sponsored by the traders in the town, and everyone went away happy. Ted Kehoe, Chairman of the hard working Committee, was delighted with the day "We want the people of Maynooth to know that we would like them to do their shopping and business in the town and also the organisation of the event is a way of saying thanks to them for their support over the year. I would like to thank all concerned with the organisation of the event, in particular the members of the Chamber of Commerce themselves who raised in excess of £1,000 to pay for the prizes, and the Christmas Lights erected in the town."

Declan Foley.

ACRA NOTES

(Founded 1953 :The Central body for Residents' Associations) County Kildare Branch

Do you make money from your family home? Is it a source of income, an asset that generates regular cash and profit? Or is it a liability, a drain on your income and resources? The obvious answer to these questions is that the family home is not a tangible asset. In fact, for most householders, running and maintaining their home is possibly the largest expense of the family's outgoing annually. However, the idea of a widespread form of Property Tax emerges quite frequently, as an easy answer to the complicated question of Tax Equity. Can anybody realistically argue that adding to the huge financial strain of running the family home, by taxing it, is fair?

Following their recent A.G.M., the County Kildare Branch of A.C.R.A. have decided that it is time once again to state the organisation's vehement opposition to any form of tax that affects the average family home. It is A.C.R.A.'s aim to represent the views and interests of its members to political parties, while remaining non party-political itself.

In the coming months, the County Kildare Branch will be contacting all political and other interested parties on behalf of the householders and Residents' Associations affiliated to the organisation. The Kildare Branch will be sending a message that's loud and clear to all those who favour the introduction of Property Tax - "Leave our homes alone."

In the course of a recent R.T.E. radio broadcast, Mr. Philip Flynn of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions stated that he was in favour of the idea of a general Property Tax. A.C.R.A. will be contacting the Kildare Council of Trade Unions to clarify this matter and to find out if Mr. Flynn's views are those of his Union, and if union members are aware of these views being expressed in their home.

A.C.R.A. feels that the solution to tax inequity does not lie in increasing the financial demands made on those who are already most hard-pressed.

The campaign to oppose any tax on the family home will continue.

Huge Support for A.C.R.A.'s Dual Campaign

A.C.R.A. Kildare recently launched a campaign on two major local issues. Firstly to seek Council grants for Residents' Associations, and secondly, to oppose tolls on the new bypasses in the county.

1. Financial support for Residents' Associations!

Until 1986, some financial support from Kildare County Council was available to Residents' Associations for the planting of trees, maintaining green spaces etc. These grants were abolished, but A.C.R.A. believes that they should be re-introduced on an expanded scale.

2. Toll roads in County Kildare!

A.C.R.A. policy on this is that while not opposing tolls on roads erected out of private funds, they will not accept tolls on roads built out of E.C. (and Irish taxpayers' money).

Work is due to begin shortly on the Kilcock / Maynooth / Leixlip by-pass. If tolls are levied, this will mainly affect residents commuting to and from work who could face an extra annual bill of £500. The branch have received written support from the following associations:

Leixlip: River Forest, Newtown Pk, Riverdale, Cedar Pk, Glendale, Glendale Meadows, Castletown, Duncarraig, St. Mary's Pk.

Maynooth: Kingsbry, Beaufield, College Green, Lyreen, Greenfields Estate, Cluain Aoihbhin and Moyglare Village.

This totals over six thousand homes or approximately 25,000 residents. In Celbridge, Dara Court have signed and more support will follow. The remaining associations in North Kildare are processing campaign forms, and their support also is expected.

Funds for the Environment

The branch are pleased to note that Kildare County Council allocated £10,000 of their 1991 budget to community groups, working at improving the local environment. On completion of the campaign, A.C.R.A. plans to meet the county authorities to discuss allocating adequate funds for Residents' Associations needs. Also, the branch will indicate the level of residents opposition to tolls on public roads in our county.

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Kingsbry Residents Notes

Crossword No. 38

by
Elle Bias

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The last month or so has been an active time for the Residents of Kingsbry. The continuing work of planting trees was furthered by the planting of more trees and shrubs throughout the estate. The trojan work put in by the 'planters' has been appreciated by many they must gain satisfaction from how well the estate now looks.

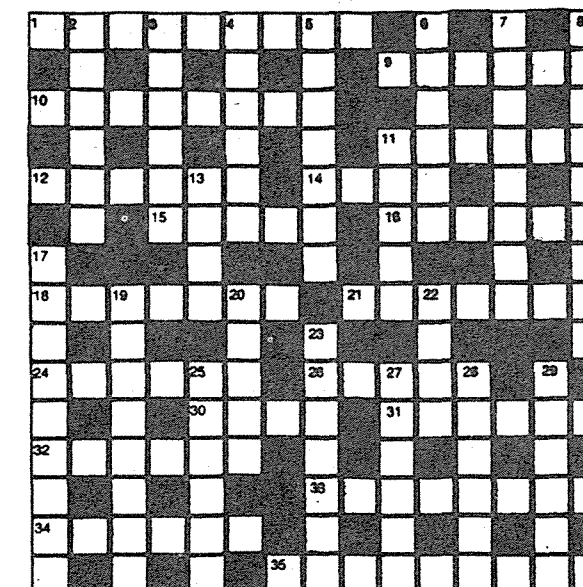
The pub quiz in the Leinster Arms was exceptionally well attended. Everyone there enjoyed a pleasant evening out with their friends while they challenged their general knowledge at the same time. The standard of answers was extremely high. 'The winning teams' members included Mr Aidan O' Rourke, Mr Gary Lawlor, Mr Vincent Hanevy and Mr Stephen O'Meara and, of course, who can forget the Children's Christmas Party. With nigh on one hundred children, all eagerly awaiting the arrival of Santa while dancing to the disco music, the atmosphere was definitely a lively one! When the children were eventually tired their equally tired parents took their young charges home clutching the parcels Santa had given them and this ended yet another episode for one more year.

I think a lot of people will agree that the Christmas Party must be one of the funniest, most entertaining functions the Residents' Association organize. To see these little innocent faces light up when they see Santa, a look of expectation in their eyes, and to watch their expertise on the dance floor, not to speak of the the general antics they get up to! Another enjoyable aspect of the party is that the parents can sit and enjoy a quiet drink and a chat with their friends and neighbours, all the while their children are 'having a ball'!

I think we should all remember the effort and time the Residents' Association must put into organizing the various events held throughout the year. In response to this dedication we should try and support their efforts more often. The next upcoming event will be the bowling night out in the Palmerstown bowling Alley. As details of this night out are available we will distribute them accordingly.

Finally, a wish for good luck and good fortune for the New Year from all the members of the Residents Association.

Happy 1991 to all.



Across.

1. Breakfast spread (9)
9. Eat savagely (6)
10. Polite and elegant (8)
11. Servants of Gentlemen (6)
12. Tip-top point (6)
14. Terrible child? (4)
15. Basket for fish (5)
16. Deadly (6)
18. Took for granted (7)
21. Old army boy (7)
24. Blighter? (6)
26. Unclear (5)
30. Lowest female voice (4)
31. Roman Hall - of the heart? (6)
32. Awkward (6)
33. German Motorway (8)
34. Fatal (6)
35. Rudely or churlishly (9)

Down.

2. Highest points (6)
3. Short-sighted (6)
4. Hate or detest (6)
5. Lasting (7)
6. Upper House of Government (6)
7. Simultaneously (8)
8. Sport or struggling (9)
11. Device to control flow (5)
13. Old-fashioned transport (4)
17. Dam or block (9)
19. Small oranges (8)
20. Pre-mature (5)
22. Pulled tight (4)
23. Tropical pear (7)
25. Tripods for artists (6)
27. Elastic for your stocking? (6)
28. Dark place between Earth and Hades (6)
29. Dry measure of eight gallons (6)

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Solution to Crossword No. 37

The Right To Know

Results of Crossword No. 37

Across; 1. Stockings, 9. Cheers, 10. An artist, 11. Tinkle, 12. Weasel, 14. Ever, 15. Toe, 16. Assist, 18. Racist, 21. Shampoo, 24. Excite, 26. Merry, 30. Ends, 31. Eggs, 32. Intend, 33. Emigrant, 34. Grime, 35. Christmas.
Down; 2. Tinsel, 3. Christ, 4. Icicle, 5. Gutters, 6. Choirs, 7. Meek, 8. Assertion, 11. Teach, 13. Eons, 17. Greetings, 19. Cocktail, 22. Air, 23. Ims, 25. Tender, 27. R.A., 28. Year, 29. Agenda.

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At this time of year Kildare County Councillors decide how much money they are going to spend on what in the county for 1991. In recent years this has amounted to some £32,000,000 pounds - about £6 per week for every person living in the county - and by and large paid for by workers. In money terms, the Council's spending is equivalent to a weekly tax of £23 per week for everyone at work in the county.

About £2 of this £23 per week is paid directly in charges or rent; another £2 per week is paid via rates collected from businesses, which, in turn, pass it on to their customers.

It's altogether a very expensive business. And those of us who live in the northern end of the county may rightfully feel aggrieved that we get an unfair share of the benefits. Of the 700 or thereabouts employees of the Council, only one or two are put to cleaning the dirty streets in Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip - where one quarter of the county's population lives - compared to a dozen or so cleaning Newbridge's streets. That is, in the context of this article, but a side issue.

A much more important issue is this: accountability from the Councillors we elect to Kildare Co. Council. Their Estimates meetings, where they decide on the next year's spending programmes, should be open to the public. But they are not. Last year the writer and fellow Independent Leixlip Town Commissioner, Finbarr Kelly, had the doors of Kildare Co. Council bolted against us when we wished to sit and listen to the Councillors we all elect debate and decide on their programme. A number of them said that they voted to allow us in, but lost the vote. I know that their decision to deny public representatives a right of attendance appalled several Cabinet Ministers. The Estimates meetings are the most important ones in the year; the public have a right to know what the people they elect are doing with their money - how each one of them think on the different impending issues. Instead, Kildare County Councillors offered a smokescreen.

There's nothing in Irish Law which entitles a Co. Council to shut its doors to the public - or press for that matter, as is the case with the Celbridge Area Committee of the Co. Council. There's nothing either to give the public a right of entitlement to attend in a public gallery. However Article 8.1 of the Constitution says that "sittings of each House of the Oireachtas (i.e. Dail and Senate) shall be public". The same provisions ought apply to our local government assemblies. I have no doubt that the Courts would so decide if asked. Lest I be accused of throwing stones from a glass house, Leixlip Town Commissioners decided at their very first meeting that all of their meetings would be open to the public and that the minutes of all their meetings would be placed in the Leixlip Branch Library; the only exceptions being matters of security, of commercial confidentiality or personnel matters. We have had little bother living by that code. But Kildare Co. Council....?

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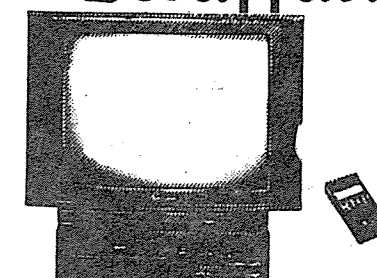
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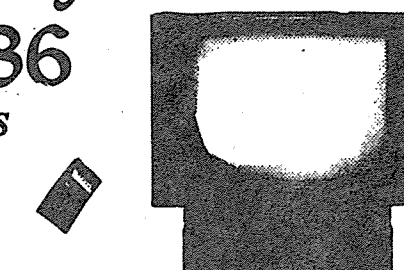
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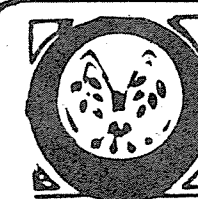
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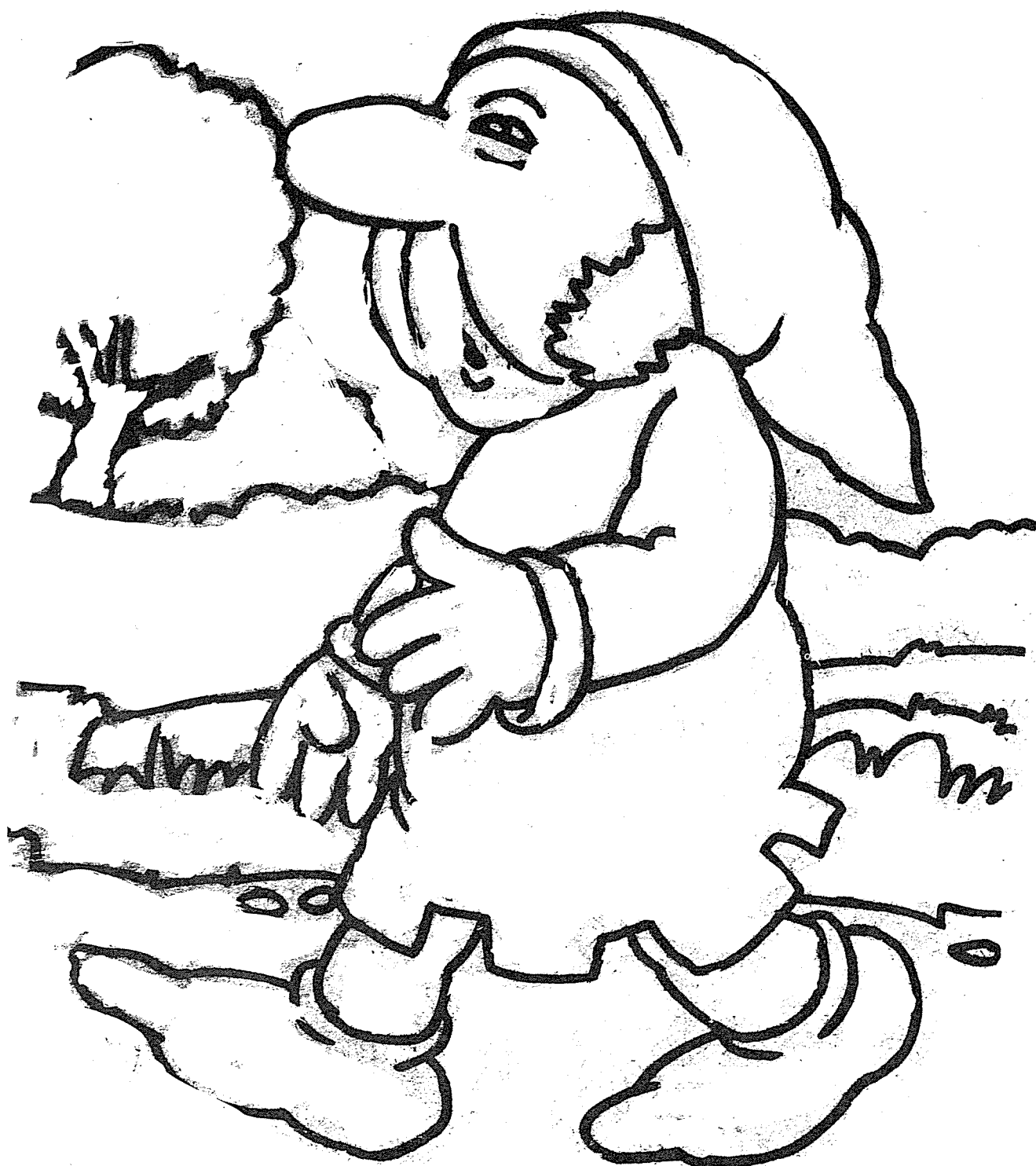
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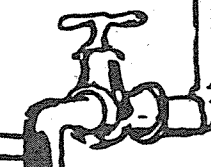
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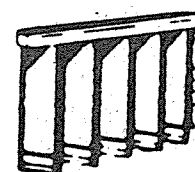
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Eye Hear

Review

Peat means Heat

Eye hear that Editorial Board Chairperson, Kay Mac Keogh will be 'so nice to come home to' for the rest of the winter. Other people win competitions for cars and yachts and exotic foreign holidays. Instead of a holiday in the sun, Kay won the next best thing - a tonne of peat briquettes in the Bord na Mona promotion. Let's hope there will be no doo da de doos out of her!

The revenge of the 'Thing'

Can it be true that the architect in charge of the survey team from U.C.D. currently seeking opinions on the future of Maynooth's architectural gems, is the one and only begetter of the 'Thing' in the square?

Let's do the Time Warp?

Panic will have infected all fans of Roche's Pub at the recent announcement of its imminent sale. Who knows what will happen to this venerable heap which has slowly been sinking back into the bog from whence it came. The property writer in the Sunday Independent fell completely for the charms of this watering hole, known only to the discriminating few. He describes the flamboyantly askew line of its roof, the insane tilt of the telegraph poles. It is like President Robinson's drawing room - a place where symbol and story merge, it is the Hungarian puszta. Eye Hear will stand a pint in Roches to anyone who can decipher this. Incidentally, the same writer also waxes delirious about the Roost's new role - speculating that this secular church is for spoiled and whiskey priests lured back to Maynooth by ancient guilt.

Commercial Movements

Eye Hear that commercial movements in Maynooth are keeping the auctioneers going night and day. Aidan's in the Square has sold out for an astronomical price, which we are not at liberty to divulge. We hear that he intends to move on to insurance. The shop beside Maynooth Jeweller is now completed, adding to the attractions of this side of the street. Perhaps an insurance business is planning to locate here?

Quinnsworth Table Quiz Finalists

Congratulations to the team from Quinnsworth who came 5th in the Quinnsworth National Table Quiz Championships recently.

'Goodfellas' - Adelphi, Middle Abbey St.

'Somebody does something wrong, you've got to break his head or shoot him' - Martin Scorsese on the street mentality that highlighted his 1973 vision of hell, Mean Streets. Likewise a similar tone and style is characterised in the atmospheric menace of his latest film Goodfellas.

Based on Wiseguy, Joseph Pileggis' factual expose of mafia doings in Brooklyn during a thirty-year period from the 1950's to the eighties, Goodfellas covers the same cinematic territory as the earlier shoestring production. Scorsese's documentary style builds on the 'true story' legend that initiates the action charting the rise and fall of mobster Henry Hill (Ray Liotta). An Irish-Italian, Hill is the central character and narrator describing his gradual inclusion into the operations and lifestyle of the mob from the menial role of delivery boy to being a highly respected operator.

Along the way we are informally introduced to other notable members, a device realised in one engaging tracking shot that pans through a blood-lit club pausing only to allow various gangsters to address the camera.

These streetwise hoodlums make their Godfather predecessors look like angels. More abrasive, more violent, more unpredictable, they ignite the movie with a nervous energy heightened by a frantic marauding camera. Out of these, Hill meets and becomes closely allied to probably the two most frightening characters in the gallery, Tommy (Joe Pesci) and Jimmy Conway (Robert De Niro) forming the terrible triad that powers the narrative to its finale. Tommy, a psychotic individual is played in superb manic fashion by Pesci literally pulling no punches in what is the performance of his career to date. Jimmy Conway, another Irish-Italian, is a more subtle figure; a vicious manipulator (especially of his deranged sidekick as witnessed in a shocking card-game sequence). Hill in most of these exchanges plays the passive third man, adopting a non-moralising commentary on a world where action graphically speaks louder than words. As in Mean Streets an incisive black humour peppers the consistently sharp dialogue and punctuates scenes of disturbing ferocity so that one is caught between laughter and horror. In similar fashion, Goodfellas is scored by a pop/rock soundtrack taken from the various eras culminating with the Sid Vicious version of 'My Way'.

Goodfellas will undoubtedly emerge as one of the films of the nineties just as Mean Streets did in the seventies. One criticism however is that the plot tends to become disjointed in the latter half of this quite long film, most noticeably in the seemingly irrelevant detailing of Hills' routine immediately prior to his arrest. This apparent directorial self-indulgence results in the tightness of the narrative being lost in the closing stages. Nonetheless this movie stands testament to recent American cinema at its finest and is essential viewing not least for a series of superb montages that include a masterful kitchen tracking shot, a hypnotic close-up of De Niro accompanied by Cream's 'Sunshine of your love', and most notably for the electric performances that burn through the screen. Highly recommended viewing.

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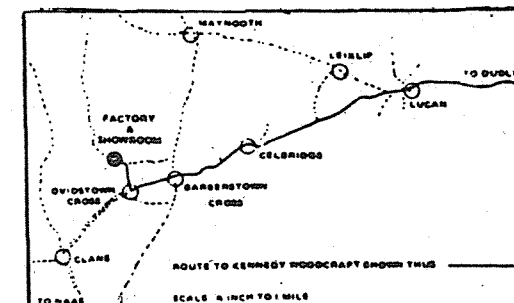
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watching all the plastic smiles,
before they each peter home
to their narrow little lives.

Christina Hession.

A Cellar in Beriut by Piper Mc Call

The darkness breathes around me,
Each breath it takes steals the air from my lungs.
Fear paralyses my mind.
Woven amongst the images behind my eyes,
Closed taut against the rough cloth.
Stark scenes of a time gone by,
Or perhaps yet to come.
Prying eyes look down upon me,
Lying prone on a cold stone floor,
In my tiny room beneath the earth.
'oft times I cried out to ease my pain.
Now it wears a friendly face,
To tell me life still flows,
Through a body I no longer feel.
Tip tap, tip tap, out there in the night,
Or is it day,
So long that sound is all I hear,
Snow melting through the ground,
Or a summer shower flowing softly away.
Time slips by, a day, a week, a month, a year.
I pray my Lord to thank him,
Today I did not die, yet time slips by.

Angela Murtagh.

Memories Of Gollierstown

I love to go a strolling by those moors and ponds so sweet
The emerald green grass under me a carpet for my feet
And looking to the old lime kiln its ruined walls so bleak
Yet still I hear the worker's ghosts from inside of it speak
Clambering up a gentle slope I stop and gaze around
The scene that lies before me is dear old Gollierstown
The place I rambled long ago when I was young and gay
But years have passed and I have grown, my hair has turned to grey.

I love to go strolling by those moors and ponds so sweet
The perfumed air of blossomed May a tonic for to meet
And feeling tired but happy now the perfumed air I seek
I rest beneath a blossomed bush of May and fall asleep
I dream of busy Dublin, buildings towering high above the ground
But my body rests this evening in lovely Gollierstown.

*Michael O'Reilly,
Dunboyne.*

A DIRTY WEEKEND IN CARRICKMACROSS

I'm happy to say that anti-intellectualism is alive and well and recently found a strong voice to celebrate the person and poetry of Mr Patrick Kavanagh. Kavanagh Yearly, now in its eight year, was launched with a brave attempt to confine events within the prescribed academic bounds, but the people put up a brave battle and won. Mind you, the organisers presented the kind of programme that escaped easy definition. It was the sort of thing one calls "an experience". If anything went over the heads of the vociferous majority they certainly challenged its significance. This was somewhat refreshing: the free play of the mind can sometimes be more like a tube journey in the brain. So there we were, quite composed and not at all prepared for the assault. But what the hell; *The Waking of Brian Boru* provided a suitable outlet for every passion.

I was able to criticise the script (I call it dreadful) and at the same time enjoy a wonderful spectacle. Theatre Omnibus' imaginative and colourful rendering brought to life the whole subversive theme of the weekend - out with myth. Ironically it was expressed in the lavish displays of ritual and pageantry that we associate with traditional narratives.

A Dirty Weekend in Carrickmacross Continued

Brian Boru was this enormous papier mache mannequin that was flung about the floor, kissed, caressed and finally left to rot without a shred of reverence - a pompous, flabby-faced bishop pranced about the stage spouting platitudes. But worse, far worse, the notion of the artist as mystic, guru and icon was smashed to bits - and all by way of tribute to Patrick Kavanagh. *Experiments with Myself*, the title of a talk by Eamon Hughes, might have applied equally well to the poetry of Fiona Pitt-Kethley, whose highly erotic work has totally changed my understanding of the older man as a lover, warts and all. Kevin McAleer, the comedian with *Nighthawks*, just happened to take a taxi to the Nuremore Hotel on his arrival. The car radio blasted out theme music from *Twin Peaks* and rounding the bend which led up the avenue he said he knew instinctively that he should have brought his wellies.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

The following is an article which was handed into us by a Newsletter reader and was taken from Feature Magazine in December 1947.

Melody from Maynooth: Story by John Mageean

This Christmas something unusual in choral work in Ireland will be the engagement at several leading hotels of a mixed choir singing carols. The choir is St. Mary's, Maynooth, and the story of its foundation and progress under the baton of Mr. Frank Walshe, the well known Irish tenor, points a moral for other provincial communities.

Nearly three years ago now, some 59 singers, varying in age from 10 to 36 years, came together under Frank Walshe's tuition. They had no knowledge of music, but they had a good musical sense - due mainly to the fact that musical tradition is strong in Maynooth for over a century. Their first three broadcasts of Palestrina, Vittoria and De Pres works aroused considerable interest and the music critics paid unanimous tribute to their fine blend, so suited to Palestrina chant. Next they did a choral fantasia on the "Bohemian Girl" by Balfe, which had a great reception at the Coliseum, Naas, for the six nights. In later broadcasts the choir has given over their programmes to works of Orlando De Lasso, the Flemish tone-poet.

By Christmas, the choir will don its new uniform. The idea of a special uniform struck Mr. Walshe last Christmas, so a "ways and means" committee under the leadership of Ed. Kiernan, their local secretary, and provision merchant in the town, was formed. From various functions, and very substantial voluntary contributions from parishioners, a fund of £250 was accumulated, thus making it possible to purchase materials.

Among the distinguished patrons of the choir are: Right Rev. Mgr. E. J. Flanagan, the famous founder of Boys' Town; Mr. W. J. Kavanagh, Maynooth, whose composition "Ave Maria" was performed on the radio, and Jan Van der Poll, the distinguished diplomat of South Africa House, London.

The late Fr. McSweeney, whose death last spring, removed the choir's greatest friend, was really the instigator of its formation.

Frank Walshe, the choirmaster, needs little introduction. Born in Boston, he came to Ireland when he was only nine. At 18 he won the Dramatic Cup at Sligo Feis Ceoil, then, in 1943, the Joseph O'Mara Cup at Dublin Feis Ceoil. He has sung operatic roles with the Dublin Grand Opera Society, has been tenor soloist in notable performances by St. Mary's Choral society, guest artiste at celebrity concerts and is a regular soloist on B.B.C. and Radio Eireann broadcasts.

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WORKER'S PARTY NOTES

Articles 2 & 3

The initiative taken by the Workers' Party in bringing a bill before the Dail to amend Articles 2 and 3 of the Constitution would certainly appear to have been justified by the recent opinion poll which showed that 53% of the population favour amendment, with only 29% against. Excluding the "don't knows" this means that two thirds of the population favour the proposed changes. The poll results show that even a large proportion of traditional Fianna Fail voters have at least an open mind on the issue.

At present, Article 2 baldly states that the national territory consists of the whole island of Ireland. The proposed amendment stated that there will be no change in the status of Northern Ireland without the consent of a majority there. Article 3 states that the jurisdiction of the Dublin government will be restricted to the 26 counties "pending the re-integration of the national territory". This would be amended to state that unification (if it is to come about) should be "in peace, harmony and by consent".

The proposed amendments seek to recognise the democratic rights of the Unionist population of Northern Ireland, while undermining any claims on the part of the Provisional IRA to a "mandate" for unification by force. This is not, of course, to abandon the aspirations of Northern Nationalists to their own identity. The amendments would retain the aspiration to unification. In addition, the Workers' Party has long been campaigning for a Bill of Rights which would protect and advance the cultural identity of Nationalists and prohibit all forms of discrimination against them.

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Divorce

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Traffic in Maynooth

In view of the serious deterioration in the traffic situation in Maynooth over the last year or so, Commissioner Catherine Murphy has made a detailed submission to Kildare County Council and the Gardai in Maynooth concerning immediate measures which need to be taken to improve the situation. These include:

- (1) Synchronised traffic lights at the junctions with the Rath-coffey and Straffan Roads.
- (2) A one-way system in the Square, with the public toilets to be demolished as part of the traffic improvement plan for the area. Thus, the cost of demolishing the toilets can be incorporated into the plans for upgrading the Straffan Road in conjunction with the construction of the town by-pass.
- (3) A ban on parking on one side of the Main Street (which has produced major improvements in traffic flow in Leixlip).
- (4) Better signposting and public lighting for the car park at The Mall, to the rear of the Main Street.

These measures should lead to better traffic flow both in, and through, the town, while also providing for enhanced pedestrian safety. Some of the measures would be of a temporary nature, to be reviewed in the light of conditions following from the completion of the by-pass.

Public lighting and pedestrian safety

Following recent attacks on students around the Maynooth area, Commissioner Catherine Murphy has again written to Kildare County Council seeking an improvement in public lighting along the main pedestrian thoroughfares in the town. In her letter, Cmmr. Murphy has emphasised that Maynooth has probably the highest density of pedestrians of any town in the country, due to the proportion of students in the population, and therefore requires special consideration as regards public lighting. Meanwhile, pedestrians are urged to avoid walking alone late at night, and in poorly lit districts.

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LABOUR PARTY NOTES

'The Thing'

'The Thing' remains an eyesore in our Main Street but step by step progress is being made towards its ultimate demolition. The most recent development has taken place at the behest of Emmet Stagg TD who last month made representations to the ESB requesting that they waive the costs involved in moving their sub-station. Earlier, the Community Council had been informed that the cost involved would amount to £13,000. Recently, Deputy Stagg has had a letter from P.J. Moriarty, Chief Executive of the ESB, indicating that the ESB are now willing to share these costs with the local community as 'the proposal is obviously one that will contribute to the appearance of the area'.

Local Labour representative, John McGinley, has undertaken to pursue the matter within the ESB and will be approaching the worker director on the board of the company with a view to keeping the pressure on and, hopefully, have the remaining charge of \$6,500 reduced further.

Deputy Stagg has also written to the Co. Manager seeking the councils detailed plans for the Square when the toilets are demolished. The Co. Manager himself has argued that there is a need for a public convenience in Maynooth as the town is the first 'tourist stop' on the way to the West. In its present condition 'the Thing' would be enough to give any tourist second thoughts while the advent of the by-pass will make the Co. Manager's argument redundant.

New Spokesperson On Social Welfare

Deputy Stagg has recently been appointed the Labour Party spokesperson on Social Welfare which has traditionally been one of the more prominent positions on the Party's front bench. Soon after his appointment, Deputy Stagg issued a statement strongly attacking views recently put forward by Bishop Newman of Limerick who claimed that the scale of poverty in our society was over-estimated and that the 'so called poor' were given special attention in the media. Deputy Stagg stated that the bishops comments were an insult to the hundreds of thousands in our society trapped in poverty. Since his appointment, Deputy Stagg has also been seeking to improve the plight of Social Employment Scheme workers who, by going on the scheme, lose their entitlement to the Christmas bonus paid to those on Social Welfare and also their 'free fuel scheme' entitlements.

Estimates Passed

The most recent meeting of Kildare Co. Council passed the estimates for the coming year despite the opposition of Labour's two councillors, Colm Purcell and Emmet Stagg. The new estimates contain a provision for service charges of £55 for water (an increase of £5 on last year) and £50 for refuse collection. A separate Labour Party motion instructing the Co. Manager to draw up the estimates excluding service charges was defeated on a vote of 14 to 4 with the main conservative parties, Fianna Fail and Fine Gael, blocking the proposal. Councillor Jim Reilly of Fine Gael suggested that all those seeking waivers from the charges due to inability to pay should be charged 'a processing fee'. The Labour Party regard this as a totally iniquitous proposal - perhaps it's part of John Bruton's new image for Fine Gael!

As in previous years the real problem for Local Government is the total inadequate funding it receives from central government. Over the last few years services have been run down, roads disimprove, the appearance of our environment deteriorates.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

As soon as Charlie Haughey finally decides to appoint a Minister for Defence, Deputy Stagg has undertaken to contact him (her?) with a view to having a substantial army presence at this years St. Patrick's Day Parade.

AIB Building in Main Street

Most commercial establishments in the Main Street have made valiant efforts over the past couple of years to improve the appearance of the premises. Next time you walk down the street take a look at the AIB bank and notice how it sticks out like a sore thumb from the rest of the streetscape. All other buildings (on both sides of the street - the notorious 'Thing' excluded) have traditional slated roofs. The AIB has a flat roof and consequently the height of the building is completely at variance with its surroundings. John McGinley has recently written to the Chairperson of the AIB group pointing out that it would be appropriate for the Bank to modify the structure of the building as a contribution to the appearance of our Main Street.

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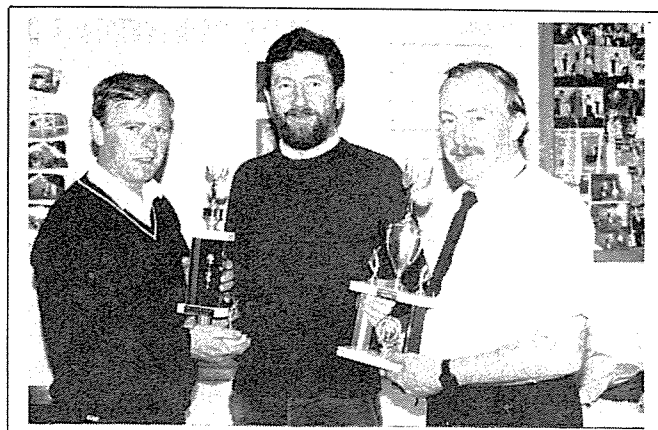
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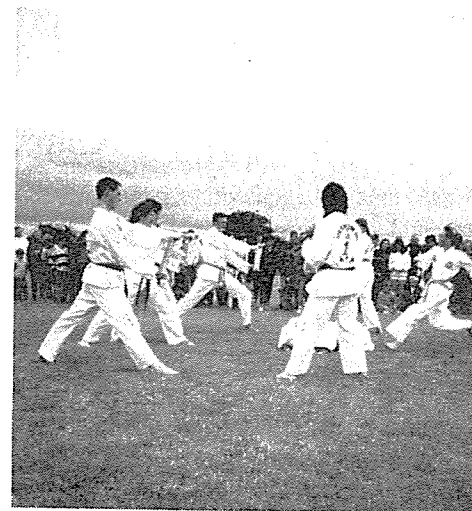
Community Week Chariot Race Winners



St. Patrick's Day Parade



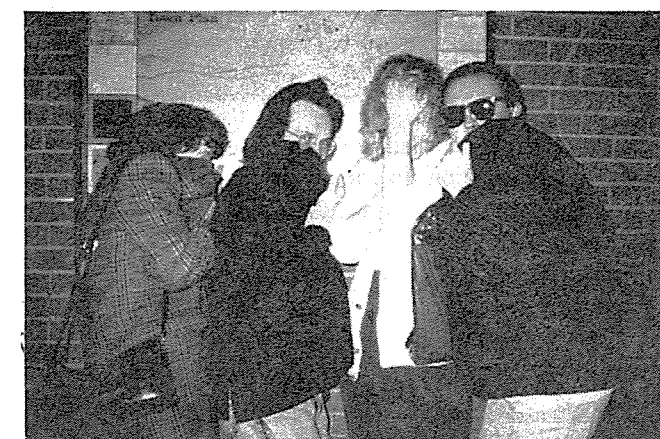
Road Up - Tree Down - Parson Street



Tae-Kwondo - Community Week



Catherine (Kitty) Thompson, celebrating her 90th birthday in the nineties. Included in the picture are sons Paddy and Johnny and daughter in law Rita.



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College Notes

GREEN NOTES

As I am no longer associated with the Green Party, anyone wishing to get information etc. should contact the Party Headquarters at 5a Upper Fownes Street, Dublin 2. Phone 771436.

Liam Kavanagh.

COLLEGE NOTES

Attacks in Maynooth

Last month six students of the College were attacked. Five of the victims were female and one male. In all cases the attacker was a man and in at least three cases probably the same man. It is believed that the attacks on the female students were sexually inspired, although only one suffered actual sexual assault. The Gardai are following a definite line of inquiry.

In order to combat this worrying situation a committee has been formed by the Student's Union in the College. Also on Wednesday 5th of December a meeting took place to create awareness among students concerning these attacks.

Most of these attacks took place off the campus and it is believed that the attacker may not belong to the college. A meeting between the students and the Community Council was arranged for Monday 10th of December.

Of particular concern to the students was the condition of the railway bridge and the bridge on the Cluain Aoibhinn road. The lack of adequate lighting makes these roads especially dangerous to females walking alone after dark. It was therefore suggested that females should avoid walking along these roads alone after dark.

The problem of on campus security was discussed at the meeting. Many students felt that the College authorities should be approached in the effort to persuade them to provide funding needed to employ extra security staff.

The adequacy of the lighting on campus was raised at the meeting (December 5th). So serious was the situation that it was recommended that the Student's Union arrange for female students to be accompanied by male students when walking home from college late at night.

The lack of public telephones on many of the housing estates in the town was also raised.

To combat this particular problem a list of student's addresses whose phone may be used in emergency cases only will be circulated in the college.

There were calls for greater cooperation between the students and local residents.

S.C.A.R.E.D

S.C.A.R.E.D. is a group set up in the U.S.A. to combat the growing nightmare of rape, and a group was set up last month in the College following the series of attacks. The name S.C.A.R.E.D. means "Students Concerned About Rape Education." It intends to equip people with some techniques in preventing, avoiding and, if necessary fending off a rapist. In order to avoid possible dangerous situations a number of useful suggestions were made:-

- (1) Try not to walk alone after dark.
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In the case of an attack there is also a number of things one could do, such as:-

- (1) Make as much noise as possible.
- (2) Use objects such as bags, finger-nails, keys etc. to hurt your attacker, an aerosol spray may also be used.
- (3) Try if possible to reason with your attacker, but only as a last resort.

The point was also made that males should be more sensitive to the fears females have of being attacked. They should avoid walking too close behind females. They should try to walk on opposite side of the road if possible, if they don't know the female personal.

This is obviously an issue which concerns all the residents of Maynooth. It may only have been a coincidence that those attacked, last month were all students. Until this man is caught all females in the Maynooth area should be vigilant. Anybody who has any information or has been accosted should contact the Gardai immediately.

Mature students

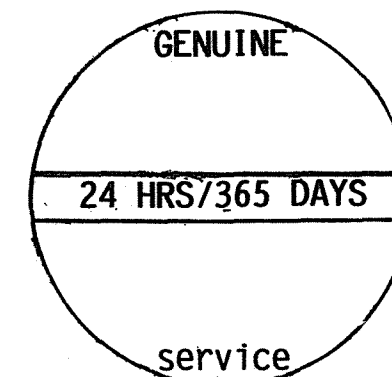
As some of you may know already the College takes in a number of "older" students each year. These students differ from other applicants in that they don't have the matriculation points needed to enter university. This may be because they either did not do a leaving certificate, or did not reach the required standard in their leaving certificate.

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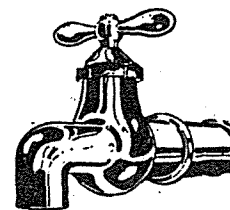
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The first application is judged by the Registrar and the Dean. This is done on the basis of an interview, previous academic experience is considered but is not essential. The second can only be judged by the applicants themselves.

The sacrifices which many mature students make are impressive. Many sacrifice jobs, social lives and even to some extent their families. To be a student to-day, no matter what age one is, one needs the support of one's family. And this is especially true for mature students. Even those who are not married can have their self-confidence undermined by a family who does not understand their behaviour.

Guilt is a common feeling among many mature students. They feel guilty about being still "in school" when they should be out earning a living. They feel guilty about neglecting their friends and family, especially if they have young children. It is in dealing with these emotions that they need the support of their families.

It is hard being a mature student. But it is also very rewarding. The success rate is 25% higher among mature students than it is among younger students. There are many reasons for mature students being, on average, more successful than younger ones. It has a lot to do with commitment. It is commitment which makes the difference between success and failure in academic life.

Most people I talked to mentioned student's commitment to their studies. They have decided to come to College and have made the necessary sacrifices because they wish to learn, and to do well. This is their own decision not their parent's and they work to make it the right one.

They have one advantage over the younger students in that they are used to ordering their day which means knowing what to do and doing it. This ability in the, more apparent than real, freedom of academic life is often lacking in the younger students. They, coming straight from school, expect to have their day ordered for them.

The disadvantage many mature students suffer from is their unfamiliarity with the disciplines needed in academic life. How to write an essay or read a book quickly, and get the gist of it, for instance. This however can be overcome by talking to the academic staff and of course the younger students.

In the College there is great camaraderie among the mature students, all of whom are willing to help each other. This camaraderie is not exclusive of the younger students and many deep and rewarding friendships have been formed between mature students and younger ones.

The older students can rediscover the joy and excitement of being young through listening and perhaps sharing the experience of younger students. The younger student learns to relate to and respect personal people who are often much older than themselves. Mature students help bridge the generation gap. If all this has whetted your appetite you can learn more from the Registrar's Office, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. At the moment there are 120 mature students of whom 13 live in Maynooth.

Canteen/ Sports Centre on Way

Construction of a new canteen and sports centre for Maynooth College is expected to begin early in the new year and should be completed by next October. The two facilities are to be developed jointly as a single unit on a site located between the Student Union and the Arts Building on the new campus. The complex will house the Student Union Offices, shop and travel office, as well as a restaurant, cafe and sports hall.

The existing Student Union building will not only be retained but extended for continued use as a bar and function facility. The sports centre will be multi-purpose, with facilities for a wide range of sports including basketball, indoor football, volleyball, martial arts and weight lifting.

The canteen and sports centre project is a joint venture between the Student Union and the College authorities and will be partly paid for by funds which have been set aside from capitation by the Union for this purpose over a number of years.

The new facilities are badly needed. The lack of a sports hall has been a glaring deficiency in a campus now accommodating close on 3,000 full-time students, especially since most secondary schools with much lower student numbers already have such a facility. Pressure on the Arts Building canteen has also become intolerable due to the rapid growth in student numbers in recent years. The space in the Arts Building which will be vacated as a result of the new development will be redeveloped for teaching and office use, with the creation of a large new lecture theatre probably occupying a high priority position.

Intel comes to College

In conjunction with its decision to go ahead with its semiconductor fabrication plant at Leixlip, the Intel Corporation has begun a graduate recruitment programme in Irish third level colleges. This programme kicked off with a recent visit by a number of company personnel to Maynooth College to give a presentation on the nature of the company and its local staff needs, and to meet with prospective employees.

The presentation included a video on the company, followed by an outline by the Leixlip plant's manufacturing manager of the nature of the work which will go on in the plant and the types of graduates who will be required. Intel expect to take on about 40 graduates next June. These will be mainly science (chemistry, physics and computer science) and engineering graduates, although there will also be some openings in the finance and personnel areas.

Recruits will spend up to two years in the USA on a training programme, prior to returning to Ireland, where the fabrication plant is due to begin production in 1993. Graduates will be taken on at a basic starting salary of £14,000, with subsequent increases linked to individual performance.

Intel has already begun production of desktop computers at Leixlip, but this is largely an unskilled assembly operation with limited graduate opportunities. Anybody interested in obtaining further information on opportunities at Intel should contact the Personnel Manager at the Leixlip plant.

At the Hop

The college staff social club, the 5.05 club, held a very successful Sixties Night recently in Slim's, the Leinster Arms night club. Many of the younger people who attended marvelled at those who both knew the words of the songs, and were still able to dance to them.

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The prize for best female costume went to Ria (Maggie Thatcher) Walsh (Chemistry) while Kevin (Sergeant Pepper) Kavanagh (Biology) took the men's prize. Phil and Ilona Dix (Biology) literally swept their way to the prize as best dancing couple. The 5.05 Club committee wish to thank all those who donated spot prizes and helped out with the arrangements for the night. Also the Leinster Arms for their co-operation. The committee is anxious to attract new blood, and to this end will be calling a general meeting of College Staff in the new year. Meanwhile, they are delighted to welcome back old stalwart Suzanne Redmond after her recent sojourn in other parts of the globe.

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A TIME TO REMEMBER KATE

This is the fag-end of the year. For many it is a precious lull between the hectic activity of Christmas and the depressing scramble back to work and school which the New Year brings. Some look forward to the New Year with its promise of better times. Others, perhaps nursing a hot whiskey by the glow of the fireside, recall times past and friends departed. For me these quiet, dark days at the turn of the year are a time to remember Kate.

Her husband died six months after their marriage - lost in battle at Dunkirk in the terrible summer of 1940. Kate had no family of her own but instead mothered a gaggle of nephews and nieces who attended the nearby National School. As one of the neighbours of children I was drawn into this select group even before I went to school myself. My earliest memories are of a

cavalry charge of children through her garden at lunchtime on cold winter days. Inside, they sat around a crackling fire of sweet smelling wood and devoured enormous bowls of steaming brown Windsor soup. Sitting at the edge of the group I marvelled at their stories of Draconian teachers and school yard fights. How grown up they seemed! But then I was only four and it would be another six months before I sampled the delights and rigours of baby descended again on Kate's kitchen. The radio was turned to the 'Light' programme, the sewing basket taken from the cupboard and I was sent packing home with a batch of freshly baked scones in a brown paper bag.

Over the years I was a regular visitor to her kitchen - to boast about a prize won at school, show her my first pair of football boots or report on the family's summer holidays in Bray. And apart from the comfortable quiet of the kitchen and the gentle interest she showed in my conversation - her house contained other treasures too. Among these was the first television in our part of the street; but even that was overshadowed by an old set of the Encyclopedia Britannica stored in a magnificent bookcase in the sittingroom. Dating from the early years of the century it told of the harsh lives of fur trappers in the northern wastes of Canada, of the booming rubber trade of the Amazon basin and the bloody battles recently fought against the Zulu nation in Africa. And throughout, the volumes were illustrated with copious maps all apparently adorned with the blooming pink of the British Empire on which the sun never set.

At the age of sixty five Kate undertook an expedition to visit her cousins in Hong Kong. To me this seemed an astonishing adventure as the farthest any of my family had ventured was the occasional trip to visit relatives in London. As part of the preparations I borrowed books on Hong Kong and China from the library and checked out Istanbul and Delhi in her encyclopedia for these were to be the stop over points on her flight. On her return, the rest of the neighbours were told of her cousin's children and the sticky weather. I, however, was given a full report and as she spoke a glimpse of the genuine wonder at the sights she had seen - sunrise over India, thousands of junks jamming the harbours of Hong Kong, a carnival featuring a Chinese dragon in the teeming streets.

One of Kate's favourite stories from her own childhood was of being brought by her father in 1911 to a hill outside the town called 'the Moat' to view Halley's comet. Her description of the scene fed my imagination - the young girl and her father gazing towards the shimmering stranger in the night sky. Having told the story she would add in a matter of fact way - 'I'm sure I won't be around when Halley's comes this way again'. I found this inconceivable at the time but so it came to pass. Halley's Comet in 1986 was a disappointment for many - something to do with a changed orbit - but not for me. Standing on the Moat and trying to pick out the faint blur that was Halley's brought the memories flooding back of the ever widening circle of experience which was Kate's friendship, a friendship which was my first love affair with an older woman.

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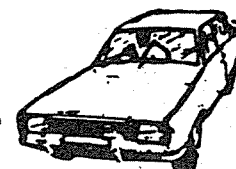
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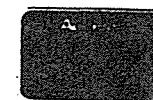
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Up to the time of going to press we have only three matches to report on and thankfully our unbeaten run this season continues.

Meath and District League

Challenge Cup First round

College Green (1) 7 Bridge Park (0)1

R. Broughan (2)

Hughes (2)

McGovern

O' Boyle

Rattigan

The "Meath Chronicle" previewed the match by asking "where will the Maynooth side play Paddy McGovern this week? It won't matter to Bridge Park who should enjoy the drive anyway." The sham from Cavan reverted to his midfield role, after filling the slightly more arduous roles of sweeper and keeper in recent weeks. The unkind comment about the visitors reflected their rather lowly position in Div. 4A and their likely drop to Div. 5 next season.

For twenty five minutes, we failed to score, either out of innate courtesy, or the visitor's desperate desire to disprove the foregoing media detraction, despite having to wait until the end of the first quarter to augment their starting complement of seven to the customary eleven. However, on twenty-five minutes the "Ballybrack Bomber", Ray Broughan opened his account for the season. In the absence of Ciaran (who was Brendan Bradley anyway) McGroarty, we failed to score again before the break.

We went 7 - 0 up before our dashing young goalkeeper from Armagh, with the flying blonde locks, was forced to make a save. The visitor's injury time goal brought the biggest cheer of the day from the large crowd (well Joe Carey has put on weight since his declaration in the matrimonial stakes). Ironically as the match programme recorded, Bridge Park and ourselves are the only two survivors from the league intake of 1986/87.

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PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Our progress has been a remarkably successful one, while Bridge Park have narrowly missed promotion every season and now find themselves struggling at the foot of Div. 4A. But the spark is still there and that is what the game is all about. College Green F.C. - McCann, Siggins, Martin, Broughan (P), O'Connor, Hughes, McGovern, Rattigan, Buckley, O'Boyle, Broughan (R). Res. - Conway for Martin (65 mins), Carey. (4-3-3)

Division 2

Grove Rangers (1) 1

College Green (0) Mc Govern (pen)

Forced to field a depleted side, we had to overcome a fifth minute penalty deficit also, in this dour top of the table clash at Mosney. Grove remained on the defensive for the bulk of the remaining 85 minutes. As the "Drogheda Independent" fairly commented, we created precious few chances for all our possession. Mc Govern was fouled in the box in a carbon copy of the earlier penalty. The "Breffini Bombshell" converted the resultant spotkick himself.

College Green F.C. - Mc Cann, Rattigan, Siggins, Broughan (P), O'Connor, Hughes, Mc Govern, O'Boyle, Mc Groarty, Buckley, Forde. (4-4-2)

Dunboyne (0) 0

College Green (1) 3
R. Broughan (2)
Mc Groarty

The scene was set with Mc Govern's daisy skimmer, which went only inches wide after four minutes. Dunboyne responded with a well orchestrated offside trap, which forced us in turn to run the ball from midfield, in difficult and wintry conditions. Finally it was Mc Groarty's well struck free kick that broke the deadlock. The home keeper failed to hold the shot and Ray Broughan finished well, after 35 minutes. Two subsequent penalty claims by us were rejected by the referee.

A minute after the break Paul Broughan set the Merville Maudrauder up on a jinking run which resulted in a superb second goal. "Libero" Broughan was brought down en route to goal with twenty minutes remaining. A red card resulted and Dunboyne finished with ten men. Ray Broughan lobbed an excellent third goal in the 84th minute, thanks to some great grafting from Brendan Cantwell. Overall the game was a fine spectacle on a bitterly cold day. The margin would have been greater only for some great saves from the home keeper.

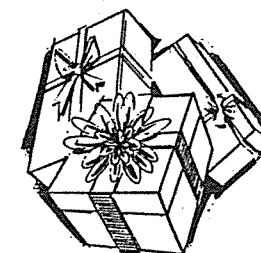
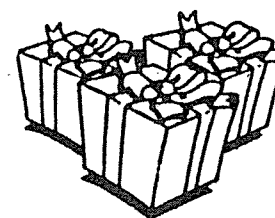
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Yours In Sport,
Declan Forde.

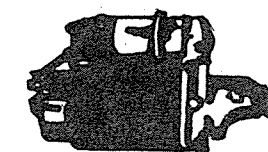
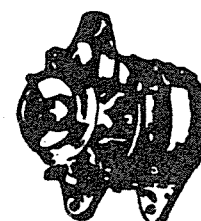
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Sports News

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

With the coming of the Festival Season we ourselves can now take things easy with the winding down of our own football season. Games have been few since our last report due to the bad weather and closure of the leagues for a few weeks. Those who have been braving the elements in support of our teams can now sit back at the weekends and reflect on what has been a very rewarding season for us so far. The inclusion of some new blood in the club has meant more competition for places and therefore players had to make a greater effort to gain a place in a team. On gaining a place the extra effort put in to maintaining that place provided great competition among the various players. Spirit has been high since the season's start and after a rather quiet kick-off our senior and schoolboy's teams are in top form at present. Much of the credit for this must go to all our team trainers who have brought our fitness to a level not attained for some time. Credit also to the players themselves who undertook such a strenuous training programme pre-season and who are now reaping the reward for the loss of their pounds. The club would like to extend greetings to all and trust that your hopes and wishes all come true in 1991.

Dalton Cup 3rd Round

St. Vincents 2 Maynooth Town 5

John Doyle stole the show in this cup game, scoring a hat trick to ensure our passage into the next round. The concession of two goals by Maynooth failed to take the gloss off a very polished performance. Mark Shaw continued his recent good form scoring an excellent goal and generally setting up many of Maynooths attacks. The surging upfields runs by Philip Doyle always had the St. Vincents defence back pedalling and made it a very uncomfortable morning for them. The tightly knit Maynooth defence of Gerry Thompson, Noel Kearns, Vinny McKenna and Paul McCourt gave very little away and would have to be compared with scrooge. The steadying influence of Mick McGarry in goal meant that mistakes if any would be dealt with capable. Our midfield proved to be a very formidable unit and seldom gave the St. Vincents side any chance of setting up any worthwhile attack. Dessie Farrell, Mark Shaw and Philip Doyle make up this trio and there are few better if any throughout the league. Our front players having been reaping the benefit of the many chances provided by our midfield and are now delivering the goods. The bustling style of John Doyle, the poaching instinct of Tony Kearns and the darting runs of Sean Moore will give many a defence an uncomfortable ninety minutes during the season. Tony completed our scoring in this game in fact and looks to have regained his former sharpness in front of goal. The introduction of substitutes Joey Edwards and Derek Murray during the game did nothing to lessen the level of teamwork and emphasises our strength in depth.

Division 3 Private Grounds

Maynooth Town 1 Ventry Shangan 0

Our second team gave an excellent performance in avenging an early season defeat by the same opposition. Even our forwards would like to have to admit that pride of place must go to our defence. Ventry came to Maynooth with great hopes of taking both points and maintaining their high league position, but Maynooth were not in a very charitable mood and had no

intention of playing Santa Claus to anybody. Defences were on top throughout and scoring chances were few and far between.

It looked as if a share of the points would be the eventual outcome but in the 75th minute the deadlock was broken when Maynooth made the breakthrough which they strove so gallantly to achieve. Maynooth won a corner on their left which was taken by Mickey Kelly and headed onto the crossbar by Gerry Treacy. The rebound was gratefully headed to the net by Gerry Moen. One wondered now if we had the character and resilience to withstand the expected onslaughts of Ventry in their quest for an equaliser. We soon got our answer. Our team went into overdrive and dealt capably with everything that came at them and even had time to put the visitors defence under pressure before the final whistle. The safe handling in goal of Martin McTernan and his long goal kicks combined with long balls into the opposing half of the field were always a source of worry to the visitors defence. Our back four shade the honours in a very workmanlike team performance. Dave Thompson, John Neill, Noel Dempsey and Mickey Murphy gave an exhibition of defence qualities which is a credit to their own belief in themselves and their willingness to work for one another. Gerry Treacy, Gerry Moen, Barry Farrell and Robert Thompson made up the engine room of our team and won a fierce midfield battle with their opposite numbers and never wilted in the face of some intimidatory tactics by the visitors when the tide went against them. Mickey Kelly and Johnny Thompson manfully ploughed their furrow up front and with most of the activity centred around midfield were often called upon to forsake their forward duties to help batten down the hatches in the latter part of the game. The introduction of Anthony Smith late in the game gave a fresh pair of legs to the team and his quick darting runs upfield helped take the pressure off our hard working defence and provide much needed breathing space. The final whistle came as a great relief to the home side who relished the aftermatch refreshments with such enjoyment that it makes all the hard work so much worthwhile.

With the impending return to action of a number of players including Paddy Dowling, Fergal Barton, Joey O'Riordan, Barry Desmond and Bobby Barry among others, competition for places will be more intense than ever an 1991 should be very interesting indeed.

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Sports News

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Hillery Cup U/12

Harolds Cross 2 Maynooth Town 5

We made further progress in this cup with a very good win away to Harold's Cross. We took the lead early and added to our tally to reach the half-time break leading 2 - 0. Goals from Eamon Gallagher and Niall Byrne providing our early advantage. Harold's Cross made one of their few breaks just after the interval and reduced the leeway with a penalty which Niall Naughton was unlucky not to save. Martin Byrne restored our two goal advantage shortly after this but a rare lapse by the Maynooth defence allowed the home team to reduce the deficit once more. Eoin Guha took control of midfield after this setback and was the inspiration behind two further goals for Maynooth scoring one himself with Niall Byrne getting his second. A good all round display by the team with Eoin Guha excellent in midfield and David Coughlan rock solid in defence.

U/15 League

Maynooth Town 5 Pearse Rovers 0

Tony Regan was dominant in defence for Maynooth and always seemed to have time to dispense with his defensive duties and advance upfield to put extra pressure on an overworked visitors defence. With Maynooths' forwards availing of the many chances provided by a very efficient midfield combination a heavy defeat was always on the cards for Pearse. Stephen King scored twice for Maynooth to put the seal on a fine performance. Pdraig Flood, Benny Hanley and Tommy Fay following his return from injury completed Maynooths' scoring in recording a worth win.

Plans are well in advance for our trips to the Isle of Man for Easter Festival of football. When one recalls our achievements on our previous visits there is every reason to believe that the same success, albeit small can be achieved and the same enjoyment had by all. With a party of over twenty committed to travelling we will be well represented on the island and on sifting through some of the names travelling we will be well able to compete in the late night stakes.

SYMPATHY

Brother, sisters, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of the late Bridget (B.B.) Farrelly (nee Hughes) Leinster Cottages Maynooth.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Fr. George Dunne, S.S.S., St. Patrick's Glasgow, who has been appointed provincial.

Fr. Peter Dowling, S.S.S., St. Patrick's Glasgow, who has been appointed provincial consutor.

To Jean Doyle, Straffan Way, who received her BA in Maynooth College, from all her family and friends.

To Sean and Breda Bean, Rivers view, The Green, Maynooth, who celebrated their Pearl Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 21st.

To Emma Boyce and Noel Tracey on their recent engagement from all the gang.

To Pat and Molly Hand U.S.A on the birth of a baby boy, Pat was formerly from Main Street, Maynooth.

Sean Donovan Maynooth Park and Jackie Collins, Kingsbry, who were married in St. Mary's Church Maynooth 20th Oct.

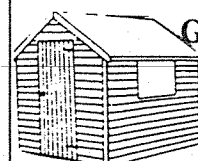
To Amelia Mullan of 1 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth, who graduated from the University of Ulster recently, with a BSC. (Honours) degree in Psychology and Sociology.

Congratulations to Rathcoffey G.A.A. Senior football team who are the Junior A Football Champions of 1990. Love Fiona.

Congratulations to Ann Kearney and Tom Travers on their recent engagement, 2 down 3 to go, any takers....? Love Fifi.

Congratulations to Ronald Barry S.M.A. House son of James and Ann Barry Main Street who received his diploma in Theology in St. Patrick's College Maynooth.

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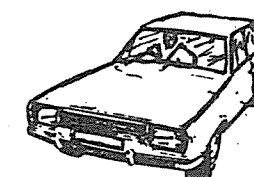
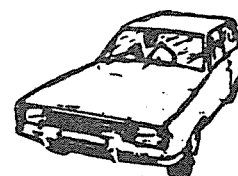
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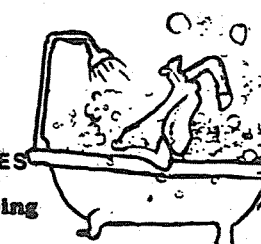
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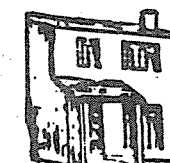
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Wedding Anniversary

Belated greetings to Pat and Mary Brady Southgate London formerly Laraghbryan Maynooth and Skibereen Cork who celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary Dec 26. Best wishes from all in Maynooth and Kilcock.

The Stork

Congratulations to Doctor Maurice and Mrs Cowhey on the birth of their baby daughter, sister for Maurice Junior.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Greetings and Happy New Year to Alan, Donal, Eamonn and James, Keep the mistletoe handy!!!! from the 'Roving Reporters'.

Greetings to the Thompson family, have a nice Christmas and New Year, see you all on the 5th at 5.30p.m. love Annemarie.

Happy New Year to Jonathan W. (roaming lips.....) Keep the mistletoe on hand.....! Love honeysuckle.

Greetings to John Walsh and Nuala from the Mad One (Toz).

Happy New Year to Mairead from Toz.

Greetings to Ryano. See you soon. from Annemarie.

Happy New Year Greetings to the Staff of Quinnsnorth from Nuala and Annemarie (miss you all loads).

Happy New Year to John Walsh, Clondalkin, love Nuala.

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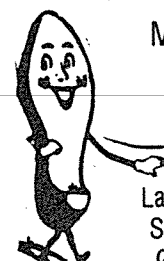
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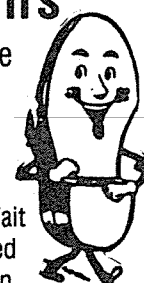
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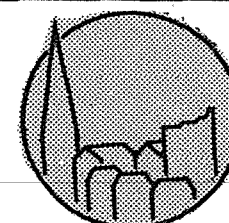


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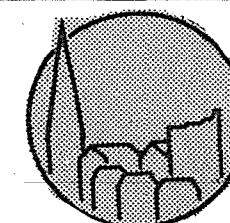
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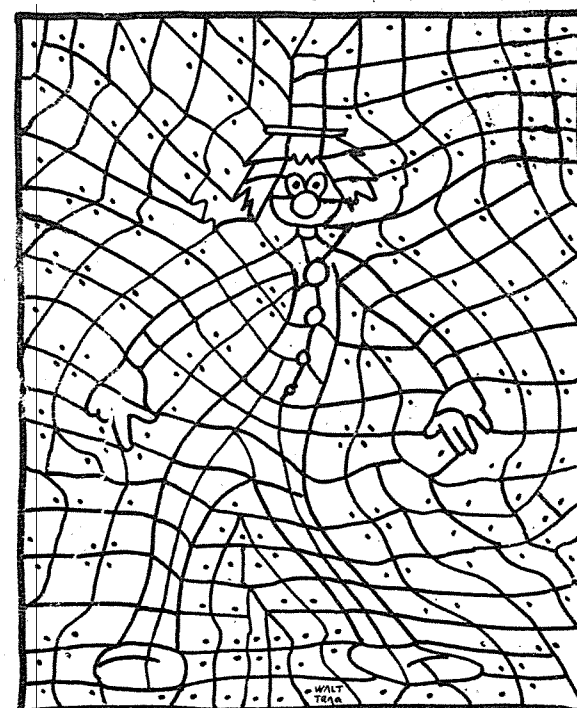
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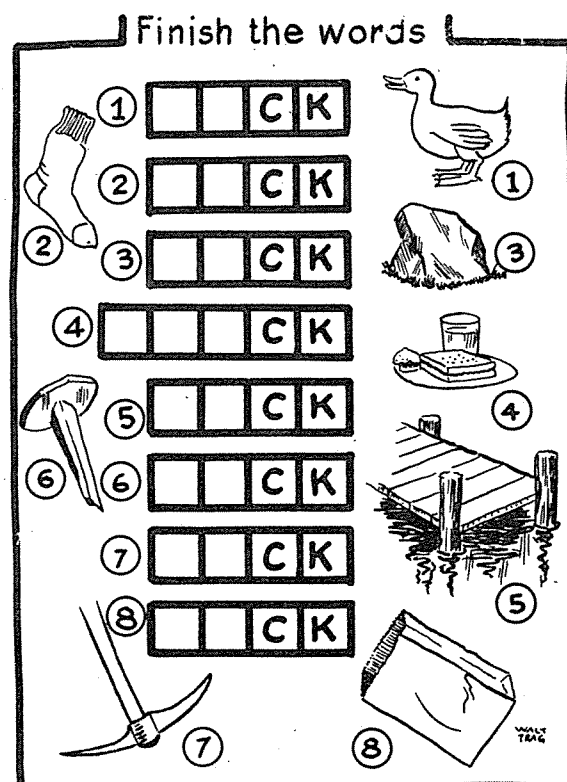
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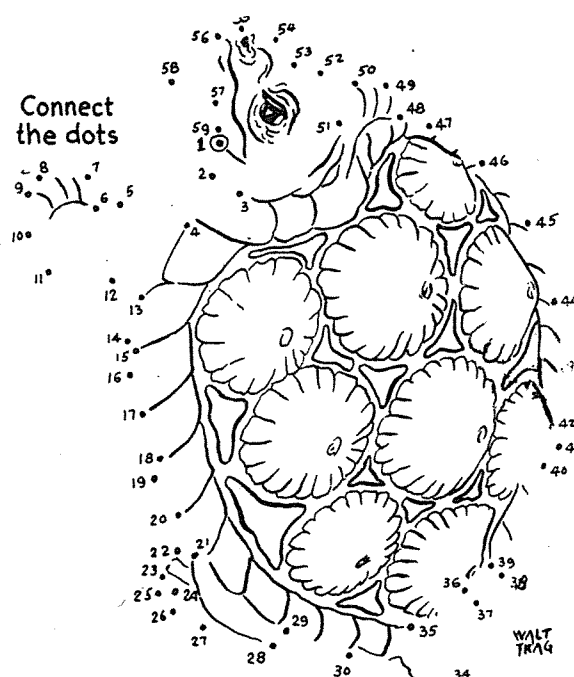
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Happy Birthday to Noel Cummins love Fiona and Tony.

To Peadar, Happy Birthday on the 11th January. Best Wishes from May, Gemma, Lynda and Paul.

To Paul Happy 6th Birthday on the 31st of January. Lots of love Daddy, Mammy, Gemma and Lynda.

Birthday wishes to Tracy Horan, 274 Greenfield, who will be 11 on January 16th. Lots of love Mammy, Daddy, Aunt's and Uncles.

Happy Birthday to Tracy who will be 11 on January 16th. love Simon.

Happy Birthday to Sheila Jermain of California (formally of Greenfield) who celebrated her birthday on January 22nd. Lots of love Tracy and Simon.

Happy Birthday to our Uncle Stephen, who will be 19 on January 25th. Lots of love Tracy, Megan, and Simon.

Happy Birthday to my sister Tracy who will be 11 on January 16th. Love Megan.

Birthday Greetings to Clare McTernan Curravilla Greenfield who celebrated her 18th birthday on December 12th. Best wishes from Daddy, Mammie, brother Gerard, Grannies, Grandad and Ian.

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Roses are Red...(aren't they??)

The joys of the Christmas season have ended abruptly with recent events in the Gulf. We are well aware of the horrors of war in our own country but the scale of misery for so many in the Arab world at present has effected our community in a most profound way. Despite the trauma of war we must not lose hope for the restoration of sanity to all concerned and concentrate on aspects of peace.

It seems appropriate then to highlight this month's issue as our Valentine's edition. The contributors have taken this love business very seriously with the intention of encouraging all our readers to enter into the spirit of romance. You will find anything from horoscopic predictions of the lovelorn kind to spells to history included in these pages, so make use of them.

Return of the Vandals

It is with regret that we must report on the recent vandalism in the town. The Christmas tree in the Square (one of the finest in years and erected by Manor Mills) was yet again torn down and the lights smashed shortly after Christmas. A similar event recently reported in Britain had at least the saving grace of being performed in protest to a contentious issue. What could our Maynooth removal crew have been objecting to, one wonders? The extreme shortage of reliable brain tissue meted out to them perhaps?

Classified Casuals in the Centrepont Mall also seems to have been the focus of wanton damage, with the effects of an apparent break-in very much in evidence recently.

Parade Competition

The Newsletter will offer £10 to the reader who comes up with the most original idea (in writing) for this year's Newsletter float in the St Patrick's Day Parade. In the past our floats have tended to be humorous in theme and presentation and we won the prize for the funniest float last year. We would like to continue in the same vein and therefore we encourage your ideas to reflect this. Should we find the winning idea a feasible one we shall use it as our theme and credit the winner in the April issue. Entries should be addressed to **The Editor, Maynooth Newsletter, Main Street, Maynooth** and should reach us no later than Monday 18th February at 5pm. No late entries will be considered so start thinking now.

Tall Stories

A reminder to all you writers to get the biro (or the word processor) out and get those stories in to us before the March 19th closing date. Make sure the piece does not exceed 1,000 words. This year, as usual, we will accept entries in three categories: the under 12s, 12-18 year olds and the over 18s (this includes the forever thirtysomethings and the neverever forties). Prizes will be substantial as always - details of same will be included in the March edition (in shops on March 1st).

Letters

Finally, we welcome the new life brought to our letters page this month by the huge increase in correspondence to us. For years we were under the impression that nobody knew our address or that perhaps the sales figures were mysteriously misleading. Every publication thrives on correspondence and as far as we're concerned, the more we get the better.

Letters to the Editor

Open Carton again.

Dear Editor,
May I avail of the facility of your magazine to suggest to the Community Council that they consider holding another visiting day in Carton House during the forthcoming summer. I had heard that last year's event was to be the final one of its kind and I consider this, if true, to be extremely distressing. Maynooth and its people has, for centuries, been linked inseparably with this magnificent house and grounds and each visiting day provides the townspeople with an opportunity to keep this tradition alive. Last year friends of mine travelled from Roscommon especially to view the house, proving that its attraction reaches even beyond the immediate locality. The volume of the crowds who visited in previous years must surely impress upon the owners to arrange another open day with you. Looking forward to hearing some good news regarding this event!

Yours sincerely,
Seamus O' Caoile, Kingsbry.

State of Footpaths

A Chara,
Enclosed is a letter I received from John Carrick, Co. Engineer, regarding the condition of the footpaths in Maynooth. I am pleased to learn that reconstruction of paths and new paths on the Moyglare Road and Convent Road are planned for the coming year. However, I am not happy with the fact that only routine patching and maintenance are to be done to the paths on Main Street. I will continue with my endeavours to have these paths restored as you are aware they are in a desperate state at present and patching will not be sufficient. Wishing you a very happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,
Sean Power, T.D.

Dear Deputy,
Re: Condition of footpaths in Maynooth area.
I refer to your representations of 11/12/90 on behalf of the Maynooth Residents, regarding the above matter. Works on reconstruction of paths and new paths on the Moyglare Road, Convent Road, Maynooth, are envisaged for 1991. The amount of work will depend of course on grants available to the Council. Routine patching, maintenance will be done on paths on Main Street from time to time.

Yours faithfully,
John Carrick,
County Engineer.

Parking Problems in Maynooth

Dear Editor,
It was very surprising to note in your last issue that our Chamber of Commerce should recommend the disfigurement of the Main Street as a solution to the traffic problem in the town. The revision of parking bays would not help the situation but

would add to the problems particularly to those of us living in the area. Indeed we have lost very very much in quality of living already. It is only fair therefore that we should ask those driving through to accept a little of the discomfort. A few extra minutes (and this only for a couple of hours in the day) is not too much to ask while we have to put up with the fumes, noise and annoyance for 24 hours a day seven days a week. This is not the first time that such parking bays between trees were suggested. The County Council had the same idea some years ago but withdrew after objections by the towns people. The same objections still hold good. Our suggestions would be as follows:
(I) To keep the bus stops free of obstruction (buses cause considerable disruption by unavoidable double parking) particularly in the Main Street.
(II) Business people to open the back of their premises for parking their own and their employees' cars.
(III) Banning the parking of large vehicles on the "Main through road" between 8am & 8pm.
(IV) Banning, if possible, day long parking of commuters cars in the Square and on the 'through road'.
(V) Extension of and use of the car park in Pound St. (the Co. Council own the ground behind).
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Ted Kelly.

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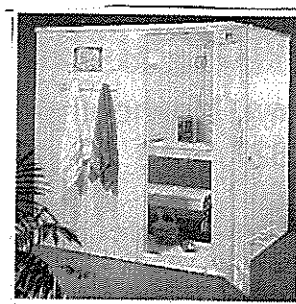
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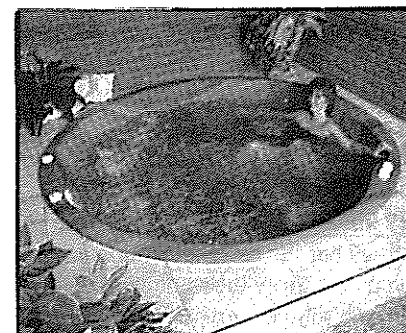
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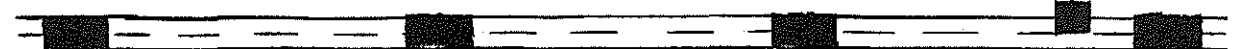
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Letters to the Editor

Barriers facing the disabled

3rd January 1991

Dear Editor,

In reference to the article in the December edition "Scale the Heights?", I would like to thank all the people of Maynooth, students and others who supported "the student protest" outside the main gates of the college last October.

In particular the sixteen hundred people who signed the petition calling on the college authorities to implement a policy for all students with disabilities and assistance to providing accessible accommodation and classrooms for the Diploma in youth and community work course as was the situation last year until the arrangement was reversed at the beginning of last term.

All around the country people find themselves in similar situations of being marginalised and discriminated, women with children in prams who can't get into post offices and banks. Travellers who are constantly being denied their rights.

People with disabilities experience on a daily basis manmade handicapping features in the environment despite being entitled to the same choices of activities and freedom of access as any other person.

All too often additional barriers, mainly physical and attitudinal force people with disabilities to resort to segregated arrangements or just become disillusioned and end up feeling unwanted and dejected becoming prisoners in their own homes when what they want to do is to fully participate in life as is their right. Since a compromise was found to the protest I have been accommodated with the Kiltegan Fathers on a temporary basis, which they kindly agreed to, lectures have been moved to the Arts buildings but the daily allocation of these has not as yet been worked out. From the student union assembly a committee was formed to make up policy for all disabled students to present to the College Executive Council. This committee is at present gathering relevant information on all aspects of this policy which will in the long run aid all students.

One objective of this committee we would see as broadening general awareness and help other disabled students coming to Maynooth and assist the college authority's cope with their needs and hopefully clear the way in future for other students with disabilities. So that in future direct action like this protest will never have to be repeated especially around an issue like disability.

Edward Jennings.

No vegetarian restaurants

17th January 1991

Dear Editor,

It is with a certain amount of annoyance that I write to endorse one of your New Year's resolutions (January issue, page three) and to draw your readers' attention to the fact that there is no satisfactory vegetarian menu available in any of the restaurants which I have frequented in Maynooth. This, despite the facts that more and more people are choosing to be vegetarian and that most towns and cities in Britain and Ireland have at least one vegetarian restaurant, not to mention menu!

There are occasional comforts to be derived from the fact that Kehoe's Delicatessen sometimes have a vegetarian dish on offer, as is also the case with Patrick's. Apart from a fine

selection of salads however the Country Shop restaurant rarely have a meat free dish available - nor does the Leinster Arms. And what has happened to Stephen Hero's? Only a few days ago I discovered that the upstairs section was open for a trial period until late in the evening. I have to suggest to the management of this cafe that they seriously consider advertising the aspects of their existence - I don't know of anybody who was aware of the opening until well after it had closed due, presumably, to low attendance. Perhaps they might also benefit from having a wider selection of food than the unique (if somewhat lonely) sandwiches on offer.

Surely it is not too much to hope that the restaurants in Maynooth wake up to the fact that they will need to support a potentially large tourist trade passing each summer which will almost certainly do precisely that - pass - if there is not the wider range of food available here which we have come to expect from restaurants everywhere else?

Yours,

Michelle Lannigan,
Cluain Aoibhinn.

Is Divorce the issue?

Dear Editor,

I write in reply to a piece on divorce that appeared in the page entitled 'Political Notes' in last month's edition of the Newsletter. I accept the need for facilities that cater for all sectors of our pluralist society and by implication I recognise that legislative change is also called for.

Hugh McCartan

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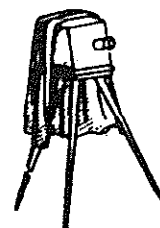
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Letters to the Editor

However, I must say that I was alarmed to read the confident equation your reporter made between 'progressive' and open Irish minds and that of those advocating divorce. Surely it is altogether possible as an objective moral evil in our present understanding of Catholic marriage and at the same time to claim a progressive and liberal attitude. Why is it then that such sensitive issues as this one cause a split in our community by presuming to separate the bigots from the thinkers or worse again the ignorant from the enlightened. It seems to me that the area of contention is centred on how we perceive marriage. Do we accept that it should be legally binding in a way that perhaps no other institution in Irish society is? Or is it that we view marriage as essentially godly and therefore as a sacrament? Is it by its nature indissoluble and enduring?

I think it is fair to say that for those who wish to make the kind of commitment asked of them by the Catholic Church and by their own understanding of the nature of marital union that a divorce should never be imposed. But for those who in conscience feel incapable of taking such vows might there not be some other service, less 'secular', say, than the registry office option but in character less final than the present church ceremony? The debate as we all know is rather about to what extent should the Catholic Church influence the State law. Is it possible to provide for those of a religious persuasion whilst at the same time respecting the rights of those unbound by such vows? An enforcement of a moral law can never be said to achieve 'good' citizens, only obedient ones. If one's conscience genuinely rejects such State legislation then perhaps it's time for a serious evaluation and no more of this 'long finger business'. It is time to remove the issue from the arena of liberal / conservative labelling and tackle the reality of state-church politics.

Yours,
Mary Elliot.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the Community Council took place on January 21st in the Post Primary school. The executive officers of the Council were returned unanimously for another year: John McGinley (Chairperson); Muireann Ni Bhrolchain (Vice-Chairperson); Peter Hussey (Secretary); Margaret Cline (P.R.O.); Dominic Nyland and Matt Kirwin (Joint Treasurers).

Chairperson's and Secretary's Reports

The following were the main issues raised by the officers' reports.

This is the second year of the Community Council's third term. The experience of other community councils has been that the third term has been a central point in their development and that usually at this stage it has been difficult to get people to participate on or even stand for council positions. Maynooth Community Council is fortunate in this regard - participation is still relatively good and a number of our present councillors were also members of the first two councils. Elections for the fourth Community Council will be held in March or April of 1992.

During 1991 a review and reform of the subcommittees was undertaken so as to involve as many people as possible in their

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activities. The St Patrick's Day Parade Committee is now going full steam ahead and is having its next meeting on 5th February. Anyone who would like to participate in the meeting is more than welcome to come along. The Community Festival Committee will be formed at a meeting in Caulfield's meeting room on Monday, 4th February at 8.30pm. Public participation in the Community Festival in previous years has been quite poor so the committee will be aiming to promote the Festival as much as possible. Ideally it should be brought into line with those of our neighbouring towns. To do this we need original ideas and considerable dedication. If you feel that you might have something to offer please come along to at least one meeting.

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All the other sub committees continue invaluable work and all would welcome active participation from new members. Work in progress includes the Tourist Brochure of Maynooth (hopefully to be sponsored by Bord Failte) and a Children's History Of Maynooth. Both items are being managed by the Communications Sub Committee which will be holding a planning meeting on Tuesday, 12th February at 8.30pm in the town library. Again, anybody interested in coming along may do so.

Last Years' Activities

The St Patrick's Day Parade was once again a huge success, attracting floats and spectators from far and wide. It is the largest parade in Leinster outside of Dublin and drew the attention last year of R.T.E.

The Carton House Open Days were, as usual, tremendously successful - people from all over the country availed of the unique opportunity to visit the house. The meeting unanimously endorsed the hope that it might be open again later this year.

The 1990 Maynooth Information Directory was launched in January and was the result of combined S.E.S. and Teamwork output from the office.

Campaigns such as the ongoing one to have the 'Thing' removed gained momentum, as did the Town Commission Status for Maynooth Campaign. Social events such as the two treasure hunts, numerous table quizzes, inter estate soccer tournament, talent competitions, Battle of the Bands etc proved to be highpoints of the entertainment year.

Of course, **The Maynooth Newsletter** has gone from strength to strength having dramatically updated its image and format and improved coverage of newsworthy items on Maynooth. An S.E.S. worker has recently been employed to specifically unearth and report on such news items. If you wish to have an issue covered contact Gerry Scully at the office. The Newsletter is continuing to change its format and features, adding something different to each edition.

Acknowledgements are due to the hardworking Editorial Board and the trojan work of the office staff.

Placement rate as a result of working in the office has been maintained at an impressive level - of the eleven workers who passed through our employ last year 8 have secured fulltime employment and one returned to fulltime education.

Objectives

Some of the Council's objectives for this year include the successful conclusion to the Remove the 'Thing' Campaign, getting the County Council to resurface the roads and footpaths in and around Maynooth, holding a vibrant and event filled Community Festival, publishing the history book and tourist brochure, organising more and varied social events and making a determined effort to bring Maynooth up a considerable distance in the points table for the Tidy Towns Competition.

Correspondence regarding the 'Thing'

The Community Council had urged the E.S.B. to relocate their sub-station which is currently in the Square and was holding up developments in plans to remove the public toilets. Mr T Murray, Regional Manager with the E.S.B. replied to our request as printed below. We are currently seeking ways to raise the £6,500 necessary to have the job done.

17th December, 1990.

Dear Mr. McGinley,

Your letter of 23rd October, 1990 to the Director, Customer Operations and previous correspondence with ESB refer.

It is clear that ESB could not afford to replace its assets free of charge for environmental or other reasons, and there are many requests to this effect. As you say in your letter, ESB has a policy of contributing to the improvement in the environment. In the case of networks, this has been done in association principally with the local community and the local authority. The proposal for Maynooth is obviously one which will contribute to the appearance of the area and we are anxious to contribute to this process.

I am prepared to share the costs (£13,185) with the Community Council and the County Council - the ESB contribution to be £6,500, provided the works requested in our letter of 9th October to the Community Council are carried out at no additional costs to ESB.

The North Branch staff in Dublin Region will be in contact with the Community Council and Kildare County Council to work out the details. We will give our full co-operation to the project.

Yours sincerely,
T. Murray.
Regional Manager.

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Local Clubs & Societies

I.C.A. NOTES

The January meeting was held on Thursday Jan 5th. Our president Madeline Stynes wished everybody a Happy New Year. Sympathy was extended to Mrs Curran on the death of her brother.

The monthly competition - A slice of Christmas Cake was won by Mary Doyle 2nd Rosemary Hanley and 3rd Anna Dolan. The competition for February - My Favourite Cup & Saucer. The February meeting will be held on Thursday 7th at 8 pm in the ICA Hall, The Harbour. Joe Fitzpatrick from Irish Heart Foundation will address the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

P.R.O.

Mairead Scanlon.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Our Christmas Show which was held in the SVD Hostel was a great success. Jamie Burnside from Derry enthralled us all with very beautiful and innovative exhibits, all the while entertaining us with his dry northern wit.

Our hearty congratulations go to our club secretary, Felicity Satchwell on her wonderful achievement of taking 1st Prize for Collage at the London Overseas Show.

We would like to extend our sympathy to the family of one of our founder members, Mrs. Doreen White, who died recently. Sympathies are also extended to our committee members, Sarah Angel and Felicity Satchwell on the death of Sarah's Father-in-law and Felicity's uncle, George Angel.

As demonstrator for our next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday 19th February, we are proud to present Imelda Desmond, one of our own members and a renowned flower arranger and demonstrator. The title of the demonstration will be "Curtains Up".

We would like to remind you of our change of time and venue. Our meetings are now held every 3rd Tuesday in the Post Primary School.

New members are always welcome.

P.R.O.

R. Smyth.

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES

Carton Harbour

People driving on the Main Dublin Road will have noticed that rustic fencing has been installed on one side of Pikes Bridge. It is hoped to continue this on the other side of the bridge after renovations. Some of the walls have been refurbished along the quay side and, although recent weather made work difficult, work is reasonably on target.

Litter

It is with deep regret that we have to announce that some thoughtless person has been persistently dumping refuse adjacent to the slipway in the Main Harbour. This can be construed

only as a gross insult to the people of the Maynooth area as a whole, who gave unstintingly of their time and generosity to restore the harbour and canal. However a lot can be gained from looking through bags of rubbish and since the offender is now known to us we would ask the person to desist forthwith.

Paths

Yes! You can enjoy a walk from Maynooth to Leixlip and even further since paths have now been cleared. It is advised that some of the paths might be some what muddy as a result of recent inclement weather.

The Island

We take this opportunity to thank the O.P.W. Waterways Team who successfully completed work on the raising of the Island. Special thanks to Kathleen Brewster and John McKeown for their valued input to this major work and indeed to all works of restoration.

Readers need not worry, we are assured that grass, rushes and wild flowers will soon start to grow on the new part of the Island in the spring time when growth starts again.

Questions

In next months issue we will be answering the questions that people tend to ask at almost every fund raising and promotional event so if you were wondering about certain aspects of the canal then your questions might be answered. DON'T MISS IT.

Gerry Fitzpatrick

P.R.O.

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Residents' Association Notes

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The news, now that we have all eaten our fill, entertained and been entertained to the highest degree, and have now come back down to earth with the usual bang, is that the Supper Dance is on the horizon. Just when you thought mundanity was all you had to look forward to, the Association to the rescue. Hold all appointments for Saturday, 9th February 1991. Your spirits will be lifted, you will meet your neighbours in a warm and pleasant atmosphere and you will not even have to drive there and back unless you choose to as there will be a mini-bus available on the night!! Now what more could a body ask??

The details are as follows:-

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Minibus Contact Seamus Grant Direct prior to the 9th February.

(Just remember the Garda ANTI Drink/Drive campaign, it would be wise to be safe rather than sorry)

All of the stakes for the fence on Lawrence Avenue have not yet been erected. The physical assistance of the residents is required. People of the Avenue should try to come out and give a hand as it is YOUR children who are at most risk. But any help will be welcomed by those staunch workers who have done virtually all the fence work up to now.

The PRO has had to resign from the committee due to extra commitments and the committee wish to say that she will be sadly missed. (Personally, my biggest regret is not being double-jointed as I have been asked by the committee to give myself a pat on the back!!) Here is an opportunity knocking for someone who, as they say, has a way with words, so sharpen your pens and volunteer. You will be welcomed warmly by the remaining committee, even if only as a respite from me.

Last but not least, the AGM of the Association will be held on Monday, 4th March in the college. All will be welcome to attend. Remember it is YOUR Association and can only function if it gets your support. If each householder would serve for even year, the burden would be very light and you would not have to see the same old faces asking for subs and nagging you to help out or clean up or whatever. With over 250 houses in the Estate, and only ten to twelve members on the committee, it would take over 20 YEARS for your turn to come back around. Remember, women are especially welcome on the committee as they tend to be very much in touch with the grass roots. So come on ladies, come to the AGM and get on the committee. It is not that onerous a task and you might even enjoy it.

NEW GREENFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, PHASE THREE.

Well Christmas is well over now and we are into a New Year. This is when we will have to get our heads together, and make our estate what we want it to be.

The committee has a lot of ideas, but we want the people to come and say what they have in mind, come to the committee and tell us what you would like to see. Well we have our Goal

Posts up and when the weather is better we will line the Pitch. At this point we would like to thank Mick O'Sullivan. The Disco was a great success, a good time was had by all the children even the Mums enjoyed it, on the same night we had the winner of our Name the Estate Competition. That was won by Elaine Carrougters, she received a voucher for the Bike Shop. We would like to thank all the people of Greenfield for their support with the Raffles leading up to Christmas. What we want to do next would not be possible without your support, which will enable us to buy the trees and shrubs and what ever else is wanted. Thank you.

A Happy New Year to you all from The Committee.

Secretary
Ann Kirby.

LYREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The major talking point this month is the 'No Entry' Signs which have at long last been erected at both entrances to the long lane. After the initial stage where motorists genuinely did not notice them things have improved considerably. The volume of 'race track' traffic has practically ceased and it is now a much safer area to walk, or drive through.

The problem has not totally gone away though. We are still getting those who cannot be bothered to make the detour, love breaking the law anyway or, as in one case, think the signs are for 'one way traffic'. We are grateful to the Gardai who have played their part in backing up the signs and to all those motorists who have passed their driving test and know that a black arrow with a red line through it really does mean NO ENTRY.

We should soon be getting back to normal with our committee and open meetings so we will have a little more news for the next Newsletter.

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Fundraising - The committee wishes to express its appreciation to all who supported the Bingo before Christmas, also many thanks to parents who donated prizes for the very successful draw.

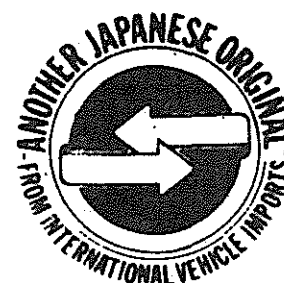
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Committees' News

We would also like to thank Owen Byrne, John O'Connor and their Bingo Committee for their very professional running of the event. It is proposed to hold an American Tea Party on April 12th in the County Club Dunshaughlin - music by Panache. It is hoped to run busses depending on demand and we will be looking for your support on this - but more later. Family subscriptions of £5 are now due and this is being collected in the school or at each years Parent Teacher Meeting (Leaving Cert. on Wednesday 23rd February at 7.30p.m.). Remember that any money collected goes back to help in school.

Tennis - A preliminary committee is working towards the formation of a Club and it is hoped to circulate parents as soon as possible.

P.R.O.
W. Coughlan

LADYCHAPEL GRAVEYARD RESTORATION GROUP

On a recent Sunday the above group held a monster Bingo at the Parochial Hall to raise funds for the on-going care of Ladychapel Graveyard.

We would like to thank the Maynooth Bingo Committee for running the show for us and Fr. Supple P.P. for all his help, also our sponsors for the Raffle: The Elite, Thomas Fields Supermarket - Kilcock, The Chocolate Box - Kilcock, Top of the Crop, The Country Shop Restaurant, Ultra Vision, Paddy and Eddie Travers, Jim's Shoe Repair, McKennas' - Clane, Joseph Buckley, Pat Travers and Reilly's Undertakers.

Also we urge anybody who has not visited the graveyard since its restoration to do so on the first Fine day.

Again many thanks to all who helped in any way.

P.R.O.
H. Dunne.

BAND BULLETIN

Welcome to our first Bulletin of 1991 (it should have been last month but I was caught with my commas down by the Editors early closing date for Christmas).

Firstly can we thank all who were so generous during our Christmas Carol Recitals. We tried to visit as many areas as possible but the intense cold on several nights made sure that our wish was not granted. Fingers became so numb that many notes refused to be flattened and frozen toes absolutely stiffened at the mere mention of further abuse so it was a case of hearing to curtail our visits. Christmas morning was also bitterly cold and I'm sure many of our members looked longingly at those with fur coats and hats as we waited outside the Church Gate at the start of the Parade. We were grateful to those hardy annuals who stood in the square later on to listen to the last of the Christmas music. We wished we could have stayed longer but the human body being what it is.....

The New Year means the new uniform and it looks like our target of St. Patrick's Day may not now be met. The fund has

almost reached it's target and we are having last minute hitches with the final design of the uniform which we hope to have ironed out (pardon the pun) very soon. We can promise that if it is not unveiled for the Parade on March 17th that we will let you all know when 'D' Day is planned so that as many people as possible will have an opportunity to see the uniform for the first time. You can rest assured that the first public showing will be in Maynooth.

We will have news of our new officers and committee for 1991 in our next issue as our A.G.M. takes place at the end of January, look forward to seeing you then.

MAYNOOTH CREDIT UNION NOTES

The Annual Staff Dinner/Cabaret of the Maynooth Credit Union was held in Slims, The Leinster Arms, Maynooth on Saturday 12th January 1991. A very enjoyable night was had by all, as usual the food was delicious. We would like to say a special word of thanks to all the people who generously donated spot prizes for our event. The time has come for our Poster Competition, closing date being on 12/1/91. We would like to congratulate our winners which are as follows.....

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We would like to thank all those who submitted posters for the competition, the standard was very high this year which made our task of judging the winners very hard indeed.

Dividends to all members and shares are being posted to their accounts at the moment. New members are always very welcome. The hours of opening for this branch are as follows....

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P.R.O.
May Haren.

PRESENTATION CONVENT PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our first fund-raising event this year was our annual Christmas raffle. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following sponsors who made this event possible;

Tom Richardson, F. McManus, Newtown Stores, C. Mulready, Kehoe's Delicatessen, J.J. Lawlor Ltd., Ted Halpin, Bank of Ireland, Ulster Bank, A.I.B., Top of the Crop, Conroy Chemist, Chloe's Boutique, G. Mulcahy Butcher, Hula Bou Boutique, Maynooth Bookshop, Donovan's Newsagents - Greenfield, New Waves Hairdressers, Maynooth Jewellers, Nuzstop, Gerry King, McCormack Chemist, Henry Flynn, The Elite Confectionery, Quinnsworth Supermarket, Tom Gearaghty, Doyle's Shoe Shop, The Flower Pot, Slender World, House Pride, J. Smyth - Butcher.

It is time once again to ask for the annual subscription of £5.00 per family for the above association. The main function of this association is to provide equipment for the classrooms and help with the running costs of the school finance for which there is nothing available from any other source, so your contributions are indeed a valuable source of income for the association. We encourage everyone to make an effort to contribute and we thank you for your continued support..

Our grateful appreciation to last year's committee members; B. Duffy, J. Brady, L. Butler, C. Bryne and B. Cormally for their hard work during the year. A special and very big thank you to R. Smyth, B. Hogan, J. Casey and R. Dillane for their commitment and hard work over the last three years on the committee's behalf. You will all be sadly missed.

Finally we would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year.

P.R.O.
Sheila Fleming.

OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

The Christmas Dinner, generously provided by Mr. Peter O'Brien, was held at the Post Primary on January 6th. About 130 of the elderly from Maynooth, Kilclone and Mulhussey had a most enjoyable evening. The excellent meal was followed by entertainment arranged by Josie with items by members of the Church Choir, the Kilclone set dancers, Eileen Byrne, Aileen Flood, Paul Daly, Carol Barton, Vinnie Mulready, Gabriel Flood and Ruth Morrissey. The elderly look forward to the dinner as one of the high spots of the year.

We are extremely grateful to Mr. O'Brien and his family and staff for making it possible, to Mr. Tom Ashe for all his hard work and for allowing us to use the school, and to the entertainers and everyone else who gave so willingly of their time and talents.

The Valentine's Party will be held on February 24th in the Post Primary at 4p.m. It will be preceded by Mass at 3.30p.m.

The A.G.M. was held on Tuesday 15th January. The officers for the coming year are as follows:

Chairperson: Imelda Delaney
Vice-Chairperson: Bridget Tierney
Secretary: Rose Bean
Assistant Secretary: Joan Lennon
Treasurer: Catherine Mulready
Assistant Treasurer Patricia Clusker

We are delighted to welcome several new members to the Old People's Committee and hope they will find it enjoyable and rewarding.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Willie Monahan who died recently. Mr. Monahan was one of our oldest members.

P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH CASTLE COMMITTEE

It is difficult to remember that it was indeed only this time last year that the town of Maynooth came together to form The Maynooth Castle Committee. For the first time, to my knowledge, the College, schools and all organisations and committees came together for a common purpose: to restore Maynooth Castle.

I hope by now all readers are aware of the very ambitious project which the Maynooth Castle Committee has proposed to the Commissioners of Public Works. The Commissioners have responded in a most positive way. From the outset Commissioner B. Scully made us aware of the utmost importance of having a strong community based committee and it was this factor more than anything else which has been responsible for our achievements to date.

Maynooth Castle for the first time in its long history is now in public ownership and it is floodlit! We are very lucky to have such a hard working administrator and by using one of his many contacts succeeded in organising a survey of the Castle by the

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Committees' News

students from the Schools of Architecture and Surveying in Bolton Street. This survey should be ready for our next meeting. The importance of the survey being carried out at this time is the time factor. A survey would have been necessary before any further work could be carried out and the National Monuments department would not be in a position to do this until 1992 at the very earliest.

Because of the great work being done quietly by the committee an unofficial view from the Office of Public Works is that it may not now be necessary to carry out an Archeological dig before work starts on the Castle. The first restoration project which the O.P.W. seem to have in mind is the Gate House.

Following a meeting with Mr. T. Kavanagh we are delighted that Mr. Kavanagh has undertaken to plant some trees and other screening materials on the mill side of the boundary wall and planting will take place at a suitable time.

The onus is now on the committee to keep Maynooth Castle well to the fore in the O.P.W. and we can but work as hard as we did in the last year to achieve a visitors' reception centre as soon as possible!

Due to adverse weather conditions our January meeting was cancelled and the next scheduled meeting is Friday the 15th February 1991, Renshan Hall, at 8 o'clock.

Secretary,
Joan Howard Williams.

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS REPORT

Someone made the suggestion to us that instead of using the slogan "Keep Maynooth Tidy" (and we all know that it is not) that we use the following: "Lets Get Maynooth Tidy" So for 1991 "LETS GET MAYNOOTH TIDY".

This gives us all a common aim. As part of our campaign, we have decided to go for the tops in Tidy Town affairs and we are delighted to announce that Mrs. Betty Carr, Chairperson of Malahide Tidy Towns Committee will speak in Maynooth on the 20th or 27th of February 1991. Date to be confirmed (see posters or contact Richard Farrell).

This will take place at a special General Meeting of the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee to be held in the Post Primary School at 8 o'clock. All Welcome.

Betty will give us the benefit of her experience and ideas since becoming involved with Malahide Tidy Towns.

Finally, we are delighted to see the Castle in Maynooth floodlit - congratulations to all.

Watch out for our posters about the Special General Meeting. Thank you for your continued interest in the environment.

Richard Farrell,
Secretary M.T.T.C.

MAYNOOTH MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE GROUP

Seventeenth Christmas in Jail.

The Birmingham Six have spent their 17th Christmas in jail. This will be a bitter disappointment for them, their families and all who have fought so hard to free the Birmingham Six. Hopes were raised so cruelly in August 1990, when David Waddington, the British Home Secretary promised to send the case back to the Court of Appeal.

An interim report from the Devon - Cornwall Police has cast serious doubts on a statement given by one of the men in Police custody. Now with Christmas just past, the promised Court of Appeal seems as remote as even the euphoria has gone. We must keep up the pressure in Ireland, Britain - wherever the Birmingham Six can be raised including Maynooth. Remind your T.D., Local Representatives or Trade Union that the case is still unsolved and urge them to raise it.

This gross Miscarriage of Justice must end. We in the Maynooth Branch have been busy over Christmas selling Birmingham Six Christmas Cards and thank all who purchased same.

Richard McKenny one of the Six has become a keen poet during his 17 years in jail. His first anthology is now on sale at the Birmingham Six Dublin Committee Office, Usher House, 40/40 Usher Quay, Dublin 6., or from myself.

The following is an excerpt from it.

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That destroys both faith and trust
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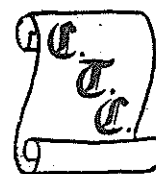
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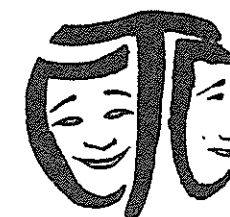
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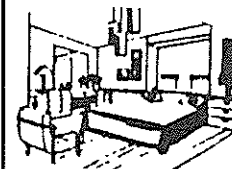


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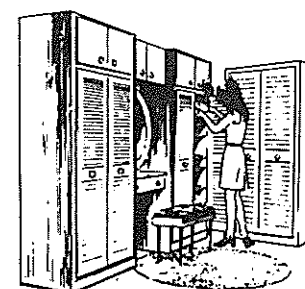
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A TRAVELLER'S CHRISTMAS

"Christmas for the Travellers is just like Saturday and Sunday". Thus Mrs. Lawrence, in the halting site in Maynooth, summed up how the Travelling Community felt about Christmas. For them, like the rest of us, it is a time for the children. It is a time for shopping, cleaning the caravan, trying to prepare the Christmas dinner with 3 or 4 young children under your feet. The day begins with Mass for the whole family, not just the children being sent to get them out of the way, then it is back to cooking the dinner, sometimes not a turkey but a chicken. It is a family affair with the adults only celebrating with a hooley after the dinner has been cooked and eaten. The television is turned on for the children, the adults don't have time to watch it.

After the dinner is eaten and the children put to sleep the adults congregate to have a hooley. This is usually held in the largest caravan where all the families on the site gather to sing and have a drink. There are no musicians on the site in Maynooth, but I was assured that many of them could carry a tune. The songs are usually Irish ballads and country and western, the older generation choosing the music. Occasionally a young person may sing a "pop" song by mistake!

Christmas for the travellers only lasts the two days and is not dragged out for two weeks. It is over by St. Stephen's day, after the songs have been sung and the drink, pooled by all the site families, has been drunk. All in all it is not that much different from how Christmas is spent by any other Irish community.

CARNATION DAY REPORT

Carnation day was held on the week ending Saturday, November 24th and the organisation in Kildare would like to thank everybody who supported our cause. The funds raised will enable the national Committee to fund the National M.S. Care Centre.

The National M.S. Care Centre

The National M.S. Care Centre is a respite care centre available to people with multiple sclerosis, described by experts as the most common neurological disorder to affect young people in Ireland. Typically, this disease is discovered in the 20-45 age group and its progress is characterised by a series of relapses and remissions. There is as yet no cure for what has been described as "modern medicine's greatest mystery". However, continuous worldwide research provides grounds for optimism.

The National M.S. Care Centre cost £600,000 to build and costs £300,000 annually to run. Only £250,000 came from the State for the building and as little as £60,000 a year is given towards running costs. Over £8,500 was raised in Kildare alone in 1990 under the stewardship of Shay O'Reilly and Dave Moynan.

Thank You to Volunteers

We would like to thank the following who assisted in the fundraising:

Maynooth firemen, including Michael O'Riordan in particular who coordinated the fund-raising. Michael Sheils, Robert Sheils, Sean Brereton (Edenderry), Hannah Gillespie, Thomas Ashe (Post Primary), Ted Connolly,

Derek Horan, M.S. Self Help Group (Celbridge), The Proprietors, Staff and Customers of Caulfields, The Roost, Leinster Arms, Aidan's, Sean's Newsagents, Castletown Inn (Celbridge) and finally Emmet Stagg T.D. whose organisation sold carnations in all areas outside of Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge.

Finally we would like to thank in particular the people of Maynooth who gave so generously to our collection. We look forward to your continued support in 1991. Anyone requiring information about the National MS Centre should contact Seamus O'Reilly, 57 Laurence's Ave., Maynooth.

NOT THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' HISTORY OF THE WORLD.

Part one: The Truth about Valentine

Call me a cynic if you like - but then I know the real story behind St. Valentine's Day.

It all started with this guy called Valentino Schillacci, a notorious Sicilian conman. Coincidentally, his great-great grandson also gained notoriety as centre forward for Italy in the last year's World Cup - but that's another story. Anyway, this guy Valentino was Sicily's answer to Arthur Daley from Minder - always on the look out to make a quick lire or two million. The time was the 1830s in Palermo and Val (as he was known to his associates) was down on his luck.

Horse's Head

A slight business disagreement with Luigi Cannetti, the local Mafia boss, had resulted in major hospital and dental bills and Val had become accustomed to waking up to find a horse's head on his pillow. Fortunately Val was used to shocks in the morning - you'd know what I mean if you'd ever seen his wife - Maria 'Hatchet Face' Bennetti - but all that blood and stuff was doing nothing for Val's laundry bills.

Lying Low

Val had been lying low, desperately trying to think of a scheme to get himself solvent again. Cannetti effectively ran Palermo and apart from Val's greeting card and confectionery business all avenues to prosperity appeared closed. Business was in the post Christmas lull with no prospect of an upturn until mid April

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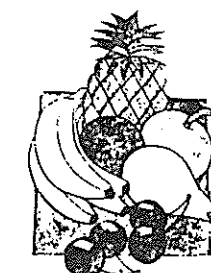
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when a few mugs might be persuaded to buy Easter Eggs. Things looked bleak. Val had 250 dozen boxes of Yugoslavian chocolates in stock before Christmas not to mention 150 dozen Korean Christmas cards which had proved a real dog to sell.

A Lucky Break

Towards the end of January Val happened to bump into Eno Fanelli at a funeral. Val attended funerals most days as it helped him pass the time and, besides, most business in Palermo was transacted at funerals. Standing in the graveyard Val and Fanelli discussed old times and some of the 'business ventures' on which they had cooperated. Fanelli was a small wheel in Cannetti's organisation with special responsibility for gambling and prostitution and, feeling some sympathy for his old friend's plight, he invited him to the grand opening of a new brothel in via Ganinni to take place some weeks later - on February 14th. Val left the graveyard in much better spirits than he had been in for weeks. The invitation obviously represented a thawing in relations between himself and Cannetti. Perhaps from now on he could look forward to waking up in the morning without squinting into the face of a dead horse.

One Good Turn

On the principle that one good turn deserves another Val decided to make a grand gesture to Fanelli (who, after all, was really only a front for Cannetti). He would present the brothel with a free supply of chocolates for their grand opening on February 14 so that each customer could be presented with a box of chocolates on the night. Needless to say the grand opening was a tremendous success and the custom of presenting boxes of chocolates in Fanelli's Exclusive Massage Parlour became firmly established.

A Flourishing Business

Business flourished and the girls took to calling Valentino Schillacci Saint Valentine. On the 14th of February each year a grand anniversary bash was held in Fannelli's with Valentino as the guest of honour. Time passed, as it usually does, and Val was quick to exploit his new found popularity. Schillacci's confectionary and greeting card business expanded rapidly as February 14th became established right throughout Sicily as a 'day of romance' when chocolates and greetings cards were exchanged among lovers - or even among those who just plain lusted after each other. With a little help from the notorious Satcchi twins - Satcchi and Satcchi - Val set up a multinational corporation to promote St. Valentine's Day. And, as the saying goes, the rest is history.

So don't talk to me about St. Valentine's Day.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
TO ALL OUR READERS**

FOOTPATHS IN MAYNOOTH

Maynooth continues to be one of the most pedestrian-unfriendly towns in the country.

What will it take to have safe and proper footpaths laid in and around Maynooth? A few fatalities perhaps?... or even more so a claim for damages to life and limb? How many times have you had to delete an expletive when you tripped in the rutted footpaths of Main Street, or been forced to jump to safety from speeding cars on the Cluain Aoibhinn or Moyglare roads?

Certainly the fabric of fast-growing towns on the edge of Dublin has taken a hammering in the past couple of decades; but that is a long time for children, mothers/fathers, schoolkids, students and most of the footsore, car-less population of Maynooth to put up with largely non-existent footpaths. Don't developers have to make a contribution to services? What has happened to this money in past years? Isn't the provision of proper footways linking new developments to the town centre as important as sewerage and electricity services?

The problems in Maynooth appear to be due to a combination of a large, young car-less population, a large transit population on the National Primary to Galway, and rapid growth in the past twenty years without compensatory infrastructural provision. Or is it due to a lack of coordinated effort by residents to bring pressure to bear in support of adequate standards?

Maynooth's population was 4700 in 1986, and is still growing. It was 3400 in 1981 - and 1300 in 1971. According to the 1986 Census, there were 1266 under 14 years of age (27%), 1312 aged 15-24 (28%), and 241 over 65 (5%); i.e. almost 60% of the population is most likely to be car-less.

Among these are 815 married women, many of whom if they resemble the national figures, also have to walk to shops etc. In the current academic year there are in excess of 3000 students in Maynooth College - the vast majority of whom have to walk around the town either to and from their accommodation in the various estates to the north and south of the town, or to and from trains and buses, shops and restaurants. Maynooth therefore has a pedestrian or potential pedestrian population that is well above the regional average for a town of its size: the College and school functions at the west end of the town centre, and the commercial functions in the Main Street and at the east end, result in a great deal of north-south and east-west pedestrian traffic. This movement is affected and made hazardous by the escalating through traffic from Dublin which now makes it extremely difficult to cross the Main Street. The trucks backing into Kavanagh's Mill add to the hazards. The by-pass will at last hopefully solve some of these problems - but how long have we to wait?

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As with most of Kildare's towns, there has been a very rapid development in Maynooth in the past 20 years. The main difference in Maynooth, however, is that nearly all the development from the outset was physically separated from the town centre by the railway/canal, and a sort of "green belt" became established, which is probably good for the town, but bad news for pedestrians over the past two decades. Consider that Cluain Aoibhinn was built 20 years ago - (followed by College Green, Beaufield and now very considerable development to infill the land connecting with Kingsbry) - and that no footpath was installed on the road to the town centre, no adjustment made to the canal bridge, and no support built into the road. Consider the consequences for a long-suffering generation which has virtually grown up with memories of huddling in the ditch or hedge to avoid being run over by cars or to avoid being drowned in puddles. How tolerant and courageous we are! There must be some penitential streak in the local community that has made it possible to bear such a cross for so long!

The Moyglare Road has deteriorated in the past ten years as more and more development has taken place there. Will it also be condemned to a generation of neglect? Both pedestrians and cars are trying to claim the dry ground in the middle of Moyglare road - walkers keeping out of the muck and mire at the footpath-less verge, and cars trying to keep out of the pocked and potholed opposite side of the road. In the wet and dark conditions of winter there is grave danger of serious accident here. For some strange reason, some of the new developments on the Moyglare Road have installed short lengths of path fronting their developments, but they do not line up with bits of pathway further along the road! What you have is a mishmash of bits of footpaths. So most pedestrians simply take the easy and dangerous option of walking on the road!

One of the longest footpaths in Maynooth leads nowhere. Recently restored, it leads out of the town along the Dublin Road: the last time I saw it it was heading for Carton. It seems to have been one of those countless footpaths built in hard times, and in the true spirit of "public works", it led nowhere. No houses ever got built at the end of this footpath. The recently-built Travellers Halting Site was a coincidence; I very much doubt that the presence of this redundant footpath influenced the choice of halting site.

The town centre proper presents a series of sorry excuses for footpaths.

The tree-lined Main Street is one of the most attractive features of the town. But try walking down it if you're old and disabled, or a harassed parent pushing a baby-buggy, or merrily emerging from your Local. It is an obstacle course of humps, hollows, puddles and potholes designed to twist the most supple ankle or shin. From outside the College to the Dublin end of the street on the canal side, it is very poor, rutted and uneven. At the misnamed Public Convenience, there are paving slabs in a sinking and rising condition. Indeed, this erection in the Square is a most pedestrian-unfriendly environment to rest in following completion of the obstacle course - it's cold, draughty, hostile, hard and squalid. There is no footpath from the Jeweller's corner to the new shopping terrace on the Dublin Road, an area that is frequently flooded. Convent Lane has a broken-down footpath whose surface improves towards the Dunboyne Road but is rendered hazardous by the kerbstone

jutting 2-3 inches above the level of the path: an excellent place to trip up and fall into the path of a passing truck. From the top of Main Street all the way down to the College end again the footpath is very inferior. And from McNamara's shop to the Castle is probably the worst example of a footpath in any developed country north of Gibraltar - though I'd class Doctor's Lane in toto as a no-go area for pedestrians and cyclists. At least it's appropriately named!

For the hundreds of students then, when they leave the unfriendly trackways of the town, they are met on campus by serried ranks of hostile grass triangles and rectangles all lying across their shortest paths to lab and lecture hall....! But this is a problem for the College, not the Council... What can the County Council do about the appalling footpaths in this town, before they get punished by a series of compensation claims from an exasperated community? I suggest that the people of Maynooth vote with their feet next time democracy comes round these parts.

P.J. Duffy

EYE HEAR

Contrary to reports in general and a specific report in last month's edition, Aidan Flood (former) proprietor of Aidan's has now sold his shop and is not going into insurance. However, we are now reliably informed that he has purchased

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a firm in Naas called Naas Courier Cab and Taxi Service and can now be seen swanning around Naas in his Taxi or Cab - where did he get the experience for this? We believe he has had a very intense course in same from Eugene O'Shea (our local helpful Director of M.C.L Cabs which is based here in Maynooth).

Any truth in the rumour that Aidan put diesel in a petrol car early one morning down in "Herbies" garage in Lucan. (Interesting). P.S. Herbie does not work nights. We may have more news in this regard next month.

FINE GAEL NOTES

Addressing the A.G.M. held at the end of November Mr. Jim Higgins T.D., Chief Whip, congratulated the branch on the large attendance, over thirty were present, and on the even division between male and female members. He also commended the members on the cut and thrust of the discussion which preceded his address and on the broad range of topics covered viz, the party leadership, divorce, social, justice, grants for third level students, the crisis in the cattle trade, the Shannon stop-over, local footpaths and the "Thing" in the square.

Mr. Higgins reminded the membership of Fine Gaels long tradition of serving the nation from its involvement in founding the State and establishing the Gardai, the Army, the Civil Service and many of its primary industries right through to its involvement in the two most significant developments in relation to Northern Ireland, the Power Sharing Executive and the Anglo-Irish Agreement. He predicted that this tradition of service would continue under the dynamic leadership of John Bruton who was establishing new structures to ensure that the ordinary branch members had an input into Party Policy.

Threat to Meat Plant Jobs

Contributing to the discussion on the Cattle Trade, Bernard Durkan T.D. warned that up to 150 jobs in small meat plants, in Kildare, were at risk. These plants supplied the home market. The threat to the jobs arose from the requirement that these plants conform to the levels of hygiene applied to export plants, while he was in full agreement with the implementation of these standards he felt it was unfair to expect plants supplying the home market to finance the necessary alterations and improvements themselves while export plants received generous grants for this purpose.

Officers for 1991

Those elected to serve on the Officer Board for 1991 were:

Chairperson: Manus McCarron

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New Members

If you would like to have an input into local or national politics or have been associated with Fine Gael in the past why not come along and have your say. Branch meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the I.C.A. Hall at 8.30p.m. See you there!

WORKER'S PARTY NOTES

Give peace a chance

The invasion and subsequent annexation of Kuwait by Iraq was inexcusable and had to be reversed. There were two ways of achieving this. One was through the application of sanctions, to which Iraq's oil-dependent economy is particularly vulnerable. The other option, which was actually chosen with little public debate, was mass warfare, involving extensive destruction and casualties.

The effectiveness of sanctions has been clearly shown in the case of South Africa which, despite being more self-sufficient and more capable of sanctions busting than Iraq, has finally been forced into reconsidering its disgusting apartheid system. Iraq is not nearly as self-sufficient, and depends almost entirely on oil exports to pay for needed imports. Oil exports, in turn, are particularly easy to curb. It would not have been long before sanctions would have begun to have crippling effect on the Iraqi economy.

In these circumstances, all-out war was simply indefensible. It was also highly inconsistent, given the USA's own record of illegal invasions of other countries (Grenada and Panama being only the most recent examples), its inaction at previous illegal invasions of other countries (such as Israel's invasion of Lebanon), and the lack of enforcement of previous United Nations resolutions (such as several dealing with Israel and the Palestinian question).

Responding to violence with even greater violence, when other options were available, is not a civilised way to approach international problems in the late 20th century. The prospects of establishing the principle dealing with such problems in a peaceful manner have received a major setback by the over-hasty resort to violence in the Gulf.

The Workers' Party rejects the unnecessary use of violence in this situation, and is opposed to the Irish government providing any assistance to those involved. The government apparent preparedness to provide such assistance without prior discussion in the Dail in both undemocratic and unconstitutional (in that the constitution expressly prohibits involvement in any war without prior Dail approval). The Workers' Party calls on all those committed to the ideal of peaceful settlement of disputes to support those groups and individuals campaigning for peace in the Gulf.

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Political Party Notes

Traffic problems in Maynooth

Following representations made by commissioner Catherine Murphy concerning the deteriorating traffic situation in Maynooth, it has emerged that discussions have been going on between the Maynooth Gardai and Kildare County Council on the issue. A survey is to be carried out on the respective merits of traffic lights and a yellow box junction for dealing with the growing problems facing traffic trying to get from the Rathcofey Road onto the Main Street.

The Gardai support the idea of a box junction at the junction between the Main Street and the Dunboyne Road, but oppose the idea of a ban on parking on one side of the Main Street, which they feel is wide enough for a free flow of traffic without such a restriction. A lot of the problem here arises from buses double parking when taking on or discharging passengers, and strict control of parking at bus stops will be necessary in order to reduce this problem.

The Workers' Party is disappointed to find that, while the traffic problems in the Square and its junction with Main Street have been the subject of lengthy discussions between the Gardai and the County Council, no solution has yet been arrived at. More public pressure is needed in this respect, and the Workers' Party invites readers to write to the Newsletter expressing their ideas on this, and other matters relating to traffic in the town.

Meanwhile, commissioner Catherine Murphy has written to Kildare County Council seeking the urgent construction of a footpath at the Main Street end of the Dublin Road (on the shopping centre side). She has also written to Quinnsnorth suggesting a one-way flow system for traffic around the shopping centre, in the interests both of pedestrian safety and smoother traffic flow.

Street Lighting in Maynooth

Commissioner Catherine Murphy has made representations to Kildare County Council to improve street lighting in Maynooth in the context of the unusually high numbers of pedestrians in the town, and particularly in relation to recent attacks on female students. However, the County Manager, Mr. J. G. Ward, has replied that financial constraints preclude the possibility of any improvement in the situation. The Workers' Party feels that Maynooth deserves special consideration in this matter because of the town's students population, and will continue to press for action on the matter.

LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Change in Clinic Venue

The location of Emmet Stagg's clinic has been changed from Caulfield's to the Leinster Arms (Slims). Access to the clinic is through the side door of the Leinster Arms so it is not necessary to go into or through the public bar.

As previously, the clinic time is from 4.00 - 5.30p.m. each Saturday and Emmet will be accompanied by our local Labour candidate John McGinley.

Christy Kenny - An Appreciation

The sudden death of Christy Kenny of Greenfields just before Christmas shocked the whole community. The Maynooth Branch of the Labour Party has lost a loyal friend and tireless worker on behalf of the Party and Christy's death has left a vacuum in the area of community service that will be very

difficult to fill. As a stalwart member of the Party, Christy could always be relied upon to tackle any job he undertook with energy and enthusiasm. To his wife Tess and daughters Sandra and Janette we offer our deepest sympathy in this their time of great sadness.

Ar deis De go raibh a n-anam.

A.I.B. Building in Main Street

Following representations made by John McGinley to the Chairperson of Allied Irish Banks concerning the poor architectural appearance of the A.I.B. building in Maynooth, John has had a meeting with the local manager Mr. Dick Tobin. At the meeting John pointed out that most commercial establishments in the Main Street have made valiant efforts over the past couple of years to improve the appearance of their premises but that the A.I.B. building (because it is single storied and has a flat roof) is very much at variance with the surrounding streetscape. We are very pleased to announce that the A.I.B. will be putting a second story on their premises to bring it into line with adjoining buildings. We would like to thank the A.I.B. for their prompt and courteous response to John McGinley's letter and we look forward to the closing of this hole in the streetscape.

St. Mary's Church of Ireland

Following an approach from the Church of Ireland Committee in Maynooth, John McGinley has been working on the design and costing of a project to floodlight St. Mary's Church. Both local residents and visitors to Maynooth have commented on

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Political Party Notes

the success of the floodlighting of the Castle and the floodlighting of St. Mary's Church would certainly complement the work already done. John will be approaching Kildare Co. Council seeking funding for the project in the near future.

Bond Bridge

Following repeated representations by Emmet Stagg, TD, and John McGinley, Kildare Co. Council have allocated funds for the resurfacing of Bond Bridge. The County Engineer has indicated that this work will be undertaken shortly and the Branch expect the Area Engineer to do his job and have the bridge, which has been in a disgraceful state for a number of years, resurfaced immediately.

Greenfield Phase III

Following repeated representations from local residents, Deputy Stagg and John McGinley have received an assurance from Kildare County Council that the back entrance to Greenfield Phase III will be levelled and resurfaced.

Lights in Kingsbry

John McGinley has been in contact with Kildare County Council regarding inadequate public lighting in Kingsbry as the developer has failed to switch on a number of lights in the most recently developed areas of the estate despite the fact that residents have taken up occupation.

Social Welfare Proposals

Emmet Stagg, TD, Labour spokesperson on Social Welfare has recently produced a pre-budget submission outlining the principles guiding Labour Party policy on Social Welfare and giving details on what changes the Party proposes in the Social Welfare system. Introducing the document, Deputy Stagg pointed out that the proposals are being produced at a time of continuing high levels of poverty, emigration, and unemployment - where over 30% of households live at or below the poverty line. The Labour Party believes that if poverty exists, it is because society has decided to allow it to exist, or at least has decided not to give priority to its elimination. Labour sees its role over the next few years to win people to an anti-poverty programme that can enhance not just the lives of the 'poor' or of pensioners, carers and workers in the home, the low-paid and the semi-skilled, the handicapped, etc. This will assist not only social welfare recipients, but reduce the load on those at work who pay the costs.

Deputy Stagg's detailed submission includes the following proposals:

- * Social Assistance to be increased to £58.00 (92.80 per couple)
- * Social Insurance to be increased to £63.80 (102.40 per couple)
- * A £5.00 monthly age supplement for all children over 12 years. This would bring Child Benefit payments to £20.80 for children 12 years and older. An age supplement has been universally demanded by anti-poverty groups since it costs more to raise older children.
- * All Child Dependent Allowances should be increased by 5% with a minimum payment of £12.00 a week (the present minimum is £11.00).
- * Large family supplement under Child Benefit should be applied to the fourth child. Presently, large families are paid £22.90 for the fifth and subsequent children. This should be lowered to the fourth child.

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- * Additional payments equivalent to the weekly value of Child Dependent Allowances should be paid out to families on social welfare on a quarterly basis. This would mean an additional week's payment in September, December, March and June.
- * Introduce a national minimum wage of £3.50 per hour (or £140.00 for a full working week).
- * Equal treatment between part-time and full-time workers with full legislative protection for part-time workers.
- * For unemployed persons over the age of 18 years and recipients of single woman's allowance still living at home, the practice of including their parents means should be abolished. In these circumstances there should be payment of the full basic social welfare rate.
- * The qualification age for the Pre-Retirement Allowance Scheme should be lowered from 60 years to 55, with the payment made at the recommended social assistance level (i.e. £58.00 for single person, £92.80 for married couple). These, and other proposals in the submission, have been fully costed and the necessary revenue to fund these improvements in the Social Welfare system could be generated by the introduction of a Land Tax on large farmers, a Wealth Tax, abolition of the ceiling for PRSI and Health Levy contributions and a number of other measures which would see a transfer of wealth from the rich in our society.

Love and the Gastric Juices

LOVE AND THE GASTRIC JUICES

Love begins somewhere in the middle-distance between a glance given and a glance received, at least romantic love does. I suppose we call this 'chemistry', the mixing of compound elements that happens randomly and invariably takes us unaware. From the first moment of impact, all the senses are heightened and unless you're an arch-cynic, you go all woozy inside. "Valentine's Day" is all about that wooziness. Being a bit of a novice and unused to falling in love (apart from every other week) I think it's fair to say that most of us become acutely self-conscious. Some People blush, shuffle uneasily, drop things, find themselves go all shy at the most inopportune time and generally long to escape to some private place where they can freely jump in the air, screw up their face, let out a high-pitched scream and then gather composure before entering phase two. Phase two comes when the realisation has hit you squarely between the floating ribs and so to gain some psychological advantage in the name of sanity, you decide your strategy.

There are limited options. There's the head-on attack where the one smitten displays a series of pre-determined symptoms to alert the other to the presence of Cupid. For women, it means lots of eye contact, ritualistic posturing and a suitable wafty scent destined to render the love object meek and vulnerable. For men, direct eye contact seems less of the essence - there is rather an increased effort to be charming and to be seen to be so in the eye of the beloved; casual glances then are more appropriate here. Or else there is the "double-entendres". Those witty or self-revealing things said supposedly to the group but really directed at the beloved, the kind of public courting-game detectable only by interested parties and harmless enough to allow a hasty get-away if necessary.

Or for the more seasoned lover, there is patience - the quiet trust in fate itself to create the perfect moment of encounter. After all, if it were chance that slung the arrow of love, then is it not reasonable to expect chance to take it from there?

You've never known disappointment until you've gone to that place where you were sure of a meeting, or at least sure of a comfortable vantage point to gaze at, swoon over, day-dream about or simply be in the presence of the victor of one's heart and they're not there. Everyone else, like your friends with whom you had previously shared a rich social life, pale to something akin to insignificance and it's then that Phase Three begins.

My sympathies to any seasoned reader because phase three is rather severe and perhaps beyond the constitution of even the most excellent character; it's the sleepless nights, the tight-gut and the emotional cold-turkey.

The intellect takes a back seat, or on occasion is employed to inform the besotted self of the sheer indecency of it all. It's here that the preening, pruning and personal refurbishments are carried out. Instead of one shower a day, its two-popping out for a pint of milk is no longer the mundane chore it used to be - its now yet another opportunity of a furtive glance, a coincidental sighting - who knows? And so you have to look your best always. Poetry and music have never been so poignant, every soap-opera embarrasses you even more than usual while you sit glued to it, the horoscope has an important and profound place in your mental health and self-understanding - and worse, far worse, the awful anxiety you feel about your big ears, thick waistline, and bad-breath rise up to haunt you.

It is my opinion that, here, intuition must be allowed expression. Grievous ill-health will surely result if the lover depends solely on rationale to vent those unbridled passions. Self-doubt provokes those niggling thoughts of rejection; "maybe they're just as sweet to everyone and I'm imagining some sense of intimacy" is a favourite, - or "God bless them, they only feel sorry for me" is another, - the most perverse is the kind of attitude that forces the lover into doing the exact opposite, the "Indifferent Approach" where the potential wooer refuses to entertain any notion of falling in love (think of the classic '10CC' song!) and thereby maintains control. Boorring!!!

Intuition will usually be loyal and faithful to the cause, but because blindness is also a feature of love, I recommend much time in quiet contemplation of the other - just to keep things in perspective, you understand.

O.K., so having established that a certain mutuality exists and that not only has the other observed this chemical reaction, but is open to receiving it, the lover must then face the trauma of a pre-arranged meeting in acknowledgement of this strange and wonderful phenomenon. This may be seen as a step forward but it is a mystery indeed how it can sometimes feel quite the reverse. There's bound to be at least six things to regret on later reflection. Nerves are a bummer.

Of course its only the next day when you've regained a little stability that the excitement sets in and you realise that these last agonising weeks, months or perhaps even years have been a pleasure in themselves and have made way for - who knows what???

A happy Valentine's Day to all our readers.

GARDA TALK

Traffic - Pound Lane/Back Lane.

We wish to draw attention to motorists and other Road users that new Traffic Regulations have come into operation at POUND LANE/BACK LANE, Maynooth. This initiative was introduced in consultation with the local residents, the Gardai and the Local Authority Officials to reduce the volume of Traffic which was using the rear laneway of the town in order to avoid the Main Street.

Traffic may NOT enter POUND STREET/BACK LANE from Mill Street or the DUNBOYNE ROAD.

Entry to BACK LANEWAYS may be gained by using the 4 side-roads off the Main Street. Traffic can however exit from the rear laneways onto Mill Street and the Dunboyne Road.

Appropriate Road signs have been erected to give effect to the new Regulations and we ask motorists to obey them and give the initiative a chance. See Sketch Map illustrating the new Road Signs and their location.

School bus safety

Reminder to Pupils.

1. Arrive in good time at your pick up point.
2. Queue properly and avoid pushing or jostling.
3. Wait for the bus to stop, then enter and take your seat in an orderly manner.
4. Keep passage-way clear.
5. Do not tamper with doors or windows.
6. Don't distract your driver - your safety is in his hands.

Garda Talk

7. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop at your destination, then alight in an orderly manner.

N.B. If you must cross the road, please remember to:-

Stand well back from the bus after getting off.

Allow the bus to pull away so that you have a clear view of the roadway in both directions.

Look right, look left and look right again. Cross over, checking both directions, only when road is clear.

Reminder to Parents/Guardians.

1. Encourage your children to be safety conscious.
2. Entrust younger children to the care of older brother or sister, where possible.
3. Remind them regularly of the necessity for constant care and vigilance.
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5. Ensure that your children are fully conversant with the Rules of the Road.

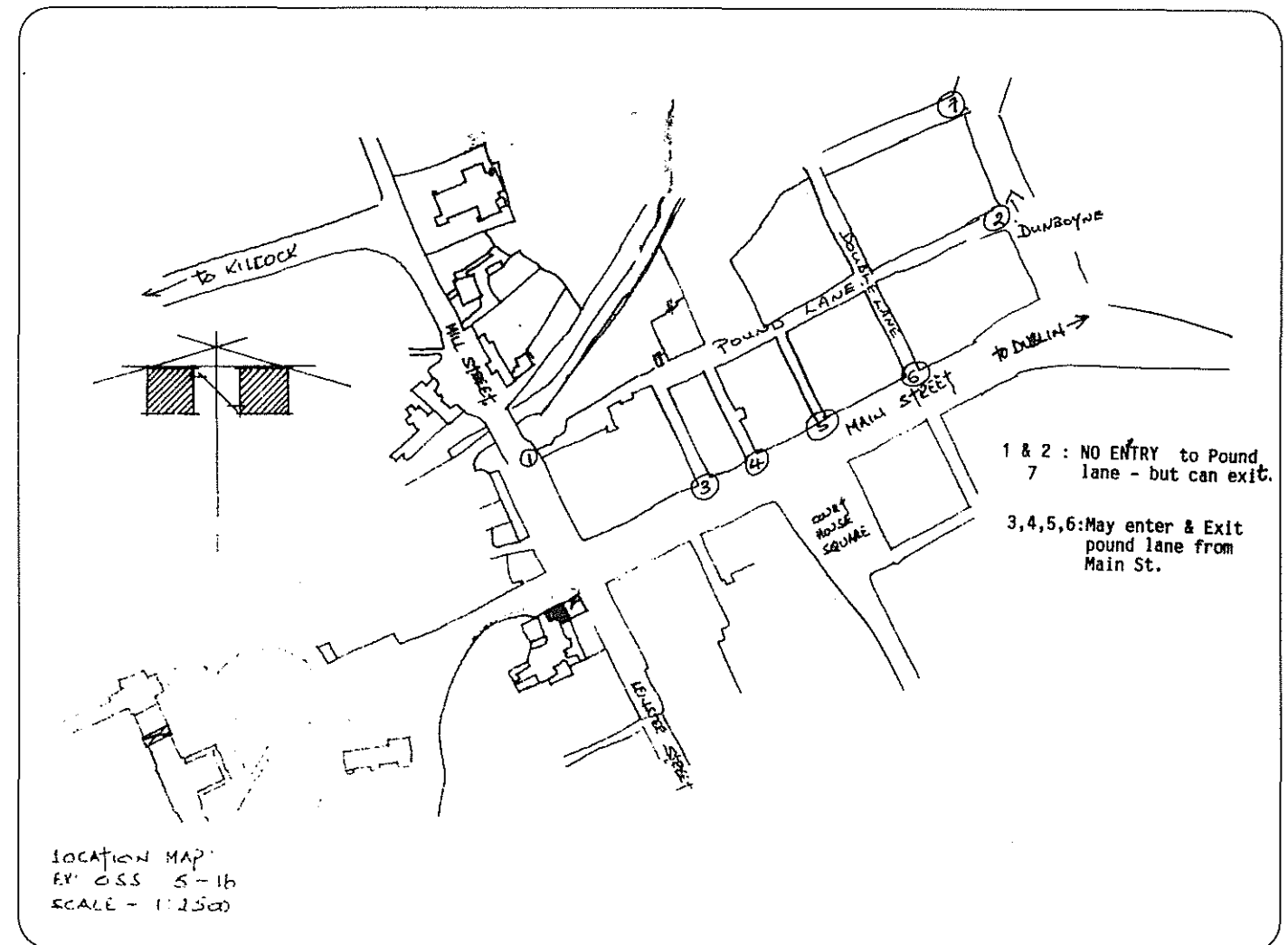
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You know when you've passed the county line of Kildare - the road surface improves immediately. This is not an opinion, it's a fact as any Maynooth motorist will testify. Throughout the county residents have been clamouring for an improvement in the deteriorating condition of our roads, particularly the secondary routes, many of which carry a high volume of heavy vehicles.

Maynooth Community Council, on behalf of the residents, has decided to take decisive action on the issue locally. A petition prepared by the Council will be distributed and signed by as many residents as possible. The target is 3,000 signatures. Copies of the petition will be handed into the Minister for the Environment, Mr. Paraigh Flynn, and to Kildare Co. Council on the 25th February. On Saturday 23rd at 12.00am this action will be backed up by the siting of a large Bill Board on the main road into the town graphically requesting the relevant authorities to bring our roads up to acceptable standards.

Having erected the bill board a protest march will proceed through the town up to Rathcoffey Rd. to Bond Bridge. It is hoped that as many as possible will take part so as to get as much media attention as possible.

The petition will read as follows:

"We the undersigned residents of Maynooth deplore the neglect of our roads and footpaths. We call on the County Manager and the Minister for the Environment to take immediate action to bring our roads and footpaths up to a standard appropriate to the 1990's".

Community councillors will go to each household in their areas with the petition. For those who miss them, petitions will be available in local shops and the Community Council Offices.

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Fr. Mullaney

OBITUARY - FR PADDY MULLANEY

Recently the tragic death of Fr. Paddy Mullaney occurred in Enniscrone Church while he was waiting for the 8.00 vigil Mass. It was appropriate that Fr. Mullaney should die before the altar at Enniscrone Church where he spent most of his adult life praying.

Many in Maynooth will miss this caring and holy man, who devoted much of his life to the college and the seminarians who have passed through its gates in the last 25 years or so. In particular those from the dioceses of Killala have good cause to pray for the soul of Fr. Mullaney.

The life of Fr. Mullaney is a quiet epic of a life lived in devotion to the Blessed Eucharist and a single minded determination to bring the Blessed Eucharist to others as a priest. All Fr. Mullaney's life was lived with this dream which he kept alive with prayer and hope. He is an example to all of refusing to surrender one's dreams.

Born in Carrowhubbuck of poor parents in 1921 Paddy Mullaney could not afford the education needed to ensure his ordination. In 1950 at the age of 29 Paddy had the courage to return to school at Muredoch's College in Ballina but could not endure the behaviour of his 13 year old classmates.

Paddy Mullaney came to Maynooth in 1966, still holding on to his dream of one day being a priest. For 25 years Paddy Mullaney served the college of Maynooth, befriending the seminarians and helping them answer the call he was not allowed to answer.

Eventually the prayers of Fr. Mullaney were answered and the Catholic Church finally acknowledged his vocation. At the age of 69 Paddy Mullaney became Fr. Paddy Mullaney. However, the church still did not give him a permanent parish (he was temporarily curate in Kilmury). Tragically it relented on the day Fr. Mullaney died.

If anybody is worthy of heaven it is Fr. Mullaney. Perhaps the church would act quicker in acknowledging his sanctity than it did in acknowledging his vocation. If so then surely he should be made patron saint of difficult vocations.



Fr. Paddy Mullaney with Mrs. Betty Tracey shortly after his ordination last year.

Love Spells

EYE OF NEWT, TOE OF FROG

Of all the solutions sought for the ensnaring of a loved one none has caught the imagination as strongly as the love spell. Traditionally lying within the realm of the hag or wise woman, and involving more psychology than anything else, the love spell conjures up notions of dissected frogs, bruised bats, assorted pots, twists of hair, nail clippings, lots of smoke and enough fever to generate nuclear fusion. The self same spell has been the cause of both ruin and glory. Almost all of our myths, sagas and fairytales contain more than a passing reference to it. Hollywood has invoked its theatricality and fluffed its dimensions towards terror. And as always, a neat and watertight moral manages to attach itself to the tale: what you gain by resource to the expedient of magic will always twist itself around to haunt you (and haunting will only be the beginning...).

As with all things magical, the love spell relies heavily on the psychological effects of its theatricality and ritual in order to reap rewards: If you believe in something fervently enough it will happen. Bearing this in mind we have gone to the great trouble of researching and concocting the following ingredients, which when coupled with the correct amounts of hokum and crafted over a suitable replacement for a cauldron we feel sure will have their desired effect. Of course the Newsletter takes no responsibility whatsoever for any unfortunate creation of frogs, mice or rabbits which might ensue due to miscalculated mutterings. You are advised to practice the following in the privacy of your bathroom before launching broomstraddled from the garage roof - indeed, ignore the latter option altogether.

Ingredients:

2 red candles, piece of fabric the colour of your loved one's eyes, one toe nail, painted red if possible, one strand of loved one's hair. Put all these together in a scarf, boil for 2 minutes, leave to cool; when cool place ingredients in right hand side of your jacket pocket and go meet your loved one where she will do anything you command.

Write the initials of your loved one's name. Place in a pot of food colouring, then put in ten stones, 2 whiskers of a dog and toe nails of a cat. Leave to simmer for 3 hrs. Then place in your left shoe before your loved one arrives.

MUSIC IN COLLEGE

Lunchtime Concerts

Mondays/Tuesday 13.15 - 14.00p.m.
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Monday 4 February: Kevin Jennings, guitar.
Monday 18 February: Lindsay Martindale, 'cello.
Monday 25 February: Piano Recital by G.P.A., International Competition Finalist.
Monday 4 March: College Chapel Choir*
Tuesday 19 March: College Traditional Irish Musicians.
Monday 25 March: Piano Recital by G.P.A., International Competition Finalist.

Features

Concerts

Tuesday 5 February 20.00: RTE invites the staff and students of Maynooth to a concert by the National Symphony Orchestra (Conductor: David Jones) with Rachel Quinn, piano, in the National Concert Hall.

Sunday 10 March 20.00: Handel's 'Messiah', performed in the College Chapel by Maynooth University Choral Society, the Dublin Baroque Players, with soloists Frances Lucey, Maree-Rose Jones, Emmanuel Lawler and Nigel Williams, Directed by Gerard Gillen.

Lectures

Thursday 7 February 17.00: Dr. Brian Boydell on 'Music in 18th Century Dublin'.

Thursday 21 February 17.00: Charles Acton on 'Liszt the innovator'.

* These events take place in the College Chapel.

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The payment would normally be calculated on your earnings at the time you are let go. In your particular case it is up to the employer to decide whether to base it on (a) your part-time earnings or (b) to calculate it on the earnings you would now be getting if you were working fulltime.

If he decides to base it on your part-time earnings, you can appeal to the Employment Appeals Tribunal, Davitt House, 65a Adelaide Road, Dublin 2.

Factors that would be taken into account are:

- (1) the reason you were put on short-time?
- (2) was it because of lack of work/reduced business?
- (3) was it to suit you personally?
- (4) was there an understanding to put you back on full-time working when business improved?

Your employer will be able to recoup 60% of the statutory lump sum from the Department of Labour.

For further information contact - The Redundancy Payment Section, Department of Labour, Davitt House, 65a Adelaide Road, Dublin 2. Telephone (01) 765861.

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ROMANIAN APPEAL

Over the last week of Christmas school, the boys of Mr. Downes' sixth class, have been executing many events in order to help raise money for Romanian Orphans. A look is taken from behind the scenes.

The main moneymaker was the raffle. Organized by Simon McGrath, Mark Kennedy, Brendan Mooney and the treasurer, Declan Buckley. Approximately a thousand tickets were sold. On their behalf, thanks go to the many, many Maynooth shops that donated so many prizes, but with special thanks to Mr. Ciaran Grant, who supplied an electric heater which raised £40. Thanks are also due to the buyers of the tickets, without whom, obviously, the whole thing would have been a fiasco.

Possibly the greatest attraction was the two soccer matches, the teachers vs. the pupils. In the division one match, the teachers won, but it was no walkover! First, the teachers opened up a three goal lead, with one goal from Mr. McBride, one from Mr. Downes, and one from Mr. Clarkeson. However, in the first minute of the second half, the pupils equalised! First, a great goal by Kenneth Kirby past Mr. O'Connell, the principal, opened the way to a good game. Then two more blistering goals by Declan Buckley drew them level. However another goal by Mr. Clarkeson gave the teachers the lead once again, and another by the same secured the outcome.

In the second game, a sort of "second division" game, the weaker players on both sides clashed, in an excellent battle for supremacy on the football pitch. First Mrs. Gunn scored, giving an early lead to the teachers. Even so, John Stanley, the organizer of the event, managed to squeeze the ball in past Mr. O'Connor. Mrs. Brennan scored in a valiant attempt to clinch the match, but in the last minutes John scored yet again! The battle raged on for a while longer, but no further goals were scored. A total of £140 was gained.

A class play was put on as well, a stage adoption of the story "Delicious", by Natalie Babbitt. It was also a great success. Shown in many of the classes, it received thunderous applause, four encores, a smashed wine bottle (due to a minuscule stage), and net profits of about £30. Those responsible were John Canny, Brian Folan, John Stanley, Hugh Denman, Leo Comerford, Stephen Brennan, Mark Kennedy, Mark Grassick, David Coughlan, Michael Tumelty, William Waldron, Simon McGrath, and Simon Gunn.

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Features

In closing, a video showing was organized by James Mc Mahon. Helped by Simon McGrath, Alan Nugent and William Gannon, he showed a collection of *T.M.N./H.T. programmes for the first and second classes. Through voluntary contributions, he collected £20.

We hope that all the money, (a grand total of £350) raised will be put to good use in Romania.

Written by Hugh Denman based on material compiled by Leo Comerford, James McMahon, Kenneth Kirby, John Stanley, Simon McGrath. *T.M.N./H.T.= Teenage Mutant Ninja/Hero Turtles.

POINTS OF VIEW

Sr. Paulina is a member of the Servarum Spiritus Sancti (S.SP.S) order of Nuns. She is in Maynooth in order to improve her English before she leaves for Botswana. Coming from Bali in Indonesia, Sr. Paulina has never experienced snow before and was very excited to discover it falling last month. It was so "white and great fun to play in" but she didn't like it when she discovered it was also slippery.

Sr. Paulina is the youngest child of two boys and three girls, her father died when she was just two years old. She joined the S.SP.S. sisters in order to "serve people and God" and is a qualified cook and home-economics teacher. The order was founded by Blessed Arnold Jansen in 1889 and is closely associated with the S.V.D. priests also founded by Blessed Arnold Jansen. Both orders have a special devotion to the Holy Spirit as is evidenced by their motto "May the Holy Triune God live in our heart and in the hearts of all people."

Sr. Paulina will be in Ireland for about one and a half years before she goes to the mission in Botswana. So far her impressions of Ireland were it is "very green" but "very cold." In Indonesia there are only two seasons, dry and rainy and the temperature only ranges between 25 - 30 degrees celcius.

The rainy season lasts from October to April but Sr. Paulina says that the climate appears to be changing and the rainy season may now last until June or even July. A sombering reminder of the so-called "Green House" effect.

This Christmas was a little sad for Sr. Paulina who was away from home for the first time. It will be about five years before she will see it again. Christmas was spent with the S.V.D. priests who prepared the dinner for both themselves and the S.SP.S. nuns. Sr. Paulina had no complaints about the priests cooking. It will be the turn of the sisters next year to feed the priests.

Sr. Paulina likes living in Maynooth because of the fresh air and the community fellowship she has found with the other sisters of her house. Christians in Indonesia comprise only 3% of the total population the majority of whom are Muslim. However the church going rate is 100% compared to the 75% in Ireland. English for Sr. Paulina is very difficult to learn because in Indonesian there is no past tense, only the present and the future. What a lovely way to talk. Sr. Paulina has no worries about the future because she is trusting in the Holy Spirit. We hope that trust is well founded.



Sr. Paulina front centre surrounded by friends from Ecuador, Austria, Chile, Slovakia, Bali, Argentina, Poland and Columbia, most of whom are seeing snow for the first time.



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Star Crossed

Our stargazer, Marie Celeste, has been laid up with a fractured leg as a result of her most recent trip across the zodiac and instead we have asked her wacky friend Big Dipper Murphy (otherwise known as Minerva) to propel us into February. Due to the emphasis on all things Valentine in this month's issue we have persuaded Minerva to pay particular attention to the romantic elements in each chart. Possessing a somewhat satirical frame of mind, Minerva delighted in observing the following:

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

Due to your tendency to put your partner on a pedestal you will realise two very important things in the middle of this month. The first will be that he or she has more human failings than you expected (not bad considering you expected them to have none) and the second will be that woodworm will have settled into the base of the aforementioned pedestal resulting in an unglorified collapse of everything bar the rafters. Avoid the lounge in the Roost.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

It is time to put an end to the months of testing the waters and go up to the desired one and tell them how you feel. Let's face it, you have been wondering for years whether or not this is the person for you and if you don't make a move by the 25th they will have evaporated with impatience. For those of you already secure beware your tendency towards possessiveness - it is time to get rid of the private detective.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Being a born flirt is never easy, especially when you've cornered someone and have spent hours yapping at them to see what makes them tic. Be very careful that the object of your campaign is not concealing hammers, hatchets, bottles or any other dubious equipment because the answer to your investigation will certainly not be you. However, if you can find somebody wearing a hearing aid this month then success will be yours.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

The fact that you're in love at the moment is nothing to feel smug about. You are always buried in the depths of it and this is becoming something of an endurance test for your friend(s). You must wake up this month and come back to *this* planet. By the end of the month you will have realised just how suffocated you made your partner feel and unless you take immediate steps to cop on you will run the risk of losing him/her. (And you needn't expect to get *sympathy!*).

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

This month sees you *finally* overcoming that painful experience of unrequited love (eleven years ago) and indicates that you will meet an individual of a passive and submissive nature who will leave you plenty of room to be bossy, boisterous and overwhelming. They will be devoted to you and your expensive gifts, your insistence on always paying, your open house etc etc. A meeting with your bank manager is indicated in the last week of the month.

Virgo (August 23 - Sept 22)

Joy and bliss and incredible fortune is yours this month - you have accidentally stumbled into the path of the Leo described above and should make every sustainable effort to close your mouth when yet another gift is presented to you. Visit Travel Options as soon as possible and arm yourself with brochures to be dropped, discovered, sat upon, tripped over and generally made visible during all meetings with this person.

Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)

This is the month to send to the publishers those acres of love poetry with which you've obsessed yourself for the last three years but don't expect a response in the immediate (or any other) future. It is also high time that you stopped pretending to be in love with that person whom you met briefly at the bus-stop in 1970 and have never seen since. Choose one of the people with whom you think you are currently in love and ensure that they take you to an expensive restaurant on the 14th. You will become a vegan on the 15th.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Sometime in the second week of the month you are going to erupt, having controlled your Scorpion temper for close to three months now.

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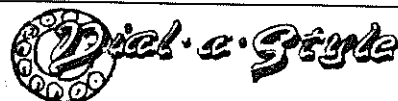
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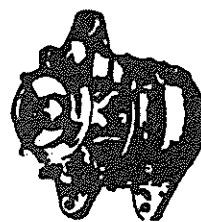
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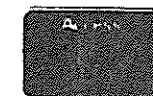
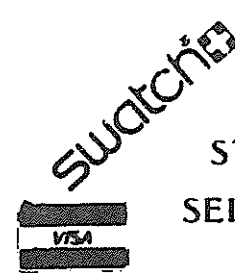
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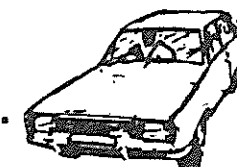
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Romanian Children

A sort of a cloud obscures this particular bit and I can't quite see what you will be erupting about but there's an individual (with a tee-shirt that says "Endangered Species") breaking the land-speed record in an attempt to avoid being hit by a squadron of bottles. As usual, take it for granted that it isn't serious.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Very bad news this month. You will be met at the door of your residence by at least seven of the people whom you passionately seduced last month and one of them will be dangerous. Strangely, there's nothing at all about you for next month, or the month after. However, in the very distant future I can discern crutches and an endless supply of bandage.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Having dismally failed in your attempts to flirt and hidden in solitary confinement for the past year, it is now time that you crawled out from beneath the handbasin and resumed existence. For goodness sakes try not to collapse when winked at and make a determined effort this time to impress upon assembled company that you are there. Begin practising now because you will need all of your strength and courage on the 15th when a member of the opposite sex will actually speak to you.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You will have to face up to the fact that you were wrong in that table quiz two years ago and forgive your partner for telling you so. Of course it is difficult being so close to perfection but remember that not all of the other life species around you are amoebic. You will be faced with an enormous challenge around the 8th when you will have to tell somebody that you like them. Once they have you strapped to the iron chair, swaying above a barracuda, it should not be too difficult to say it.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)

Having consoled yourself with alcohol last month you will fling your being to the nether-regions of the spectrum this month and bedazzle (not to mention bewilder) anybody who comes across your path. Towards the middle of the month prepare for yet another electric encounter of the spiritual kind (when your E.S.B. bill will again be revealed to you in a nightmare). Needless to say you are still convinced that Disneyworld should swirl through the roof whenever you attempt a seduction. Despite all my warnings, I can't convince you that once in a while some people just want to go to sleep.

Minerva (Big Dipper).

ROMANIAN CHILDREN

Today in Romania, children are crying out for parental love. Also today in Romania many Irish couples are desperately trying to give these Romanian Children the love their parents cannot. It should be simple to bring a child who needs love together with a couple who wish to love that child. It is, however, often very difficult to do so.

Adoption is a maze of emotional and legal difficulties. Everybody would agree that the well-being of the child must take precedence over all other considerations. Adoption is the bringing together of strangers who hopefully will become a family. Even when everything goes smoothly it is a very brave undertaking.

Such an act of courage was committed by a couple living in but

Maynooth. Their courage, however, was even greater than that of ordinary adoptive parents. This couple went to Romania to search for their child. Motivated by the desire to love and raise a child of their own and by the frightening news reports from Romania about the appalling conditions endured by Romanian Children.

It is not easy to adopt a Romanian child. The Romanian Government insist that the adoptive parents prove their suitability. A list of documents must be prepared before the hopeful parents leave for Romania. Documents such as: (1) Bank Statement, (2) Character reference from one's local Garda station, (3) Current Birth and Marriage Certificates, (4) Letter from the Department of Justice, (5) Medical Certificate and (6) A home report from a Qualified Social Worker. This last document is the hardest to obtain as the health boards are reluctant to provide them.

There are more difficulties ahead for a perspective couple, having arranged all their documentation and arrived in Romania, they will receive no official help of any kind. They must hire a guide themselves who will bring them to the various orphanages. Having found the orphanage, they must choose a child. This is often the most difficult moment for to choose one is to reject the others. For the couple in Maynooth, however, it was love at first sight.

The child, having been chosen, the permission of the child's natural parents must then be obtained, if they are alive, before the adoption can take place. This permission must be given before a Judge, and again it is the adopting parents who must organise the court and Judge.

In Ireland the adoption has no legal status and the child is an illegal alien. It is to be hoped that the Irish Government will soon change the law in this regard and allow these children to become Irish children.

The couple spoken of in this article wish to remain anonymous have said that they will offer advice to any couple thinking of going to Romania to adopt a child. If you need such help contact us at the Maynooth Newsletter and we will pass your name on to the couple. The couple have joined the "Irish Romanian Adoptive Parent Group".

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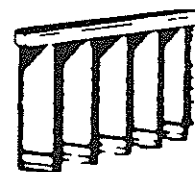


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CROSSWORD NO. 39

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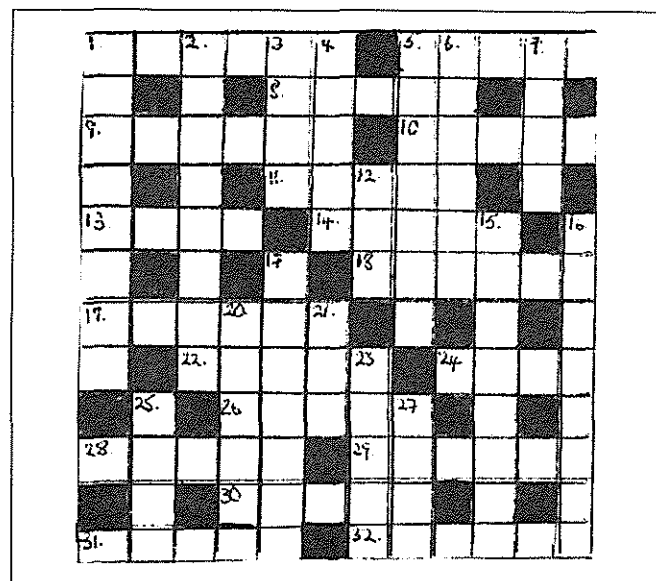
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1. Inn (6) 5. Appears (5) 8. Keen (5) 9. Meal (6) 10. Alcoholic Drink (5) 11. Not on record (5) 13. Monster (4) 14. Entices (5) 18. Trial Cosmetic (6) 19. Method (6) 22. Devastation (5) 24. Hit smartly (4) 26. Poetic rhythm (5) 28. Cringe (5) 29. Adjudges (6) 30. Oven (5) 31. Defeats (5) 32. Effaces (6).

Down

1. Land Turtle (7) 2. Spiteful (8) 3. Remainder (4) 4. Post-birth (5) 5. Cut (7) 6. Eats away (6) 7. Donkey (slag) (4) 12. Set down (3) 15. Waiters (8) 16. Dissents (8) 17. Turns back (7) 20. Least fierce (6) 21. Witty saying (3) 23. Long for (5) 25. Gown (4) 27. Water Jug (4).



Solution to Crossword No. 38

Across

1. Marmalade, 9. Devour, 10. Debonair, 11. Valets, 12. Zenith, 14. Brat, 15. Creel, 16. Lethal, 18. Assumed, 21. Veteran, 24. Rotter, 26. Vague, 30. Alto, 31. Atrium, 32. Clumsy, 33. Autobahn, 34. Deadly, 35. Boorishly.

Down

2. Apexes, 3. Myopic, 4. Loathe, 5. Durable, 6. Senate, 7. Together, 8. Wrestling, 11. Valve, 13. Tram, 17. Barricade, 19. Satsumas, 20. Early, 22. Taut, 23. Avocado, 25. Easels, 27. Garter, 28. Erebus, 29. Bushel.

Winner of Crossword No. 38:

Michael O' Sullivan, 1185 Greenfield, Maynooth

Closing date for receipt of entries:
Monday, February 18th at 5pm.

Out and About

STREET TALKING

Aidan's sold

Maynooth will soon sadly witness the departure of Aidan's Newsagents from the square. Aidan's, which was sold recently at an auction for an undisclosed sum, will be a sad loss to the many who used to nip in for a paper to read or sweets to munch on the bus. Street Talking wishes Mr. Aidan Flood the best of luck in all he does in the future. (See report in "Eye Hear" for more details)

Just Gifts??

It's a funny world and just as we say farewell to one member of the Flood family we must welcome another. Terry Rogers, a first cousin of Aidan's has recently opened "Just Gifts" in the town centre mall. Terry has had a wide experience in the retail trade, being, in her past life, both a buyer and a seller for Arnott's Department Store. And this experience shows in the bright and spacious layout of "Just Gifts". The shop stocks a wide range of items such as brass, crystal, pottery, pewter and cuddly toys at prices ranging from as little as £2 to as much as £195. "Just Gifts" is worth a visit at any time of the year even just to treat oneself.

Searching for a cast of thousands

In No. 3, The Square, Mr. Jude Fitzgerald has, since the 15th November been struggling to stem the tide of unemployment. For on that date he began his employment agency called Abbey Recruitment Ltd. This agency works to place qualified teachers in employment both at home and in England. Regrettably most of the positions available in Ireland are only temporary. Though at the moment Abbey Recruitment only handle teachers they hope in the future they will cater for office, computer and nursing staff. Most of those on the books are graduates of the college in Maynooth but there are some from the other colleges as well. Abbey Recruitment Ltd. only deal with graduates at the moment.

While just a walk away...

Another new arrival in Maynooth last year was the Centra Supermarket in the Main Street. This bright and clean shop is an asset to the town centre and is an indication of the growing market Maynooth is becoming for the entrepreneur. Managed by Mr. Nicholas Dunican, Centra has a broad range of goods and very liberal opening hours, 7.30a.m. to 9.00pm seven days a week.

Changes for Lyreen House

Street Talking has heard that Lyreen House in the square is to undergo renovation work by the Eastern Health Board prior to it becoming part of an expanded psychiatric service of the Eastern Health Board.

Christmas Tree

This column would like to congratulate Kavanagh's Mill for the best Christmas Tree yet. Sadly, it had trouble staying up due to vandalism. This is not the first year that such an incident has occurred - almost every Christmas the tree in the square has been attacked and its lights broken.

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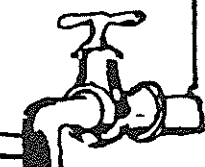
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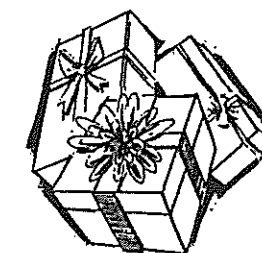
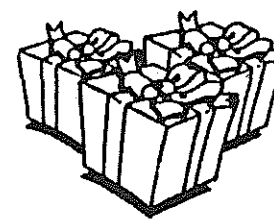
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Sports News

MAYNOOTH G.A.A NOTES

The following were elected at our Annual General Meeting held in our new Social Club on Sunday 13th January 1991.

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Committee: L. Lacey, P. Nevin, K. Connolly, M. Ryan, C. Feeney, P. Kearney, J. Conway, D. McDermot, Fr. Thyne, P. Carr, S. Molloy, J. Nevin, M. Caden, D. Madden, M. Gleeson. Development Committee: M. Gillick, P. Nevin, C. Feeney, L. Lacey, J. Conway, M. Kelly.

Junior 'A' Selectors: Jack Farrell (Manager), K. Connolly, J. Nevin.

Junior 'B' Selectors: M. Ryan (Manager), P. Carr, J. Nevin.

Under 21 Selectors: K. Connolly, T. Fay.

Minor Selectors: M. Donnolly, M. Ryan, A. Killoran.

All going well we hope to have our Social Centre open on 17th March.

Any people in Maynooth interested in Hurling who can help us to train our under age Hurling Team's please contact D. Quigley, S. Cummins, L. Lacey and P. Nevin. We cater for under 11, 13, 14 and 15. Training for all under age Hurling Team's start's on Saturday 2nd February at 10.30am in Moyglare Rd. field. Everybody welcome.

Anyone wishing to become a member of our club can do so by contacting any member of our committee. Also new players are very welcome.

Training has started for our under age football teams. All welcome from the age of 8 years to 14 years every Saturday morning at 11.30am in the Moyglare Rd. field.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our under age Christmas Draw. It was very successful.

Tommy Fay
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH A.C.

The cross country season has been in full swing for the past couple of months and many notable successes have been scored by our athletes.

Juveniles: Patricia Purcell, Emer O'Sullivan, Conor Diggins and Michelle Gillick were individual medalist at the championships. Conor was our first medalist when he won the silver medal in the boys u/10 and then went on to take third in the U/11. Patricia Purcell took the U/14 title with Emer O'Sullivan 2nd and Maynooth won the team title with Margaret Brennan (6th) and Tracey Kearney (10th). Emer subsequently finished 3rd in the U/15. Michelle Gillick after finishing 4th in the U/12 put in a superb performance to win the U/13 and lead the team completed by Maeve Flood (5th), Tracey Kearney (13th) and Linda Haren (15th) to second place. Our boys U/9 team taking part in their first cross country ran well to take 2nd team led by Morgan Sweeney (8th), Noel Healy (11), Daniel Adderley (13) and Cillian Carr (14). All our athletes performed well in these championships and there was intense competition for

scoring places on our teams. Our other competitors were;

Girls U/10 Irene Kearney (15), Catherine Duff (18).

Boys U/10 Noel Healy (13).

Girls U/12 M. Gillick (4), Susan Adderley (8), Virginia Breslin (21), Laura Kearney (23).

Boys U/12 Derek Arnold (19).

Girls U/14 Anne Marie Farrell (11) Dervla McDermott (14).

Boys U/9 Stephen Healy (15)

Girls U/11 S. Adderley (6), I. Kearney (17), C. Duff (23).

Boys U/11 D. Arnold (17).

Girls U/13 L. Kearney (18), D. McDermott (19), Orla Cahill (21), Valerie Nolan (22).

Girls U/15 Gemma Haren (7).

Further good performances came in the "B" championships where the boys U/9 team again came second with the girls U/13 team also coming second. Results of these were;

Boys U/10B K. Ennis (5), N. Healy (15).

Girls U/12B S. Adderley (10), L. Kearney (21).

Girls U/14B T. Kearney (4).

Boys U/9B M. Sweeney (5), D. Adderley (10), C. Carr (11), N. Healy (13), D. Healy (15).

Girls U/11B S. Adderley (4), I. Kearney (18).

Boys U/11B D. Arnold (15), D. Carr (16).

Girls U/13B M. Flood (7), T. Kearney (9), D. McDermott (11), L. Kearney (13), V. Nolan (14).

In the Leinster Championships our athletes were involved for club and county with Conor Diggins being our only medal winner being second man home in Kildare U/11. Conor had a magnificent run subsequently finishing 8th in U/10 - Kildare leading runner. The placings of our athletes in these championships were;

Girls U/9 78 I. Kearney.

Boys U/9 48 C. Carr, 54 P. Ennis, 60 D. Adderley.

Boys U/10 8 C. Diggins, 55 D. Carr, 73 N. Healy, 74 S. Healy.

Girls U/11 57 S. Adderley.

Boys U/11 22 C. Diggins, 55 K. Ennis.

Girls U/12 16 M. Gillick, 45 S. Adderley.

Girls U/13 34 M. Gillick, 80 T. Kearney 82, L. Haren, 83 L. Kearney, 84 D. McDermott.

Girls U/14 E. O'Sullivan 19.

Senior/Vets: Our novice ladies got the season off to a good start when Frances Kearney finished 3rd and the team completed by Margaret Gillick (4), Marie Gleeson (6) and Bernie Dunne (7) took the team title. David Jolley was our sole runner in the men's novice finishing 9th.

In the vets B. Dunne was O/35 winner, F. Kearney 3rd O/35 and the team (same as for novice) was 2nd. Back in action again Pat Maher was 3rd O/45 while David Jolley was 15th overall, Mick Gleeson (20th) and the team took 2nd O/40 award. F. Kearney was 3rd again in the Intermediate with the team 2nd and David Jolley 3rd in the mens.

In the senior there were no individual medals won but the team again excelled to take 2nd in the ladies with F. Kearney (6). B. Dunne (9) and M. Gleeson (10). In the senior men we lead an incomplete team with Willie Healy making his club debut over the long distance of 9000m Willie had a fine run finishing 16th behind Pat Maher (5) and Dave Jolley (13).

Details of the Leinster Championships were as follows;

Ladies O/40 M. Gillick (12), M. Gleeson (18).

Men O/45 P. Maher (3), D. Jolley (10). As well as taking the individual bronze Pat was also a member of the winning Kildare Team.

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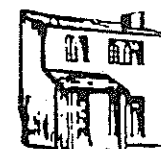
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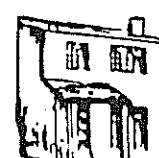
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Ladies O/30 13 F. Kearney, 17 B. Dunne, 18 M. Gleeson.
Men O/35 23 D. Jolley.
Men O/40 3 L. McNamee, 6 P. Maher, 19 D. Jolley. A great performance by the lads to take third club.
In the All-Ireland veterans championships our athletes were again to the fore. In the ladies O/35 Frances Kearney was 8th helping Kildare to 2nd in the Inter C. Marie Gleeson was 13th in O/40 again helping Kildare to 2nd Co. Liam McNamee finished 6th in the mens O/40 but with no team in support was out of the medals.
All the drama unfolded in the mens O/45 where for a long period it looked like Pat Maher could take the title matching the leaders all the way. His Kildare team mate Ray McCauley (Leixlip) and himself eventually broke the field and it was McCauley who proved the strongest finisher. This was a great performance by Pat and Kildare with 4 finishers in the top 5 winning the Inter County. Another fine run by David Jolley in finishing 12th - a performance that would guarantee a scoring position 99 times out of 100.
Training is now resumed for existing or new athletes at the GAA field Tuesdays/Thursdays 7.00 to 8.00 pm.

MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

Christy Kenny: an obituary.

It was with deep regret and sadness, that members of Maynooth Golfing Society heard of the recent sudden death of their colleague Christy Kenny from Greenfield, Maynooth. Affectionately known as "George" to all his friends in the Society, of which he had been a member for quite a number of years. Christy was a very keen golfer and always thoroughly enjoyed himself on our outings.
On a personal level, I knew Christy to be a very friendly, jovial type of character with a fantastic sense of humour and I had the pleasure of his company on many occasions throughout the years on the golfing circuit.
I'm sure each individual member of the Society will have his own happy memories of time spent with Christy. A very good friend of Christy's, our incoming Captain, Paddy Foy, has said that outings will never be the same again without the presence of Christy and these sentiments are echoed by all the members of the Society.
On behalf of the Committee and members of Maynooth Golfing Society, I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to his wife Tess and his family.
May he rest in peace.

Sean Tracey,
Hon. Secretary.



Christy Kenny

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

Our Season failed to take off following the Christmas break due to inclement weather conditions. With a full list of fixtures for Sunday 20th January, we had hoped to continue our pre-Christmas winning ways. League leaders West Park Albion were due in town and would have given a good indication as to the merit of our recent good form. Our second team were deprived of a Conway Cup outing with a late cancellation of their Phoenix Park fixture. It is hoped that the weather will soon take a turn for the better and activities will soon re-commence. Our Christmas Party held in Geraldine Inn was a most enjoyable affair with excellent entertainment provided by that doyen of groups, Fiddler's Green. Danny, Noel and Patsy deserve great credit for interrupting their Christmas vacation to provide the music and the craic. They were well supported by the usual crop of local talent who lent their considerable talents to the evening.

The Table Quiz held in Slims in conjunction with the Community Council was a most successful venture and the success of the Club team comprising of Ben Daly, Ollie Durack, Sam Feeney and Eenny Murphy added to the enjoyment.
The club was deeply saddened by the death of Christy Kenny prior to Christmas. Christy was one of our founder members and a great supporter of the club in all matters. To his wife and family, we extend our sincere sympathy.

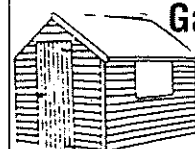
SPLASH NEWS

Welcome back to all our members after the Christmas break. The present term will continue until 23th February 1991. Our family swim on 12th January was a great success and enjoyed by all.
We are currently compiling a waiting list and if you would like a place for your child/children please contact the secretary Mary Healy (Phone No. 6286942) for further details. In particular we are looking for improvers who already have some knowledge of swimming and who would like to be part of our club. To be able to swim is a life-long gift to give to your child. Children must be over 4 years of age.
Finally the committee would like to wish all our members a very happy New Year.

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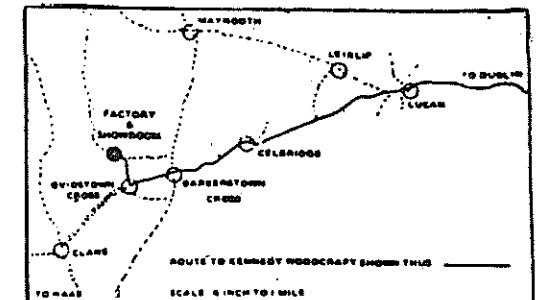
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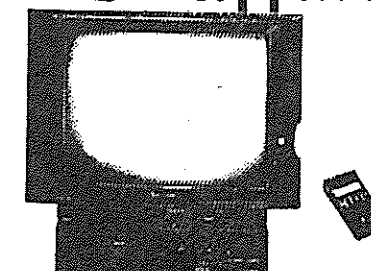
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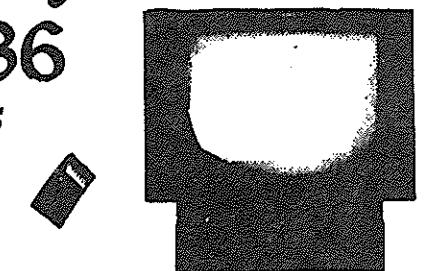
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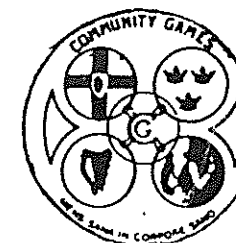


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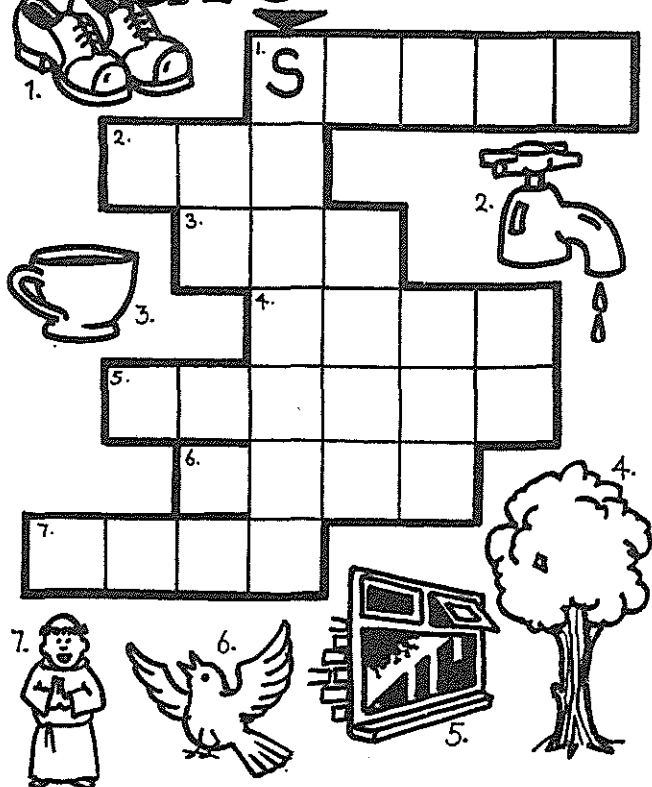


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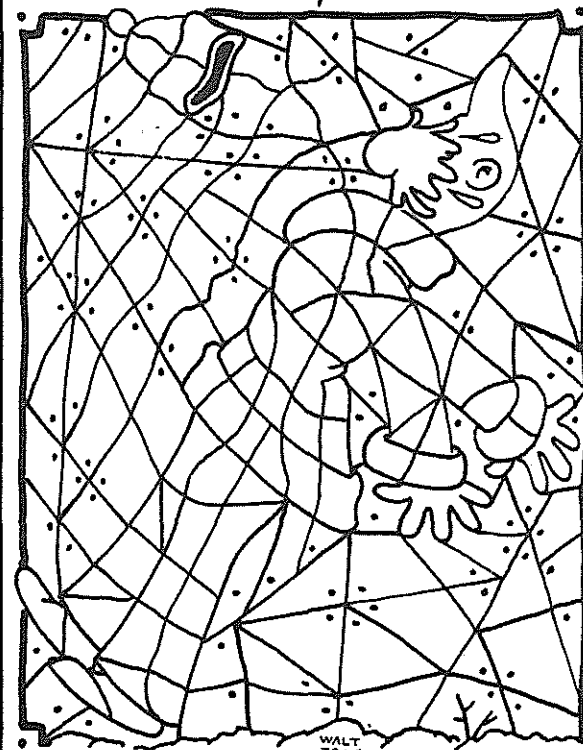
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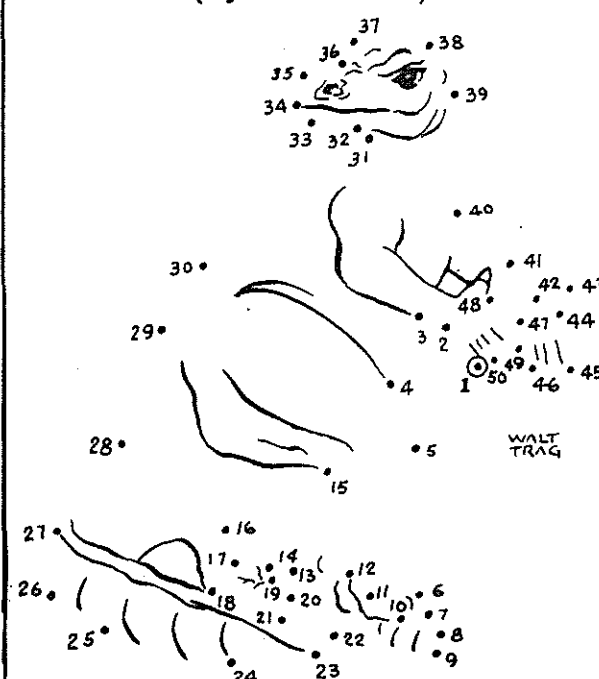
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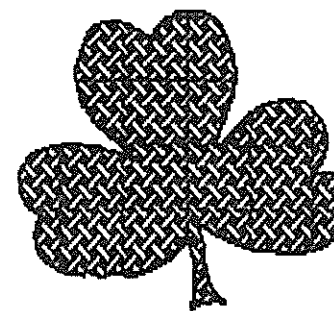


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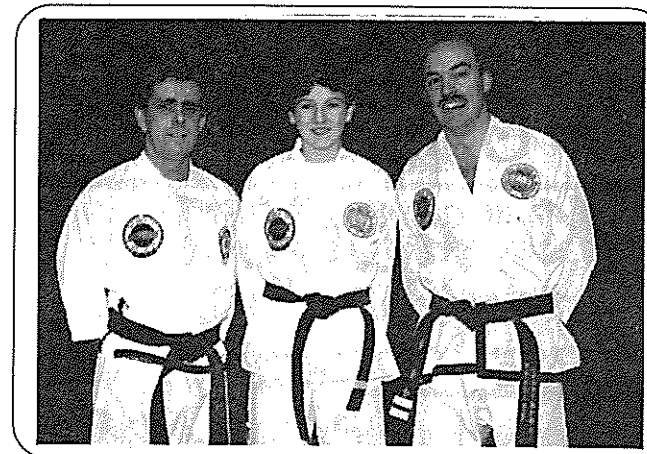
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TAE KWON DO



1 - R Gerard McClelland 3rd DAN, Antoinette Mooney 1st DAN, Michael Devereux 2nd DAN

The end of 1990 marked a very significant turning point for Maynooth Tae Kwon Do school with the appointment of the schools' first Black Belt, Antoinette Mooney (14) from Old Greenfield graded, and was promoted to 1st Degree Black Belt by Mr. Robert Howard, 6th Degree and Mr. Anthony Phelan 6th Dan.

Antoinette has trained consistently with the school since it opened in 1985.

The school itself has progressed within the Republic of Ireland Tae Kwon Do Association to become Irish National Champions in 1990 and was subsequently followed by Antoinette's promotion to Black Belt.

The school is now one of the strongest in the R.I.T.A. and under instructors, Gerard Mc Clelland 3rd Dan, and Michael Devereux 2nd Dan, has designs on maintaining its strength through methodical and technical Martial Art Training. It's strength is in its rigorous discipline and respect for the quality of the art and also from the tremendous support from within the Community of Maynooth.

Antoinette may be the first Black Belt in Maynooth, but is merely the first of a long line to come.

The instructors would like to thank the parents for their own dedication to encouraging Antoinette and to all parents and members for their neverending perseverance.

P.R.O.
G. McClelland.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Farrelly: The brother and sisters of the late Bridie Farrelly wish to thank most sincerely those who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement, those who attended the removal, Mass and burial, sent Mass cards, floral tributes, and letters of sympathy, our good friends and neighbours. As there are too many people to name individually we trust this will be accepted as an expression of our gratitude. Mass has been offered for the intentions of all.

SYMPATHY

Wife, daughters, grandson, brothers, sisters, mother-in-law, relatives and friends of the late Christopher (Kit) Kenny, Greenfield.

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Daughters, sister, sons-in-law, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of the late Mary Dempsey, Spincopp, Leixlip.

Sons, daughters, sisters, grandchildren, relatives and friends of the late William Monohan, Greenfield.

Brother, sisters, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of the late Mick Mulherns, Danesfort, Kilkenny, Leixlip and formerly Staff St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy Birthday to John Walsh, Clondalkin. Love Nuala.

Happy Birthday Yvonne McCarron, 2 Greenfield, 5 years old on 27th February, from Daddy, Mammy, sister and brothers. Also to her Daddy Manus, 15th February. Love from Margaret, daughters and sons.

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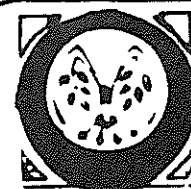
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Birthdays

Belated Birthday wishes to Tracy Horan from your best friend Annette.

Happy Birthday Mammy on February 27th. From Annette, Peter and Ciaran.

Happy Birthday to my Mother, Ann Connolly, Sarchfield Nursing Home, who will be 93 years of age on 1st February. Lots of love from her daughter Madge, grandchildren and great grand children.

Happy 12th Birthday on 4th February to Carol Dunne, Pitchfordstown, Kilcock. Lots of love from Mammy, Daddy and Lorraine.

Belated Birthday greetings to Karina McGovern, Greenfield who celebrated her 10th Birthday on January 14th. Love from Nannie Una and all your family.

Happy Birthday to Doreen Tracey, Greenfield, January 14th. Love from all at 818, 820 and 833 Greenfield.

Happy Birthday to Barry Collins, Mariaville, aged 11 years on February 5th. Also to his brother Brian aged 15 years, February 10th. Love from Una and Family.

Love and Best Wishes for a very happy Birthday to Una McGovern, Greenfield, February 2nd, from your loving Sons, Daughters-in-law and Grandchildren.

Happy Birthday to Sharon Fowler, Kilbrook, love Fiona, Tony, Andrew and Paul.

Birthday Greetings to Mick O'Neill, Kilcock, love Fiona and Tony.

Happy 21st Birthday to Tony Cummins love Fiona.

Happy Birthday to Padraig Travers, love Fiona.

Birthday Greetings to Paul Byrne, love Fiona.

Happy Birthday to Joey O'Brien, Ovidstown, from all the TED Gang.

Happy Birthday to Sean and Coln Moriarty from Family and friends.

Congratulations to Patrica Dempsey, Greenfield, who celebrates her birthday on 31st January, from The Gang.

Congratulations to Tina Fitzpatrick who celebrates her birthday on February 9th from the gang.

To The Kiely Family in Johannesburg, wishing you all the best from your New Year's Eve Friends for 1991. Hope you will be with us to ring in 1992.

Happy 1st Birthday on 7th February to Ciara in London, love from Grandma, Grandpa and Uncle Ter in Kingsbry.

Happy 14th Birthday to Terence on 3rd February, love Mum and Dad.

Birthday Greetings to Bernie, from the gang.

Happy Birthday to Aoife Barlow, age 11 on February 2, love from Nanny and Grandad.

Birthday Greetings to Darren Naughton, Greenfield, age 11 on February 14.

Happy Birthday to Larry McTernan, Highfield, Kilcock, February 25.

Birthday Greetings to Mrs. Shirley Cummins, Highfield, Kilcock, February 12 and to daughter Niamh, age 7 on February 5.

Birthday Greetings to Mrs. Mary Halligan, Station Road, Leixlip, February 3.

Birthday Greetings to Gerard Mc Ternan, Greenfield, February 27.

Happy Birthday to Paul McTernan, Highfield, Kilcock, age 15 on February 4 and his sister, Gillian, age 9 on January 24.

Very best wishes to Phil Brady, Clock House, who celebrated his birthday on January 19. This comes from all the Patrons of Clock House.

A very happy birthday to Brother Brendan (S.M.A. House) on Valentine's Day. With love from Isabelle, Peter & Co.

PERSONAL GREETINGS

Congratulations to Maggie Heeney, Celbridge, and Martin Foy, Maynooth, on their recent engagement. Love and best wishes, Fiona.

Congratulations to Justina O'Neill, Kilcock and David Byrne, Kilcock on their recent engagement. All our love and best wishes for your future happiness, Fiona, Tony, Family and friends.

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Personal Greetings

Congratulations to Sharon Fowler, Kilbrock, and Andrew Byrne, Celbridge, on their recent engagement. Love and best wishes for your future happiness, Tony, Fiona, Paul, family and friends.

Congratulations and best wishes to Michael and Eileen McGovern, Greenfield on their 11th Wedding Anniversary on January 26th, from Mam, Kevin, Noel, Marie and boys.

Congratulations to Michael and Josephine Dempsey, Greenfield, who celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary on February 19th. From Noel, Patricia, Margaret and Joseph.

Congratulations to Bernadette and Tony Price, Prosperous, who celebrated their 8th Wedding anniversary February 6. Love from Mammie and Daddy. Also best wishes to Daddy and Mammie Barlow, Greenfield, who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary February 4. This comes from Bernadette and Tony.

Congratulations to Emma Boyce, Corbally and to Noel Tracey, Greenfield, who were married on January 5th.

Congratulations to Mrs Muldoon on the birth of her baby girl. Love from Helena, James, Michael and Thomas.

Congratulations to Mary Conneely-Sheridan and her hubby (Superman) Martin, Kilmessan, Co. Meath on the birth of their baby daughter. Five down, five to go! Lots of love Maura.

Get well wishes to Louise Croake. Hope you get better soon, from all your friends in Maynooth.

Best wishes, good luck and many happy days in retirement to Mrs. Ita McTernan, Parson Street. This comes from your workmates and staff in St. Patrick's College.

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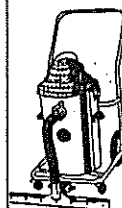
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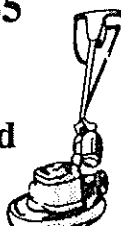
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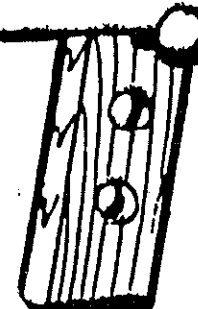
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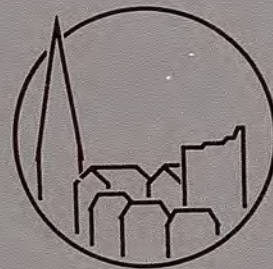


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Tom Dempsey and Gerry Durack presenting prizewinner Tina Fitzpatrick with cheque from the Maynooth Town Soccer Club in Caulfield's.

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The Roads

In this issue readers will encounter references to the state of Maynooth's roads from all sides - with the exception of those parties currently in power. Anyone can attempt to negotiate these canyons, made even more cavernous with the recent cold weather. However at what cost to us all? Pedestrians are at risk of being run down by juggernauts or of breaking limbs because of uneven or non-existent surfaces. Motorists pay through the nose for broken suspensions, wrecked tyres and shock absorbers. The recent budget actually increased the amount of road tax payable. It is essential now that investment be put into the country's infrastructure. The state of the roads reflects years of neglect. Throwing a few shovel fulls of gravel on tarmac on a surface designed to hold no more than the occasional passing donkey and cart, is simply wasting energy. The government, and local authorities have to decide whether we are a modern economy with an appropriate modern infrastructure. Certainly the cost will be high, certainly it should have been done in the 1950's when every other European country was investing in its road system. But investment must be found now to bring Maynooth, and Ireland's roads system into the 21st century, which, remember, is only nine years away.

Cold Spaces

1991 will certainly rate as one of our coldest winters. Most people will remember that five hour journey from the city to Maynooth on the 8th January as the traffic ground due to snow. While the road maintenance crews failed on that occasion credit must be paid to those who worked so hard on later days to ensure that at least main roads were passable. To the unknown workers, who made Mullen Bridge and other canal bridges accessible, many thanks. Now, if only something could be done about flattening Leixlip Hill so that juggernauts would stop jackknifing at the slightest hint of snow or ice we'd be happy.

Patrick's Day

Once again Maynooth citizens will throng the Main Street as either spectators or participants in Kildare's biggest St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Newsletter battalion will take to the streets again. We and all participants look forward to your support on the day.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to you to express my abhorrence at the widespread indiscriminate dumping of household appliances and furniture in the area. The Dunboyne road at Blacklion has items from dishwashers to sides of lamb dumped in the drain along the road. However, the dumping has now reached a new low with dumping on a large scale on the roadway into Laraghbryan Cemetery. What has become of our Community when they dump a three seater sofa, television sets, radios, vacuum cleaners, fridges etc.. at the entrance to our Cemetery. Will those members of the Community who are responsible for this dumping please stop.

Kildare County Council will make skips available to the Residents Association free of charge, for collection of such household goods. Will Kildare County Council please clean up the unsightly mess at the entrance to the graveyard. Please Stop this madness and protect our environment.

Yours sincerely,
Larry O'Brien,
510 Newtown.

Dear Editor

Re: Noisy Students

If anyone suffering nuisance from noisy students would like to contact us with a view to investigating if anything can be done to solve this problem we would be glad to hear from them.

Signed: **Noel Lysaght**
2, Maynooth Park,
Tel. 6286529

Shay Corbally
22 Maynooth Park,
Tel. 6285158

Michael Garvey,
28 Greenfield Drive,
Tel. 6286574

Dear Editor

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising and many events are planned at local and national level to commemorate the men and women of the Rising. There is a strong connection between Maynooth and the Rising in that 15 men, led by Donal Ua Buachalla (grandfather of the proprietor of the hardware store on Main St.) marched into Dublin and fought in that heroic initiative which led to the establishment of our Republic.

So far, local events include the Bru Bosco Youth Club's plan to stage a play on the 15 Maynooth men's action and the College Students' Union debate entitled "Should the 1916 Easter Rising be celebrated today?" That debate is scheduled for Tuesday 19th March and Bernadette McAliskey is invited as the main "yes" speaker with Conor Cruise O'Brien as the main "No" exponent. In Leixlip their committee are hosting an exhibition of the "Book of Kells" like Leabhar na hAiseiri and a collection of 400 photos of the Rising in Dublin. Also local 1916 memorabilia

will be on display. The exhibition will be in the Springfield Hotel from noon until 6pm on Sunday 3rd March and a Commemoration Ceili will be held from 8.30 until 1am, in the same venue. Tickets at £3 are available from the undersigned or at the door.

Finally, a National Parade and Pageant will be held in Dublin on Saturday 6th April which will enable all local groups to join together and present their areas contribution to the memory of the men and women of the 1916 Easter Rising.

Michael Quinn
Member of National Executive Committee
Reclaim the Spirit of 1916 Committee

Dear Editor

Asthma Society of Ireland.

Due to the benefits of swimming to Asthmatics and a request from some of our members, we have been asked to ascertain the amount of public response to the provision of a swimming pool in Leixlip and to this end, would be grateful if you could include the following in the Newsletter.

A swimming pool is necessary in Leixlip - we would be pleased to hear from Youth Groups, Resident Organisations or anyone who feels that this is important for the large number of young people in Leixlip. In order to estimate public response please contact - 6244956/6244806.

Yours faithfully,
John Forde, Chairman,
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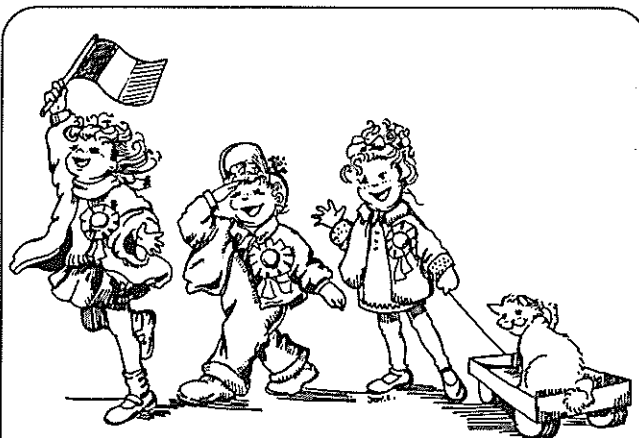
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Dear Editor

Firstly, many congratulations on the success of the Newsletter. I was just doodling along the 'St Patrick's Day theme' and finally summoned up the courage to send you a small sketch. It's just for fun and maybe it will fill a corner for you somewhere.

Wishing you all the best in the future.

Yours Sincerely
Joyce Carroll,
Moyglare,
Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

A delegation comprising Peter Hussey, Margaret Cline, Tom Mc Mullon and John McGinley from Maynooth Community Council met the Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council on 8 February 1991.

Kildare County Council was represented by: Mr. G. Ward, County Manager, Mr. V. Carrick, County Engineer, Mr. Condrón, Maynooth Area Engineer and four other members of the Manager Staff.

Elected representatives present were: Bernard Durkan T.D.

Emmet Stagg T.D.

Jim Gallagher M.C.C.

Colm Purcell M.C.C.

Gerry Brady M.C.C. did not attend.

The following written submission was presented by John McGinley, Chairperson, Maynooth Community Council.

The dangerous state of the roads and footpaths in the Maynooth area is causing great anger and concern among the residents. Our submission to you today is an attempt to improve on the serious problems that exist.

Our submission concentrates on three specific issues:

1. The condition of the roads.
2. The condition of the footpaths.
3. The public toilet building in the Square.

Community Council Notes

(1) THE CONDITION OF THE ROADS.

A. Rathcoffey Road/Bond Bridge.

This road has been an item of contention for some 19 years now. The section causing most concern is Bond Bridge and the approaches to it. In our submission to you on 10th November 1989 we asked you to resurface the roadway and to install traffic lights if a new bridge was not forthcoming in the immediate future. Since then nothing has been done despite the fact that over 100 extra houses have been built off this road in the meantime.

We are now asking you to carry out immediately this work before a fatality occurs. Substantial contributions towards the cost have already been collected in special development levies from the area.

B. Moyglare Road.

A major housing estate (Moyglare Village) has been built at the end of this road. The road is in very poor condition and is badly in need of proper surfacing. At present there is only one lane of traffic due to the large potholes at either side of the road.

C. Dunboyne Road/Convent Lane.

This road is used by a very large amount of articulated trucks. The road is not suitable for this traffic as it is too narrow and has a bad surface. Articulated trucks should be encouraged to use the alternative route at Blacklion.

Convent Lane road urgently requires resurfacing to bring it up to a standard appropriate to the 1990's.

Hugh McCartan

Smithstown, Maynooth

Tel. 627 1716

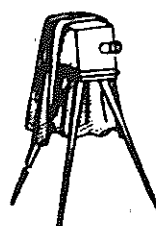


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Community Council Notes

D. Straffan Road.

This road is scheduled to become the link road to the motorway by-pass. We would like details of this link road. We are particularly interested to know how it effects the housing estates adjoining it, i.e. Greenfield Estate, Kingsbry, Carton Court, Railpark. How is the screening to be done? i.e. hedges or walls. When is work going to begin on the link road?

E. Greenfield Lane.

This road joins the Straffan Road to the Rathcoffey Road. The road services Greenfield Cottages which is the largest County Council Estate in Maynooth. It is by far the worst road servicing any of the estates in Maynooth. It has suffered from years of neglect and requires urgent attention before it's condition deteriorates any further.

F. The Boreen. (Opposite Cattle Mart leading to Dunboyne Road)

Kildare County Council has fitted goalpost gates to either end of this road as requested in our submission on 10th November 1989. Cleaning up the rubbish has also taken place recently. We hope that this means that the enormous potholes will also be filled in. This is the access road to Maynooth Soccer Club's only pitch and is the first sight visiting teams from Dublin and the rest of Leinster get of Maynooth. We ask the council to fill the potholes and surface dress the road.

G. Roads in Lyreen, O'Neill Park and Greenfields Council Estates.

Maintenance and surfacing of the roads in these Council Estates is again urgently required. We particularly draw your attention to the back lane of Greenfields servicing houses 826 to 837.

(2) THE CONDITION OF THE FOOTPATHS.

Maynooth continues to be one of the most pedestrian unfriendly towns in the country. Over 50% of Maynooth's population is less than 20 years of age. Add to this 3000 students in Maynooth College and Maynooth therefore has a pedestrian population that is well above the regional average for a town of it's size.

As with most of Kildare's towns, there has been very rapid development in Maynooth in the past 20 years. The main difference in Maynooth, however, is that nearly all the development from the outset was physically separated from the town centre by the railway/canal, and a sort of green belt became established, which has been bad news for pedestrians from the estates off the Rathcoffey Road and more recently the estates off the Moyglare Road.

We earnestly ask the council to repair paths where they are damaged and to build ones where they are inadequate or do not exist (particularly on the Moyglare Road).

The town centre represents a series of sorry excuses for footpaths. They are an obstacle course of humps, hollows, puddles and potholes designed to twist the most supple ankle or shin. The Community Council has heard rumours that Kildare County Council were prepared to pave Maynooth footpaths in a manner similar to Grafton Street and other areas of Dublin. We would be completely in favour of such a development and we would like to see the County Council's proposals for the project.

(3) THE PUBLIC TOILET BUILDING IN THE SQUARE.

Last Summer Kildare County Council adopted as policy the demolition of the toilet block in the Square. Since then the E.S.B. has agreed to move it's 10 kv sub-station to accommodate the demolition. The E.S.B.'s costs are £13,185 and they are prepared to absorb £6,500 as their contribution to the improvement of the environment. What are Kildare County Council's plans for it's demolition? Will it have to be knocked anyway to facilitate the link road to the motorway? We would like to see the council's detailed plans for the Square following completion of the link road.

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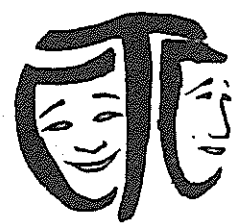
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Community Council Notes

The council will be aware that the Maynooth community are unanimously in favour of the demolition of this building. The Community Council want this to take place this year.

EMERGENCY ITEM

Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade

Our parade had 56 floats last year and this year we expect it to be even bigger.

Last year we unsuccessfully sought detouring of traffic from the Main Street from Kildare County Council. The Gardai held up traffic for as long as possible but eventually they had to stop the parade and allow traffic to flow through. The continuity of the parade suffered as a result. This inconvenience for motorists, parade organisers and the walking public (some thousands) could be eliminated if Kildare County Council approved a detour. If traffic took the Moyglare Road and Dunboyne Road at Blacklion all the difficulties would be overcome.

The parade lasts from 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. and we would appreciate if Kildare County Council arranged a detour so that the parade can be enjoyed by everyone this year.

Finally, we would like to formally invite the County Manager, Mr. Ward, and the members of the Celbridge Area Committee to be our guests on the reviewing stand. The Chairperson of the Celbridge Area Committee Emmet Stagg T.D. then permitted an open discussion on all the points raised. This lasted one hour, after which the County Manager stated that he would be sending us a detailed reply following their private discussion on the items.

John McGinley
Chairperson.

Dumping at Laraghbryan Cemetery, The Boreen and the Dunboyne Road at Blacklion.

Thoughtless people continue to dump all kinds of items in these areas. A sofa, T.V. sets, fridge, sides of meat, dishwashers are thrown on the side of the road.

How sad it is for a community to sink so low as to begin dumping at the entrance to our graveyard.

Maynooth Community Council will be keeping a lookout for this indiscriminate dumping from now on. The Registration Numbers of vehicles will be noted and forwarded to the Authorities.

John McGinley
Chairperson.

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ROYAL CANAL NOTES

Spring Fair

Once again its "Spring Fair" time and we are again joining forces with the Boys National School to run, what is now regarded as one of the premier events of North Kildare. The Spring Fair will take place on the last weekend in April at the Boys School. More details in next edition.

Royal Canal Jamboree

The R.C.A.G. committees of Maynooth, and Enfield are joining with Maynooth/ Lions Club to host this event which will again feature the popular 'its a knockout' contest but this year there will be a junior 'its a knockout' with teams from Kildare and adjacent counties, a number of which will go forward to the grand finals at Mosney. I will keep you fully informed as to the full list of events. The date for the Jamboree is Sunday 5th May.

Your Questions answered

In the last edition I promised that we would answer a selection of the more usual question we receive during fund raising/ promotional events so here we go

How long is the Royal Canal?

The main portion of the Royal Canal is 90.5 miles long (Dublin to Shannon entry point west of Newtown Forbes, Co. Longford) There is a branch line which is 5.5. miles long and runs into Longford Town. So the total distance of the Canal is 96 miles.

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Why are there locks on canals and not on rivers?

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Why is the water on the canal discoloured?

The water on the canal is not as discoloured as it looks. In order to prevent the water from soaking away, the sides and bottom of the canal are lined with a special brown clay called poddle. Naturally just as a blue painted pool makes the water blue so too does a brown coated canal make the water look brown. If you fill a glass or jar with canal water you will notice that the water is only slightly discoloured from normal marine life.

Why were barges built with almost flat bottoms?

Many people believe that the main reason for this is because the canals were not very deep and this is one of the reasons but the main reason was to take the pressure of the horse on the bank. Barges which were horse drawn moved through the water at a slight angle (towards the bank) rather than in a straight line. If the barge had a curved bottom it would be much deeper in the water and would in effect be pulling against the horse and so barges were built with flat bottoms to facilitate the ease of movement by the horse. Converted barges which now have engines are still piloted along canals with the bow angled towards the bank to this day.

Can we take our boat on the canal?

Yes, The Royal Canal is fully navigable from Blanchardstown to Mullingar and in some areas beyond Mullingar.

Boating on the canal is subject however to the usual permit from the Inland Waterways Section of the "Office of Public Works." Children should always be accompanied by an experienced adult, especially where the use of lock gates are concerned, and normal water safety rules should apply.

Where can I get a lock key?

Lock keys (the tool for opening and closing locks) are available from most branches of the R.C.A.G. You may be asked for a small deposit.

Persons using the canal are expected not to use anything other than the correct tool for lock gates as all gates and mechanisms are completely new and must be preserved in good order.

More questions and answers at a future date, if you have any questions or indeed information concerning the Royal Canal please write to

P.R.O., Royal Canal Amenity Group,
21, Cluain Aoibhinn,
Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Gerry Fitzpatrick, P.R.O.

ST. MARY'S BAND MAYNOOTH

Maynooth has many musical assets; the college music department with its two choirs and many fine musicians provides much musical fare for the people of Maynooth and indeed far beyond it. There is however an older musical tradition in Maynooth, that of the local brass band which has served not only Maynooth but the whole country since 1796.

It is not of course an unbroken tradition of service but it is an illustrious one: the band that plays on the Main Street of Maynooth today can trace its origins back to 1796 when a band from Maynooth entertained the dignitaries present to lay the foundations of the College at John Stoyte's house. It is a band which has time and again provided the musical score to the nation's history. When the nation mourned the death of Daniel O'Connell 1847 and again in 1891 when it mourned Parnell the Maynooth Brass and Reed band played the heroes to their final resting places.

More cheerfully the band had the honour of being the only one to play at the Eucharistic Congress of 1932 and again when Pope John Paul II visited the Phoenix Park in 1979 it was the only band present.

The local history of the band is also an illustrious one. Punctuating the early days of the town with the foundation of the college in 1795, the band has been present at many events of local importance.



During the early years of the present century it found itself in the national news, when a number of its members refused to play for King George V and Queen Mary when they visited Maynooth in 1912. In 1916 four of its members, Paddy Colgan, Tom Mangan, Jack Graves and Johnny Kenny marched to the G.P.O. The band suffered however at the hands of the Kilcock Brigade of the old I.R.A. when fearing a Tan occupation of the town hall they set it ablaze (they were using it as a home at the time). The music was silenced by the tragedy of the Civil War until 1932 when the musicians were again heard in Maynooth. This time they were located in the harbour field in the present I.C.A. hall. The band received a permanent home in 1944 when it moved into the old national school in Pound Lane. In 1955 the boys' band was founded to augment the senior band, and in 1959 history was made, much to the upset of the local Parish Priest Fr. William O'Brien, when women were allowed to play as well.

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The problem of finance is a constant one for the band and the cost of instruments and uniforms is enormous. Back in 1970 Fr O'Higgins raised £750 by cycling to Armagh and back. In those days new instruments cost £1,140. Today the cost can be as high as £20,000. The band is at present buying new uniforms costing approximately £9,000, of which they need to raise £3,000. The new uniforms should be ready by May or June of this year and were designed by the band members. They are being made by Eugene Fagan of Thomas Street, Dublin and will consist of a concert uniform with an overlay for marching.

The senior band today has 35 to 40 members whose age ranges from 15 to 50 years of age, ten of whom have been in it since 1954. Nearly all of its members are from Maynooth itself. It costs each member £20 per year to join and they pay their own transport to appearances outside Maynooth. They have been very successful in band competitions through the years and continue to be so - last year they won first prize in the marching band competition in Limerick.

The band also encourages new talent by running a junior class for 9-14 years olds. It takes 3 to 4 years to learn how to play an instrument. It looks as if these dedicated people will continue to serve the community, with our support for years to come. The next chance to hear them will come in this month with the St. Patrick's day Parade again being led by the band.

I.C.A. NOTES

The February meeting was held on Thursday 7th. Our President Madeline Stynes was in the chair. Sympathy was extended to the Faherty and Molloy families.

The monthly competition "My Favourite Cup and Saucer" was won by Madeline Stynes, 2nd K. Burns and 3rd Brid Sheil. All activities continue with Arts and Crafts Mondays at 8pm. Badminton Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30 - 12noon.

The March meeting will be held Thursday 7th at 8pm in the I.C.A. Hall, The Harbour. A member of the National Parents Council will address the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all there, and don't forget Daffodil Day March 22nd.

Mairead Scanlon
P.R.O.

DAFFODIL DAY

Daffodil Day will take place on March 22nd. Most shops and shopping centres will have a supply of daffodils on that day and the funds go towards Cancer Research. The organisation and selling of the daffodils will take place under the auspices of Maynooth I.C.A. and you are asked to support this worthy cause in any way you can by buying a daffodil or helping out on a rota basis selling the daffodils at the Shopping Centre.

OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

On Sunday 17th February a number of the elderly went to the pantomime "Little Red Riding Hood" at Whitefriar Street. The band of dedicated and talented amateurs gave an excellent performance which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

The annual collection for the Coal and Social fund will take place at St. Patrick's weekend (14th - 17th March) in the supermarket and also at the church gate. Please look out for our collectors and give as generously as you can. We promise that every penny will be well spent to improve the quality of life for the older members of our community.

Congratulations to Mrs. A. Barnwall who celebrated her 80th birthday recently and to Mrs. M. Waldron who will be 85 shortly. Our sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Michael Keegan and Mr. Michael Boyd who died recently in hospital. There will be no morning sessions during the Easter period from Tuesday, 26th March to Thursday 4th April. They will resume on Tuesday April 9th.

P.R.O.

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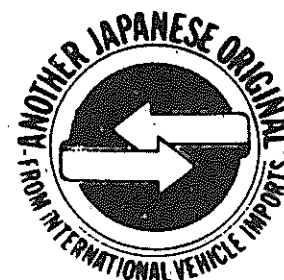
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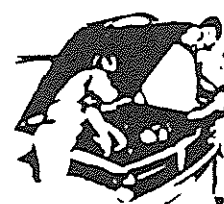
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We would like to thank all who contributed to making Santa Claus Christmas Bonanza another great success. In particular-The Maynooth Brass Band, Tina Barrett and Panache, Maynooth Garda, Pauric Fitzgerald, Aiden Flood, Bank of Ireland, Willie Kiernan, Maynooth Bicycle Shop, Raymond and Gerry O'Sullivan, Pauline Burke, Barretts, The Elite and Trevor Reilly, Philip McDermott and his staff.

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We would especially like to thank those who sponsored the Christmas Prizes including Carton House, Joe Buckley, Maynooth Autos, Coonans, Two Guys, Centra, O'Neills Butchers, Bartons, Maynooth Bicycle Shop, Maynooth Arcade, The Hula Bou, CPL Motor Factors, McCormacks, Declan Foley, Quinnsworth, Moulin Rouge, O'Neills Auto Electrical, James Barry, Denis Enright, Frank Regan, Cardinal Press, Top of the Crop, Alan Frazer, Kehoe's Delicatessen, Fuscuardi's, Gerry O'Sullivan, Maynooth Electrical Shop, L.S. Autos, Jim Smyth Butcher, Eugene Mara, Brian P. Noone, Billies, Gerard Brady, Nuzstop, The Flower Pot, John Bennett, (Country Shop), Ann Carey (Cameo), West End Carpets, Pauline Burke (Country Shop), Kiernans, and Maynooth Jewellers.

Bikes

The four Public Houses namely The Leinster Arms, Bradys, Caulfields and The Roost each sponsored a bicycle to the value of £390 which was much appreciated.

Key Holders

The Garda have again requested that the owners of premises give to them the names, addresses and phone numbers of key holders of their premises. Forms for filling out can be collected from the Garda or Declan Foley, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce Committee.

Footpaths

We have not received a response from Kildare County Council to our letter before Christmas about the state of the Footpaths.

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

The third term will commence with a FREE SWIM on 2nd March. The normal buses will operate on this date. There will be no swimming on 16th March and 30th March as the pool will be closed. The fees remain the same for this term and the committee requests that all fees should be paid by 23rd March 1991. We appeal to all our members to please let us know in advance if they will not be attending a new term, this enables us to offer places to children on the waiting list and helps to keep the running costs at a minimum.

Once again Maynooth Swimming Club will be taking part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We invite our members to participate in our fancy dress competition. Attractive prizes will be awarded for the best 'FANCY DRESS'. Members are asked to assemble at 10.30a.m. on the morning of the parade on Maynooth Park Green.

We are now looking for new members. For further details and enquiries please contact our secretary Mary Healy (Phone No. 6286942). The club would be happy to welcome both beginners and improvers but children must be over 4 years of age.

Finally may we wish all our members a very happy Easter.

Sheila Fleming
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE- FEBRUARY REPORT

First of all may I thank Mrs. Betty Carr for taking time out of a very busy schedule for addressing us on the 20th of February in the Post Primary School.

We all found her talk very interesting and informative. Who knows this could really get things going for us here in Maynooth. Our thanks for the support and encouragement. As usual we start our campaign with our door to door annual collection. This year our dates are from 21st - 27th March. Please give generously- as we have big plans for anyone who wants to give an hour or two to help us with our work-please contact Community Council. Finally we look forward to seeing you all at St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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Residents' Associations' Notes

Kingsbry Residents' Association

As this is the last month of the present Residents' Association committee we would like to start this issue by thanking most sincerely all the local businesses who helped us throughout the year with our various events. It is good to see support being given with such a good year. We would also like to thank all the various people who gave their expertise and time in order to help bring Kingsbry up to its present high standard. We would like to pay a special tribute to Dr.C.O'Rourke,Mr.Mick Martin, Mr.Michael Kearney and Mr.Sean Donovan for giving so generously of their time in order to further the aims of the committee. The committee feels that a lot has been achieved within the estate this year and none of this work could be carried out without the support of the residents. This past year more residents than ever before supported the Residents' Association and we would like to thank all those concerned and ask for their continued support - for without it the committee would be able to achieve very little indeed.

As I'm sure you're all aware, this year Kingsbry won the Tidy Estate Competition. We feel that this is a great compliment to every resident in the estate. Also this year the committee carried out a tree planting process throughout the estate on an ongoing basis, but unfortunately the 'tree wreckers' were also very busy throughout the year. But I'm sure you'll agree that we have done a good job in keeping up and surpassing them.

There are a number of on-going issues (eg. lighting within the estate and the future take over by K.C.C.) which as yet have not been resolved but we will be handing all the relevant information on to the upcoming committee.

The A.G.M. will be held in the Leinster Arms (upstairs) on Wednesday 6th March and we hope there will be a good turn up on that night. Several councillors will be present to answer any questions or queries you may have concerning the estate. The incoming committee will also start on that night and we hope a good response will be had. The only criterion needed to make one suitable for such a position is an interest in what happens in our estate. So if you think you might be interested or know someone who would be just drop down on the 6th March at 8 o'clock and we'll take it from there.

The 'outgoing' committee would like to wish the 'incoming' committee every good wish and luck for the next year in office.

Greenfield Estate Residents' Association

The Association Supper Dance was held on the 9th February, in Ned Slevin's as planned. The evening was most enjoyable and a great time was had by all. The food was beautiful and plentiful. There were salads of every sort and colour and the many piled plates were cleared with gusto. The fresh fruit salad really was fresh and delicious and the apple pie certainly met with unanimous approval. Everybody got a spot prize. The atmosphere of the evening was matched only by the generosity of the sponsors who donated the spot prizes. While all the spot prizes were lovely and very much appreciated, two sponsors were deserving of special note - The Moulin Rouge and Maynooth Autos.

Thank you very much to each and every one of you for your kindness in helping us to have a great night in Ned Slevin's, despite the inclement weather conditions. Hoping to see more of you next year. Roll on 1992!



Pictured at the Greenfield Residents Association Dinner Dance were Patricia Cahill, Pat Cahill, Seamus Kennedy, Pat Hogan and Breda Hogan.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place on the 4th March, 1991 in the New Arts Block of the College. The meeting will start at 8.30pm. The main event of the evening will be the election of the new committee. Nominations for the election of Officers of the Association will be accepted up to 14 days before the meeting. Names of nominees may be handed in to Mrs. Nuala Quinn, 2 Straffan Way.

Greenfield [Phase Three] Residents' Association

We had Mr. Kirrane out from the council on Tuesday 12th Feb. He had a good look around, he gave us great hope for all we want to do and he will be back to us 3 weeks from the date he was out to let us know what we can do.

There is a general clean up on March 9th at 3 o'clock and there will be a skip for all the rubbish we collect. We would like to see everybody and not just a few people out this time. Our disco was a great success on the 16th Feb. There was a great turn out and a good time was had by all. There will be another disco on the 2nd March and there is an age limit from 12 years upwards. This will be in the Parish Hall so look out for the posters. We would like to thank all the people, Mrs. White, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Maguire, Mrs. Newton, Mr. Carruthers, Mr and Mrs Birchall, Mrs. Kelly and our comedian Mr. Joe Byrne who kept us all sane. Thanks also to Eileen B. Bradley who found the lost gold bracelet. Well done.

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Maynooth Community Council will once again be holding its annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Parade, the largest outside Dublin, is always a huge success. Taking part will be **COMMERICAL AND CLUB FLOATS AND BANDS** not only from the immediate area but from as far away as Tyrone.

Entries to the Parade are now being taken. The organisers are particularly interested in attracting as many bands as possible. So if you are a member of or know of a Rock, Brass or any other variety of band who want to get free publicity, contact Maynooth Community Council at 01 - 6285922. There is no entry charge for bands and reasonable expenses are paid.

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Residents' Associations' Notes

Lyreen Residents' Association

The Lyreen Residents' Association would like to take this opportunity in thanking the Gardai, especially Sergeant Joe Canny and all Councillors involved in the erecting of the "No Entry" signs and also the starting up of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

We would like to advise people in the locality to please obey the "No Entry" signs and this also includes residents in the area. We will be holding our A.G.M. on Thursday 21 March 1991 at 9.00p.m. in Caulfield's Committee Room. It would be appreciated if all residents could attend. A notice will be issued to you before that date.

FINE GAEL NOTES

The Snow and all that.

The meeting was critical of the slow response of the County Council to the first fall of snow on the 8th January when it took up to three hours to travel from Maynooth to Leixlip, despite the fact that the snow had been forecast days before. A machinery contractor informed the meeting that Dublin County Council availed of all the machinery he had available in their area. However, when he and several other contractors approached the Maynooth office of Kildare County Council with offers of machinery they were kept waiting for several hours before one of them was eventually given the go-ahead to commence clearing snow late that evening. Members were particularly critical of the failure to sand or clear footpaths which remained hazardous for a week after the initial fall and represented a particular danger to the old and infirm.

Footpaths and Roads.

The perennial problem of the state of our footpaths and roads were discussed. It was decided that in order to underpin the efforts of Bernard Durkan and our other representatives to improve the situation the members would support the Community Council's petition and demonstration.

Proof of the Pudding.

The members were pleased to note that in a survey of Dail performance carried out by the **Irish Independent** and published in December Bernard Durkan was the only T.D. from this end of the county to appear under the various categories studied. The **Independent** stated "Bernard Durkan must rate as one of the hardest working backbenchers. He submitted the second largest number of written questions in this period, the majority concerning constituents' problems with government departments. It would appear then that he is involved in quite a lot of constituency work". Need we say more? A small sample of the issues raised by Bernard are given hereunder.

Maynooth/Dublin Rail Line.

In response to a Dail Question from Bernard regarding the provision of extra or improved rolling stock on the line the Minister stated that he had given "approval for the investment by C.I.E. of £18 million in 17 new railcars for use on suburban lines including the Dublin/Maynooth line".

Financing of Local Roads.

A question from Bernard asking "If sufficient finance will be made available to Kildare County Council in 1991 to facilitate

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a comprehensive road repairs programme in respect of main and county roads" received the following response from Mr. Flynn: "Primary responsibility for the improvement of regional and county roads rests with the local authority. The cost to be financed from local resources supplemented by the discretionary grant provided by the Department. It is not possible to indicate the amount of the road grants allocations to individual authorities for 1991 pending determination of the overall road grant provision.

WORKER'S PARTY NOTES

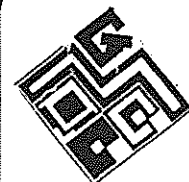
Local Democracy Needed

Did you know that Kells, County Meath, with a population of 1,300, has an Urban District Council, which is more than Leixlip (12,000), Celbridge (8,000) and Maynooth (5,000) have? In fact, even tiny Ballybay, County Monaghan (500 population) has a Town Commission, which is more than can be said for Maynooth.

This is because Ireland's local government structure dates from the era of the horse and carriage, and has survived largely intact due to the massive changes in technology and population distribution which have occurred over the last hundred years. The main change which has taken place is that, since the foundation of the State, while the system of local councils has remained in place, there has been a constant erosion of their powers. As a result, Ireland now has perhaps the most centralised administrative system in Europe.

It is noteworthy that the most prosperous countries in Europe also have the strongest traditions of local democracy. In Ireland, local councils have become so powerless that they are now mainly used as training grounds for aspiring politicians and as means for getting planning permissions for favoured clients. Elections to these councils are granted at the whim of the government of the day and are routinely postponed when the results are likely to be unfavourable.

It is the essence of healthy democracy that local communities should have as much control as possible over their own lives and their local environment. This requires first of all that each



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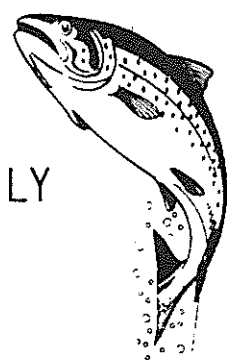
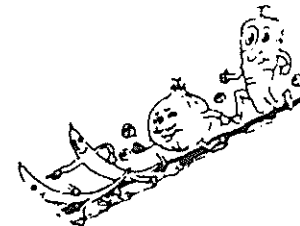
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community should have its own elected council, and secondly, that each council should be given as many functions as it can efficiently handle. Thirdly, councils should be given funds to carry out these functions on a systematic basis - not at the whim of the Minister for the Environment, as is currently the case. Fourthly, the scheduling of council elections should be outside political control. And fifthly, the system of councils should be reviewed periodically in the light of population and other changes.

All of the above are the norm in most other European countries. They have not materialised here because of an unholy alliance between entrenched bureaucrats and Mickey Mouse politicians, more interested in delivering goodies to individuals than to looking after the national interest. As the next century approaches rapidly, the Workers' Party's belated review of local government will at least bring us into the 20th century at last.

Education Threat Deployed

The Education Department in Maynooth College - one of the College's largest - is threatened by a government plan to reduce the number of such departments in the country from five to two. This move has been motivated purely by short term cost cutting objectives, and bears no relation to the country's long term educational needs.

While the demand for teachers has declined, the demand for in-service training has risen dramatically due to rapid technological and other changes. Education departments have been gearing up to meet these and other new demands, as was recommended by a recent report by outside educational experts. Typically, this report was never published by the government. It is also a typical reflection of this country's political culture that the decision on which departments to close is expected to be based on political rather than academic grounds. Ireland needs a comprehensive national education policy which will prepare us for the demands of the coming decades. It is false economics to sacrifice future generations to save a few pounds today. The Workers' Party opposes any move to close education departments in the absence of such an overall plan.

LABOUR PARTY NOTES

The Closure of Post Offices - An Assault on Rural Ireland

In a recent statement Deputy Emmet Stagg condemned the decision of An Post to close up to one quarter of its sub-post offices. Commenting on the proposal Deputy Stagg stated that it was part of a pattern which has seen the closure of Garda stations, many local schools, local rail and bus services, the abolition of a range of local committees (such as Local Health and Agriculture Committees), cutbacks in the rural library service and the decimation of many essential services provided locally by Health Boards and Local Authorities.

All of these decisions are being taken in Dublin by a government and by semi-state companies that seem to have forgotten that such a thing as rural Ireland exists. In particular, the latest decision to close sub post offices seems to ignore completely the number of people who depend on their post offices - particularly pensioners, who will now have to suffer the hardship and expense of travel to collect the pension to which they are entitled.

The loss of 1,500 jobs arising from this decision will be a devastating blow. The decision to install roadside letterboxes in place of the existing deliveries to houses will increase the isolation of many old people. All of this is a political issue. The net saving to the company will be somewhere between £1 million and £2 million but it is entirely open to the Government to recognise that would be money well spent on maintaining the fabric of rural life. So the Government cannot be allowed to hide behind pious statements to the effect that this is a matter for An Post and nothing to do with them.

Proposal to Develop Carton Estate

Expressing the concerns of many Maynooth residents, local Labour representative John McGinley, has issued a statement questioning the desirability of recent proposals to develop Carton estate. John points out that the trend in recent times to develop the great estates in the County as exclusive playgrounds for the super rich of Europe, thereby excluding local people from enjoying these facilities, is seriously worrying. The Labour Party in Maynooth support the development of Carton in a way that would make it available to local people and create jobs in the process. Present proposals will mean that not only will the general public be excluded by high walls but also by security cameras and uniformed guards.

Also on the issue of Carton, Deputy Stagg has tabled a Dail question to the Taoiseach asking him to ensure that Carton does not become an exclusive preserve of the rich and if he would consider it appropriate for the State to acquire Carton house and the estate in order to preserve for future generations its important features of a cultural, historical and recreational nature.

Bond Bridge

John McGinley has recently written to residents of Beaufield, Cluain Aoibhinn, College Green and Newtown regarding the continued deplorable condition of Bond Bridge shortly arising from a motion tabled by Deputy Stagg at the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council. In addition, John has requested that repairs be carried out on Newtown Road which is also in a poor condition. Concerning the ultimate aim of constructing a completely new bridge, John, along with Deputy Stagg will continue to press the Minister for the Environment to provide the necessary finance.

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Political Party Notes

Convent Road Repairs

Following representation by John McGinley, Kildare, Co. Council have undertaken to commence work on repairing Convent Road shortly. The Council describe the project as major repair work and John has written to residents in the area informing them of the good news. In addition, Deputy Stagg, will table the following motion for consideration at the next Celbridge Area Committee meeting of the Council: that footpaths be provided in front of the houses at Convent Road, Maynooth and to be financed from the 1991 grants.

Late Evening Train Service

Deputy Stagg has recently written to Iarnod Eireann regarding the desirability of a late evening train service to Maynooth. In reply, the Chairperson, Paul Conlon, indicated that financial constraints prevented the extension of the service at present. Local Labour representatives Emmet Stagg and John McGinley will continue to pursue this matter.

Proposed Telephone Kiosk

John McGinley has written to Telecom asking them to reconsider their proposal to site a new telephone kiosk outside the Geraldine Arms at Main Street. As this is primarily a residential area of the street John pointed out that a more appropriate location would be beside the Garda station where two kiosks were already situated.

Greenfield Lane

Residents in the Greenfield Lane Area have asked John McGinley to pursue the matter of the very poor condition of the land and footpaths in the area. John has written to the Council asking that repair work be carried out as a matter of urgency.

Deputy Stagg Attacks 'Do Nothing Budget'

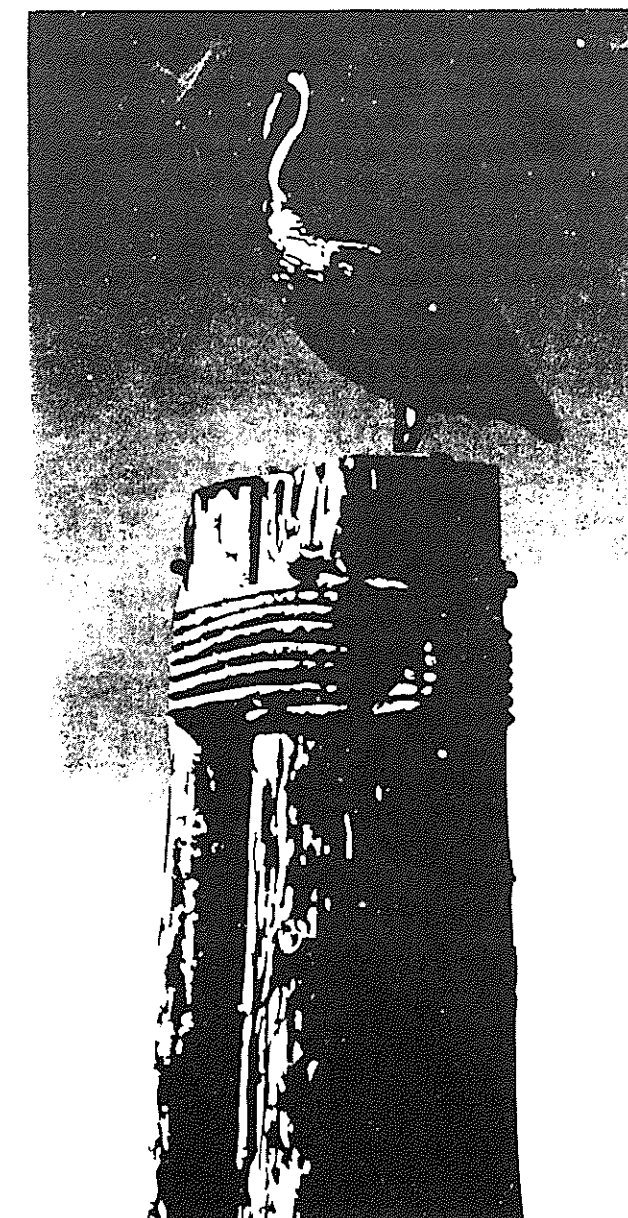
Speaking in the Budget debate in the Dail, Deputy Stagg, the Labour Party spokesperson on Social Welfare, was severely critical of the Budget provisions and expressed his amazement that it took Albert Reynolds one and a half hours of empty rhetoric and waffle to tell the House that nothing was being done about anything. Deputy Stagg pointed out that the increases in Social Welfare were miserly and that many social welfare recipients would be worse off at the end of the year than they were at present. He pointed out that the living alone allowance is to be increased by 20p which would not buy a bar of chocolate. For those 30% below the poverty line the Budget offered no hope - they are condemned to struggling to live without enough money to buy clothes for themselves and their children, to buy an adequate amount of food, to heat their homes or pay for adequate shelter.

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MUINTIR MAIGH NUAD:

Michael Nolan

At the end of January the patrons of the Mullingar greyhound racing track were given an opportunity to salute a distinguished member of their fraternity. Mr. Michael Nolan, a native of Maynooth, was honoured by having a full meeting held dedicated to him and his wife Mary who he had the good fortune to meet at a local dance and the good sense to marry. The couple were wine and dined for the night.

This tribute was richly deserved for Mick Nolan's love of greyhounds goes back over forty years. It is a sport to which Mick has greatly contributed by training a series of race winners going back to 1936 when, along with his cousin Paddy Nolan, he had a bitch called "Factory Beauty"



Mick in the Royal Box

The height of Mick's success must be when he went to Wembley and occupied the Royal Box. In 1958 a dog called "Canuever" came fourth in the English St. Ledger Final. Mick, together with the six owners and trainers, was entertained in the Royal Box at Wembley, with his friend Dock Reilly.

Mick plays in Croke Park

However Wembley was not the only sporting field graced by Mick - Croke Park also had the privilege of experiencing his talent. In 1935 Mick played the coronet in the Maynooth Brass and Reed Band at the Cavan-Kildare final which Cavan won. The band was led by Mr. Gebler, a German gentleman.

Billiard Champion

Nor were the dogs the only sporting activity to benefit from Mick's sporting enthusiasm. Three times all-Ireland billiard champion Mick is an all round sportsman. He remembers beating Tommy O'Brien (the music man) in 1952.

After he won his first all-Ireland in 1952 the late Mr. Tom Flood arranged a warm welcome home for the victor. The band was playing and a bonfire was lit in the town square (before "The Thing").

Proud Recollections

Another unforgettable moment in Mick's life was the presentation to him by Dr. Osbourne of a clock, still proudly displayed in Mick's home, from the people of Maynooth.

Mick also recalls holding a torch for Mr. DeValera during the later 1920's - perhaps some of our older readers could tell us exactly when. To jog your memory Mick remembers at "Kiely's

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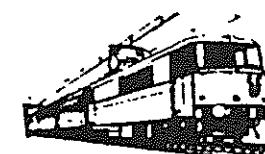
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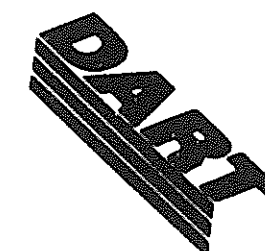


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Eye Hear

of the Cross" and being given a sod of turf dipped in parafin on a pole to hold aloft by Donal Buckley.

Mick also remembers delivering the first **Evening Press** in 1929, (his route was: first stop Donnybrook, Clonskeagh, down to Chapelizod and home) from the back of a van owned by Mick Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan had a shop where Mr. Ted Kelly now lives. Mick was paid 2/6 by Mr. Buckley who was later to become Governor General of Ireland in 1932 after being appointed by Mr. Eamon DeValera. Mr. Buckley's grandson, Joe, still owns the shop in the Main Street.

That's just some of the treasures I gleaned from talking to Mick. The **Newsletter** is always interested in talking to Muintir Maigh Nuadhat. Is there anyone out there who would like to share their memories with us? If so, contact the office at 6285922.

EYE HEAR

What's in a name again?

The pace of change and expansion in Maynooth goes on with another development of over one hundred houses between Kingsbry and Beaufield almost complete. The problem in a few years is going to be how we are to distinguish between these new estates with their inane predictable names. This new estate is named Meadowbrook. Well, unusually for such situations, there is indeed a brook picturesquely meandering through what may or may not have been a meadow. However, could our newest estate not have been baptised with a more meaningful name, allowing the preservation of some local feature through its place name? As far as Eye Hear is aware, the eponymous brook is known as the Joan Slade River, which emerges under the Castle. Why not call the estate Slade Valley, of Slade Green, or Slade Meadows? And speaking of names - could Old Greenfield, Phase three put us out of our misery and tell us what was the name which won the name the estate competition?

To the Point.

We hear that local publicans, Eithne and John Carey were seen slipping in the back door of the Point Theatre during the recent Eric Clapton concert. Eric and the Careys go back a long way, and though we hear that he forgot the unforgettable words of 'Wonderful Tonight' we hope that a wonderful night was indeed had by all.

Allez les Francais

Eye Hear reports that Moyglare Manor was missing some ten French guests during the Ireland versus France rugby weekend. Ze'igh spirited but wealthy chaps arrived in Dublin Airport in a private plane and proceeded to joyride around the airport in a borrowed minibus to the consternation of all. Les garçons were escorted to their beds in the 'Joy that night, but were allowed out for the match after their high jinks. Can't help thinking that a different fate might have befallen less august residents of Maynooth if they had tried the same stunt.

Surprise.

Twenty seven year old secretary of the Community Council, Peter Hussey is still wondering why his many friends conspired against him with a birthday party - still it's only the third surprise party he's ever had, and he enjoyed it anyway.

Arts for Arts Sake

Things are looking up, culturally that is. Eye Hear that Kildare County Council proposes to appoint an Arts Officer to establish a policy and administer plans for cultural development within the county. Their ideal Arts Officer will be under 50 (why? - will she/he need all that much stamina?) and have a direct involvement in the arts, and have proven organisational and administrative ability in this position which will surely include the power to remove the Thing in the Square on the grounds of aesthetic torture, can apply before 8th March.

Fishy Tales

Well, Eye Hear was all prepared on behalf of **Newsletter** readers to emulate the achievement of Bob who used to delight us with news from his kitchen. A visit to the well stocked fish shop in the rear of Top of the Crop revealed an ugly looking red fish which Larry Swan called Gurnard. For 49p a pound this might be worth investigating - indeed the ever generous Larry threw in a sample with Eye Hear's spinach and spuds, and asked for a report. Well, the news from Eye Hear's kitchen is not good - fluff attacked the Gurnard and ate it in two seconds. While Fluff favoured the raw state - we are told that any receipt for red mullett or haddock will do for Gurnard.

Town Entertains Gowns!

Students in Maynooth were treated to the pleasure of Maynooth local talent recently, when John Fleming (Bolla), Peter Keegan, Fred Leavy and Company played in the Students Union at a party in honour of Student President, Vincent Martin birthday. The more traditional strains of country and Western went down very well with the audience, who couldn't be kept off the floor - demonstration their old time waltzing and set dancing prowess.

VISITOR INDUSTRY SET TO TAKE OFF

A look into Bord Failte's publications a few years ago would have revealed very little about what to do or where to stay for the visitor in Kildare - more particularly in north Kildare. Only a handful of B&B establishments were listed and little mention of the many attractions the area has for the visitor.

All that seems set to change, but it will take time, and resources. Unbeknownst to us, a visitor industry is in the making. The annual influx of Spanish students, eager to learn English in a

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culturally non-threatening environment, is now soundly established. Homes in north Kildare are getting used to accommodating strangers. Up to last summer, there was not a single B&B business in Leixlip. Now there are two. And a course for budding B&B entrepreneurs in the local community school has attracted 30 participants from Leixlip, Maynooth Celbridge and other surrounding areas. It is to be hoped that some of them will take the plunge and set us in business: there's plenty of it there. At the end of February Leixlip House is opening as a 12-bedroomed, licensed hotel. Another licensed hotel is being built on Captain's Hill, Leixlip.

The annual international canoeing event, the Liffey Descent, brought over 240 competitors from abroad - mostly the UK - for last year's event. These were accompanied by as many again in their entourage. They need somewhere to stay, somewhere to eat, somewhere to entertain themselves in the evenings. Up to now they have had to make do with improvised camp sites, etc. There is the potential for a permanent caravan and campsite in the area. This could catch the traffic to and from the ferries as a first or last port of call for visitors intent on the West or North West. The Irish Canoe Union, which organises this event, would like to see more entertainment laid on locally for the busy period, from the Wednesday before to the Monday after, the race.

The mooted development of Carton Demesne and the lavish funding envisaged for Maynooth Castle augur well for the future. Summer courses in both schools and St. Patrick's College are also areas of potential expansion of the visitor industry. Another area of great potential is the development of fishing and our water resources - in the Royal Canal, the Rye, Liffey and lake at Leixlip. Leixlip Town Commissioners have already drafted and published an Industry & Tourism Development Programme, after consultation with many local interests and official bodies. Copies are available from the Town Clerk, Mary Foley, tel. 6245777, for those with an interest in this area. The Programme has helped to create consensus among the Commissioners and the business community about what needs to be done - hence the hotels, B&B businesses, pub meals and so on. The promotion of tourism is one of the few functions given in law to Town Commissioners. And although the budget available is quite small - but significant in comparison with Kildare Co. Council's - Leixlip is gradually getting important small things done; e.g., street name and direction signs; and shortly, welcome-to-Leixlip signs, and visitor information leaflets on local amenities.

Maynooth, with its pontifical university, and pleasant environs - with or without the M4 bypass - has considerable potential as a visitor centre. On a modest scale, the visitor business can bring increased wealth and business to many existing service sector business, to gift shops, local crafts workers, restaurants, cab and bus hire firms, entertainers and so on. The sooner the town gets its own local authority the better; an official, democratically elected assembly can concentrate the mind of the community and get things done...

John Colgan

Schools News

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY

Parent Teachers Association. Fund Raising

Our American tea party will be held on Friday 12th April in the County Club, Dunshaughlin - Music by Panache - We are at present organising the host/hostess for the tables, Dermot Doyle (tel. 6286440) is the man to contact if you are interested in hosting a table, which can be set for varying numbers. Tickets at £5 each will be available shortly after St. Patrick's Day and buses (depending on demand) will be running, bus tickets £3 each.

Other Items

The association at its February meeting agreed to buy 5 new microscopes for the Biology Dept.

W. Coughlan
P.R.O.

YOUTH REPORT

On the twenty-fifth of January, the Post Primary School held an 'open day' for prospective pupils. Quite a number of people seemed to expect a guided tour of the school, and demonstration of the amenities available. However, this was certainly not what they got. The welcoming committee consisted solely of Mr. Ashe, the principal of the school. Signs had been erected

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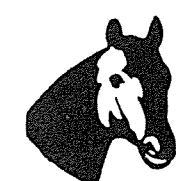
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to show the way to the several rooms laid aside for the purpose of registering, and the average procedure was to enter the school dither about a little, notice the signs, register, talk for a while with Mr. Ashe, and then leave. No-one asked for a guided tour; no-one was offered a guided tour. All the rooms that were not in use were well locked. however, the registrars were very helpful, answering what questions they could and Mr. Ashe would gush forth reasons to do with the Dept. of Education as to why no leaflet was produced listing subjects available. The sporting facilities were well kept, and, it appeared, were readily available for pupils use. A computer club was among the non-curriculum activities listed, although further details were hard to find.

Next month: A look at the inside story of Confirmation. Already, school-children are being prepared for their finest hour since first Holy Communion, and little is known about the preparation involved.

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[Due to pressure on space we are unable to print the full and comprehensive list of new arrivals submitted to us by the Library. Included hereunder is a representative selection]

Author:	Title:
Fiction	
Barnes, Julian	A History of the World in 10 and a half Chapters.
Binchy, Maeve	The Lilac Bus Dublin 4
Burgh, Anita	The Azure Bowl
Christie, Agatha	A Caribbean Mystery Miss Marple's Final Case Murder in Mesopotamia. Taken at the Flood Three-Act Tragedy.
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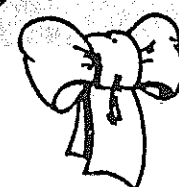
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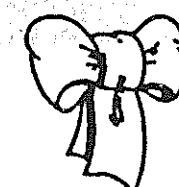
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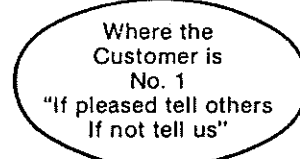
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Maynooth Writers

LOCAL COUNCILLOR TO HEAD UP COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Labour Councillor Colm Purcell was unanimously elected chairman of the Kildare County Library Committee at the A.G.M. held in the new Naas library on February 5th 1991. In a statement afterwards, Councillor Purcell said he was proud and honoured to be elected to this extremely important office. He was proposed by Labour colleague John Keating from Athy and seconded by Paddy Behan of Naas. Councillor Purcell is the first Leixlip representative to hold this post. He stressed he would continue to defend the library service against cutbacks and dilution of services. Further Councillor Purcell has already had a resolution passed by the Kildare County Council requesting water and refuse charge collections be transferred to other premises as they destroy the ethos of the library service. In relation to Maynooth the Councillor suggested that the Councils offices in the harbour be used.

Public Libraries

Councillor Purcell has welcomed the commitment given by the Department of the Environment to build new libraries for Kildare town and Leixlip. He has also said he would strive to see libraries open to the public more regularly and particularly on Saturdays to allow for working people to avail of these facilities. He called for the holding of meetings to be alternated between libraries and had asked that the next library committee meeting be held in Newtown House.

MAYNOOTH WRITERS' CIRCLE

Following a course in creative writing some of the group formed the above group. We meet locally monthly and are interested in short stories, novels and plays. We will have notable writers visiting us to look at our work. If you feel you would like to join our circle please telephone me for particulars.

H. Dunne

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WRITERS' CRAMP

The Piano that couldn't play
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That was very sad because,
We bought it at the mall,
My sister tried, no luck,
The keys were simply stuck,
My friend came, Asked me to play,
I said, sorry I can't come out today,
My Mammy went out to the mall,
To complain about the keys,
She gave out, With a shout,
That the mans Knobbly Knees,
Knocked together very hard,

She shouted so loud,
That he wanted to call a guard,
She calmed down at last,
The man gave a sigh,
At home, I got a man so strong and high,
To try and press down one note,
Once he tried, he just grabbed his coat,
So the key's never moved,
And my playing never improved.

Michelle Cunningham
Age 8

GARDA TALK

Advice to Applicants for passports;

Its that time of year again when you are leafing through the holiday brochures and planning the annual vacation, which is well deserved. Updating or acquiring a new passport may be necessary. If so attend to the matter early and hereunder is some timely advice to facilitate the smooth processing of your application.

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ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE

As in former years, Maynooth will hold their St. Patrick Day Parade. It is a great tribute to the organising committee, who work all year round to ensure a spectacular event. The Garda will be meeting with the committee, to arrange stewarding and traffic diversions. Your co-operation, would be greatly appreciated in making this years Parade a success once again. Just a word to Parents - Please keep a watchful eye on your children during the parade, they tend to wander;

Maynooth Garda Dinner Dance;

Our first Garda Dinner Dance was held at the Setanta Hotel, Celbridge, on Friday, 8th February last. The event was a tremendous success with an attendance of over 300 patrons. Over 90% of the attendance were non-Garda civilians from the Maynooth area representing all sections of the Community. Honoured guests at the function were the Garda Commissioner Mr. P. Culligan and his wife, Chief Superintendent Michael McKeon, Naas, Superintendent P. Walsh and Inspector G. Moran also of Naas Station.

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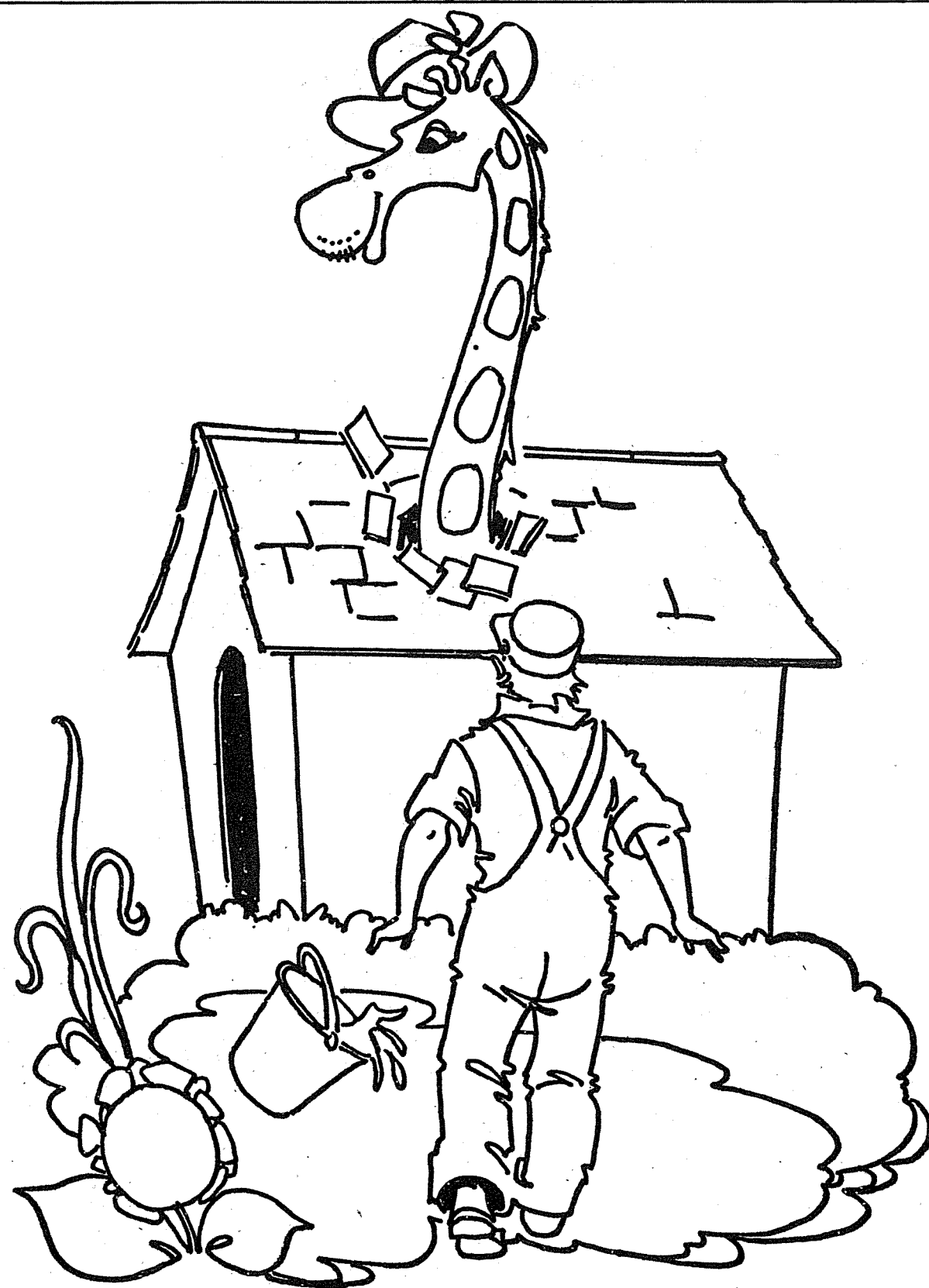
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Garda Talk



First Maynooth Garda Dance

Garda Commissioner Patrick Culligan with his wife Carmel who attended the first Maynooth Garda Dance on 8th February, Setanta Hotel Celbridge.

Special commendation is due to the organising committee namely the Maynooth Garda Station party, Sergeant Joseph Canny, Garda Michael Dillane, Peadar Haren, Cathal O'Grady, Peter Kearney and Michael Clifford for the hard work and attentive efforts they put into the arrangements to make the occasion such a wonderful, enjoyable night.

We wish to convey our sincere thanks to all the people of Maynooth who supported the venture; also all those who provided spots for the event. This the inaugural Maynooth Garda Dinner Dance was sold out over two weeks prior to the night and to those who were disappointed because of the unavailability of tickets we express our regret. Its not yet decided but the event is likely to become an Annual occasion in the Maynooth Social calendar. More about that later.



Organising Committee

Gardai Peter Kearney, Cathal O'Grady, Sergeant Joseph Canny, Gardai Michael Dillane and Peadar Haren,

The Garda have set in train several initiatives in Maynooth relative to our associations with the community; neighbourhood watch schemes are up and running and highly successful; programmes have commenced in respect of all the schools and also Maynooth University; crime prevention schemes with the assistance of the Crime Prevention Officer, Naas, through the Maynooth Chamber of Commerce, are in place and receiving good support. Our Dinner Dance was an extension of this spirit of harmony and co-operation between the Garda and the community meeting in an informal night out. From the feed back we believe this certainly achieved its goal.

To one and all many thanks.

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DINING OUT WITH JULIE KNIFE AND FORK

The Country Shop Restaurant now opens for dinner on Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays. Your scribe returned there recently to see how Chef John Bennett is shaping up to the discriminating palates of Maynooth and environs. Those who are used to the daytime version of the Country Shop will be pleasantly reassured by the subdued lighting, the wicker screens, green table cloths, candlelight and ubiquitous hints of the sixties. Entry is obtained by ringing the doorbell at the back of the Country Shop emporium. While quiet on the night of our visit, we are told that the entire restaurant was thronged on Valentine's night. We are not at liberty to reveal the identity of the loving couples present.

Having swooned over the pigeon breasts in cognac sauce (noticed the dearth of pigeons in Maynooth recently?) I then tried the celery and blue cheese soup (positively orgasmic). The salmon with prawns neubourg was pleasant, if unremarkable, but the vegetables were perfectly cooked, including broccoli, ratatouille and baked spuds. Desert was mousse, followed by tea. One's faithful companion found the deepfried garlic mushrooms and three dips superb, the tomato and mint soup tasty, but paled beside the magnificence of the celery and blue cheese. The steak au poivre (huge, well done, and melt in the mouth) was exactly right. The home made lemon ice cream in a chocolate case was the perfect palate cleanser. The meal was washed down by the full bodied house red (one unable to recall which side of the vineyard it came from). The total bill, wine and all, came to £32 pounds. Don't tell Mr. Bennett, but it was for nothing!

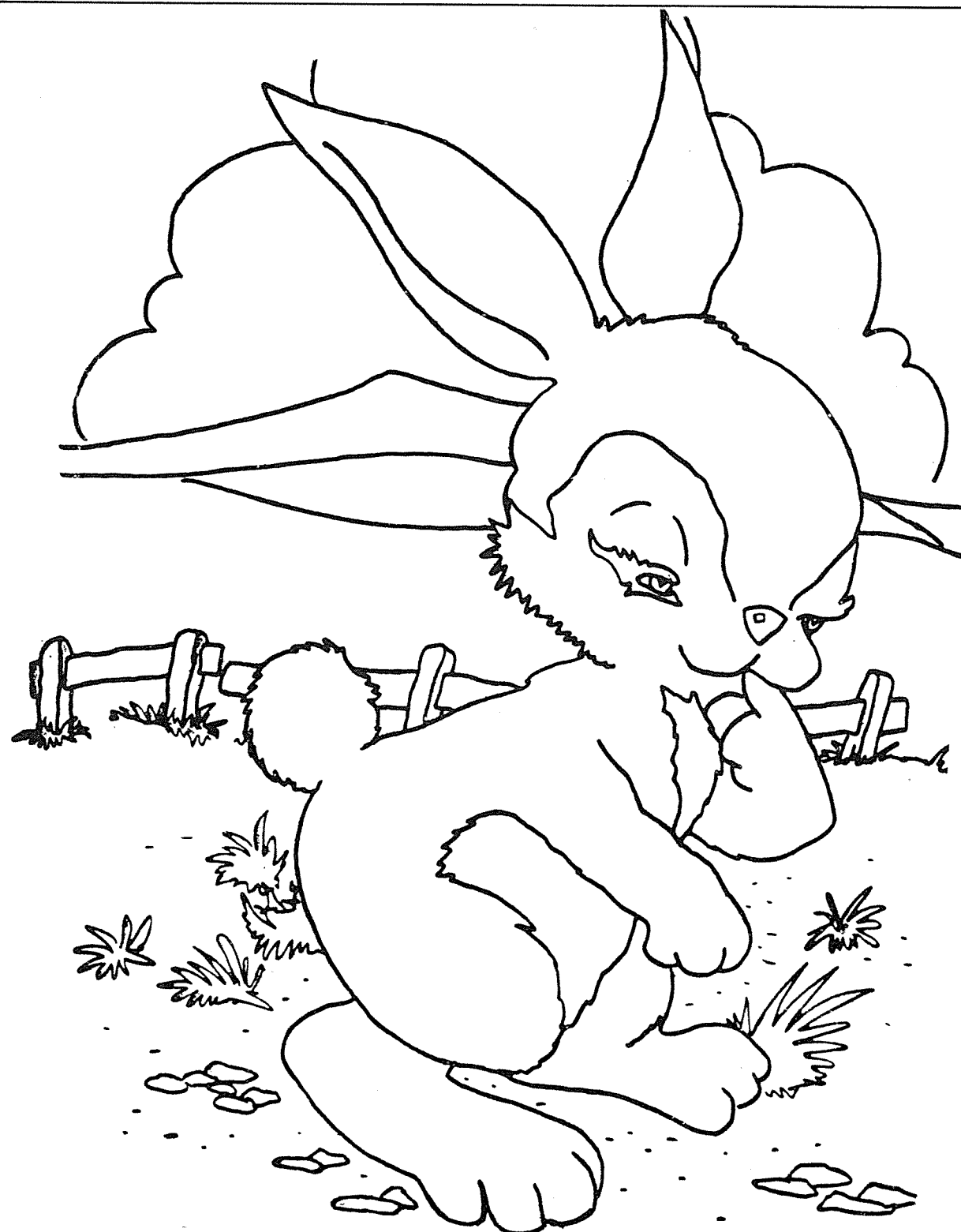
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Apologies to last months colouring competition winners
as they were listed under the wrong age groups.

Reviews

Cinema in Dublin: The Field

Jim Sheridan's and Noel Pearson's collaborative success to the eminently superior *My Left Foot* is an upbeat version of John B. Keane's play. Opening as it did to incredible hype due in no mean fashion to its Oscar-winning predecessor, *The Field* has generated big business at the box-office. If, however you are among the few remaining souls who have not succumbed to the publicity, this film is worth watching principally for the central performances of John Hurt as the Sly Bird and (the great "British" actor!) Richard Harris in his Oscar-nominated role of the Bull McCabe.

Goodfellas

In the recent mini-revival of the gangster genre (*Millers' Crossing*; *The Godfather 3*) Martin Scorsese's searing account of mobsters' doings and ultimate undoings on the mean streets of Brooklyn emerges as one of the outstanding films of last year.

Millers' Crossing

After the stylish delights of their contemporary film noir *Blood Simple* and the anarchic inventiveness of *Raising Arizona*, the Coen brothers have once again reworked a popular genre, the American gangster movie. *Millers' Crossing* is a highly atmospheric piece that unfortunately promises more than it ultimately delivers. The screen play ala Raymond Chandler is undeniably razor-sharp and conveys a subtly parodic tone on this story of loyalty and deception among a homburg-hatted underworld of an unnamed American city. The script also gives Gabriel Byrne his best role since *Defence of the Realm* with engaging support from Albert Finney and John Turturro. However despite this *Millers' Crossing* is a film strangely less than the sum of it's quite considerable parts.

Cyrano de Bergerac

Jean Paul Rappennau's lavish costume drama of this celebrated French classic tale is a truly spectacular film highlighted by the stunning central performance of Gerard Depardieu. As the eponymous swashbuckler Depardieu constantly exhilarates and makes this the show to see in town at the moment (by a nose!). Don't be put off by the subtitles (in rhyming couplet form by Anthony Burgess). Arrive early to avoid disappointment as they say.

The Godfather 3

Francis Coppola's long-awaited successor to his sprawling two-part epic tale of the Corleone family finally arrives on these shores on March 9th. It has already garnered many critical kudos stateside including seven Oscar-nominations most notable for the absence of Al Pacino in the Best Actor category. As Michael Carleone, Pacino continues as the dynamic hubris of this criminal dynasty with a successor emerging in the guise of Vincent Mancini (Andy Garcia) the illegitimate son of Sonny Carleone killed in the first part of this trilogy. This is definitely one of the cinematic events of the year presenting perhaps an offer one cannot refuse. (*Godfather 3* opens Adelphi March 9th).

Home Alone

Mayhem reigns when eight year old Kevin is mistakenly left at home while the rest of his large family head off to Paris on holiday.

A pre-Christmas release, *Home Alone* introduces the cute but precocious McCauley Culkin to the big screen. Kevin soon realises that the independence he longed for has its many drawbacks. Amongst other things, he must tackle a persistent duo of burglars. Who needs a guard dog with the inventive young Kevin around? *Home Alone* has captured the hearts of American audiences and has made McCauley Culkin an overnight star. It won't win any Oscars but kids will love it.

Awakenings

Fans of Robin Williams will be highly satisfied with this beautiful film, where he gives a touching performance as a socially inept doctor working in a psychiatric hospital in Brooklyn. Meanwhile Robert de Niro's fans may wonder just how many more actors are going to take Academy Award nominations playing disabled people - just how many disabilities can there be?

The plot revolves around a group of patients in the hospital, Robert de Niro included, who all display similar symptoms of total withdrawal from the world, brought on by earlier bouts of encephalitis. Williams becomes fascinated by the potential of the group, and tries out a newly discovered drug - Eldopa, which had been used successfully on Parkinson's disease patients. Initially, the results are dramatic, as first Robert de Niro, and then the other patients gradually awaken from their long sleep. The changes which face them after so many years provide some moments of humour. DeNiro experiences his first love. But then the effect of the drug lessens, and the patients begin to withdraw to their previous state, leaving not a dry eye in the house. Williams is superb as the doctor who also awakens to the possibility of human contact (having spent five years trying unsuccessfully to extract miniscule amount of some substance from five tons of earthworms), and de Niro gives a touching performance, in total contrast to his mafia hood in his 1990 success, *Goodfellas*.

The film hasn't made it this side of the Atlantic yet. See it when it does.

Concerts:

Don Baker at the National Stadium

Dublin is not the place one expects to find one of the world's greatest harmonica players. However Don Baker has proved that great blues harmonica is not the sole preserve of the southern states of the U.S. The huge audience warmed-up by the exceptional Mary Stokes Band, Don took the stage and

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ripped through 90 minutes of sheer bliss for any music lover. Drawing almost exclusively on his two albums, *Almost Illegal* and *Born With The Blues*, Don played with extraordinary passion in front of his home crowd. Highlights of the night were 'Hoochie Coochie Man', the old Muddy Water's standard, 'Louise', 'Used Shoe Blues' and the superb harmonica solo, 'Don's Train' for which he received a standing ovation. It is not often that a musician of this calibre is as accessible as Don Baker is. He plays regular slots 'Midnight at the Olympia' and frequently takes a residency in the Wexford Inn. Go see him.

Theatre:

'Lughnasa' extended / Two new productions at the Abbey and Peacock

The Abbey's *Dancing at Lughnasa* is to be extended for a further one week only. Brian Friel's play which was due to run until March 2nd will now run until March 9th and previews of the new production of *The Gigli Concert* starring Tony Doyle, Tom Hickey, and Ingrid Craige begin on March 14th prior to opening on Tuesday March 19th.

Meanwhile in the Peacock the current production of *Ma Ta Breag Ann* finishes its two week run on Saturday next. After some overdue maintenance work (to be undertaken in the theatre over a four week period), *Ullaloo*, a new play by one of Ireland's most exciting young playwrights, Marina Carr previews on Tuesday 19th March and opens 25th March. This 'phantasmagoric bedroom farce' directed by David Byrne features Olwen Fouere and Mark Lambert as a couple eternally on the brink of communicating effectively with one another.

NB Booking for the final week of *Dancing at Lughnasa* opened on Monday, February 18th

SLENDERWORLD

Slimming Competition:

The Slender World Body Wrap, Toning and inch loss competition launched by Gerry Ryan in the River View Club last month has reached an exciting stage. The Maynooth salon winner is Maisie McMyler who now goes forward to the national finals on February 25th where she could win a £1000 wardrobe designed by Robert Jacob.

Maisie beat off strong challenges from Bernie French and Catherine Walsh in the semi final stage. "Slender World", now wish her every success in the national final.

CROSSWORD NO 40

BY Elle Bias
[£5 Prize]

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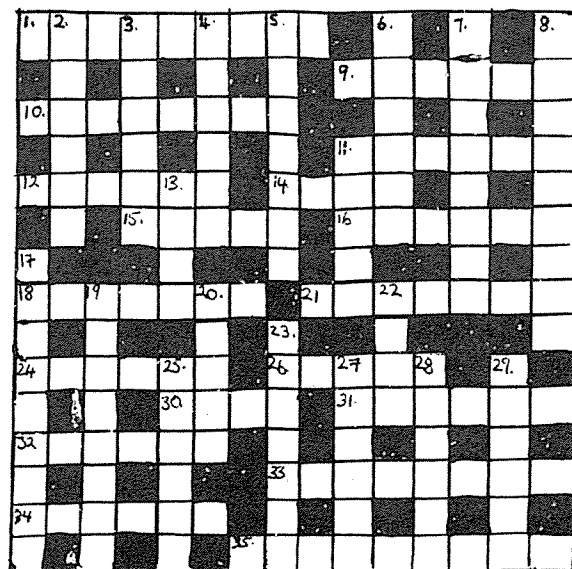
- 1, Self Assured (9)
- 9, Scold (6)
- 10, Shell (8)
- 11, Expelled from office (6)
- 12, What hairlines do (6)
- 14, Early Morning bird (4)
- 15, Wait on (5)
- 16, Diversion (6)
- 18, One who prays ? (7)
- 21, Credits (7)

Crossword No. 40

- 24, Jagged stinger ? (6)
- 26, Attaching clause (5)
- 30, Sound reflection (4)
- 31, Hardened (6)
- 32, Cowboy's rope (6)
- 33, Forsakes (8)
- 34, Came close to (6)
- 35, Treat disrespectfully (9)

Down

- 2, Wild ass (6)
- 3, Distress Lights (6)
- 4, More expensive (6)
- 5, Irritates (or knits?) (7)
- 6, A wig (anag. Reek up)
- 7, Where lots are sold (8)
- 8, Remove smell (9)
- 11, Authoritative regulation (5)
- 13, Business transaction (4)
- 17, Meany ! (9)
- 19, Pertaining to outside (8)
- 20, Pick by vote (5)
- 22, Final word (4)
- 23, Silk fabric with raised design (7)
- 25, Departs (6)
- 27, Swell (6)
- 28, Steering device (6)
- 27, Substance for curdling milk. (6)



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IN-SERVICE TRAINING IN COMMUNITY AND YOUTH WORK

The Department of Social Studies in the College will offer a part-time professional Diploma to those already employed in community and youth work but who may feel the need for academic qualification. The course will take 3 years to complete on a part-time basis. Attendance at the College will take about one and a half days a week. This will be combined with in-service training and observation. In order to qualify for admission to this course one must be at least 21 years old and already employed in community and youth work.

As those pursuing the course must be free to attend lectures as well as participating in in-service observation, the written agreement of each applicant's employer must be forwarded to the College on application. The fees for the first year will be £700 and there are no government grants available. Students over 24 years who don't meet the matriculation requirements of the N.U.I. may apply for Mature Student Matriculation. The Diploma will be recognised in Ireland and it is hoped that participation in the course will not only provide a recognised professional Diploma but also help to improve professional skills. Acceptance of applicants will be on the basis of two interviews (one individual the other a group interview). Successful applicants will be expected to attend a week long residency in the College in June. If you are interested and feel you have the commitment needed for this course then apply immediately to the Department of Social Studies, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Street Talking

Barry's

In 1957 Timothy Guiney bought a small shop from Murrays on Main Street, Maynooth. Mr. Guiney, though not from Maynooth dedicated much of his time to the youth of the town. He was in particular associated with the local G.A.A. Club which he helped to found and worked hard to train many of the local lads in skills of Gaelic Football.

Timothy's daughter met Jimmy Barry in 1962 and married him. They met in Noone's old dance hall and had a mutual interest in the Pioneer movement. "Barry's" put Maynooth on the map when they sold the first ice cream cones in the area. In those days Maynooth was a popular stopping off point for Westerners going to be beaten in Croke Park, and for Dubliners out for a breath of fresh air. Mrs. Barry also spilled the beans on members of our clergy who smuggled newspapers and sweets into the college, before the gates were thrown open.

To-day "Barry's" is a bright and cheerful shop which stocks a wide range of goods including gifts, cards, toys, groceries, vegetables as well a full range of newspapers and magazines, and is again breaking new ground with a machine which allows you to write your own verse for that special card.

A.C. CURTAINS

I'm pleased to say that the sign A.C. Curtains and Bedding, has proved to be truthful, not only has it opened but it has also extended its range of goods. Mr. Gerry O'Reilly from Tallaght has reopened beside the Maynooth Jewellers and is now not only selling a wide range of curtain materials, (both cotton and velvet in, it is hoped, 300 shades) but also a wide range of bedroom co-ordinates and ready made blinds.

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The Square

At last Street Talking can reveal who has bought "Aidans" and why. It is Mr. Paddy Hayes who used to run Hayes Cable Television in the area, and he is to keep Aidan's as a newsagents under the management of Mr. Eugene Duffy. Both Mr. Duffy and Mr. Hayes live in Celbridge.

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It is hoped to name the shop 'The Square' and offer a wider range of products. The layout may be changed during the summer according to Mr. Hayes' daughter Bettina. The opening hours for The 'Square' will be 7am to 8pm Monday to Saturday with late opening on Sunday to cater for students returning for the weekend, 9am to 10pm.

"Talking Head"

A new unisex hair salon opened on the 18th of February in the Main Street Maynooth. It is the only unisex hair salon at street level in the Main Street. The new owners are Nicola and Theresa both of whom worked in Cut and Style. The opening hours are 9.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Saturday with late opening on Friday till 7.30pm.

Miscellaneous

Finally Maynooth has lost a hero or at least a hero of Stephen with the closing of his restaurant.

Just before we go on Valentines day one of our Editors' after counting his Valentine cards counted no less than 20 obstructions on the footpath on just one side of the Main Street. These did not include trees, street lamps, E.S.B. poles, road signs or dustbins, or even the seven cars parked fully on the footpaths. All joking aside Maynooth is fast becoming too dangerous a place in which to allow our children to walk about. Its time to do something before a child gets killed.

COLLEGE NOTES

AIDS Conference

Last month the student's union in conjunction with the Sociology Society hosted a conference on A.I.D.S. in Ireland. The conference took place over two nights and a wide range of speakers took part.

The speakers were often entertaining and informative. The politicians on the second night expressed a broad consensus on the need for better education and care for AIDS sufferers and the need to tackle the problem of infection among intravenous drug-users.

Throughout the conference the need for action was stressed. Everyone should realise that AIDS will effect, if not directly, then indirectly, everybody over the next ten to twenty years. The enormous cost, socially, medically and financially will have to be borne by everybody. Those suffering from AIDS will need the support of the whole community. Indeed in the light of the AIDS crisis perhaps society should begin to ask if it values its social medical services highly enough.

Today in Ireland there are between seven and eight hundred people who are H.I.V. positive. Those with H.I.V. antibodies in their system will probably develop full blown AIDS. It may take as long as ten years before a person develops AIDS.

The virus is spread through using contaminated needles, penetrative sex, contaminated blood products (although this is now unlikely in Ireland) and from infected mother to baby. The use of condoms during sexual intercourse was advocated by all speakers as a means of reducing the risk of both pregnancy and contracting a sexually transmitted disease. There was a general consensus that the emphasis must be on being sexually responsible.

At the moment there is no known cure for the disease. There are however many treatments to enhance and lengthen the life of

those suffering from AIDS. Our Medical Services must be geared towards caring for those suffering with the virus.

New Status for Maynooth?

Maynooth College could acquire a new status as a result of proposals made to the Government by the National University of Ireland (NUI). Under these proposals, each of the NUI's present constituent colleges would be given the status of a university, with the NUI itself continuing as a confederation of the new universities. Maynooth would have equal status in this arrangement, and would be styled the "National University of Ireland, Maynooth".

Currently, Maynooth is an independent college whose courses and examinations are "recognised" for the granting of degrees by the NUI. How the new entity would relate to the other

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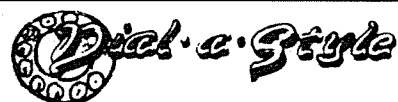
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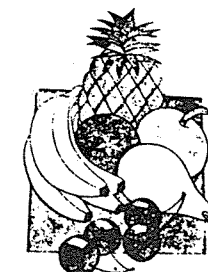
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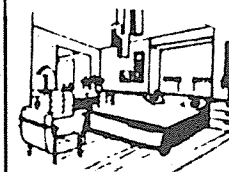
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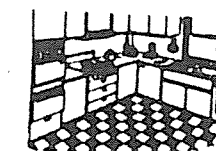
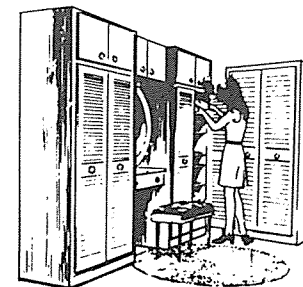
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functions of the college (National Catholic Seminary and Pontifical University) has yet to be worked out. The NUI has also requested the government to remove the existing ban on the teaching of Theology within the NUI. How that would impact on Maynooth has also yet to be worked out.



Lord Mayor Michael Donnelly presents Aidan O'Reilly from Maynooth College with first prize in the Royal Life Mathematics Intervarsity Competition.

Education Department Under Threat

The College's highly-regarded Education Department has come under threat from a recent government announcement that three of the country's five university education departments are to be closed. This is being justified on the basis of a sharp fall-off in the demand for secondary school teachers. However, most education departments have made up for this decline by moving into other areas, such as in-service training educational administration, for which there is a growing demand.

On academic grounds, the Maynooth department should have little to fear, as it has always enjoyed a high esteem among the country's schools and has excellent placement record for its graduates. However, it is thought likely that political rather than academic consideration could predominate in any decision which will be made. Given the large size of the education department relative to the small overall size of the college, its closure would be a grievous loss.

Recent retirements

Two long-serving college employees have recently retired from service. Michael Lenehan has been on the security staff since 1968, while Ita Mc Ternan first joined the domestic staff in 1970. Michael, who lives in the college, will, we hear, continue to do some part-time duties. Ita, who lives in Parson Street, will not be completely severing her links with the college, as her sons Tony and Martin are also on the staff there. We wish both Michael and Ita our best wishes in their retirement.

CORRECTION

The Newsletter has been contacted by the catering staff of the SVD Hostel following the publication of the Points of View column in February. This column stated incorrectly that the priests had cooked Christmas Dinner for the nuns of the SSPS Hostel. We are pleased to pay tribute to the catering staff who came in on Christmas morning to cook for the priests and sisters. By all reports their Christmas dinner was a beautiful meal.

Starwars

Due to the favourable reception accorded to Minerva Big Dipper Murphy's horoscope column last month we have persuaded her to cast her withering gaze through the month of March and to record what she sees. We stress that Minerva is not of a genteel disposition nor of benign aspect, so we can take no responsibility for the fact that she focuses almost totally on the sordid, dismal and unfortunate images which lurk in the nether regions of her crystal ball. Minerva adores misfortune in other people's lives and if she can not genuinely predict it she will certainly invent it. Be warned.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

Your bouncy, enthusiastic nature reaches a high point this month. Your friends will find you even more insufferable than ever and as for your loved ones - count them while you can. However, there is sufficient cause for celebration as the end of the month will herald a personal crisis and a four week depression during which time you will regain a friend or two. Of course, you will be too depressed to notice their return.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Your friends and loved ones are planning a surprise party for you - this will occur on your birthday at 10pm in your own home. Presents will include a deep fat frier, a long black coat and two vouchers for an expensive evening meal. The latter will prove useless as your partner will disown you when they realise you knew about the surprise all along.

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Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Being incorrigibly flirtatious you will discover (at last) that you have exhausted your list of flirts and that nobody is interested any more in what you have to say (which was little of any importance anyway). Do not despair however. You will meet an entirely new set of people on the 21st who will be fascinated by your account of your accident on the 20th and who will want to prolong their stay in hospital just to listen to you.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

This month you will wake up to the fact that you are far too possessive of your partner and will find yourself partner-less. Unfortunately this desirable state will not last long as they will return to you before the month is out. It is given a measure of dignity however by the involvement of a blackmailing device on your behalf which I heartily applaud. It appears that some fool will bequeath you a sizable amount of money on the 14th.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

At 4pm on the 9th of the month be prepared to meet a dark haired stranger of impressive stature, dressed in a deep blue suit and overwhelmingly interested in an account of your life story. They will be single, have brown eyes and will call to your very doorstep. A relationship is indicated as you will meet this person three more times in the next week - twice in a garda barracks and once in court. Lucky number 3 (I cannot decipher whether this relates to years or months).

Virgo (August 23 - Sept 22)

A period involving learning and study is indicated for the second week in March, when you will perform dismally in some sort of exam, yet retain the fascination of a teacher/tutor individual who will wish to experiment upon you for the benefits of science. A conflict with neighbours is due to erupt on the 17th when they receive your solicitor's letter advising them of your displeasure regarding their planting of a daffodil bulb too close to your fence.

Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)

You will need to ooze even more charm and diplomacy this month than ever when an ex friend hears that you inadvertently called them fat and ugly. They will not understand that you were writing a novel about the humpbacked whale and that you sought to immortalise your ex friend by giving the whale their name.

Be careful of this peculiar commitment you intend to make on the 11th - once you proclaim your engagement to the world you, of all people, will not be able to dissolve it when you discover how incompatible you both are.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Buy fire extinguishers very soon. Lucky number 999.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

There is a limit to the amount of enjoyment you can squeeze from life and this month you will discover that the years of carefree, footloose living will wreak its revenge. Be prepared for massive hangovers (postponed for five years) and a few ulcers. Gout and hair loss make an appearance as does battle

fatigue. Your face will systematically crack overnight and a bucket of Ponds Cold Cream will prove useless. However, you will not begin to deteriorate until the 21st so go absolutely wild until then.

Your neighbours are complaining about daffodil bulbs so hire a forklift and plant a forest across their patio.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will radically change your image this month yet again when the photographs of your cousin's wedding are developed and shown to you. Let's face it - some people are simply born beautiful and others aren't. Accept the fact that you will need a reincarnation to effectively change you and set about acquiring one. Wearing black this month will attract the attention of a wealthy stranger. Look out for the owner of a spacious vehicle with flowers in it.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Somebody will mention the plight of the homeless in Sri Lanka during the first week in March and you will fling yourself into an explosive effort to campaign for aid, raise money and establish a charity to monitor the situation. There will also be mention made of prisoners of conscience in Chile, lone parent families in Brixton, seal battering in Norway, gorilla hunting in Kenya and litter scattering in Maynooth, all of which will produce the same effects as the homeless cause.

You will also encounter someone who will be withered by your gaze when they imply that you were incorrect on a minor point of debate some weeks ago. It will be necessary to attend their funeral as a gesture of appeasement towards their family.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)

This month you come into the possession of a small fortune. Remember all your friends who suffer from thirst and should you give way to that feeling of generosity on the 18th, go out and buy someone a car. They will be forever grateful and I can be contacted at any time, day or night, at any place, and will promise to be delighted.

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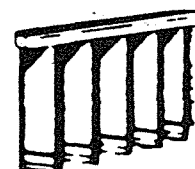
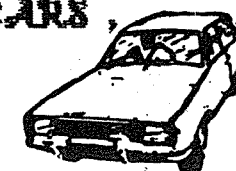
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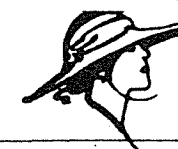
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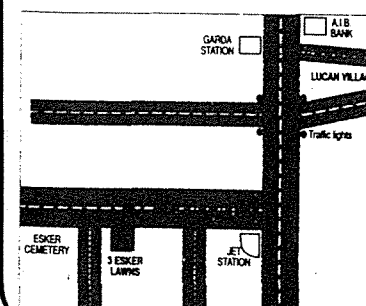
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Sports Section

COLLEGE GREEN F.C. NOTES

Since the last report in the January edition we lost our unbeaten record and slipped to second in the League table. On the plus side a couple of good victories brought us to the quarter finals of the main cup competition. In that period Merville's answer to John Barnes, Ciaran McGroarty, brought his tally to 19 goals for the season to date.

Division 2:

College Green (2) 6 Killua Wanderers 1

The goals came from O'Dea (2), Ray Broughan, McGroarty, Buckley and "Waylon" O'Boyle. This was a very solid performance against a physically strong Clonmellon side, which can boast of a few skilful operators themselves.

Challenge Cup - Second Round:

Newtown Utd (0) 0 College Green (0) 1 (Division 1a)

On the stroke of 90 minutes "Bad Bob" O'Boyle volleyed a dramatic winner from 25 yards. The result was just about deserved in a very tight game. Newtown are going well in Division 1a and could well ascend to the top flight next season, which made the win all the more enjoyable.

League Division 2:

College Green (0) 3 Archers (3) 3

The Dunshaughlin side brought us back to earth with a bang, as they overwhelmed us in the first half with three goals. However, the engine which had been firing on a few cylinders in the first half, roared into life after the interval. McGroarty's two goals and McGovern's one gave us a share of the points in an exciting fight-back.

League Division 2:

Kells Celtic (1) 3 College Green (0) 1

Fielding a scratch side we had very little chance of overcoming third placed side Kells Celtic. Thanks to McGroarty's goal we were on level terms up to the hour, but thereafter were unable to keep the home side at bay. Thus the seventeen match unbeaten run, stretching back to April 1990, came to an end.

League Division 2:

Rossin Rovers (0) 0 College Green (0) 0

Again depleted we were forced to drop another point on a pitch that resembled an ice rink - this was Wrexham, only worse. Neither side produced any clear chances.

Challenge Cup - Third Round:

College Green (1) 3 Brewery (1) (Div. 1A)

The Navan side dumped us out of the cup last year, on a somewhat emphatic 5-1 scoreline. The previous season we beat them 2-0 in the quarter-final stage. Brewery are bottom of Div. 1A this season, but recent re-discovery of form gave them an 8-1 win in their last outing. The "Bomber Buckley" headed home after 10 minutes. McGroarty (who else) restored the lead after 61 minutes. Two minutes later it was the Carton Court Crusader who got his second, to move it 3-1. With eight minutes to go the visitors reduced the deficit and gave us a grandstand finish. However, the superlative 'Lev' McCann denied Brewery time and again. McGovern, Martin and O'Connor were excellent and Paul Broughan never put a foot wrong. Quarter - finals here we come!

Declan Forde

MAYNOOTH G.A.A.

In the last issue of Newsletter we left out the name of Josie Murphy our President. We are sorry for the mishap. Our President for 1991 read, Josie Murphy, Jim Tracey, Jim Nolan, Phil Brady, Dinny Breen.

We would like to congratulate the Post Primary School under 14 football team on reaching The Leinster Finals only to be beaten by one point by Ballyfin College well done lad's and keep us the good work.

The following is our Finance Committee for 1991, elected at our committee meeting on Monday 4th Feb. M.Kelly (sen), D.Madden, P.Kearney, M.Caden, J.Lawlor and J.McLoughlin. Our next committee meeting Monday 4th March at 8.30pm.

At our meeting for under age teams held on Monday 11th Feb. the following were elected under 16 'A' football. M.Ryan, M.Mealy, L.Lacey.

Under 16 'B' M.Gillick, P.Nevin S.Griffin, K.Fagan, under 14 'A' M.Gillick, P.Ennis.

Under 14 'B' M.Mealy, P.Nevin, under 10/11/13 - K.Connolly, D.McDermot, F.Devroe, P.Ennis, K.Fagan, training has commenced for 10/11/13, every Saturday at 11.30am. We hope to start a street league for 10/11/13 every Saturday at 11.30am.

Under 12-14 Hurling

D.Quigley, L.Lacey, M.Lawlor, S.Cummins, M.Gleeson, T.Purcell.

Under 16 - P.Nevin - League's start on 23rd March for under 12-14 and training is every Saturday morning at 10.30am,



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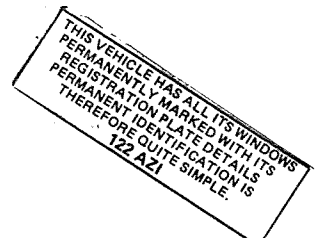
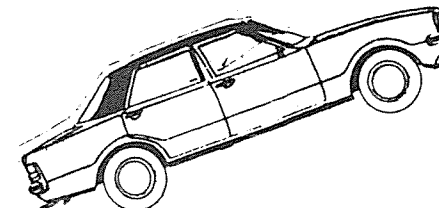
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St.Patrick's Day Parade

Our club will have a float in the Parade so we would like to see all Gaels come out and support our float.

Social Centre

In the last issue of Newsletter we said we might have our Social Centre on St.Patrick's Day but this date had to be put back to further date. We hope to have better news in next month's Newsletter.

Championship Draw's

For 1991 our Junior A Team will play Kilcullan in 1st round, Junior B team will play Kilcullan.. Under 21 team will play Johnstownbridge, Minor Team will play John Devoys. Our junior A team will be playing in Senior Football League Div 3 this year. This start's on Sunday 24th March. Junior football league start on Monday 22nd April, Minor football starts on Sunday 17th February. Under 16 football league - Friday 5th April, under 14 league Monday 1st July. Minor Football League Div 2 fixtures. Sunday 17th Feb. v Roberts Emmets Away. Sun 24th Feb v Moorfield Home, Sun 3rd March v St.Laurances away. Sun 24th March v O/Plunkets away. Sunday 7th April v Rathangan Home, Monday 15th April v Monasterevan, Sunday 21st April v John Devoys Away. Sun 5th May v Caragh Home, Sunday 19th May V Ballyna Home.

We would like to thank Colin Feeney Builder for sponsoring footballs for our other team's. Also Danny Casey of Casey Court's for his sponsorship of hurling balls for our under age hurler's.

Minor Football League Sunday 17th Feb. v Robert Emmets. Maynooth 1.2 Robert Emmets 4.6. A bad performance from our lads, fitness told at the end and a few soft goals. **More news in next Newsletter.**

The Committee of Maynooth G.A.A. Club wish to thank most sincerely all those who contributed so generously to the development of the Club's Social.

Clubs Centre on the Moyglare Road by participating in their very successful Super Draw. The results of the draw are as follows'

April

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2nd Prize Freezer Ticket no 258 Mary Cullen, Main Street Maynooth.

3rd Prize Music Centre Ticket no 915 Sean Kelly, Moyglare Village, Maynooth.

4th Prize £150 Cash Ticket no 247 Martin Connolly, 11 Carton Court, Maynooth.

5th Prize £150 Cash Ticket no 563 Sean Darcy, Taghadoo, Maynooth.

May

1st Prize £2,000 Cash Ticket no 127 Fintan Ruddy, Rail Park, Maynooth.

2nd Prize 2 Mountain Bike Ticket no 487 "The Famous Five", C/O T. Fay, Kavanaghs Mills, Maynooth.

3rd Prize Weekend for 2 and Ticket no 1074 David Corcoran, 277 Old Greenfield, Maynooth.

4th Prize £150 Cash Ticket no 593 Anna Kelly, Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

5th Prize £100 Electrical Voucher Ticket no 764 Donal Lennon, Kilmacredock, Maynooth.

June

1st Prize Shopping Spree or £2,000 Cash Ticket no 893 Martin Scanlon, Maynooth Park, Maynooth.

2nd Prize £500 Cash Ticket no 115 M. Keenan, Rail Park, Maynooth.

3rd Prize Music Centre Ticket no 595 Molly Kearney, Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

4th Prize £250 Cash Ticket no 323 Rosaleen Deane, Laragh House, Maynooth.

5th Prize £150 Cash Ticket no 334 D. McFadden and M. Prendergast, Abercorn Square, Inchicore.

6th Prize £100 Sport Voucher Ticket no 769 Damien Gibbons, Laragh, Maynooth.

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1st Prize £2,000 Cash Ticket no 1138 Maura Adderly, 105 Rail Park, Maynooth.

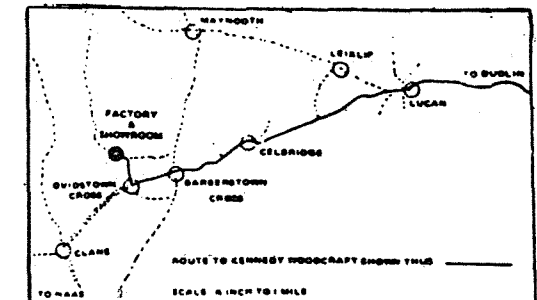
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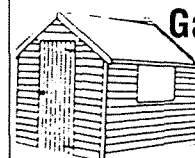
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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

Where are all the parents gone?

Due to lack of interest in the recent A.G.M., at which three people turned up, Community Games will not take place in Maynooth this year. This is a totally unacceptable situation in Maynooth after 12 years of successful games. When one thinks of the number of children in Maynooth who have derived such fun and pleasure from the Games in the past twelve years and indeed, the honour those children have brought to Maynooth, it is inconceivable to think that due to lack of adult participation to form a committee, that Maynooth Children will have no Community Games this year. At this stage one asks oneself where are all the parents of the children, who swim, run, do gymnastics, take art lessons, play football, rugby and hurling, gaelic football, volleyball, badminton, tennis, basketball, chess, draughts, drama, pitch and putt and rounders? These are all the Community Games disciplines that have taken place in Maynooth for the past twelve years. The outgoing committee have decided to make a last ditch effort to save the Games for 1991 by calling another meeting, in the Community Council

Office, on March 8th, in order to form a committee. If this fails, the Games are gone - and a sad day it will be for the children of Maynooth.

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

With the improvement in weather conditions it is hoped that games will be played on a regular basis and the backlog of games cleared in the coming weeks. Our most recent games have shown that we have improved since the season began and results have been very favourable of late..

Leinster Junior League Premier Division
Broombridge Utd O Maynooth Town 1

This was an excellent win in a tough hard fought game. The intimidatory tactics employed by the home side failed to upset our side who showed great restraint in playing good football in the face of great provocation before a partisan home crowd. Broombridge were intent in maintaining their high league placing but their efforts amounted to nothing when confronted by a very disciplined and determined Maynooth side. Maynooth struck the decisive blow as early as the 10th minute when a Philip Doyle special from 25yds found the net. Our defence proved their worth for the remainder of the game in holding a very skillful home forward line scoreless. Man of the month for Maynooth was Noel Kearns at centre half and he was well supported by defensive colleagues Ger Thompson, Tom Donovan, Paul McCourt and keeper Mick McGarry.

Conway Cup 2nd Round
Ormond F.C. 2 Maynooth Town 4

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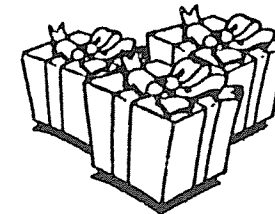
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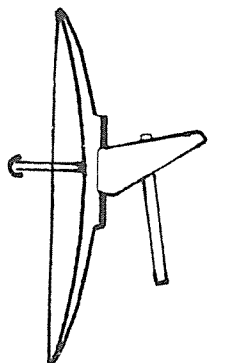
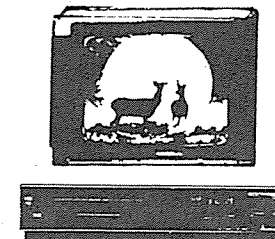
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Sports Section

Our second team looked as if they were going to make a tame exit from the Conway Cup when going two goals down in the first half. Following a tough half time pep talk by manager Colm Feehan Maynooth came out for the second half with all cylinders firing and commenced to take the opposition apart with a display of attacking football which left one wondering what the manager really said. Goals by Joey Edwards (2), Fergal Barton (1), and John O'Neill (1) paved the way for an exciting win which seemed remote at half-time. Gerard Treacy had an excellent game for Maynooth and his second half display was an inspiration to his colleagues to raise their own game when all seemed lost.

Premier Division

Maynooth Town 1 Bridge Celtic 1
League leaders Bridge came to town hoping to consolidate their position but were dealt a blow when dropping a point and indeed must consider themselves lucky not to have returned to the city empty-handed. Only a superb one man show by the Bridge Keeper saved his side from an embarrassing defeat. Des Farrell provided the perfect pass for Philip Doyle to score for Maynooth in the 11th minute. It looked as if we would hold out for victory but eight minutes from time an uncharacteristic mix-up in an otherwise reliable home defence provided the visitors with their equaliser. This was a sound all round team performance which could have reaped greater reward.

Div.3 Private Grounds,

Maynooth Town 5 Bacchus F.C. 4
Bacchus F.C. came to Maynooth with an unbeaten run of seventeen games and were confident of increasing that impressive run. Reputations mean nothing to this youthful home team and they went about spoiling the party for the visitors with a fiery all action opening to the first half. Michael Kelly opened the scoring for Maynooth in the 3rd minute and Fergal Barton added a second 12 minutes later. While we were celebrating our second goal Bacchus showed why they are League Leaders by hitting back with a goal one minute later. This goal signalled a nightmare fifteen minutes period for Maynooth when Bacchus hit three more goals without reply and it looked as if our bright opening was to be in vain.. A 2-4 scoreline at half-time looked a massive mountain to climb and the Man. Utd V Liverpool game live on T.V. now seemed the only consolation on a bitterly cold day when only the brave or the foolhardy braved the elements. Fortunately for those who intended retiring to the "Local" for much needed sustenance the second half restarted well in advance of opening time and we were to witness one of the most amazing transformations that's likely to occur in any grade for some time to come. A penalty award to Maynooth in the 60th minute seemed like putting us back into the game but an inexplicable miss by Joey Edwards seemed like the final nail in the coffin. Almost immediately Bacchus were awarded a penalty but an excellent save by home keeper Martin McTernan gave a glimmer of hope. Maynooth gained some confidence from this morale booster and set about their task of reducing the lee-way with grim determination. Joey Edwards was soon to redress his earlier bad luck and brought the game to equality with two excellently worked goals in the next 10 minutes. With five minutes remaining Fergal Barton wrote the final chapter in this seemingly never ending story when his superior speed took him clear and he scored his second goal which proved to be the winner. The never-say-die spirit of this side deserves great

credit and for the record the team who performed on the day was keeper Martin McTernan, back four of David Thompson, Noel Dempsey, John O'Neill and Michael Murphy. The midfield engine room of Joey Edwards, Robert Thompson, Gerry Treacy and Barry Farrell and strikers Fergal Barton and Michael Kelly. The introduction of substitutes Anthony Smith and Johnny Thompson failed to disrupt the rhythm and cohesion of a team which seemed dead but would not lie down. The later fare provided on television seemed poor entertainment compared to that provided by our local heroes.

Dalton Cup 6th Round Bessborough Utd. 2 Maynooth Town 3

This was a hard earned win in a game which took on a Jekyll and Hyde appearance for us. Whilst showing the good qualities of our game we also lapsed into a period of self styled destruction. Leading two-nil at half time following goals by Sean Moore and Tony Kearns we gave away two silly early second half goals which brought unforeseen pressure upon us. We recovered from this setback and a late goal by Tony Kearns booked our passage into the next stage. Paul McCourt and Dessie Farrell and Tony Kearns had excellent games for Maynooth.

Schoolboys' League: Under Twelves Maynooth Town 7 Greenfort Utd 2

An easy home win for our boys in a very impressive performance. Eamon Gallagher gave a five star performance in scoring five goals and Eoin Guha (1) and Stephen Brennan (1) completed Maynooth's scoring.

Under Fifteens Monkstown 1 Maynooth 1

Pat Hawkins gave a superb show in helping us gain a hard earned point in this close encounter. Tommy Fay was also a hero when he headed our goal to ensure a share of the points.

League Cup: Under Twelves Maynooth Town 0 Leixlip Utd 3

The higher graded Leixlip ran out winners following a scoreless first in which we did well to hold our more experienced rivals to parity.

Carroll Cup: Under Fifteens Maynooth Town 2 Jobstown 1

League leaders Jobstown made a first round exit when going under to a battling Maynooth side.

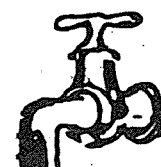
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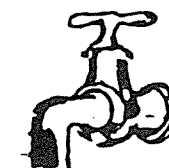
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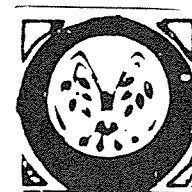
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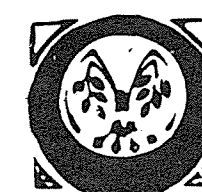
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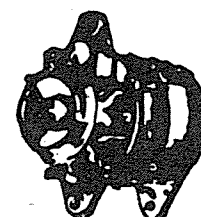
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Kevin Gannon was Maynooth's hero providing the cross for Tommy Fay to open our account and then scored the second himself. A late Jobstown goal failed to take the shine off this highly polished home performance. Keeper Tony Byrne also played well for Maynooth.

Club News

Congratulations to Tina Fitzpatrick on her recent win in our Club Draw.

Club outings in the near future include our Senior section visit at Easter to the Isle of Man for the Festival Tournament and our Schoolboys visit to Manchester where they will take in a Division 1 game and hopefully meet some of their heroes.

Congratulations to club player Barry Farrell on his engagement to Fiona Murphy.

BUCKLEY DOUBLE STRIKE SINKS 'BREWERY'

College Green (1) 3
Buckley2, McGroarty

Brewery (Navan) (1) 2
Keane, Carr

The cup-tie in prospect was as finely balanced as one could hope for. The sides had met on two previous occasions, both in the Cup. In the first match the Maynooth side won 2-0 en route to a semi-final defeat by the eventual winners. Last season the Navan visitors recorded a comprehensive 5-1 win. Indeed Brewery are former cup winners. This year sees College Green striving to take Brewery's place in Div. 1 A. The Navan side are firmly rooted at the foot of Div. 1A while College Green are challenging strongly for promotion, being in second place in div. 2. However, the most recent form in the League threw up further complications - an 8-1 win for Brewery in their last outing and the loss of four points in three matches by the Green.

More Adventurous

As to the game itself, it was clearly an example of fortune favouring the brave; and the home side proved the more adventurous outfit. After just ten minutes Rattigan and Hughes combined in midfield to set up Joe Buckley for a headed goal. Despite the heavy pitch the action swung from end to end as Brewery fought their way back into the match. After 18 minutes an acrobatic, flying, one-handed save from 'Lev' McCann kept Brewery at bay. Almost immediately Rattigan replied by forcing a goal line clearance at the other end when the Brewery 'keeper dropped the ball. On 32 minutes Brewery pierced the Greens defence and although McCann stopped the first shot, he was unable to prevent Brewery's Keane shooting the equaliser on the rebound.

In the ten minutes before half time College Green might have scored three times but for a combination of bad luck and poor finishing. First John Hughes was just off target with a 25 yard cracker; next Ray Broughan headed off the crossbar following a get run and cross by McGroarty and on the stroke of half time a conversal advantage decision gave Ray Broughan too much time before he shot tamely at the Navan 'keeper'. In between these assaults on the Navan goal, Brewery sprung the College Green offside trap and McCann was forced to make a vital save.

Double Strike

The second half started tentatively but on the hour College Green sprung into life. McGroarty forced the Brewery 'keeper into a good save but as the ball broke loose, the Donegal man collected, rounded the keeper and finished clinically. Just two minutes later Buckley's persistence paid off as the centre forward chased a broken ball and finished with style. Brewery were now in disarray as College Green pushed forward, enjoying their best spell of the match. McGroarty was wide with three shots in rapid succession, following passes from McGovern, Broughan and Martin. Siggins did well to get forward and forced a vital save from the visiting keeper.

Nail Biting Finish

The slow Brewery fight back began as the Greens tendency to knock the ball about and route everything through the middle proved commendably adventurous, if not, at times, naive. The inevitable goal came from Brewery with 8 minutes left, although there is sound evidence to suggest that Walterstown G.F.C. player Paddy Carr handled (solo-run style) in netting. The scene was now set for a nailbiting finish. Untypically, Ray Broughan shot straight at the keeper after 87 minutes following a superb through ball from brother Paul. On 89 minutes Malachy McCann was happy to watch a Brewery drive whistle past the left hand upright. It was left to the energetic Ray Broughan to lift the siege. On the stroke of time he still had the legs to tear down the field, perform a classic push and run past the defender and produce a cross which did... nothing - nothing but clear the danger that is.

Man of the Match

There was little doubt at the finish but that College Green deserved a three or four goal margin. Their ability to put their foot on the ball and execute beautiful cross field passes was a joy to watch. Overall, theirs was the more skillful and exciting approach and although they were occasionally naive in over playing the ball in tricky situations the final result proved the adage quoted at the outset - 'fortune favours the brave'.

Martin McCann was superb at the back, McGovern worked extraordinarily hard in the middle, McGroarty and Ray Broughan tortured their opposing full backs. However, the 'man of the match' award goes to Paul Broughan who held it all together from the sweeper position.

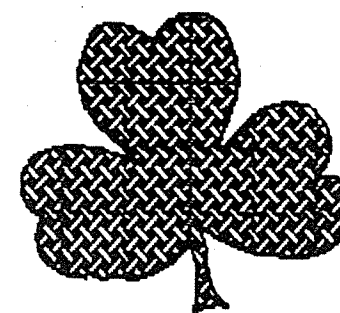
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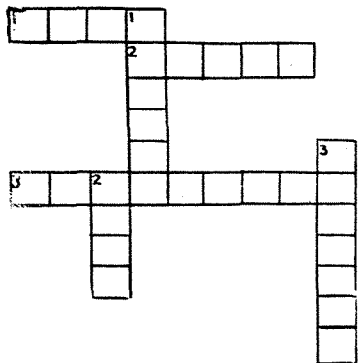
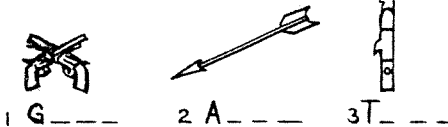




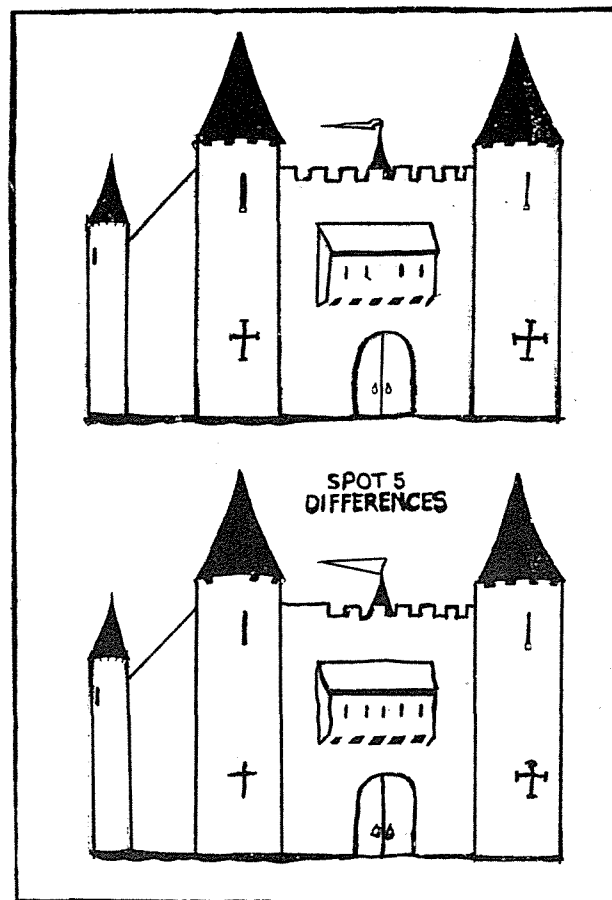
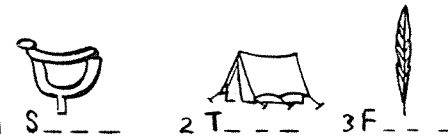
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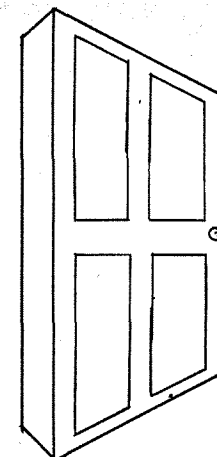
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H. Dunne

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Kenny

The wife, daughters and family of the late Christy Kenny wishes to thank sincerely all who sympathised with them in their recent great loss and all those who sent mass cards, floral tributes, messages of sympathy those who called personally attended removal of remain, mass and funeral. A special word of thanks to Father Cogan, Father Supple, Father Thyne. the ambulance men, Doctor Cowhey, the kindness of our many neighbours and friends. Maynooth Golfing Society, The Labour Party. Trusting that this will be accepted as a token of our appreciation. Mass will be offered for their intentions.

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To Phil Brady, Clock House on the death of his sister, Ellen Clarke, Rathtrussan, Kill, Cootehill and Ballrasna, Ashbourne.

To the son, brother, daughter-in-law, aunt, sisters in law, grandchildren, great grandchildren, relatives and friends of the late Michael Keegan, Cowanstown.

To the daughters, sons-in-law, granddaughters, brothers, sister, relatives and friends of the late Marie (Maddie) Stanworth (nee Byrne), Cluain Aoibhinn and late Yellow Walls Road, Malahide.

To Joe Faherty and family, Cluain Aoibhinn, on the death of his wife Mary and his daughter Sally.

To the sons, daughters, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, relatives and friends of the late Frank and Madge Hughes, Palmerstown, recently deceased.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy Birthday Mam, on the 19th March. From Carol, Lorraine and Dad.

Happy Birthday Lorraine, age 11 on the 11th March. Love from Mam, Dad and Carol.

Happy 12th Birthday to Pamela Cummins, Donadea. Love from Dad, Mam, Dermott, Gary, Ciaran, Fiona and Tony.

Happy Birthday to Thomas McMahon, Mulhussey, Maynooth. Lots of love from your Godmother.

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Sharon Halligan, Greenfield age 11 Mar 26

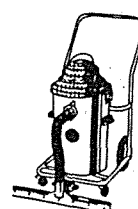
Gerard McTernan, Greenfield age 15 Mar 4th

Happy Birthday to Kevin Kenny, 8 on 17th Feb. Also hello to Una, Paul and Emma, from Carol and Lorraine.

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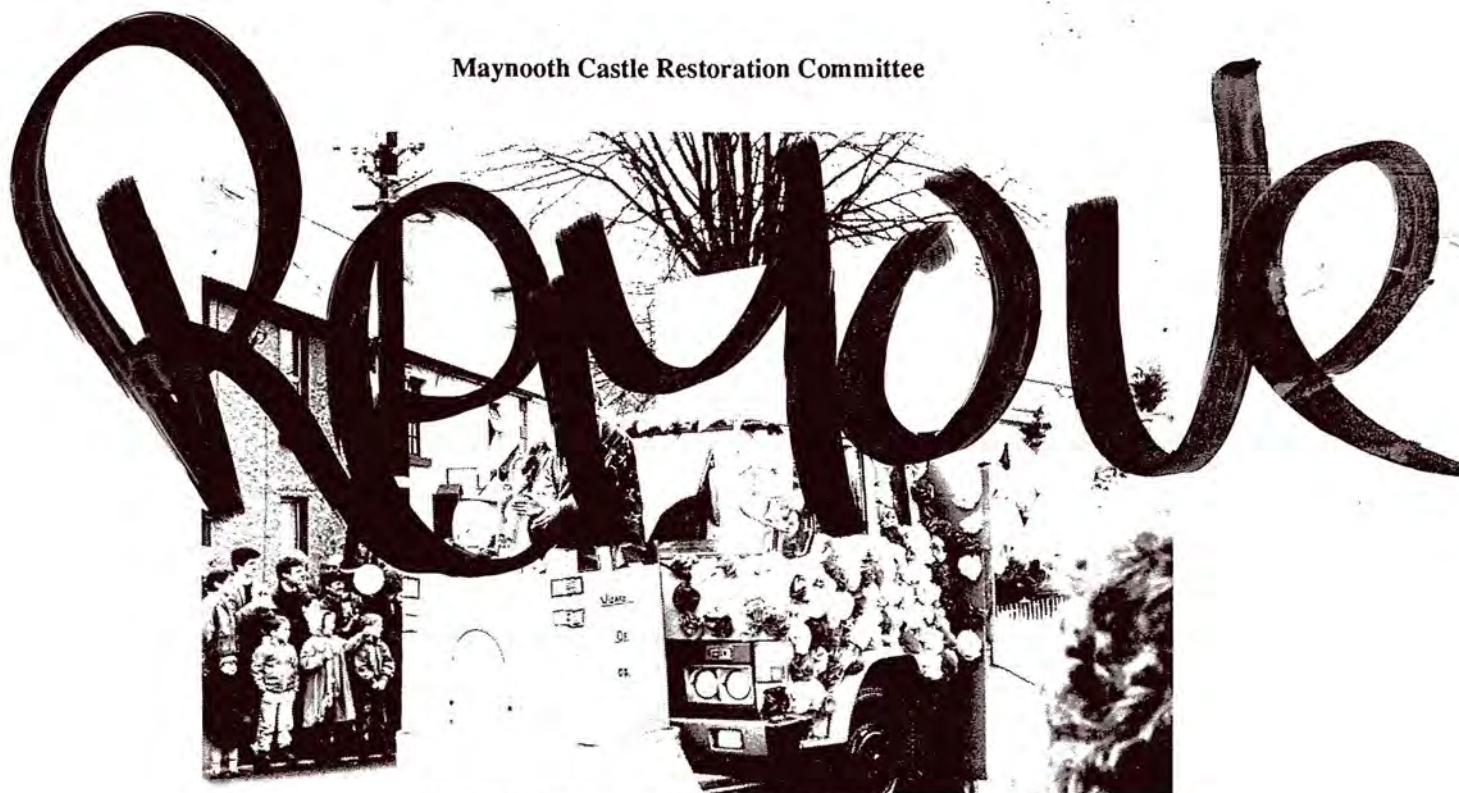
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Editorial

1916 and all that

April sees the seventy fifth anniversary of the 1916 Rising. Many readers will remember the overwhelming celebration of that event in 1966, and will be forcibly reminded of how things change by the difference in the way in which this watershed in Irish history is being treated this year.

It is a healthy sign that we can now sit back from the excesses of 1966, to see what exactly was achieved by the men and women of 1916 - among them fifteen who came from Maynooth. What would have been the difference if they had not marched out? The ideals outlined in the Proclamation of the Republic certainly make fine reading: "the Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all the children of the nation equally, and oblivious of the differences carefully fostered by an alien government, which have divided a minority from the majority in the past."

Recent events have shown how far we are from the concept of religious and civil liberty, with Catholic bishops exerting the force of their moral authority on our legislators in an attempt to prevent the greater availability of contraceptives. Research by Fr. Michael MacGreil shows that almost one fifth of the population would deny citizenship to atheists, and other groups not adhering to the majority religion. Equality between men and women is still being fought for, but this time through the European Courts. As for cherishing all our children equally, the Combat Poverty Agency has reams of evidence to show that one third of the nation's children live in poverty.

Seventy years after the Treaty, it is no longer acceptable to blame the English and the seven hundred years for our abysmal record of self government. We now have only ourselves to blame, and the solution to our problems must start with us, the electorate, and the politicians we choose.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Last month you kindly published my letter giving details of local events to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising. They included an Exhibition in Leixlip and a debate in Maynooth College entitled "Should we celebrate the 1916 Easter Rising?". Both events were a great success and I am now pleased to announce details of items in Maynooth town during April.

On Sunday 24th April we will be presenting an Exhibition which includes Leabhar na hAiseirighe, a collection of 400 photographs of the Rising, newspaper cuttings and other memorabilia. On special display will be items relating to the Maynooth and Co. Kildare involvement. The Exhibition takes place in the Parish Hall from 11a.m. to 6p.m.

We also plan a tree-planting ceremony on the small green outside the Parsons street entrance to the College at a date yet to be decided.

To organise these events a meeting will be held on Monday 8th April in Caulfield's Bar committee room at 8.30p.m. and we welcome along anyone to assist us.

Finally, I again wish to highlight the National Pageant and Parade being held in Dublin on Saturday 6th April starting at 1p.m. in Arncliffe Square. This will enable all the local groups in the country to join together in commemorating the Rising and I look forward to meeting lots of Maynoothians behind the "Co. Kildare" banner.

Yours faithfully,
Michael Quinn,
Member of National Executive Committee.

Dear Editor,

Are the "Good Old Days" back again? It certainly appeared so by the large number of supporters in attendance at our last two home games. Though both results were disappointing we believe that those present enjoyed the contest that these games provided. The recent increase in the number of supporters is due largely to the commencement of the cleaning of the Boreen, allowing for easier access to the pitch. We would like to thank all those who have helped, especially John Mc Ginley who has worked tirelessly on our behalf to ensure that the County Council start the cleaning up operations.

With the installment of the goal-post gates at both ends of the Boreen there can be no reason for conditions to deteriorate to their former level of degradation. Or is there? Only two weeks ago further dumping of refuse occurred on the lane. We feel that the likelihood of such dumping continuing would be prevented by the resumption of work by the County Council.

With what seems to be a lull in operations we would like to ease the further pressure brought to bear on the County Council to ensure that the clearing of the Boreen resumes as quickly as possible.

After all, who wouldn't want to see the Boreen restored to its former beauty and become once again a most pleasant walkway for all in the community?

Yours in sport,
Tony Murphy,
R.O. Maynooth Town Soccer Club.

Dear Editor,

I would like to draw your attention to a few errors which appeared in the February edition of the Newsletter under the 'Street Talking' section.

Firstly, the shop that Tim Guiney bought was the house of the late Alec Caulfield and his family. This was the post office in Maynooth for a very long number of years.

Secondly, the area now called Centre Point Mall was owned by the Nolan family. This area contained the Dance Hall; a sweet, mineral and ice cream shop; a bicycle repair shop and a garage. Nolan's also owned the first chipper in Maynooth and were the first to sell ice cream cornets in Maynooth.

Nolan's sold their property to the parish and after some time the parish sold it to Noone's who turned it into a garage. Hoping this puts the record straight. I remain,

Yours sincerely,
Bridie O'Brien,
Leinster Cottages.

Dear Editor,

Readers who are interested in "Old" Maynooth can see a sale of the following postcards at a public auction at the Burlington Hotel on Saturday, 13th April, commencing at 11.30 a.m.

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Letters to the Editor

A Chara,

My attention has been drawn to an article in the March Newsletter under the heading 'Youth Report'. Your anonymous contributor was factually incorrect in what he/she wrote and I would appreciate a full retraction and apology in the next issue. Perhaps he/she would have the courtesy to contact me even at this late stage to determine the facts?

While the Newsletter is a very worthwhile monthly contribution to the community, its usefulness is devalued when factually incorrect reports are presented by anonymous contributors.

Mise, le meas,
Thomas Ashe,
Principal, Post Primary School Maynooth.

[The Editorial Board regrets any distress caused by the publication of the article 'Youth Report' but feels obliged to point out the following:

We accept all contributions in good faith and cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or factual errors of which we are unaware which appear in those contributions. To safeguard against misdemeanour we provide for the publication of letters in response or in reaction to previously published material (see 'Right to Reply' on page 3). We urge all contributors to avoid inaccuracy and ask them to deal with matters as they themselves see fit when they become aware of factual errors.

As regard anonymity, the Newsletter retains the name and address of all contributors and when letters of complaint are received regarding their articles we forward them on to the relevant contributors.

The Newsletter will not print any material if that material is known to be factually inaccurate.]

Hugh McCartan

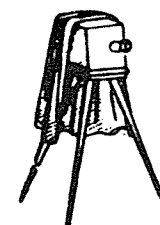
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Maynooth Castle

Maynooth Castle To Be Demolished !

In a shock report recently leaked to a member of the Newsletter editorial committee, the Office of Public Works have stated that they have little choice but to demolish Maynooth Castle. Over the past year the O.P.W., with assistance from students of Bolton Street College of Technology, have carried out an exhaustive structural survey of the Castle. The results of that survey indicate that there are marked structural weaknesses towards the base of the main tower. A 35 foot crack along the rear wall of the tower - technically known as a stress fracture - has been caused by serious subsidence in the foundations.

The report goes on to outline a number of options open to the O.P.W. including the erection of steel buttresses to support the weakened structure, the insertion of steel girders in the wall and, most ambitiously, the demolition and subsequent reconstruction of the tower. However, the report rules out these options both on the grounds of aesthetics and the practical difficulties involved. The report's final conclusion is that in the interests of public safety the main tower should be demolished.

Local reaction to the report has been one of shock. A spokesperson for the Castle Restoration Committee initially expressed total disbelief but when confronted by a copy of the report admitted that the OPW were serious in their intentions. Already it is planned to launch a 'Save Our Castle' campaign and it is hoped that the local community will rally behind it. A number of local politicians have lent their name to the campaign although one, when approached, replied 'What castle?'.

Rumours that MacDonalds - of Big Mac fame - have applied for planning permission for the site have not been denied by Kildare Co. Council although a spokesperson for the Council admitted that the proposal had some merit. Other rumours have suggested that the site might be turned into a car park for Maynooth College - but again this has been denied by College authorities and Monsignor Ledwith indicated that he would fight tooth and nail to have the Castle preserved.

Obviously this is an issue likely to generate great interest over the next few months. It isn't ironic that the people of Maynooth are united behind a campaign to have 'The Thing' demolished and that, instead, the powers that be decide to knock down our castle!

Report, with reaction from local authorities, continued on page 43.

Community Council Notes

THE R.O.A.R. CAMPAIGN

The ROAR campaign has been organised by Maynooth Community Council in order to have our roads and footpaths improved to a standard appropriate to the 1990s. The emphasis of the campaign has been placed on getting the Minister for the Environment, Pádraig Flynn, to provide additional funding to Kildare County Council. This will encourage the County Council to carry out proper repairs to the roads and footpaths and will prevent the Council from merely carrying out the wasteful pothole filling exercises in which they are currently engaged. The first phase of our campaign was the house to house collection of signatures for our petition. We are extremely grateful to those businesses who kept petition sheets on their counters for us. In all, we collected 2,500 signatures.

A deputation comprising Christina Sauls, Lorraine Tracey, Brigid Sauls, David Moynan and John McGinley handed the petition to one of the Minister's staff, Tim Morris, on the 25th of February. The Minister was not available.

A much larger contingent picketed Kildare County Council offices in Naas the same day. A copy of the petition was handed to Gerry Ward, the County Manager, and we had an opportunity to meet the County Councillors as their monthly meeting was taking place.

On the 8th February we had a meeting with the Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council, outlining our case and presenting them with the document published in last month's Newsletter.

The Repair Our Awful Roads sign addressed to Minister Flynn was first erected on Saturday 23rd February on the Dublin Road opposite Doyle's Mart. Unfortunately, the local Area Engineer of the County Council had men and machinery available at 9 o'clock the following Monday morning to take down the sign. This must surely break the record for the fastest action ever taken by Kildare County Council. What a pity that they neglect to act with the same speed and determination on activities more beneficial to the local community! However, following some skilful detective work the sign was located in the Council yard, retrieved and re-erected on Sunday, 10th March.

We would like to thank Lorraine Tracey, one of our office staff, who put so much time and effort into painting and drawing the sign. We would further like to thank Leo Bean and his assistants Barry O'Brien, Peter Connell, Frank Conlon and Dave Moynan for their efforts in erecting the sign.



Members of the Community Council delegation who handed the 2500 signatures on the petition to Mr. Gerry Ward, Manager, Kildare County Council on 25/2/91

Our protest March, also on 23rd February, was a tremendous success. Despite the very bad weather, some 250 people showed up outside Quinnsnorth, marched through the town and proceeded out the Rathcoffey Road as far as Greenfield Lane. The object of the exercise was to draw as much publicity as possible to the campaign. In this regard we were very successful, gaining coverage from all the national and local newspapers, local radio stations and special coverage by R.T.E. (the march, subsequent speeches and some interviews were the subject of a report on the lunchtime news on R.T.E. 1 on the following Monday).



The sign drawn by Lorraine Tracey. Office staff left to right: Christina Sauls, Shirley Nugent, Lorraine Tracey, Donal Fitzpatrick, Maura Walsh-Conneely.

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It is hoped that the sign will remain in place long enough this time to embarrass Minister Flynn into taking action on our roads and footpaths (He passes by the sign on each trip to the Dail from his home constituency). We would encourage members of the public to become involved in the campaign by contacting the Gay Byrne Show and identifying local potholes that would warrant a prize for size. Other courses of action open to readers include writing to the Minister supporting our campaign and drawing his attention to the appalling state of roads in Kildare.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 1991

This year's parade was a great success, with 52 different groups taking part. On behalf of the Community Council I would like to thank all those who helped the St Patrick's Day Committee in any way. In particular I would like to thank the following:-

Christina Sauls for the tremendous amount of work that she put in over the last few months preparing for the parade.

All the other staff in the Community Council Office.

Mattie Callaghan for providing the reviewing stand.

Leo Bean and Ollie Bright for decorating the reviewing stand.

The Flower Club and Fionan Hardiman also for decorating the reviewing stand.

Jim Cunningham for again performing his duties as Master of Ceremonies so well.

Our 30 guests on the reviewing stand.

Willie Kiernan for again providing and installing the public address system.

St Patrick's College for providing the carpet for the stand.

Michael Hyland and Proinsias Breathnach for transporting the carpet.

Quinnsnorth Supermarket for opening the gates of the car park to allow the parade to turn round.

Sergeant Joe Canny and the Gardai for their co-operation and for providing the No Parking cones.

The Presentation Convent for the power supply and for the use of the car park.

Emmet Stagg TD for being guest speaker and for his help in getting the Army Band to participate.

Maynooth Tae Kwon Do School for their display of the Korean art of self defence.

Owen Byrne, our mayor, for leading the parade.

All the stewards who performed their tasks so professionally. A special work of thanks to Frank Conlon and Pat Corraway.

Pat Travers of the Parish Hall Committee for providing the chairs and steps for the reviewing stand.

Mary Tierney, Leinster Arms, for providing tea and sandwiches for our guests.

Eddy Sherry for cleaning the Main Street.

The Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring a beautiful new trophy.

Eileen Dunne and her St Patrick's Day Committee for giving Maynooth Community something of which to be proud.

The participants without whom there would be no parade and the general public for showing up in such great numbers.

Congratulations to all the business people who did such a splendid job of decorating their shop windows.

Thanks to our many sponsors in Maynooth who funded the parade.

The prize winners were as follows:-

(a) Best commercial float - Barrett's

(b) Best new commercial entrant - Maynooth Autos

- (c) Best Club entrant - Tae Kwon Do
- (d) Best band - St. Mary's Brass and Reed
- (e) Best marchers - The Scouts
- (f) Best Rock Band - Wild Cry
- (g) Most topical float - *Maynooth Newsletter*
- (h) Funniest Float - Leixlip Wash and Vac
- (j) Best Shop Windows -
- 1st: Maynooth Office Supplies
- 2nd: Top of the Crop
- 3rd: Greenfield Supermarket (Tom Geraghty)

John McGinley
Chairperson
Maynooth Community Council

TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

We thank all committee members for their help on St. Patrick's Day.

Following our meeting with Betty Carr, we now appreciate the task facing us in making Maynooth a Tidy Town.

However we had a good turnout at our last committee meeting. We thank all who contributed to our annual collection and those who missed can leave donations with our Chairman, Fionan Hardiman, Dublin Road or with Joan Lennon, Treasurer, Straffan Road.

Our work will take place on Tuesday / Thursday evening and Saturday morning.

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Richard Farrell,
Secretary / P.R.O. Tidy Towns

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Residents' Associations' Notes

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

This year's festival is scheduled to take place from June 15th - 23rd. There will be a concerted attempt to make it as 'street visible' as possible and to include novelty attractions and events. As well as Hudson's Carnival and the ever popular Inter Estate Seven-A-Side Soccer Tournament, the Festival Committee hopes to have busking competitions, street theatre, a driving-skills test and more of the popular treasure hunts. We will be appealing to each club and society in the locality to organise one event from their yearly programme which will coincide with the festival dates.

As usual, we are anxious to hear from people with ideas and suggestions for activities - no matter how bizarre! The Festival Committee will be meeting regularly now that the Patrick's Day Parade is over and anyone who wishes to come along to meetings is very much encouraged to do so. For further information contact the Community Council Office at 6285922.

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

The 17th Annual General Meeting of the Greenfield Estate Residents' Association took place on the 4th March 1991.

The varied work of your Residents' Association, over the last 12 months, is as follows:-

The selection, purchasing and location of the Estate Stone - which has given our estate an identity.

Neighbourhood Watch - the purchasing of signs by the Residents' Association and the erecting of same by the Neighbourhood Watch Committee.

Laurence Ave - Repair of fence, a joint venture between the residents of Laurence Ave and the committee.

The problem of Spanish students.

Clean up days - leading to our estate receiving 3rd place in the Best Estate Competition. *Let's go for No. 1 this year!*

A report on our very successful Dinner Dance.

We are sorry to advise that our Chairperson for the last 3 years, Peter Holland, did not seek re-election because of work commitments. Thanks to Peter for all your work on the committee over the years. Also our thanks go to Carmel Hogan who did not seek re-election due to study commitments.

Residents are reminded that the above committee will meet on the first Monday of each month and items for discussion should be submitted in writing to the secretary.

The 1991/1992 Committee:

Pat Hogan - Chairperson

Mattie Callaghan - Vice-Chairperson

Nuala Quinn - Secretary

Mary Farrell - Treasurer

Richard Farrell - P.R.O.

John McGinley, Michael Quinn, Michael Garvey, Kevin Galligan, Tom Purcell, Michael Quinn (L.A.), Elizabeth Callaghan, Shay Corbally.

Finally, there have been a number of robberies/burglaries on our estate in recent weeks. It is essential that we keep vigilant: report anything unusual to your local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

Happy Easter to one and all.

P.R.O.

Richard Farrell.

GREENFIELD RESIDENTS PHASE 3

Well, on Saturday the 9th March we had a clean up and I have to say that the children, from the big ones to the smallest, worked very hard. I am sure the mums had no problems getting them to bed that night. Well done children.



Best Cleaners in Phase 3. Well Done. among the children in the photo are Peter and Lisa Finan.

At this point we would like to bring to the attention of our neighbours that the river and other parts of Phase 3 was not and never will be an official dumping ground. We will this time

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dispose of the outdoor christmas tree and other personal rubbish, but next time we will bring it back where it belongs. We will be having our disco on the 12th of April from 8.30 - 11pm and all ages are welcome. Also there will be a meeting of the residents on April 2nd at 8.30pm sharp in Caulfield's back room. Please do your best to come along.

Finally, we would like to bring to the attention of *Eye Hear* that we did put in the name of the winner of the 'Name the Estate Competition'. It was in the January or February Newsletter, but to save you looking for the winner, it was Miss Elaine Carroughers, Greenfield. She got the voucher for the bike shop.

Ann Kirby
Secretary

[*Eye Hear* was dying to know what actual name Elaine Carroughers came up with in order to win the 'Name The Estate Competition' as this was not mentioned in February's report. Perhaps you might write a note in next month's column telling us?]

PRESENTATION CONVENT PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our sincere thanks to all parents who contributed to the annual subscription to the above association.

The next fundraising event to be held by the Association will be an evening of music and crack on 9th May 1991. The venue will be the Hitchin Post and music will be provided by Fiddlers Green. Tickets go on sale early in April and committee members will be calling to houses selling tickets during the coming weeks. There will also be tickets on sale in the school. It promises to be a great night and well worth attending so we ask you all to please support this venture and come along. Please remember that the money raised will be used to purchase worthwhile equipment for the school, finance for which, is not available from any other source.

We look forward to a large attendance.

Sheila Fleming
Pro

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL NOTES

Awareness Week - March 4th to 8th

The First Year Leaving Certificate students of Maynooth Post Primary School once again hosted their Awareness Week which ran from March 4th - 8th inclusive. This was a programme which focused on various social issues sharing a common theme of injustice and disadvantage. Visiting speakers addressed the students on topics including Unmarried Mothers, Childline, Alcoholics Anonymous, Drug Abuse, The Travellers and The Third World, over the course of the week which culminated in a twelve hour sponsored fast in which the whole school participated.

Mr. John O'Shea of G.O.A.L. opened the Awareness Week on the afternoon of the Monday, March 4th by highlighting the extent and effect of famine in Bangladesh, Sudan and throughout Africa. All funds raised in the sponsorship fast will go to G.O.A.L. to help alleviate hunger and hardship in these regions. The staff and students of the school would like to take this opportunity to express sincere gratitude to the people of Maynooth for their continued generous support.



Left to Right: John O'Shea, Director G.O.A.L., Jenny Arthurs, Committee, Fr. Eoin Thynne, Chaplain, Aideen O'Brien, Committee.

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Societies & Organizations

LUCAN / NORTH KILDARE YOUTH CONFERENCE.

The Lucan / North Kildare Youth Conference was held on Saturday 23rd March, 1991 in Lucan Community College. The Conference was of interest to all leaders, parents and teachers. The aim of the Conference was to offer the participants the opportunity to:-

- * attend workshops on topics of interest to them
- * meet and discuss common problems and concerns
- * contribute to the planning of youth service programme
- * learn of facilities / opportunities available in Lucan / North Kildare.

Workshops for the day were

- * Young people and the Church
- * Effective listening to young people
- * Coping with problem behaviour in teenagers
- * Stress Management

For further information contact Mary or Louise at the Youth Service, St. Mary's Boys' National School at 6280465.

CARTON COMMITTEE

The Carton Committee recently sent a delegation to the Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare Co. Council to express its concern about plans for the development of Carton currently reported to be at an advanced stage. The Carton Committee is particularly concerned about the direction the Gleneagles' project is taking, about the proposal to erect a large number of houses on the demesne, and the highly exclusive nature of the development. The planning approach to developments in Co. Kildare is such that by the time planning applications are made, there are very few opportunities for the local community to make its views known. Meetings between the developers and the county planners and engineers have been ongoing for the past year. At present in Carton many trees have been removed to make way for two golf courses.

However the greatest alterations to the estate are proposed in the erection of a 200 bed hotel and up to 300 houses. This proposal closely resembles the last application by Powerscreen and will be strongly resisted by the Carton Committee. Carton continues to rank as one of the prime eighteenth century properties in Ireland, not in Ireland and the UK. It is listed as being of international standing in the County Development Plan. It is important that in the rush for 'development', we do not lose sight of the need for conservation, the obligations of property-owners in this regard, and the responsibility of the state and local authorities to assist owners in fulfilling these obligations.

With these concerns in mind a meeting of the Committee will be held in the next two weeks to review our approach to the development of Carton and to consider submissions to the county Council on the review of the Kildare Development Plan.

R.O.
J.Duffy

ST. MARY'S BAND BULLETIN

The Band's A.G.M. was held in the Band Hall on 18th February 1991 attended by a large number of members. Reflecting on last year. The chairman said that every member should remember 1990 as the year we won the Senior Marching Band Competition in Limerick on St. Patrick's Weekend - the first time in the history of the Band that we won a major marching band competition. This was achieved by a very dedicated and hard-working committee and with the sincere dedication of all band members, especially our conductors Cliff Murphy and Elaine Bean.

We are at present preparing for our 1991 trip to Limerick and of course our usual role in the Maynooth parade.

Our uniform fund is progressing very well with two-thirds of the cost already raised. Hopefully by 1992 we will reach our target. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support towards the high financial cost incurred in running the band.

Our Band Person of the Year competition was very keenly fought for, with Margaret Dempsey just one "Beat" ahead of Stephen Corcoran.

The following is the committee elected for 1991.

Hon. Presidents:- Phil Brady, Fr. F. O'Higgins.

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As you are aware we started Junior classes last September which are progressing very well with approximately 40 members.

Plans are being made to hold a Musical Marathon on 28th April. Watch out for further details. During the summer we hope to hold recitals in various estates in Maynooth along with two engagements in Leixlip on 5th May which include a visit to Barnhall Rugby Club and Leixlip G.A.A. There's no such thing as summer holidays for members of St. Mary's band!!

On behalf of the members of the band I wish to express my sincere sympathy to the Boyd Family on the recent death of their father Michael Boyd, grandfather to Tara and also to Padraic Flood and Clodagh Myles on the death of their Grandfather William Monaghan.

On a happier "note" congratulations are in order for our chairman Michael Dempsey and his wife Josephine, who celebrated their 25th Wedding anniversary on the 19th February.

P.R.O.

Margaret Dempsey.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER CLUB

Our Annual Spring Show will be held on Tuesday, April 16th. Schedules and all other information will be available from our secretary, Felicity Satchwell (tel. 6286240). Viewing will be open to the public between 7.30 and 9.00 p.m.

R. Smyth,
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

For all those children wishing to stave off boredom during the Easter Holidays - please contact the library. We are delighted to announce some competitions for children - group A, 7 years and under and group B, 8 to 12 years. The first group are asked to draw / paint a picture, and the second group are asked to write an adventure story, featuring the library. Phone us at 6285530 for details, or come along and pick up the information. Terry Hassett Henry will be presenting some wonderful prizes for these super competitions, which were sponsored by Allied Irish Banks, Ulster Banks and the Bank of Ireland.

Our juvenile borrowers will be excited to hear that at last there will be some new additions to stock - featuring the late great Roald Dahl, more adventures of Gumdrop, the famous vintage car, the Narina books, teenage romances and lots of other highly recommended reading - keep an eye on this space for details! For all aspiring borrowers, remember that it's only £1 a year for a child to join and £2 a year for adults with a further charge of 10p per item borrowed.

The FAS officer has changed his hours of attendance at Maynooth Library to the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The new hours will be 11 - 1 in the morning and 2 - 4 in the afternoon. He can be contacted at 6285477 during those hours.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the benevolent people who have donated many good and interesting

books to us during the last few years - in times of economic recession libraries, being considered non-essential, are always badly hit financially. The list of donors is too long to publish, but all contributions were deeply appreciated and provided valuable new reading material for our avid borrowers.

The opening hours of Maynooth Library are as follows: Monday, 2.30-8.00p.m.
Tuesday, 2.00-5.00p.m.
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Margaret Walshe-Gannon.

OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Over St Patrick's weekend we held our annual collection, not only at the Church gates but also at the supermarket and in the local pubs. We are delighted to be able to tell you that we raised the grand sum of £1417.18. Many, many thanks to you all for your unfailing generosity and a particular word of thanks to Mona Byrne, Barbara Nolan, Joan Carroll, Michael O'Riordan and Bridie O'Brien who helped the committee members with the collection.

Part of the money will be used immediately to pay for fuel which will be distributed to the elderly for Easter.

The Easter party will take place in the Post Primary School on



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14th April at 4pm. It will be preceded by Mass at 3.30pm. There will be an 'Easter Bonnet' competition and we are hoping for a good number of entries. This competition is not restricted to the ladies, so get to work gentlemen, please! The draw for the 10 holidays at Kirduffstown will also be held at this party.

We extend our sympathy to the wives, families and friends of James (Chicko) Dowling and Paddy Fay who died recently.

A number of our elderly are in hospital at present and we send them our special Easter greetings.

Active Age Week will be from 28th April to May 5th. We will give you details of the programme of events in the next Newsletter. Meanwhile, if you have any ideas for activities or events that you would like to see included please let any of the committee know.

P.R.O.

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the local branch of the R.C.A.G. will take place on 3rd April in the I.C.A. Hall at 8 p.m. and the Committee welcomes new members who are interested in the refurbishment of our wonderful amenity. The Canal, together with Maynooth Castle which is also being refurbished, are two important amenities, and townspeople, and indeed those outside Maynooth, should take an interest in the work being done. We look forward to seeing some new faces at the A.G.M.

Spring Fair

Plans for the Spring Fair are now well advanced and the it will take place on 27 - 28 April, 1991. Once again we are joining forces with the Boys' National School for this major event. Many attractions are planned, full details of which will appear in the next issue. Further information may be obtained by contacting our Spring Fair Office at 6286463.

Jamboree

The Royal Canal Jamboree takes place on Sunday 12 May. Once again it will feature "It's a Knockout" as well as many other sideshows etc. The "Jamboree Queen" will be selected at a function on the night, preceeding the Jamboree, so if any of you ladies are interested in taking part or if you know someone you would like to nominate then why not contact any member of the Lions Club or the undersigned at 21 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

As usual the local R.C.A.G. had a float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. This year the float featured local Rock Band "Falling Angel" who performed live on the float (lead vocals, Declan Molloy; lead guitar, Ken Folan; rhythm guitar, Olly Nevin; drums, Colin Hanley). Our Royal Canal Queen Miss Joyce Quirk was also on the float. The committee would like to thank the chief executive of Kingsbry Developments, Mr. Hugh Sullivan who made transport available for the float.

Jerry Fitzpatrick
P.R.O.

BRU BOSCO

Bru Bosco Youth Club has been open since Friday 23rd November and this is our first item in **The Newsletter**. So far we have had two great discos in the Geraldine Hall where we meet every Friday night. A great night was had by all at the Discos including Leaders. John Read, one of the leaders, is also a - wait for it - D.J., which is a great bonus to the club. Bet you all thought I was going to say something else! We have also shown a few videos which are a great success. Before I go any further I would like to thank Nuz Stop for kindly donating a T-Shirt for us to raffle at one of our discos. Our Christmas Party was another one of our successes.

Our club is always looking for new members, so feel free and come down on a Friday night between 8.00 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. to see what we get up to. We have a pool-table, a table tennis table and a section for playing darts. We also have a full size snooker table and video games nearly every 2nd Friday. We will be running tournaments in each of these games so come on and join in on the fun. I will give you the names of all our leaders in the next letter, but for now here are the names of the committee members. That's all for now, thanks for reading.

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Question: A friend has been in hospital for a few months. As he couldn't collect his pension he asked to have me named on his pension book as his agent. He has now been informed that his Free Electricity Allowance and Free Telephone Rental have been stopped. He still has to pay these bills. This is adding to his worries and not helping his recovery. Can you clarify the position?

Answer: Once the Department of Social Welfare become aware that the pensioner is in hospital the Free Telephone Rental is stopped immediately. The Free Electricity Allowance is continued for six months and is then reviewed. If the pensioner is still in hospital and is unlikely to be returning home within a short time, then the Free Electricity Allowance is also stopped. In your friend's case, they may not be aware that he is in hospital and may have thought that he had gone to live with you. So, you should inform the Free Schemes Section in Sligo about the true position and they will look into the Free Electricity Allowance for you. When he returns home he should re-apply for the Allowance.

This column has been compiled by Maynooth Citizen's Information Centre which provides a free and confidential service to the Public. Address: The Library, Main Street, Maynooth. Telephone 6285477 during office hours only.
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MAYNOOTH MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE GROUP

The Birmingham Six
Saor Faoi Dheireadh

We offer our congratulations to the six men, their families and all the Birmingham Six Committees, particularly those who campaigned when it was not fashionable to do so. We would like to thank the people of Maynooth who supported our entry in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. There are still many more cases to be looked into including Judith Ward, Martin Foran and others.

Should we not question the whole extradition scene until Irish people can be sure of a fair trial in England? Our sympathy to the families of those killed and injured in the Birmingham Bombings and we are glad to hear the Home Secretary Kenneth Baker saying that the police will now go out and find the real bombers and bring them to justice.

Hilda Dunne

S.V.P. NOTES

Sincere thanks to all volunteers who helped us with the E.C. Meat Distribution recently. Special thanks to Madeline Stynes and the I.C.A. members for their help and use of Hall. The Society hopes to organise another clothing sale during late

Spring. Donations of good quality clothing and footwear are always welcome. Please note that only items in sterling condition can be accepted and must be handed in personally to a member of the Society at our clothing store by arrangement. Good quality blankets are particularly needed. The Society are considering the possibility of organising a Home Management Course in the near future. More details on this in the next Newsletter. Any ideas regarding same would be welcome.

The Conference may be contacted as follows:-

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Pat O'Brien
Conference President

DUNBOYNE UNION OF PARISHES

Thanks to all who supported our parish in our recent raffle. The winners of the prizes are as follows:

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| 2nd | 10.30am The Eucharist |
| 3rd | 10.30am Morning Prayer |
| 4th | 10.30am The Eucharist. |

Rev Gavin Williamson

BISHOP O'MAHONY CONFIRMS MAYNOOTH'S FINEST!

The 26th of February dawned bright and cheerful. It was an excited crowd of 122 boys and girls who gathered that day in St. Mary's Church to be confirmed. Bishop O'Mahony confirmed them and performed a beautiful ceremony complimented by the tuneful hymns sung by the fifth class choir who were accompanied by Sr. Aquinas on the organ. The sunny weather proved ideal for taking photographs in the church grounds afterwards.



Confirmation Left to Right: Eithne Cunningham, Virginia Breslin.

Congratulatory hand-shakes were the order of the day with numerous Confirmation cards being exchanged. It was an enjoyable day for all concerned.

Catherine Commane
Sixth Class

YOUTH REPORT

The band held a highly successful concert this month, including an appearance by the Junior Band on their recorders. A variety of tunes were played and all present enjoyed the music. Both primary schools are bringing out a school newspaper. The convent has two currently running and the Boys National School is also making definite plans for the production of one. Good luck to all three publications and may they all flourish (although we claim to hope that they outsell the Newsletter!) The Boys National School recorder band, taught by Mrs. O'Connell, recently made an appearance at the Cor Fheile in the Mansion House. They played three tunes, starting with "My Love is an Arbutus", followed by "Ode to Joy" and finishing up with "O I Did Climb a Tree-Top". They received great applause and, according to (unauthorised) inside information, a glowing

report from the judge - to quote - "They played so sweetly as to delight my ears".

Of course Confirmation took place on the 26th of February. Many seemed to be quite cool about the whole thing and it seemed as if a visit to Tallaght Square or to the cinema to see 'Kindergarten Cop' was the main event. However, rigorous training was obviously undertaken by all, especially the choir who provided excellent musical accompaniment throughout. As usual all present were well dressed and the bishop, Dermot O'Mahony, was very friendly to the children. Unfortunately he was unable to attend last year due to ill health. Thanks are obviously due to all who made it possible, with special reference to the deacons, priests and, of course, teachers. In closing, to those of you without children, a wise use of your Quinnsworth receipts is to give them to a child you know or a school. Both primary schools, and probably the post-primary, are collecting them for an IBM computer.

ESB Community Spirit Award for John McGinley

John McGinley, Chairperson, Maynooth Community Council has been selected as an ESB Community Spirit Award Winner. The Awards are a joint Union/Management initiative established to "recognise the extensive and very valuable work done on a voluntary basis by ESB staff within their local communities." In recognition of the award Maynooth Community Council has received £100 from the ESB Participation Council in Distribution Department.

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John's selection is well deserved: since settling in Maynooth 16 years ago he has been a willing and tireless worker on behalf of the community. An active member of his resident's association, he was responsible for bringing the first piped T.V. to Maynooth. He was elected as Secretary of Maynooth Community Council when it was first established in 1984 and has served continuously on the Council since then.

It is John who has been responsible for the stewarding of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, no mean task when one is organizing over 50 floats, not to mention bands and marchers. He is an active member of the Maynooth Castle Committee and the Carton House Committee, both concerned with conserving and developing the town's historical heritage.

John is a long standing member of the Labour Party and will be one of Labour's candidates in Local Elections to be held this June. In his capacity as a local candidate he has been able to extend and develop his service to the community.

John's name will go forward to the National ESB Community Spirit Awards, to be held later this year. He stands an excellent change of winning and we wish him every success.

'MESSIAH' IN MAYNOOTH

Sunday, March 10th saw the Maynooth University Choral Society, under the directorship of Professor Gerard Gillen, perform their annual concert. This year's chosen work was G.F. Handel's great oratorio *Messiah*. A most beautiful piece, *Messiah* was performed by some 150 staff and students of the College along with members of the local community. Accompanying the choir were Mr. John O'Keeffe on the organ and 25 members of the Dublin Baroque Players directed by Mr Liam Fitzgerald. Soloists for the performance were Ms Maree-Rose Jones (Contralto) from Australia and now studying in Maynooth; Ms Frances Lucey (Soprano), who took time out from her work with the Bavarian State Opera in Germany to join the choir; Mr Conor Biggs (Bass), a well known Irish soloist and Mr Emmanuel Lawlor (Tenor), another well known, accomplished singer and soloist and old friend of Maynooth.

Set in the splendid College Chapel, the *Messiah* was attended by an audience of over 700. Chief among the dignitaries present were former president, Dr Padraig O hIrghile and his wife Maeve; their Excellencies the Ambassadors of Spain, Germany, Italy, Denmark and Portugal; Mr Peter Barry, T.D.; Dr Niall Crowley; Dr Walton Empey, Bishop of Meath and Kildare and a large number of guests of the President of the College, Msgr Miceal Ledwith and his staff.

Taking just over three hours to complete, *Messiah* was performed with great feeling and skill by the young choir, soloists and orchestra. The highlight of the concert was undoubtedly the great *Hallelujah* chorus for which the audience stood in keeping with the tradition begun by King George I. A very memorable night, the concert received a very warm and enthusiastic applause at the end. On Monday, March 11th, the choir travelled to St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy to give a second performance which was also very well received.

To all our sponsors in the Maynooth locality and in a particular way to those who attended the performance, the Music Society extends a very sincere word of thanks and appreciation.

P.J. Breen,
P.R.O.,
Music Society.

Travellers' Tales

A recent letter in the *Sunday Independent* from two Americans outlined a sad tale of woe common to many travellers. The Americans in question, two travel writers who had spent some time in Ireland gathering together information for a Guidebook, had all their possessions removed from their rented car on Sunday 2nd December by persons unknown. Among the locations visited by the unfortunate Mr and Mrs Hammond on that day was Maynooth, the Roost to be exact, where they spent all of one half hour. The Hammonds have appealed for the return of their possessions, most particularly their research material and the six rolls of film. Did anyone notice the removal of two large cases and two small bags plus one Aran sweater from a blue grey 1990 Toyota Carina on that day? The Hammonds would like to hear from them if they did - otherwise, Maynooth may receive less than glowing reports in their forthcoming guide to Ireland.

And more tourist tales:

Another letter from a tourist, this time to the *Leinster Leader*, has come to our attention. Mr John O'Brien from Dungarvan felt moved to share his experiences in the craters of the Moon to which parts of North Kildare now bear a close resemblance. Mr O'Brien, who was visiting the Bennetts of Maynooth, sings the praises of the County Council for keeping the main roads free of snow and ice during the recent cold spell. However, off the main roads, things were very different. Craters replace roadways, and he suspected Saddam had preceded him with Scud missiles. Mr O'Brien notes that the good name of Kildare will suffer from the condition of its secondary roads, especially with tourists.

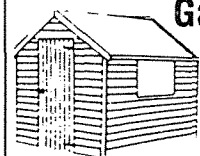


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MEMORIES OF THE 1916 RISING

Sure if we had a good tune we could sing it Mr O'Brien, but thanks for the support anyway.

Woman of the Year

Congratulations to Editorial Member, Isabelle Cartright, whose qualities have been recognised by her fellow students in the College, who presented her with the Woman of the Year award on Women's Day on March 8th. In addition to her contributions to the *Newsletter*, Isabelle, who hails from more locations than Charles J Haughey (including Cork, Kilkenny, and Surrey), is also one of the editors of *Cobweb*, a literary magazine published in the College.

Woman of Europe

And more congratulations are due to our own Battling Norah (as the *Tabloids* refer to her now). Norah McDermott has done trojan work over the last few years in the Community Council office, but some Maynooth residents may have been unaware of Norah's pathbreaking achievements on behalf of women, when she took on the Irish government (with the help of some good lawyers, admittedly), and later the European Court. Now, married women are not discriminated against under the social welfare code, and thanks to the most recent European Court decision, many women may be due refunds going back over the years, when the Irish government withheld their rightful payments.

The First Issue

Eye Hear that *Maynooth Newsletter* has been around for some time. We are not quite sure when exactly the first issue was published. Perhaps some reader out there who happens to have the first issue might contact the *Newsletter* office.

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Leaving aside the debate about whether we should celebrate, commemorate or simply forget the 1916 Rising, the following account of the events as they were experienced by the fifteen men who marched from Maynooth to the GPO has its own unique interest. This somewhat unemotional account was published in a *Maynooth GAA Guide* printed in 1967. At that stage, at least seven were still alive.

"On Easter Monday 1916, we assembled in Buckley's Yard at about 6.30p.m. There we were issued with single barrel shotguns (stereno 12 - bore) and about 2 dozen cartridges. The cartridges were a very tight fit in the chamber, and there was difficulty in extracting them after firing. We were each given a packet of sandwiches. We formed up in double file in the laneway and were ordered to proceed down the street to the College. We were followed down the street by two RIC men. As we neared the College, one of the party turned and ordered the police to go back. We proceeded through the Square to St.Patrick's and there we knelt down on the grass, while the President, Dr.Rogan administered conditional absolution. From there we left the College by the Gas House Gate, and continued on by railroad and canal back to Clonsilla, where we took to the fields. At Ashtown we rested and had a sandwich. Thence we cut across country northwards to Finglas, and below Finglas Bridge we waded across the Tolka into Glasnevin Cemetery. There we stacked arms in a water tank and dried out in the shelter of the tombstones until morning. It was very cold. In the morning we formed up, same as leaving Maynooth, and proceeded via Cross Guns Bridge and Frederick Street to the GPO where we were received by Connolly. Later on we were sent to relief of the City Hall, where in Parliament Street we took possession of the Royal Exchange Hotel."

The *Newsletter* would like to hear more of what happened then.

The following is a list of the men men who marched from Maynooth to Dublin on Easter Monday, 1916 to join the GPO Garrison:

Domhnall O'Buachalla
Patrick Colgan ✓
Patrick Kirwan ✓
Matt Maguire ✓
Tom Mangan ✓
Patrick Weafer ✓
Joseph Ledwith ✓
Jack Graves ✓
Jack Maguire ✓
Tim Tyrell ✓
Oliver Ryan ✓
Tom Harris ✓
Tom Byrne ✓
Ted O'Kelly ✓
Liam Regan ✓

We believe the 1916 Committee is still in existence - it might be appropriate to consider building a memorial, preferably to replace the 'Thing' in the Square which some of the more awful aspects of post-Rising Ireland and its approach to the environment.

Muintir Mhá Nuad

Mrs Annie Daly, O' Neill Park

Mrs Daly of O' Neill Park is, at the age of 94, the oldest woman in Maynooth. She was born Annie Monaghan in Moyglare in 1896.

Mrs Daly walked three and a half miles to school in the Presentation Convent in Maynooth where she remembers being taught by Mother John. On the day of her First Holy Communion she was brought back to the school for a treat of tea and sandwiches. Children then did not visit the extended family collecting gifts or money but if they were lucky, they might be brought into Dublin as a treat.

At the age of 19 Mrs Daly went to work in the laundry in Carton House. While living on the estate she had to be home by 10pm every night. Her family enjoyed a long tradition of service at Carton: Mr. Monaghan, her grandfather, was a shepherd on the demesne.

During this time Mrs Daly remembers going to the Band Balls in the Town Hall in the Square. This was also the venue for the Maynooth Market. Her father and three brothers played in the Brass and Reed Band. Mrs Daly recalls that her father played at Parnell's funeral. The Band Balls were open to all - not so the Hunt Balls which were the reserve of the 'upper crust'. The Maynooth Hunt incidentally met in the Square.

While working on Carton Mrs Daly cycled to Dublin to watch Larry Stanley captain Kildare in Croke Park in 1918-'19. The bike, like Mrs Daly, is still in great condition - they don't make them like that anymore.

In 1927 Annie Monaghan married Mr Daly from Laragh in Kilcock. She moved to Laragh where her husband's family had been stewards for five generations. Tragically, Mr Daly was shot in a hunting accident and Mrs Daly was left to raise three small children alone.

Her own family, the Monaghans, have lived in Maynooth for generations. Joe Monaghan, her brother, worked in the powerhouse in the college. She remembers James Monaghan once walking a herd of sheep from Roscommon to Dublin and taking a week to do so. The same man, she says, won a prize in the 1902 Spring Show for a heifer which he had raised himself.

One of her memories associated with the College is of the remains of Dr. O' Growney being brought there on the night "of the big wind".

Fr. Paddy, her nephew, has a family Bible belonging to her grandparents.

Mrs Daly remembers D'Arcy's Hotel for down-and-outs where one could get bed and breakfast for 1 penny. This was located near Puck's Bridge.

When I asked Mrs Daly what her secret was for obtaining a long life she was quite specific: "Hard work", she said, "- and be sure to have a bicycle."

GARDA TALK

Burglaries

Maynooth had its share of housebreakings last month, and we urge you please to review the security of your home or business. Fit reputable locks to windows and doors. If you see anything suspicious ring the Gardai immediately. Together we can make it difficult for the criminal. Don't forget to keep our elderly in our thoughts as well. Help them to keep unwelcome visitors at bay.

Cheque-Fraud

This information is for the business community. Read carefully, and cut out. Don't let the Conman fool you.

- 1, Do not keep your cheque book or card together - if lost, report at once to your bank.
- 2, Cross all cheques written.
- 3, Be cautious of strangers who are name droppers. e.g. Fr.O'Brien the P.P. said you would change the cheque for me.
- 4, Be suspicious of customers who are indignant at requests for identification.
- 5, Be wary of cheques drawn on a bank outside this country. Should it turn out to be a dud, there is no easy remedy.
- 6, Be aware of juveniles cashing cheques: they are not legally liable for their debts.
- 7, Do not accept a cheque which shows signs of change: have the issuer write a fresh cheque.
- 8, Keep in mind that in accepting a cheque which is post-dated or cheques over a month old you are taking a chance.
- 9, Don't let the client hurry you into accepting the cheque, take all the time you need, and get answers to all your questions.
- 10, Be aware of cheques presented over bank-holiday weekends or other busy times.
- 11, Stop and think if somebody asks you to cash a cheque for a sum larger than that required to cover the transaction.
- 12, Have employees initial cheques cashed by them, and lodge all cheques promptly.

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Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the Month

From : 11am to 1pm

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The People Who Bring You The Newsletter - Part One

As is the case with all publications, the **Maynooth Newsletter** does not simply materialise each month out of thin air and settle itself on shop counters across the town. There is an awesome degree of planning and preparation involved in the production of each issue which begins well before the copydate and which intensifies during the final two weeks of the month. This month we take a look at behind the scenes and put faces on some of the voices on the phone. We have decided to introduce you to the Teamwork staff first of all. Next month we shall concentrate on the remaining office workers and outline the areas of work undertaken by the Community Council office staff.

Who does it?

80% of the work takes place in the Community Council offices - on Main Street above Kehoe's Delicatessen - where there will generally be found six young adults, two supervisors and anything up to seven older adults flying about imposing order on chaos. The younger group are the Teamworkers. They are employed by the Community Council for a year on the F.A.S. Teamwork Scheme and are supervised by Christina Sauls from Parson Street who is also the Community Council Office Administrator. Those aged over 25 are the S.E.S. workers - those employed for a year on the F.A.S. Social Employment Scheme. These aging flowers are supervised by the nationally revered Norah Mc Dermott, who has put fear into the Government's heart! She recently and finally won her long legal battle with the Irish Government in the European courts and is the deserving toast of Irish women everywhere. The Teamworkers are comprised of the following gallery of out and out gangsters:

1. **Michael Murphy** - escaped from another planet and was reared in Greenfield. Son of the distinguished looking, firestop-ping, soccer club supremo Lenny and the ever admired, recently plaster-of-parised Lily, Michael tortures a group of younger soccer players every week on the training pitch as their manager. He has developed a relationship with a horse over the last few months and is practising the skills of horsemanship. He is also - and not many people know this - blessed with an acute talent for rhythm, which he has occasionally brought to bear on a drum set. More often however, he practises on the office furniture. Using nothing but prit-stick, a scissors and a lighting board, Michael is one of the people who designs and lays out the ads each month in the Newsletter. Considering the limited equipment we have available, the quality of his work is exceptional and speaks for itself.

2. **Donal Fitzpatrick** - is still on another planet but visits this one from time to time. Donal has a bewildering capacity to speak and has never been known to be silent for longer than one full minute. He comes from a famous Maynooth Park family and knows nearly everybody in the nation. Donal is absolutely devoted to Acid House and Hip Hop music and wears the clothes to prove it. His ambition in life is to become a chat show host and his greatest fear is of becoming an Eskimo. He is the Stephen Hendrix of the Maynooth Snooker world. He joined us knowing nothing about ad design and lay out and is now proficient and talented in this area. He has been known to work diligently in the office until 3am, night after night, slaving over a hot ad and emerging in the morning with a minor masterpiece. Along with Michael, he will be leaving the scheme shortly and we will undoubtedly miss his input to the Newsletter.

3. **Anne Marie Thompson** - this courageous young woman donned balloons and wellingtons and led the Newsletter float down the town on St Patrick's Day - she was the one trying to be inconspicuous in the bright yellow wig. Anne Marie comes from Greenfield and is the world's best organiser of anything. She will give all things a try at least five times and has been known to cause revolution and rebellion at the drop of a hat. Unfortunately she harbours a sad admiration for Bon Jovi and no matter what we have tried she still suffers from this dreadful illness. Her ambitions in life are far too numerous to catalogue, ranging from marriage to Jon Bon Jovi to saving the whale singlehandedly. Anne Marie's voice is one of those whose charm and inflexion persuades you to take out an ad in the next issue. She is responsible for wages and so far has not absconded with all 14 cheques. She also attends the Editorial Meetings, and when not contributing she tries to make sense of everything said in order to minute it (a fairly impossible task). Anne Marie is a whizz with a typewriter and will reproduce volumes of C.V.s in seconds on a Macintosh. She will be greatly missed when her year finishes.

4. **Lorraine Tracey** - Blackeyed Biddy herself, Lorraine (who hails from Greenfield) drifts along in an artistic world of her own when she is not involved in bossing everybody into laying out the ads! She has spent the last seven months seducing advertisers over the phone into buying space in the Newsletter and has recently begun to sit at sub-committee meetings taking minutes.

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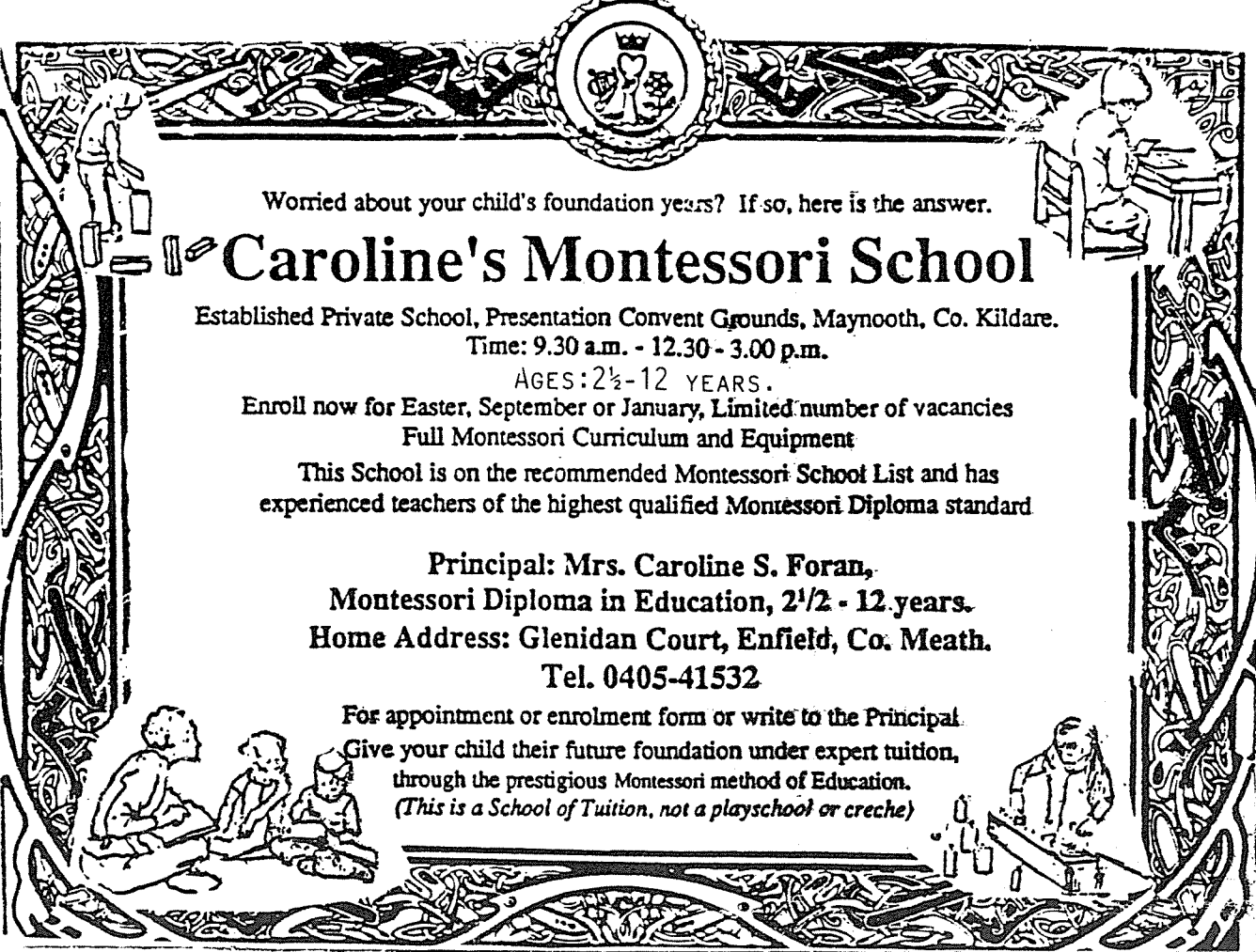
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The People Who Bring You . . .

Lorraine lists her hobbies (in order of importance) as men, men and men (with an occasional interest in M.C. Hammer and Vanilla Ice). She batters the local youth around the Geraldine Hall every Friday night at the Bru Bosco Youth Club meeting and enjoys expressing herself in artistic creations of all kinds. For instance, she was the person responsible for the painting of the Mona Greaser (the R.O.A.R. Campaign sign), for designing our Christmas cards (which were all returned) and for drawing the cover of our February Newsletter (the one which never sold). In all seriousness though, Lorraine is exceptionally talented and we are extremely lucky to have her work for us.

5. **Fiona Cummins** - recently arrived from the boglands of Johnstown to startle the judges of the R.C.A.G. Fashion Show into awarding her the Best Dressed Lady before Christmas. Her outfit is still causing style-sensations in Maynooth as nobody had ever seen green, polka-dot welly boots before. Fiona's is the voice which astonishes our contributors every month, informing them (at 4.30 in the morning) that copydate is looming that evening. She is a keen learner when it comes to laying out ads, an occupation which she absolutely adores and wishes to pursue as a fulltime career. To date Fiona has knit enough jumpers to clothe a barracks and is currently working on bullet-proof tights for all the office staff (which will match the new maroon and orange uniforms she designed very late last night). A keen reader, Fiona enjoys unravelling the many mysteries listed below the letter Z in dictionaries and loves totalling up the numbers in the pages of the telephone directories. All in all, our Fiona is one in a million (listed on page 7,777) whose varied range of talents are put to excellent use in the office.

6. **Shirley Nugent** - the most recent arrival in the office, Shirley travels thousands of miles to work each day on her high nellie (from Celbridge). She suffers from a little known disease called B.T.I.M. (Bad Taste In Music) and has never found a cure for her acute symptoms of Michael-Bolton-itis. Shirley has hidden talents which are not displayed in the office - she used to be a hairdresser and has designed all the wigs we used in our float this year for the parade. She is being trained in on the ad layout section and is so far showing great promise. She looks forward to working on the Newsletter for the coming year.



Back Row: Michael Murphy, Nuala Noonan, Fiona Cummins. Front Row: Annemarie Thompson, Lorraine Tracey, Donal Fitzpatrick.

Starblasts

Minerva Murphy (known as Big Dipper in occult circles) continues her monthly assault on the gentle individual via her horoscopes. Again, we issue our usual warning - Minerva delights in predicting bad fortune and where possible she will invent it.

Pisces (Feb 20 - March 20)

It appears that you will stumble into an entire barracks of new friends this month but don't worry - once they get to know you, you will be back to your normal solitary existence by the end of the month. Go easy on the whiskey as prices are set to rise somewhere near mid month (which I have to say is by far the worst sight I have ever encountered in my crystal ball. Pray that it was only a passing reflection).

Aries (March 21 - April 20)

Well aren't you the gobdaw! Not content with squandering a small fortune in the first week of April you go on to land yourself in debt to the tune of £4,000 during the next fortnight. The situation can be averted however if you avoid traipsing off to every auction which presents itself to your notice. You might also be able to convince yourself that you really can exist without a fireplace in the bathroom.

Cancer (June 22 - July 23rd)

Prepare for a sudden descent of family on the 19th. They will arrive en masse and they will expect to be treated like tourists for a week. Hide.

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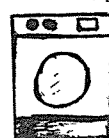
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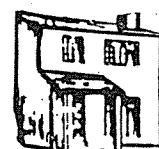
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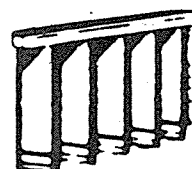
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Starblasts Continued

Libra (September 24th - October 23rd)

This could be an extremely critical month where friends and loved ones are concerned. Whatever happens from the 9th to the 25th do not be tempted to open your mouth. It is almost inevitable that you are going to unleash havoc when you speak and possibly cause serious bodily harm. Loosen up and rapidly cultivate tolerance or you're finished.

Capricorn (December 23rd - January 20th)

God help you this month - Saturn is ploughing through your delicate cusps with little or no regard for the prominent ascendancy of Uranus so expect an emotional wallop from the rear which could all but propel you to 1992. Get all unfinished business completed before the 10th and be ready to expect anything. Try to recall to mind every single relationship you ever had and be particularly precise about the ones you ditched.

Taurus (April 21st - May 21st)

Expect to be hearing from a friend who is distraught, depressed and on the verge of breakdown towards the middle of the month. Your success at bringing hope and joy back into this person's life (after an intense fortnight) will result in a queue to your door. An opportunity presents itself for the acquiring of money (lots of it) which is somehow or other related to the profferment of tea and sympathy mentioned above. I can do no more than hint - the rest is up to you.

Leo (July 24th - August 23rd)

Yet another sickening injection of cash into your coffers this month and what's more, an item of luxury will become yours for a bargain price on the 17th. However, this string of good fortune could be dangerously close to termination and only the presentation of a very expensive gift (of a car) to a certain fortune teller will guarantee its continuance. You have to choose the recipient very carefully indeed or plague and damnation will be hurled upon your head (I can be contacted for expert advice on the matter at any time, day or night, at any place you care to mention).

Scorpio (October 24th - November 22nd)

An explosion of some sort or other is indicated for the first week of the month. Luckily you now have new fire extinguishers so you can cope with anything going blast in your home. However, I suspect that this particular explosion will be an emotional one and will centre around a rusty object with four legs (or are they wheels?). Whatever it is, it will rise phoenix-like from the midst of chaos and continue to inspire warfare for another few years. It might even reproduce.

Aquarius (Jan 21st - Feb 19th)

Having double checked my vision and called for my assistant to rub the dust from my crystal ball, I was still confronted with the sight of an Aquarian marriage in the last week of April. There are very few occasions which warrant immediate flight but I must inform you that this is one of them. With all of the haste capable of propelling you, flee as far from such a situation as is humanly possible and never - I repeat, never - set foot next or near the proposer of such a disaster for as long as you live.

Gemini (May 22nd - June 21st)

Is it possible that you could be contemplating an occasion of frivolity and lust and licentiousness for the final week-end in April? If so, I demand to be invited and should I not get a formal

request to attend before next Tuesday I shall tell you exactly what every other sign in the Zodiac thinks of you.

Virgo (August 24th - September 23rd)

I'm sorry to have to tell you that yes, you are quite correct, - everybody you've met in the last week has regretted doing so and you are the major topic of conversation in Maynooth now that the war is over. You'd better go back beneath the handbasin till the summer when you'll have plenty of shrubbery to camouflage your appearance out onto the street.

Sagittarius (November 23rd - December 22nd)

Stay in bed for the month. Don't think about work. Don't eat dried food and stock up on plasters, vitamins, cough bottles, tablets and lotions. Pay a doctor to sit in your bedroom daily and have a speedy mode of transport at the ready at all times. On the 5th of the month you will be told that you passed an examination or test (possibly a driving test) and the shock of this news will reduce you to ash for at least four weeks.

Minerva (Big Dipper) Murphy

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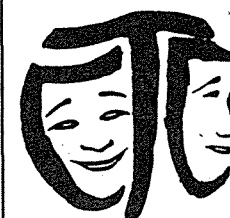
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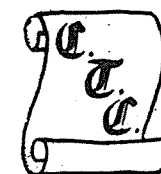
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Crossword No. 41

CROSSWORD NO. 41
[£5 prize]

Closing date for receipt of entries
15th April at 5pm

Winner of Crossword no 40
Mary Callaghan,
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Solution to Crossword No.40

Across: 1. Confident 9. Rebuke 10. Carapace 11. Ousted 12. Recede 14. Lark 15. Serve 16. Detour 18. Kneeler 21. Praises 24. Nettle 26. Rider 30. Echo 32. Lariat 33. Abandons 34. Neared 35. Desecrate

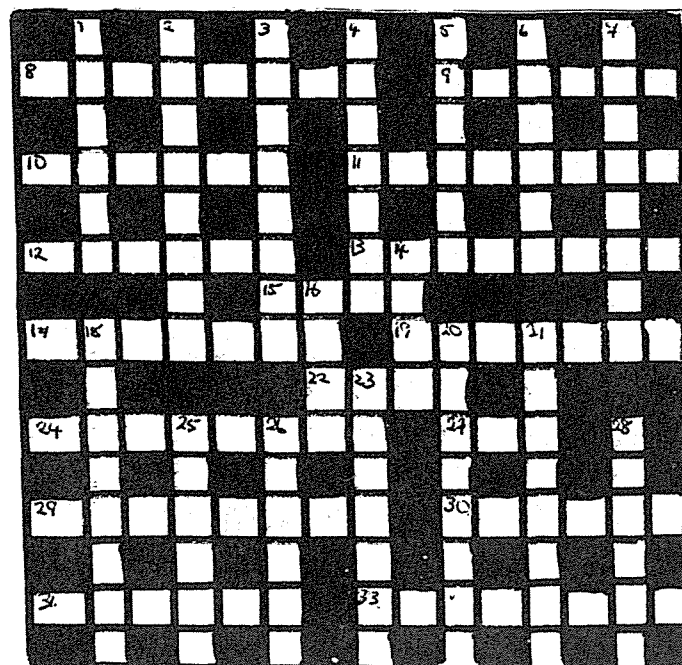
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Across

8. Mitigate (8)
9. Kind of acid (6)
10. Two (6)
11. Pertaining to exotic fruits? (8)
12. Deadly vehicle? (6)
13. Respected (8)
15. Facial projection? (4)
17. Preaching boxes (7)
19. Secrete milk (7)
22. Slouch (4)
24. Forest for his Merry Men? (8)
27. Bobby's first wife in Florida (3)
29. Disgusting expressions? (8)
30. Downright (6)
31. Underground room (6)
32. Carries out - even to death? (8)

Down

1. City in Pakistan, Oh real? (6)
2. Balderdash (8)
3. Footpath (8)
4. Piers or wharves (7)
5. Spicy stew (6)
7. Fine wire used in light-bulbs (8)
14. Exchange for money (4)
16. Capital of Norway (4)
18. Safe, unscathed (8)
22. A to Z (8)
21. Fearful (8)
23. Wanderings of Ulysses (7)
25. Wander (6)
26. Happens (6)
28. Peril (6)



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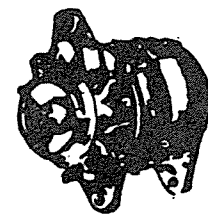
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[A Song by G. Martin.

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As I was passing through Maynooth in the county of Kildare
I thought I'd like to take a break and sit down in the square
I stopped my car to do just that and nearly lost my mind
For I discovered a — before me and behind;
For I etc..

Imagine then my panic as I gazed with startled eyes
I thought the crazy object was put there to terrorize;
I looked for help and one man said as he banged and locked his
door,

"Oh get far away with your — and don't come back no more!"
"Oh get etc..

I ran like hell no need to say as the good man said I should,
To tell the local sergeant and to help out if I could;
but when my story he had heard he said with heartless grin,
"Oh be off from here with your hoax — and don't come back
again!"

"Oh be off etc..

Now I had heard the Parish Priest was a kind and holy man,
So to his humble residence with eager step I ran;
He heard my story to the end and then without pretence,
Suggested that my — would fade with abstinence:
Suggested that etc..

My faith now gone in Law and Church one card remained
unplayed,

So to a nearby hostelry my anxious way I made;
'Midst pulls of pints they heard me out and then laughed one and
all:

"We once heard of a — at least ten times as tall";

"We once etc.."

Now that was many years ago yet I have carried on,
And my oft-repeated story has been mocked by everyone;
But now I think I'll join their ranks and face up to the truth,
For there couldn't have been a — in the middle of Maynooth;
For there etc..

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LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Provision of Crash Barrier

John Mc Ginley has asked deputy Emmet Stagg to make representations concerning the provision of a crash barrier on the corner of the Dublin Road and Main Street. The delay in replacing the previous one is unacceptable.

Dumping at Blacklion

The condition of this once beautiful laneway is disgraceful. There are four cars dumped in the ditch along the lane as well as domestic refuse. John Mc Ginley has requested that the area be cleaned up by Kildare County Council as a matter of urgency. Some resurfacing work is also required on the road.

Provision of Footpath

At the request of John Mc Ginley, Deputy Stagg has tabled a motion for consideration at the next Celbridge Area Committee meeting concerning the provision of a footpath from the exit of Doctor's Lane onto Main Street to link up with the present one longer be tolerated where pedestrians have to walk through large craters on their way to Maynooth Shopping Centre from their homes.

Kingsbry Estate

Following representations made by John Mc Ginley, through Emmet Stagg, Kildare County Council have undertaken to bring a number of matters to the attention of the developer. These include tree planting, public lighting and the removal of builders' rubble. The developer has been asked to complete this work and has been told that public lighting and landscaping must be carried out to the satisfaction of the Council.

Maynooth By-Pass

John Mc Ginley has recently informed the residents of estates off Straffan Road that he will continue to press to have plans for the proposed link road in the area put on display as early as possible. The County Engineer has indicated that the plans should be available for inspection within the next four to six weeks.

Annual Conference

Fourteen delegates from the Maynooth Branch of the Labour Party have been chosen to attend the Party's Annual Conference to be held in Kilarney on the week-end of the 5th - 7th of April. P.R.O. of the local branch, Peter Connell, has been chosen by the Kildare Constituency Council to contest elections to the Party's Administrative Council.

Moyglare Road

During the recent wet weather residents of Moyglare Village resorted to using wooden planks to cross the very impressive puddles and potholes which feature on the road into the town. Both John Mc Ginley and Emmet Stagg continue to press Kildare County Council to carry out the necessary repair work in this area. John Mc Ginley has also made representations to the E.S.B. to remove dangerous stay wires which crossed the footpath on the Moyglare Road and these wires have recently been removed.

WORKER'S PARTY NOTES

Public Lighting In Maynooth.

A comprehensive survey of public lighting in Maynooth has highlighted just how bad the situation is in the town. The survey, carried out by the Maynooth Branch of the Worker's Party in late February, concentrated on identifying poorly lit areas around the town, as well as noting cases of non-functioning lamps.

Maynooth has a particular need for good public lighting, because of the high level of pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the town. This is mainly due to the big student population, but also involves a high proportion of local families with young children. A number of recent attacks on female students has drawn particular attention to the problem, as has the very poor state of roads and footpaths, which makes "blind" walking and cycling very hazardous.

The survey shows that "dark spots" abound in Maynooth, due to insufficient lights and both inadequate strength and poor siting of those lights which are actually present. Non-working lights (22 were found in all) only add to the problem. In particular, the lighting on main roads in the town (apart from the Dublin-Galway road) is extremely poor, and belongs to another age. In the housing estates, there is no regularity in the distances between lights, and many lights are very badly placed in relation to the needs of pedestrians. Green areas in general are very badly illuminated.

A detailed report of the survey, outlining deficiencies in each estate and road, has been sent to Kildare County Council, the ESB, Maynooth Garda Station, and Maynooth Community Council. Copies can be obtained by calling 6285241. The survey is accompanied by a call by Commissioner Catherine Murphy, (Workers' Party County Council candidate for the Celbridge Electoral Area) for a uniform national set of regulations and standards regarding public lighting, and for rigid enforcement of these standards at local level.

Local Elections Fiasco

While County Council elections are to go ahead in June of this year, this will still leave Maynooth without any local council of its own. The proposal to set up district councils in each county, which arose from the report of an expert committee set up by the government, has not been acted upon. This means a denial of real democracy at the level of the local community. It is likely that such a district council would combine Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip in the North Kildare area. This might not be a bad thing, as the problems of these three towns are very similar, as they arise mainly from rapid overspill growth from Dublin. Indeed, one could ask about the wisdom of sticking to the old county structures at all, as Maynooth is now, in effect, part of the Greater Dublin area - and is commonly regarded as such by certain officials in Kildare County Council.

It is also much more likely that Carton Estate would by now have been taken over by Dublin County Council, if it was part of that county. This is based on the fact that Dublin County Council has already bought several such properties in its own area of jurisdiction in recent years.

Meanwhile, it is to be hoped that the Government will appoint a Commissioner to review the electoral area boundaries for the forthcoming county council elections, in the light of recent population changes. Population growth in the Celbridge Electoral Area warrants an extra seat to add to the existing five. Certainly, we could do with an extra voice in North Kildare in order to highlight the dreadful state of local authority services in the area.

Condom Controversy

It is interesting to note that the Catholic Church spokesmen who have spoken out against the proposal to liberalise the availability of condoms have been inclined to argue on the basis of the social consequences of such a move, rather than on the basis of personal morality. However, even here they have been wide of the mark.

Studies from several other countries show that an extension in the availability of condoms tends to lead to significant reductions in the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases. It is always better to face up to a serious social problem rather than hoping it will go away.

It will be interesting to see if the Government waters down its proposals in the face of sectional opposition, despite the clear majority in favour of change demonstrated by a recent opinion poll.

FINE GAEL NOTES

The Freeing of Kuwait

During a discussion at the February meeting of the branch there was general support for the actions of the Coalition forces in the Gulf war. The support given to Saddam Hussein by the leader of the Workers Party and prominent members of the Labour Party gave rise to concern at the type of regime these parties might impose should they ever attain power here. It would appear that following the collapse and ousting of their role models in Eastern Europe, especially Romania, the Workers Party and at least some of the Labour Party see the Iraqi dictator as an acceptable replacement father figure.

Labour Supports Cuts

Addressing the AGM of the Kildare Constituency Executive, Mr. John Bruton said that in abstaining on the Dail vote on the Programme for Economic and Social Progress the Labour Party has in effect given support to the £900m. in extra taxes and cuts that implementation of this programme would entail. Their performance raised serious questions concerning the credibility of Labour party representatives, particularly in Kildare, who purported to be concerned about the plight of the sick, the elderly and the less well off; the very people who will be most affected by the cuts Labour now support.

Chaos on Main Street

In view of the difficulty in getting up Main Street experienced by drivers emerging from Parsons Street and the Harbour it is surely time that the powers that be provide the traffic lights approved for this junction by the planners. Otherwise driver frustration is likely to result in a serious accident.

Ministerial Replies to Questions from Bernard Durkhan T.D.

Closure of Kelly's Bakery

Asked by Bernard Durkhan if he (a) intended to take any action to avert the closure, (b) expected the bread price war to continue, and (c) intended to initiate any investigations into the circumstances of the closure, the Minister Mr. O'Malley said that to lay the blame for the closure exclusively at the door of the temporary reductions in the price of bread was to ignore reality. There was overcapacity and a need for rationalisation in the industry, he said. Newer bakeries provided competition for the older less efficient operations. During a previous round of competition the Director of Consumer Affairs had investigated the situation and concluded that (a) there was no evidence of below cost selling as defined in the order, and (b) that using the most efficient methods bread could be produced economically and sold at least in the short term at the prices then being charged. He (the Minister) saw no need for any further studies to be undertaken.

Political Party Notes

Bernard Durkhan felt this reply was most disappointing. He said it was ridiculous for the Minister and the Government to wash their hands of an industry established for 126 years. To ignore the cause of the massive redundancies in the Baking Industry betrays either a lack of concern for the industry and for employment generally or a lack of knowledge that, in the Minister's own words, "temporary" reductions in price will not be in the long term interest of the housewife.

Commuter Rail and Bus Services

Replying to questions from Bernard Durkhan concerning his plans for commuter rail and bus services the Minister for Transport said that "Investment plans include proposals for extensive commuter diesel rail services to the Western suburbs. The Maynooth line has already been upgraded by the addition of four new stations. The project has been included for E.C. assistances in the Operational Programme for Peripherality. I am also preparing legislative proposals for the liberalisation of bus service to encourage greater competition between public and private bus operators."

Dangerous chemicals

Responding to a question from Bernard Durkhan concerning the amount of dangerous substances transported by rail the Minister for Transport said that, excluding petroleum products, about 220,000 tonnes of dangerous substances viz. acrylonitrile, methyl acrylate and liquid ammonia, were transported by rail. Acrylonitrile and methyl acrylate are normally routed from the North Wall to Ballina via Portarlinton, Athlone and Claremorris. Routes and timetables of these trains are advised to the various emergency services. The maximum speed of trains transporting dangerous substances is 50 m.p.h. for ammonia and 40 m.p.h. for acrylonitrile and methyl acrylate. In addition there are barrier wagons on both ammonia and acrylonitrile trains. A scheme for alert and co-ordination of Emergency Services and other organisations in the event of an incident or accident involving one of these trains has been drawn up. It provides for the identification of substances, raising the alarm and rendering the site safe. Exercises are held from time to time to test the operational capability of the scheme.

COLLEGE NOTES

New Sabbatical Officers

After a campaign which placed the American Presidential Election in the shade as regards razzmatazz, the students of Maynooth College elected a new President and Vice-President for their Student Union on March 14 last. With five candidates for each post, competition for the position this year was particularly keen, and the College was awash with posters of all sorts, with every student, it seemed, displaying badges and rosettes for their preferred favourites. Information desks, publicity stunts and loudspeakers were further features of the campaign.

At the end of it all, the victorious candidates were Geraldine Delaney (President) and Sean O'Reilly (Vice-President). Geraldine, one of only two women candidates in the field, is a postgraduate student in Sociology and is from County Tipperary. Sean O'Reilly is a final year B.A. student and hails from Dundalk. They both take up their one-year full-time positions on July 1st next. We offer them both our congratulations and wish them well in the tasks lying before them.

College Notes

Table Quiz

The 5.05 Club, the college staff social club, held a successful and very enjoyable table quiz in Slim's on March 11th last. There were eleven tables in all, who endured willingly the trials and tribulations of Colm Nelson's set of questions without even a hint of a lynching party afterwards. The winning team was led by Bill Tinley (poetry in motion) and Jim Walsh (answering as fast as a chemical reaction). The student assisting them wishes to remain anonymous in order to avoid guilt by association.

'Messiah' in the College

The Maynooth University Choral Society presented Handel's 'Messiah' in the College Chapel on Sunday 10th March. This oratorio was last performed in the College in 1987, when the tenors did themselves less than justice. However, this time around, the Choir was in fine voice throughout, all 156 of them. The soloists were Frances Lucey, soprano; Maree Rose Jones, Contralto; Emmanuel Lawlor, Tenor; and Conor Biggs, bass. Emmanuel Lawlor, who was in second year when he last sang in this role, has now graduated from Maynooth, and is developing an international career. Maree Rose Jones, from Australia, is new to Irish music. However, she is pursuing a Masters Degree in Performance at Maynooth and we can look forward to hearing her fine voice again. It should be said that while the soloists performed adequately, they were not as impressive as soloists in previous years, while the choir outshone themselves. It seems such a pity that performances are so limited with one in the College Chapel and a second this year in St Aidan's Cathedral in Eniscorthy. With so much effort invested in bringing these performances to fruition, why not provide more opportunities for the public to enjoy this wonderful music? Tickets were difficult to obtain, so it is obvious that there would be enough demand to fill seats for at least a second night's performance in the College Chapel.

Finally, among the principal guests were former President Hillery and Mrs Hillery. Mrs Robinson was unable to attend due to commitments in Galway. Sadly, the lovelorn swain who enlivened the proceedings at last year's performance of *Elijah* was not in attendance this year.

College Ball

Last month about 500 young and some old enough to know better donned their dress suits and long dresses to dance the night at the College Ball. This annual event was organised by the Classics and Literary and Debating societies.

The tickets were £15 per head which included a meal and transport. It was held in the Ard Boyne Hotel in Navan in both the ballroom (holding 140) and the "Boyne" suite holding 360. Those in the ballroom were entertained, if that's the correct term, by Dr Keith Sidwell who sang his own version of the "Mountains of Mourne". This was a treat denied to the majority who instead said grace led by Mr Paul Thornton. Speeches were also made by Mr Vincent P. Martin president of the Students' Union and Ms Francis-Mary Long.

It is perhaps churlish to relate that not only were the elite in the Ballroom entertained by Dr Sidwell but were also fed first. Dr Sidwell was a guest of the Committee as was Prof. Barbara Hayley, head of the English Dept.

The meal included vegetable soup, turkey and ham, roast and creamed potatoes, creamed cauliflowers and carrot and turnip mix followed by sherry trifle and tea and coffee. A vegetarian meal was also available but the reporter could get no details about this.

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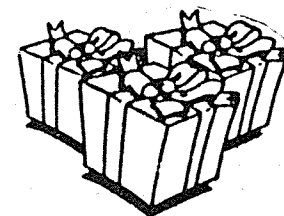
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The meal was followed by local band, **Replay**, who specialised in golden oldies. A nostalgic theme which was carried on by the hotel's resident d.j. Mr John Bird, an obvious Beatles' fan. The music stopped eventually at 2.30 when 500 exhausted people were driven back to Maynooth and some to Dublin. A good-humoured night was had by all thanks to the organising committee of Mr Geoff Cooney, Paul Thornton, Frances-Mary Long and Carol Clifford (a former member of the Editorial Board of *The Newsletter*).

STREET TALKING

Moyglare Nursing Home

On the first of March last, Moyglare Nursing Home was opened by Mr. Brian Lenihan T.D. who in a brief speech said it was "an appropriate enterprise in the Ireland of the 90's to care for our elderly and convalescent".

The Home itself stands on two acres of private grounds. It is purpose built and is approved and subvented by the Eastern Health Board. It will cater for 15 people, both the elderly and those convalescing.

There are 13 private bedrooms and two semi private, some en-suite. The cost per week ranges from £180 for a semi-private room to £220 for a private room en-suite. Eventually it is hoped to have a staff of four, two nurses, a cook and a cleaner. The owner, herself a qualified nurse, Nuala Doyle, hopes to recruit her staff locally. Those wishing to contact Nuala may do so at 6289022.

Art Exhibition

The Bank of Ireland shed its image of a staid financial institution and played host to the paintings of Mr. Sean Walsh of Straffan. The paintings themselves were abstract expressionist with a great exuberance in colour. It was a welcome display of visual art in Maynooth which is sadly lacking any permanent art gallery.

Larine House

Street Talking is pleased to see that the decorators have begun work on Larine House which is to be opened by the Eastern Health Board for ex-psychiatric patients.

Fusciardi's

The decorators were also at work on the front of Fusciardi's take away. It is nice to see a shop maintaining its street face. Perhaps the Allied Irish Bank would get the painters in as well.

Vegetarians at the L.A.

It has come to the notice of Street Talking that the Leinster Arms Carvery and Restaurant are not pleased. What has displeased them most is the suggestion that they neglect the vegetarian palate. Not so! says Mary the manageress of the Leinster Arms Restaurant. Any vegetarian will be catered for in either the carvery or the night time restaurant if they are given prior notice of their intending to eat there. And of course it goes without saying that the rest of us meat eaters are also well served by Mary and her staff. The LA remains an ideal spot for that important meal be it romantic, social, or merely business.

Bin there, saw that.

Congratulations to the Bank of Ireland for placing a litter bin beside their "Pass" machine. This should greatly reduce the amount of advice slips flying around Maynooth.

Sports News

MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

The AGM of Maynooth Golfing Society was held on Monday February 11 last in the Leinster Arms, Maynooth. The meeting was well attended and the following officers and committee were elected for the forthcoming season.

President John Carey
Secretary Dominic Nyland
Treasurer Joe Moore
Captain Paddy Foy
Vice-Captain Sean Tracey

Committee:

M. Dempsey, T. Sheehan, P. Brazil, E. Kavanagh, R. Delamere, J. Ryan, G. McTiernan, D. Roberts, M. Scanlon, W. Moore.

The Society members travelled to the Heath Golf Club, Portlaoise on March 9 last for their first outing of the year. The weather conditions were ideal for golf and all 39 members thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Heath Golf Club for making their course available to us and in particular to the catering staff for the magnificent meal provided on the day.

Results from The Heath, March 9th.

		Points
1st Overall	S. Feeney (10)	37
2nd Overall	D. Roberts (14)	36 (on back 9)
Class 1		
1st	E. Ledwith (10)	35 (on back 9)
2nd	N. Herteich (9)	35
3rd	R. Delamere (11)	34 (on back 9)
Class 2		
1st	J. Downey (15)	36
2nd	M. Hall (17)	33
3rd	M. Dempsey (14)	32
Class 3		
1st	T. McMenamin (17)	33
2nd	P. Brazil (32)	32
3rd	T. Flatley (21)	31
Front 9	K. Dukes (16)	20
Back 9	W. Moore (21)	19
Visitors	B. Carty (28)	32

The 1991 first round Matchplay Draw was held at the above venue and some very interesting pairings were drawn. The details of the draw and rules are posted on the Maynooth Golfing Society Notice Board in Caulfields. The Society will be very soon selling tickets for their Annual 500 Club Draw which was so successful last year. The draw will take place on May 16 in Caulfields Lounge. The prize fund is as follows:

1st prize - £1000, 2nd prize - £500, 3rd prize £250 and 10 prizes of £100. Tickets will be £10 each and will be available very soon from any committee member. We hope that those people who have supported us in the past will continue to do so.

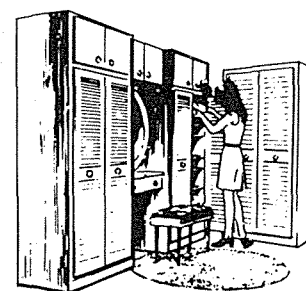
Our week-end outing this year is to Oughterard from May 17-19. Those intending to travel should contact a committee member as soon as possible. We are again looking forward to another fabulous week-end away.

Listed below are the trips remaining for the 1991 season.

April 27th	- Tullamore
May 17-19	- Oughterard (week-end)
June 15	- Athlone (Seamus Moore Memorial)
July 20	- Edenderry (Captains Prize)
August 24	- Cavan (President's Prize)
October 12	- Headford

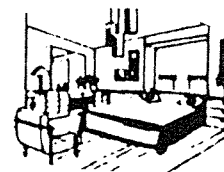
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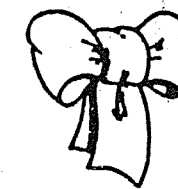
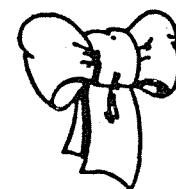
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Sports News

NORTH KILDARE RUGBY CLUB

At a reception in North Kildare Rugby Club details were announced of their forthcoming Heineken Rugby 7 A-Side Tournament on Easter Sunday commencing at 1.30 p.m.



Left to Right: Jack Simon, Tournament Director, Frank Robinson, President North Kildare Rugby Club, David Creevey, Heineken Sales Manager and Dave Bruton, Captain, North Kildare R.F.C.

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

The good news is we have a Committee to run the 1991 Games, thanks to those who turned out at the re-convened A.G.M. In spite of the fact that it was not a big turn out, a committee was elected. They are:-

Chairperson	- Elis O'Malley, 5 Laurence Avenue
Secretary	- Shay Lynch, 20 Cluain Aoibhinn
Treasurer	- Madeline Stynes, Moneycooley
Vice-Chairperson	- Tom Purcell, 49 Laurence Avenue
Asst. Secretary	- Breda Gormally, 91 Carton Court
P.R.O.	- Phil McLoughlin, 54 Cluan Aoibhinn

Committee:-

Margaret McLoughlin, Bernie O'Shea, Jim Fleming, Frances Kearney, Marie Gleeson and Fiona O'Connor.

Indoor team entries are Badminton, Draughts u10 and u14 years, Volleyball, boys and girls u16, Basketball girls u16 and Variety mixed under 16. If interested in any of the above, contact any member of the committee.

Norah McDermott was thanked for all her work involving the Games for the past twelve years since they were founded in Maynooth. Since moving house she is now inside the Leixlip boundary and at present is Treasurer of Leixlip and also Treasurer of Kildare Community Games. Norah wished the Games every success in the future, and hoped that with the new committee, they will go from strength to strength.

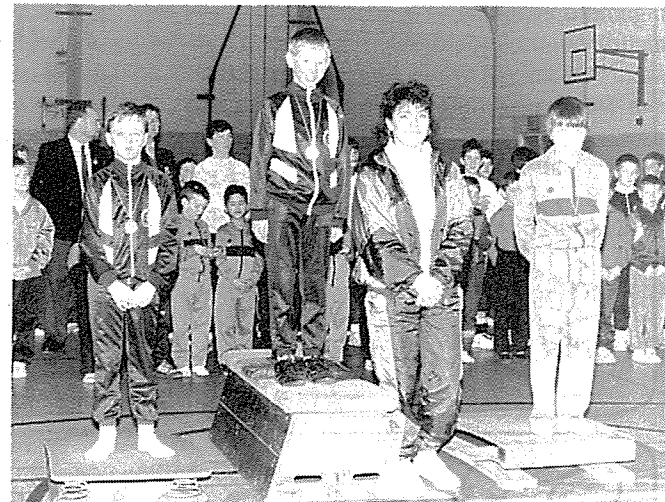
The Games are for all boys and girls resident within the boundary areas of Maynooth, and who are under 17 years on 31st July, 1991. Watch out for posters advertising all the coming events. Congratulations again this year to the O'Shea Family who for the second year have won the family involvement trophy for their performances in the 1990 games, and to Enda Lyons who won the best overall individual cup for his performance in the 1990 Games in Maynooth.

The following were presented with Certificates for representing Maynooth and Kildare in the National Finals in Mosney:- Josephine Fay, Gymnastics; Paula O'Shea, Gymnastics; Michelle Cunningham, Art; Anna Flood, Lorraine Farrell, Susan Dillon, Aoife Callaghan, Elaine Fleming and Jane Edmonds - Swimming.

We take this opportunity to wish all boys and girls every success in 1991.

Would the holders of all perpetual trophies from last year's Games please return same to Maynooth Community Council Offices, Main Street, Maynooth, on or before Friday 12th April 1991, 5pm.

MAYNOOTH MEDAL WINNER IN GYMNASTICS



John Moran, Leinster Park, came 2nd in All Ireland Gymnastics in Cork.

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

Once again we are getting nearer the Summer Project. Our Registration date is Tuesday 2 July in the Geraldine Hall, Maynooth at 10.30 a.m. We have all our usual outings e.g., swimming, picnics, games, bowling and Donadea Forest etc. The Project will start on Wednesday 7 July. A timetable of all events will be sent out before the holidays and the project is for children from 7 years upwards. We will also have some night time events for the thirteen plus, which were well attended last year. The usual highlight of our Project is the Summer Camp and we hope to be able to have same this year and that depends on the adults available at the time. Watch out for more news in future editions of the Newsletter.

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

With the continuing wet weather games have been few, and the ones that were played proved to be large disappointments. Having advanced to the later stages of two prestigious cup competitions expectations were high but alas a rude shock awaited us on two fronts. Our first team made their exit from the Dalton and Sheeran Cups on successive Sundays and heads hung low as a result. Hopefully, we can raise our spirits and mount a serious challenge for League honours later in the season. Our second team have had no games since our last report but are looking forward to their quarter final game against Silver Granite in the Conway Cup. Our Schoolboys teams have also been idle and they too are eagerly awaiting the resumption of games.

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Sports News

Dalton Cup

Maynooth Town 0 Park Celtic 2

We fell to two sucker punches in this game which we had every chance of winning but shot-shyness in front of goal proved a costly error. Goals from set pieces ensured our exit when a penalty and free kick were converted by the opposition to dump us out at the quarter-final stage.

Sheeran Cup

Maynooth Town 1 Willow Park (Athlone) 2

An early goal by Tom Donovan failed to inspire us to victory where defensive errors presented two soft goals to Willow Park which proved our undoing. The subsequent bombardment of the opposition's goal failed to reap any benefits and the disappointment of the previous week was further compounded by this lack lustre display.

Disappointments on the playing field are part and parcel of a long season and are usually forgotten with the next good result and can usually be rectified by the players themselves by raising their game. Other events can often leave an indelible mark which can seldom be rectified without public help and extra vigilance on everyone's part.

The event I refer to took place recently. When checking pitch conditions for a recent game it was discovered that attempts were made to burn our recently acquired dressing rooms. We are currently in the process of refurbishing the dressing rooms to bring our changing facilities up to a comfortable standard. Evidence of attempted arson was most noticeable and fortunately damage was light but further repairs will be necessary. Funds to purchase the dressing rooms were provided by the public who have supported us in any fund raising events we launched. It is most disheartening to think that there is an element present who would try to deprive our community of a facility which is being provided for our senior players and our children who enjoy taking part in a healthy activity.

We received a welcome boost recently when it was announced that our 1st team Manager Vincent McKenna was appointed to take charge of L.F.A.'s league team in representative matches against the Welsh F.A. This is a very important appointment for Vincent and is just reward for the hard work he has put into this club whereby we can compete with the best. We are confident now that he can bring honour to our clubs with his assistant Des Farrell also playing a major part.

We were saddened recently by the death of James (Chicko) Dowling who was always a staunch supporter of our club. Any club function he attended was always enriched by his considerable repertoire of funny events and jokes. To his wife and family we extend our deepest sympathy.

COLLEGE GREEN F.C.

The month of March produced some very satisfying results, particularly in the Challenge Cup. We have now reached the semi-finals of the blue riband competition for the second time in three years.

League Division 2

Summerhill Celtic (1) 3 College Green (3) 5

McGroarty -3, Ray Brougham, Hughes.

Matches against Summerhill are invariably uncompromising, entertaining and high scoring. This game followed the usual pattern. Thanks to a hat-trick from the Donegal "box-hitter" and

an outrageous goal from Ray Brougham we were 4-1 up after 50 minutes and coasting. The home side pinned us in our own areas for the next half an hour, until David Batty's ancestor, John Hughes, grabbed our fifth to move it 5-2. Summerhill again reduced the deficit, before an unknown player missed a penalty, which would have been his fourth goal.

League Div.2

Killua Wanderers (0) 0 College Green (2) 2

2 - Cantwell and Hughes

Who cares - Our netminder extraordinaire Malachy McCann need not even have woken up at half-time to change ends. Footing turf in Bellarorick bog would have been more interesting.

Challenge Cup - Quarter Final

Bailieboro Celtic (1) 1 College Green (1) 2 after extra time.

The trip to pothole-strewn Co. Cavan was almost as interesting as the game itself. They could do with a visit from the "Pothole Princess", Fran Walsh.

After an indecisive start we were caught napping by the home side after 20 minutes. For the remainder of the opening half we dominated. A McGovern corner kick perfectly found the boot of McGroarty to make it 1-1 after 40 minutes. The opening quarter of an hour in the second half was ours, but for the remainder of normal time Bailieboro were on top. It took a superb one-handed save from McCann to keep us afloat mid-way through the second half. The "man in the iron mask" McGovern had an outstanding game - obviously the Cavan air (he and his mask are now booking for pantos). Cavan's other prodigal son, Thomas Martin had an excellent match also. The grafting of the "Rapper" Rattigan and John Hughes in the middle produced a succession of set pieces, from which the home keeper made a string of top class saves. "Hop along" Brougham swept at the back with commendable composure. Extra time resulted and largely we had the better of exchanges. With a minute to go Eanna O'Boyle, our supersub, forced the Celtic keeper to move a fine outrushing save. The Dublin man recovered the loose ball and crossed to McGroarty, who headed home for the winner.

League Div. 2

College Green (0) 1 Navan Celtic (1, 1

McGovern

We dominated this game from start to finish and produced some superb passages of football. A very well struck shot gave Navan the lead after five minutes. It wasn't until the 87th minute that Paddy Govern restored parity from the penalty spot. A point lost perhaps, but we were relieved to save a point at the end. Another day might have seen seven or eight goals.

Cup Semi-Final

This game will probably be on Sunday the 7th or 14th April, in the afternoon. Supporters are desperately needed to augment the handful of desperados who usually follow our fortunes. The venue will be neutral, probably in the Navan area.

Dutch Tour

Club coach (and erstwhile tour bus) Paddy McGovern is well advanced with proposals to organise the "Tulips to Amsterdam" tour in May next. A strong squad is being assembled for this "Mother of all tours". What will Holland make of our total football? Will the Chair of the Community Council wave us off at the Airport?

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Regarding the demolition of the castle ... there's no April Fool

like an old April Fool, is there?!!

Sports News

TAE KWON-DO NEWS.

Maynooth Tae Kwon-Do School was visited recently by a Sixth Degree Black Belt of the Republic of Ireland Tae Kwon-Do Association, Mr. Anthony Phelan who gave a class and then conducted a grading examination for a number of students. Students who upgraded were: John McLoughlin, Andrew Clarke, Bernadette Dennehy, Stephen Hallihan, Roisin Madden, Adrian Kilkenny, Eunan O'Boyle, Garrett Walsh, Cathal Power and Greville Stockil.

Tae Kwon-Do in Maynooth has proven to be very successful, and since the appointment of the school's first Black Belt (Antoinette Mooney) last year, is once again, under pressure to start another course for beginners, young and not-so-young. Enquiries can be made to the Parish Hall on Mondays 7-8p.m., Tuesdays, 8.30-9.30p.m. and Saturdays, 11a.m.-12noon.

Instructors:

Gerard McClelland 3rd Dan.

Michael Devereux 2nd Dan.

MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

Senior Football League: Fixtures 1991

Sunday 24 March - Home to Confey - 3p.m.

Sunday 31 March - Away to Straffan - 11.30 a.m.

Sunday 7 April - Home to Ardclough - 3p.m.

Sunday 21 April - Away to Sallins - 3p.m.

Tuesday 23 April - Home to Kilcullen - 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 30 April - Home to Cappagh - 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 7 May - Home to Two-Mile-House - 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 14 May - Away to Athgarvan - 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 21 May - Away to Eadestown - 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 11 June - Away to Nurney - 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday 2 July - Away to Ballykelly - 7.30 p.m.

To be Fixed - Away to Castledermot

To be Fixed - Home to Clongorey

Top team in Final 2nd and 3rd in Semi-Final League Games will not be postponed because of u/age fixtures.

A fine of £50 will be imposed on teams failing to fulfil fixtures. If Club gives two walk overs they will be disqualified from the league.

Grounds and Referees Competition

Best Referees judged by club Chairman and Secretary. Best

Grounds judged by Referees

10 pts - Rules Application

5 pts - Time Keeping

5 pts - Fitness

5 pts - Flags and Nets

5 pts - Condition of Grass

5 pts - Pitch Markings

Championship Draws 1991.

Junior "A" 1st Round

Maynooth v. Kilcullen

2nd Round

Maynooth or Kilcullen v Ballykelly or Straffan

Junior "B" 1st Round

Maynooth v Athgarvan

2nd Round

Maynooth or Athgarvan v Caragh or Eadestown

u/21 1st Round

Maynooth v Balyna

2nd Round

Maynooth or Balyna v Ballykelly or Robt. Emmet's

300 Club Draw

Result for February

£100 - John Nevin £50 - Pat Burke (Jan) £20 - Kitty and Una Dunne

4 x £5 each - Ann Caden, Antoinette Nolan, Louise Boyce, Btahnaid Ward.

Minor Football League Results

Robert Emmet's 46 Maynooth 1.2

Maynooth 2.9 Moorefield 1.3

St Laurence's 2.4 Maynooth 1.4

On going to Pres we will have our first Senior League match over.

This Sunday 31st we play Straffan away.

Sunday 7th April we have two home matches our minors are home to Rathangan at 11.30 and our Seniors at 3.00 to Ardclough. We would like to thank everyone who helped out with our St. Patrick's Day Float.

Regarding our Social Centre we have no further news on this. Hopefully next month we will have better news.

T. FAY

P.R.O.

RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ballygoran:

L Slevin: Retention of motor repair garage with conversion of dwelling to spray booth and staff rooms and stores with septic tank (27/7/90).

Barberstown:

Mrs E Logan: Retention of commercial fuel yard and building (31/5/90).

Bareen:

P and C McEvoy: retention of bedroom extension together with new extension and new entrance to house (16/8/90).

Barrogstown:

M Mc Greevy: Erection of dormer bungalow and septic tank (12/7/90). J O'Hagan: Erection of 2 bungalows and septic tanks (20/7/90).

Mr and Mrs G Moynan, Barrogstown East: Erection of dormer bungalow and septic tank (7/6/90).

C McAree, 25 Carton Court: Conversion of Garage (21/10/90).

Crewhill:

B and J Geoghegan: Two bungalows with septic tanks (10/8/90).

College:

Trustees of St Patrick's College, Maynooth, New Campus: Erection of sports hall and restaurant (21/12/90)

Managers apartment and student reception area, New Campus (13/7/90).

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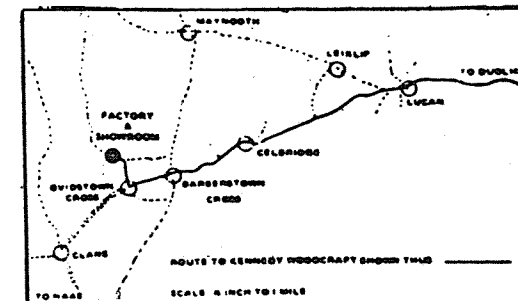
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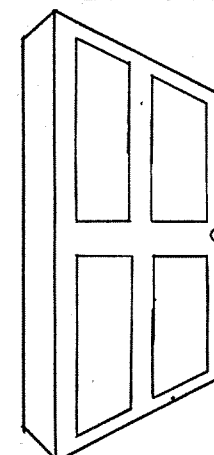
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Planning Applications Continued

Dublin Road:

Fionan Hardiman: Erection of 2 dormer bungalows (25/7/90).

Dunboyne Road:

Tony Bean: Establish pitch and putt course (15/2/91)

Greenfield Estate:

Mr and Mrs B Horn, 80 Maynooth Park: Upper floor extension over existing garage to side (10/8/90)

Antoinette Byrne, 35 Laurence's Avenue: Erection of extension to rear and porch to front (19/10/90).

Noel O'Neill, 9 Straffan Way: Erection of porch in front of house (24/7/90).

Stanley Oliver, 40 Maynooth Park: Erection of front porch (18/6/90).

Johninstown:

T Travers: Erection of bungalow and septic tank (8/2/91).

J Whelehan: Retention of front porch and minor alterations to facade of existing house (27/7/90).

Kilmacreddock:

Sean O'Flatharty: Erection of dwelling house and septic tank (23/11/90).

Anthony Hopkins: Erection of 2 storey dwelling house and septic tank (23/10/90).

Kingsbry:

Brian O'Brien, 141 Kingsbry: Erection of extension (20/12/90).

M Brown, 148 Kingsbry: Erection of porch to front of house (23/11/90), 2 storey extension to side of house (6/7/90).

Laragh:

Declan Gibbons: Construction of dwelling house and septic tank (4/12/90) and percolation area on lands (30/7/90).

Main Street:

AIB Bank: erection of external signage (16/1/91).

Ulster Bank: Installation of ATM to front of premises and attending works for same (23/7/90).

H Cash: erection of extension to premises (18/1/91).

Michael Mullins, Market House: New shop front and internal alterations to Mullins and Henry (21/12/90).

Owen Owens, Junction of Mill St and Main St: Retail use to entire first floor and alterations to approved 2-storey retail and office development (28/12/90).

Frank and Annette Regan, 6 Main Street: Change of use of former restaurant to 2 shop units (20/9/90) also from restaurant to office accommodation and new shop front (15/6/90).

Moyglare:

North City Builders, Moyglare Apartments: Four 2-storey apartments (3/8/90).

Crewhill Properties, Moyglare Village: revise approved layout, site 60 (13/8/90), sites 61-75, 50,60,76,101 (5/6/90).

Crewhill Properties, junction Moyglare Road and Kilcock Road: Retain for a temporary period advertising sign at junction and entrance to Moyglare Village (10/7/90).

Michael Sheerin, 107 Moyglare Village: Side extension and utility room.

Newtown:

Taghadoe Developments: Erection of two 3-bedroomed semi-detached houses with garage spaces on sites 180 and 177 (original permission was for two 4-bedroomed semi-detached houses). (20/12/90)

Lark Developments: Revised layout and house types for sites 181, 182, 185-188, 254-255 on previously approved sites and 181-182 and 185-188 on housing development (29/8/90) and 117-122, 256-257 (11/9/90).

G Quinn, 509 Newtown: Replace existing flat roof with apex roof at rear (19/9/90).

P Twomey: Erection of 2 houses (8/10/90).

Old Carton:

Dimitri and Eleanor Caffola, Leinster Stud: Erection of bungalow, septic tank with ancillary stables (21/2/91)

Parson Street:

Ordos Developments: Residential development of 20 houses adjacent to Old Rectory (26/9/90).

Railpark:

Fintan Ruddy, 122 Railpark: Erection of kitchen 7' x 12' at rear of garage adjoining existing kitchen/dining room (14/1/91)

T Collins, Old Railpark: Erection of dwelling and septic tank (15/10/90).

Straffan Road:

Castletown Foundation: Directional fingerpost signs, Celbridge Road/Straffan Road junction.

Timard:

Margaret Howe: Erection of garage (21/12/90)

SYMPATHY

Wife, sons, daughter, brother, sister, daughters-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends of the late *Michael Boyd*, Newtown, Maynooth.

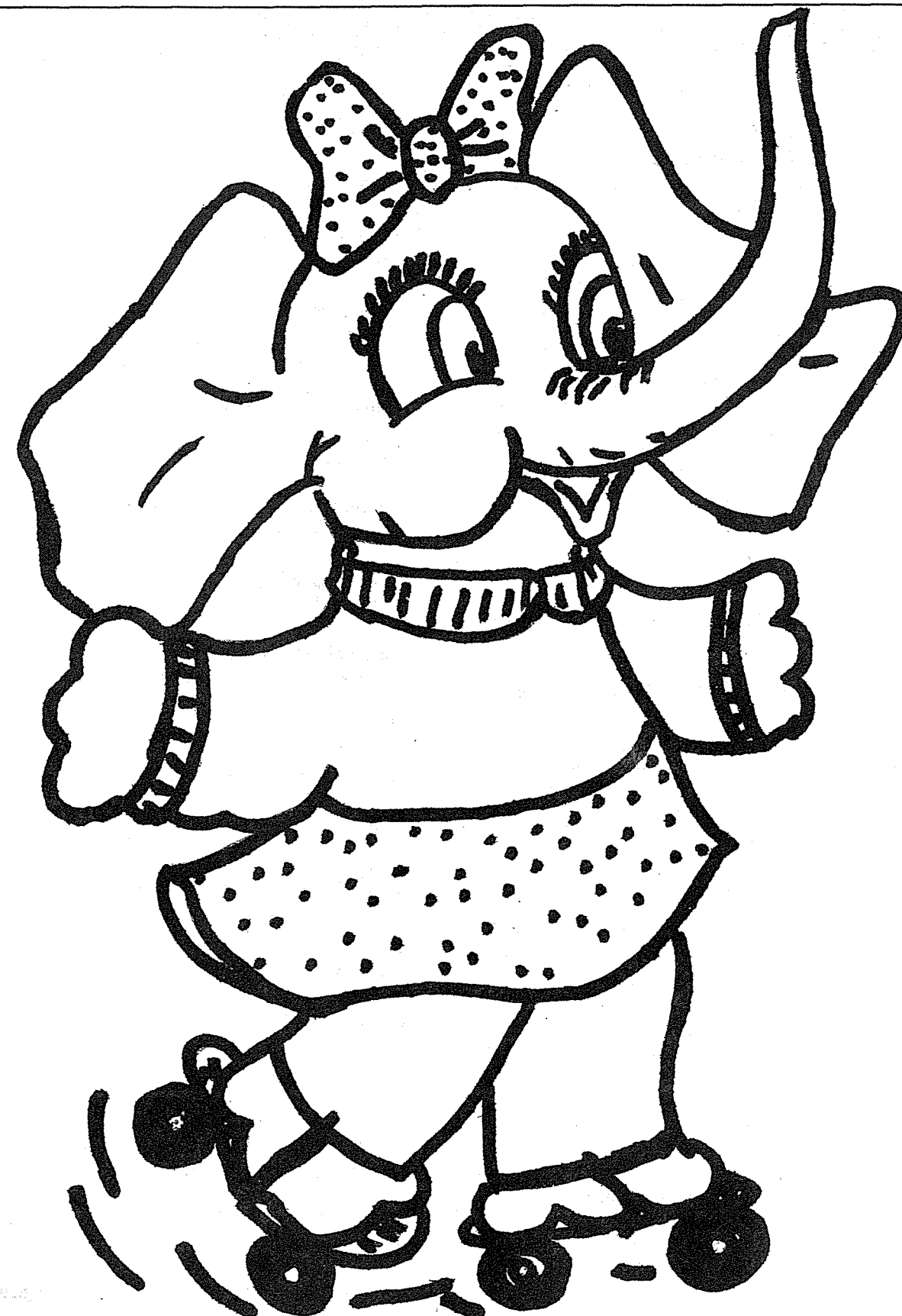
Daughters, sons, brothers, sisters, sons-in-law, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of the late *Leecily Robinson* (nee Delany), Collinstown, Maynooth.

Daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren, sisters, brothers, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, aunts, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of the late *Sarah Matthews* (nee Holbrook), Birmingham formerly Maynooth.

Wife, daughter, son-in-law, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of the late *Patrick (Paddy) Fay*, Pound Street, Maynooth.

Wife, sons, daughters, sister, brother, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends of the late *James Dowling* (Chicko), Greenfield, Maynooth.

Husband, daughters, son, sisters, brothers, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends of the late *Veronica Quinn* (nee Ryan), Rail Park, Maynooth late of Leadogan Road, Fairview, Dublin.



Extra copies of the children's colouring competition page are available in the Community Council Office.

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All entries must be original work of entrants.

This category of the colouring competition is for 4 - 12yr olds.
Closing date for receipt of entries is 15th April 1991.

Acknowledgement

QUINN

The husband, daughters, son and family of the late Veronica Quinn, Rail Park, Maynooth wish to thank most sincerely all their many friends and neighbours for their sympathy and support in their recent great loss. A special word of thanks to those who personally called, sent floral tributes, mass cards and messages of sympathy, attended the removal of remains, mass and funeral.

To Fr. B. Supple, Fr. Cogan, Fr. Thynne, Sr. Aquinas, Fr. Daly, Fr. ARcher, SDB, Fr. Carroll SDB, Maynooth Gardai, Management and Principal, Staff, Pupils of Colaiste Chiarain in Leixlip, Staff and Pupils of Salesian College in Celbridge, Dr. M. Cowhey, Staff of Ascon Head Office and Site at Intel, Management and Staff of Dunnes Stores in Stephens St., Dr. P. Daly, Staff and Nurses of St. James Hospital.

Trusting that this will be accepted by all as a token of our appreciation. Holy Mass will be offered for their intentions.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mum on your baby girl. Love, Lorna, Nuala and Donal (Houlihan).

Congratulations to Antinette and Pascal Kiernan, Kingsbry on the birth of their baby boy Shawn.

Congratulations to Tony and Mary Bean, Nuada, Maynooth, on the birth of a baby boy, Conor Patrick, a brother for Aisling and Brian, with love from the grandparents.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Birthday wishes to Kitty Dunne who will celebrate her 92nd birthday on the 17th April. Best wishes from Una, Eddie, Patsy and her five grandchildren.

Happy birthday to Caroline who will be 21 on the 18th April. Lots of love and best wishes, from Mammy, Daddy, Geraldine, Eamonn, Valerie, Nolleen, Nana and Una.

Happy Birthday to Luke Walsh, 37 Moyglare Village. Love Mammy, Daddy and Tom.

Happy Birthday to Bridie Conneely, Pagestown, Maynooth.

Birthday Wishes to Mickey Conneely, Pagestown, Maynooth. Love Mammy and Daddy.

Happy Birthday to Mum. Love Lisa and Andrew.

Happy Birthday Dad. Love Lorna, Nuala and Donal.

Happy Birthday to Phil and Dermott Cummins (Donadea). Love Mum, Dad, Pamela, Dermott, Gary and Ciaran.

Birthday wishes to Stacey McGovern, Greenfield who celebrates her 8th birthday April 13th. With love Mammy and Daddy, sisters Nannie and Una and Uncle Kevin.

Personal Greetings

Happy Birthday to Stacey McGovern 8 years old April 13th from Noel, Marie and cousins, Richard and Thomas, Nannie Flynn and Uncle Noel.

Birthday greetings to Julia Donovan, Greenfield, April 5th

Birthday greetings to Joan Coughlan, Woodgreen, London, April 5th.

Patrick Judge, Edenderry, 8 years, April 6th

Suzanne Coughlan, Birmingham, 10 years April 23rd.

Tom Collins, Woodgreen, London, April 24th

Siobhan Burgess, Clane, April 30th.

Belated greetings to Bernie Conneely (Mrs.Mop), Pagestown, Maynooth.

Birthday greetings to Jim Tracey, Moyglare, March 22nd, from family and friends.

Happy birthday to Michelle Nash, Leixlip (18) from Marie, Mick and family.

Happy birthday to Eric Quinn, Greenfield age 13 on April 19th.

Happy birthday to Gerry Quinn, Greenfield age 16 on April 17th.

Brithday greetings to Ted Connolly, Greenfield on 19th April.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Mary Traynor, Greenfield on 19th April.

Birthday greetings to Gearoid McTeighrnain, Parson Street on 18th April.

Birthday greetings to Pat Burke, Newtown on 14th April.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. Catherine Thompson on the 5th April. Love from family and friends.

Happy birthday to Mary Nolan on April 9th. From Annette and Caroline. (Teenager at last).

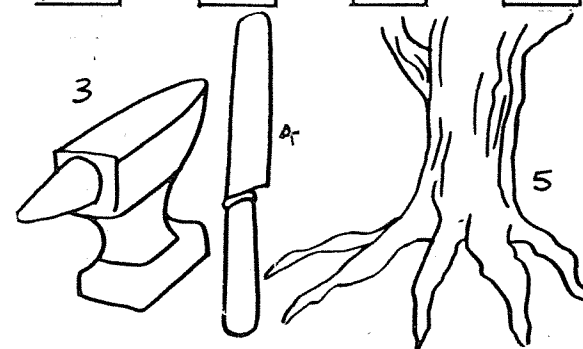
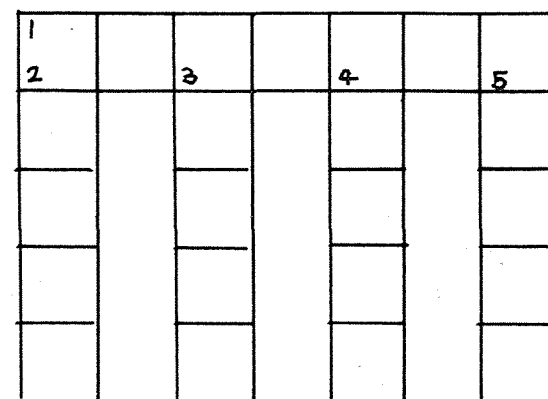
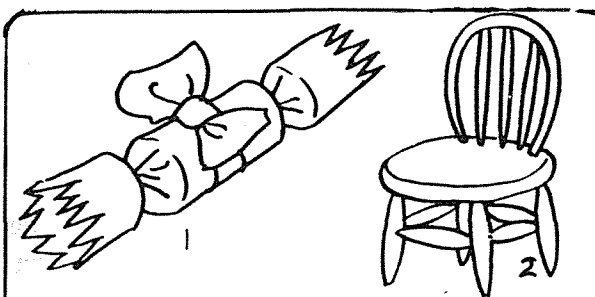
Birthday greetings to Phil Tracey who celebrates her 21st in April. From all the gang.

Happy *Mothers' Day* Mum, love Joanne Duignan.

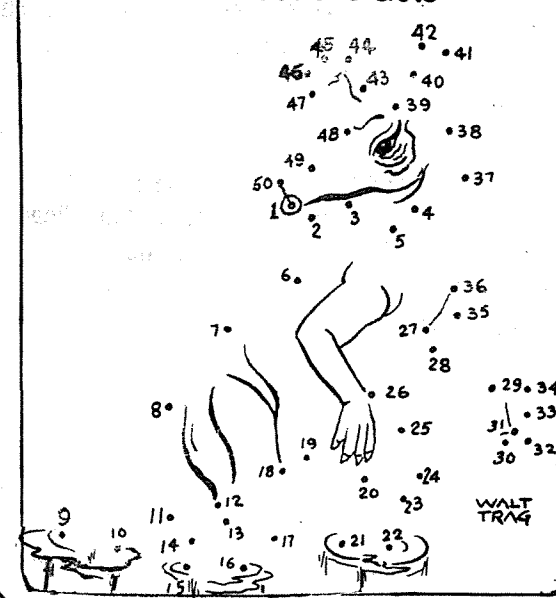
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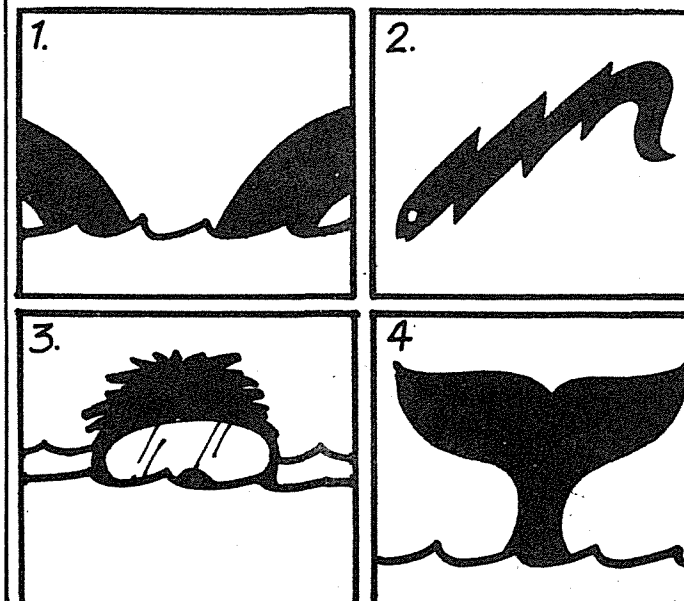
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Ray Kearns of the Institute of Education,

Craig McKinney of Woodchester Finance

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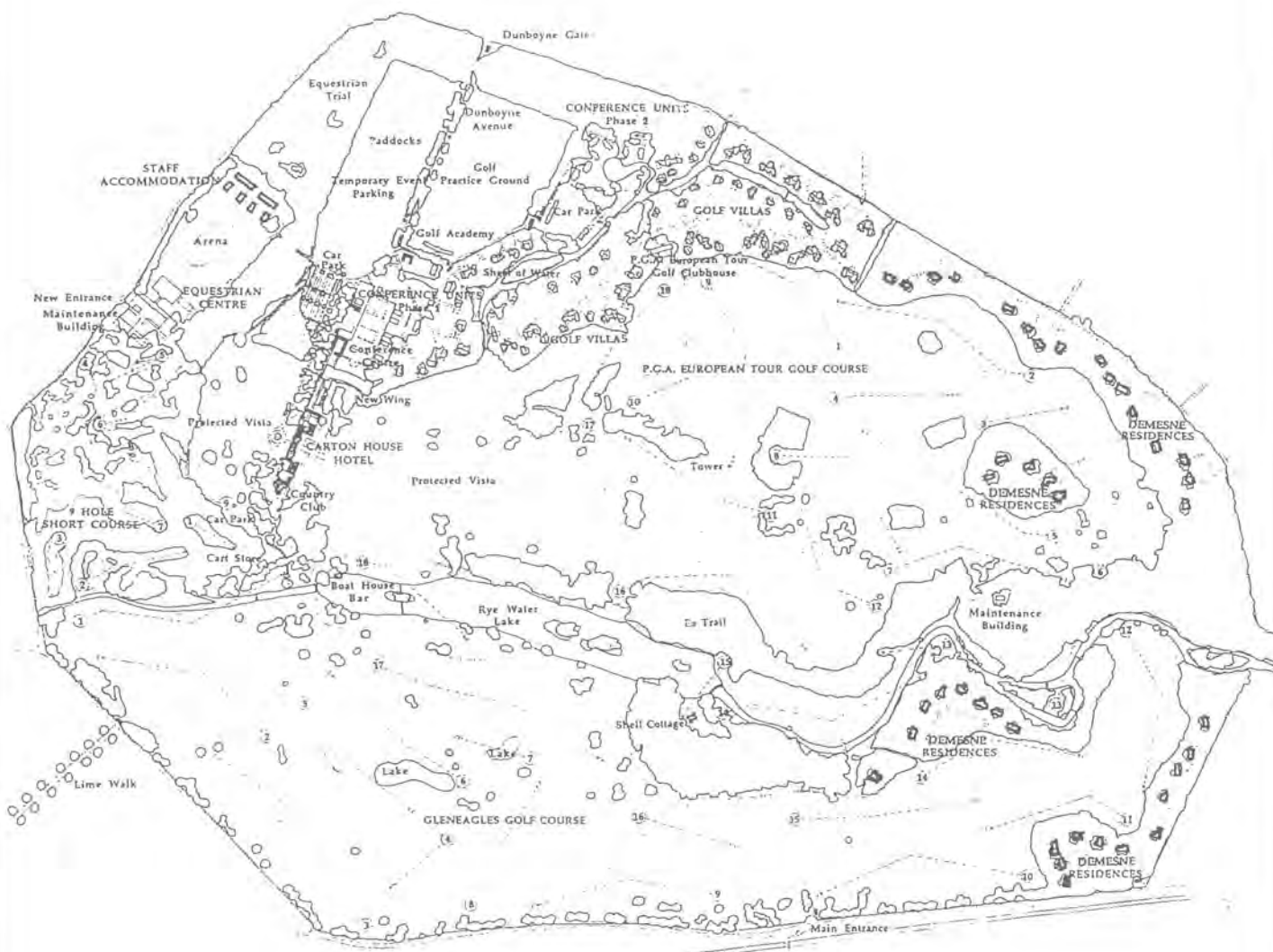
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Carton Developments

This issue contains a number of features outlining the recently unveiled plans for the development of Carton by the Gleneagles group. The plans are generating considerable controversy for a variety of reasons. The developers are making promises that the estate will be accessible to local people and that an investment of 65 million pounds will provide significant benefits for the local people and businesses of Maynooth. While we welcome the proposal to create 460 jobs, the opening of the estate to the public and the plans to conserve the actual house, we are very concerned that the demesne will be losing its integrity. Only time will prove the assurances justified or otherwise.

With the granting of permission for the building of private houses the principle of the green belt will have been conceded, and some people might say that it is only a matter of time before the estate becomes covered by the concrete jungle which submerged the Castletown estate in the last decade. Is it now too late to appeal to the state to step in and preserve the estate for posterity?

Crime Wave

Congratulations to the Gardai on the refurbishment of their station. Just in time to incarcerate those responsible for the recent crime wave which left some ten houses in Moyglare village minus some valuable household property.

May Day

Happy May Day to all our readers.

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Letters the the Editor

Dear Editor,

It is important that the slanderous statement contained in the Fine Gael notes in the April issue of **The Maynooth Newsletter** under the heading 'The Freeing of Kuwait' be answered.

1. Those arguing in favour of sanctions rather than a military option, consistently condemned Saddam Hussein's invasion and annexation of Kuwait.
2. The first and only condemnation of Saddam Hussein's actions against the Kurdish people in the 1980's was made by this writer as the Labour Party's spokesperson on Foreign Affairs, and I did so at a time when a F.G. Minister was negotiating a Trade deal on behalf of Mr Goodman and others with the same murderous tyrant Saddam Hussein.
3. The Labour Party has never had any connection with Mr Ceaucescu of Romania or his regime.
4. Perhaps the reason that Fine Gael is doing so badly at the moment is in some way due to their regression to their vilifying and fascist antics of the 1930's.
5. The only threat to democracy in this State has come from the Political Right - notably from the Fascist movement in the 1930's which was lead by Fine Gael.

While they are free to march back in history, the public are entitled to insist that they do so without slandering and defaming their political opponents and they are also entitled to better standards in newsletters and the media in general.

Perhaps in the end the public are much more sensitive to the truth and the realities of life than Fine Gael thinks.

Yours sincerely,

Michael D. Higgins T.D.,
Labour Party Spokesperson on Foreign Affairs.

Dear Editor,

I was most alarmed to read an item titled "The Freeing of Kuwait" carried in the Political Party Notes in last month's **Newsletter**. While respecting peoples' right to a political opinion, someone must draw the line when it comes to deliberately misleading the public. In this instance these notes have the obvious blessing of a prominent local T.D.

I hope that Mr. Durkan and his sidekicks are comfortable condoning the naked murdering of thousands of Iraqi civilians. Maybe it's time Mr. Durkan came clean and gave his support to the armed struggle of the Provisional IRA, considering that they too are engaged in fight to free a small nation. Mr. Durkan is obviously amongst the Fine Gaelers who couldn't give a toss about our constitutional neutrality. This country had absolutely no obligation to support the US initiative in the Gulf. We also had no obligation to support the UK in the Falklands. The Gulf War was principally about oil and access to oil. Proinsias de Rossa for one said he didn't want anyone, man, woman or child to die so he could have cheaper petrol in his car. No attempts were made to explore all possibilities for a peaceful resolution and the US eagerly pursued violent ends.

Local politics has to be referred to when understanding Fine Gael's attacks on the left. Obviously Deputy Durkan is very fearful that Labour and the WP will take at least three of the five seats in the forthcoming local elections in the Celbridge Electoral Area. We've been through it all before regarding whether or not the WP supported the discredited 'communist' regimes of Eastern Europe. This unqualified smear has never influenced the working class from turning their back on the parties of the left. As for the WP and prominent members of Labour supporting Saddam Hussein! Well obviously the local Fine Gaelers are confusing things and consider pacifists to be their enemy. Mr. Durkan was part of a government party that never raised a voice of protest while their EC colleagues armed Hussein to the teeth before he turned on Kuwait. Incidentally the only WP member I ever heard patronising a role model in Eastern Europe was Eoghan Harris. Needless to say that was Harris's personal view. Ironically Eoghan Harris is now being paid hard up Fine Gael cash to train Bernard Durkan and other TD's in television and PR skills. How far does Harris's influence stretch?

I hope the electorate of North Kildare stand by honest politicians. Good luck to Catherine Murphy, Colm Purcell, John Mc Ginley and Emmet Stagg. They've survived attacks before and I'm sure these Fine Gael notes will be credited with the ignorance they deserve.

Thank you.

Fiachra O Ceilleachair,
Kingsbry.

A chara,

The recent reappearance of the Fine Gael Notes in the **Maynooth Newsletter** after an absence of over two years is presumably not unrelated to the fact that local elections are due later this year. However, if the notes in your April issue are anything to go by, one can expect anything but honesty from that party's candidates.

In the first item in those notes, an outrageous reference is made to 'the support given to Saddam Hussein by the leader of the Workers' Party'. This outright fabrication is completely at odds with the facts. In the Dail debate on the Gulf War, Proinsias De Rossa described the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait as 'totally unjustified and a clear breach of all the principles of international law'. This was in the process of moving a Workers' Party motion, the first part of which 'condemns the Iraqi troops'. The above quotes are taken from the official Dail Record.

Indeed, the Workers' Party position on this matter was stated clearly in the very first sentence of our notes in the February issue of the **Newsletter**: 'The invasion and subsequent annexation of Kuwait by Iraq was inexcusable and had to be reversed.'

Of course, the Workers' Party also objected to the wanton use of unnecessary force to remove the Iraqis from Kuwait. We believed that sanctions could have, with patience, done the same without the tens of thousands of dead innocent civilians and environmental devastation in Kuwait which have been the direct consequences of the USA's precipitate actions. Indeed, the tragedy of the Kurds which is being enacted daily before our eyes as I write is another direct result of the Gulf War. We have to learn to resolve disputes peacefully if we are ever to have a civilised world to live in. The USA-led invasion has set us back decades in this respect.

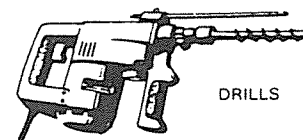
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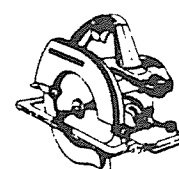
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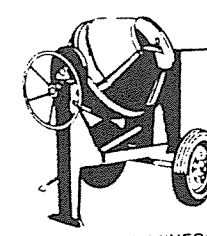
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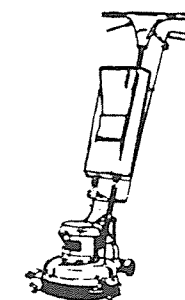
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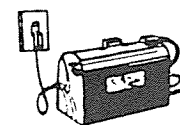
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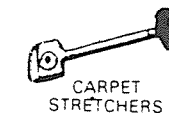
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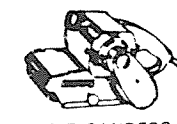
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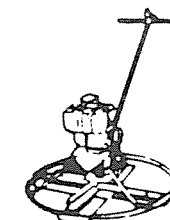
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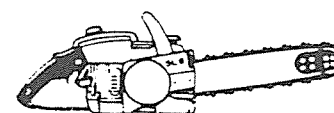
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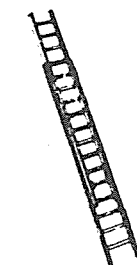
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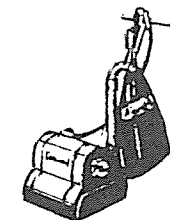
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Letters to the Editor

the opinion polls, I did not realise that they were so desperate as to descend as low as to make preposterous allegations of this nature. Might I suggest that they preserve whatever credibility they have left by either desisting from submitting further 'notes' or by getting a new PRO?

Is mise, le meas,

*Proinnsias Breathnach,
Cathaoirleach, Maynooth Branch, The Workers' Party.*

Dear Editor,
The false, vicious and indeed slanderous attack on Michael D. Higgins T.D. in the Fine Gael notes of your last issue has outraged members of the Party and the wider public. The attack was totally without foundation and has been fully answered by Michael D. above.

It's a bit rich that a party who led the only serious attack on democracy since the State was founded when they led and supported the Fascist Blueshirt movement in the 1930's should accuse Labour of aspiring to a dictatorship. Perhaps there is some of that hue about still.

It's a bit rich that the same party (F.G.) who, when recently in Government, organised Trade Missions (led by Austin Deasy F.G.) on behalf of Mr. Larry Goodman and others to the self same Dictator Saddam Hussein, should accuse Labour of being soft on the Dictator. Through our spokesperson on Foreign Affairs we were the first and are the most persistent critics of Mr. Hussein and his murderous regime. The so called 'success' of the military action so beloved by F.G. has resulted in a dictator being restored to absolute power in Kuwait (not much democracy there), the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of soldiers and civilians, a Kurdish refugee problem of catastrophic proportions and Saddam Hussein safely back in power. What a wonderful success. We supported sanctions through the U.N. but they were not given a chance to work. We believe ours was the better and more effective course of action against Saddam Hussein.

'Labour Supports Cuts' - F.G. There are lies, damn lies and Fine Gael Press Releases. To suggest that Labour supports cuts in services is a F.G. damn lie. It is true P.E.S.P. is a poor wage agreement and the Labour Party demonstrated their displeasure with same by refusing to support it in the Dail. But to say Labour is supporting cuts is perhaps the richest of all and from a Party that made possible the health cuts, the education cuts and the cuts in Local Authority Finances by allowing the minority F.F. Government implement these cruel measures *when they could have stopped them*. Mr. Bruton, Mr. Durkan and Mr. Dukes all gladly supported all of these measures which have now given us a two tiered health system, grossly overcrowded classrooms and roads that are dangerous to use. All courtesy of the famous Tallaght Strategy.

We are confident that the public won't forget and that no amount of lies or muck throwing by F.G. will arrest their continuing slide to oblivion.

Yours Sincerely,

*Emmet M. Stagg T.D.
Dail Eireann*

Dear Editor,
On behalf of the Leixlip Salmon Festival Committee we wish to inform you that the Leixlip Salmon Festival programme runs from May 26th to June 3rd of this year.

At present we are interested in recruiting local businesses and organisations in the area as to whether they would partake in our Childrens Day Parade on the 26th May and we would appreciate it if you could state this in your forthcoming Newsletter.

We would hope that as many local businesses and other organisations as possible would participate in the Parade and in doing so enter into the spirit of the Festival.

Fiona Kelly can be contacted at 6243085 and will answer any queries you may have.

*Yours sincerely,
Breda Cody.*

Dear Editor,

Delighted to read the appearance of Bru Bosco's notes again, after such a long absence, but where was the Don Bosco's picture? Don Bosco inspired the group who rebuilt the hall, so he should always be given the place of honour.

It was great to see familiar names like Rob Healy, John Read and Damien O'Connor. Come on Damien I see you are P.R.O. - let that wit of yours come through, write as you talk. Don't tell me you have lost all that sauciness that was part of your charm?! If you need any help to put your thought on paper, call up any time and I will type as you talk - fair?

And Rob, vice-chairperson, well he was there from the very beginning, even the year when they all worked for nothing. The powers that be thought he was too young to work, but he insisted on pestering until he was let stay, then in the middle of everything he called a strike. Don't ask me how he was not on any wages and he was only there on his own free will, but I have a picture of him in the sulks and on strike for a while. When we eventually opened I remember him saying during that first week, when it was time to lock up, 'I love this place so much I'd like to sleep here.' Somehow it made all the hard work worthwhile. Be kind to the young ones Rob, you were in many a fight, but came out laughing.

Good man John - you are staying the course well and they tell me you are a man of many talents - treasurer, D.J., choreographer etc.

Hear John Dowling is off to Romania. He is a good witness for Bru Bosco. I remember when he went to Camp America: the first night on camp each leader was asked to make a speech. Well speeches were not in John's line at that time, so he told me all he could think of saying was "In Ireland we have a Youth Club - it was founded because of a man by the name of Don Bosco. He is a saint now, I don't know if you have heard of him over here. We call him the Chief. Our club was founded because he said *all you need for me to love you is to be young*, so I will say the same thing to you." He told me they were delighted with him. I hope he can bring a little of that love to Romania. Sure those words say what the Club is all about, and the whole Salesian movement. I miss you a lot folks but keep to it - there are so many teenagers in Maynooth now, they really need some place to call their own. Believe me, and I know, I wish I had words to tell you how lonely I feel for those young folk and that little Hall, which holds so many memories for Old Maynoothers in the past and young ones in the present.

Peig Lynch

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

What nostalgic memories Gerry Mulcahy's (Butcher, Greenfield) window awoke on St. Patrick's day! I stood and gazed at it for about fifteen minutes, listening to the talk around me from all age groups: the Golden Oldies with their memories, the young adults with smiles as their thoughts went back to how their parents enjoyed the treats. Also looking at the display of pigs' heads in the window were the youngsters who had never before seen a pig's head without his body - they were so excited! Most of them thought the heads were plastic, but no they were real. For a while after the parade it was like looking into Switzer's windows at Christmas there was so much excitement. The heads were glazed and sitting on a bed of grass, both had little tri-colour hats on their heads, one was sipping a bottle of Guinness from a straw with an air of peace and tranquillity, the other was smoking a cigar, but he was casting an eye on the Guinness and his tongue was slightly protruding and over all he had an envious look at the Guinness. Hats off to Gerry for such an original and traditional idea!

The Parade was super this year, better than ever and Gerry's window gave a nice finishing touch to those of us who dispersed at Greenfield Estate. It was great crack, for young and old, but not one youngster was prepared to believe we ever ate pig's cheek - never mind crubeens.

Peig Lynch

Dear Editor,

We wish to convey our thanks to the people of Maynooth for helping to send us to Lourdes this year. We prayed for everyone's intentions at the grotto.

Yours sincerely,

*Ashling, on behalf of the Irish Handicapped Children's Trust,
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Dumping of rubbish at Greenfield Drive and Carton Court

It has come to our attention that unsightly rubbish is being dumped at the junction of Brady's Field/Carton Court/Greenfield Drive. During the past few weeks this problem has become more acute with the arrival of the grass cutting and gardening season. This area has become an eyesore as a result of thoughtless individuals dumping not only grass cuttings and weeds but also household refuse including plastic bags and ashes.

As well as detracting from the appearance of the estate, it is also creating a health hazard. Recently rats have been seen around that area and this could be a danger to children who play nearby. We appeal to Residents to stop this dumping and to dispose of all rubbish in a sensible and hygienic manner.

*John Mc Ginley
Chairperson*

MAYNOOTH SUMMER FESTIVAL

There has so far been a positive response to letters sent out to all clubs and societies in Maynooth asking them to participate in this years' festival - most organisations are currently preparing one event which will take place at some stage from June 15th to 23rd. We have not yet drawn up a definitive timetable so there is still plenty of time for your particular club or society to take part in some way, no matter how small.

It is our intention to make the festival as packed with diverse events as we can and to ensure a high level of public participation in a more active two weeks. Listed hereunder is a sample of some of the events which we have lined up for inclusion in the festival:

1. A fishing competition for young adults and children (Summer Project)
2. A craft exhibition (I.C.A.)
3. G.A.A. competition (inter estate)
4. Inter estate soccer seven-a-side
5. Barge-bus on the canal for trips and possible music sessions (R.C.A.G.)
6. Inter estate golf scramble (for adult and juvenile players)
7. Possible banquet (Castle committee)
8. Newsletter Table Quiz
9. Festival Treasure Hunt (Maynooth and surrounding areas)
10. Childrens' treasure hunt (Maynooth)
11. Battle of the Bands
12. Street busking
13. Hudson's Carnival
14. International folk dancing
15. Blind date competition and extravaganza
16. Teen Disco
17. Possible air corps display
18. Professional rally driving skills test
19. Bachelor Competition (Citizens' Information Centre)

We have also contacted the four pubs in the town with a view towards organising a novel and fun-filled Most Popular Barperson Competition. This was run in the Leixlip Salmon Festival last year and proved to be one of the most successful events ever organised during their festivals. The competition involves each entrant trying (by whatever means available to them) to raise

Community Council Notes

enough money to surpass the amount raised by the other entrants and so win the grand prize (which will hopefully be sponsored by the four pubs). It will be similar in some ways to the Lord Mayor competition run here some years ago and should provide endless enjoyment for all concerned.

There will be a full brochure distributed to all houses well in advance of the festival which will confirm the above events along with outlining other ones. Many of last years' events (such as the talent competition, American night etc) will be run again this year. In addition we hope to have bunting and a festival banner decorating the streets in order to help create a festive atmosphere during the holiday. Next month's Newsletter will carry full details of events and venues.

If you feel you would like to become involved in the festival in any way please contact the Community Council offices (6285922).

Peter Hussey,
Secretary.

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

First of all our thanks to Committee Member Mattie Callaghan for all the work in putting together the float for the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

We thank the vast majority of Maynooth residents for their courtesy and support to our members during our annual door to door collection.

Thank you to the committee members for all the time and work in the collection, particularly our new members. Also members of the Community Council who helped in this very important collection.

By the time you read this article our entry for 1991 Tidy Towns competition will have been submitted.

Already you will have seen evidence of our work at the green near O'Neill Park, opposite the Church, The Square where we positioned our planters, the Stream beside Manor Court and finally the green beside Maynooth Autos.

We hope you enjoyed the Spring Fair and our thanks to all Committee members who helped with our stand. We appeal to all Residents Associations to 'Adopt' an area near them to help in our campaign to make Maynooth a tidier and ever better place to live in.

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Richard Farrell
Secretary/P.R.O. Tidy Towns Committee.

Residents' Associations News

CARTONCOURT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of Carton Court Resident's Association took place on 20th March, 1991, in Cassidy's Roost. A large crowd attended.

The out-going officers were thanked for their dedication and work during the year. Some of the achievements of 1990-91 were:-

1. The successful taking-in-charge of the estate by Kildare County Council after years of hard work. Congratulations to all who helped and supported.
2. The building of a wall at the end of the middle roads. Well done - a successful venture.
3. The preliminary steps taken for the setting up of a neighbourhood watch. This project will be the main concern of the new committee.

The newly elected officers and committee for 1991 are:-

Chairperson - Phil Power, No. 70
Vice-Chairperson - Dick McMahon, No. 4
Secretary - Noelle Topley, No. 14
Treasurer - Pdraig Kearney, No. 5
Committee - Jim Ryan, Bob O'Reilly, Phil Dix, Chris Hayes, Kay Morgan, Breda Gormally, John Dolan, Micheal Kelleher, Tom Geraghty.

Noelle Topley,
Secretary.

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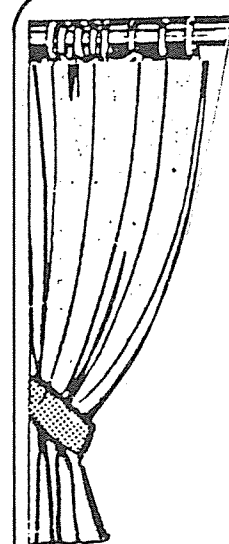
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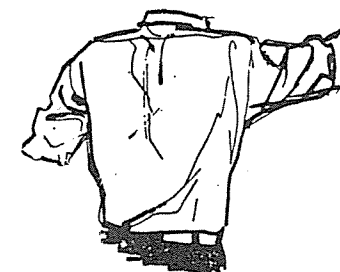


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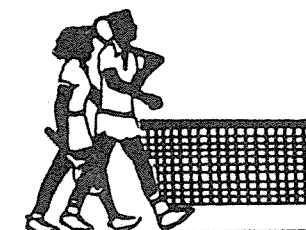
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Residents' Association Notes

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Can we appeal to drivers using the Celbridge Road to slow down and observe the speed limits particularly on the Laurence Avenue/Railpark part of the road?

The same appeal applies to our own residents driving through our Estate, small children have been injured recently.

Once again it is that time of the year when our residents will be called upon for their Annual Subscription of £10.00. Every penny goes to support our Associations running costs of Insurance, care, fuel and maintenance of our lawn mowers, 3 push motor mowers and one sit on mower.

Speaking of which rotas are being drawn up for cutting the greens in each part of the Estate. Please forward names:-

Laurence Avenue - Michael Quinn/Tom Purcell

Straffan Way - Mattie Callaghan

Greenfield Drive - John McGinley

Maynooth Park - Shay Corbally/Pat Hogan.

Our thanks to all who helped us in the past and we look forward to your continued support for the future.

Welcome to new residents who have come to live in our Estate.

Richard Farrell

P.R.O.

GREENFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION PHASE 3.

Residents hopefully by now you will have seen a few changes in Greenfield and let's hope that they are still there for you to see. We had a raffle for a big Easter egg and two small ones on 29th March. First prize went to Mrs. O'Connor, second to Phillip Brady, Jnr., third went to Brendan Boyd. We would like to thank all the ticket sellers for all their hard work.

We will be having a 60's disco in Slim's on 7th May, 8 p.m. - 11.30 p.m. We would like to see everybody there and enjoying themselves. The entry fee will be £2.00. This is not a children's disco, for adults. So come along and have a good night out.

Ann Kirby

Secretary

LYREEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The AGM of the Association took place on the 21st March, 1991 at which the new Committee Members for the coming year were elected as follows:-

Chairperson - Matt Carroll

Vice-Chairperson - Ollie Bright

Secretary/PRO - Tony Bean

Treasurer - Patricia Harkin

Committee Members:- Ronnie Cassidy, Margaret Bean, Mona Byrne, Cissie Dempsey, Elaine Bean.

An agenda of on-going and new items for the Association's attention was compiled and we will be endeavouring to address successfully as many of these items as possible. By the time of

publication of this notice we will have completed a clean up of the locality and we will be following this up by liaising with the Tidy Town's Committee to explore a long term plan for improving the overall appearance of the area. We would remind all residents to remain vigilant and to make full use of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and report any unusual events to the co-ordinators in the area as there have been reports recently from some of the residents of suspicious activities near their premises.

The Committee on behalf of the Residents extend their sympathy to Paddy Boyd on the death of his father, Michael Boyd, Newtown and to the family of Paddy Fay, Pound Street both recently deceased.

Tony Bean

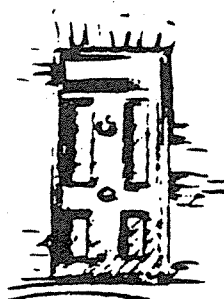
KINGSBRY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of Kingsbry Residents' Association was held on 6th March.

The various events and activities of the last year were discussed, especially our very successful clean up day which in addition to the shrubs and trees planted led to the estate winning the tidy estate competition. It will take a similar effort this year to repeat this success and we look forward to your support in this and other events.

Other items discussed were, public lighting in the estate, upgrading of the Straffan Road, and the work to be completed by the

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developer before the estate is taken in charge by the County Council. Any resident who wishes to discuss any of the above issues or any other matter concerning the estate can contact the Committee for 1991/92.

Jack Butler - Chairperson

Robbie Dunning - Vice Chairperson

Joe Geraghty - Secretary

Geraldine Feehan - Treasurer

Kevin Coyle - P.R.O.

Brid Anglin

Yvonne Comerford.

While it is great to see all the children out and about again after the long winter, we would ask all our young 'Packies' and 'Gazzas' not to use the trees as goal posts as replacement of damaged trees is very costly.

Kevin Coyle

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MAYNOOTH CASTLE COMMITTEE

The Fitzgerald Clan

The movement to organise the Clans of Ireland is now well underway. There are now 91 clans organised and the recent announcement by the Taoiseach is a firm commitment to the movement, with a fully staffed office at the Genealogical Office at 2 Kildare Street, Dublin, 2.

Preparations are progressing for the week long 'Clans of Ireland International Festival' to be held in Dublin in 1992, and incorporating an International Rally of all the Clans on the Hill of Tara, Co. Meath, the ancient centre of the High Kings of Ireland. Close liaison has now been established with the leadership of the Clan Movement in Scotland, which held major successful International Clans of Scotland Festivals in Edinburgh in 1977, 1981, 1985, 1989. Lt. Colonel H. V. Patterson, Chief executive of the Clans of Scotland Trust in Edinburgh, is helping with the Irish Planning, and many Scots with their bands and war pipes are expected at the Dublin Festival of 1992!

With all this activity we feel now is the time to organise the Fitzgerald Clan. Under the auspices of the Maynooth Castle Committee it is hoped to launch the Fitzgerald Clan as soon as possible.

The Fitzgeralds of Ireland who are now very numerous are said to be all descended from the famous Maurice, son of Gerald who accompanied Strongbow in the Anglo-Norman invasion. Gerald was constable of Pembroke in Wales and was married to Nessa, Princess of Wales.

Two of the most influential noble families in Ireland are Fitzgeralds. The Dukes of Leinster and Earls of Kildare were in Maynooth and the Munster branch were headed by the Earls of Desmond. Two branches of the Earls of Desmond have remained members of the Irish aristocracy and are known respectively as the Knights of Glin and the Knights of Kerry.

We are now calling on all Fitzgeralds to unite in the Fitzgerald Clan and we ask all interested people to get in touch with us in Maynooth at the Old School Presentation Convent or Carton, Maynooth.

When we have co-ordinated all the replies we will then have our first *Fitzgerald Clan meeting* and from there it is hoped that a Clan Committee will be formed and the Fitzgerald Clan can then be launched in their ancient Manor of Maynooth.

P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH CREDIT UNION NOTES

Maynooth Credit Union once again took part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. During the Parade balloons bearing 'Maynooth Credit Union' were handed out to eagerly awaiting children. Since St. Patrick's Day there has been a great amount of interest shown in the Credit Union and as a result there have been a lot of new members. We welcome all our new members and we look forward to welcoming a lot more to the Credit Union in the future.

With the summer just around the corner we would ask any of our members thinking of taking out loans to please give adequate notice so as there won't be any disappointment.

Hours of business are as follows:-

Thursday - 7 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Friday - 7 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

May Haren

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I.C.A. NOTES

The April meeting was held on Thursday April 4th. Our President, Madeline Stynes, was in the chair. Sympathy was extended to Mrs. Rita O'Reilly and family on the recent death of her husband. In the early days of the I.C.A. the late Mr. O'Reilly gave his time and energy to the erection of our hall which today is such a comfortable meeting place for the I.C.A. and Community, something which we I.C.A. will always treasure. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

We would like to thank all our helpers on Daffodil Day. The monthly competition for an Easter Bonnet was won by Mary Doyle. Second was Rosemary Hanley. All activities continue with arts and crafts, Mondays at 8 p.m. Badminton Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.30 - 12 noon. The May meeting, our A.G.M., takes place on Thursday May 2nd at 8 p.m. New members are always welcome. We have a lot to give and a lot to share.

Mairead Scanlon
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to all those talented young people who won prizes in the library's Easter Competitions. The standard of entries was very high, needless to say the children of Maynooth; possess a wonderful sense of creativity as is evidenced by the delightful stories and paintings sent in for the competitions.

In the short adventure story (based in the library) the winner was Alice Dunworth aged 10 for her story 'Bookland'. Second prize went to Eloise Mac an Airchinnigh who wrote 'A Strange Adventure'.

For the painting competition, children were asked to paint a scene from a story told by author Terry Hasset Henry. First prize went to Ann O'Donoghue aged 4, and second prize to David Lorenzo aged 6 - who had the distinction of being the only male winner! In addition to these competitions, children had a chance to win spot prizes when they answered correctly a book-based question. The competitions were sponsored by the Bank of Ireland, Ulster Bank, Allied Irish Banks and Coonan Auctioneers. We would also like to express our thanks to Terry Hasset Henry, the charming author from Celbridge.

I would like to remind people that a range of forms are available in the library - including driving licence forms, (both provisional and full), passport application forms and car tax renewal forms. Forms for Personal Taxation and social welfare matters are available from the Citizens' Information Centre, upstairs in the library. Also available for consultation in the library are the register of electors for the area, and a list of the most recent planning applications. We have various notice boards containing information about forthcoming events of cultural or educational importance. Anyone wishing to display a poster of this type is welcome to do so.

Some of the recent additions to stock include:-

Cookson, Catherine - *The Gillyvors*
Peters, Ellis - *The House of Green Turf*
Barry, Michael - *By Pen and Pulpit*
Coogan, Tim Pat - *Michael Collins*.

In the childrens' section, twenty books by Roald Dahl are now available; more books by Judy Blume; more adventures from Enid Blyton and the Hardy Boys; for the very little ones, more Spot the Dog books. Over the next few weeks, more exciting titles will be emerging!

Thanks again to all those who entered the Easter Competitions. All entries are on display now in the library so do come along to view the local talent!

Margaret Walshe-Gannon

OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

The Easter party held on April 14th was enjoyed by about 70 of our senior citizens including nearly 20 visitors from Celbridge. We started with Mass celebrated for us by Fr. Brendan Moran. The Easter Bonnet competition was very well supported and we all enjoyed the ingenuity and beauty of the creations as they were shown off in the Easter Parade! Our thanks to the ladies from the Country Shop for judging this competition for us. The entertainment was provided by Josie, Kevin and Vinney aided by Eddy Kellet of Celbridge who, incidentally, produced the 'sexiest hat' in the competition!

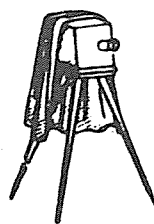
Our next party will be held on May 5th as the final event of Active Age Week. As usual it will take place in the Post Primary School starting with Mass at 3.30 p.m..

The time table for Active Age Week (28th April - 5th May) is given below. As usual we have a full and varied programme and we are sure that there is something for everyone to enjoy. These events are open to all the elderly of Maynooth and we would be delighted to welcome new faces.

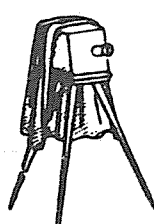
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We hope that you have all received your Easter coal. Many thanks to all whose generosity made this possible. Two people, who have been associated with the Old People's Committee from the earliest days, have died recently. They are Eugene O'Reilly whose wife Rita was one of our founder members and May Fagan who was a committee member from the beginning. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families and friends.

Active Age Week programme

Sunday 28th April - prayer in both churches on Sunday morning

Tuesday 30th April - cards and board games. Prizes will be awarded. I.C.A. Hall 10.30 a.m. Followed by tea and cakes.

Tuesday 30th April - cabaret, Caulfield's Lounge at 8.30 p.m. Tea, sandwiches and cake.

Wednesday 1st May - trip to Art Gallery, Kilcock from I.C.A. Hall at 10.30 a.m.

Thursday 2nd May - special bingo, I.C.A. Hall at 10.30 a.m. Followed by tea and cakes.

Thursday 2nd May - concert by Maynooth Brass and Reed Band in Band Hall at 8.30 p.m.

Sunday 5th May - Mass at 3.30 p.m. in the Post Primary School and Party.

Competition - Impressions of visit to Art Gallery by writing, sketching or painting.

During the week there will be a display of Senior Citizens' Crafts in the library, Main Street, Maynooth.

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Sheila Fleming,
P.R.O.

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES Swans

Our swans have temporarily moved their residence from the Island to a new position adjacent to Bond Bridge. With the growth steadily improving on the refurbished part of the island I am sure they will return to their usual residence next year.

Spring Fair

The Spring Fair is gathering momentum all the time and it is hoped to have C.K.R. Radio present for both days. Other attractions are also planned but details are not to hand at time of print. A profile of the Spring Fair appears elsewhere in this issue. Maynooth Brass Band will hold a Band Marathon in the Parish Hall to coincide with the trade fair.

Jamboree

We are looking for ladies to participate in our Jamboree Queen contest which coincides with the Jamboree. If you know someone who would like to enter or you would like to enter yourself then why not give me a ring at 6283672.

Carton (Pikes Bridge)

Work is continuing at a steady pace and things are starting to look very well. The existing scheme finishes on 19/4/91 and a new reduced scheme will have only six persons due to departmental revision and so the Committee would like to express gratitude to those workers whose services have to be dispensed with as a result of the revisions. Because we have a much smaller scheme it will be, in all probability, necessary to re-introduce the voluntary Saturday morning work parties so if you would like to be associated with this work, please leave your name at the Spring Fair office - Tel: 6286463.

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CARTON DEVELOPMENT PLAN

In the last issue of the Newsletter, reference was made in the course of a short notice on the Carton Committee, that a number of trees had been removed to make way for a golf course and that 300 houses were proposed in a development plan for the demesne.

The Committee has been assured by Mr Mallaghan, the owner of Carton, that no such clearing has taken place and that most of the tree-felling has been undertaken to remove old and diseased trees. I apologise for any misunderstanding in this case. In relation to the buildings in the demesne, 188 and not 300 are proposed. See report on next page on the Gleneagles Development Plan for Carton.

Patrick Duffy.

CARTON COMMITTEE MEETING WITH DEVELOPERS

Representatives of the Carton Committee had a meeting with parties associated with the proposed developments at Carton on Sunday 7th April in Carton House. The developers were represented by the current owner of Carton and members of the management of Gleneagles, as well as the chairperson of Guinness Ireland, the architects and the director of the public relations agency. P.J. Duffy, Mary Cullen and Peter Hussey represented the Carton Committee. In the morning there had been meetings with representatives of the Irish Heritage Trust, Irish Georgian Society and an Taisce. The Carton Committee held a follow-up meeting in the College on Wednesday to examine the proposals of the developers. At the time of writing (15 April), the Committee is waiting to have a look at the complete planning application and the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) before it will give a more considered reaction to the proposals.

The plans for the development of Carton can best be described as dazzling in their initial impact - but like most things when you remove the dazzle and razzamatazz, the sober facts of the development are less attractive.

There are perhaps six main areas in the Gleneagles proposals which might be focussed on.

1. Conservation: there is a commitment to conservation and restoration of the house and landscape which must be welcomed. It was claimed for example that there were some serious problems in the House and the ancillary buildings that needed attention. We would like to examine the Environmental Impact Statement on this. We would also like to see some copper-fastened guarantees in relation to conservation. The County Development Plan fairly comprehensively lists buildings that are worthy of preservation and protection and the Council must stand by its principles in this area.
2. Development: The proposals in relation to the erection of 188 residential-type buildings throughout the grounds of the demesne cause most concern. In particular the erection of 40 luxury residences for outright sale represents the first major break-up of the demesne of Carton which has been a single entity for over 200 years. There are also proposals for the erection of fairly large staff accommodation blocks in the Co Meath part of the demesne and an Equestrian Centre, as well as a golf driving range beside the Dunboyne avenue.
3. The ownership of forty houses- and the ambiguous legal situation surrounding the other 148 residences - make this aspect of the development very worrying. In many ways, this proposal is very similar to the plan of ten years ago for time-sharing villas in the woods of Carton.

4. From a planning point of view the development proposals are a cause of concern. The Co Development Plan has fairly strictly maintained the "green belt" between Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge. The proposal for a large number of residences in this open space will be a breach of this planning strategy, and indeed by any measure it will represent bad planning practice: there will be enormous pressure for adjoining properties to seek similar concessions for development.
5. Access. The Carton Committee, with its large local representation, has always been concerned about restoring as much as possible of the traditional accessibility to Carton Demesne. The developers were very anxious to play down the 'exclusive' nature of their development and to stress that Carton would be open to the local community: for example they suggested that they would help to restore the 'Lime Walk' (or Grand Avenue) connecting Carton with the town of Maynooth and that they would reinstate the entrance to the demesne at the end of the avenue. However, it seems that the plans envisage pedestrian entrance at the Kildare bridge and that access may mean little more than normal access to hotel facilities such as bars etc. The plan as presented would clearly exclude walkers from most of the demesne: the woodlands with their residences would presumably have to be secure, and the golf courses on the existing parkland would also be inaccessible.
6. Commercial impact: this clearly is the sledge-hammer with which Gleneagles hope to crack the nut of any resistance to their proposals from local or national groups and from planners and politicians. £60m investment, 460 jobs, with £15m trickle-down into the local economy is a large-scale development by any measure. While we must welcome such a significant development, we would need to do so with caution. One assumes that 460 jobs, for example, is the most optimistic possible scenario, and that in line with most other developments, both industrial and commercial, that are regularly launched, target like this are seldom if ever actually achieved. In the context of Carton, therefore, which is probably the most important Great House and intact surviving 18th century parkland in Ireland today, we must very carefully consider all aspects of the Gleneagles proposals. We must not sell Carton and its parklandscape down the river at the first mention of jobs.

*P.J. Duffy,
Chairperson, Carton Committee.*

THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CARTON

The intended future of Carton House and its Demesne was announced at a lavish press conference and lunch on Thursday, April 11th in Carton House. The lunch was attended by the Minister for Tourism Seamus Brennan. A consortium, consisting of the Guinness-owned Gleneagles Hotel Group, PGA European Tour, MacInerneys, Lee and Mary Malahan and Guinness Ireland, outlined their detailed and far-reaching plans to turn the demesne into a massive leisure resort. This will include a hotel, conference centre, Country Club, three golf courses, an Equestrian Centre and some forty private residences.

Wooing the sceptical

The publicity exercise provided by Murray's was designed to woo the sceptical. The hard sell included Guinness carriages to ferry us to the front of the house, a piper to serenade us and a first class bar and lunch. The Scottish connection with the original Gleneagles Resort was emphasised by the wearing by the hosts of the traditional insignia to distinguish them from the guests. The English and American accents and presence was immediately obvious. On a cold, wet, windy, dreary Thursday, all was confidence, promises and good-humoured banter in Carton House. From the outset, there was great emphasis on the benefits and the spinoff to the local community and its hinterland. There was an obvious anxiety to allay any fears that we might have as regards the development. Every speaker stressed that we would benefit greatly from this development in every possible aspect. During the long lunch, Seamus Brennan welcomed the project which, he said, had been planned for the last four years with the blessing of the Government. It need hardly be noted that the local community only heard of it in the last number of days! It was a very hard sell, with a gentle iron touch, which tends to make the cynic in me even more cynical! The Minister also added that some finance would be forthcoming from the European Structural Fund. May we dare to hope that this funding will extend to repairing the roads and footpaths in the vicinity of the town if only to facilitate the future residences of the Resort?

Outline of the Plan

The outlined project promises virtual open access to the house and bridle paths, along with the legally bound 'restricted' housing development. They guaranteed long term employment and spinoff prosperity for the area. If the Planning Permission is achieved, work will begin later this year to be completed in 1994. The total cost is estimated as £65 million.

- * Carton will be the location for the first of ten Gleneagles Resorts to be situated worldwide. Guinness Ireland will be the major shareholders in this venture.
- * The house is to be preserved and restored to its former glory. The repairs to the stonework, roof, dry rot etc. coupled with restoration will cost £1.5 million. All interiors are to be preserved and are to be used as originally intended. A small number of suites will be provided for guests in the existing bedroom area. It is asserted that the Chinese bedroom and the old kitchen will be preserved as a museum piece.
- * A 200 bedroom Five Star Hotel and restaurant are to be built to the north-east of the house where there are modern farm buildings. The existing kitchen 'courtyard' will be adapted to provide public areas to the hotel. This will be screened by a wooded area. The downstairs east wing will be transformed into a long gallery connecting the main hall to the new foyer in the kitchen yard.

* The Country Club will be situated to the south-west of the house, incorporating a swimming pool, a spa and club facilities for the Gleneagles Golf Club. Positioned in the coachyard, it will be covered by a glass roof. The coachhouses are to be restored without major structural alteration to the buildings. It is maintained that the Coachwash will be transferred to the Equestrian Centre, for use as originally intended.

* The Conference Centre will be built to the east of the house, it will include the existing bell tower and the related buildings. There will also be 29 corporate lodges serviced by the hotel. This will also be covered by glass.

The double storey bedroom block will lead to the south of the house from the Restaurant and will be screened by existing trees. There are no buildings in place here currently. It is asserted throughout that the original vista of the house, front and back, will be preserved and that none of these buildings will be visible.

* Effectively the grounds of the demesne will become one large golf complex. A full three-quarters of the land will be covered by the three Golf Courses with the PGA European Tour Course encompassing a full third of the estate. This will be situated in the north-eastern section of the demesne and will be designed by Peter Townsend. A new clubhouse will overlook the Course and it is intended to be the focus of future European events. The Gleneagles Course and the 9 hole course will be available for corporate entertaining and to the local communities through membership as well as the guests and residents. We have been assured that women will have equal access.

* There will be 119 Golf Villas constructed in the woods on the northern section of the estate, close to the PGA Gold Course.

* An all-weather Equestrian Centre will be built north-east of the house with 40 livery stables. It will contain an indoor area of 2,148 square metres as well as outdoor arenas and equestrian trail throughout the Estate.

* There will be 40 demesne residences costing approximately a quarter of a million pounds. These are envisaged as holiday homes for Europeans and Americans.

* The boathouse will be used as a bar, but it will also revert to its original intended use.

* The Shell Cottage will be used for informal dining, similar, apparently to its original intended use.

It is asserted, in accordance with the Environmental Impact Statement, that the wood will be restored, a planting programme will be implemented along the walls, the river, around the Dunboyne Gate and in the environs of the house itself. The Rye River and the lake are to be drained, cleared and redeveloped for fishing and boating. The deer herd is to be preserved.

Jobs Promised

It is stated that there will be 250 skilled construction jobs during the construction phase and that when the resort is fully operational that there will be 460 employed, many from the local community. Gleneagles maintain that they will train the necessary staff and that they will liaise with CERT and FAS. It is also asserted that the payroll, supplies and services will provide £15 million annually and that most of this will stay in the local community and the greater Dublin area. It is said that the additional spin-off is expected to generate £30 million annually.

If all these promises are to be believed the future for Maynooth and hinterland is indeed rosy. The preservation of the house is a cause for hope. However, there are some major questions, concerns and reservations which we should consider and address.

Carton Development

Causes for Concern

The answer given by Robin Harding, Development Manager of Guinness Enterprises and the Gleneagles Group attempts to alleviate this concern. He says: 'The developers propose to enter into a number of covenants with Kildare Co. Council which will restrict and control development within the demesne.' However, exactly how binding these covenants will be and how they can be enforced is very unclear. Significantly they do not exclude the possibility of further building and development. For example, will the 40 private houses in the proposal expand to 400 in 5 years time?

The second and linked concern is the preservation of the woodlands. Can we trust these owners of holiday homes not to interfere with the existing trees and woods? Are these covenants sufficiently binding in this area? It seems difficult to believe that such strictures may be placed on people paying such a sum for a holiday home. They assure us that the covenant is placed on the land itself and that it will last in perpetuity. Again this needs careful and detailed investigation.

The issue of public access is addressed in the Carton Committee report. Given the exclusive nature of both the proposed housing development and recreational facilities one wonders just how free the public will be to wander around.

It is asserted that there will be a snowball effect of an annual £15 million in income to the Maynooth area. Could it not also be envisaged that the resort would exist as a totally self-contained, selfsufficient entity generating its own resources? This would have a limited influence on the local infrastructure.

In addition, it is possible that the prices in the resort will be so prohibitive that the general public will not be able to avail of any of the facilities, bar, restaurant or general amenities. This would discourage people from visiting the estate at all.

It is also possible that Gleneagles will import the workforce and that the lower paid, unskilled labour will be provided by the local employees. This is not an acceptable scenario.

The overriding fear remains that Carton House may become the demesne and the preserve of the super-rich and the general public will be, de facto, excluded.

Safeguards

The community must not allow itself to be lured by the carrot of "possible" employment and spinoff income. We must insist that the safeguards are legally binding and that these are included into the Planning Permission. If necessary, a Trust may be established as a guardian and watchdog. Once building commences behind the high walls of Carton, what guarantees are there that these covenants will be respected? Promises are cheap and money can buy anything and anybody if there is enough of it. £65 million is enough. The Government has given this project its unreserved backing, realising that the responsibility for Carton may now pass into the Corporate sector. The people of Maynooth, and indeed Leixlip, owe it the Irish public and to future generations that access to the demesne becomes permanently open. We must take responsibility for ensuring that the estate is not sold piecemeal.

The Community Council is arranging to meet with a representative of Guinnesses to ensure that all these points are answered and firmly elucidated to the satisfaction of the local community and the Irish public in general.

Muireann Ni Bhrolcháin



Pictured at Carton to announce details of the project were: (from left to right) Carton's owner Mr. Lee Mallaghan, Mr. Peter Townsend of the P.G.A. European Tour, Mr. Seamus Brennan TD, Minister for Tourism & Transport and Mr. Brian Slowey, Chairperson, Guinness Ireland.



Colonel Tuthill at the Sun Dial in the Front Garden of Carton at an auction of goods. Does anyone know when this was?



Visitors to the Golden Room in Carton House during the auction.



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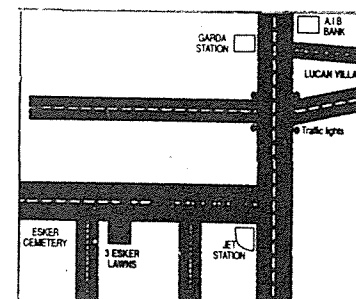
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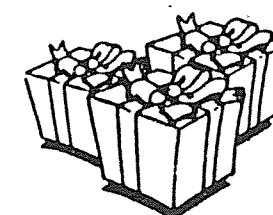
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Local News

CREATIVE WRITING MAGAZINE FOR MAYNOOTH

Cobweb literary magazine made its appearance in St Patrick's College in April 1990 as a broadsheet of student poetry. The subsequent two issues have taken a magazine format and have included prose, critical essays and poetry. This month sees the arrival of **Cobweb 4** and with it the expressed desire of the magazine's editors to include also material from residents in Maynooth who may not be students. It is currently on sale in most newsagents in the town for 50p.

The magazine has established itself in the college as an ongoing concern and is enthusiastically supported by the college students and by the English department. Lack of finance has prevented actual printing of the magazine but this in no way detracts from the standard and quality of the publication. Each issue has had a striking and an attractively designed cover; the layout has been clear and imaginative and the quality of writing therein has always won the interest of this reviewer at least.

The next issue is due to appear in November so use the summer months to develop your writing. The editors receive up to fifty contributions for each issue but publish only those which achieve, in their own words, "a certain standard" of authority and maturity. Issue 4 for instance has 9 poems and 1 short story, albeit all of which provide food for thought. Manuscripts, marked "Cobweb" can be sent to No. 1 Suva House, Main Street, Maynooth.

OPENING OF MAYNOOTH GARDA STATION

Last month saw the official blessing by Fr. Supple of the renovated Garda Station. The ceremony was attended by a large number of invited guests representing the various organisations in the town, who included local Garda Officers, including Chief Superintendent Michael McKeon, Superintendent Walsh and Inspector Gerry Moran from Naas. Attendance also included retired Sergeant Micheal Higgins and his wife Phyllis and Sergeant Dan Monaghan, Edgeworthstown, who formerly served at Maynooth Station. The renovations which cost £90,000 were carried out by Karmac Builders, Longford, for the Office of Public Works.

Both Fr. Supple and Chief Superintendent McKeon spoke of the need for co-operation between the Gardai and the population which they serve. Chief Superintendent McKeon also spoke of the awareness among the Gardai of the growth of Maynooth and the problem this growth may cause. This awareness has led to Maynooth being given the exclusive use of a patrol car. Both speakers paid particular tribute to Sergeants Donnolly, Higgins and Canny, three of a total of only five sergeants who have serviced the town. There are five gardai currently working in Maynooth and they were thanked on behalf of all local interests by Fr Supple for their special fostering of a sense of community in the town. The Garda Siochana in this area have actively promoted neighbourhood watch schemes and other communal activities and have regularly supported and participated in all manner of local affairs.

The renovated station itself now consists of an interview room, recreation room, a doctor's room, two cells and a bathroom with shower. It is a building with a history of serving the people of Maynooth dating back to 1923 when the R.I.C. handed it over to the Garda Siochana. In its new renovated condition it will be even better able to serve the new Maynooth.



The New-Look Garda Station (Photo Gerry Fitzpatrick)



Sergeant Canny and Carmel Canny cutting the cake at the official opening. (Photo: Gerry Fitzpatrick)



Guests at the official blessing by Fr. Supple of the new station. (Photo: Gerry Fitzpatrick)

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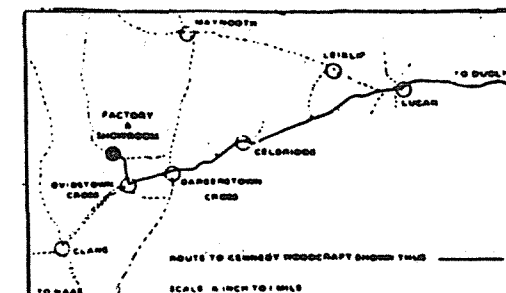
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Property Moves

Eye Hear that CIE have succeeded in selling their 11.5 acre site beside the canal to a Dublin housebuilder for around 250,000 pounds. There is planning permission for sixty houses, and CIE have agreed to allow the builder, should he or she wish, to build a footbridge over the canal to facilitate pedestrians walking in to town. The *Irish Times* report of the sale was accompanied by a very attractive coloured aerial photograph of the Maynooth area, showing large acreages of green fields. Eye Hear wonders how long they'll last with the new housing boom created by the motorway? Let's hope the builder will display some imagination and local awareness in choosing a name for the new development.

Carton update

It looks like any hopes of Carton becoming public property have finally been dashed by the recent announcement of Gleneagle plans for the estate. The proposals are certainly attractive, and Eye Hear that the management have plans to open the grounds to the general public, and that everyone who has the price of a pint can drink in the bar. Eye Hear is certainly looking forward to the privilege. Still, this is an upmarket luxury development where we suspect that the gnáth daoine from Maynooth will not be welcome other than as workers. It will be like the good old days when Maynooth people acted as hewers of wood and drawers of water to the 'quality' in Carton. Although it has to be said that from all accounts, the incumbents of Carton were not the worst employers around.

Maynooth's Challenging Times

Congratulations to the College Team who did Maynooth proud in winning through to the finals of the *Irish Times* Challenging Times quiz. Showing all the hallmarks of misspent youths in pub quizzes the perenniel student, John Flynn, and his team mates, Scott Willig and John Coughlan decimated all before them. Glad to see that going to College provided some knowlege for some.

Elite face lift

Trespassing into Street Talking's patch, Eye Hear that the Elite has applied for planning permission for a change of facade, and to the internal layout of the cafe. While the existing facade seems fine, we give three cheers for the change of layout, if it will prevent customers standing in line at the counter from being attacked by the front door, as incoming customers try to battle through.

Route 66

Eye Hear has spotted the tell tale signs that the motorway is coming. Young men with surveying instruments have been camping out on the Straffan Road. It's only a matter of time before the road is upgraded and the "quiet" leafy lanes are a memory.

Potholes again

Okay, so Kildare County Council has filled in some of the potholes created by the arctic conditions of the Winter. However, it is still true to say that the difference between the Newtown Road, and a packet of twenty Major is that there is more tar in a packet of Major!

Strong Pagans

Congratulations to Mary O'Donnell (former contributor to Street Talking) on the recent publication of her first collection of short stories by Poolbeg Publishing, entitled, *Strong Pagans*. This collection has already received rave reviews and the Newsletter intends to give a more indepth review in the next issue. However, readers are invited to look out for the story entitled "The Adulteress" in which our own dear Maynooth is the setting. Every graduate of Maynooth has their own "Maynooth novel" languishing at the bottom of their dreams. Maybe Mary will consider putting Maynooth on the literary map with a full length treatment?

Printable Wishes

A special happy birthday to Joe Wall, who has been of immense help to the Newsletter in the past, and will, hopefully continue in the future. The Newsletter has authorised me to buy him a pint in celebration.

Vigilante actions

Eye Hear that it is illegal to cycle on the path, but sometimes it's safer for the cyclist concerned, especially in the vicinity of Kavanagh's Mills. But not so for one twelve year old girl who left Mass on 13th April. A short stocky man in a grey coat decided to take the law into his own hands by pushing the child off her bike, telling her not to cycle on the pavement. Let's hope he's proud of his achievement in causing the child to break her collar bone.

Old Maynooth

Well at least someone reads Eye Hear! Thanks to Gearoid MacTeighrnoin for sending in the photography (below) of an incredibly young and handsome Phil Brady presenting B. O'Brien of the North Kildare Cycling Club with the Kildare Grand Prix Cup on Sunday, June 29th 1957. Behind Dunlop Sign - Gearoid MacTeighrnoin holding John O'Brien (Bernies Brother).



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HOW TO PASS YOUR EXAMINATIONS

May is the prelude to Summer for some, but for the thousands of students at both second and third level throughout the country it merely signifies the most stressful period of their lives - the countdown to examinations. The Newsletter can't pass examinations for these poor unfortunates, but it can give some advice which can save a lot of pain and frustration. So if you are a student, or if you know someone facing examinations, keep this article. It may help to save lives!

Preparation

The key to success in examinations is preparation. Here are some hints on how to prepare:

1. It's never too soon to start revision.
 - look at your course material and note the topics you must cover for each subject.
 - plan around these, working back from the exam date to give you a starting date for your revision.
 - allow 1-2 weeks before the exam for overall revision of topics already revised in depth and within this allow 1-2 days per subject.
 - make a realistic timetable, allocating time to each topic
2. Don't gamble too closely on what will appear on the paper.
 - revise all major topics.
 - revise any essay topics which you did in depth.
 - scan all other topics.
3. Techniques for revision vary, but
 - don't just read your notes, be active.
 - criticise your notes.
 - skim a text and make brief notes for final revision. - revise related topics together (even if not in the same course). - make flash cards for last minute use.
 - look at old exam papers. Plan answers to them and write model answers. Use any mock exams available. These give practice in working under pressure and organising your thoughts.
4. Don't forget other pursuits.
 - always allow time for rest, relaxation and enjoyment.
 - eat well and properly (greasy fries can take their revenge!). - take exercise (fresh air is crucial).
 - get the usual amount of sleep you require - if you cannot sleep, or if you feel unwell see the doctor before the exams. If you are ill, this may be taken into account, if you supply certification in advance.
5. Work with other students, test each other or discuss your topics together.
6. In the week before your exam, go through your notes. Don't try to cram too much into each day.
7. Find out where the examinations are to be held. If you are not familiar with the location, find out from someone where it is, and if possible go the exam centre.
8. The day before the exam:
 - don't try to learn anything new.
 - revise, but try to allow yourself some relaxation.
 - get all pens, calculators, rulers, erasers etc, together, and set your alarm clock. Check your bike/bus or train timetable. Check the time of the examination.

The Big Day

Too many students have done all their study and revision perfectly, only to fall at the last hurdle. Again there are some hints which will prevent you from falling into the traditional traps:

1. Try to have plenty of sleep on the night before the exam and allow yourself enough time to get ready slowly. Leave plenty of

time to get to the examination centre. Make sure, in advance, that you know exactly where it is and how to get there.

2. Before starting to write, read through the paper very carefully.
 - read the instructions to candidates - how many questions should you answer; are any compulsory; are there special sections. Read the back page of the paper.
 - consider each question thoughtfully. What are you being asked to do?
3. Budget your time.
 - allocate time according to the marks per question, leaving 10-15 minutes for checking at the end. Remember that your answer plans will need to be made in the allocated time.
 - jot down the time when you should finish each question.
4. Structure your answers, writing an outline of your structure in your answer book.
 - note the main points and important details.
 - form notes into an outline, in order of writing - spend up to a quarter of the time allocated for your answer in planning. - check your outline against the question - have you answered all parts of the question; have you kept to the point?
5. Priorities
 - select the question you can answer most easily.
 - concentrate on main ideas and important detail.
 - observe your time budget strictly - complete your answer in note form if you are obviously going to run out of time and leave space so that you can go back to it later.
6. Writing your answers.
 - write simply and keep to the point - avoid filling in answers with excessive words.
 - when working out solutions to problems, write clearly all of the steps used.
 - write legibly and make sure it is all grammatically correct.
 - attempt the required number of questions - you will nearly always get some marks for trying.
 - if you are stuck, jot down everything you can think of about the topic to help you remember and select the relevant information.
 - if you do not have enough time to complete your last question properly, then write in note form in order to convey all the points.
 - Allow enough time to read over your paper.
 - Have you put your name and examination number on all answer books?

And after that, all you can do is sit back and wait for the results.

EXAM TIPS FOR THIRD LEVEL

At this stage there's no point in me telling you not to leave everything to the end of the year. Unless you've been hiding out behind a Greek goddess in the Roost for the last few weeks, you will have noticed the rapid increase in worried faces around the College. Exam fever is in the air. Unfortunately this dreaded phenomenon must be faced up to. Here are some tips that may be helpful.

With only two or three weeks left before the kick off, you should have much of the work done already. If you haven't, then it's about time you got started. Dig up recent past papers. These will give you an idea of the general type of questions that will be asked and, unless the course has changed, will show the structure of the exam, ie how many questions are to be answered, from what sections etc. Check that the structure of the paper hasn't changed since the previous year. Typically four or five questions are to be answered in a three hour period. Divide your time accordingly, allowing for reading of the paper at the beginning, and rereading at the end. You will be amazed at what will pop into your head on re-reading.

Pick areas on your course which you wish to answer on. Often the same basic questions appear every year in slightly different forms. Second or third years can offer sound advice as to what part of the course can be ignored and what should be concentrated on. They also may have a treasure chest of essays and notes which may be useful. Do not be afraid to approach lecturers for last minute advice.

Some people find it helpful to stay up all night and drink large quantities of coffee to keep awake. This works only for a very few. Information retained is inversely proportional to the tiredness of the brain. Two wide-awake hours will yield just as much as eight hours spent half-asleep.

Gather together lecture-notes and notes from books and amalgamate them. Then summarise, summarise and summarise. Do not be afraid to waste plenty of paper. Condense everything. Write things out point-by-point and try to find the logic behind the argument. Once you understand the argument you will only have to remember the first sentence and the rest will automatically follow.

Check your exam timetable - check whether your exam is in the morning or the afternoon. Budget your time for each question and do not go over this time. Read the paper through a couple of times and pick the questions you are going to answer. **Answer the easiest question first.**

Make out a quick essay plan for each answer on a separate sheet. Not only does this help you follow the argument logically, but also, if you do not complete a question, it shows what you had intended to say, had you time. Try and be structured in your argument. Clarity is the best policy. Do not be afraid to cross-refer to other parts of your course, or even to other subjects, when answering. However do not make irrelevant points, no matter how interesting! Reread your answers at the end.

After the exam, relax! Don't do the dreaded post-mortems - it can destroy both your own confidence and that of others. Put the exam out of your head and concentrate on the next one.

Always remember Oscar Wilde: 'In examinations the foolish ask questions that the wise cannot answer.'

FOCUS ON LEAVING CERT ENGLISH

(Higher Level):

Hints for a less stressful exam.

1. Read as many past papers as you can so that you become familiar with the format and layout of the paper. Often the same question will be asked and simply worded differently.
2. In Honours English this is particularly the case. For instance

the question on Macbeth generally falls into two distinct categories - one on character and one on the play as a whole. Regarding either question, there are a limited number of topics which can be discussed at length and which are general enough to include a broad understanding of the play and its characters. It is your style of writing, analysis and argument which will gain you marks over and above those acquired for displaying a thorough knowledge and understanding of the text. Some elements which go towards creating an effective style are clarity (precise punctuation and fluid syntax), **authority** (a confident attitude regarding the topic under discussion and a familiarity with the text in question) and **originality** (either objectively debating prevailing critical attitudes regarding the topic or elaborating your own, backing it up with reference and/or quotation).

3. It is often helpful if the student imagines her/himself as a teacher when answering a question or writing an essay for class. As such, you must thoroughly discuss the question at hand bearing in mind that all points you make will have to be explained with reference to the text and will have to be as clear as possible so as to facilitate ready understanding. A logical process of argument will have to be followed in order to maintain the reader's interest and to ensure that she/he does not become confused by what you are saying.

4. Questions can usually be divided into sub sections, each section requiring equal comment and discussion. It is helpful to break the question down into the areas of discussion on a sheet of paper (entitled 'Rough work') and to sketch out four to five points regarding each. There are usually three parts to most Leaving Cert. questions but do not take this as standard.

5. Examiners have two methods of marking. One is called Impression Marking (giving a mark based on the overall impression given to the examiner by the answer). The other is more precise. It involves the examiner awarding each **well developed point** in your answer a certain proportion of the overall maximum marks. This is the type of answer most students should aim to supply, i.e., one in which there are distinct, well developed points to each question or part of question. Needless to say, examiners will deduct marks from candidates who make totally irrelevant points or who do not discuss the actual statement made in the question.

6. Time can be divided and apportioned to individual answers. Consider allowing five to ten minutes at the beginning to read and re-read the paper and to select the questions you wish to answer. Similarly, before answering any question, allow perhaps five minutes to be devoted to sketching out points on your rough work sheet. Using this as a guide you will be in a better position to develop a logical and fluid answer.

7. It will not be sufficient when answering the comprehension question on paper one to make short points instead of full answers. The series of questions after the piece may look as if they require only brief statements but this is not the case. Develop each answer as you would normally develop answers to other questions. This year, of course, there will be no section on paper one devoted to prescribed prose. The comprehension will have only one section.

8. Finally, as is the case with all exams, a good performance on the day is directly proportional to how many Weetabix you've had that morning!

Garda Talk

Recent robberies

In past few months, the tranquility of Maynooth has again been shattered when vicious gangs of criminals travelling in stolen cars, carried out lightning robberies, on a local newsagent, and supermarket. We would like any persons who witnessed these or other events to please let us know.

The Garda advise that in circumstances like these you should as far as possible:-

1. Try to remain calm; concentrate and observe.
2. Obey - do only what you are asked, and no more.
3. Note details - description, viz age, height, hair, dress, and at the first opportunity write down these details, especially the make, colour, and registration number of any vehicle involved.
4. Preserve the scene from unnecessary interference to allow technical examination.
5. Remember - your assistance could help the Gardai to stamp out vicious crime such as these. Be Vigilant.

Time and time again, we return to the need for the public to take care of their property, to deter the criminal, to satisfy themselves that goods are being purchased in good faith. The criminal does not steal unless he or she has a buyer.

Security of bicycles

Each year, numerous cycles are reported as stolen to Gardai. This causes great inconvenience to owners. Proper identification is all important, and you should be in a position to know your cycle and particularly the correct serial number.

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Renovations at garda station

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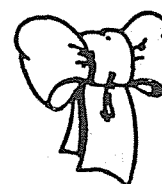
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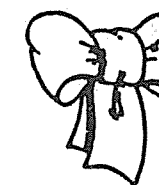


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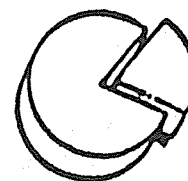
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"I am going back in my memory to the first world war, the Kaiser war. When my father and my uncle Jack, Dennis Carroll and Larry Hyland from Maynooth joined the army and fought in the First World War.

I remember when (I was very small) my mother would bring me and my brother Christy down to draw my father's pension. My mother brought us in to get our hair cut and when the barber put hair oil on my head I started to cry. We then went over to Dawson's and when my mother bought us a little suit each we were delighted with ourselves.

We used to go over to my grandfather with his washing and he would be at his meals, he used to give us a cup of shell cocoa and crusts that he could not eat himself. When he would go up to the room with his washing we used to eat the sugar from his jar. When we were coming home that night, there was a curfew on at that time, we were very late (it was after seven o'clock). We were very frightened when one of the tans came over and took us by the hands and left us across the main road to safety."

Gerry Coyne, the author of the above, also told this reporter of the custom of the 'May Bush' in Maynooth. On May 1st each year the children would cut a bush suitable for carrying and decorate it with blue and white ribbon, in honour of Our Lady, and with holy pictures. This bush would then be carried around the town by the children who would collect money. This money would be used for an open air party for the people of the town - a party at which the bush would be placed in the ground. Mr. Coyne recalls a time when Lord Frederick Fitzgerald from Carton, while riding by, stopped and gave the children a half crown.

Gerard was also a 'wren boy' in the town as well as playing with his six brothers in the band. His father before him was also a keen musician. When Gerard was not playing music he was learning to be a gardener and has till got a lot to tell the people of Maynooth about how to keep their gardens. He has promised to do so through the columns of the Newsletter.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Coyne are now in their eighties but are both still very alert and warm hearted. It was a pleasure to sit and pass an hour them.

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The three men follow Mary and her mother to England to attend her wedding and also with the intention of persuading them to return back to America.

Tom Selleck saves the day as he exposes the future plans of Christopher Cazenave.

An enjoyable film and I highly recommend that you go to see it.

'Charley's Aunt' in the Gaiety

The Gaiety Theatre have just begun a run of "Charley's Aunt" by Brandon Thomas with Derek Chapman, Malcolm Douglas, Nicholas Grennell, Derry Power, Lise-Ann McLoughlin, Mary McEvoy, Orla Charlton, Godfrey James and Doreen Hepburn. This classic farce is set in Oxford in the 1890's. The imminent visit of Charley's Aunt, Donna Lucia, from Brazil provides the excuse for Charley and Jack to invite their young ladies to luncheon. When a telegram arrives postponing Donna Lucia's visit, they persuade their fellow student Babbs (since they must have a chaperone) to impersonate the Aunt. Here the fun begins - Babbs thoroughly enjoys being kissed and caressed by the girls, indulges himself in accepting the attention of Jack's father and Amy's brusque Uncle, but finds his ingenuity severely taxed when brought face to face with the real Donna Lucia who conceals her identity to stretch his performance. The total confusion is, of course, resolved happily for all.

The ticket prices are £7.50, £10.00, £11.00, £12.50 and £13.50 with the usual group discounts, i.e., Monday-Thursday 10% for twenty or more. There will be a matinee performance on Saturday 4th May at 3 p.m., at which all seats will be £7.00.

To book seats contact Alan at 771717.

Smokie at the Spa Hotel

Thursday 4th April saw 'Smokie' playing in the Spa Hotel, Lucan. A disco preceded the band who played at from 11.30 p.m. till 1 a.m. They gave a spectacular performance singing a wide selection of songs, from 'Living Next Door to Alice', to cover versions such as Bryan Adams 'Summer of '69'. Throughout the night the stage was invaded by young women who were trying to get as close as possible to their idols. There was a large well behaved crowd which added to the excitement of the night. All in all a very enjoyable night and well worth the £7.00 admittance fee with only one complaint which was a very overpriced bar. (A small can of coke was 90p.)

[Your fate for the month of May, predicted by the bitter, malicious, wizened and deceitful Minerva Big Dipper Murphy entirely for her own pleasure.]

Aries (21 March - 20 April)

Keeping your nose to the grindstone for the past two weeks has done absolutely nothing for your complexion and even less for the grindstone. Who told you that hard work and dedication would reap rewards Aries? Cop on to yourself craythur and throw a party. You will be shocked to discover just how much you have missed since you turned all dutiful and righteous. For instance, you will notice on the 15th that you haven't fed the children since Easter (yes, you do have some - remember?) and that your partner hasn't been seen since you took to the workload. A special message for the unpartnered Aries - shingles is looking for you and will surprise you on the 17th.

Taurus (21 April - 21 May)

Trust your instincts this month - especially on the 21st. Your doorbell will ring at half past eight that evening. Have candles and smelly things everywhere in evidence and be dressed in as much of yourself as is decently permissible. Music should be polluting every crevice of your home (something Italian and passionate) and steam should be wafting in massive amounts out of the bathroom. Splatter water on your hair so that it looks all dribbly and seductive, carry a towel to the door, grab the handle and swing it open. Devour whatever stands on the doormat.

Gemini (22 May - 21 June)

Insufferable and all as you are I have to tell you that even more good fortune falls before you this month. You wouldn't be half so bad if you didn't insist on boasting about all your good luck. Your boss has decided to reward you for your work by paying for a holiday to Paris for you in the last weekend of the month. However you'll get your comeuppance very soon - on the 31st in fact. And I'm not telling you what it is except that it is repulsive, very big, ugly, hairy and smitten by a certain Gemini. Ha!

Cancer (22 June - 22 July)

This is the month to improve your status Cancer. Somewhere around the middle of the month someone will attempt to sell you a bogus Third Level Qualification. You will know this person by the amount of black or missing teeth leering at you and by their long, dark, ragged coat. Don't be foolish however - resist any temptation to dismiss the individual. Pay whatever price they ask for the degree and have it framed in gold. It will be your only opportunity of ever acquiring it, especially if you think you are currently studying for one.

Leo (23 July - 23 August)

This month is dangerous. You will suddenly be overcome by the desire to be totally extravagant (even more so than usual). Those people whom once you considered to be friends will sniff out this peculiar trait and hound your every waking hour. Pleas and petitions regarding needy causes (theirs) will pile up upon your doormat. Believe none of them Leo. Turn instead to a dark haired occultist with the initial M (for Minerva) and bestow copious amounts of cash upon her. I am forced to be direct this month Leo since my gentle hints in the past three Newsletters fell on deaf ears. And remember that Hell hath no fury like a flying crystal ball.

Virgo (24 August - 23 September)

Now, we all know how cool, calm and collected you are Virgo and let's face it - this pathetic behaviour has had no discernable results whatsoever. This month, dear, it is time to spit iron (in vast quantities). When those people who rarely notice you least expect it (which, my pet, is anytime) leap upon the nearest table

and kick hell out of the crockery. Rant and rave (best wear leather for this) and shout (any high pitched series of syllables ending in 'me' will do). When you think you've got their attention, pause on all fours and snarl (dribble a bit if you can). Time this performance to coincide with their discovery of your actual existence - which will be close to midnight on the 9th - and you will have their attention for ever.

We will all visit you in the months to come, bringing your favourite magazines and plenty of grapes.

Libra (24 September - 23 October)

Home life will become turbulent from the 15th onwards, work will cease on the 16th and a partnership will dissolve on the 17th. You may be present at a fire on the night of the 18th and become homeless on the 19th. The 20th brings brighter tidings in the form of an arrest and detention for arson and the 21st will herald news of a bereavement. However, someone will remember that it's your birthday on the 22nd and they will send you a birthday card. Unfortunately, it will become lost in the post.

Scorpio (24 October - 22 November)

A very dull month Scorpio when the only interesting event occurs on the 10th. You will discover spare body bags in the broom closet that night and will overhear a strange conversation in the parlour. Dismissing it as hallucination you will proceed to the study when a man will come racing from the dining room crying 'Colonel Mustard did it!' and will exit via the kitchen window with a rope. Just when you regain the power of speech you will be jostled out of the way by an elegant woman in a hurry to locate a hammer in the bedroom, which she will claim belongs to a Miss Peacock. Unfortunately, before you have time to question her she will slither down the drainpipe outside the bedroom window and disappear into the night.

Remain calm and do not consider it odd or unusual. However, do not mention it to anyone.

Sagittarius (23 November - 21 December)

This month heralds the arrival of children - lots of them. They'll be crawling out of every closet and drawer in your house and they will give you multiple ulcers. Not a pleasant month Sagittarius, but you will survive. The horror of the situation may be avoided however if you carefully choose your words when you talk to friends and relations who have offspring: tell them that your carnivorous plants are beginning to tire of the pedigree pet diet and are demanding to be fed hairless flesh. Speaking of which, it seems that a very peculiar species of fungus has begun to come forth and multiply behind the hotpress. More on this in June.

Capricorn (22 December - 20 January)

Someone will pour their heart out to you on the 13th and you will have to spend the afternoon mopping it up of the carpet. This will not be as much of a problem as your domestic row on the 20th. No matter how convinced you are that you are being reasonable, let me tell you here and now that nobody in your house will put up with sharing the living room with a horse even if it is only at weekends.

Aquarius (21 January - 19 February)

Write to your friends on the 5th and let them know that you are planning to sink into a depression from the 15th to the 25th. Advise them that you will be wearing autumn russet with a dash of mauve-green, complete with a downmouth-cream scarf and a wistful, oh-I-wish-I-was-understood black coat. Tickets for viewing and attempting to console should be priced firmly above the £30 mark. Scatter violets and clover around the doorstep and pre-record about 46 hours of Chopin. You will be taken to task at work during this period and the person who does so will receive

a decent burial when you've finished replying to them. You may compose an opera and write a novel while you endure your depression but it would be inadvisable to promote either of them in any way during this time or indeed, afterwards.

Pisces (20 February - 20 March)

It is time for an exciting change. Fling caution to the winds and take up bridge. Indulge in a weekly trip to your home and perhaps, for that extra bit of daring, spend a night there. Do not trust any ice blond females you might encounter during the month as they will be intent on persuading you to lapse into your old ways and go with them to the States for a weekend. Be especially wary of making more money or furthering your career as this will lead to boredom. Prepare for a resurrection on the 12th when a four wheeled rusty object will creak to your doorstep. Finally, a small rebellion is indicated at work on the 24th when you would be advised to pack a fire hose and a couple of hatchets in your briefcase.

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The Men of Maynooth in 1916

[The Newsletter has managed to discover some information regarding the participation of Maynooth men in the 1916 rising. We are indebted to Joe Buckley for much of the account outlined below].

Last month saw the 75th anniversary of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic, an event which at the time inspired at best ambivalence, at worst outright hostility. These conflicting views of the events of Easter Week 1916 remain with us after some twenty odd years of continuing violence in the six counties.

And these were views the Maynooth contingent of Volunteers had to bear with them as they marched forth to Dublin on Easter Monday 75 years ago. The son of one of these volunteers, Domhnall Ua Buachalla, recalled in an interview that his father faced considerable hostility at the time. Domhnall Ua Buachalla had the distinction of being Pádraig Pearse's only client in his brief career as a barrister. In 1906 Domhnall lost his case and was fined 10 shillings for putting his name in Irish on his own van. The fine was paid for by the auctioning of a bolt of cloth bought by a Mr. Patrick Fitzsimmons who promptly returned the cloth to Domhnall. He was invited by Pádraig Pearse to send his son to the recently opened St. Enda's where he remained until 1916. Those ten years saw the blossoming of the violent revolutionary ideas of Pearse, and Domhnall found himself following the same path.

In 1914 the Maynooth branch of the Irish Volunteers were founded. They met in a room in Farelly's, now Fusciardi's. Among them was Tom Byrne who had fought in the Boer War in South Africa. Pike-heads from Henshaw's, the hardware dealers who had a factory in Clonsilla, were to be used against British Cavalry in possible street fighting. As well as pikes the volunteers had 24 shot-guns hidden in a loft in Ua Buachalla's shop. When on Easter Sunday 1916 the call-to-arms was countermanded by Eoin McNeill, Domhnall Ua Buachalla travelled to Dublin to assess the situation for himself. He returned to mobilise 15 of the volunteers on Easter Monday, after receiving absolution from the president of the College. It was local opposition which forced them to travel along the canal to Clonsilla before moving across in Dublin city via the cemetery in Glasnevin, a route suggested by Tom Byrne.

They arrived at the G.P.O. on Tuesday and after some tea and sandwiches they were sent to Parliament Street to help in the attack on City Hall. This meant crossing the Ha'penny Bridge under heavy fire. They occupied the Royal Exchange Building for a day and a half. After evacuating there, they were ordered to Clery's where they fought soldiers from the Officers Training Corp based in T.C.D. This skirmish lasted a day after which they were sent to occupy the tower in Arnott's to engage British soldiers occupying Mc Birney's (now the Virgin Mega Store). Towards the end of that eventful week the order to evacuate and surrender was given. Ua Buachalla decided to escape on a train from the Broadstone station. However after his exhausting week he fell asleep in Moore Street. He awoke next day and while walking along Dominick Street, was fired upon and forced to surrender. The bullet hole can still be seen in his uniform in the National History Museum in Dublin. Only two men from Maynooth managed to escape back to the town, Pat Weafer and Joseph Ladwide. The rest were interned in England until the following June.

If any of our readers have anything to add to the above account, please write to the Newsletter.

YOUTH REPORT

First, I would like to apologise for the misunderstanding that occurred in the issue before last; the letter of complaint published in last month's issue was relayed to me too late to apologise then. As it was an error to describe it as an 'open day', I will point out that the article was not intended to cause offence, and that it was merely the point of view of a junior author. As I said in the article, the registrars were very welcoming.

On the 14th of last month, the junior band went on an outing to Dundrum Bowl, where they bowled and also played 'Quasar', a futuristic game played along the lines of cops and robbers; each team is given a laser and as pack and then put on either the green or the red team. The object is to score as many points as possible, both for your team and for yourself. It costs around £2 (50p extra for beginners) to cover teaching of the rules. I would recommend this to anyone who is thinking of going on an outing. All the members enjoyed their day out and thanks to Elaine Bean for supervising and organising the event.

Now that the summer is here, it would be nice if teachers would consider easing off on the homework for a while; surely some teachers do have this wise custom, but to those who do not, do consider the option.

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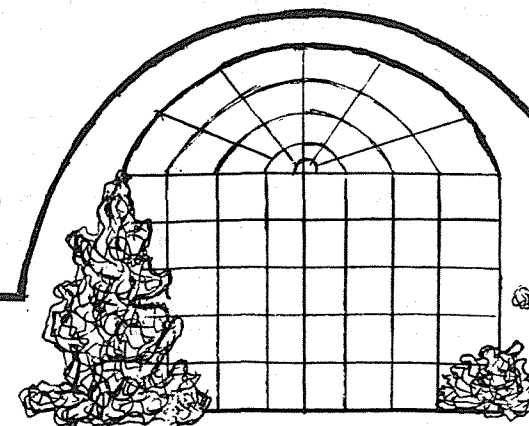
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Spring Fair

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The Fair takes place on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th in the Boy's National School. Proceeds go towards the maintenance of the school and the financing of the Royal Canal Amenity Group. Both depend largely on the Spring Fair for their finances. The Fair is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, with a gala public opening at noon on Saturday. There is also a tea room which serves beverages and snacks, sandwiches etc., at very reasonable prices.

On Sunday 28th St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band will be holding a musical marathon in St. Mary's Band Hall from 10 a.m. till 10 p.m. which will include a public concert from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. So keep this weekend free. The organisers of the Spring Fair, which attracts 2,000 visitors each year have assured me there will be a bouncing castle for the younger children.

The organising committee are Chairperson, Pierce O'Connell, Joint Treasurers, Matthew Kennedy and Pierce O'Connell, Secretary, Lisa O'Farrell, Co-ordinator, Matthew Kennedy aided and assisted by Juliana Kennedy, Mary Gaffney, Richard Watson, Philip McDermott and Gerry McGlinchey.

Plants in Square

For those of you who were wondering, the new plants in the Square are the handiwork of the Tidy Towns Committee. Unfortunately the plants have already suffered from the vandals. Anybody interested in helping the Tidy Towns Committee should get in touch with Mr. Fionan Hardiman, The Plant Place on the Dublin Road. They meet every Tuesday and Thursday evening between 7 and 8.30 p.m., and every Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The committee has also asked me to express their disappointment at the dirt in the Main Street on Sunday mornings.

Bits and pieces

Reagan's Independent Brokers are moving across the road to Mooney's Cafe, Patrick's Restaurant is being sold as a restaurant and the beautiful bin outside Bank of Ireland's Pass Machine has disappeared from sight (there are now the usual mountains of litter and advice slips scattered around the bank's doors). And finally, just to bring up an old, old issue lest it quietly dies down - when will there be public phones available in Cluain Aoibhinn, Moyglare Village and Beaufield and when will the Main Street coin boxes work on weekends? Did someone mention certain farm animals in flight??

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WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

New Policy Document

A draft document setting out the basic principles of Workers' Party policy for the 1990s has been prepared for discussion at the annual Ard Fheis at the beginning of May. This is part of a normal ten-year review which takes into account developments both at home and abroad over the last decade.

The document, prepared by a special commission, emphasises the need to build democracy into all areas of Irish society, in order to give the ordinary people realistic control over their own lives. The Worker's Party believes that there are too many oppressive and authoritarian structures in our society which suppress human initiative and potential, with consequent loss to the community at large.

True democracy can only be built on a foundation of social solidarity and mutual co-operation, where people work together for the common good. The competitive structures which dominate society at present produce various forms of inequality and exploitation which are socially destructive.

The document does not attempt to provide a detailed blueprint for a socialist society of the future. Rather, it takes Irish society as it is today and identifies a range of measures which are necessary to move us in the direction of a democratic socialist tomorrow. These include industrial democracy, whereby workers can exert increasing control over their own workplaces; consumer democracy, giving consumers greater control over the market place; and local democracy, conferring on communities active control over the development of the environments in which they live. The document also calls for accountability on the part of the institution of state to the people as citizens.

The document rejects all forms of violence and discrimination, and calls for a pluralist society which tolerates differences in cultural expression. It emphasises the need for gainful employment and a basic income for all as a prerequisite for equal participation in the development of society. The need for harmonious relations between human society and the physical environment is also stressed. This can only be achieved through a democratically planned and co-ordinated approach to economic development.

The document was prepared after an intense process of internal consultation within the Workers' Party. The commission held a series of regional meetings to obtain the views of members, and also sought written submissions from individuals and branches. The draft document, based on these views and submissions, was circulated to all members after amendment by the party's Central Executive Council. Proposed amendment to the document were sought and will be discussed at the Ard Fheis, over half of which will be devoted to this single item. The amended document will then be put to the Ard Fheis for acceptance, after which it will become binding party policy.

Shopping Centre Improvements Planned

Following proposals for safer traffic controls in the vicinity of Quinnsworth Shopping Centre in Maynooth, Commissioner Catherine Murphy has been told by the company that is architects are currently considering a major refurbishment of the Centre, in which traffic flows will be a matter of priority. The Workers' Party suggestions for one-way flows in the interests of both vehicle and pedestrian safety will be given due weight in planning the proposed changes.

Unsatisfactory Response to Lights Survey

Commissioner Catherine Murphy has received an extremely unsatisfactory reply from Kildare County Council in response to the detailed survey on public lighting in Maynooth conducted by the Workers' Party. In a letter to Commissioner Murphy the County manager, Gerry Ward, argued that the situation in Maynooth was no different than that in many other towns in the county. This despite the strong argument made by the Workers' Party for treating Maynooth as a special case due to the unusually high proportion of pedestrians and cyclists in the town.

Mr Ward went on further to suggest that, if local community groups were to provide lights themselves, the county council would pay their running and maintenance costs! This approach to getting communities to pay directly for public services is spreading around the country, and must be resisted. Most people pay taxes through the nose, and deserve a better return for them than this.

FINE GAEL NOTES

Local Election Nomination:

At a special meeting held on the 10th April the Maynooth Branch nominated Bernard Durkan to contest the local elections being held in June. Bernard has been a very active member of Kildare County Council since 1976. During that time he has served on most, and chaired many, of its sub-committees. His efforts on behalf of his constituents are legend and his success in resolving their problems is such that many active and indeed prominent members of other parties have had recourse to him when their own representatives have failed them. We are confident that come June the voters in the Celbridge electoral area will have the good sense to return him to the Council.

Place Yours Bets!

A race night in aid of branch funds is being held on Friday 3rd May at 8 p.m. in the Leinster Arms. All those punters among you are invited along to have a flutter and fund democracy.

Labour Say No to Jobs for Maynooth.

So the statement in the March issue of *Maynooth Labour News* that 'Labour members on Kildare County Council will vote against any proposal to develop Carton...' another example of caring socialism at work. It is certainly bad news for the unemployed of the area who would have hoped to benefit from the 460 jobs created by the proposed development. In addition there is the loss to the economy of the area of £4-£5m. per annum. Perhaps the Labour candidates would explain to the electorate in Maynooth and surrounding areas why they should forgo these jobs in pursuit of doctrinaire socialism which may be dead in Eastern Europe but is alive and kicking in the Kildare Labour Party.

A few years ago the Workers Party in Leixlip proposed that the I.D.A. industrial site at Collinstown be sold and the proceeds spent on a carpark. Fortunately they did not get their way or we would not be looking forward to the completion of the Intel complex and 600 high tech jobs.

These efforts by the socialist parties to block the creation of jobs in North Kildare make the sacking of seven domestic staff in Aras an Uachtarain look like small potatoes. Perhaps they believe they can only succeed in the presence of unemployment and strife.

Political Party Notes

Convent Lane/Dunboyne Road

The following is part of the reply received by Bernard Durkan from the County Engineer following representations made on behalf of the residents. 'Dunboyne Road is a Regional Road and as such is intended for heavy traffic. Considerable strengthening work has been done on it in recent years. It remains however to strengthen the town end of it or Convent Lane and to widen the road at the narrow corner. It is proposed to do this work in 1991. The above work however is dependent on the 1991 grants, yet to be notified to the Council.

Trains for Students.

Following representations on behalf of students travelling to Maynooth by rail Bernard Durkan received the following reply from C.D. Waters, Managing Director, Iarnrod Eireann. 'Both the 09.00 and 10.00 lecture starts have been facilitated with the train services. For the 09.00 lecture we have a train which leaves Connolly at 08.30 (arriving Maynooth 8.50), having taken a connection off the 07.36 train from Dalkey, 07.30 train from Howth and the 05.50 train from Dundalk. For the 10.00 a.m. lectures we have a train leaving Connolly at 09.07 (arriving Maynooth 09.52) having connected with the 08.20 train from Bray, 08.35 train from Howth, 07.24 train from Dundalk and the 06.57 train from Arklow..... we are not in a position to operate a train leaving ex Maynooth for lectures finishing at 18.00 hours.'

LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Our local Labour candidate, John McGinley, has recently been in contact with residents in a number of areas in Maynooth informing them of Co. Council allocations for work in their areas. Residents in Beaufield, Cluain Aoibhinn, College Green and Newtown will be glad to hear that the Council has allocated £32,000 for the resurfacing of Bond Bridge and the road to Cluain Aoibhinn. This will be of a standard applied to the bridge on the Straffan Road. It is expected that this work will be carried out in the next few weeks.

The Labour Party's campaign to have the Moyglare Road and footpaths properly constructed and maintained has also been successful and £30,000 has been allocated by the Council for this project. John McGinley has written to residents in the area informing them that this will complete the road and footpaths to the entrance to Moyglare Village. Public lighting will be provided from the development levies paid by the developers. John has also informed residents of Convent Road and Leinster Cottages that £20,000 has been allocated for the reconstruction of the road and the provision of footpaths.

Following representation from residents of Doctors Lane, John McGinley was pleased to inform residents that £10,000 has been allocated for a tarmacadamed carpet surface on the roadway in the area which will eliminate the present intolerable conditions. Proper surface dressing is also to be applied to the roadway in Leinster Park at a cost of £4,000 and a similar sum to be spent in repairing the roadway in O'Neill Park.

Straffan Road Plans

Mr. John Carrick, County Engineer, advised us two months ago that the plans for the link road would be available in early April. Mr. Carrick advised John McGinley on April 12th that the final plans were still not available. As soon as these plans are published John will be in touch with residents in Straffan Way, Kingsbry and Carton Court.

Carton Development

Preliminary plans for the development of Carton are now available and at first reading we have to welcome them for the following reasons:

- definite access for the public is promised throughout the demesne
- a maximum of 188 houses are being built and this is being guaranteed legally through a covenant. The houses will be discretely located and should not detract from the beauty of the demesne
- Carton house will be restored to its original splendour
- the Avenue will be maintained by the developers
- 460 jobs will be created

If all the promises given by the Gleneagles Group are met then this development should turn out to be a major asset to the Maynooth community. Residents can be assured that the local Labour Party will monitor all developments carefully.

Gaming Machines

At a recent meeting of Kildare Co. Council a Labour Party motion to have gaming machines banned from the county was defeated by a 16 to 4 margin. Maynooth residents will be interested to know that Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and P.D. councillors all voted against the ban. Labour Party councillors Emmet Stagg and Colm Purcell are appalled at the decision's given the mass of evidence available which shows that gaming machines and the addiction they sometimes cause leads to social deprivation and even suicide. Voters are reminded that June 27th is polling day in the Local Elections and you can show what you think of F.F., F.G. and P.D. candidates who support gaming machines.

National Conference

A large contingent of delegates from Maynooth visited Killarney for the Labour Party's National Conference during the first weekend in April. Emmet Stagg T.D., the Party's spokesperson on Social Welfare, presented a radical and thought provoking discussion paper entitled 'Beyond the Welfare State' which was very well received by Conference. The paper advocates a Basic Incomes Policy which would guarantee a basic income for all citizens of the state. All income above this level would be subject to tax. Such a policy would have a major impact in promoting social equity as well as implementing a more just taxation system. Copies of the document are available from John McGinley, 50 Greenfield Drive.

Maynooth Branch PRO, Peter Connell, was a candidate for the Administrative Council of the Party and was elected on the first count.

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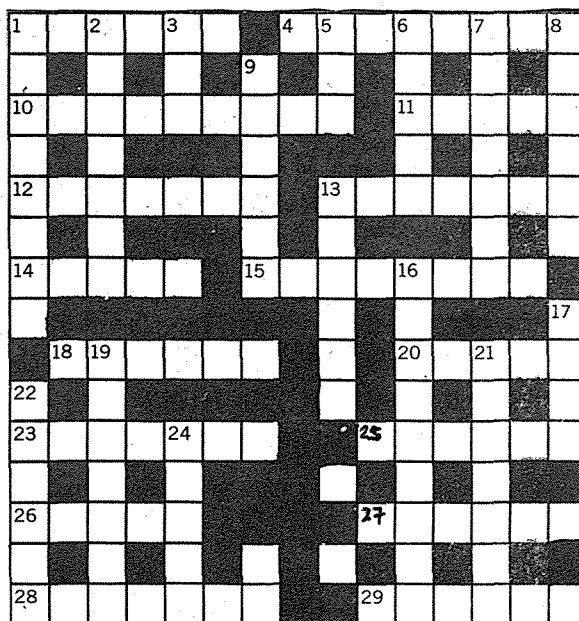
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Across

1. Safe (6)
4. Our roads are this (8)
10. A place in Wicklow (9)
11. Abate or slacken (5)
12. One who helps give birth (7)
13. Science dealing with matter and energy (7)
14. Boredom (5)
15. To turn away from, in affection (8)
18. Beautiful young boy of old. (6)
20. Murdered (5)
23. Mandarin belongs to this family (7)
25. Ditch (6)
26. World religion emphasising world peace (5)
27. Supple (6)
28. Those who push drugs (7)
29. What we hope will make crossing the Main Street a bit easier (6)

Down

1. Loose Woman (8)
2. To be informed (5,2)
3. Stick (3)
5. Ancient (3)
6. Writer, Thomas...(5)
7. Hobbling (7)
8. Despise (6)
9. Boyfriend to Oliver (6)
16. Unreasonableness, folly (9)
17. Unit of length (4)
19. Ancient Greek Coin (7)
21. Loss of memory (7)
22. To be illegally deprived of (6)
24. Smooth movement through air (5)



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Maynooth's great T.V. victory

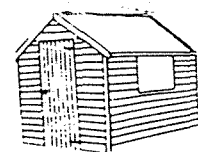
Congratulations to the Maynooth College team which stole the show several times on their way to outright victory in R.T.E.'s *Challenging Times* inter-university quiz competition. Maynooth literally swept through all opposition in the series, and in the process won £2,000 for the college's students' union. The money is to be spent on equipment for the new Medical centre.

The Maynooth team was captained brilliantly by John Flynn, a Sociology postgraduate, who was ably assisted by Scott Willig, a final year Arts undergraduate, and John Coughlan, a Science student. We thank them all for the very proud moments they have given us.

Work begins on Canteen and Sports Complex

Work began recently on the College's long-awaited new canteen and sports hall, located between the Students' Union and the Arts Building on the New Campus. The two projects are being constructed together as a single project, linked by a shared concourse. They are due to be completed by the beginning of the next academic year. The existing canteen in the Arts Building is also to be redeveloped into much-needed offices and teaching rooms during the summer months.

We hear that Mrs. Gaffney - popularly known as "Ma" Gaffney - who manages the existing canteen, will not act in this capacity in the new facility. This will be the end of an era, as she has run the student canteen in the College for over twenty years. It is not clear whether the existing canteen staff - many of whom also seen long service in the College - will be re-employed under the new management.



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New Apartments Near Completion

The College's splendid new residential apartment complex off the Moyglare Road is now nearly completion, and is expected to be available to provide accommodation for conferences on the campus during the summer. The complex is divided into self-contained apartment units, each of which contains five study bedrooms leading onto a central lounge area and kitchen. There are two bathrooms, one with bath and one with shower, in each unit.

The units will be fully furnished, with fridge, microwave and electric cooker utensils and delph, chairs, tables and armchairs. The cost is expected to be about £30 per week, and interested students should apply for places to Mrs. Marie Kelly, the Residence Officer.

CONDOM REFERENDUM

As mentioned in last month's *Newsletter* a lot of excitement surrounded the recent Student Union sabbatical elections. The next chapter in student politics is the Student Union policy referendum on condoms taking place at the time of going to press. A similar referendum on the same question last year caused considerable controversy and received widespread media coverage.

The issue of condoms will always be a point of contention within the College. The sizeable minority of clerical students adds a moral dimension to any argument on issues such as the provision of condoms, abortion information, or the recognition of the college's Lesbian and Gay Society. The influence of the clerics and the church who are ultimately the college authorities, is often exaggerated. There is no doubt that Maynooth Students' Union has differed to other Students Unions, however, in regard to their participation in student politics. A conservative ethos has been preserved within the union, a factor crucial to the union's non-participation in national student politics. Although progressive and radical forces have generally been evident in most Student Unions around the country, Maynooth Students' Union has never successfully taken such a direction. Signs of change in recent years are evident, however, especially with the emergence of a group known as 'Students for Change'. This is basically a grouping of left and progressive students, campaigning on issues and approaches taken by other colleges but not by Maynooth. 'Students for Change' have forced the holding of this current referendum, as they did last year, by collecting a petition of approximately 400 signatures.

The 'Students for Change' group have attracted considerable attention and opposition since becoming prominent within the union. The group was originally founded following Maynooth's withdrawal from USI and the union's refusal to hold a referendum on the freedom of information question. The leadership of the group has been closely identified with lesbian and gay rights activists and members of the Workers' Party. A referendum proposed and promoted by the group was passed by 60% of the student population in March of last year. The 'no' vote of 40% emerged despite no openly organised opposition. The referendum result was controversially overturned by the unions council of the constitution, however. A dispute emerged regarding the legalities of supplying condoms but this was not the reason given for overturning the result. The council ruled that the voters were not properly informed, a move that angered the supporters of the referendum and increased the level of apathy amongst the students. The availability of a Health Centre facility on campus this year has added to the likelihood of such a referendum being

passed without the same level of controversy. The national debate initiated by the Taoiseach's proposals will also help to properly inform the voters. Currently Maynooth is the only university which does not have condoms available anywhere on campus. Maynooth Student's Union is also unusual among Irish Student's Union in that it has a policy opposing the availability of condoms. The Students Union Executive and assembly are supposedly independent in this referendum as they have not directly called it. The independence of the union may be tested, however, in a clash with the bishops, who constitute the College Board of Trustees.

The high level of voting in the recent sabbatical elections promises to be repeated in this referendum. It should also show students that there's more to a student's union than running a bar.

Student affairs correspondent.

MAYNOOTH CITIZEN'S INFORMATION CENTRE

The Information Centre is currently looking for volunteers to help with its busy and worthwhile service. If you have time on your hands it could not be better spent participating in the C.I.C. All you need is a willingness to work on a rota based system and no previous qualifications. If interested please contact the Citizen's Information Centre at 6285922 during office hours.

Question: - After an absence of some years from the workforce I resumed working last September. The job only lasted six months. When I tried to sign on at the exchange for credits they said I couldn't sign on until I had worked for 39 weeks. Is this correct?

Answer:- No! This is not correct. The general rule for getting credits is that when you have a gap of two complete consecutive contributions years in your insurance record, you must work again for 26 weeks before you can be awarded credits. As you have worked for 26 weeks, you are entitled to sign on for credits, provided you are available for and actively seeking work. This is not to be confused with the position when you take up your very first job. In this case, you are granted pre-entry credits back to the beginning of the contribution year in which you first started working and for the two previous years as well. This allows you to come into benefit as soon as you can have worked for 39 weeks.

If your first job only lasts for one week you sign on for credits but you won't come into benefit until you have worked and paid PRSI for 39 weeks.

Part-time Workers and Social Insurance Cover

From 6th April 1991, part-time workers earning £25 a week or more will be eligible for the full range of Social Welfare Benefits under Class A PRSI.

When this extension of full insurance cover to part-time workers was first announced in the Budget, the threshold was set at £40 but was reduced to £25 when the Social Welfare Bill went through the Dail.

Up to now these workers were excluded from social insurance cover as they worked for less than 18 hours a week. The 18 hour rule has now gone.

Under the PRSI exemption scheme, introduced last year, workers earning under £60 a week will not have to pay their portion

Maynooth C. I. C.

of the PRSI contribution. This will not affect their entitlement to benefits. Workers earning over £60 a week will pay the Class A contribution of 5.5%. Employers will pay the standard rate of 12.2% in respect of each employee. Part-time workers will now have access to the full range of social insurance payments although most will not come into benefit until January, 1993.

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Sports Section

NORTH KILDARE CRICKET CLUB NEWS

As another cricket season fast approaches N.K.C.C. can look back on 1990 with considerable pride, as a season which proved to be one of successful progress both on and off the playing field. Much preparation and hard work led to an exciting season with our First team playing in the "Senior Two" division for the first time since the late Sixties. After the huge leap from "Senior Three", they had quite a successful season, finishing in fifth position in the division and proving themselves worthy of their promotion. Once more players like Joe Keogh, Guy Satchwell and Ian Walsh provided a powerful backbone to a highly skilled and committed team.

Like every good club our success was not merely limited to the First Team. After a season of memorable performances the Second team under the captaincy of Roger Satchwell succeeded in winning the Intermediate Cup for the first time since 1930, as well as reaching the final of the Whelan Cup and gaining promotion to the "Middle B" division.

After a blistering opening to their season the club's third team finished in third place in their "Junior A" division and competed in several rounds of their cup competition. Last year for the first time ever we saw a Fourth team entered in the Leinster Leagues and although the team did not equal the successful results of the other teams, the season was enjoyed by all who played during it. The team and club would also like to thank Clongowes Wood College for the use of their grounds when, on numerous occasions during the season, alternative grounds were needed because of the many teams in action.

Ladies team

The Ladies team, under the captaincies of Ann Mc Kell (off the field) and Meryl Bowden (on the field), played in the "Junior C" division of the Ladies League. They had several victories the most notable of which was their win over Clontarf who went on to win the division. They had a panel of fourteen players, with players such as Susan Mercier showing the most promise, and hope to start a second team if their numbers can be increased. The task of organising the "taverners" fell to Eddie Coonan who did an excellent job of organising a team who once again proved that cricket is not quite as boring as popular opinion would have us believe.

As well as some great sporting achievements on the pitch several successful social occasions also warrant a mention. These include the Annual Dinner and the Race Night run in conjunction with the Ladies Hockey section.

Already this year we have witnessed the successful advent of the Club's Poker Classic, and look forward to several more social evenings, perhaps in your company. These include an evening of music provided by young local rock bands on Saturday 1st June, in the North Kildare Club, and a Fashion Show on Monday 23rd September in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip.

All in all we could say that the 1990 season treated us well and that we are looking forward with eager anticipation to the oncoming season. We would also like to invite anyone with an interest, to any of the activities both on and off the field.

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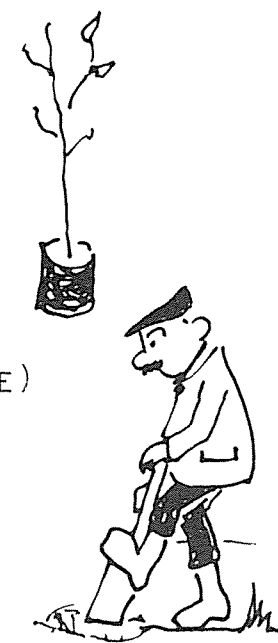
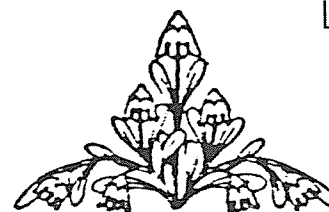
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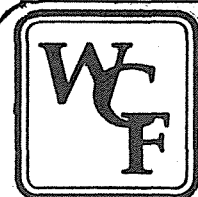
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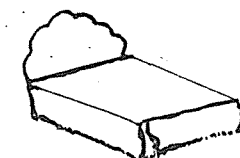
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Sports Section

MAYNOOTH A.C.

The juvenile athletes of Maynooth A.C. completed the cross country campaign for 1990/1991 when those selected on Kildare teams made the journey to Rostrevor for the All Ireland Championships.

Our best performance came from Patricia Purcell who put in a great effort to finish 11th. This was after her training had been seriously interrupted following an accident. Emer O' Sullivan also ran well to finish 27th with the team completed by Gemma Haren 41st and Tracy Kearney 42nd. Michelle Gillick put in her usual good performance to finish 25th in Girls u/12 while Susan Adderley was 60th in Girls u/11. Our only boy in action was Conor Diggins who finished Kildare's leading runner in 23rd position. Easter Sunday saw our athletes make the short journey to Dunboyne for the Annual Road Races. Conor Diggins put in a superb performance to finish a great 2nd in boys u/10. Gillian and Darragh Carr and Daniel Adderley also ran well in this event. Emer O' Sullivan was also in good form finishing 3rd in girls u/14. Michelle Gillick and Susan Adderley were in action and just out of the prizes in the girls u/12. Our only runner in the senior races was David Jolley who put in his usual good performance. The Club would like to thank all who supported our Grand National Draw and offer congratulations to the winners.

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

With the weather now beginning to dry we should soon be able to overtake our backlog of league fixtures. When one reads of professional clubs complaining of congested fixture lists in a season it speaks well for the resilience and determination of mere mortals like ourselves who face the same situation. Having had a long run in two cup competitions and the persistent bad weather has left us with a backlog of games to be cleared in the next couple of weeks. We have been set a programme of five games in eleven days to bring us up to date with our league programme. If we maintain our recent league form and pick up near maximum points we can still perhaps pick up some reward for our efforts.

Maynooth Town 2 Broombridge Utd. 2

We were unlikely to drop a point in this tough encounter. Leading two one we seemed to have the points safe but a late equaliser by Broombridge left us disappointed after giving a good account of ourselves. Mark Shaw and Dessie Farrell scored our goals.

Monksfield United 0 Maynooth Town 3

Very strong winds made good football difficult but Maynooth adapted much quicker to the conditions and ran out easy winners in the end. Phillip Doyle opened the scoring early in the second half when he scored from the rebound following a Mark Shaw free kick. Tony Kearns made it two nil when he beat the Monksfield keeper with a long shot. The best goal was kept until last when John Doyle took the ball from the half-way line and beat several Monksfield players before hitting an unstoppable shot with his less favoured right foot.

Maynooth Town 1 West Park Albion 1

The team who have carried the tag of league favourites since the season began paid a mid week visit to Maynooth and can consider themselves lucky to have left with a point. Albion set out to prove that their favourites tag is warranted but Maynooth were undaunted and did not flinch in the face of fierce early pressure. We were caught flat footed midway through the first half when failing to clear we paid the penalty by conceding a simple goal. Before we recovered from this setback keeper Mick McGarry had to make a wonder save to prevent us going two down. We raised our game again following this let off and received due reward when Fergal Barton sent a pin point pass into the Albion penalty areas and ageless warhorse Noel Byrne powered an unstoppable header past the Albion Keeper. Maynooth dominated the remainder of the game but were unable to press home our advantage.

Conway Cup Quarter Final

Silver Granite 6 Maynooth Town 1

Our second team made their exit in disappointing manner when going down to far more experienced Silver Granite side. Too many of our players hit poor form at the same time. Michael Kelly equalised an early Granite goal and we looked to have a chance at half-time when only trailing by one goal. Granite hit a purple patch midway through the second half when scoring three goals without reply and left us with an impossible task.

Division 3 Private Grounds

Maynooth Town 4 Ballymun Celtic 0

Our seconds resumed league duties following a long break and scored an easy win over Ballymun Celtic who resorted to some unsavoury tactics when the game began going against them. Our lads deserve credit for not getting involved in retaliatory action in the face of some fierce tackles by a demoralised Ballymun side. The sending off of two Ballymun players during the second half when Maynooth led three nil was an indication of their demoralisation. Goals by Robert Thompson, Fergal Barton, Michael Kelly and Noel Dempsey ensured two easy points.

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Sports Section

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Our participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade was a most enjoyable event for our members. The swimming club float entitled 'MAYNOOTH NEEDS A POOL' hopefully conveyed the message to everyone of the great need for having a swimming pool in Maynooth. Let us hope that something can and will be done about it in the near future. Well done to all the members who took part in the fancy dress competition. All the outfits were superb and the result of considerable hard work. The winners were: 1st 'Simpsons' - Denise and Caroline Dolan, 2nd 'Turtle' - Brian O'Rourke, 3rd 'Shamrock' - Maeve McManus and 4th 'Singing Nun' - Emma Fleming. All the participants received a special treat. Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Siobhan Byrne and Miss Ursula Byrne who had the very hard task of judging the entries. The committee would also like to thank everyone who helped with the preparation of the float. In particular we would like to thank the following:- Mrs. Dunne and family, Mrs. Anna Dolan, Mr. Fachtna Shortt, Mr. Owen Byrne Jr., Mr. James Fleming and Mr. Patrick Healy.

We are now in our final term of swimming before the summer holidays. The club are currently looking for new members. For further details please contact our secretary Mary Healy, Phone 6286942.

A reminder to all our members to watch out within the coming weeks for details of the Maynooth Community Games Swimming. We wish all our members the best of luck in their attempts for places in the County Finals.

P.R.O.



Winners in the Fancy Dress competition: (L - R) Maeve McManus, Emma Fleming, Brian O'Rourke, Denise and Caroline Dolan.

MAYNOOTH GOLF SOCIETY

In conjunction with the *Festival Committee* of the Community Council - the Maynooth Golf Society has decided to organise and run a Golf competition to be held at Moyglare Par 3 Golf Course, subject to availability, during the Festival Week of 15th - 23rd June.

The competition will be run as a 9 Hole Scramble and the following rules have been drawn up:

1. It is confined to people from the Maynooth area and from the Golf Society.
2. The competition is open to all clubs, groups, associations, etc.
3. Each team will be made up by four persons: (a) 2 Golfers, (b) 1 Non-Golfer, (c) 1 Junior (under 16).

4. Handicaps will be used and will be based on those with (a) a Golf Club handicap, (b) a Golf Society handicap, (c) a Pitch & Putt handicap, (d) a local handicap. The handicaps used will be those based on 1991 handicaps.

5. The competition will be stroke-play.

6. Scoring will be based on 1/10 of the combined handicap of 2 handicap players.

For those not familiar with a Golf Scramble this is what happens: Everyone tees off. A decision is then made to play the best ball. The best ball is marked and again, each player plays from this spot. This continues until the ball enters the hole.

The competition is scheduled to start on Saturday 15th and finish on Wednesday 19th June. Each team can enter as often as they like. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

The scorecards will be checked by members of the Maynooth Golf Society and the decisions of the Golf Society in all matters will be final.

Further details of this event will be published in the next issue of the *Newsletter*. For those interested (including women players) further information can be had from Dominic Nyland, Joe Moore and Jim Ryan of the Golf Society.

Hon. Secretary,
Dominic Nyland

MAYNOOTH BADMINTON CLUB

Congratulations to Anne Dalton and Olive O'Shea on winning their sections (Ladies Doubles) in the Coolmine Open Tournament on Good Friday.

Anne and her partner won section A-D in convincing style, while Olive and her partner won section E-G in three sets and completed a magnificent double for Maynooth.

Also well done to Hector Dalton who was narrowly defeated in the semi-final of the man's Doubles Event (section A-D).

Well done to all three from your friends in Maynooth Badminton Club.

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Sports Section

Football Championship Fixtures.

Junior 'A' Football Championship in Clane on Sunday 12th May. Maynooth v. Athgarvan at 7 p.m.

u/16 'A' League Fixtures:-

3th May v Suncroft - Away
10th May v Round Towers - Home
17th May v Rathangan - Home

u/16 'B' League

3rd May v Ballykelly - Home
10th May v Athgarvan - Away
17th May v Castlemitchel - Away

u/16 Hurling League Fixtures

Wed. 1st May v Sarsfields - Home
Wed. 15th May v Moorfield - Away

We are still looking for more people to look after our u/age hurling teams. If you are interested please come along any Saturday morning at 10.30 a.m. All welcome.

Junior League Div. 2 Fixtures

13th May v Leixlip - Away
20th May v Celbridge - Home
27th May v Monasterevin - Away
4th June v Ballymore - Home
10th June v Sarsfields - Away
17th June v Kill - Home
24th June v Kilcock - Away
1st July v Towers - Away.

U/21 Football Challenge

Maynooth 0.7 v. Dredid 2-11

Maynooth put up a good show in this game. This game was much closer than the scoreline suggests. The Carbury/St. Kevins combination excelled form in this game. But taken nothing from Maynooth they had good players in M. O'Farrell, P. Stynes, M. Nevin, J. Nevin, M. Madden, S. Molloy.

Minor Football League Results.

Maynooth Minor Footballers started their league campaign on Sunday 17th February with away game v Robert Emmets and a bad start we got with defeat. Score Robert Emmets 4.6 v Maynooth 1.2. Best for Maynooth, M. O'Shea, P. Byrne, E. Dunne, B. Nevin.

Maynooth 2.9 v. Moorefield 0.4. Maynooth had a good win in the opening half was very close. In second half Maynooth got right on top to run out easy winners. Best for Maynooth J. Nevin, M. Donnolly, P. Hogan, E. Lacey, E. Dunne, K. Killoran
Maynooth 1.4 v St. Lawrences 2.4

Maynooth can count them unlucky to loose this game by 1 goal. The official referee did not turn up so a St. Lawrence Official took control and this did not help. Best for Maynooth, G. Kelly, K. Killoran.

Maynooth 3.12 v Rathangan 1.1

Maynooth collected their third brace of points in this well contested game with a very young Rathangan side. Maynooth with E. Dunne and

K. Killoran dominating they gave their forwards a good supply of ball and they took their chances. Best for Maynooth, E. Dunne,

K. Killoran, D. Ryan, M. Mealy, M. O'Farrell, M. Madden, M. Noonan, G. Horn, D. Fleming, E. Lacey, J. Nevin.

Underage League.

The Club's underage league started on Saturday 13rd April and will continue each Saturday at 11.30 a.m. until further notice. Results - Cork (James Gallagher Team) beat Galway (Chris Arthur's team) Mayo (Barry Connolly team) beat Meath (Niall Downey's team) Donegal (Declan O'Rourke's team) beat Kerry (Eoin Nevin Team) Kildare (Adrian Boylan team) beat Dublin (John O'Shea's team). In all some 70 youngsters took part and are eagerly looking forward to the remaining fixtures.

Saturday 4th May - Semi-Finals

Saturday 11th May - Final

Community Festival Week.

The players participating in the Saturday League will also be participating in a competition during the Maynooth Community Festival Week June 1991.

U/16 Football Results

Maynooth A v Ballyna - Maynooth got a walk over. Maynooth B Team lost to Confey.

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Sports Section

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With no distractions in Italy or Germany this year we expect a very exciting tournament.

MAYNOOTH G.A.A. CLUB

Results

Senior Football League Div. 3.

Maynooth 1-10 v Confey 2-1

First league match of the season got off to a winning one for Maynooth. The game started slowly for both teams. Maynooth took an early lead but Confey came back to level the match. Maynooth took control at Mid Field and scored 5 pts. without reply. Then with 5 minutes to half time a long ball from midfield saw James Gilligan punch to the net to leave half time score. Maynooth 1-6 - Confey 0-1. On restart Maynooth Defence were caught napping and let Confey in for a goal this got Maynooth going again and they scored 4 pts. with 5 minutes to go Confey broke down the field and got there second goal to leave the full time score Masynooth 1-10, Confey 2-1. Best for Maynooth, P. Kearney, P. Stynes, A. Burke, M. Nevin, P. Ennis, J. Nevin, E. O'Neill, J. Gilligan. Best for Confey, P. McDonald B. McGill-rigin, T. Croighan, M. McKiernan. Scores for Maynooth, J. Gilligan 1-1, J. Nevin 0-3, A. Burke 0-2, S. Molloy 0-2, P. Ennis 0-1, E. O'Neill 0-1.

Maynooth Team - M. O'Farrell, M. Flaherty, K. Dunne, P. Kearney, P. Stynes, M. Nevin, M. Kelly, A. Burke, P. Ennis, J. Nevin, L. O'Toole, J. Conway, J. Gilligan, F. Devereaux, E. O'Neill. Subs S. Molloy for F. Devereaux, J. O'Toole for L. O'Toole, D. Corcoran, M. Madden, M. Gahan, P. Mullane - Man of the Match - Paul Stynes.

Senior Football league, division 3

Maynooth 2-5 v Ardclough 1-6.

Maynooth playing with the aid of a strong breeze in first half got it very hard to get through the Ardclough defence. Ardclough were first to score a point by L. Cullen. Maynooth replied with a punch goal by S. Molloy to leave half time score, Maynooth 1-3, Ardclough 1-3. On turn over it looked bad for Maynooth playing against a strong breeze. Ardclough scored in first minute but Maynooth broke from defence and score a great goal by M. Kelly with N. Nevin and A. Burke holding centre field. Maynooth held out to win. Best for Maynooth M. O'Farrell (goalkeeper) M. Kelly, M. Nevin, J. Nevin, A. Burke. Best for Ardclough, L. Cullen, M. Devaney, H. Devaney, E. Duggan. Scores for Maynooth, S. Molloy 1-2, M. Kelly 1-0, J. Gilligan 1pt, J. Nevin 1pt. Ardclough scores - J. Conselley 1-0, L. Cullen 2 pts., M. Devaney 1pt., E. Duggan 1pt. Maynooth team - M. O'Farrell, M. Flaherty, K. Dunne, P. Kearney, M. Kelly, M. Nevin, J. Conway, A. Burke, P. Stynes, J. Nevin, P. Ennis, M. Madden, J. Gilligan, S. Molloy, O. O'Neill. Subs - L. O'Toole for M. Madden, J. Edwards for M. Flaherty, M. Gahan, D. Corcoran, J. O'Toole. Man of the Match - Michael O'Farrell (Goalkeeper).

300 club draw - Results for March.

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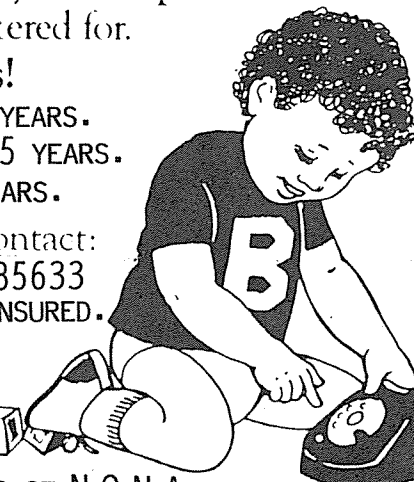
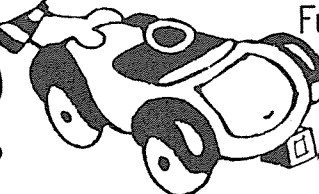
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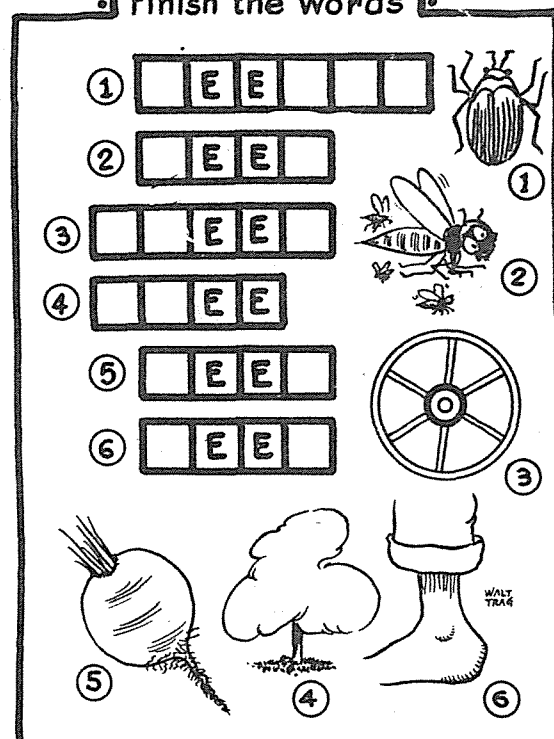




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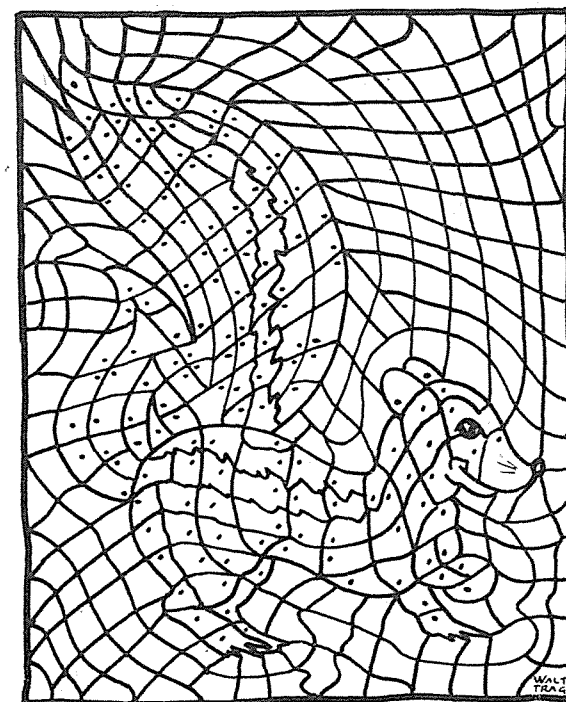
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Sports Section

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

The new Community Games Committee are as follows:

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Treasurer: Madeline Stynes

P.R.O.: Phil McLoughlin

Committee: F. Kearney, B.O'Shea, M. McLoughlin, M. Gleeson, J. Fleming, F. O'Connor.

The Games are starting this month, and all the information currently available is shown below:

Event	Venue	Date	Time	Boys/Girls
Swimming	Stewarts Hosp.	11/5/91	4.30-6.45pm	Both
Art & Modelling	Post Primary School	18/5/91	10.00 - 1.00pm	Both
Badminton	Leixlip	16/4/91	TBA	Both
Draughts	U10 Allen	TBA	TBA	Both
Draughts	U14 Maynooth	TBA	TBA	Both
Basketball	U16 TBA	"	"	Girls
GAA	U10 "	"	"	Boys
Hurling	U14 "	"	"	Boys
Tennis	U16 "	"	"	Both
Soccer	U12 "	"	"	Boys
Soccer	U15 "	"	"	Girls
Variety	U16 "	"	"	Both
Volleyball	U15 "	"	"	Boys
Volleyball	U16 "	"	"	Girls
Gymnastics	"	"	"	Both
Athletics	GAA Field	19/5/91	12 Noon	Both

Gymnastics and Athletics for various ages.

For future dates and venues watch out for posters in the schools and town.

[TBA = To be advised]

Kay Lynch
Secretary

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Rowley

The wife and family of the late Paddy Rowley, 3 Cooldrinagh, Leixlip, wish to thank most sincerely all the people who attended the funeral, who sent Mass Cards and flowers. Masses offered for all your intentions.

Boyd

The wife, daughter, sons and family of the late Michael Boyd wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with them in their recent great loss and all those who sent Mass cards, floral tributes, messages of sympathy, attended the removal of remains, Mass and funeral. A special thanks are due to Fr. Supple, Fr. Thynne and Fr. Cogan, and the doctors and nurses of St. James's and Peamount Hospitals. Trusting that this will be accepted by all as a token of our appreciation. Mass will be offered for their intentions.

Acknowledgements

Dowling

The wife, sons, daughters, sons in-law, daughters in-law, relatives and friends of the late James (Chico) Dowling of Old Greenfield, Maynooth wish to thank most sincerely all their many friends and neighbours for their support in their great loss. A special word of thanks to those who called personally, sent floral tributes, mass cards and letters of sympathy, attended the removal of remains, Mass and funeral.

To Fr. Supple, Fr. Thynne, Fr. Cogan, the S.M.A. Fathers, the priests of Celbridge and Straffan, Dr. Maurice Cowhey.

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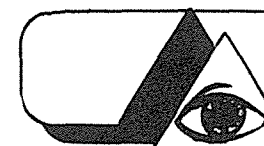
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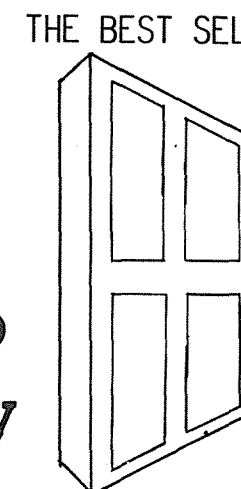
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Martin Donnelly, Newtown on the death of his mother in Ra-toath.

Mrs. O. Graham, Newtown, on the death of her sister in England.

Paddy Foy, Parson Street, on the death of his aunt in Ballymote

Sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, brother-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends of the late May Fagan (nee Cusack) Maynooth.

Mick Donohue, O'Neill Park on the death of his brother in Cork.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Belated birthday greetings to Triona Cahill from Annette and Orlaith, 17th April.

Hello to Mrs Boylan and all the sixth class in Room 15. From Orlaith and Annette.

Happy birthday Rachael, 20th April. From Muireann, Don and Eithne.

Birthday greetings to Alex Brady, 18th April, and Richard Brady, 24th April. Love from Theophilus P. Wilderbeest.

Happy Birthday to Aoife Daly, Colistown, Kilclone on her 13th birthday on 31st May. Love from Cliodhna and Etain.

Birthday greetings to Sandy Foy aged 7 on May 12th from Grandad, Paddy and Grandmother Bernie and Uncle Martin.

Belated Birthday greetings to Bernadette Tobin, Main Street, April 28th. Love from Karen.

Belated Birthday Greetings to Rachel Cassidy, Jnr., Rail Park, April 12th and to Rachael's mammy on April 4th. Best wishes from all the family.

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Congratulations to Ann and James Roccliffe, Donnycarney, Dublin on the birth of triplets. Three brothers for Jamie.

Congratulations to Tom and Rachael Cassidy, Railpark, who celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary, May 23rd. Love and best wishes from all the family.

Congratulations to Niall and Carmel Byrne, Greenfield on the birth of a son.

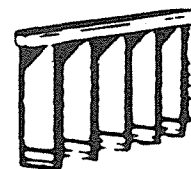
Congratulations to Patricia Nevin Barrogstown, who celebrated her 21st birthday with a party in The Hamlet, Johnstown Bridge, April 13th, attended by parents, family and a host of friends. The crack was mighty.

Congratulations to Paul and Mary Fitzgerald on the birth of their baby boy, Conor.

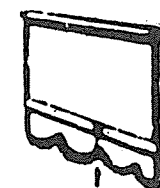
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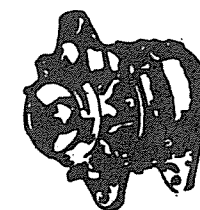
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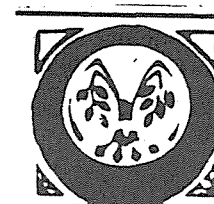
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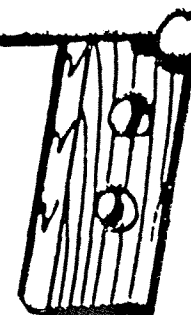
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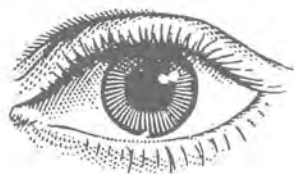
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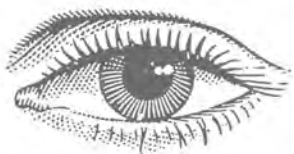
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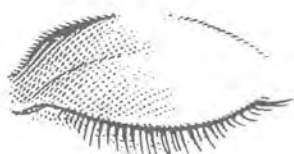
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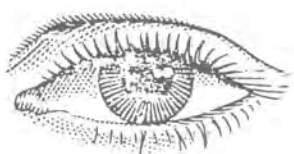
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The origins of the Newsletter date to the late 1960's when it was published by a sub-committee of Muintir na Tire. It was later taken over by the first Community Council in Maynooth. This Council collapsed after a short period in office but the Newsletter established itself as an independent entity and was published regularly by a small group of volunteers (including Ted Kelly, Peig Lynch, John Reed and Liam Bean). After more than ten years of dedication to the Newsletter they entrusted it to the newly elected Community Council in 1985, under whose auspices the magazine has been published ever since.

Almost 1,000 copies are printed each month by the Cardinal Press and sales are always in excess of 900. Most local businesses in the community advertise in the Newsletter making it an ideal index of services and a convenient reference guide for consumers. The majority of clubs and organisations in Maynooth submit notes for publication which provides for comprehensive overview of social and recreational activities in the area. Regular features such as Street Talking, Eye Hear, Garda Talk, College Notes, film and theatre reviews, the crossword, children's colouring competition and puzzle page, the eccentric horoscope column, political party notes, Muintir Ma Nuad and Local News Column go to make the Newsletter of interest to all age groups.

The function of the Editorial Board is to edit material submitted and to ensure the monthly publication of the Newsletter. We depend on readers to contribute news items relevant to Maynooth and do not necessarily serve this function ourselves. It is up to you to supply the news. We publish it.

In fact, the majority of the material published in the magazine is submitted by readers - as such it is a unique publication. In essence it remains the magazine of the community, for the community and by the community. It is your monthly Newsletter. If you feel that there is little of relevance to you in the Newsletter then put pen to paper and send us your contribution before the next issue's copydate (check page three for details). The Maynooth Newsletter is in every sense a community project. Make use of it.

Editorial Board, Maynooth Newsletter
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Dear Editor,

As a relative newcomer to the town it has now become obvious to me why the village has one of the worst litter problems in the country, such deplorable roadways and an underdeveloped infrastructure. Our politicians are consuming their energy in political thuggery and back-stabbing that make the Mafia look like the masters of goodness. I refer to recent articles and letters on behalf of the Workers Party and Labour and Fine Gael parties which have appeared in your magazine. It is all the more sad that fine academics on the one hand and pillars of the local community on the other hand, have reduced themselves to the level of the gutter as they engage themselves in what is little more than a brawl.

It is disappointing too, that the *Newsletter* which has served our community so well, should allow itself to be the forum for such activity.

I appeal to the good reason of all concerned to put an end to this nonsense. I should hope that we have all entered the political arena, not to serve our own interest or that of the party to which we belong but rather to serve the community as a whole.

No one party has a monopoly on truth. All parties have merit. Surely that is the essence of democracy. For this reason, what more noble act than for all of us to bury our political differences and indifferences and begin to work together to enhance the quality of life in Maynooth. In that way we can all enjoy a more pleasant environment in which to live.

Yours sincerely,
Anna Kavanagh.

Dear Editor,

It is now common knowledge that the management of the Leinster Arms Restaurant has changed. We would like to avail of your medium to thank the Newsletter and its readers for their much valued custom. It was a pleasure meeting the various clients who frequented the Restaurant whether for Carvery Lunch, an Evening Meal or just a cup of coffee. We also look forward to a well earned rest.

Yours sincerely,
Ciaran and Mary Tierney.

Open letter to Deputy Durkan and Cllr Brady

Sirs,

The people of Maynooth have been campaigning for years to have the public toilet block in the Square demolished. Their unanimous support for any attempt to further this project has been demonstrated in a house to house survey conducted by the Department of Sociology in conjunction with Maynooth Community Council and in a more recent petition signed by over 1,000 residents of the area. Representations continually being made to the Community Council testify to the fact that this overwhelming desire is still very much alive amongst the people whom you serve. There have been countless letters written to Kildare County Council and to our political representatives by the Community Council and others to make our views known.

Local school children have enthusiastically designed plans for the site in the event of the removal of the eyesore. The Community Council has sent delegations to meet with the Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council specifically to request that the toilets be removed. Last January they managed to persuade this Committee to support our case. Concerted effort has even overcome the obstacle presented by the presence of an ESB substation beside the toilets; the ESB have agreed to remove it and to pay half the total costs involved in doing this. Until quite recently we had every reason to expect that the people of Maynooth would finally have been heard and that the block would be demolished.

I cannot sufficiently express my outrage, Deputy Durkan and Cllr Brady, at the discovery that both of you have impeded this progress at the very last minute. How is it possible that such an insult can be levied at the people of Maynooth by two of their political representatives? Kildare County Council, on the 29th April were about to adopt a motion in favour of having the toilets removed when you added an amendment insisting that a suitable site be found for construction of new public toilets before the block in the square be removed. Effectively this means that the toilets remain in place for good as whatever property there is in Maynooth has already been bought up by developers. Even if a suitable site materialised where will the £50,000 necessary to erect a new facility come from? The public toilet block is not being used enough to warrant its retention. There are four public houses on the Main Street - enough to service anyone passing through the town.

I look forward to whatever you can provide by way of explaining this apparent hostility towards the express wishes of over six thousand of your constituents.

Yours sincerely,
**Martin Hickey,
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Election Fever

A number of readers were kind enough to fill out a questionnaire on their opinions of the *Newsletter* at the recent Trade Fair. We are always keen to have feedback on our efforts, as this is the only way we will know if we are meeting the needs of our readers. While we are glad that so many people expressed satisfaction with a whole range of aspects of the *Newsletter*, it was with some concern, if not surprise that we detected a certain level of dissatisfaction with the political notes. As we didn't ask why, perhaps the political parties who submit notes might have a look at their offerings to see how they might reduce this level of dissatisfaction.

As we have stated before, the *Newsletter* is an open access publication, and all (legitimate) organisations are free to express their views. This is what a healthy democracy is all about, and we are sure that our readers would not wish us to exercise censorship. At the same time, some recent contributors appear to have gone out of their way to attack their opposite numbers. It makes for stimulating viewing from the sidelines, but what does it achieve in the long term for these contributors?

Perhaps after the 27th June things will quieten down. In any event, the *Newsletter* has asked the political parties to provide us with a profile of their candidates which may help electors to decide. As readers will know, despite all their promises, the only real power politicians will have is to exercise their vote, so we asked candidates to indicate how they would vote on a number of issues of concern to Maynooth. Read the results in this issue.

Community Festival

This year's festival promises to be bigger, better, more street visible, and user friendly than ever. Details are in this issue, and a programme of events will be circulated to all residents. The *Newsletter* welcomes your support at their annual Table Quiz. See you there.



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Carton Development

The Community Council invited the representatives of the developers to a meeting in the I.C.A. Hall on the 24th of April. Those in attendance were: Brian Slowey, Chairperson of Guinness Ireland.

Sean O' Laoire, Architect,
Robin Harding, Development Director of Guinness Enterprises
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The following assurances were given by the developers:

- There would be a maximum of 188 houses and this would be legally binding.
- There would be access to the public 24 hours a day.
- The house would be restored.
- The Golf Courses would not interfere adversely with the landscape.
- The Lime Walk Avenue will be maintained and there will be direct access from The Avenue to the Demesne and House.
- There will be 460 jobs created.
- There will be a spin off of £15m annually to the Community.
- Special rates will apply to the Maynooth Community for the use of The Golf Courses and Swimming Pool.
- A Committee comprising of Community Council, Chamber of Commerce and Carton Committee would be the liaison body for the Developers.

The Executive of the Community Council, at its meeting on 6th May, had no difficulty in welcoming this very positive development. We have the assurance from Brian Slowey, Chairperson of Guinness Ireland, that all the promises will be kept.

The Executive of the Community Council further agreed, at the suggestion of the developers, to specify to Kildare County Council what is required to restore and maintain the Lime Walk Avenue.

We will be specifying to Kildare County Council that the developers should be asked to carry out the following work as part of the planning permission:

- Clean up and restore the grass in the Avenue.
- Survey trees and replace faulty ones.
- Survey walks and rebuild where necessary.
- Install seating at appropriate points along the Avenue.
- Install appropriate public lighting along the Avenue.
- Restore the gates at both ends.
- Maintain the Avenue on a regular basis.

The Community Council had a full meeting on Monday 20th of May and endorsed all of the foregoing.

**John Mc Ginley,
Chairperson,
Community Council.**

'The Thing'

It is with great disappointment and anger that we learned of Kildare County Council's decision not to demolish 'The Thing' unless an alternative site and toilet are provided in the town. When the Maynooth Community Council met with the Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council on 8th February we made it quite clear to the County Councillors present (Dep. Brady was absent) that the vast majority of the people of Maynooth want 'The Thing' demolished and do not feel a replacement toilet is necessary. Despite the fact that it was

already declared Kildare County Council policy to knock 'The Thing', Deputy Bernard Durkan effectively opposed it's demolition at a full County Council meeting on the 29th April, by putting forward an amendment stating that a replacement toilet must be provided before 'The Thing' be demolished. The Deputy's amendment was supported by all F.F. and F.G. Councillors.

These votes fly in the face of the expressed wishes of the more than 2,500 residents of Maynooth who recently signed a petition calling for the removal of 'The Thing' and who have been for at least 12 years campaigning for 'The Thing's' removal. A replacement toilet would cost in the region of £50 thousand pounds. Where is this money to come from? Who, besides Deputy Durkan, sees the need for a public toilet in the town? Has anyone ever seen anyone use the toilet or has any reader ever used it? How do Kilcock, Clane Leixlip, Celbridge manage (the latter with much bigger populations than Maynooth).

'The Thing', situated as it is in the Town Square, is an eyesore. Anyone with any aesthetic judgement can see this. It spoils the skyline and the carefully planned 18th century sweep up to Mullin Bridge. Besides this, it is an ugly building, by any standards. Maynooth Community Council have worked, along with the residents of Maynooth, long and hard to iron out any obstacles to its removal. What was thought to be the last obstacle to its demolition, the E.S.B. substation housed in the building was effectively dealt with some time ago. The E.S.B. in line with their environmental policy agreed to remove and relocate the substation, at minimal cost to the community. From there on it should only have been a matter of a short time before its demolition.

Deputy Durkan's amendment has effectively put paid to its removal in the short term.

Despite this setback however, the fight to have 'The Thing' demolished will go on. **This eyesore must be removed** and the wishes of Maynooth Residents respected. It is an issue which will not go away and will be central in the forthcoming Local Elections.

P.R.O.

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Our 1991 Campaign is well underway and we thank all those who have helped us both in our recent collection and the interest that was shown at the Spring Fair, BUT WE NEED MORE HELP!

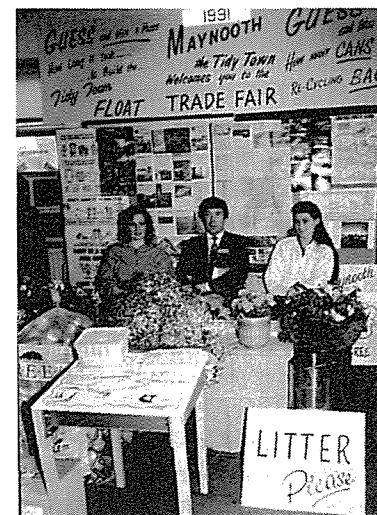
If you have an hour or two to spend on improving your community's environment, we can certainly use it. We have a job for everyone to do and our work times are as follows:

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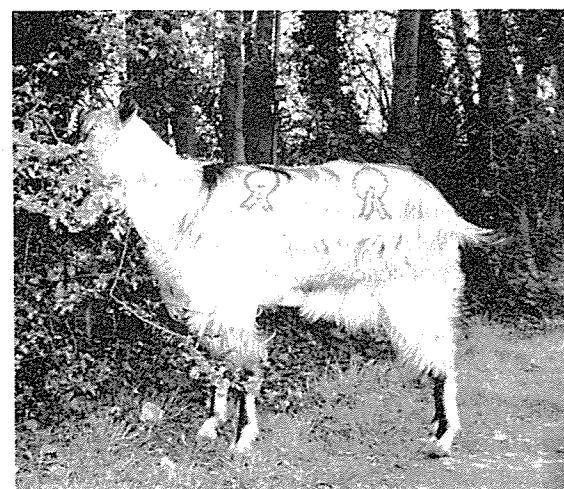
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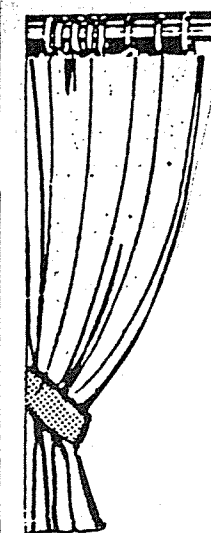


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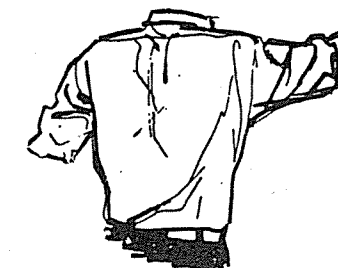
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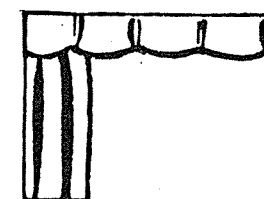
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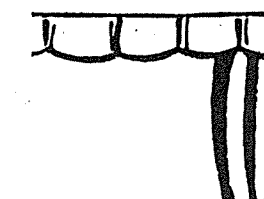
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Wed 12 June	*Inter Estate 7-a-side Harbour Field Soccer Men and Women 7.00 pm *Poetry Reading by Local Poets Library 8.00 pm		
		Tues 18 June	*Hudson's Carnival Harbour Field *Inter Estate Soccer Harbour Field *Cabaret (Old People's Com.) Caulfields 8.30 pm
Thurs 13 June	*Inter Estate Soccer Harbour Field *Talent Competition Caulfield's 9.00 pm		
Fri 14 June	*Inter Estate Soccer Harbour Field *Battle of the Bands Geraldine Hall 8.30pm *Busking Main Street *Pitch and Putt Inter-estate (organised by Kingsbry Celbridge Golf Range Residents' Association) 7.00 pm Closing date for receipt of entries for this competition: 7th June. Teams of 4 (mixed) : £10. See Newsletter for entry forms.	Wed 19 June	*Hudson's Carnival Harbour Field *Inter Estate Soccer Harbour Field 6.30 pm *International Folk Dancing (Irish, Greek, Etc.) with Accordion Band Slims 8.00 pm *Busking Main Street *High Speed manoeuvring Car test trials 7.00 p.m. Parish Hall Car Park
Sat 15 June	*I.C.A. Craft Exhibition ICA Hall 2-6pm *Hudson's Carnival Harbour Field *Inter Estate Soccer Harbour Field 6.30 pm *Children's Treasure Hunt 3.00 pm Town Centre Mall *Family Car/Bicycle Treasure Hunt 5.00 p.m. Town Centre Mall *Pitch and Putt Inter- Estate continued	Thurs 20 June	*Hudson's Carnival Harbour Field *Athletic Club Novelty Races/8,10,12,14 open to all children Harbour Field 6.30 pm *G.A.A. Juvenile Football/ Semi Finals 7.30 pm *Guinness Jazz Band Roost 9.30 pm *Busking Main Street *60's Night (Lyreen Res As) Slims
Sun 16 June	*Hudson's Carnival Harbour Field 6.30 pm *G.A.A. Juvenile Football/ Quarter Finals Harbour Field 3.00 pm * Tae Kwon-Do Display Harbour Field 3.00 p.m. *Busking Main Street	Fri 21 June	*Hudson's Carnival Harbour Field *Semi Finals Inter Estate 7-a-side Harbour Field 6.30 pm *Fishing Competition/ 8 to 16 year olds 6 - 9.00 pm
Mon 17 June	*Hudson's Carnival Harbour Field *Inter Estate 7-a-side Harbour Field 6.30 pm	Sat 22 June	*Golf Competition/ (Maynooth Golfing Society) Moyglare 10.00 am?

Old People's Committee

	*Childrens's Disco and Dancing competition (Greenfield Res Ass.) & Presentation of prizes by Claire O' Connor for Newsletter Short Story comp (Under 12's and 12-18's) Parish Hall 8.30-11pm *Hudson's Carnival Harbour Field *Swimming Club Gala Swim Stewarts Sport Centre for club members. 4.30 - 6.00 pm Everyone welcome to attend. *Karaoke Competition Roost 9.00 pm *Railpark Res. Ass Barbeque 8.00 pm
Sun 23 June	*Golf Competition Moyglare 10.00 am? *Inter Estate Finals Harbour Field 2.30 pm *G.A.A. Juvenile Finals 4.00 pm *Hudson's Carnival Harbour Field *Air Corp Helicopter Rescue Display (unless they are required to perform an off shore rescue) Harbour Field 4.30 pm *Pitch and Putt prize giving Caulfield's 8.00 pm Sing-a-long

Throughout the festival there will be exhibitions in the library. There will also be an exhibition of the Presentation Convent Parents' Association Children's Art Competition in the P.E. Hall of the convent school (during school hours) for the duration of the festival. All of the Inter-estate competitions continue regularly each night and there will be busking on the streets throughout.

OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Active Age week was particularly successful this year. High spots included the cabaret and refreshments in Caulfield's; the trip to the Art Gallery in Kilcock together with refreshments provided by Mr. Tom O'Keeffe; and the concert given by Maynooth Brass and Reed Band. The final event of the week was the Party when the excellent entertainment included delightful items by some of the young people of Maynooth, Aideen Flood, David Moore and Niamh Mulready. We are very grateful to them for giving of their time and talents. Our thanks are also due to the committee and the many members of the community

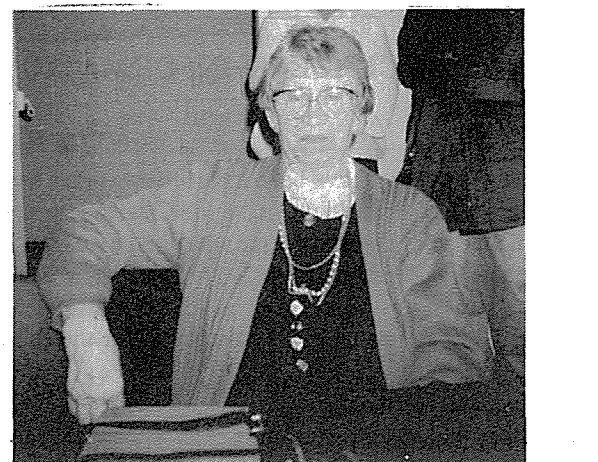
whose generosity, hard work and participation made the week so enjoyable and worth- while.

Our next event is the annual outing. This will take place on Saturday, June 1st. Please meet at the Band Hall at 1.15pm, prompt. Our contribution to the Maynooth Festival will be a cabaret to be held in Caulfields on Tuesday, June 18th, at 8.30 pm. Everybody is welcome. We would like to extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Anne O' Reilly, Tess Fay, Charlie Dunne and Frank Horan who have died during the past month.

PRO



Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Walsh and Mr. John Walsh at last party of Active Age Week.



Mrs. Treacy at last party of Active Age Week



Mrs. Keogh, Mrs. Timmins, Mrs. Cassidy, Mrs. Treacy at last party of Active Age Week.



Mrs. Malone, Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Alice Boyd at last party of Active Age Week.

MAYNOOTH CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE

Question: Although I have been a part-time worker for some years I have only been insured at the full Class A rate since the 6th April this year. Can you tell me what this covers me for and how soon will I be in benefit?

Answer: Class A rate of PRSI covers you for the following benefits:

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To qualify for Unemployment Benefit and Disability Benefit you need 39 weeks PRSI paid and 39 weeks PRSI paid or credited in the governing contribution year, which would be the '89/90 tax year for a claim made any time this year.

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CELBRIDGE CAMERA CLUB

Camera Club was very pleased to have taken part in the Maynooth Spring Trade Fair and we sincerely hope that visitors to the Fair were equally pleased to see our display of fine photographs. Judging from the number of people who stopped to admire and comment on the display it seems that most people were impressed and found something to interest them. It was indeed the Club's pleasure to provide some light relief from the more serious business aspects of the Fair. Our thanks to Matt Kennedy and Co. who facilitated us once again.

Finally, if you are interested in photography and would like to learn more why not join the Celbridge Camera Club. New members are always welcome and for further information as regards the Club's activities please don't hesitate to contact - Michael Davitt LIPF PRO at 6288904.

MAYNOOTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Maynooth Chamber of Commerce recently held its Annual General Meeting and reported on another successful year. The highlight of the year was the Christmas Bonanza and the erection of the Christmas lights in the Main Street. This project is becoming increasingly costly and the Chamber will have to go on fund raising moves to pay for it. The secretary reported on the detailed correspondence which had taken place over the year with Kildare County Council and others about the footpaths. The meeting was in unanimous appreciation of the proposed plans for Carton House and the resultant jobs that would be available for people in the town. There should also be a considerable spin off for business people. Ted Kehoe was re-elected as Chairperson and the new Committee is made up of Phil McAree, Pauline Burke, Mary Houlihan, Joe Buckley, James Barry, Sean Donovan, and Gerry O'Sullivan. The new Secretary is Phil McAree who works for the Bank of Ireland.

Recently the Chamber has been in contact with the Gardai about the traffic problem/lack of available car parking. A detailed questionnaire is being completed by the traders with a view to an extensive survey and report being prepared by the sub committee for submission to the Gardai.

The Coonan Cup will be played for on a team basis at Knockanally Golf Club by the members of the Chamber on Tuesday the 18th June and anyone interested in taking part should contact Declan Foley immediately.

Ted Kehoe thanked the members for their support and their contributions by way of subscription and sponsorship over the year.

CREDIT UNION NOTES

Becoming a Member.

Joining a Credit Union is easy. You may apply to join a Credit Union if you are over 16 years of age and within the Common Bond.

To be a full member you must:

Complete an application form and, on being approved for membership, pay a small entrance fee (£1 or less) and purchase a share (generally £1).

The Common Bond

An essential element of any Credit Union is that all members and potential members should have something in common with each other. This is called their "Common Bond". The group which forms the Credit Union initially shares a Common Bond of interest and common purpose. The Common Bond describes the ties that bind the members together.

Sharing a Common bond

The law provides for a number of different Common Bonds. Two types generally exist;

Community Bond:

This bond exists where members are resident or employed in a particular locality or neighbourhood.

Occupational or Associational Bonds:

These bonds provide for people of the same occupation or for those employed by a common employer or who belong to the same association or society. The Community Bond is by far the most frequent with 90% of all Credit Unions in Ireland operating within it. It caters for all members of the community.

Ownership of the Credit Union:

Once you have the minimum savings required to make you a member you have one vote and will only have one vote irrespective of how much you may subsequently save.

Responsibilities of Members:

In a Credit Union, members are encouraged to take an active and genuine interest in the management and control of the organisation they own.

They can do this by:

Attending the Annual General Meeting

Asking questions about the running of the Credit Union

Questioning the accounts and dividing the surplus

Proposing policies for decision by the members
Electing from among them persons of trust to run the Credit Union

New members always welcome.

Hours of business are.....

Thursday 7 pm - 8.30 pm

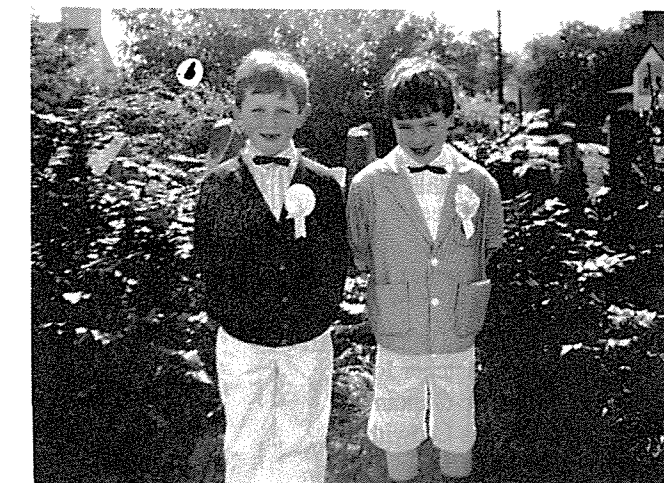
Friday 7 pm - 8.30 pm

Saturday 10 pm - 12.30 pm

May Haren

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN MAYNOOTH

On Saturday the fourth of May last the boys and girls of Maynooth turned out in their finery to make their First Holy Communion. At a well rehearsed and moving ceremony Fr. Supple assisted by Fr. Cogan gave the children their first experience of the Blessed Sacrament.



(Left) Eric Roberts, Ashley Ledwith

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Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

Garda Talk

Our Annual Spring Show was held on April 16th in the SVD Hall. The level of competition was very high and we had entries not alone from Maynooth Club members but also from many other clubs. Many people came to view the exhibits and we had a most enjoyable evening.

So impressed was Sr. Carmel of Kairos Magazine with the exhibits that she asked if we might leave some of the exhibits to decorate the hall as the president Mrs. Mary Robinson was due to visit in a couple of days to present prizes to second level students who had participated in a competition on Justice and Peace. The exhibitors were also honoured with an invitation to meet the President.

We would like to remind you about an annual outing to Powerscourt Gardens on June 8th. Those interested can contact Felicity Satchwell - Phone 6286240.

On June 18th we will have May O' Connor demonstrating at our new venue, the post primary school. The demonstration will start at 8.00pm and it will be our last until September.

Prizes at the Annual Spring Show

Class I	<u>The Christening</u>
1st	Jean Fletcher Jones
2nd	Mary Cleary
3rd	Noeleen O' Brien
Class II	<u>Nature Walk</u>
1st	Bridie Gleeson
2nd	Dina Seery
3rd	Jean Fletcher Jones
Class III	<u>Head to Toe (Modern)</u>
1st	Jean Fletcher Jones
2nd	Ena Mc Grattan
3rd	Theresa Ledwith
Class IV	<u>Sweet Simplicity (Petite)</u>
1st	Ena Mc Grattan
2nd	Imelda Desmond
3rd	Ethne Nugent
Class V	<u>Nimble Fingers (Miniature)</u>
1st	Ena Mc Grattan
2nd	Eithne Nugent
3rd	Mary Cleary
Class VI	<u>Prize Day</u>
1st	Ena Mc Grattan
2nd	Sarah Angel
Class VII	<u>Pat et Fleur</u>
1st	Ena Mc Grattan
2nd	Noeleen O' Brien
3rd	Adrienne Hatch
Class VIII	<u>One Stem of Flowering Shrub</u>
1st	Carmel O' Leary
2nd	Liz Watkins
3rd	Maureen Mc Cormack

Class IX	<u>One Daffodil or Narcissis</u>
1st	Theresa Ledwith
2nd	Kitty Corie
3rd	Val Ledwith
Class X	<u>Vase of Flowers from Garden</u>
1st	Liz Watkins
2nd	Sarah Angel
3rd	Mary Doyle
Class XI	<u>Four Sticks of Rhubarb</u>
1st	Siobhan Smyth
2nd	Maureen Mc Cormack
3rd	Mary Cleary
Class XII	<u>Collection of Polyanthus</u>
1st	Liz Watkins
2nd	Catherine Fields
3rd	Kitty Corie

R. Smyth,
P.R.O.

GARDA TALK

Now that the fine summer weather is with us, visits to Dublin either at leisure or on shopping trips will be a regular feature especially in respect of women. Outlined hereunder are a few tips for such trips and indeed for all occasions.

Women Alone

When out alone:

1. Where possible don't walk alone after dark.
2. Always be alert.
3. Avoid shortcuts, and dark deserted areas.
4. Walk near the kerb, away from bushes and buildings.
5. Walk facing traffic.
6. Do not hitch-hike.
7. Carry a torch and screech alarm after dark.
8. To avoid delay keep your keys in your hand when approaching car or home.
9. If attacked scream and shout as loud as you can and use screech alarm.

When in alone:

1. Secure all windows and doors.
2. Fit and use a door chain and viewer.
3. Only use initials and surname in name plate and directories.
4. Don't admit strangers to your home.
5. When answering the phone don't let strangers know you are alone.
6. Report all suspicious incidents to the Gardai immediately.

Shopping:

1. Carry your handbag close to your body and beware of persons approaching from front or rear.
2. Don't put your handbag down where it can be easily stolen.
3. If someone snatches your bag - *don't fight, you may be injured.*
4. Get a good description of culprit and notify Gardai immediately.



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Garda Talk

5. Don't leave your purse on top of your shopping bag or pram.
6. Avoid unlit or deserted car parks or areas.
7. Don't carry excessive amounts of money in your handbag.
8. Do not carry your cheque book/cheque card in the same bag.
9. Remember first protect yourself - then your belongings.

In your car:

1. Where possible always travel on main or well used roads.
2. Always lock your car when entering it or leaving it.
3. Check the interior of your car before entering - especially the back seat - at night carry and use a torch.
4. Keep all valuables out of sight.
5. Park in well lit areas.
6. If followed home, don't get out of the car, make sure the doors are locked, sound the horn or flash your lights to attract attention.
7. If you have car trouble, stay in your car and wait for help.
8. Don't stop to help others - drive on and summon assistance by telephone.
9. Never pick up hitch-hikers.

Travelling by public transport:

1. Avoid isolated bus stops.
2. Sit near the driver, conductor, or another woman.
3. Avoid empty compartments, or compartments containing only one male person.

Babysitting:

1. Let friend or parents know where you can be reached.
2. Make sure you know where the childrens' parents can be contacted.
3. Keep a list of emergency numbers.
4. Arrange for safe transportation home.

Your local gardai.

GLIDING COURSES

A number of Maynooth people have become actively involved with the Dublin Gliding Club recently, among them Michael O'Reilly of Beaufield and Peter Denman of Leinster Park. The club is based at Gowran Grange airfield, three miles beyond Naas on the Ballymore Eustace Road, with flying every weekend, and on Wednesday evening in summer. Because gliders fly so high and silently they are rarely noticed by passers-by, but visitors to the airfield are always welcome; it can be an opportunity to find out more about this beautiful form of flying, and perhaps to take a trial flight in one of the two-seater dual-control training aircraft.

This summer the club will be offering a series of one-week training courses at Gowran Grange. The courses cost £170.00 (£150.00 for students) and offer an ideal chance of an intensive introduction to gliding and its flying operations. It is a sport that practically anyone can take up - if you're fit enough to drive a car you can fly a glider - and the club has flyers of all ages and sexes.

For further information, contact Peter Denman at 6285464 or the membership secretary, Ken Haslett at 11 Cherrington Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin, Tel: 01-2820759.

Gliding Courses



Attaching the rope for take off

MAYNOOTH I.C.A.

The monthly meeting of the Guild was held on the 2nd of May 1991. The President, Madeline Stynes was in the chair. Vote of sympathy was extended to the family of the late Mary Fagan who was a founder member and Past President of the Guild. Sympathy also to our President Madeline Stynes, her father and family on the death of Mrs Mary Breen. May they rest in peace. As this was also our Annual General Meeting our invited guest was Mrs Jackie Bergin V.B.O. who gave an informative and interesting talk on the I.C.A. As there was only one nomination for President and Vice President no voting was necessary. Our new President Mary O' Gorman will hold a meeting on the 9th May to form her new committee. The Vice President is Imelda Delaney and the other committee members and their positions will be reported in the next issue of the Newsletter.

The Make a Model Competition took place on Tuesday 7th May 1991 in the Red House, Newbridge. The Guild had nine entries and were winners as follows:-

Best Model: Mary Doyle

2nd Prize Crochet: Mary Halton

Special Raffle Prize: Mary Halton

2nd Prize Advanced: Betty Moore

(Previous prizewinners category)

Congratulations to the winners and other competitors and models. Table Quiz: (Kitty Mc Carthy Cup) will take place on the 21st May and we have two teams entered. Wishing our members the best of luck.

During Community Week there will be a display of Crafts and Demonstration in the I.C.A. Hall on the 15th June 1991.

The Annual Show will take place this year on the 13th July, Post Primary School and we hope there will be a large number of entries in the various classes.

The yearly prize for the most number of points in competition each month, was won by Rosemary Hanley, 2nd Kay Burns and 3rd Madeline Stynes. Well done and keep up the good work. The raffle was won by Madeline Stynes, 2nd Geraldine Tracey and 3rd Vera Kearns. All activities continue until the end of June. Arts and Crafts, 8.00pm Monday, I.C.A. Hall. Badminton, Tuesday and Thursday mornings 10.30 - 12 O' clock in the Parish Hall.

New members are always welcome.

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Leixlip Amenities Centre

Activities

The Centre as usual is very busy with both indoor and outdoor activities. As the summer draws near the Turbo Sunbed is very active with people availing of this facility which saves the discomfort of those long hot sunburnt days ahead. The Tennis Club continues to increase its membership as the peak season arrives. For the little ones our Mini-Soccer will continue throughout May and June and Mini-Sports will continue until the end of May. Our Junior Badminton Club will also continue throughout May and June on Wednesdays and instructor Jillian is organising an end of season tournament. On the badminton scene also, the Junior and Senior clubs come towards the end of their year and are looking forward to their new season in August/September and of course are always looking for new members. Badminton

To the Ladies' Morning Badminton Club, we send our congrats. Team one won the final Southside Section and then went on to win the Northside winners, Clonslaugh. Team two unlucky on the day and lost to a strong Baldoyle Team. Well Done Ladies! Training Group

Breda Tallon's Mini-Marathon Meet and Train Group continues their excellent work every Monday and Wednesday morning. The group will be seeking sponsorship for the centre so please be generous. Both Leixlip and Confey Community Games Basketball teams are training hard for their matches ahead. The Kildare finals take place here at the centre on May 24th and 25th.

Olympic Spirit

Congratulations to Terry Mc Hugh who works out regularly in our gym on being picked for the Winter Olympics in the Bobsleigh team. They are the first team ever to represent Ireland in this event.

Soccer

Also congratulations to Tommy Keane (Galway United) a previous member of F.A.S. League of Ireland football scheme based here, who was named Man of the Match and provided the crucial cross for the winning goal in the recent F.A.I. Cup, Galway United V Shamrock Rovers. Also playing on that date in Lansdowne was Gerard Heffernan of Leixlip Park. Gerard was part of the Dublin U/14 selection who played Waterford in the U/14 League Section. Gerard plays in the Indoor Soccer Tournaments here throughout the winter.

Congratulations

Best wishes to Mary and Gerry Browne of Glendale on the birth of their son Conor. Mary and her other son Gavin are active members of the centre. Mary takes part in the Morning Badminton Club and the Meet and Train running group. We look forward to seeing Mary's face around the Centre very soon. Also congratulations to Peter Devine, Treasurer, who will be married on the 18th May. Our best wishes to the happy couple.

Looking Ahead

The Annual Summer Camp will commence on July 8th. It is hoped to have Basketball, Soccer and Badminton weeklong courses in the summer as well.

The Salmon Festival will see the Amenities Centre hosting a Rock Concert on May the 30th and a week of sports for all. Also we will be at the Field Day in Leixlip on Sunday June 2nd with Fitness Testing, Basketball Throwing competition and a Summer Camp Information Desk.

We will be closed all day Monday 3rd June.

On Wednesday June 5th we commence our summer Badminton Open Play and Tournaments. Every Wednesday from June 5th

to July 31st the 8-11 Open Play and American tournaments will be organised. This was a great success last year and we hope it will continue to do so this coming summer.

New Committee

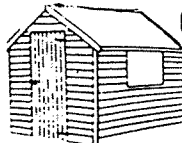
At the first meeting since the A.G.M. on the 22nd of April the following Officers and Committee were elected:

Chairperson: Ray Mc Cauley, 81 Oaklawn West, Leixlip
Vice Chairperson: Irene Bergin 123 Oaklawn Close, Leixlip
Treasurer: Matt Lennon 2 Leixlip Park
Ass. Treasurer: Peter Devine 55 Elton Court, Leixlip
Secretary: Maura Gilmartin 108 Glendale Meadows, Leixlip
Ass. Secretary: Helen Slattery No. 3 Confey
P.R.O.: Marion Hannigan 137 Ryevale Lawns, Leixlip
Jennifer Bannon 58 Riverforest, Leixlip
Eugene Dooley 81 Elton Court, Leixlip
Michael Challoner 250 Riverforest, Leixlip
Paddy Conway 118 Oaklawn West, Leixlip
Tanya Hand 369 Ryevale Lawns, Leixlip
Brian Wynne 1 Knockaulin, Leixlip
Richard Darcy 22 Oaklawn, Leixlip
Sean O' Reilly 206 Glendale Est., Leixlip
Tony Lawlor 63 Leixlip Park, Leixlip
John Cody 3 Cedar Park, Leixlip
Margaret Lennon Kilmacraddock, Leixlip
Colm Purcell St. Marys Park, Leixlip
Jim Gallagher 73 Oaklawn, Leixlip

A lot of hard work and some new ideas for the future are promised and it is hoped they will continue the success already achieved over the past 12 years.

MAYNOOTH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Calling all you talented people in Maynooth - we have the ideal venue for anyone wishing to mount an exhibition - be it of painting, photography, woodwork, sculpture - we would be delighted to display, free of charge any such *object d'art*, in the library. This service covers both children and adults, professional and amateur. We will have a special display case in the juvenile section for any child who wishes to display a coveted collection of postcards, matchbox, cars, batman paraphernalia or whatever else is collectable.



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Maynooth Festival Week is looming on the horizon and we hope to participate in this worthy event. We plan to have a painting exhibition, music days - each day being devoted to a particular type of music. Lists of recommended reading will be available for interested parents. Another feature of the week will be an amnesty - ie - there will be no fines charged for overdue books, no matter how long overdue. So don't be embarrassed about that book you've been meaning to return for the past two years - just bring it along during that week.

Currently on display in the library are some beautiful examples of work done by the Old Folks Committee, for Active Age Week. Another display which should be of interest to all you "green" people is the Environmental Information Service stand, containing a huge variety of leaflets promoting care of the Environment, ranging from Irish bogs, Radioactivity, to making a Wildlife Garden.

See you during Festival Week!

Margaret Walshe-Gannon.

MAYNOOTH PARISH FOLK GROUP

The Maynooth Parish Folk Group has been in existence since 1979, and apart from short simmer breaks, plays and sings each Sunday at 9.45am Mass.

Recently some members of the group participated in a concert in the Parish Hall as part of a music marathon fundraiser for St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band. We have also recently participated in a concert in Carton House (as part of a fundraising venture for St. Mary's Church of Ireland Restoration Fund). The concert co-incided with a poetry reading by Mary O'Donnell, Pdraig Rooney and Eibhlin Ni Chuillineain, and was warmly received by a packed audience in The Green Drawing Room of the house.

We are also available for wedding ceremonies.

The folk group is always pleased to welcome new members - singers and musicians, male and female - so please come and talk to us any Sunday morning after mass.

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Maynooth Schools News

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION - BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL

The Parents' Association of the boys' school has been very busy during the past school year, raising much-needed funds for the school.

In November, we held a very successful 'Night out' with Fiddlers Green, in the Hitchin' Post. And in April, our Race Night took place. We are very grateful to all our sponsors and would like to acknowledge them publicly:

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Sincere thanks also to all the advertisers, townspeople and parents who supported the event.

We are pleased to inform parents that with the money raised this year, we are in the process of purchasing a further two computers for the school. Some of the boys will already have had 'time' on the computer purchased last year and by all reports are enjoying the piece of technology. The new computers will ensure that more of the boys, including junior classes, will be allowed to acquire basic computer skills.

In addition to the costly computers, funds from the Parents' Association have been allocated to P.E. equipment, the library and other badly needed teaching materials.

A final word of thanks to all parents, teachers and friends who have supported our work throughout the year and we wish the boys many fun filled hours of learning.

*Helen Nelson,
Secretary.*

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER ASSOC.

About 450 parents, teachers and friends of the school attended an American Tea Party held in the County Club, Dunshaughlin, on Friday 12th April.

Music was by Panache who played up to their usual high standard and a very enjoyable evening was had by all, with the proceeds of the raffle (£500) went to the Irish Red Cross Kurdish Appeal Fund.

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POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to Donnchadha O'Brien, a Leaving Certificate student of last year on being selected to represent Ireland at the London International Youth Science Fortnight from July 24th to August 8th. Donnchadha, who is studying Engineering in Bolton Street, will be on an all expenses paid trip. He will be a fine ambassador for our school and country.

Congratulations also to Cormac Ashe on winning the Fuji school photo competition in his section. His prize consists of a weekend at a photography workshop and a variety of photo equipment.

On the sporting front, both boys and girls have distinguished themselves recently. The Junior girls' Basketball team won the Carlow/Kildare Zone final with an exciting victory over Bagenalstown School only to be narrowly beaten in the Midland Regional Semi-finals play-off by Athlone. The second and third year boys won the Kildare County Championship with a one point victory over Prosperous. Next month our second years go on their annual school trip to Wales while the first years will take off to the wonders of the Burren Countryside. All in all a busy month and we have yet to play the final of the Under 14 football championship.

Language Festival

Language Day was organised in the school on March 6th. It was a great success and the adjudicators who visited the school were very impressed by the level of participation of all three languages - French, German and Irish. Thank you to all those who helped make the day such a success. Some students were selected to go forward to the Young Linguists' Competition in Dublin on May 11th. We wish them well and know that they will do us proud.

PRESENTATION CONVENT PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Our sincere thanks to everyone who bought tickets and attended our recent fund raising venture held in the Hitchin' Post on the 10th May. Excellent music was provided by Fiddlers Green. Thanks also to the new management and staff of the Hitchin' Post who looked after us so well and to the teaching staff of the school for donating three of the raffle prizes. All the other raffle prizes plus the refreshments and sandwiches were donated by committee members. The night was a great success due to your continued support and for this the committee are extremely grateful.

To coincide with this year's Summer Festival week the committee are sponsoring an Art Competition for the children of the school. Prizes will be awarded to those who have been adjudged as winners in the four different age groups. The paintings will be on display in the P.E. Hall of the school during school hours throughout Festival Week (15th - 23rd June). It is hoped that many parents will go to see them.

Sheila Fleming - P.R.O.

SPECIAL AWARDS CHILDREN

Children, it is often presumed, have no real worries or problems. We believe it is our job as adults to ensure this. This is unfortunately not always true and children often suffer in our society. Often this suffering is caused by the unthinking neglect or deliberate abuse of our young people. Such suffering, terrible though it is, can at least be blamed upon somebody. Suffering though cannot always be explained in terms of somebody being at fault. Sometimes children are born to lead lives which will demand from their first breath great courage simply to continue.

Four such children of courage were honoured last March with a Mc Donald's Child of Achievement Award. These four children are Ciara Caulfield, Louise Bruton, Edel King, all from Maynooth and Anna Shinnors from Leixlip. Two of the Maynooth children attend Caroline Foran's Montessori School in Maynooth and the third one is a past pupil and now attends the Convent Primary School. Caroline nominated these children for the awards.

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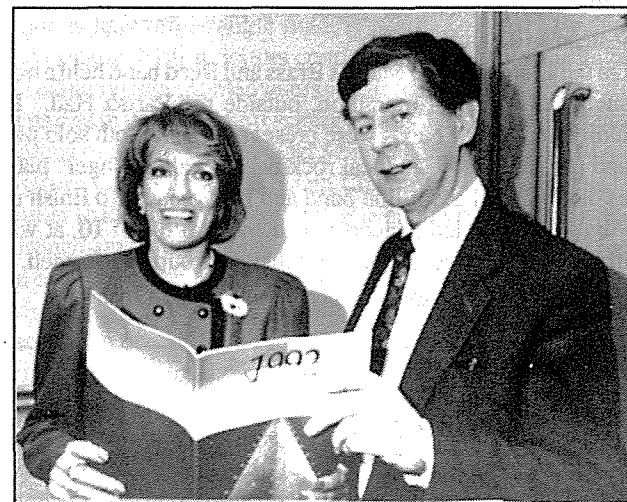
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John Colgan, Chairman, Consumers' Association of Ireland, pictured with Esther Rantzen, presenter of *That's Life* TV consumer programme at Stormont Hotel, Belfast, last year, at the launch of "1992: The Consumer View".

John Colgan started and led case for Leixlip's own local authority, to get a fairer deal for Leixlip, like Celbridge and Maynooth, badly neglected by Kildare County Council.

Remember, it is the current councillors' parties which are the source of your grievances: Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael and Labour. They all opposed giving your community more say in its own affairs; that suits Council staff too, on whom they depend . . .

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 1991

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Competition for Men and Women. Get your team(s) of 3 players together and return the entry form below to Jack Butler, 225 Kingsbry, a.s.a.p., along with entry fee of £9 per team.

Team(s) Entry Form		Estate _____	
Inter-Estate Pitch 'n Putt			
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St. Mary's Band Bulletin

The Band held a Sponsored Musical Marathon from 12 noon to 10 pm on 28th April. The Marathon started with a parade from Greenfield shopping Centre to the Parish Hall, where various groups of musicians played throughout the day and it ended with a free concert from 8 - 10 pm, which was enjoyed by all who attended. We would like to thank the other groups who participated in our Marathon - The Folk Group, The Accordion Band and Fallen Angel. We also take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout this year and last, and due to your continued support we are glad to say that our uniforms should be ready in a few months time.

The Band have a busy schedule ahead of them this summer with engagements coming from all parts of the country. Our summer season started with a local engagement on 12th May, when we played at a tree Planting Ceremony in commemoration of the fifteen men who marched from Maynooth to join the 1916 Rising. We also played at the Jamboree in North Kildare the same day. We are playing at a Feile na nGael Parade in Dublin on 19th May and that same day we are playing in Carton and also at Barnhall where there is a meeting of all the people who adopted Romanian babies. Our next engagement is in Thurles, which is also becoming an annual event for the Band. We are also playing in Peamount Hospital on Sunday 30th June.

As you can see the band are getting numerous engagements, therefore, if you are interested in booking the band for an event you should contact the Secretary, Elaine Bean, Rye View, Maynooth, as early as possible otherwise you might be disappointed and find the Band are already booked for the appropriate day.

On behalf of the committee and band members I wish to congratulate our Vice Chairman, Mick Dempsey and his wife, Marie who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on 21st May.

Margaret Dempsey,
P.R.O.

YOUTH REPORT

With summer well under way, Maynooth presents several interesting and scenic bicycling routes, although with the conditions of our roads and the way many drivers terrorise the innocent bicyclist, helmets are a good investment. Helmets are available in the Maynooth Cycle Shop and should be worn; if anyone thinks that helmets are 'stupid' they should remember that an ordinary fall from a bike can damage unprotected heads to the same extent as a half-ton of concrete being dropped on you head.

Although outside games are the current trend as the summer sets in, a good indoors occupation is playing role-playing games. Games like Dungeons and Dragons are very popular world wide, and anyone interested in finding out more about these games or anyone who already plays D & D can write to this column for more information on role-playing games (or for an extension to their gaming group).

The Boys National School magazine, *Boys Bag*, has sold very well, with the first issue selling out in two days (a total of 200 were printed). On behalf of the Editorial Board, thanks to all who bought the magazine, and especial thanks to both the Parents Association (for the generous grant), and to all members of the Gunn family, without whom publication would have been

A.C.R.A.

impossible. Also, the Gunn family generously asked that the £20 owed to them for paper and photocopying be donated instead to a charity.

On the 28th April, St. Mary's Brass and Reed band held a highly successful musical marathon, outside the Parish Hall. Both junior and senior bands were present, playing both solo pieces and group tunes. The local rock band, "Fallen Angel" played, as did the local accordion band and folk group. To finish up, a very well-attended concert was held from 8 'till 10, at which many of the above mentioned musical groups performed. All proceeds were put towards acquiring band uniforms.

A C R A

(The Central Body For Residents' Associations)

Greetings to you and to your Association for 1991. As you are already aware our A.G.M. has come and gone. This year it took place on Sunday, April 14th - a few weeks later than usual - because of Easter falling on the last week-end in March. I have pleasure in giving you an account here of the various topics of interest discussed.

Ground-Rents:

Ground-rent has been on A.C.R.A.'s agenda for 17 and a half years to date. Despite a relentless campaign over that period by the combined body of Residents' Associations to get successive

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Tribute to Professor B. Hayley

Nurturing their heads those that could went on a cultural trip to the art gallery Kilcock. The weather being kind, those elderly reprobates recuperated in the sunshine from the night before. More culture was on offer on Thursday night with St. Mary's;s Brass and Reed Band hall. I'm assured this at least was a sober occasion.

The week ended on Sunday May 5th with a mass followed by a party. Tea and sandwiches were on offer but again rumour had it the tea was fortified. The whole week was a great success and many thanks must be given to the many people who gave of their time to make it such a success.

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR BARBARA HAYLEY

The tragic death of Ireland's leading bibliographer and one of its finest academics has deeply shocked all those who benefitted from Barbara Hayley's guidance and friendship over the past ten years in Maynooth. She was appointed Professor of English in St Patrick's College in 1984, the first woman to become a professor in the college's history. Under her professorship the English department enjoyed an increased postgraduate school, an enormous rise in the amount of students studying the subject and a varied and challenging programme of study for undergraduate and postgraduate students alike. She was actively involved in the administration of the Arts Faculty, as Dean of Arts from 1987 to '89 and as member of various college boards.

Professor Hayley especially encouraged the careers of mature students in college, having studied for her own degrees in Trinity College, Dublin, and at the University of Kent, as a mature student. Her remarkable contribution to the field of bibliographical research was second to none: her work on the nineteenth century Irish author William Carleton is an acclaimed landmark in bibliographical studies. She was also a frequent guest lecturer at home and abroad, especially at the Yeats' Summer School.

Professor Hayley will be remembered by the many students whose work she encouraged and whose friendship she cultivated during their careers in Maynooth. She showed a most genuine interest in all of her students, helping to solve financial and other problems, promoting their endeavours in future employment and encouraging any extra-curricular activity in which they were engaged. She was a dedicated supporter of the Drama Society, the English Literary Society and of all of the college magazines which her students produced (at every issue-launch of the recent *Cobweb* magazine Professor Hayley bought practically one third of the copies in an attempt to boost the magazine's finances!). She attended every poetry reading and every play which involved her students. She was teacher, friend and guardian.

Her abiding love of her students will never be forgotten. It will endure, requited, for as long as there are days to thank her.

Governments to grasp this nettle and rid the nation of the iniquitous landlord strangle hold, it is still with us. To their eternal shame, Irish solicitors continue to issue threats of legal proceedings against homeowners who refuse to pay; very prominent names in the legal profession come to light in this business, including one who is a Fine Gael Senator and Councillor in Dun Laoghaire Corporation, Mr. Liam Cosgrave. I mention this as a pointer to the fact that Fine Gael is seen to view the existence of Ground-rent with favour. Solicitors' letters to householders have been stern and unnerving. As well as naming the Courts to instil fear, house holders have also been threatened with possession proceedings being commenced against their property and forfeiture of the lease. And some five of our members have had to endure the ignominy of confinement behind prison bars because of their refusal to pay.

Over the last 17 and a half years of ACRA's struggle for the termination of the Ground-rents system, this Association has had recourse to every law-abiding method to induce successive Governments to end, once and for all, the landlords' stranglehold on our peoples' lawfully-acquired property. Every Taoiseach's attention has been drawn to the ACRA campaign; every relevant Government Minister, and all T.D.'s from all political parties, have been lobbied to press for a final termination date. Most of them have dodged the issue; they promised but afterwards reneged.

True, Fianna Fail moved a step forward in 1978, in response to ACRA's pressure. A Fianna Fail Government, that year, prohibited the creation of Ground-rent on dwelling-houses in new legislation so that no dwelling-house built since May 1978 has a ground-rent attaching to it. But the 1978 Act did not free the householder from the ground-rent trap who, before the act was passed, had no option but to buy his/her home.

Successive Governments have stood idly by while ground-rent protesters were committed to prison by court order obtained by ground landlords.

176 Irish Citizens have received jail sentences ranging from 2 to 14 days each which includes husband and wife teams. In all 5 ACRA members have experienced the barbaric penalty of jailing for their ground-rent refusal to pay since 1973, two of them as recently as April 1990.

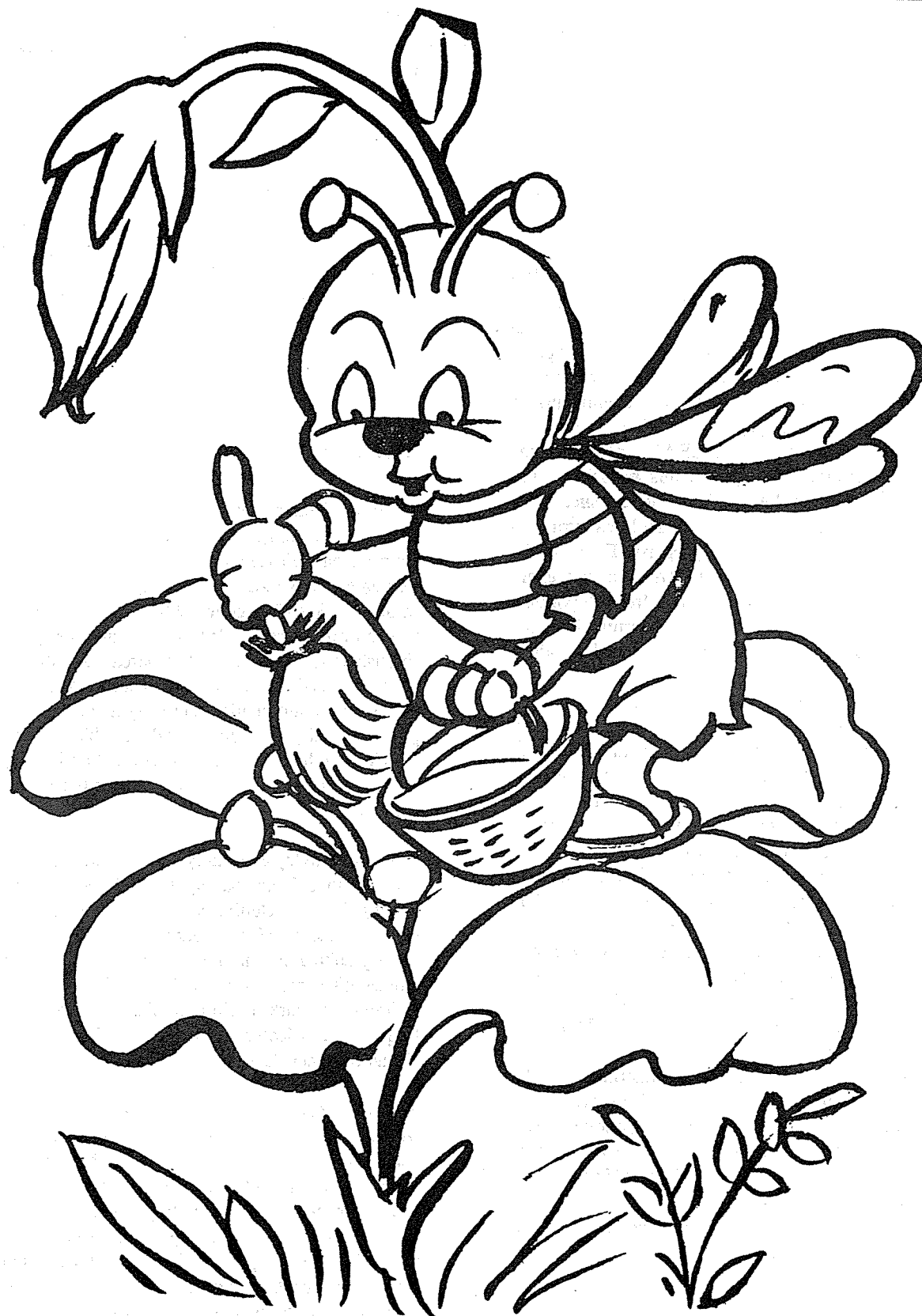
Is the landlord's privilege to go on and on indefinitely? The harassed house holders must very soon decide. Public representatives and their canvassers will be knocking at your member's doors in the very near future seeking support for their respective parties for election to local authorities for the next 5 years. The power will then be in your hands.

No votes until the party you support spells out its immediate policy on the ground-rents issue.

Mairin Callanan (Mrs)
Hon-General Secretary.
Phone No: 01 820077

ACTIVE AGE WEEK

Between The 28th of April and May 5th the senior citizens of Maynooth showed how lively they still were. It began quietly with prayers on the Sunday, then on Thursday 30th of April they let their hair down at the cabaret in Caulfields, which went on well into the early hours of Wednesday.



Extra copies of the children's colouring competition page are available in the Community Council Office.

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Residents' Association News

CARTON COURT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The two main areas that the committee will focus on for the next month will be the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and Clean-up Day in Carton Court.

1) The meeting with the Gardai for the setting up of the Neighbourhood Watch took place on Tuesday 21st May, in the Boys' National School at 8 p.m.

2) Clean-up Day was on Saturday 25th May.

3) We continue to investigate the possibility of a wall, fence or other type of division between the south-facing road (Nos 54 - 74) and Mr. Brady's field. We still await a communication from the County Council concerning the matter, before we can make any further move forward.

4) The annual contribution of £10 is being collected by the Road Representatives at present. Thanks to all who have already contributed, and we appeal to those who have not yet paid to support the Association and the various projects undertaken during the year.

5) **An appeal from the heart!!**

Could we please put an end to the dumping of rubbish/grass at the junction of Carton Court Estate, Greenfield Estate and Brady's Field - or we may need to hire a "Pied Piper" to deal with the rats!!

And what about those *big* dogs who pollute gardens and greens so freely? Perhaps their owners would care to do clean-up every evening after work?

6) At our last meeting, a new member was co-opted on to the committee - Michael Keogh, No. 39. We welcome him to the team for 1991.

7) **Let us know !!**

Do get to know your road representatives, and let them hear your ideas for projects and improvements that might benefit the estate. Your committee is there to discuss your needs and to see what can be done to further them.

Noelle Topley
Secretary

COLLEGE GREEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Association has become dormant over the past year with little or no work being done by the 'caretaker' committee except to collect the subs and organise the grass cutting. We hope to remedy this situation at our A.G.M. which will be held in Caulfields' on Thursday the 23rd of May at 9.30pm. We hope to get a good attendance and elect a new committee who will get the ball rolling again.

Shortly after the A.G.M. we will begin collecting the subscriptions which we need to pay to have the grass cut on the open spaces. Could we use this opportunity to ask people to keep the area outside their own homes tidy. Try to eliminate the grass and dandelions growing at the side road and cut the small grass verges which the mowing machine cannot get at.

The committee, on behalf of the residents would like to express our deep sympathy to Clare and Tony O'Connor (and Amy) on the loss of their baby David.

Ursula Forde
Secretary

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Thank you to all the Residents who have paid their annual subscription to our Association.

As you are aware, this goes to pay for the upkeep of the estate, lawnmowers, insurance, buying shrubs, trees etc.

We once again appeal to residents from Greenfield Drive to stop dumping rubbish in the ditch between Greenfield Drive, Carton Court.

Work has started on the estate as part of our campaign to improve and keep Maynooth tidy.

As part of this campaign 15th June 1991 has been designated Estate Clean-up Day. A skip will be provided for dumping of trees, grass-cuttings etc. We would ask that household rubbish will be kept to an absolute minimum. Further details in our next circular.

Maynooth Community Festival

We will ask all residents to support the Maynooth Community Festival. We are particularly looking for entries for an Inter-Estate Pitch and Putt Competition. If you are interested, please contact R. Farrell at (6286044) before the 4th June 1991.

R. Farrell
PRO

KINGSBRY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The estate clean up day will be held on Saturday, 8th June. As there is a great deal of work to be done to maintain last years' standard, we would ask all able-bodied residents to come out on the day to help. Please don't leave it to others to do all the work. If each resident did the area in front of their own house and all joined in on general areas, ie the main road of the estate, big greens etc., the job would be much easier. Skips will be provided on the day for litter, weeds etc.

Our Pitch and Putt competition this year is being run in conjunction with the Community Council as one of the events of community week. More details elsewhere in the *Newsletter*.

With all the young children out and about due to the long fine evenings, and the Summer holidays fast approaching, we appeal to all motorists living in and visiting the estate to drive slowly. Looking forward to your help and support on the above.

Kevin Coyle
P.R.O.

LYREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Our first open meeting since our A.G.M. took place on Monday 13th May. We had a good attendance and we dealt with the current issues relating to our area. Foremost of interest was the ongoing position with regard to the "No Entry" signs at the Convent Lane and Mill Street entrances to the lane parallel to the Main Street. There has been a reduction in through traffic since the erection of the signs but there are still some problems especially at school times and at weekends with people ignoring the signs. We would urge all people to be aware of the signs and to comply with them if only as a courtesy to the residents on this thoroughfare.

Residents' Associations' News

With regard to our Tidy-up, two days have so far been allocated and considerable work was done on both occasions. We will have completed a third clean-up by the time you read this and we hope that our endeavours will be noticed and that people will make an effort on an ongoing basis. Students living in our area please be aware that you are part of our community and we ask that you treat the property and your neighbours with respect and courtesy. A few people causing disturbances are giving you all a bad image as "Students".

With the advent shortly of the Summer Festival we have arranged a "sixties night" in Slims for Thursday 20th June to tie in with the events of that week. More details of this will be advertised locally so keep that night free!!

To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the departure of Maynooth men to fight in the Easter Rising in Dublin a tree planting ceremony took place in the 'Green'. The ceremony which was organised by the 75th Anniversary Committee took place on Sunday the 12th May and those who attended were treated to some music by the Brass and Reed Band. A plaque was also unveiled to indicate the relevance of this newly planted maple tree.

The Committee wish to apologise to the outgoing committee and to thank them for a year of hard work in which we saw our Association gain in profile and achievement. We hope that we shall be able to continue in a similar vein.

Sympathies are extended to the families of May Fagan and Tess Fay and to the husband and family of Mrs. Breen.

Finally, local elections are just around the corner - now is the time when the pen is mightier than the promise at the door! If the local representatives want our votes then let's ask them to earn that No. 1 on the Ballot Paper.

Tony Bean
Secretary.

NEW GREENFIELDS' RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Treasurer, Mrs Maureen Kelly and wish her well. We would like to thank our out-going Treasurer, Mr. P. Perry for his good work. By now everyone should have availed of the new lawnmower. It can be got by contacting any of the following: Mr. Kelly, Mr. Lee or Mr. N. Birchall. A small fee of £1 is charged to go towards its upkeep.

The Disco, Friday 17th was as usual a great success. The next childrens disco is Friday 7th June - all welcome.

Saturday 22nd, sees a Disco again, being run in conjunction with Maynooth Summer Festival. There will be a Disco Dancing Competition along with The *Newsletter* Short Story (Under 12's and 12 - 18's) Presentation of prizes. This Disco is as usual open to all children.

The planting of shrubs and flowers is still in progress each Saturday - and we welcome all your support.

Ann Kirby
Secretary

College Notes

Last month the students of Maynooth voted 2 to 1 in favour of condoms being made available to students from the health-centre on the campus. The total number of students who voted was 1,063 with 688 for the proposal and 373 against, there being only two spoilt votes.

However Mr. Vincent P. Martin the President of the Students' Union informed the *Newsletter* and the national media that despite the referendum, condoms will not be made available to students from the health-centre. This, Mr. Martin says, following legal advice, would be illegal as the health-centre is not an approved outlet for the distribution of condoms.

Mr. Martin does however respect the right of students to hold referenda on whatever issue they wish. This is, according to Mr. Martin, their democratic right under the constitution of the Students' Union.

It will remain the official policy of the Students' Union to make condoms available to students as soon as it becomes legal to do so. In the meantime students wishing to use condoms must await the Minister's pleasure or go to a chemist which will sell them the said item.

The Condom Referendum:

When asked why they called the recent referendum on whether or not to make condoms available on the College Campus, spokespersons for the group "Students for Change" said it was a basic human right to have condoms available. It was basically a health rather than a sexual issue. Further, before the referendum the Student's Union had no policy on the issue, unlike all other Third Level Colleges.

On the legal implications of the referendum's result the same spokespersons dismissed the President of the Student's Union position completely. They argued that if the referendum did mandate the sabbatical officers to act illegally they will be obliged constitutionally to carry out that mandate. Therefore the sabbatical officers should be leading the campaign to have the health centre on the Campus upgraded so that it could become a legal outlet for the sale of condoms. The spokesperson for "Students for Change" claimed that the sabbatical officers were "bowing to pressure from the Catholic Hierarchy".

Finally the "Students for Change" asked that it be stated that they are not an exclusively left-wing group, but in fact, enjoy support from a broad spectrum of students.

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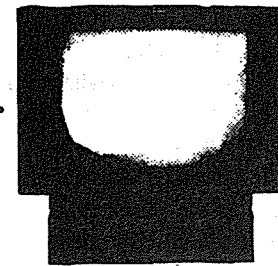
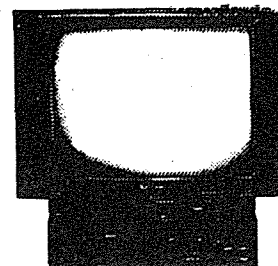
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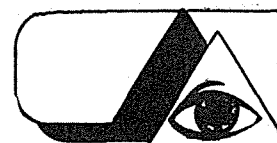
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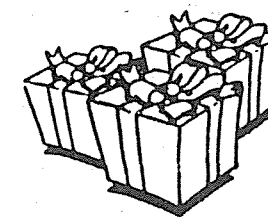
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College Notes

From our Student Affairs Correspondent: Condoms Referendum

Considerable controversy has abounded within the College since students once again voted in a referendum on the availability on campus of condoms. The sabbatical officers have declared their refusal to implement the outcome of the referendum which was overwhelmingly carried as providing condoms through vending machines or by selling them from the shop is illegal. The sabbatical officers have claimed that there is no legal avenue open to them for making condoms available.. This is despite the fact that the referendum wording specifically required the union to take steps to register their first aid centre as a Health Centre with the Eastern Health Board. In addition to this the motion also referred to an increase in the doctor's hours, which would make it possible for her to provide condoms to students. A general increase in the doctor's hours for a better health service was proposed by some candidates in the recent sabbatical elections. The new vice-president Sean O' Reilly said at the changeover meeting (AGM) of the union that he would be prepared to follow through the mandate asked of the union from the referendum. Answering a question from Fiachra O Ceilleachair (one of those involved in bringing about the referendum), O Reilly said he envisaged a role for student assembly in implementing referenda. Unlike last years referendum and a 'no' campaign was organised. A public debate before the vote featured an address by Mr Joe Mc Carroll of Family Solidarity. Students for Change spokesperson Fiachra O Ceilleachair along with other S.F.C. activists have criticised the union response, speculating about possible church intimidation. Some critics of condoms raised rumours before the vote about the college authorities forcing the closing down of the Health Centre if it was to provide condoms. Although a possibility, this scenario would appear unlikely given the fact that a cheque towards dental equipment for the centre was presented to the union on the final of the recent Challenging Times quiz on RTE TV. Along with this there would be considerable uproar if the College authorities were to force the removal of a health facility from its students. There can be no doubt that some powerful people within the union and the College have serious reservations about allowing condoms to be provided. Fiachra O' Ceilleachair has expressed the hope that the union will assert it's independence in the face of any possible church pressure. Sooner or later condoms will be provided on Maynooth campus It should be a newsworthy item for the *Newsletter* when this happens.

New executive for Students Union

Maynooth Students' Union have elected a new executive. At the recent annual changeover meeting six new officers were elected to join the new sabbatical officers Geraldine Delaney and Sean O' Reilly. Tensions ran high as last minute deals and understandings were hammered out between prospective candidates and those entitled to vote. Considerable speculation surrounded the voting intentions of a number of Fine Gael activists, who now constitute a significant force within the union. In the first election of the night Eddie Murphy was returned unopposed as Treasurer. Daithi Nelligan narrowly edged out Robert Flavin to become the new Ents. Officer. Martin Hughes was suprisingly elected Publicity Officer ahead of last years' Dennis Carty. Last year's Education Officer Feargal Shaw-Doyle failed to be re-elected, losing out to aspiring first year student Brian Gillen.

The new Officer without Portfolio is Paddy Matthews who was comfortably elected. The biggest surprise of the night came in the election for Womens Rights Officer. Patricia Carey, a leading figure in "Students for Change" (the grouping of left orientated students in the College) was elected ahead of hot favourite Kathy Williams. There is certainly plenty of variety present in this new executive and we wish them well for 1991/92.

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EYE HEAR

First Issue

Maynooth Newsletter commenced as a *Muintir na Tire Newsletter* in 1967 or 1968. It comprised of just one typed sheet. In March 1969 it got its first logo drawn by Michael Dargan, a clerical student in the College.

On the winding up of Maynooth Branch of Muintir na Tire the then committee were asked to continue to produce the *Newsletter* and continued to do so until the first Community Council took it over, and the *Newsletter* committee continued to produce it until the present Community Council took over. The first Community Council produced the first professionally printed copies with advertising.

Eye Hear

About 200-300 typed and duplicated copies of the *Newsletter* were sold up to 1975 when the numbers grew considerably. It may be of interest that the price of the original *Newsletter* was one penny, up to March 1975, when it increased to two pence. [Our thanks to Ted Kelly for supplying this information].

Hunt for Treasure

Eye Hear that electioneering is to be put aside on the 15th June when it is hoped that scores of teams will set out on the Great CarTreasure Hunt. Starting at 5.00pm in the town centre mall, teams will be expected to do a circuit around Maynooth, and come back with the answers to such perplexing riddles as 'where the corresponding twin no more can roam, tell us what divides his continental home?' It's usually frustrating, and not recommended for warring families. But from last year's experience there are still enough masochists around who'll be raring to go. Good luck to them all!!

Egg on their faces?

A programme for the GAA Children's Sports Day on Sunday, 22nd July 1962 has fallen into our hands. Finalists in the Girls' Egg and Spoon Race were Bridgid Bracken, Catherine O' Brien, Nuala Farrell, Irene Slattery, Emer Mc Dermott, Teresa Breen, Mary Murray, Ann Rowan, Catherine O'Neill, and Catherine Lenehan. The boy finalists in the same event were Paul Hand, John O'Brien, William Moore, Sean Farrelly, P.J. Nolan, Tony Mc Ternan, Paul Bracken, Gerard Mc Ternan, Noel Redmond, and Christy Edwards. Can anyone remember who won?

An early Newsletter

From the same attic we have retrieved a copy of the *Maynooth Newsletter*, dated 20th April 1969. This appears to have been a free publication although the editorial committee regretfully announced that it would henceforth be necessary to make a nominal charge in future to defray costs. This five page document reveals that some things stay the same, and not much has changed over the last twenty two years in Maynooth. Work had commenced on the new school, for which the nuns had presented a site, and paid an architect just over one thousand pounds. The Table Tennis Club had finished a successful second season (did it have any more?). The Tidy Towns Committee had just been set up at a public meeting called by Muintir na Tire, and Maynooth was to embark on a somewhat unrewarding career as an entrant to this prestigious competition. The Youth Club, with Misses M. D'Arcy and K Murphy, and Mr L. Nevin at the helm came third in a debating competition in Coill Dubh. The Band was appealing, as always for support. Members of the Red Cross were offered the enticement of attendance at Mondello Park car racing. And the second quarterly draw for the Swimming Pool Project saw such dignitaries as Fr M Ledwith, and Dodo Murray winning a fiver each. At the end of April, the total amount standing to the Credit of the Association Trustees was 1208 pounds. (Did one hear someone saying 'don't mention the war?'). And, finally, Mrs Mulready delighted the ICA with a demonstration on making rugs from fur clippings but the cooking demonstration by the ESB had to be postponed until after the Parish Mission.

Watch this space next month. Find out what your neighbours were doing in 1975. Not much escapes the *Maynooth Newsletter*.

To the Loo

Eye Hear that Kildare County Council is at last thinking of demolishing the Thing in the Square - the inconvenient problem is to identify another location for the public toilet. For despite the shudders of horror at the thought, unsuspecting passers by have been observed entering and leaving this unsavoury enclosure when the call of nature cannot be ignored. Perhaps the solution is to extend pub opening hours. At the recent Ireland/Poland match, at least seven men with their knees tied in knots were observed making a dash for the facilities in Caulfields.

Closing Time

And speaking of pub hours, Eye Hear is glad to have benefitted from one local hostelry's premature declaration of Summer Closing Time, a week before the official date. It took at least three days before the aberration was brought to managerial attention, and the winter times were back again. It's been a long winter.

Make Straight the Paths

We must invite President de Klerk and his ilk around more often. His sojourn in Moyglare Manor coincided with major improvements in the local road conditions. In view of the improvement in Connemara roads inspired by the presence in their midst of President Robinson, perhaps we could persuade her excellency to drop in more often. Eye Hear is delighted to report that the ROAR sign on the Dublin Road is having an impact. One impressed motorist took the trouble to ring the Community Council office from his car phone to compliment those responsible.

Travelling on

Finally, Eye Hear that Editorial Board Chairperson and Treasurer of the Maynooth Travellers Settlement Committee, Kay Mac Keogh, is aiming to emulate her triumph of optimism over reality of last year, by again running the Evening Press Women's Mini-Marathon on 16th June. All who come in contact with her between now and the big day, will be entreated to sponsor her endeavours. The cause is good. The Maynooth Travellers' Committee are required to organise transport to bring travelling children to school. The Department meets most of the cost, but the local committee is expected to raise 5% which amounts to several hundred pounds.

Aussies puzzled by Condom-nation

Eye Hear's foreign correspondent sent us a clipping (by wire) from a daily Australian newspaper stating that "students at Irelands' main training College for Roman Catholic priests in Maynooth had voted 688 to 373 in favour of making contraceptives available on campus". The Australians were so stimulated by this piece of news that they even broadcast it on national television. Our foreign correspondent wants to know if we are telling them lies or are we "fair dinkum, mate!"

Political Party Notes

FILM REVIEW

"The Hard Way" (15)

Where does fiction begin and reality end? This is the question which underlies the new Michael J. Fox and James Wood film "The Hard Way". The premis of the film is that Nick Lang (Fox), a film actor, is allowed to work with Lt. Moss(Wood) in order to find out what real police work is.

The antagonism between Lang and Moss, is palpable and gives the film its dramatic focus. The post - apocalyptic cityscape against which the film is set is a constant visual treat if you're into surreal art. Moss (reality) is the straight man playing against Lang (fiction) the funny man. The relationship is given an extra romantic twist with Susan (Annabelle Sciorra) Moss' girlfriend turning to Lang for advice. The final thread in the plot is the psychotic killer "The Party Crasher" who takes Lt. Moss' attentions personally.

The whole film is a lot of laughs and never takes itself too seriously. For a good night's entertainment this is well worth a visit.

POLITICAL NOTES

FINE GAEL NOTES

Insurance Costs

Members expressed their concern at the enormous differences in motor insurance costs in the U.K., Northern Ireland and the Republic. Examples of young drivers being charged in excess of £2,000 for third party, fire and theft were cited. It was felt that premiums of this magnitude only encouraged young drivers to drive without insurance. There was criticism of the insurance companies' failure to reduce premiums as they had promised to do on the introduction of no jury trials.

The failure of insurers to give drivers any recognition for years of accident free driving under company insurance policies, when taking out their own insurance drew criticism from some members who had found themselves in this position. The problem also applies to spouse s or other family members who appear as named drivers on the family car insurance who find that when they come to taking out their own car insurance they are classified as novice drivers.

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The enormous cost of public liability insurance to businesses and organisations running public events was also raised. The blame for these costs and to some extent motor insurance costs lay with us as a nation and our tendency to make exaggerated claims whenever the opportunity arose. Many of these claims were bogus as shown by a recent Cork Court case. It was the opinion of some members that the insurance companies could do more to counteract these bogus claims by having a national computerised register of claimants and by not being so willing to settle so called "small" claims out of court, often without the knowledge of their policy holder.

The views of the members expressed in this discussion are being forwarded to H.Q. for consideration in the preparation of a policy document on the subject.

Local Election Candidates

Three candidates have been selected to contest the local elections in the Celbridge electoral area. In keeping with our tradition as an equal opportunity party a lady is included. She is Catherine Mc Garry from Celbridge, a long time member of Fine Gael. She is also active in the Kildare Civil Defence, the Royal Canal Amenity Group and in addition is a member of the Celbridge Community Council.

Leixlip is represented by Gerard Gallery who has lived in the area for the past ten years. A teacher by profession he has been active in boxing with Arbour Hill and in the G.A.A. He is a member of the National Teachers' Organisation and is on the Supervisory Committee of their Credit Union.

The third member of the panel, Bernard Durkan T.D., needs no introduction to the readers of this publication or to the many constituents he has helped during his 15 years on Kildare Co. Council. His dedication and hard work speak for themselves. By voting for these candidates the electors of this area will be voting for responsible representation as opposed to the bandwagon, catch-cry representation offered by others.

Carton Poll

A poll to establish the public's attitude to the proposed developments in Carton was carried out at our stand at the Trade Fair in the Boys' School. The results showed that just under two thirds of the respondents favoured the development. This is in marked contrast to the attitude adopted by some local election candidates.

Political Party Notes

The "Thing"

Contrary to recent Labour Party propaganda we wish to state that the Maynooth Branch support the removal of the toilet block from the Square. However in keeping with our policy of responsible representation we recognise the need for a properly maintained public convenience in Maynooth in view of the number of visitors to the area which is likely to increase in the future.

LABOUR PARTY NOTES

The Thing Survives

- Thanks to Durkan and Brady

Despite the overwhelming wish of the local community in Maynooth to have 'The Thing' demolished, your local Fianna Fail and Fine Gael councillors Brady and Durkan failed to support a Labour Party motion at Kildare Co. Council seeking to have the toilet removed immediately. Instead, Deputy Durkan proposed that the toilet not be removed until an alternative public toilet was provided in the town. During the debate this was supported by Cllr. Gerry Brady and Cllr. Paddy Power.

The matter was put to a vote and all F.G. and F.F. councillors supported Deputy Durkan's amendment except Cllr. Gerry Brady who abstained as he did 'not have enough information on the matter'. (If he had attended the Area Committee meetings he would have been well informed). Labour councillors Purcell and Stagg voted against this blocking tactic.

The effect of this vote is to block the decision to remove the toilet until a suitable site is found and agreed for replacement toilets and until approximately £50,000 is provided to build a new facility. This money is not available - i.e. *The Thing remains*. No further action is now possible until the new Co. Council is elected on June 27th. The Labour Party hope that you will use the ballot box on that occasion to express your opinion on this issue and support our local candidate John McGinley.

Carton Development

To date the Labour Party has been the only political party in Maynooth to publicly welcome published proposals to develop Carton estate. Recent misleading statements by Fine Gael suggesting that the Labour Party opposed any development of Carton are simply untrue.

But unlike Fine Gael we are not in favour of development at any cost. For example, the Labour Party totally oppose the type of development that has taken place at Straffan House where the local community are totally excluded from the facility and the grounds are patrolled by guards.

Having examined the Gleneagles Group proposals carefully we are satisfied that the development, on balance, will benefit the local community. Extensive access to the public is guaranteed and the integrity of the estate will be largely maintained. In addition Carton House will be restored to its original splendour. In addition, John McGinley, was involved in the Community Council's successful attempt to get agreement that residents of Maynooth can avail of special rates for using the golfing and swimming facilities.

Residents can be assured that the Labour Party will monitor all developments carefully.

Local Problems

Following representations from John McGinley, Deputy Stagg has brought a number of matters to the attention of Kildare Co. Council:

- The Area Engineer and the Health Board have been asked to compile a report as a matter of urgency in relation to the parking of caravans and large scale dumping in an area of Greenfield Phase 3.

- the roads section has been asked to investigate the question of extending the speed limit on the Dunboyne Road beyond some of the houses recently built in the area.

- following representations from residents in the back lanes area of Maynooth through Deputy Stagg, the County Engineer has been asked to investigate the cleaning up of the entrance to the pound.

- John McGinley has been in contact with the Co. Council regarding the poor state of the footpaths in parts of Railpark estate.

- Deputy Stagg has asked the Co. Council to remove rubbish dumped in the ditch between Kingsbry and Greenfields and that the ditch be piped and filled in.

- following representations from Deputy Stagg regarding the provision of a bus stop at Greenfield Lane, the Divisional Manager of Dublin Bus is to examine a suitable location in consultation with the Garda Traffic Department.

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MAYNOOTH WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

Local Elections

Local election candidate, Catherine Murphy, Town Commissioner for Leixlip launched her campaign at a reception in the Springfield Hotel in May. Catherine highlighted service charges as being one of the major issues facing the North Kildare area, citing the curious difference in the treatment accorded to those anti-charges protesters, who have been harassed and jailed for non-payment of a few hundred pounds, while those who have cheated the taxpayer of millions go unchecked. The anomalies between the different levels of charges is also a cause of some mystification. Dubliners a few miles away pay no charges; could this be because of the number of Workers' Party and left wing Councillors in that county? The Workers' Party looks forward to seeing Catherine Murphy in the County Council. She will give a stronger voice to North Kildare in the allocation of County Council expenditure; and she will lobby for substantial increases in the government's funding of the county. Only with increased representation from the Left will it be possible to force the winds of change through the dusty chambers of Naas.

Ard Fheis

The Ard Fheis held in the RDS provided a forum for stimulating debate about the future direction of the Party. The adoption of the new party programme and constitution was the culmination of a lengthy process of consultation among all members of the Party over the last year, and constituted an exemplary form of democracy. Proinnsias Breathnach, Chairperson of the Branch was a member of the group which drew up the programme.

Visit of Proinnsias de Rossa to Maynooth

At the time of writing, Proinnsias de Rossa, TD, is to visit Maynooth as part of his tour of North Kildare on Friday 24th May. He will be meeting residents at Quinnsworth Shopping Centre, and then joining supporters at a function in the Captain's Inn in Leixlip. All are welcome.

Equal to the Best

The Workers' Party has made a submission to the Second Commission on the Status of Women entitled 'Equal to the Best'

The party's commitment to women's equality is part of a broad commitment to social progress and the betterment of all citizens who are disadvantaged and discriminated against. We completely reject the idea of 'downward equalisation' - of reducing anyone's status to that of someone who is even more disadvantaged in the name of 'equality'. We want women to be equal to the best in Irish society, not the worst off, and, we also want women to be more equally and actively involved in defining what's best in the first place. In this context, we extend congratulations to Norah Mc Dermott on her achievement in removing one more discrimination against women.

Tomorrow's people

May 1st saw the launch of a new party paper, Tomorrow's People. This eight page paper will be published twice a month, and will cover social and economic issues which affect the lives of ordinary men and women, and which other media ignore. The price is 20p. Call Proinnsias Breathnach, 92 Railpark, Tel: 6285241 for further information.

Branch Annual General Meeting

The following were elected as officers at the Annual General Meeting of the Branch held in Caulfield's meeting room: Chair: Proinnsias Breathnach; Vice Chair: Patricia Condron; Secretary: Kay Mac Keogh; Treasurer: Eamonn Mac Keogh.

JOHNNY DOWLING IN ROMANIA

The fuss may have died down now as our consciences are being turned once again towards Africa, Iraq and Bangladesh but there is still long term work needed to be done in Romania. As we slowly come to accept that our charity will always be needed by someone we must also realise that charity cannot only be a response to emergencies.

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In Romania they carried out practical work such as painting and plumbing in a hospital for 30 orphans, electrical work in an orphanage for babies and roofing on a school for the blind in Arad. They also delivered a 40ft container of relief supplies to KARE who are in Romania on a long term basis.

John Dowling is hoping to return to Romania later this year for a further one or two months. He is especially concerned with the plight of the older children in Romania who are unlikely to be adopted. The age group 13 to 18 years have to some extent been ignored in the rush to aid the babies. John would like any girls in Maynooth between those ages who have old T shirts with motifs to donate them to the girls in Romania. Any such T shirts may be given in to the Community Councils' Offices for collection by John.

John had harsh words for those who thought adoption to be a solution to the problems of Romania. "Adoption is only a solution for people who want to adopt". He favours foreign adoptions becoming harder because he feels adoptions are draining Romania of its healthiest children. However even John had to admit he came across children he would have liked to adopt himself if he felt it would do any good in the long term. We must remember that the babies who are not adopted grow up and need long term care, care which the Romanians must be helped and trained to give.

John is also concerned with the youth of Maynooth. Though he is unemployed at the moment he does not like being idle. He has spent the last 7 or 8 years with the local youth club which he says has "slipped into quiet oblivion". John will also be helping with this year's Summer Project which will be in July, and with the Vincent De Paul Sunshine House in Balbriggan. John would like to thank all who sponsored him for this trip.

COUNTY KILDARE V.E.C./ OPEN UNIVERSITY COURSES

(1) B.A. Foundation Course

(2) Social Science Foundation Course

Open University Courses are now available to citizens of the Republic of Ireland. Co. Kildare V.E.C. hope to assist in establishing a local centre in 1991/1992. The two courses on offer would be the B.A. and Social Science Foundation Course. In order to determine the level of interest in this degree programme an Open Information Meeting is planned for Thursday 23rd May, at 8.00p.m. in the Vocational School, Newbridge. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. There will be an official from the Open University in attendance.

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Local Authority

WHAT CHANCE MAYNOOTH'S OWN LOCAL AUTHORITY?

The truth is: it's too early to say. Only time will tell. Minister Padraig Flynn's special advisory group which was set up to consider local government reforms has reported. It couldn't agree on the kind of local government the country's towns should have. They did recommend, however, that all towns with Town Commissioners (Leixlip) and all towns with Urban District Councils (Athy) and Borough Corporations (Drogheda) should no longer have those bodies. Instead, whole counties would be carved up into districts, each of which would have a council. In North Kildare, they recommended that the three towns of Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth would form one district and have one council - with diminished powers and functions. Moreover, they couldn't agree whether the district councils would be elected or not: in one option, they would: in another they would simply be a committee of the county councillors for the area just as the Celbridge Electoral are do now. The Government haven't made up their mind yet on these sub-county bodies. So the elections to Town Commissioners, UDCs and Borough Corporations have been postponed indefinitely. On the whole, it looks as if local communities are going to get less rather than more local government. There has been much criticism of the make up of the Minister's advisory committee; it didn't have a single elected person on it.

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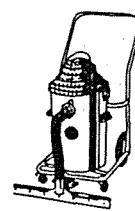
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Messages from Maynooth Spring Fair

Well, what an effusive bunch our readers are, when they are given their annual opportunity to get it all off their chest. Thanks to the 150 or so who sent their messages to their loved and not so loved ones through our Maynews post box at the Trade Fair. We have had to censor some messages to protect the sensitive and the guilty. So yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. Perhaps you might have a chat with him sometime!

To: Susan Dempsey. From: Mam, Dad, Peter and Kate. Good luck in your exams

To: Snoochum's Maeve. From: Cuddly Virginia. I love you

To: Mum. From: Andrew. Yo Mum! Happy Birthday

To: Dawn Byrne. From: Claire Hogan. Have a great birthday on July 5th

To: Fiona and Annmarie. From: All who were picked. Thanks and good luck

To: Emma Cooney. From: All the gang. Happy Birthday

To: Mum. From: Shane. Happy birthday on the 15th

To: Jason Murtagh. From: Mammy, Daddy and Emma Louise. Happy Birthday and First Holy Communion on May 4th

To: Micky Murphy. From: Donncha Mc Carrick. Get a hair cut

To: Linda, Gemma and Michelle. From: Dervilia. Hello

To: Donncha, Stephen, Declan and Coc. From: Gerard. Good luck in the Semi Finals of the Hillery Cup

To: Room 10, G.N.S.. From: Santa Claus. Be good! Christmas is only 8 months away!

To: "Cuddly Hughes". From: "Bugsy Wugsy" Mary Leahy. I love you

To: Padraig. From: Claire and Barry. Have a special Birthday

To: Hazel Walshe. From: Toz. Bang that head that doesn't bang!!!

To: Mona, Frank, and Frankie. From: Sally Anne and Eddie. Congratulations on the new arrival Luke

To: Deirdre. From: Noeleen and Niamh. Happy Birthday

To: Patrick and all the family. From: Marie-Therese. I hope Patrick stays out of hospital, and that all the family keep well

To: Maynooth Soccer Club (U12). From: Breno. We'll win the Hillery Cup! No hassle.

To: Aengus and Hugh. From: The Dude. Stay cool and cruise with some babes

To: Seamus Breen. From: Secret Admirer. Our eyes have met, our lips not yet, But believe you me I'll get you yet.

To: Rebecca Hughes and Mary Harty. From: Marie-Therese Pierse. I hope Rebecca is better

To: Creggy, Mary, Shirley, Charlotte. From: Gano. Hello

To: Munchin. From: Guess who. Love ya lots and lots

To: Patricia Noone. From: Everybody. Happy Birthday

To: Mark Kennedy. You're the one and only

To: Deirdre, Noeleen and everybody. From: A brilliant person. Have a good life

To: Sarah Commane. From: Aoibheann O' Sullivan. Happy Birthday

To: Dee. From: A person you know. Happy belated birthday

To: G.N.S. Maynooth, Room 10. From: Anna Martin and Miriam Owens. Hi everybody! Surprise!!!!

To: Claire Hogan. From: The Hogan Family. Have a lovely birthday on June 15th

To: James Mc Mullon and P.3 Celbridge. From: Mucker Twunor. Hope you've pass your Leaving and Inter Cert exams

To: Giny. From: Meadhbh. Good luck in the Basketball next week

To: Suzy Creggy. From: Mary. How are you?

To: Frances Daly. From: Community Council Stand. Thanks for the tea!

To: Kevin. From: Ann and William. Happy Birthday, age 7 on 2nd May

To: Niamh, Deirdre and Karen. From: Noeleen. Have a great day on your tour

To: Sharon Kinsella. From: Mammy, Daddy, Stephen, Gemma. Belated 18th birthday wishes, 29th of May

To: Mark Mc Carron. From: Aidan Mc Carron. Happy Birthday

To: Rita T.. From: Your favourite barperson in Maynooth. Hope you like my lemonade and blackcurrant

To: Siobhain and Karen Connolly. From: Sandra Connolly. Good Luck in your exams. I'll be thinking of you at the time

To: Lorraine T.. From: Davie (Ravie). I love your evil eye!

To: Elaine Bean. From: Joanne and Marie. You are the Best Band teacher in the world. Thank you

To: Rhona Mc Dermott. From: Mam, Dad and Family. Love and Happy 21st

To: Emily and Lucy O' Brien. From: Sarah O' Brien. Good luck in exams but enjoy yourselves at the weekends

To: Rory Mc Elligott. From: Aine. Happy Birthday and I hope you have a nice day

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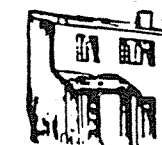
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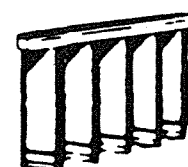
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To: Eithne C., Valerie N., Lorraine F.. From: Ginny. Can't wait 'till the 11th

To: John Martin and my Mammy. From: James (from Navan). I Love You

To: Mary Mc Ginley. From: John, Conor, Cian and Ronan. Happy Birthday on June 1st and good luck in the exams

To: Niamh, Noeleen and everybody. From: Deirdre. How do, see you soon

To: Karen Geoghegan. From: Denise (Dinny). I got you back for yesterday!

To: Aoibheann. From: Theresa Mc Hale

To: Brian Folan, Martin Byrne, Garret, Gano. From: Mary. Hello

To: Colin Hanley. From: Mam, Dad and the Bruds. Good luck in the Inter

To: Mam. From: Kathleen. I love you

To: Nuala. From: Mary and Suzy. Do you want your hair done when the baby comes?

To: Mam and Dad. From: Mary

To: Acid House . From: Rock. We live on while you die

To: Rock. From: Acid House. Call that living?

To: Michael Hanley. From: Mam, Dad and the Bruds. Good luck in the exams

To: Miriam Owens. From: Anna Martin. Stay cool!

To: Anna Martin. From: Miriam Owens. Hi!!! Sorry about the basketball

To: Emer, Donal, Ailish. From: Brenda. Hope you have a nice day

To: Denise Mc Carron. From: Karen Geoghegan. Got you back for last year

To: Daddy. From: Kathleen. I love you

To: Carol. From: Theresa

To: Patricia. From: Noeleen, Deirdre and Niamh. Happy birthday, 13 at last

To: Miss Leaghy. From: Eoin Giugha. I love you!

To: Deirdre Sheehan. From: Suzy Gregggy. Happy Birthday

To: Gano. From: Sharlet. Did you win the hurley game?

To: John Casey. From: Johnny (Connolly). "How's she cuttin'?" - Hope you get the message!

To: Tracy. From: Annette. I know you like O.A

To: Sue Creaggy. From: Gano, Moses and Mic. Hi good looking HA HA

To: Shirley Dowling. From: Mary and Suzy. How are you?

To: Michelle C. Thank you for lending me money at the Trade Fair

To: Catherine, Anita, Roisin. From: Miriam. Hi, have a good summer, don't get sunburnt

To: Suzanne. From: All the family. Happy 17th Birthday, 20th May. Belated birthday to Emma, 5th April

To: Suzanne Mara. From: Dinny Mc Loughlan. Wishing you all the best on your 5th birthday from your lover and hoper Denis?

To: Barry Cochlan. From: Ciaran Mc Cullagh. You are a good worker

To: All my family. From: Claire Mc Donough. I hope you are all well and I hope you liked your birthday presents

To: Mr. & Mrs Pat Lysaght. From: Carol Lysaght. Happy Anniversary Granny and Grandad

To: Sarah. From: Aoibheann, Carol, Theresa

To: Theresa Mac Hale. From: Carol Lysaght

To: Carol Lysaght. From: Theresa, Aoibheann and Sarah

To: Emma Fay. From: Mary Nolan and Suzy Cregg. How are you?

To: Miriam Owens. From: Anna Martin. Hi!!!

To: Anna and Miriam. From: The Harland Globetrotters. Keep up the training! We're reserving a place for you in the team!

To: All the students in Maynooth. From: The Hostels. Wishing you all the best in your examinations

To: Aine Mc Donough. From: David. Happy Wedding Anniversary

To: Fiona. From: Jennifer. Have a nice day and a good week in school

To: All the girls and boys in 1st class. From: ?. Hope you have a lovely Communion Day

To: Laura, Michelle, Nichola, Claire. From: Joanne and Marie B.. You were not at the Trade Fair so we will kill you!!!

To: Michelle Cunningham. From: Mammy, Daddy and Joanne. Happy 9th birthday on the 6th

To: Fred. From: Claire Mc Donough. I hope you recover soon

To: Delma and Micheal. From: Gerard your son. I Love you

To: St Mary's Brass and Reed Band. From: Your admirers!. You played brilliantly! Well done

To: Sharon Kinsella. From: Family and Friends. Good luck in the exams

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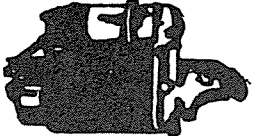
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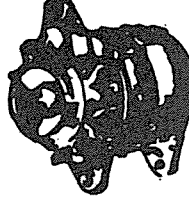
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Short Story Competition Results

To: Emma and Brenda. From: Edel and Susan Fay. Hope you have a lovely day at school

To: Mrs Fitzgerald. From: Ammo. Yo, go easy with the home-work!

To: Carmel and Dan Commene. From: Sarah Commene

To: Anita. From: The Hanleys. Good luck in the exams

To: Mary 'n' Galligan. From: Gano. A perfect couple

To: Micheal Mc Carthy. From: David Mc Carthy. Happy Birthday

To: Gareth. From: Mark. Happy Birthday Gareth

To: Patricia Noone. From: Suzy Creggy. Happy 13th Birthday

To: Creggy. From: All the gang. How's it hanging!

To: Karen . From: Noeleen. Happy belated birthday

To: Siomone Gunne. From A secret admirer. I love you

To: Deirdre Stynes. From: Mammy, Daddy, Maeve and the lads. Happy 17th birthday in June

To: Mark Mc Larron. From: Denise, Stephen, Yvonne and Philip. Happy Birthday

To: Tracey. From: David. I was just wondering if you had Ann-Marie's phone number??

To: All of 5th Class, Room 13. From: Nicola Conlon. Can't wait for school tour to Wexford, it will be good crack

RESULTS OF NEWSLETTER SHORT STORY COMPETITION 1991

This year's competition elicited in excess of fifty entries, most of which came from the under twelve age group. The standard in the competition varied: some entries were short essays on chosen topics while at the other end of the scale was a feast of imaginative narratives inspired by everything from Celtic mythology to the habits of the Golden eagle.

It was the under twelve section which displayed the most uninhibited use of imagination and, by and large, reading these stories was a delightful task. Congratulations to all of the entrants from the Boys' National School who provided the bulk of the material in the section.

All of the judges (Richard Hayes, Peter Hussey, Kay Mc Keogh and Isabelle Cartwright) found it to be the most difficult section from which to select a winner as so many stories deserved awards. Eventually, Andrew Rowan's story, (5th Class, Boys' National School), "Trapped", took first prize due to his authoritative use of language. He managed to create believable characters (especially that of Daniel The American) and to instil a sure sense of breathlessness in the overall tone of the story. 'A Dangerous Stunt' by Shane Casey, 5th Class, Boys' National School, claimed 2nd prize due to the highly original narrative (told from the point of view of a Golden Eagle) and "The Moment of Truth" by Declan O'Rourke, 5th Class, Boys'

National School, came 3rd. This latter story was upbeat and funny while at the same time using an imaginative scenario around which to shape the story (The Pope reveals the Secret of Fatima to the world and causes chaos in doing so). There were fewer entries in the 12 - 18 section but the winning story here was perhaps the quirkiest and most unusual of all the entrants. It was written by Catherine Devaney, 19 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth, and called "Jungle Jinks". This story, by a 13 year old displays a remarkable talent which will undoubtedly attract wider acclaim in years to come. Her sentences are short and packed with wit and double entendres. She has managed to do that most difficult of tasks - use dialogue effectively. Second prize went to Belinda Byrne, Barrackstown Stud, Maynooth, for her unusual and thoughtful allegory call "Life". There was no 3rd prize awarded in this category.

The over 18 section attracted a considerable number of entries and quite a few from outside Maynooth. The standard varied from essay style pieces to carefully crafted short stories. The winning entry, "The First Step" came from Valerie O'Neill, 70 Crodaun Forest Park, Celbridge, and was sensitive and insightful. Throughout the piece, Valerie maintained a mood of slight confusion and hinted at her character's great suffering. 2nd prize went to Phil Stokes, 5 The Willows, Castletown, Celbridge, for her well rounded short story based on memories of the Stardust fire and called "Love never Dies". 3rd prize went to Brigid Sauls of 9 Parson Street, Maynooth, for an enjoyable and traditional emigration story called "Stella's Return".

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Short Story Competition Results

The presentation of prizes will occur during Festival week: The under 12 and 12 - 18 prizes on Saturday the 22nd of June and the over 18's on Monday the 17th June.

Printed below are the three winning entries, one from each section. Congratulations to all our prizewinners and our thanks to all those who entered.

TRAPPED

"Oh Wow!" Kevin bent down and picked up a crinkled £100 note from the long grass behind his house. "Oh Wow!" he repeated. He held it, fingers trembling with excitement, up to the sunlight. Queen Maeve's face seemed to smile at him. "The watermark's there. It's real," he gasped "£100!"

Kevin's family weren't very well off. His father was unemployed and drawing the dole. His mother sometimes cleaned houses to get a bit of money, but they were still very short. This was the largest amount of money that he ever remembered holding.

Not once did he stop to consider who might have dropped it. Leather footballs and football jerseys swam about in his head. All the things he wanted. "What's that?", said a voice from behind. Kevin stuffed the money in his pocket and spun round. It was his friend, Daniel who lived up the road from him.

Everybody thought it amazing how two boys so different could be friends. Daniel was originally from some place called Medallion Beach in California, USA. He had come to Ireland about two years ago and Kevin made friends with him. The American boy was very energetic and sometimes did crazy things. He was also a snoop and Kevin knew he couldn't conceal for long from his inquisitive friend the fact he had the money so he produced it. Daniel gazed. "Where did you get it, dude?" Kevin pointed to the long grass.

- "A hundred bucks is quite a lot. You'd better hide it some place. Someone's gonna come looking for it. Oh yeah, and you had better give me some not to tell." said the Californian. Kevin was forced to agree. They decided they'd have to hide it. Daniel came up with an idea. "Hey what about that old derelict house in Sam's Lane?"

- "Yeah! That would be good. No one ever goes there." A thought hit Kevin. "Because it's dangerous! We could get hurt". Daniel brushed Kevin's words aside. "We could get hurt" he mimicked, his voice coming out high and girlish. "Are you chicken?"

Kevin hesitated. "No I'm not. I'll do it! I'll hide it there."

That evening, Kevin set out for the old building. As he reached it, he realised that it was in a worse state than he thought. Only a few remaining peelings of paint to the bare brick wall. 'C. R. was here' was written boldly in bright orange graffiti on one side. A rotten wooden door hung from rusty hinges. Kevin kicked at it. With a creak, the door toppled inwards hitting the floor with an echoing crash which reverberated around the house. Kevin coughed as the disturbed dust rose up. He peered inside. Bits of stone lay around and a few thin shafts of evening sunlight peeped through gaps in the boarded up windows.

The boy stepped in and walked silently to the other side of the dark room. He could feel the £100 pound note in his pocket as his eyes scanned the room for a big hiding place. Suddenly the floorboards on which he was standing broke with a loud crack. The doorway of the dilapidated building began to crumble and then fell inwards.

A high pile of rubble blocked his way out. A cold feeling crept up Kevin's spine. He pushed at the pile but it wouldn't move. He tried lifting some of the heavy stones, but they were too heavy. A wave of panic came over him. The vibrations of the broken floorboards caused the doorway to fall in, he thought. A single pebble fell from the ceiling and hit him on the head. Kevin decided not to move again just in case the roof came caving in or something.

He started to shout for help, but no one came.

Kevin felt cold. He shivered and waited as tedious hours passed. Daniel would probably come looking for him. At least he hoped so. Kevin felt weak with hunger and frozen with the frosty drafts that blew through gaps in a pile of rubble. Through a small hole in the ceiling he saw part of the moon, which seemed to mock him. His parents thought he was at home asleep. Daniel was the only one who knew that he had gone to the house. With much difficulty he managed to fall asleep.

The next morning early, Daniel set out for an old oak tree in a nearby wood. This was his own and Kevin's meeting place and they had arranged to meet and decide what they would buy with the money. He waited impatiently for half an hour and then marched off to find the money himself. As he approached the dilapidated old house he was astonished to see the collapsed doorway.

Inside, Kevin heard the American's footsteps. He yelled and shouted.

- "Like.....who's in there," asked Daniel.

Kevin sighed in relief to hear his voice. "It's me, Kevin!"

- "What are you doing in"

- "Never mind! Get me out!"

Daniel tugged at the pile. "It's like, too heavy dude. Wait a sec! I'll get some help!"

Half a minute later, Daniel returned with men that he dragged from a nearby street. He briefly explained what had happened. The tallest began removing rocks and the other two followed his example. Soon, Kevin was able to squeeze through a gap. The men called an ambulance, just to make sure he was okay, which he was.

The week after that Kevin met Daniel, singing 'California Forever' in the park. The American asked Kevin about the hundred pounds. Kevin took the money out of his pocket and marched across to the grocer's shop. He walked up to the counter, folded the note up and stuck it into a charity box. Daniel nearly had a seizure.

- "You're a crazy dude! Are you weird? Yes you are! You gotta be nuts! You're....."

- "That money brings you bad luck," said Kevin.

Then he walked out the door, leaving Daniel staring at the charity box.

By: Andrew Rowan (Age 10)

JUNGLE JINKS

John was a Dublin boy who insisted on being called Leo, after the King of the Jungle. He believed he was a descendant of Tarzan. Leo's father was a tall man, with bushy eyebrows and black hair. He was president of a large company and very rich.

Short Story Competition Results

Leo could get whatever he wanted, except a trip to the jungle, and that was what he wanted most of all.

"Please Dad can I go to the jungle for my Christmas holidays?" he asked. "I told all my friends I would be going and I promised to bring back Jane a tiger's coat."

"Listen, son, you can have whatever you want for Christmas and go wherever you want but you're not going to any jungle while you're under my roof," his father roared. "Do you understand?" "Yes Dad, but-" cried Leo.

Before he could finish his father shouted, "But me no buts and go up to your room this instant."

Christmas came and went and Leo didn't go to the jungle. Eventually New Year's Day came. It was 3.15 pm, and Leo was watching television. "Now it's time for 'Greystoke - The Legend of Tarzan Lord of the Apes'," said the smiling, fair-haired continuity girl. Leo sat back to watch the film and really enjoyed it. At the first break the heat of the fire made him feel drowsy and he decided to rest till the commercials were over. Suddenly Leo was half naked and running through the jungle. He could hear monkeys chattering and lions roaring in the distance. Ahead of him he saw a strange light so he decided to explore. A twig cracked and he twirled around. Behind him there was a huge tiger with his mouth wide open and saliva dripping from his tongue. "Listen, tiger, get out of here fast, unless you want a trip to the doctor's" commanded Leo. The tiger turned around, tucked his tail between his hind legs and crept away.

Leo continued his journey towards the strange light. Out of nowhere swung a monkey who landed on Leo's shoulder and started to chatter.

"There's a big ape over there who has just captured my sister and is trying to kill her," the monkey said. "Can you save her?" - "You bet I can," Leo answered, "but just one question, where's there?"

- "Over there behind that huge boulder," replied the monkey. - "All right! Here I come to save the day," sang Leo.

He strode over to the tall ape with bushy eyebrows and black hair and boxed it twice in the face, then he grabbed the smiling, fair-haired female monkey and ran. The ape began cursing and then roared out, "You'll be sorry for this, son, I promise you!"

Leo returned the monkey to her brother and continued his journey. By now the light seemed to be getting nearer but he had to cross a wide river that contained crocodiles. "How on earth am I going to get across?" he said to himself. "I know. I'll use them as stepping stones." So he jumped from one crocodile to another but, unfortunately, he slipped on the last one and fell in the water. Immediately, the crocodiles started to close in on him. When they were just a few inches away, Leo dived under the water and all the crocodiles bashed noses and started to fight. While they were fighting Leo climbed out and lay down for a while near the edge of a forest. Eventually he fell asleep.

When he awoke, the female monkey was guarding him. He thanked her and continued his journey. On and on he went till the strange light was only a few yards away. He could now see clearly that it was a volcano. It had just erupted and the red hot lava was pouring down in his direction. He turned to run but he was suddenly grabbed by six, powerful, black, hairy arms. They were three apes and their leader was the tall ape with the bushy eyebrows that had promised revenge.

"Let me go, I'm too young to die," cried the boy. But they wouldn't listen. Instead they lifted him up into the air in order

to throw him into the lava. "Help! Help!" he shouted.

"Leo! Leo! Is something the matter?" questioned his mother. He looked around and saw that he was back on the couch. The fire was blazing in the grate.

"Come on into the kitchen. Dinner's ready and your Dad and I have a present for you," said his mother.

- "What is it?" asked Leo.

- "We are going to bring you to the jungle," said his father.

- "But I don't want to go anymore," said Leo.

- "But you were bugging us all yesterday about it," his father sounded surprised. "What changed your mind?"

- "But me no buts," said Leo cheekily. "I want to go to Egypt instead and my name is Tutankhamun or 'Tut' for short."

- "What are you going to bring back this time?" asked his father. "A mummy for Nefertiti!"

By: Catherine Devaney (Age 13)

THE FIRST STEP

Mary's mother had always trusted her. "Sure, if you can't trust your own flesh and blood, who can you?" was the family motto. It was almost 10.20 am, when Mary disembarked from the 39 bus in Prussia Street. She could have travelled all the way by bus to Stanhope Street, but she needed the fresh air. She walked briskly, almost excitedly at first. But after about a hundred yards she began to feel the panic come over her. Her hands felt warm and sticky. She leaned against a shop front, her breathing no longer flowing smoothly, but coming in sharp quick spasms. She gulped for air so loudly that she thought the whole street must have stopped to stare at her. Relieved to find nobody looking too obviously at her, she pressed her back against the window pane, and straightened herself up. She was now beginning to breathe more easily and her face softened and lost its taut and anxious appearance.

She looked furtively into the faces of the passers-by and wondered what tragedies their facial expressions shielded from the world's inquisitive gaze. Suddenly, a tall fair-haired man, smiling and joking with a young dark-haired girl, caught Mary's attention.

.... "It's his deep blue eyes that I really love, Mam. Oh, and of course his blonde hair" Her mind was catapulted into the past and she found herself in the immaculately clean kitchen of her parents' home "But what about his drinking?" her mother was asking, for the umpteenth time.

"Hang on Mother, he's not an alcoholic!" Mary heard herself say.

"No, of course not. But you must admit that he does like the hard stuff", her mother would inevitably add.

"He can handle it," her reply echoed back to her. She was smiling now. She always had a way of handling her mother! A sharp tug at her elbow brought Mary back to reality.

"Would you tell me the time? I somehow forgot to put on my watch this morning," the old woman blurted out without pausing for breath.

Mary eyed the woman. Who did she think she was fooling; that one no more had a watch this morning, than either of them had won the Lotto. She steadied herself and studied the woman. The trembling fingers were still clinging to Mary's elbow. Her coat was shabby and red in colour, with enormous butterfly sleeves, clearly a remnant of better days gone by. Yet Mary thought she discerned a suggestion of pride in the barely washed, wrinkled

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face, right there in those piercing blue eyes.

"It's 10.35", Mary answered, after a short pause.

The old woman nodded her thanks and moved briskly on her way.

.... "Self deception and lies! Those blue eyes would food the devil himself." The words were pounding, echoing and re-echoing in Mary's mind. She was feeling weak again. She could see her mother clearly now. This time she was standing in Mary's disorganised kitchen. The venue may have changed, but the argument was the same.

"I don't care what you say, Mother. Brian has not got a drink problem. He is a social drinker!" The words had been uttered emphatically and with conviction. Her drama classes had not gone to waste, at any rate! But almost as soon as she reached the heights of dramatic disguise, her lower lip began to quiver and her hands to tremble.

"You see what it's doing to you Mary. You're going to pieces. The house is in a mess. Brian needs treatment!"

She recalled with some agitation, but also with relish how her mother had suggested that she take 'something' to calm her nerves. She had pointed to the kitchen press beside the fridge. "An odd place to keep your drinks," her mother remarked.

"Not really", she heard herself replying. "It's there since Christmas. You know how much of a favourite the brandy butter is."

Her mother had been perfectly satisfied with Mary's explanation, and gave her a small glass of brandy. Mary put up no resistance and gradually with each sip felt the pain within her ease and the familiar warm, comfortable feeling return once more

The memory of that deception caused tears to well up within her. A quick glance at her watch. "Brian will learn that a drinking problem can be cured," she heard herself repeat over and over again. The old Chinese proverb, 'A journey of a thousand leagues begins with a single step' came into her mind, as her feet made their way steadily to the familiar door. She didn't need eyes to guide her. How often had she reached this point before? Go on. Shyly eye the nameplate and retreat. But slowly edging in through the unlocked door, bracing herself with a deep full breath she started to climb the stairs. Three steps and her knees were beginning to grow heavy. "Left, lift Right, lift." She urged herself on. Her leg and thigh muscles were beginning to loosen up working for and not against her.

Suddenly, a stream of sunlight brightened up the darkened stairway. Mary turned her head and looked down towards the opened doorway. The figure of a woman was outlined in the hall-way. The rays of sunlight gave her red coat a dazzling effect.

"Wait for me, Missus," gasped the voice from the hallway, as its owner began to climb the stairs. A short silence that seemed like a lifetime to Mary, and the woman continued

"I don't know how I would survive without these A.A. meetings I'm not late am I? I forgot to put on my watch this morning."

By: Valerie O' Neill

Street Talking

The Windgate Lodge B & B

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Vandalism in Maynooth

The Bank of Ireland's efforts to relieve the problem of litter in the town received scant respect from some elements among us. Vandals destroyed the bin placed beside the Pass Machine as

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well as the intercom on the main door. This type of behaviour is an attack on us all and must not be tolerated. Again if anybody is interested in helping the Tidy Town committee they could contact the Community Councils' Office.

Miscellaneous

Regan's Independent Brokers have moved across the street to Mooneys old restaurant.

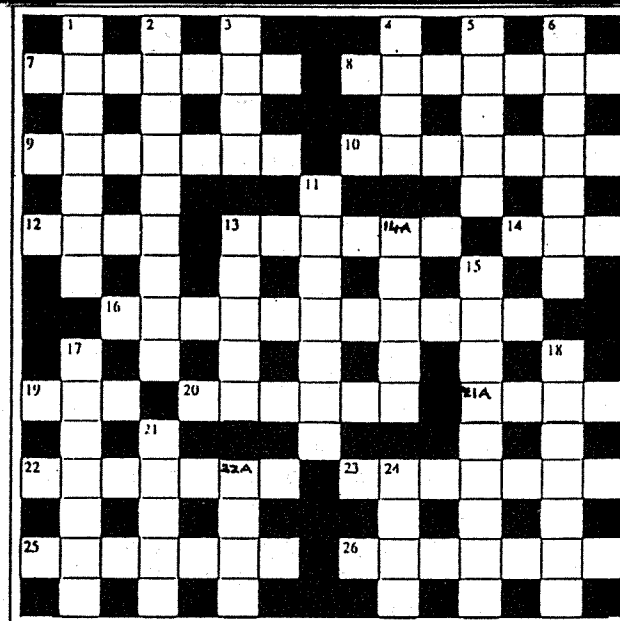
A tree was planted in the Green at the back of Pound Lane to commemorate the men of Maynooth who fought in 1916, full report elsewhere in the Newsletter. It is to be hoped that their memory is respected and the tree is left to grow.

Finally again on the issue of vandalism, the C.I.E. bus timetables were not left long before some moron ripped them off.

CROSSWORD NO. 43

By X.N. Trick

[£5 Prize]



Entries before Friday, 21st June at 5pm.

Name.....

Address.....

Solution to Crossword No.42 (Elle Bias):

Across:
1. Secure
4. Potholed
10. Roundwood
11. Remit
12. Midwife
13. Physics
14. Ennui
15. Estrange
18. Adonis
20. Slain
23. Oranges
25. Trench
26. Bahai
27. Lissom
28. Dealers
29. Bypass

Down:
1. Strumpet
2. Cluedin
3. Rod
5. Old
6. Hardy
7. Limping
8. Detest
9. Popeye
13. (No clue for 13 Down)
16. Absurdity
17. Inch
19. Drachma
21. Amnesia
22. Robbed
24. Glide

Winner of No. 42:
Mary Callaghan, 145, Kingsbury, Maynooth.

Across

7. To be avoided while in flight at the risk of being punctured! [7]
8. A male Turk perhaps. [7]
9. Trifled about in love. [7]
10. Ig the Superior became dishonourable. [7]
12. There is plenty of this promoted during elections. [4]
13. Up or down - it's where you'll get the best buy. [6]
14. A place of general stagnation and entrapment where one species peeps in at the others staring out. [3]
16. The inmates of 14 across may be said to suffer this. [11]
19. A troublesome substance in which to be stuck. [3]
20. P.S. Hey! C. - mind your soul! [6]
- 21a. Rice around a viking. [4]
22. A moustache, eh? Very useful abroad. [7]
23. Unique without you but with two teas adds up to five. [7]
25. A shabby building begins Kim's creator. [7]
26. If this is planted will oil grow from it? [7]

Down

1. Between hills. [7]
2. Get 'er back! [9]
3. Not to be sat upon. [4]
4. The dear ould drink. [4]
5. O! Mobs can be close to the heart. [5]
6. This big lad showed us his pair of drawers. [7]
11. A hundred references to five before frozen water will crack. [7]
13. Visible impressions. [5]
- 14a. Between the French. [5]
15. She who rules the lake becomes a teacher. [9]
17. Shaped like a nipple or breast. [7]
18. Let the wizard begin and end with an e to look so dry. [7]
21. Far back in time, around the year 50. [5]
- 22a. Quarter, sight and legs - prefix. [4]
24. Will you knit one? [4]

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Local Election Special

On June 27th the people of Maynooth will have an opportunity to choose the county councillors who will represent them for the next five years. Overall, for the purpose of county council elections, Co. Kildare is divided into five electoral areas. Maynooth is located in the Celbridge electoral area which encompasses the north eastern corner of the county, including the towns of Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth.

There are five seats to be filled in this area on June 27th and all the main political parties are putting forward candidates for election.

As a service to the local community the *Newsletter* is publishing a personal profile of the candidates and outlining the policies of the different parties. This material has been submitted to the *Newsletter* by the PRO's of the respective parties.

The candidates were also asked to complete a brief questionnaire in which they would indicate which way they would vote on a number of issues of concern to Maynooth residents.

They were asked to list the five priority issues that they saw affecting Maynooth and which they intended to tackle if elected. Fianna Fail, the Labour Party and the Workers' Party submitted completed questionnaires. Fine Gael refused on the grounds outlined below. The Progressive Democrats failed to return any material.

It was not possible to contact independent candidates as no list of declared candidates was available at the time of going to press. We therefore concentrated on the political parties only and sent all material to party officials in order that they would distribute questionnaires to their own candidates.

The candidates who completed and sent in questionnaires were:

Catherine Murphy (Workers' Party)
Gerard Brady (Fianna Fail)
John Mc Ginley (Labour)
Colm Purcell (Labour)
Emmet Stagg (Labour)

We have charted the results under party headings (all of the Labour candidates gave identical responses).

F.F. Labour W.P.
 If elected, would you vote for

(1) Unconditional demolition of The 'Thing' in the Square in Maynooth?	F.F.	No
	Lab.	Yes
	W.P.	Yes
(2) Imposition of any local charges?	F.F.	Yes
	Lab.	No
	W.P.	No.
(3) Increase in local charges?	F.F.	No Comment
	Lab.	No
	W.P.	No.
(4) Maintenance of the Green Belt between Leixlip and Maynooth?	F.F.	Yes
	Lab.	Yes
	W.P.	Yes
(5) Imposition of toll charges on the Maynooth/Leixlip Bypass?	F.F.	No
	Lab.	No
	W.P.	No
(6) Town Commission status for Maynooth.	F.F.	Yes
	Lab.	Yes
	W.P.	Yes
(7) Allocation of increased funding to upgrade minor roads/footpaths in Maynooth?	F.F.	Yes
	Lab.	Yes
	W.P.	Yes
(8) Provision of new local authority housing in Maynooth?	F.F.	Yes
	Lab.	Yes
	W.P.	Yes
(9) Provision of playing facilities?	F.F.	Yes
	Lab.	Yes
	W.P.	Yes

The five priority areas listed by the candidates are as follows:

Gerry Brady (F.F.)
 1. Provide playing facilities for Maynooth Post Primary school
 2. Upgrade roads in and around the town
 3. Upgrade the footpaths on Main Street and adjoining streets



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4. Removal of "The Thing" after alternative toilet facilities are provided
5. Local Authority Housing

Catherine Murphy (Workers' Party)

1. Roads/Footpaths
2. Service Charges
3. Public Lighting
4. "The Thing" in the Square
5. Educational Funding

John McGinley (Labour), Colm Purcell (Labour) and Emmet Stagg (Labour) have each identified the same priority areas:

1. The unconditional demolition of "The Thing"
2. Vote against the imposition of Local Charges
3. To demand increased Central Funding to bring Maynooth's footpaths and roads to a state suitable for the 1990's
4. To seek the allocation of finance to provide playing facilities for the pupils of Maynooth Post Primary and Maynooth primary schools and for the required extension to the Post Primary School
5. To oppose any attempts to introduce tolls on the Mynooth/Kilcock Bypass
6. To support the maintaining of the Green Belt between Leixlip and Maynooth and Celbridge and Maynooth
7. To press for Town Commission Status for Maynooth.
8. To continue to keep planning matters under review, and advise the people of Maynooth of any planning applications which would be contrary to their interests
9. To call for the provision of finance at council level, for the erection of public lights in Maynooth where none at present exist
10. To seek to use the Co. Council as a Local Development Corporation for the creation of jobs in Maynooth and Co. Kildare
11. To closely monitor the proposed development of Carton House to ensure that if planning permission is granted, that the developers honour their commitments to the people of Maynooth, as regards limits on further development and access to the public

Each party was asked to return a statement of policy (including a profile of candidates) along with their questionnaire. Labour, The Workers' Party, Fianna Fail and Fine Gael responded.

Fine Gael

As you are probably aware it is not the policy of Fine Gael to sign pledges or to complete questionnaires which might have the effect of restricting the extent to which they could represent the general public in the event of a multiplicity of commitments to organisations.

However you can rest assured that I and the other Fine Gael candidates if elected will continue to work on behalf of the public in Maynooth and in North Kildare as assiduously as we have done in the past.

During the past six years I and the other Fine Gael representatives of Kildare county Council have repeatedly called for, (a) a realistic roads improvement programme, (b) the provision of recreational facilities in keeping with the requirements of an expanding population, (c) proper and consistent planning which will have regard to the needs of the existing community and future requirements in the area, (d) the upgrading of local garda stations and the provision of the necessary staff and motorised transport to give adequate garda cover in the area, (e) we have

repeatedly requested adequate finance for the provision of local authority houses in line with present requirements which indicates a need of approximately 900 housing units in Kildare. The question of local charges is, I think, one on which Fine Gael has been more consistent than any other party having attempted to keep charges as low as possible while delivering maximum services. The demolition of the public toilets has been agreed by Kildare County Council provided that an alternative location can be found for a structure more in keeping with the requirements of the area.

Yours sincerely,
 Bernard Durkan, T.D., M.C.C., Catherine Mc Garry, Gerard Gallery.

Labour

Profile on Labour's Candidates

John Mc Ginley
 Married with 3 children; lives at 50 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth. John works as a technologist for the E.S.B. in their head office. He is currently Chairperson of Maynooth Community Council and a committee member of Greenfield Estate Residents' Association and the Castle Restoration Committee. John served as Secretary of the Community Council from 1984 to 1987.

Cllr. Colm Purcell T.C.
 Employed in the Hygiene Products Industry, Colm is married with two children. He lives in St. Mary's Park, Leixlip. First elected to the Council in 1985 he serves on the Library and Finance committees of Kildare County Council. In 1988 Colm was elected Chairperson of the T.C. Currently he is Festival Director of Leixlip Salmon Festival.

Cllr. Emmet Stagg T.D.
 Married with two children, Emmet has now served 13 years on the Council. He was first elected to the Dail in 1987 and is currently Labour's spokesperson on Social Welfare. A former Chairperson of K.C.C. and member of the Eastern Health Board, he serves on Kildare V.E.C. He is Chairperson of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council. Member of S.I.P.T.U.

Labours Policy for Kildare

Labour opposes the imposition of water and refuse charges and all candidates elected will vote against their renewal in 1992, in line with Labour's consistent voting record on this matter. Labour has put forward alternative systems of financing Local Authorities.

Labour believes that the by passes currently in progress, namely the Naas/Kilcullen, Naas/Newbridge and Leixlip/Kilcock by passes, should remain free of tolls. Any attempt to introduce tolls will be vehemently opposed by Labour.

Labour's representatives on Kildare County Council will demand the provision of adequate finance to restore the standards of the roads in our county to a level appropriate to the 1990's. Labour Councillors will campaign for the provision of realistic finance for the building of council houses. The 1,200 families on the Housing List in Kildare can no longer be condemned to live in disgraceful and degrading conditions.

Labour Councillors will continue to provide a service to the public, and will closely work with residents' associations and community groups in bringing the council closer to the people. They will press for improvements in health care, library services and educational facilities and will urge the council to use its special powers as a development corporation to create jobs in locally developed enterprises.

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Workers' Party

Profile on Catherine Murphy

Catherine Murphy is a part-time clerical worker who lives in Leixlip Park, Leixlip with her husband Derek and their two children Alan (13) and Yvonne (11). Catherine was elected on the first count at the inaugural elections to Leixlip Town Commission in October 1988. This was in recognition of her contribution to local community affairs in the town over the years.

Catherine has been an active member of Leixlip Combined Residents Association and was particularly prominent as Convenor of the Transport Committee which worked successfully for major improvements in public transport in Leixlip. Catherine has also been to the forefront of the opposition to local service charges in County Kildare.

Catherine Murphy has never missed a meeting of Leixlip Town Commission. She chairs the sub-committee which allocates amenity grants for open spaces in housing estates in the town. She is a member of the Industry and Tourism Committee and represents Leixlip on Kildare County Council's Traffic Technical Committee, which monitors traffic management in the county in the interests of public safety.

The Workers' Party in Leixlip has addressed a number of major local issues over the last two years under Catherine Murphys leadership. An opinion poll established massive opposition to the proposal to rezone land for housing at Cooldrinagh. A petition was organised which led to the establishment of the 66A bus service serving the Confey area. A major survey found widespread dissatisfaction with Leixlip Post Office. A survey on public lighting identified major areas of need around the town. Over 1,500 people signed a petition seeking a pedestrian crossing for the Confey area. A further petition under the heading FLOP (Free Leixlip Of Potholes) is currently being completed.

Catherine Murphy has two broad objectives in seeking election to Kildare County Council: (1) to give a stronger voice to North Kildare in the allocation of County Council expenditure; and (2) to lobby for substantial increases in the government's funding of the county. Despite its massive population growth, Kildare receives the lowest funding per person in the country. Catherine believes that a cosy Fianna Fail/Fine Gael coalition has allowed Kildare fall disastrously behind in its funding allocation over the last fifteen years. A real and active opposition is needed to upset this coalition, which always votes together on such key issues as service charges, cutbacks, land rezoning, and gaming machines. Among the key specific issues which Catherine Murphy will highlight in her campaign are:

- opposition to service charges;
- adequate public safety (including public lighting);
- proper roads and footpaths;
- more council housing;
- more funding for poorly equipped and overcrowded schools;
- better health services;
- good public transport;
- provision of public playgrounds and parks;
- proper planning;
- job creation.

For further information, contact:
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Proinsias Breathnach at 6285222(work)
6285241 (home)

Fianna Fail

Profile on Gerard Brady

Active member of Kildare County Council, first elected in 1979 and re-elected in 1985. Former Chairperson of Kildare County Council and local Health Committee. A member of Fianna Fail since school days, and former T.D. for Kildare. Currently member of V.E.C. Family man, auctioneer based in Maynooth for 13 years.

During my term as a Fianna Fail Councillor, I have seen, and been party to, many improvements in Maynooth and North Kildare area, pedestrian footbridge on the Straffan Road, Commuter Rail Service, improved public transport service, improvements in a number of primary and post primary schools in the North Kildare Area and housing, to name but a few.

At the moment, with the help of my colleagues on the Council, I am involved in obtaining extra land to expand the playing facilities of the Post Primary School, also, in the acquisition of land, to enable the building of the Leixlip/Maynooth By-Pass, which will alleviate the very bad traffic congestion in both towns. New and improved housing is also a priority.

For the future, I would like to see better and continued maintenance of roads and footpaths.

Already you will have noticed that as a result of additional finance being made available by our Minister for the Environment, Padraig Flynn, Kildare County Council have re-surfaced and up graded Bond Bridge, Rathcoffey Road, Main Street, Leixlip and many other areas in North Kildare. It is hoped to bring all main roads up to and acceptable standard, something which I have fought hard for over many years.

I would also like to see 'The Thing' in the Square removed, provided Kildare County Council grant improved toilet facilities for a suitable alternative site and that seating and a garden area be incorporated on the original site together with improved parking facilities.

If re-elected to Kildare County Council, I will pursue these aims, together with any problems which arise in the North Kildare area.

On June 27th I would ask you to vote for myself and my Fianna Fail colleagues, Mairead Byrne and Tim Cotter.

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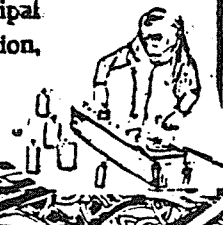
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Maynooth Honours 1916 Patriots

MAYNOOTH HONOURS ITS PATRIOTS OF THE 1916 RISING

As part of the nationwide movement to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Rising, the Maynooth Branch of Reclaim the Spirit of Easter 1916, organised two events in the town.

The first was a Photographic Exhibition and Cultural Afternoon in the Parish Hall on Sunday 21st of April which was attended by approximately 300 people. On view was a wealth of photos of street scenes, the leaders, action scenes, etc, of Dublin during and after the Rising, and on special display was local memorabilia, medals, old photos, etc, of the Maynooth men which was supplied by relatives. The relatives present were Barbara Nolan, granddaughter of Patrick Kirwan and Ena Dooley, niece of John and Ned Kenny, three of the Maynooth 1916 men.

Music for the afternoon was supplied by Danny McCarthy of Fiddlers Green and Maynooth Accordion Band with Maher School of Dancing presenting Irish Traditional Dance. A raffle was held with first prize going to Bridie Crehan, Dunboyne (A copy of "Rebels" donated by Connolly Books), 2nd prize to Mick Gill (Box of chocolates from Bridie O'Brien) and 3rd prize by unclaimed ticket no 54 (A gift token from New Waves). The holder of this ticket can secure the prize by contacting the undersigned.

The 2nd event was a commemorative tree planting and plaque unveiling ceremony to honour all the Maynooth men who participated in the Rising. This was held on Sunday 12th May and took place on the Green in Pound Street, beside the band Hall. A good crowd turned out, including relatives and old neighbours notably Mrs Daly and Mrs Waldron of O'Neill Park and Phil Brady.

St Mary's Brass and Reed Band played a selection of tunes prior to the planting of the tree and unveiling of the plaque by Garoid Mac Teighmain, Parson Street. The tree was donated by Kildare County Council and the plaque was supplied by Walshe Monumental Works. The names and professions of the men were recalled and also the contributions that they continued to make to our New Republic, from Dail Eireann to community level. Many were members of the band and the G.A.A. The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem.

We believe that our two events will have helped to create an awareness and appreciation of the men and women of 1916, especially of the Maynooth connection, and that their ideals still have a relevance in today's Ireland. We wish to thank and congratulate Fr. Supple P.P, for his support and contributions to both of our events and members of the business community who donated so generously to our funds.

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Sports News

COLLEGE GREEN F.C.

April and May certainly produced some of the high points of our short history. In the Challenge Cup we went out in the semi-final and in the league we face an imminent play-off against Kells Celtic for promotion to Div. 1A. We also face a quarter-final of the Divisional Cup.

But the enduring memory for many will be the Dutch tour, which certainly lived up to it's "Tulips to Amsterdam - the Mother of all Tours" billing. Although, a certain dark-haired Ulsterman was inclined to dismiss the whole escapade as "just one quiet drink". He was consoled however, by the capture of the "Estec F.C. Challenge Cup". The one blackspot was Brendan Cantwell's failure to mark his own colleague, Paul Broughan. So abject was Cantwell's failure that he allowed him to score four goals and win the "man of the match" award. Guess who's going on the transfer list!

League Div. 2

College Green (0) 2 Dunboyne (0) 0
Goals from Jim Rattigan and Brian O'Brien gave us both points against bottom of the table Dunboyne.

Challenge Cup Semi-Final

College Green (0) 0 Kentstown Rovers (1) 1
If the result was disappointing, then as a spectacle so was the game itself. The cup-holders from Div. 1 concentrated on the long ball game. For our part we strove to knock the ball about, but rarely created many clear cut opportunities. Admittedly we went behind after 34 minutes thanks to what could either be described as a lucky, or well taken goal, depending on your perspective. While Kentstown were the best side in the first-half, we undoubtedly dominated the second half in pursuit of an elusive equaliser. Ciaran Mc Groarty went closest with two good efforts. Malachy Mc Cann performed heroics in denying a couple of dangerous Kentstown breakaways. Some of the officials decisions were utterly woeful, particularly those of one of the linesmen. The bumpy conditions underfoot were a further disincentive. All things considered we should have pushed the game into extra time, but it was't to be. Still, two semi-finals and one quarter-final in five years in the blue riband competition isn't half bad.

League Div. 2

Navan Celtic (1) 1 College Green (3) 3
After the disappointment of the previous Sunday, it was always going to be difficult to lift ourselves for this away mid-week fixture. But thanks to goals from Mc Groarty, Hughes and O'Connor we were three up after forty minutes and playing with some style. All in all a satisfying performance.

College Green (O) O Kells Celtic (O) 1

Although injuries deprived us of a number of players, we still enjoyed the lion's share of possession. In fairness our promotion rivals created more opportunities. Although it was hard to lose both points, we never seemed likely to score and thus conceded all four points to Kells this season.

Clonee Utd. (O) O College Green (C) O

The promotion race at this stage lay between Clonee, Kells and ourselves. Clonee needed only two points to win the title at this juncture. A hard fought game on a tight pitch failed to produce a single goal, but the big crowd saw an exciting match. It has to be said that an excellent performance from the match officials

from the Louth Branch played a major part in the evening's proceedings. Our understrength side deserved the draw which gives us three points from Clonee this year, who went on to win the title by drawing with Kells the following week.

Divisional Cup 1st round

Killua Wanderers (O) O College Green (4) 4
An almost reserve formation only found out at full time that the Clonmellon side were a man short. Our star outside-left Malachy McCann supplied the first goal - Johnny Haynes lives! Buckley, Siggins and Cantwell made it 4 - 0 after twenty minutes. All but one spectator, if you don't include our loose man Aidan Siggins, left at that stage - why we wondered!

League Division 2

Stackallen Rovers (O) O College Green (1) 1
The newly crowned winners of the Reserve Cup needed a point from their three remaining fixtures to avoid relegation. For our part we needed a win to force a play-off with Kells for the Div. 2 runners-up promotion spot. Mc Groarty's goal after 35 minutes was all that separated the sides at the end, but we rarely looked to be in real danger. The game also marked the return, after a long lay-off, of Paul Broughan - our answer to Trevor Francis. Broughan's ten minute appearance, complete with oxygen tanks, was a great boost to the lads.

Dutch Tour

S.J.C. Noordwijk (1) 1 College Green (2) 3
Estec F.C., Noordwijk (1) 2 College Green (3) 6
Our Dutch and multi-national hosts were somewhat taken aback by our approach to these two games. The arduous training methods which we followed were unknown to them. They were no doubt surprised to find that we decried the aerial bombardment tactic expected of Irish teams. Fierce debate rages as to whether this phenomenon was due to a genuine desire to play "ground football", or the more plausible reason of multiple hangovers ruling out the option of anybody in our side attempting to head the ball. Other customs mystified the locals. The pre-match renderings of the "Galway Shawl" animated with suitable actions and ending with a "haika" style leap raised a few eyebrows. The consumption of trays of lager at the half-time interval evoked further amazement. Nowt more will be revealed until Joe Buckley writes his memoirs. Suffice to say that we shall be eternally grateful to Michael and Pauline Martin for all their work before, during and after they made the tour a huge success at no small sacrifice to themselves. We are also very grateful to Paddy McGovern who put the whole trip together.

Division Cup 2nd round

College Green (1) 1 Dunboyne (1) 1
(6 - 5 on penalties)
Ciaran Mc Groarty's first half goal pushed the game to penalties. The visitors missed their chance to advance by virtue of a missed second half penalty; and we progressed to the next round after the penalty shoot-out.

On a very sad note we would like to extend our heartfelt sympathies to Tony and Clare O'Connor on their tragic bereavement. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this most difficult time.

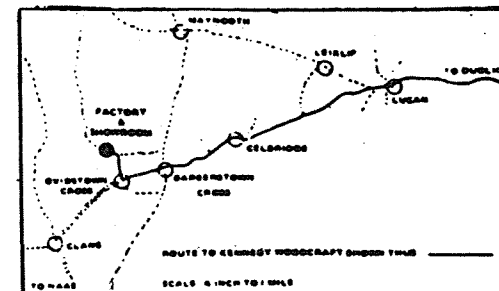
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Sports News

COMMUNITY GAMES NEWS

Maynooth Community Games would like to thank everyone who took part and helped in the running of our local events. Our Gymnastics was a great success due to the hard work of Josephine Fay. Richard Farrell National Co-Ordinator of I.A.G.A., presented Jennifer Caulfield with her Coaching Certificate. Jennifer a past winner of Gymnastics was great with all her help and advice to the children. Brendan Cantwell our Judge, is a National Judge and gave all the children pointers on routines for County level.

Our draughts team won their game against Newbridge and will be playing their semi-final match later this week. We wish them the best of luck and our thanks to Breda Gormley for all her hard work.

Our Girls basketball team won a Silver medals in the B Section on the 25th April when they played Rathangan in the Finals. Very well done girls and thanks to Jim Fleming for his help. Sadly our tennis team were beaten in the Quarter Finals against Naas. Well done and better luck next year. Thanks to Tom Sullivan for training our tennis team.

Our art was a great success. Many thanks to Mr. Tom Ashe for the use of the Post Primary School and to the committee members who supervised. Thanks also to the Judges who were previous winners on many occasions of Art in the Community Games and special thanks to all the children for their beautiful pictures.

Our swimming was a great success. Thanks to all the parents for bringing their children and all the people who rallied around and helped in the smooth running of all the events. Congratulations to our girls' soccer team who are through to the semi-finals and our thanks to Francis Kearney who has put a lot of time and effort into the team.

Hard luck to our girls volleyball team who were beaten by Naas in the County final in Caragh. Many thanks to their Manager, Bernie O' Shea and their trainer Matthew Doran.

Great credit is due to Mick and Marie Gleeson and the Athletic Club for their successful running of our local athletic events. Our G.A.A. hurling and boys' soccer have yet to be played and best of luck to all participants. Detailed lists of winners of local and county events will be in next month's issue.

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MAYNOOTH BADMINTON CLUB

We meet in the Parish Hall - Mon. 8.00pm. Thur. 7.30pm.

The badminton season is drawing to a close, although due to participation in the Tallaght League there are still plenty of matches to play, especially with Maynooth teams guaranteed at least one play-off spot.

The Annual Club Tournament has commenced and despite a slightly overcrowded fixture list, is progressing smoothly, with some great games already played, and certainly plenty more to come. Finals night is one of the highlights of the club year as players battle it out to claim the sought after trophies.

Those same trophies will be presented at the Annual Club Dance, once again being held in Slevin's of Dunboyne with "Misty Blue" providing the entertainment. This is a great night out and all members, ex-members, and friends are welcome.

As part of Maynooth Community Council's Festival Week, Maynooth will organise a Mixed-Doubles tournament. While nothing definite has been arranged, it has been suggested that the players pair off into their respective estates and areas, and play an inter-estate type competition. With many of the estates well represented in the Club Membership, this would certainly add a bit of spice to the proceedings. Perhaps these are badminton players living in the various estates who are not members of Maynooth Club but who would team up with some of our members to represent the various streets and estates. Certainly there are plenty of ex Maynooth players scattered around the town. Now is the time to dust off your rackets and go out and defend the honour of your estate.

To make it more successful, perhaps some business would like to sponsor a perpetual trophy and who knows, we might have an event to rival the popularity of even the inter estate soccer cups. For further details, or to make any suggestions, don't hesitate and contact any of the Committee in the hall on Mondays or Thursdays from 8.00pm onwards or phone 6285947 anytime.

Yours in sport,
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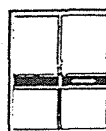
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Sports News

MAYNOOTH GAA

Under 13 North Kildare League 1990/1991

Maynooth played their first game in this League on 29-9-90 against Ballyna with Ballyna winning by two points.

After that Maynooth went on to record the following wins to reach the quarter finals:

Maynooth 5.14 Celbridge 2.4

Maynooth 4.11 Kilcock 5.2

Maynooth 3.4 Leixlip 2.2

Maynooth had to wait until 22-4-91 to play the Quarter Final against Kill. This game played at Maynooth was very close with a very high standard of football but in the end Maynooth won the day

Maynooth 2.6 Kill 0.6

The following evening Maynooth had to play the semi-final against Confey and Maynooth were easy winners to reach the final against Kilcock.

The final was played in Celbridge on 24-4-91 and one felt that three matches in the one week might have an effect on the players. This was a very close contest with only a couple of points separating the teams at any stage. The Maynooth team, to a man, stuck to their task and with outstanding performances from C. Ashe, M. Nugent, T. Byrne, J. Lawlor, J. Greene, S. Griffin and Captain C. Ryan, held out to win by the narrowest of margins:

Maynooth 1.5 Kilcock 0.7

Maynooth Team: I. Hayes, C. Ashe, R. Casey, E. Kerr, M. Nugent, T. Byrne, D. Murtagh, J. Lawlor, C. Ryan (Captain), J. Greene, S. Griffin, B. Glennan, A. Gaffney, I. Conlon, J. Rossiter. Subs:- D. Buckley, S. Brennan, D. Coughlin, G. Meally, M. Bennett, A. Fay.

I would like to give a special word of thanks to the men who looked after this team during the League, K. Connolly, M. Ryan, M. Gillick, P. Ennis.

U. 14 Feile na N'Og 1991

Maynooth got off to a great start in this year's Feile Na n'Og competition with a convincing win over Carbury on Sunday 12-5-91:

Maynooth 4.15 Carbury 3.0.

Maynooth play Round Towers in the next round on Sunday 19-5-91 and we wish them luck.

SPECIAL APRIL DRAW

£300, Noel Kennedy. £200, Pat Bermingham. £100, G. Gleeson. £50, Sean Henry. £30, G. Murray. £20, Alan Gunning and Dave Turner. £10 Jane Fitzgerald. £10, B. Gibbons and F. Ryan.

SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Maynooth 1.10 V Kilcullen 1.7

Maynooth got off to a bad start in this match, they fell behind by 1.4 to No Score after 20 mins. In the 21st minute Maynooth got their first score, a point from J. Nevin. Then in the 22nd minute a long ball from midfield by P. Ennis found M. Madden and he fisted it into the net. Maynooth kept pressing and by half time they were level 1.5 to 1.5. On the start of the second half Kilcullen went in front again but Maynooth came back again and point's from M. Kelly and J. Edward's went into the lead and

held on 'till the end of game. Best for Maynooth, P. Ennis 3pts, J. Nevin 3pts, M. Madden 1 goal, P. Stynes 1pt, M. Kelly 1pt, J. Edwards 1pt and F. Devereux, M. Nevin and K. Dunne. Man of the Match - P. Ennis

SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Maynooth 11pts V Cappagh 7pts

This was a game of two halves. Maynooth dominated the first half and Cappagh the second half, but Maynooth came out winners in the end. At half time Maynooth led by 9pts to 3pts. The second half seen J. Gilligan in scoring form helping Maynooth to a 4pt win. Best for Maynooth: J. Gilligan 4pts, M. Madden 2pts, S. Molloy 3pts, J. Nevin 1pt, M. Kelly 1pt, P. Kearney, M. Nevin and P. Ennis.

Man of the Match: J. Gilligan

SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Maynooth 10pts V Two-Mile-House 2.8pts

Maynooth suffered their first defeat in the League at the hands of a very determined Two-Mile-House. Maynooth playing well in the first half but scores hard to come by. By half time Maynooth led by 6pts to 1.2pts. Two-Mile-House uped their game in the second half and completely dominated it to run out easy winners. Best for Maynooth: S. Molloy 5pts, J. Edwards 2pts, M. Madden 1pt, F. Devereux 1 pt, P. Ennis 1pt.

Man of the Match: J. Conway.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE - RESULTS

Maynooth 2.5 V Monasterevin 2.11

Maynooth were on top with 10 mins to go and then fitness told and Monasterevin ran out winners.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Maynooth 1.5 V Leixlip 3.5

This was a good game played by two well matched teams. Leixlip got the goals that counted. Maynooth missed a penalty which was put over the bar by C. O'Grady. Some bad misses by Maynooth forwards led to defeat.

Best for Maynooth: C. O'Grady 1.2, K. Fagan 3pts, M. Flaherty, C. Gallagher, K. Mc Namara, K. Fagan and M. Foy.

JUNIOR 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Maynooth 0.6 V Kilcullen 0.13

Maynooth lost their 1st round championship match to Kilcullen in Clane on Sunday 12th May. Maynooth playing against the breeze in the first half could not hold Kilcullen and by half-time were behind by 9pts to 2pts. The second was much the same and Kilcullen ran out easy winners. Best for Maynooth on a bad day were: K. Dunne and M. O' Farrell.

SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Maynooth 9 pts V Athgarvan 1.4

Maynooth got back on a winning note in Athgarvan. In this league Maynooth have only been beaten once.

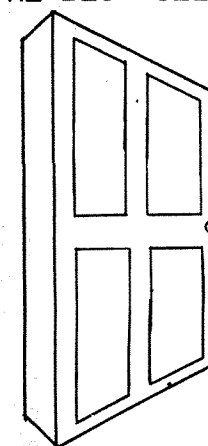
JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Maynooth 1.7 V Celbridge 3.10.

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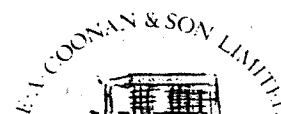
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Maynooth G.A.A. Under 13 Team 1990/91

Back Row: L to R. M. Gillick (Manager), S. Griffin, D. Coughlin, J. Lawlor, I. Hayes, R. Casey, C. Ashe, A. Gaffney, I. Conlon, T. Byrne, P. Ennis (Selector).

Front Row: L to R. D. Buckley, J. Greene, D. Murtagh, M. Bennett, A. Fay, M. Nugent, B. Glennan, C. Ryan (Capt.), E. Kerr, J. Rossiter, G. Meally, S. Brennan

North Kildares U 12's Rugby Club

Hard work and perseverance has paid off well for the boys of the U. 12 team from North Kildare Rugby Club.

At the Leinster finals hosted by Barnhall Rugby Club on Sunday week and attended by a huge crowd despite the attraction of Kildare's NFL final in Croke Park on the same afternoon, they took away the O'Daly Cup against very strong competition. There were 64 teams in the U 10 and U 12 finals, cut down during the afternoon to provide North Kildare and Clontarf as winners. Having already won an All-Ireland title, North Kildare were fancied and justified this when they beat Greystones 2-0 (Robbie Dolan and Peter Meyler) and Navan 4-0 (Conor Lyons 2, Robbie Dolan 2). They then met Edenderry who, for their part, had tries from Brian Carter and Brian Spain to beat Navan. Robbie Dolan again got the two tries to beat Edenderry and give North Kildare a semi-final outing against Skerries.

They beat the Wicklow club thanks to a fine second half try by Peter Myler and, in a close final tries from Myler and Richard Cosgrove secured the title.

There was little doubt but that North Kildare were the team of the competition and during the tournament they didn't concede a single score while getting 11 tries themselves.

From September, the team trains every Monday night and from April, every Monday and Wednesday.

Most of the team members are from Maynooth and at least some of the credit for their success must go to their dedicated managers, Seamus Kennedy, Paddy Travers and Pat Cahill.

The team was: Robbie Dolan, Des Houlihan, Richard Cosgrove, Peter Meyler, Roger Geraghty, Conor Lyons, Brian Gannon (capt), Mark Kennedy, John Bagnall, Seamus Mc Cluskey, John Veale, Adam Cahill and Ricky Geraghty.



North Kildare U/12 Rugby Team who won the Leinster Championship, with their trainers Pat Cahill, Barry Lyons, Seamus Kennedy and Pat Travers.

MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

Project time is here again and registration date is Tuesday 2nd July at the Geraldine Hall 10.30 am - 12.30 pm. The Project commences on Wednesday 3rd July. We will have all our usual outings like swimming, rounders, Bar-B-Que, bowling, overnight hike and trip to Rainbow Rapids. At home we have our usual crafts, fishing, picnics, crazy games, disco dancing, table quiz and soccer tournament. In addition we also have some after tea activities for the 13 years and elder age groups. Final arrangements are also being made for our Annual Camp. The committee has been working hard since January making sure all the necessary arrangements and bookings have been carried out in order that we will have a very enjoyable and successful Project. A full programme of events will be in the July Newsletter and programmes will also be distributed through the schools. So watch out for next months Newsletter with all the Project News.

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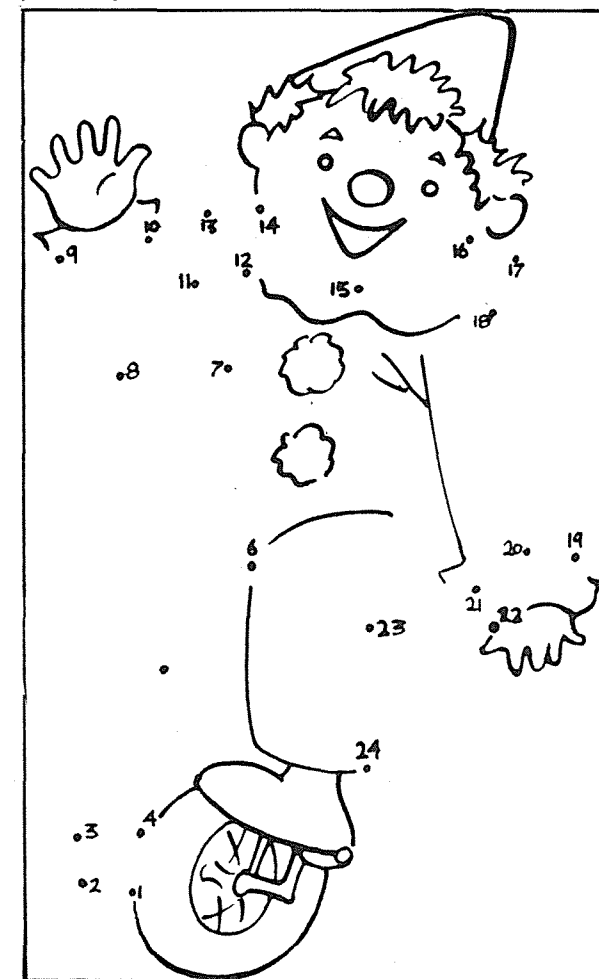
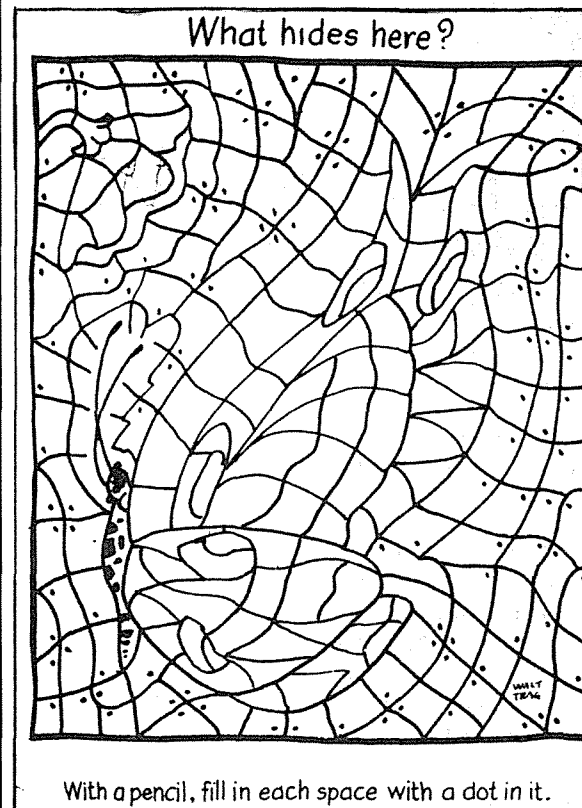
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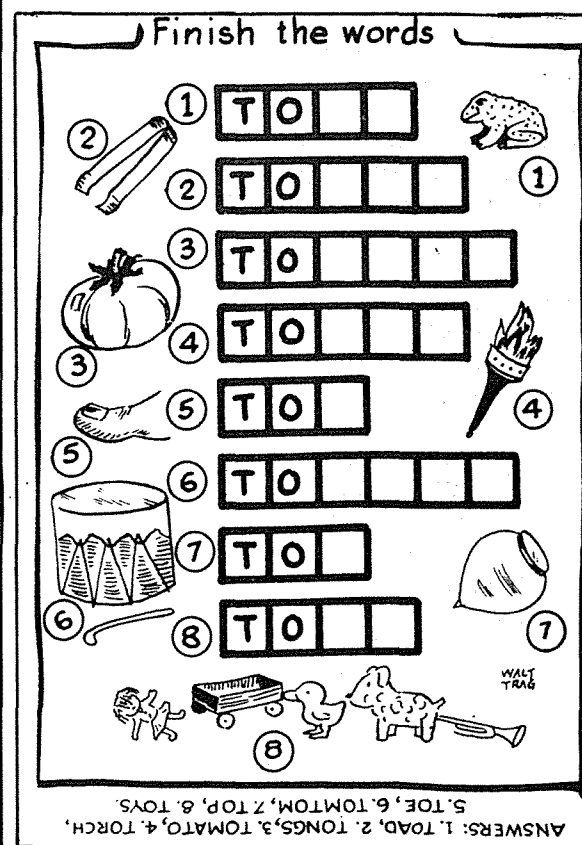
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- 2nd Emma Fleming, 63 Maynooth Park
- 3rd Thomas Flatley, 9 Maynooth Park



MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Well done to our members who took part in the Community Games Swimming on 11th May and good luck to those who are now through to the County Finals.

The A.G.M. of Maynooth Swimming Club will be held on Monday 10th June 1991 at 8.30 pm in the Boys' National School. We invite all parents of our members to please attend. Members please note that there will be no swimming on 1st June 1991 due to the Bank holiday weekend. There will be a family swim on 8th June, an opportunity for parents to see the progress being made by their children and a chance for all the family to enjoy a swim. Buses will not be operating that day. The 10th swim of this, the final term will be on 15th June. Our final swim of the year before the summer holidays on 22nd June will be a free swim and also our annual Gala swim.

Please remember to return your registration form for next September on or before 15th June 1991. Return of this form guarantees your child/children's place in the swimming club for September 1991.

In conjunction with Maynooth Summer Festival week we are holding our annual Gala swim on 22nd June in Stewarts' Sports Centre. This Gala is confined to our own club members and transport will be provided only for club members. However anyone who wishes to attend is welcome to do so.

The club is always looking for new members and if you would like further details please contact the secretary Mary Healy, Phone 6286942.

Finally, please remember the A.G.M. on 10th June 1991. We look forward to a large attendance.

Shiela Fleming - P.R.O.

TAE KWON-DO NEWS

Members of Maynooth Tae Kwon-Do School graded recently under the 6th Degree Black Belt, Mr. Robert Howard. The students were put through quite a tough examination, but this is very necessary in order to maintain high standards. Doing quite well on the day was thirteen year old Ciara Power who was actually awarded a prize for the best performance at the grading. The examiner, Mr. Howard, is one of the founding members of Tae Kwon-Do in Ireland and is president of the Republic of Ireland Tae Kwon-Do Association.

Maynooth Tae Kwon-Do is open for beginner students each Tuesday in the Parish Hall at 8.30 pm (from 12 years up). Visitors are always welcome.

Picture shows the students accompanied by their instructors: Gerard Mc Clelland, 3rd Degree, Robert Howard, 6th Degree (examiner), Michael Devereux; 2nd Degree.



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Stanworth (8 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth)

Barbara and Dave Begley, daughter and son-in-law of the late Marie Stanworth, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement. Gratitude is extended to all those who attended the removal of remains, Mass and funeral; to those who sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy and floral tributes; to our very kind neighbours especially Tom and Mary Sheehan and Jim and Marie Ryan whose kindness we will always remember; to all the Public Health nurses who looked after her so well during her illness especially Nurse Campbell, never forgetting the doctors, nurses and staff of Drogheda Memorial Hospital, the Curragh in whose loving care she died; to Mr Conroy and staff of Conroy's Chemist, Maynooth S.C., and finally our special thanks to Rochfort & Sons Funeral Undertakers, Kilcock who went out of their way to help us and arranged everything so beautifully. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

O' Reilly

The son, daughters and family of the late Anne O'Reilly of Newtown, Maynooth wish to thank most sincerely our kind neighbours and friends for their sympathy and support in their recent sad loss. A special word of thanks to those who personally called, sent floral tributes, sent mass cards and messages of sympathy, attended the removal of remains, mass and funeral. To Fr. Supple, Fr. Coogan, Dr. M. Cowhey, Dr. Pidgeon, nurses and staff of the Mobile Day Hospital, Carbury, An Post and Customs Management and Staff, C.S.O. Sheriff St. and S.D.S., Naas Road Dublin.

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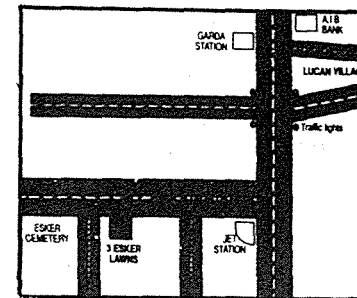
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Brother, sister, sister-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends of the late Frank Horan, Greenfield, Maynooth.

Daughter, son-in-law, brothers, sisters, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of the late Teresa (Tess) Fay (nee Nolan), Pound Street, Maynooth.

Sister, relatives and friends, of the late Charles Dunne, Crinstown, Maynooth.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Dr Barbara Hayley, Londonbridge Road, Dublin. Dr Hayley, Professor of English in St Patrick's College, was fatally injured in a car accident on 15th May.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

To Ann Kehoe. Happy 21st Birthday on 13th June from the Dempseys.

To Dad. Happy belated birthday - you don't look a day over 21 (honest!) from all the family, Mum, Karen, Dave, Annah, Claire, Eimear and Ailish (and the missing two). (Great Party!!!)

Happy Birthday on June 7th to dearest Ruth with much love - From Mammy, Daddy, Stephen and Mark.

Happy Birthday to Paddy Walshe, Mulhussey - Love Maura.

Happy Birthday, Fran, 4th June from Kay, Rusty, Primrose, and Fluff.

Best wishes in the exam, and Happy Birthday, to Mary Mc Ginley.

Belated best wishes for the two score years, to Patricia Condron, Railpark, 12th May, and Martin Nugent, Newtownmaccabe.

Congratulations to Bridget Halton, Greenfield Drive, on her recent wedding.

Belated greetings to M. Nevin, Barrogstown who celebrated his 21st birthday on April 13.

Happy birthday to Joe O' Neill, Greenfield, on May 6th.

Happy Birthday to Mrs Annie Burke, Newtown, on the 14th.

Happy Birthday to Martin Mc Ternan, Lawrence Avenue, on the 26th.

Happy Birthday to Peter Mc Ternan, Dunboyne, on the 11th.

Classified Ads

Happy Birthday to Annalisa Mooney, Age 6 on June 4th. Love from Mum, Dad and Michele.

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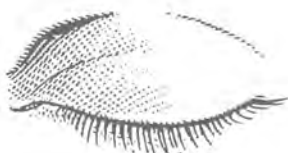
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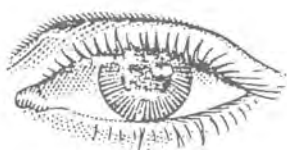
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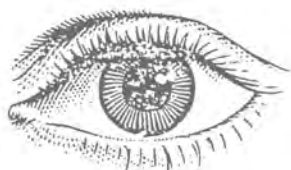
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Editorial

Can we see clearly now?

Since the results of the Elections were unknown at the time of writing we cannot comment on the outcome, other than to hope that those who were elected will keep their promises to the electorate, and represent the people of Maynooth in all of their activities on the Council.

Perhaps all posters will have been removed by the time this is printed. However, experience from previous elections shows that this is not always the case. So a plea goes to all candidates to ensure that all evidence of the recent campaign is removed.

Tidy Towns

We are now entering the time for judging of the Tidy Town's Competition. The Newsletter joins the Tidy Town's Committee in its appeal to all residents of Maynooth to do their part in creating a clean and tidy environment. The committee are to be praised for their efforts in planting in the Square. However, their efforts are not assisted in any way by that Thing which continues to contaminate the centre of the town, like some awful boil. Also, the condition of the playground in the Harbour Field continues to deteriorate. Perhaps if it is not possible to maintain the equipment, the whole rusting scrap heap, and graffiti laden buildings should be removed along with the Thing.

Amenities

The organisers of this year's Community Festival are to be congratulated for providing a fun filled, and entertaining ten days for the residents of Maynooth. The amount of activities available and the enjoyment experienced by those participating in events however, served to highlight the death of entertainment generally around Maynooth. With the growth in population, the need for proper amenities, swimming pool, playing fields, evening entertainment, concerts, discos etc., is becoming increasingly apparent. Isn't it about time that our planners, instead of accepting more and more housing estates, insisted on a mix of not only minimum green space among the housing, but also entertainment and amenity space?

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Letters to the Editor

Chara,
ank Mc Donald, Irish Times Environment correspondent in a cent article described the proposed development for Carton as "last chance". In my opinion the only "last chance" in this development is for a group of international speculators to make profits at the expense of the people of Maynooth. THERE IS BETTER WAY!!

ie choice is "Carton Park" for the residents of Maynooth and 1 million people in the greater Dublin area or "Gleneagles urton" for 446 golfers between three proposed courses. A tional Regional or Heritage Park would surely add both to the ality of life and quantity and quality of jobs available to the ople of Maynooth. Would you be welcome among golf nkers and greens or would you prefer walks with views and ldlife? The Irish Government nearly bought this country estate viously and as awareness of our environment and heritage rease might purchase it as a park for our ever increasing popu- ion. There are also private individuals who have made offers buy Carton and who have in my opinion, better plans for this eplaceable piece of our heritage. Carton is unique, no more mage should be done. If you wish to help or get any further in- mation please contact the undersigned. Thanks for your time.

mise le meas,
ian Mc Garvey,
4 Kingsbry, Maynooth (Tel: 6286292)

ar Editor,
st month's article by the Gardai informing women on how to safe reminded me of a book by R.R.Green. Like the Gardai, reen focuses on areas where women should be careful. He used e phrase 'positive mental attitudes', whereby all women who ssessed this could reasonably avoid aggression of one sort or other. In fact it turned out to be a new phrase for the old word ich women learn very early in life, namely, DON'T. Upon ading the article in the Newsletter, a natural response would ve been for women to stay inside behind locked doors and ndows. It seems one would be better to sit on the window sill, th the window accessible for escape in case the "intruder" is on e inside. For it is a well known fact that a lot of attacks on omen happen in their own houses by men well known to them. ie article clearly illustrates that attitudes towards violence ainst women have a long way to go before changing. If our law forcement agency reiterates the myths by a litany of "do's and n'ts" for women, there is little hope of 'positive mental atti- des' being fostered by the male population on the right of omen to appear in public when and where they please. It would ve been more interesting and thought provoking had the article en directed towards men. By this I mean advice, such as: In an unlit or poorly lit area, a man should walk on the other side the road if a woman is in front of him. Never walk too closely behind a woman. ese are ways by which men will indicate that they are not tential attackers. tacks on women do not mean that the onus is on women to take ll responsibility to off set them. Rather men should also take sponsibility in their attitudes, actions and behaviour towards men. Advice that is being given by the Gardai should be lanced giving considerations to both men and women. Hope- ly we will see this in the near future.

urs sincerely,
! Duffy.

Dear Editor,
This is to say I only recently received a copy of the *Maynooth Newsletter* from my brother Christopher who lives in Green- fields Cottages. I must say I was amazed and astonished at the size and contents of it. Congratulations to all who are respon- sible. I must say it makes wonderful reading. I also could not believe how much the people of Maynooth have going for them now, it's wonderful. I sincerely hope my brother will continue to send it to me as when I sit and read it I feel I am at home in Maynooth.

Michael Burchell,
27 Dearman Road,
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Dear Editor,
There are over 600 students from Maynooth and vicinity attend- ing in the Post Primary school. Over the past few years due to financial cutbacks all money has been spent on keeping the bare essentials going. Conscious of the fact that a large young school- going population needs more than classroom activity we have tried over the years to incorporate a good social/cultural/physical education programme. Last year with the help of parents we laid two excellent tennis/basketball courts which are now in full use. This year we have arranged for the use of the College swimming pool four mornings of the week. In order to continue with this type of policy we need funds. We are therefore inviting anybody interested in supporting the Maynooth Post Primary school and the above policy to purchase a bond costing £100. This can be done outright or over a ten month period by arrangements with your bank. Our next project is the building of a large general purposes room for games, assembly, retreats, lunch, leisure, exams etc. The estimated cost is £40,000. There will be a draw each year for five years for a grand prize of £1,000 for every fully paid-up bond holder but more importantly, all money subscribed will go directly to the benefit of students and community. Application forms available from the school.

Many thanks on behalf of the P.T.A.

Mise le meas,
Thomas Ashe,
Principal, Post Primary school.

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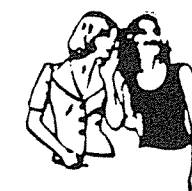
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FESTIVAL A HUGE SUCCESS

The Community Festival which ended on Sunday 23rd was the most successful yet. Throughout its eleven days Maynooth was a hive of activity, sporting, cultural and social. This year's Festival, modest by national standards, marks what is hoped will be the first of many larger and livelier summer festivals on a par with the more successful throughout the country. The Festival's success was in no small measure due to the major sponsorship we received from Guinness Ireland. We would hope to receive such sponsorship next year as it is now obvious that a major capital investment is needed if the Festival is to be expanded. A successful Festival benefits the whole community. Besides providing entertainment it boosts business in the town enormously. Indeed during Festival Week the lack of a large venue for social events became obvious as hundreds of thirsty punters elbowed their way through the crowded bars to vie for the attention of helpful but overworked bar staff. A large marquee may provide the answer for next year's Festival.

Like all major events organised by the Community Council the background organisation goes un-seen.

Full credit for the smooth running of the Festival must go to the hard working Festival Committee chaired by Marie Gleeson and the Community Council staff who have been laying plans for the Festival since last March.

Our thanks to the many members of clubs, residents associations and organisations who helped to organise and took part in the Festival. To referees Lennie Murphy and Michael Heggerty who turned out in all weathers to referee the ever popular Inter estates Soccer Tournament. To the Inter Estates Committee who organised the tournament and of course to all the teams who took part and played so sportingly.

Thanks are due also to the G.A.A. Clubs and their juvenile players, Kingsbry Residents Association who organised the Pitch and Putt competition, the Tae Kwon Do Club, Badminton Club, the Old People's Committee, the Summer Project, the J.C.A., The Athletic Club, Maynooth Fire Brigade, the Swimming Club, the Air Corp, the Dublin Trials Club and the Presentation Convent Parents' Association. Many thanks to the barmen who took part in the most popular barman competition. A special thanks to Phil Mc Dermott and Gerry Fitzpatrick who provided backing for the Talent Competition and David Jolley who joined Philip in giving us some wonderful street music.

We thank also, everyone who attended and took part in the many events throughout the Festival for their much needed and valued support. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves and will come along again next year.

Lastly we wish to thank our main sponsors - Guinness, the three public houses who sponsored the Most Popular Barperson competition, Caulfields, The Leinster Arms and The Roost, and our local sponsors who support our many events throughout the year. The following is a list of their names:

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See full report of Festival elsewhere in this issue.

Margaret Clinec
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

Our attempts to get the message across about getting Maynooth tidy we think is slowly getting across.

But we need more helpers especially now in the holiday season. So, if you have an hour or two to spare during the week, we can use it.

As you can see at the toilet block area we have put in two flower beds and at the time of writing we have yet to put back in chippings.

Once again we thank all the residential areas in Maynooth for the efforts in keeping their areas tidy. Our competition is on going. Our business owners are busy decorating and improving the appearances of their premises. It's amazing what a coat of paint or some flowers or shrubs can do to enhance a building.

Incidentally the planning section of Kildare County Council are willing to advise with regards to shop front design.

Thanks to all committee members for their help to date.

Richard Farrell,
P.R.O.

VISIT TO GLENEAGLES - SCOTLAND

At the end of April, four local reporters and myself representing the Community Council were invited to spend a few days at Gleneagles in Scotland, to mix with the staff, local people and guests and find out for ourselves how would this operation work in Carton. We were given the five star treatment from the moment we arrived, starting off with a chauffeur driven limousine. Gleneagles itself is magnificent. It was purpose built as a hotel in the 1920's. It opened to its first visitors in 1924. It has 236 bedrooms and 20 suites, its own theatre, ballroom, function

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and conference areas, as well as other public rooms, it is well decorated and fitted. It has a number of restaurants which serve meals from around £35 per person. This compares well with Irish restaurants. People from Glasgow, Edinburgh, Perth and Augherarder drive up to this hotel for meals and to use the other facilities. Golf and other leisure activities are a major part of the resort's attraction. These include the Kings and Queens Championship golf courses, as well as the new Monarchs course which is currently being built, a top class Equestrian Centre, Country Club and Shooting school. The Country Club incorporates Champneys Health Spa, an experience to be remembered. The hotel is open all year round and can provide accommodation for 450 guests. The Country Club part of the hotel has 3,000 members, 1,700 of whom come from a 25 mile radius of Augherarder, which is the nearest town to the hotel. The General Manager of the Hotel, Vivien Sirothkin says that Gleneagles is turning away about £10m worth of business every year. She also says that they plan to develop Carton with its own identity and research had shown that there is a demand for this type of facility. Vivien also points out that Ireland itself will be an important feature of marketing Gleneagles Carton. She emphasises that what they are selling is a product. With reference to the complex in Scotland, she stresses that they are selling Scotland first and Gleneagles second. The same will apply to Ireland.

On numerous occasions, we were told that they recruit locally and use local services. They say that between payroll, supplies and services, the resort will be pumping about £15m annually into the local areas. This had been verified by the people of Augherarder. Examples of this are as follows: Vivien employs in total 460 people. Of that number 80% are Scottish and of that 45% are from the locality. Regarding supplies to the hotel, one local farmer supplies the entire quantity of milk and cream. The printing of stationery for the hotel is done locally by one firm and fruit and vegetables are supplied by the local greengrocer. When questioned about maintenance work on an on-going basis, the response was that if there are locals who can do the work and, do it in a business like way, then management's view is that there is no need for them to look elsewhere. Augherarder is the nearest town to the Gleneagles Hotel. It has a population of around 6,000 people, something similar to Maynooth a few years ago. The resemblance between Maynooth and Augherarder is in fact very strong, and the resemblance between Carton Estate and the Gleneagles Resort is quite remarkable. Once again Vivien Sirothkin said that regarding employment in Augherarder, the Hotel had more opportunities than Augherarder had youngsters. While there I met and spoke to three Irish people who were employed by Gleneagles. One was Edward Kavanagh from Coolock in Dublin who is there training to be a chef. The second was Fiona from Milltown, also in Dublin who is the Head Waitress in one of the Hotel's restaurants. The third was Billy Lynch from Limerick who had been with Gleneagles for 30 years and is now Head Porter. All three spoke with genuine affection for Gleneagles in every respect. Gleneagles will hire and train people in various aspects of the resort.

In summary, my own feeling is that yes, Gleneagles must come to Maynooth. It can do only good for this town. As one member of the Augherarder Tourist and Business Association said, "the Hotel brings a lot of people into the area and is of great benefit to the local people". Finally it can best be summed up for those who have any reservation, by the comment of John West, Editor of the Augherarder monthly magazine "that the people of Maynooth

should not be afraid of the proposals of Gleneagles for Carton, it is a wonderful venture and everyone will benefit". The comment was also made that "if Gleneagles was not here, Augherarder would be the loser" and, I feel the same could be applied to Maynooth.

Dominic Nyland
Treasurer

CARTON HOUSE OPEN DAY

Carton House will be open to the public on the week-end of Saturday 27th of July from 2pm to 6pm and Sunday 28th from 1pm to 6pm.

The historical house and demesne, former home of the Fitzgeralds, will shortly be taken over by the Gleneagles Group so this will be the public's last chance to see the intact demesne before the developers move in.

This year, as well as the usual guided tours, pony rides, recitals and refreshments, there will be the added attraction of an art exhibition.

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MAYNOOTH I.C.A.

The Guild monthly meeting was held on Thursday 6th June 1991. Mary O' Gorman presided and the new committee for the coming year is as follows:-

President	Mary O'Gorman
Vice President & P.R.O.	Imelda Delaney
Secretary	Mairead Scanlon
Treasurer	Anna Dolan
Assistant Treasurer & International Officer	Joan Grant
Youth and Sports Officer	Bernie King
Assistant Secretary & Produce Officer	Rosemary Hanley
An Grianan Rep & Hostess	Brid Shields
Art Promoter & Timire	Bernadette Duffy
Crafts Promoter	Avril O' Gorman
Contest Secretary	Kay Burns

Vote of sympathy extended to Mairead Scanlon on the death of her aunt and Viva Kearns on the death of her mother. May they rest in peace.

Congratulations to member of the Guild who took part in the (Kitty Mc Carthy Cup) Table Quiz and obtained second place and were presented with the Nellie Dillon Plaque. The winners were the Two Mile House Guild and the Mc Carthy Cup was presented by Mr. Micheal Mc Carthy, husband of the late Kitty Mc Carthy, Rest in peace. Well done Maynooth ladies and looking forward to your success in the next Table Quiz. Congratulations also to Guild member, Maisie Mc Myler (Kildare Federation President) on being appointed Chairperson of Executive and Chairperson of International. As the speaker arranged for tonight's meeting was unable to attend until a later date "on the spot" competition took place and the winners were as follows:

- 1st Mairead Scanlon
- 2nd Rosemary Hanley
- 3rd Madeleine Stynes

The winners of the monthly raffle were as follows:

- 1st Bernie King
- 2nd Felicity Satchwell
- 3rd Maisie Mc Myler

We would like to wish a very speedy recovery back to health to Kay Burns who is recuperating from a stay in hospital.

Four of our members had a lovely time in An Grianan during Kildare Week. Two of them worked very hard at Mountmellick Lace and came back with a lot of new stitches. The other two members learned a lot about helath and fitness and hopefully they will be able to keep up the effort involved in healthy living.

Another reminder of the Annual Show in the Post Primary School, Maynooth on 13th July 1991. Looking forward to a large number of entrants for the success of this show. A lot of time and hard work goes into the organizing of this particular event and the Committee who look after the Show are rewarded by a successful Annual Show day.

The next meeting of the Guild will be held on Thursday, 4th July 1991. As this will be the last meeting until September, hope everyone will have a pleasant and enjoyable holiday.

P.R.O.

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP

Harbour Day

The Harbour Day was a great success and all those who turned up to support us enjoyed themselves. Anne Cottor and her many assistants were kept going non stop at the tea tent while Eilish O' Malley ran an excellent bottle stall. The Mechanical Bull was a big attraction but it proved no match for able committee member Hugh Sullivan. Maynooth Accordion Band played splendidly as did Rock Band "Fallen Angel". "Captains" Kennedy and Sullivan operated a shuttle service on the Water Bus while "First Officer" Julieanna Kennedy attended to the comfort of passengers. The Steam Train was a complete sell out with some disappointed passengers who could not purchase tickets on the day. **Please don't despair. We can now announce that the train will definitely be running next year with more runs - possibly over a two day period - but the fine points have still to be worked out and even better news is the fact that there may be a run before the year is out - negotiations are still in progress on this trip - more details later.**

All in all the harbour days' success was due to hard work and dedication and in this regard there are many to be thanked: Newtown Stores for acting as ticket agents (steam Train) and also for providing transport when needed; Derry Cottor also for providing transport and assisting on the day; Scout Master Tony Muldowney and the scouts for the use of tents; John Bennet, Country Shop Restaurant, for the use of his tables and chairs; Johnny Tinkler for the use of trailers; Kiernan Sound Services - (and Noreen) - for sound; The Management and staff of the "Roost" licensed premises for storing equipment; Mc Cormack Amusements for various side shows; Michael Walsh for transport; Eddie Slane, Charlie Hayden, Tom D'Arcy and members of the parent group and Dublin branches of RCAG for their assistance, and all who assisted in any way, and of course "you" the public for turning up in numbers to make the day a success.

Annual Flagdays Collection

Our Annual Flag days takes place this year from Thursday 25th until Sunday 28th and since you have always been generous in your support it is not necessary to elucidate further on this matter.

Bereavement

The Chairman and committee would like to offer sincere condolences to Maynooth's most Senior Citizen, Mrs Annie Daly and her family on the recent sad loss of her daughter Betty who resided in Clane.

Ar Dheis De go raibh a h-anam.

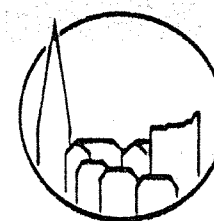
Works at Carton

Work is continuing at Pikes Bridge and building and refurbishing of a second wall has commenced and some more work has been done along the banks.

Water Safety

With children on holidays from school and the advent of summer we again remind those who are using the amenity not to regard the canal as innocuous but to exercise caution and implement the usual rules of water safety when in the vicinity of the Canal.

Gerry Fitzpatrick
P.R.O.



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CARTON COMMITTEE

Breakup of Ireland's Finest Estate

The plans to build 48 flats, 188 Houses and over twenty other buildings on Carton Demesne for 445 golfers means the end of this Irish 1,000 acre jewel of landscape and House.

Over one million people in the greater Dublin region will be denied use of the woodland, parkland and house as a national heritage park.

North County Dublin has the very successful Malahide Castle and Newbridge House - Maynooth, Leixlip, Dunboyne and Celbridge have none.

The developers promise jobs - for local people these may well be as golf caddies, chambermaids and cleaners - the lowest paid seasonal and most insecure of all. Promised access will be severely limited because of three golf courses on the open spaces and 188 private houses in the woodlands. These will be built by Mc Inerney and sold off at around £300,000 each.

Secure jobs, public access, sports fields, fishing and educational studies would flow from its creation as a National or Leinster Regional Park.

Think about it.

*William G. Stuart,
Celbridge.*

CREDIT UNION

Structure of the Credit Union Democracy in Action

A Credit Union is a democratic organisation with the ultimate control in the hands of the members who meet once a year at the Annual General Meeting. The newly elected Board of Directors must meet after each A.G.M. to appoint its President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and its committees to enable the work of the credit union to proceed smoothly until the next A.G.M. of members.

Board of Directors

The job of running the credit union is delegated to a Board of Directors who are elected by and from the membership of the A.G.M. Only members may be elected as Directors. This democratic election of Directors is your first active participation in the management of your credit union.

Credit Committee

One of the basic committees is the Credit Committee. The Credit Committee considers loan applications and this committee through much experience has learned to understand the members and their problems. It is the committee's function to ensure fair and equal treatment for all. All loan applications are considered most sympathetically and in strictest confidence.

Supervisory Committee

The other basic committee is the Supervisory Committee which checks the books of the credit union and evaluates its operation. The committee has specific duties under the law which include checking members' passbooks, preparing bank reconciliations and reporting to the members at the A.G.M.

The Treasurer

While each director shares equally the management responsibility, the treasurer is normally appointed to look after the day to day operation of the credit union. The members at the A.G.M. may vote to pay an honorarium to the treasurer for the extra duties to be performed. All other officials of the credit union by law must serve without pay. They must all be unpaid volunteers. This also applies to the members of the committee which are part of every credit union.

Credit Union Pledge of Secrecy

All Boards and Committee members must sign a pledge of secrecy concerning all credit union matters.

New Members are always very welcome.

Hours of Business: Thursday 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm
Friday 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm
Saturday 10.00 am - 12.30 pm

May Haren

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Well done to all of our students and teachers who participated in the Language Day Festival on March 6th last. The adjudicators have awarded first prize in Ireland for the most innovative project. An area in the school was given over to a French and German Village with various activities conducted through these languages. The whole idea impressed the adjudicators very much - hence the first prize.

The first years, Emer O' Sullivan, Ciara Power, Alice Mc Nulty and second years Ruth Tolan and Claire Murphy also won first prize in the Literary part of the competition with their group Project while all other group and individual projects were highly commended.

Congratulations also to Edel Minogue on winning one of the twelve scholarships in the Euro Language College Competition. Edel won a three weeks scholarship to one of their summer courses in Ireland and was presented with her prize by the Minister of Education on May 30th.



Edel Minogue, winner of one of the Euro language scholarships with her certificate presented by the Minister of Education, Mary O'Rourke recently. Edel also won a prize in the Texaco Art competition this year.

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Well done also to John O'Reilly on winning the 800m Intermediate Leinster schools in Santry. John now goes on to the All Ireland Finals where he will again collect the Gold Medal - hopefully!



John O'Reilly winner of the All Ireland Schools Intermediate 800m held in Tullamore recently. John is an inter student in Maynooth Post Primary school and hopes to represent Ireland in the student games in Spain later in the summer. We wish him well in his very promising athletic career.

Finally to John Ruddy who won the Michael Sweetman Educational Trust Project with his essay on Europe. Not only was John's essay good enough to win through to the last twelve but he impressed all in the second leg at his interview. John wins a trip to Europe where he will take-in The Hague, Strasburg, Brussels and Paris - with pocket money. Well done to John and Bon Voyage!



John Ruddy, a 5th year student in the Post Primary School, Maynooth, winner of the Nichol Sweetman scholarship. John's prize will bring him an all expenses paid tour of the major European institutions in the E.C., Paris, Brussels, Strasburg, etc. John's essay was "The European Community: Political Union by the year 2000".

T. Ashe

PRESENTATION CONVENT PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The committee would like to thank all parents and friends of the association who have supported our work throughout the past year. Your continued support has enabled us to provide badly needed items for the school. In particular we purchased a public address system, P.E. equipment, scholarships to the Gealtacht for four children, books specially for the reading room and other teaching aids and materials. In addition we gave a sizeable donation for Library books. We also sponsored the Art Competition, run during Festival week and provided refreshments for the children on Sports day. As you can see all the money raised was put to good use.

Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Marie Gleeson, Chairperson of Maynooth Festival Committee, who judged the Art competition and also presented the prizes. It was an enormous task for her to pick 12 winners out of approximately 450 entries. All the paintings were superb and the result of considerable hard work. Well done to all the children for taking part. The results were as follows:

Section A - Baby & Senior Infants

1st - Carol Cotter. 2nd - Rebecca Owens. 3rd - Aileen Mc Ternan.

Section B - 1st and 2nd Classes

1st - Edel Mc Mahon. 2nd - Louise Harney. 3rd - Claire Hogan.

Section C - 3rd & 4th Classes

1st - Niamh O' Connor. 2nd - Theresa Flood. 3rd - Sinead Mc Gee.

Section D - 5th & 6th Classes

1st - Andre Ennis. 2nd - Nichola Horn. 3rd - Yvonne Gibson. The committee would like to extend their deepest sympathy to our Chairperson, Lila Flynn, on the death of her aunt and also to Betty Phelan on the death of her mother. May they rest in peace. Finally we would like to thank Sr. Aquinas and the teaching staff for their co-operation and help throughout the year.

Sheila Fleming - P.R.O.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Golf Outing

The Chamber of Commerce held its annual Golf Outing at Knockanally Golf Club recently, and despite incessant rain there was a good turn out of members and their guests. Six teams competed for the E. A. Coonan & Son Team Challenge Cup which was won by a team of Ted Kehoe, Tommy Rogers, and Gerry Brady with a combined score of 108 points. The Bank of Ireland Team was second.

In the individual competition the best were:-

1. Ted Kehoe (11) 37 points (on the back nine)
2. Gerry Brady (17) 37 points
3. Larry Eyres (16) 34 points (back nine)
4. Tommy Rogers (22) 34 points
5. Dick Tobin (18) 32 points

Visitors

1. Fran Davey (19) 32 points (back nine)
2. Dave Bruton (19) 32 points
3. Michael Farrington (22) 27 points

Nines

1. First nine: Eugene Mara (14) 19 points
2. Second nine: Tony Watkins (9) 18 points

All the prizes were donated by members of the Chamber for which they are most grateful.

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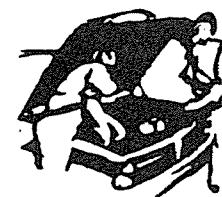
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MAYNOOTH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

* The Library would like to thank all the children who attended our story-time with Una Power on Thursday 20th April. Una, a popular children's author, gave a lively rendition of her book, **Billy the Sailor**. Over forty children were there to enjoy the event, and to take part in the reading of **Billy the Sailor** with Una. One of the highlights of the afternoon was when Una produced sweets for the children, and everyone went home happy. The Library intends to host more similar events in the not too distant future.

* Recommended reading lists for Summer '91 are available for children in the library. The list was compiled by the Youth Library group of the library Association with some input from Maynooth Library staff.

* There is an amnesty on all overdue books for the month of June, so return those books without paying any fines!!

* On view at the library at present is a model of Connolly's Folly also known as the Obelisk.

Situated on the Main Street. See you there!

NEW CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE

On Monday 10th June, we opened our second office in the Main Street beside the Community Council Office. During the summer this office is open Monday - Friday 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon and 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

We are keeping our office in the Library building. Both Offices give a free and confidential service to the public on all matters relating to social welfare, tax, housing, etc. It is hoped that everyone at some time will avail of our services. We also have tax forms, passport forms, medical card forms etc. If you have a problem at any time please call in to our office and meet our staff who are always available to help and supply information. The offices are run jointly by twelve volunteers and five on S.E.S./FAS placement schemes. Frances Daly will be the office supervisor. Ms Daly expressed the hope that Citizens' Information Centre will be able to collaborate with the Students Union in the College.

This office is run on a Social Employment Scheme courtesy of Fas. We are the only Information Centre in Ireland to operate full-time on a Social Employment Scheme. Thanks to Des Murray, our local placement officer and Aidan Crickley, Fas, Ballyfermot. Thanks are also due to New P.M.P.A. Insurance Co., Dublin who kindly furnished our office and supplied us with an electric typewriter and a photocopier.

The new office will be open Monday to Friday 10am - 12 noon and 2 pm to 4 pm during July and August.

Question: I have a mixed insurance record and because I didn't have a yearly average of 20 contributions I was turned down for the Contributory Old Age Pension. In fact, I had an average of 19 and have felt very bitter about not getting the pension and the perks that go with it. I was delighted when I read it announced in the Budget that I would now qualify for a pension. Can you tell me when I should apply and how will my pension be worked out?

Answer: The precise date on which these Pro-Rata pensions are to be introduced has not been announced. November has been mentioned as a likely date.

These pensions are intended to cater for people like yourself who failed to get a pension because their insurance record consisted of full-rate and modified rate (for widows and Orphans Pension). These pensions are to be calculated in a similar way to pensions obtained under EC Regulations. We don't have enough information to tell you how much you will get. We expect the formula used will be somewhat like this:

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Combined contributions were full-rate

The amount of pension you will receive will depend on the number of full-rate contributions you have. The more of them you have the higher the rate of pension you will receive. You should watch the newspapers for details about when to apply.

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

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- Childrens mini-games
- Fancy dress
- Hockey
- Mini-sports
- Nature walks
- Tennis
- Picnic and bar-b-que
- Rounders

- Short tennis
- Soccer
- Story telling
- Swimming
- Volleyball
- Table tennis
- Mini-aerobics
- Basketball

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Residents' Associations' News

KINGSBRY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to the winners in the Kingsbry Residents' Association Community Week Pitch and Putt. The event proved very successful and popular and will be an annual event. Thanks to all who took part and a special thanks to our sponsor, Kingsbry Developments.

Judging is now in progress on the Tidy Estates so we would ask those who didn't get out on clean-up-day to dig the weeds and edge kerbs in front of their houses as there are still a few areas not attended to.

We would like to thank the builder in Beechdale for his help in removing the unsightly load of rubble left behind by the original developer on one of the green areas. Efforts are ongoing to get the Developer to attend to other problems, lighting, trees, etc. Upcoming events in July are Children's Sports Day and Children's and adult's barbeque. More details at a later stage.

Kevin Coyle,
P.R.O.

NEW GREENFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, PHASE 3

We would like to thank everybody who attended the Disco in the Parish Hall on the 22nd June. At this point we have to thank the following shops for their prizes for the Disco Competition and the Raffle: F.M.K. Casuals, Naeem Fashion, Sports Locker, Newtown Stores and Greenfield Supermarket. Without their support the night would not have been as good as it was.

Next meeting is on the 2nd of July in Caulfields back room. We would like to see a big attendance because we will be discussing the day out for all. Please do your best to come, it is our aim to subsidise a good day out for everybody.

We would like to say congratulations to Mr and Mrs Doonan of 1174 Greenfield, who were 47 years married on the 20th of June, and still look like newly weds! Let them be an example to us all.

Ann Kirby,
Secretary.

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

We thank all our residents who participated or organised the very successful Maynooth Community Festival.

Our recent tidy up day was a limited success. Very few other than committee members helped. But to those who helped, the estate looks the better for it. Please try and help the overstretched committee members with grass cutting, trimming etc.

We would particularly appeal to our younger residents to stop dropping your litter. Bring it home with you. Some of the younger residents are showing great example by bringing home their litter.

We would ask that a particular effort be made to keep the greens tidy.

To all our residents going on holiday- have a good one and safe journey.

Richard Farrell,
P.R.O.

CLUAIN AOIBHIN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Your new committee is now settled in with "Big Tom" once again in the chair, Con Hayes as Chief pen pusher and Theresa Mc Donald minding the purse, ably assisted by Rose Hayes. It's nice to see some young blood coming on to the committee like Seamus Mullin and Barry Mc Donald to mention but a few.

The Tidy Estates competition is being judged on an on-going basis until the end of August so a lot of work must be done in this space of time. The Committee has obtained the use of a steam cleaner to clean the walls before painting. The matter of over grown gardens (mostly those of absentee landlords) is receiving attention.

It has been decided to revive the estate sports this year and the children will be contacted in this regard. I am pleased to announce that Christy has agreed to provide some of his expertise in this area where possible.

The entrance to the estate looks much better since the rockery was enlarged. Extra flowers will soon be planted to give it an enhanced appearance.

Please try to keep the estate tidy. It's in everybody's interest to assist where possible.

Gerry Fitzpatrick,
P.R.O.

CARTON COURT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Neighbourhood Watch has now been successfully set up for Carton Court. A well attended meeting took place on May 21st in the Boys School, Maynooth. Sgt. Canny, Inspector White and Garda Clifford attended on behalf of the Gardai.

Estate Co-ordinators are:

Raymond and Noelle Topley, 14 Carton Court.

Road Co-ordinators are:

No's 3 - 16:

Tom Geraghty (3), Pdraig Kearney (5), Kathleen McDermott (12).

No's 18 - 32:

Jeremy and Mary Farrell (28), Chris Hayes (32).

No's 33 - 53:

John Green (48), Michael Keogh (39).

No's 54 - 74:

Bob O'Reilly (73), Richard O'Malley (60).

No's 85 - 99:

Claran Hassett (99), Tony Morgan (85).

No's 100 - 114:

John Dolan (106), Fergal Cosgrave (114).

A sign will soon be erected near the entrance.

Clean-up day on May 25th was a great success. The skip provided proved to be very popular, and it was truly amazing to discover the odd 'bits and pieces' that were deposited in it! However, the estate looks really well, and we encourage residents to keep it so during the summer months. Who knows - perhaps another clean-up day in Autumn might be a good idea?

The road representatives are at present 'sounding out' the possibility of an estate get together at a barbeque on perhaps the 20th of July (Sat.). If the response is favourable, you will be hearing from us!

A Sad Note: It has come to our notice that people continue to dump at the junction of Greenfield Estate, Carton Estate and Brady's Field. It is in all our interests to keep this area pest-free. Please - could we stop this deplorable practice ??

Noelle Topley
(Secretary)

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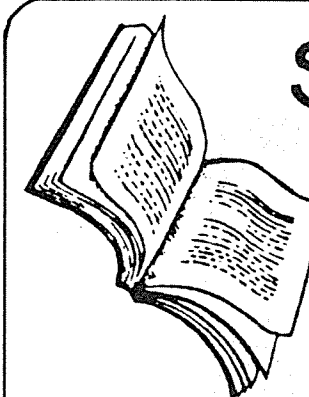
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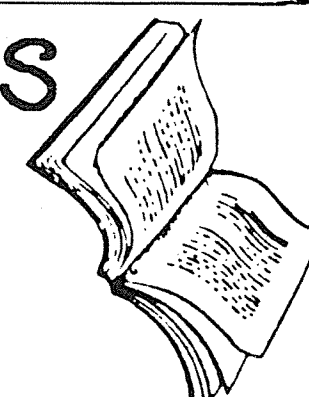
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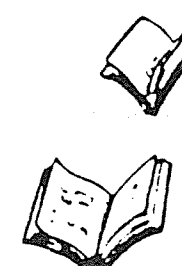
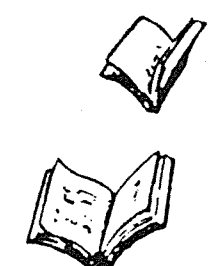


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Attic Press launched **Belonging**, a novel by Maynooth writer Clairr O'Connor, in Buswell's Hotel on Wednesday 19th June. The event was attended by so many Maynooth residents that it seemed as if the local pubs had transferred their customers en masse to Buswell's. Clairr read an extract from this, her first novel, which deals with the question of an Irish emigrant returning home to discover that her past was not the secure base of identity she once thought it was. Through a painful process of accepting an entirely new reality, the novel's protagonist Deirdre gradually rediscovers a sense of self which entails a visit to Hungary in search of her real roots. Clairr O'Connor's prose is tough and relentless in its depiction of a woman hovering between sanity and breakdown. It is a novel which questions the validity of tradition and inheritance as prime agents in shaping the identity of a human being. **Belonging** will be reviewed in a future issue of the Newsletter, and is available in paperback for €6.95.

NATIONAL FIRE SAFETY COLOURING
COMPETITION AWARD

Congratulations to Emma Fleming who recently won an award in the National Fire Safety Week Colouring Competition, held last November. She is seen here being presented with her prize by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr Michael Donnelly at the prize giving ceremony held in the Mansion House on 27th May 1991.



L to R: Chief Fire Officer, Emma Fleming and Michael Donnelly, Lord Mayor of Dublin.

FESTIVAL REPORT

Maynooth last month was a hive of activity both cultural and sporting, with the annual Community Festival in full swing from Wednesday the 12th to Sunday the 23rd. For eleven days Maynooth forgot the local elections and enjoyed itself. Activities for all ages from the youngest disco dancing in the Parish Hall, to the oldest, a cabaret in Caulfields. It all began on

a competitive note with the Inter Estate women's soccer match between Maynooth Park and Greenfields. This was followed by a poetry reading in the public library, given by Peter Hussey, Isabelle Cartwright, Richard Hayes, Bill Tinley and Peter Denman. This blend of sport, culture and crack continued with a talent contest sponsored by Harp which was held in Caulfields. Many brave souls were prepared to face the music! It was compered by Philip Mc Dermott and Gerry Fitzpatrick and was won by "Loman". The competitive tone of the day was maintained in the "Battle of the Bands" in the Geraldine Hall which was won by local band, **Running Scared**. In all five bands took part (**Never on a Sunday** from Tallaght, **Line by Line** from Maynooth, **Wild Cry** from Maynooth and **The Amazing Underpants** from Lucan). Second prize went to **Never on a Sunday** and third to **The Amazing Underpants**. The whole evening was ably organised by Ms Lorraine Tracey and Ms. Annemarie Thompson. Other competitions included the Guinness Inter Estate 7-a-side soccer tournament organised by Peter Holland and his committee and the Inter Estate Pitch and Putt contest organised by Jack Butler and Kingsbry Residents' Association.

Saturday 15th saw the I.C.A. organise a craft exhibition. For the unskilled but competitive there was a family car/bicycle Treasure Hunt organised by the Maynooth Branch of the Workers' Party, and won by John Mc Ginley, Peter Hussey, Carolann Reaper and Lenny Murphy. There was also a children's Treasure Hunt organised by Frances Daly and the C.I.C., and won by: 1st Team: Annette Mc Cullagh, Tracy Horan, Peter Mc Cullagh and Gerard Mc Mahon, 2nd Team: Niall Gillick, Cian Mc Ginley, Anthony Kennedy and Stewart Murray and the 3rd Team: Virginia Breslin and Orlaith Cahill.



Runners up team in the Treasure Hunt. L to R: Christine Saults, William Saults, Kay McKeogh (organiser) and Margaret Clince.

Finally for those who just wanted fun there was Hudson's Carnival which continued throughout the Festival. Sport of a more native kind was also being engaged in with the G.A.A. Juvenile Quarter Finals. A Tae Kwon Do display entertained those who take pleasure in the pain of others!



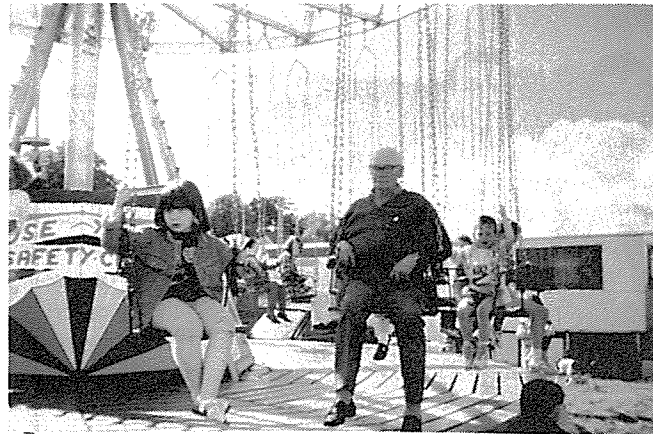
KINGSBRY 7-A-SIDE MEN'S SOCCER TEAM, WINNERS IN THE FESTIVAL TOURNAMENT.

Photo : Gerry Mc Cann



MOYGLARE VILLAGE 7-A-SIDE MEN'S SOCCER TEAM, RUNNERS UP IN THE FESTIVAL TOURNAMENT.

Photo : Gerry Mc Cann



Mr. Michael Nolan and his grand-daughter Amy Waldron enjoying themselves at Hudson's Carnival, at last month's Community Festival.

The highlight of Monday was undoubtedly the Smithwick's Table Quiz which was held in Caulfields'. This attracted no less than 31 teams and was won by Siobhan Denman's team. Kay Mc Keogh and Peter Hussey deserve special mention along with the staff of the **Maynooth Newsletter**, for organising this event. Also that night the prizes for the Newsletter's short story competition were given out. The prize winners were **Valerie O' Neill, Phil Stokes and Brigid Saults**.

There was music for both young and old. The young being entertained by "Cover Story", and very well too, in Cassidy's Roost. While the older set enjoyed a cabaret in Caulfields' organised by the Old People's Committee.

Wednesday the 9th again had something for everyone, the young, the sporty and the highbrow. A stroll down to the Mart revealed High Speed manoeuvring car test trials taking place.

While for the highbrow there was a display of Irish dancing by the Maher School of Dancing and accompanied by The Maynooth Accordion Band. This was followed by a display of international folk dancing from the Claddagh Dance group based in Dublin. The dancing took place in "Slims".

Sport and music was again on the bill on Thursday 20th. Children of all ages had a go at the Athletic club Novelty Races held in the Harbour Field and organised by Maynooth Athletic Club. The winners were as follows:

Boys U.8 - Run and get your Tee-shirt race:

1st Stephen Lee, 2nd Pierre Ennis, 3rd Barry Hogan.

Girls U.8 - Run and get your tee-shirt race:

1st Alison Walsh, 2nd Brenda Kearney, 3rd Gillian O' Hurley.

Boys U.10 - Run and get your shoes race:

1st Patrick King, 2nd Shane Morgan, 3rd Karl Ennis.

Girls U.10 - Run and get your shoes race:

1st Margaret Callaghan, 2nd L. Fagan, 3rd Clare Hogan.

Boys U.12 - Three legged race:

1st Team: Niall Farrelly, Declan O' Rourke.

2nd Team: C. Mc Dermott, D. Byrne.

Girls U.12 - Three legged race:

1st Team: Sarah Commene, Laura Kearney

2nd Team: Susie Adderley, Roisin Farrelly

Girls U.14 - Three legged race:

1st Team: Marlene Filbert, Gemma Haran

2nd Team: Michelle Gillick, Ciara Power

Girls U.12 - Run and get your shoes race:

1st Sarah Commene, 2nd Susie Adderley, 3rd Brid Ann O' Shea

Boys U.12 - Run and get your shoes race:

1st John O' Shea, 2nd Peter Callaghan, 3rd Patrick Carroll.

Girls U.14 - Run and get your shoes race:

1st Linda Haran, 2nd Michelle Gillick, 3rd Orla Cahill

Girls U.10 - Three legged race:

1st Team: Roisin Farrelly, Ann Gannon

2nd Team: Pearl Byrne, Clare Hogan

Boys U.10 - Three legged race:

1st Team: Patrick King, Shane Pigeon

2nd Team: Shane Morgan, David Campbell

Boys U.8 - Three legged race:

1st Team: P. Ennis, David Adderley

2nd Team: Morgan Sweeney, Patrick O' Rourke

Girls U.8 - Three legged race:

1st Team: Pearl Byrne, Suzanne O' Hurley

2nd Team: O. Morgan, Ruth Murphy

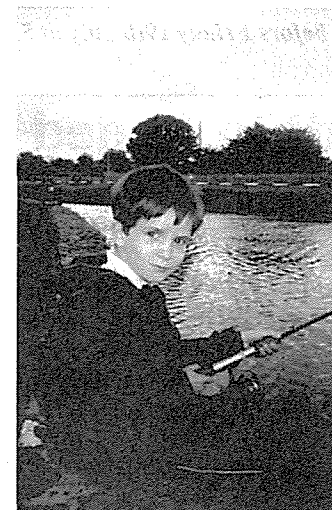
The sporting contests were coming to a head with the quarter-finals of the soccer and the semi finals of the soccer and the semi finals of the G.A.A. Juvenile football being held this night. Maynooth was also filled with the sweet sound of music - beside the 'Thing' St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band were playing up to their usual high standards.



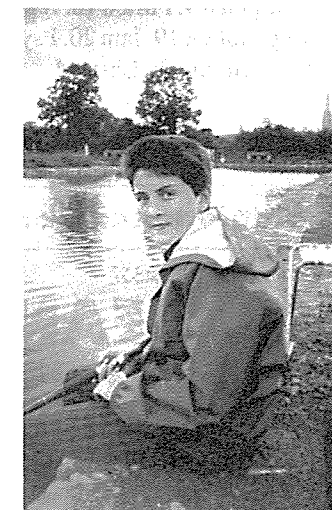
Elaine Bean conducts the St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band during last month's Community Festival.

While in Slims the Lyreen Residents' Association organised a 60's night which faced stiff competition from the Guinness Jazz Band playing in the Roost.

On Friday 21st music was decidedly absent from Maynooth which rang to the cries from the cheering crowds watching the semi finals of the soccer tournament. While just across the way Maynooth's young fishing enthusiasts were engaged in a battle of wits with the scaly inhabitants of the canal. I have to say that when I left the fish were winning. The under 16 fishing contest was organised by the Summer Project Committee, but special mention must go to Josephine Moore and Gerry McGlinchey who sat for three hours waiting to present the prizes. The winners were as follows: 1st Prize, 12-16 William Gannon, 2nd Prize, 12-16, David Moore, no catch in the 7-11 age group.



Conor McGlinchey aged 8 and a half years at the Community's Festival Fishing Contest.

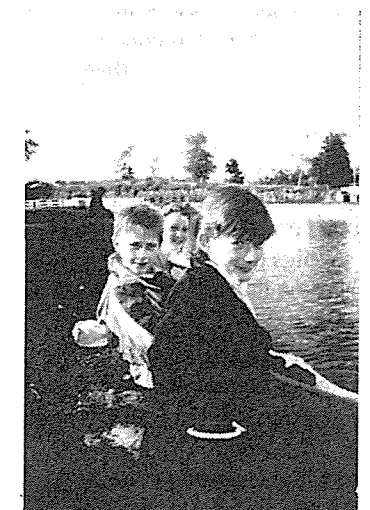


David Moore at the Community Festival Fishing Contest, David took second prize.

The sports people took a rest on Saturday 22nd except for the swimmers of Maynooth Swimming Club who held a swimming gala in Stewarts Sports Centre. Meanwhile those who stayed in Maynooth to watch a fire fighting display were as wet as the swimmers as the heavens opened. Again the music was divided between the very young and the not so young. In the Parish Hall the children of Maynooth were 'strutting their stuff' at a disco organised by Greenfield Residents' Association. At the Disco the prizes for the Newsletter short story competition were presented by Clairr O' Connor. While back in Cassidy's Roost the not so young were making holy shows of themselves at a Karaoke Competition, sponsored by Harp.

By Sunday 23rd while Dublin was drawing with Meath the final of the G.A.A. Juvenile football competition was being delayed for the results of the big match. In the end it was won by Mayo against Cork. Another sporting fixture delayed by the Meath/Dublin match was the Inter Estate soccer finals, both men and women. In the women's match Carton Court beat The Town by 2 goals to 1, (after extra time and penalties), after which Kingsbry beat Moyglare Village by one goal in the men's soccer final. The day began with a display by an Air Corp Helicopter of a simulated rescue which lasted twenty minutes. It consisted of a display of three types of rescues culminating in a stretcher borne rescue.

The Festival ended in Caulfields' with the announcement of the winner of the Guinness Most Popular Barperson Competition. James Connolly (The Roost) won having seduced 1,741 votes from his fans. Martin Collins (Caulfield's) gathered 716 votes and Diarmaid Myles collected 377 votes. Congratulations to all three barmen and to the pubs for providing us with such good crack in this novel competition. Kingsbry Residents' Association Pitch and Putt Competition was so successful that it did not end until Monday evening when prize winners were presented with their prizes in Celbridge House, after a viewing of the video of the Inter Estate matches. The winners in the men's section were Joe Geraghty, Eddie Cunningham and Matt Horan. Runners up were Jerry Delaney, Jack Butler and Jerome Reilly. In the ladies section the winners were Ann O'Grady, Ann Delaney and Annette Geraghty. Special prize went to Joan Galvin. The family team prize went to the Mc Donagh family from Maynooth Park. Kingsbry Residents' Association would like to thank Kingsbry Development who sponsored the prizes.



Willy Gannon with his supporters, Anne Gannon and Paul Gartland. The support must have worked because Willy took first prize in the Fishing Competition.

Finally the Presentation Convent Parents' Association held an exhibition of Children's Art in the School Hall. See this organisations' notes for details of winners.

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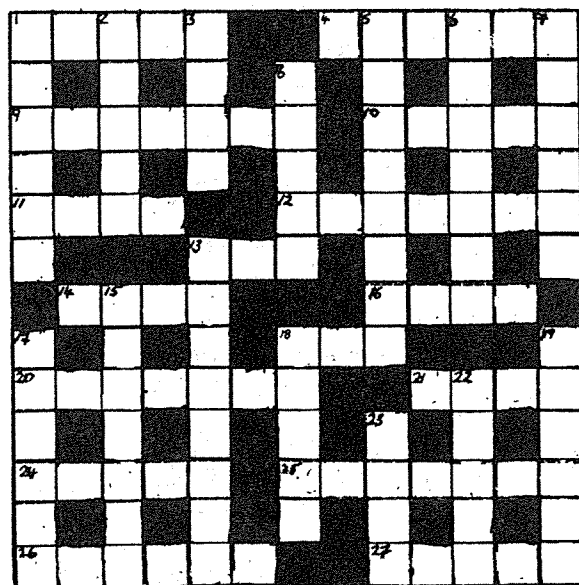
By X.N. Trick
[£5.00 prize]

Across

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

Down

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



Entries before Friday 19th July at 5.00 pm

Name _____

Address _____

Winner of £5 prize for Crossword No. 43:
Peter Butler,
c/o V.T.O.S.,
Lr Eyre Street,
Newbridge.

Solution to Crossword 43

Down: 1. Valleys 2. Retriever 3. Pile 4. Stag 5. Bosom 6. Tallboy
11. Crevice 13. Marks 14a. Entre 15. Governess 17. Mastoid 18.
Wizened 21. Early 24. Unit 22a. Hind
Across: 7. Javelin 8. Ottoman 9. Flirted 10. Ignoble 12 Hype 13.
Market 14. Zoo 16. Deprivation 19. Jam 20. Psyche 21a. Eric 22.
Attache 23. Quintet 25. Kipling 26 Linseed

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warm reception during the recent
Local Election campaign and for their
support on election day.

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THIS IS — THAT WAS THE LEAVING CERT ??

On May 23rd school for the sixth-years was finally over - we were on our own! When Mr. Ashe announced our release we were supposed to cheer, so we did - but none of us really felt that happy about being school-less and we showed it by turning up voluntarily for classes during the week between our last day and the start of the exams. Our problem was that it was now up to us! All the teachers during the year had done their best and kept us working through the Debs, for the Christmas exams and for the mocks - even when our determination wavered and there seemed so much to do. In March when the *Irish Independent* Exam Brief told us here were 13 weeks to go, it seemed plenty of time - but those weeks just vanished and the hype and tension became unbearable.

Eventually June came and at last it was time to get in there and do it. The long hours of study were about to prove their worth, hard though they were. English Paper 1 set the ball rolling and it rolled inexorably until all of a sudden it was over. The speed with which the whole thing passed bemused us and left us wondering: was that it? ... that was the dreaded Leaving Cert? It went so quickly we didn't even have time to panic!

What were we going to do now that we had reached and tackled the objective which had been our primary concern since last September? Some people had the Matric to look forward to, but most of us were finished with exams (for the time being anyway) and getting accustomed to what was strange at first - but rest assured we did get used to it! The only thing now, of course, is that somewhere in the future lurks August and it's only then we'll find out how successful June '91 really was! However, one thing we can all be proud of is that we did our best!

Cathal Mc Cauley (Sixth Year)

GARDA TALK

Beware of burglars during the holiday season.

Hereunder are some snippets of advice which should assist in preventing burglary.

Firstly, you should know that burglary can be prevented. Too often people feel that if the burglar wants to break in, he can do so without difficulty. To some extent this is true, and that is to the extent to which some people take no security precautions whatsoever. Even more to the point is the fact that in thousands of burglaries the thief gains access by unlocked windows or doors. Never present thieves with this open 'invitation' to steal.

Burglars are opportunists, don't ever give them an opportunity.

Locking doors

Use only solid external doors. 'Hollow' doors offer no protection.

Make sure door frames are in good condition and won't easily give way under pressure.

Use only good quality locks. Mortice ones are recommended. Mortice bolts can also be fitted at the top and bottom of the door to give additional security.

Locking windows.

Fit window locks to all accessible windows. Remember the burglar will be able to enter windows which may look too high or small for you.

* Don't leave windows open for ventilation when you are not at home.

* Prevent easy observation of your house interior by fitting 'venetian' style blinds, or nylon curtains which are normally always across. This way you do not advertise your absence.

*** When you have locks fitted - USE THEM! ***

Something worth stealing.

Everyone has something worth stealing. Most burglaries involve theft of property under £200! They will take anything from a transistor radio to the entire house contents. In addition to financial loss is the mental upset of knowing that someone has invaded your home, and may have ransacked your personal belongings.

Protecting property.

Make your property unattractive to the thief by marking it. Use your initials and date of birth. This makes it harder for him to get rid of property, and easier for us to connect it with its proper owners when it is recovered, or found in suspicious circumstances. Information on property marking is available from your local garda station.

The best means of crime prevention.

This is a good neighbour - someone who will look after your house when you are away, and will report suspicious callers before waiting to discover later that they were in fact burglars. Neighbourhood Watch is aimed at bringing good neighbours together in this way. They realise that, where possible, the gardai should be alerted before a crime occurs. No one is better able to spot something unusual, or out of place in a neighbourhood, than one of its own alert residents.

If you do see suspicious activity, ring the Gardai NOW!

What the burglar looks for - points to remember.

* Windows open - lock all windows whenever you leave home.

* "hidden" keys - If you have a spare key leave it with a friend.

* Papers in the letter box - cancel newspapers, have a neighbour collect any post or 'flyers'.

* A buildup of milk on the doorstep - cancel milk.

* Ladders or tools that will help him get in - lock them up!

* Unguarded property - leave it in the garage or otherwise indoors.

* Easy access to the rear of the premises - fit a side gate with lock.

* Lights on in the daytime or none on at night - use of a simple timing device can solve this problem.

Burglar alarms.

As more houses and business premises in the Maynooth area are being fitted with burglar alarms we advise people to ensure that those appliances are not a source of annoyance to your neighbourhood, especially during the holiday period.

There is no doubt the value of a good Alarm System but we must point out the disturbance and annoyance caused by defective appliances that are not properly installed. Note that after installation your alarm system needs regular service.

Burglar alarms are instantaneous warnings of some interruption or intrusion and should be tended to as soon as possible after activation. Gardai often arrive at the scene of a ringing alarm only to find that there is no keyholder available or contactable and the deafening noise continues for a long period, often all night.

We therefore request people with alarms fitted to urgently notify:

(1) The Alarm Company.

(2) The Gardai.

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of the Name, Address and telephone Number of the keyholder, who may be contacted in cases of where the Alarm is activated or other emergency.

Thank you for your support and assistance.

Your local gardai.

MUINTIR MA NUAD

The Muintir Ma Nuad column this month has decided to profile Mr. Fred Leavy who is definitely one of the people of Maynooth as he can boast that he is the sixth generation of Leavys in Maynooth.

Having his roots so deeply planted in Maynooth, Mr. Leavy feels a certain sadness at seeing "some of the finest productive land in the world being turned into tar and cement". Mr. Leavy is a man of strong views; he doubts for instance, if Carton will ever be more than a playground for the wealthy.

The 'credit society' also causes Fred anxiety because he feels the banks and other financial institutions are leading people into debt by creating impossibly high expectations in living standards - standards which cannot be satisfied because no job can be considered totally secure. In this climate of economic crises Mr. Leavy feels that the public sector should also lower their standards of housing. More smaller and simpler houses should be built.

Fred however, is not only concerned with economics and politics, he has stood twice as an independent candidate in local elections. He is also concerned with the artistic life of Maynooth. As the holder of two scholarships in the Brendan Smith Theatre Academy, Fred also laments the lack of drama in Maynooth.

As well as drama and politics Fred in his youth was a keen sportsman representing Kildare in hurling, football and handball at all levels. He has eight county medals in football, three in hurling and one doubles medal with John Fleming in handball. Fred remembers playing Mick O'Connell, Mick O'Dwyer and Paddy O'Brien.

Growing up in Maynooth around Pucks Bridge and Parson St., he remembers going to the pictures for 4d on a Saturday night in the old convent laundry now Cardinal Press. Fred met his wife Maura at the dances which were held in the hall which is now the Centre Point Mall. Fred's three sons are now grown up, his youngest did his Leaving last month, his two other sons are working in Dublin, one as a mechanical engineer, the other as a hospital technician. Mr. Leavy spoke also with fondness of the time when he ran banquets in the Castle, which, for those of you who don't remember, attracted people from all over. Fred feels that Maynooth should be doing more to attract tourists to the town. He feels, controversially, that the "Thing" should not be demolished as Maynooth needs a public toilet, but should rather be sunken and turned into an underground toilet.

Finally by the time this is published Maynooth will have decided if Mr Leavy is to represent us in the Kildare County Council, whatever the result he is still not a man who cares passionately about the town.

EYE HEAR

Maynooth Writers

It looks like Maynooth is producing enough writers to merit at least a Summer School. Railpark resident, Clairr O'Connor's first novel, 'Belonging' was launched on 20th June, in Buswell's Hotel. This follows the publication earlier this year of Mary O'Donnell's collection of short stories, 'Strong Pagans'. And both

of these prolific writers have already had poetry collections published. Both works will be reviewed at a later stage in the Newsletter. For the moment Eye Hear would advise those hoping for a glimpse of Maynooth life as portrayed in fiction to look at Mary O'Donnell's story 'Adultery' which has achieved even greater prominence through being published in *Image Magazine*. Clairr's Anita Brookner like novel is set in West Cork, Limerick, New York, London and Budapest, with never a mention of Maynooth. Eye hear has no hesitation in recommending these two works to the discerning readers of Maynooth.

Monumental mixups

Eye Hear has become aware of the existence of a monumentally shy monumental sculptor who plies his trade in Maynooth, by name Frank Walshe. Mr. Walshe's shyness extends to a refusal to put his telephone number in the telephone book, with the result the another Maynooth resident, also of somewhat monumental proportions, Mr. Fran Walsh is constantly receiving phone calls from bereaved members of the public seeking the elusive tombstone maker. It seems an odd way to do business, but the Mr Fran Walsh whose name is in the telephone book has assured Eye hear that his patience is gravely exhausted, and that he will no longer act as secretary/receptionist by passing on the reclusive Mr. Walshe's number to his customers.

Car Treasure Hunt

Readers will recall that Eye Hear gave some publicity to the Car Treasure Hunt in last month's edition, and provided a hint of what was to come, by releasing one of the clues. Amazing to relate, none of the teams who participated in this festival event were able to crack the clue, which read "where the corresponding twin no more can roam, tell us what divides his continental home?" The answer lies on the sign at the Columban Hostel on the Moyglare Road, just opposite St. Paul's Missionary Society. Readers will recall that St Paul was a great correspondent - think of all those letters. Also on the continent of America lie the twin cities of Minneapolis - St Paul, and lo and behold, on the Columban's sign is a map of the world, and there dividing the continent of America is a cross. There were twenty seven other clues displaying similar evidence of the contorted minds of the organisers, Kay Mac Keogh, and Proinnias Breathnach.

Thanks are due to Maynooth Autos - main Mazda Dealers for their generous sponsorship of prizes. First prize went to John Mc Ginley's team, while second and third prizes were shared by Willie Saults & Co, and the Denman family. Having got over their desire to throttle the organisers, all participants agreed that they had enjoyed the event and were eagerly looking forward to a replay in the last week of August. Look out for further details in next month's issue.

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WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
Tues 2nd 10.30 - 12.30 Geraldine Hall Registration £1.50	Mon 8th 9.30 - 4pm Greenfield Shops Rainbow Rapids Dun Laoighre £3 Over 10's Bring Packed Lunch 2.30 - 4.30 Bingo (B.N.S.)	Mon 15th 2.30 - 4.30 Boys School Table Quiz
Wed 3rd 2 - 5 p.m. Harbour - Picnic Bring Packed Lunch 7.30 p.m. Boys School, Film 50p	Tues 9th 10 - 5 p.m. Greenfield Shops Bowling in Crumlin - £3 - Bring Packed Lunch 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. Fishing - Harbour	Tues 16th 10.30 - 5 p.m. Greenfield Swimming in Monkstown, £2 Bring Packed Lunch 7.30 - 9 p.m. Fishing - Harbour
Thurs 4th 10 - 5 p.m. Greenfield Shops Swimming in Monkstown £2 Bring Packed Lunch	Wed 10th 2.30 - 5 p.m. Boys School Disco Dancing Comp. 50p Starts 7.30 p.m. Boys School - Film	Wed 17th 9.30 - 5 p.m. Greenfield Shops Pine Forest £2 - Packed Lunch Bring old runners for river. Starts 7.30 p.m. Boys School Film 50p
Fri 5th 11 - 4 p.m. Rounders Coaching Session by Shay Fagan. Bring Packed Lunch	Thurs 11th 2.30 - 4.30 p.m. Boys School Crafts - 20p	Thurs 18th 2.30 - 4.30 Boys School Prepare for Camp
	Fri 12th 10 - 5pm Greenfield Shops Barbeque, Donadea, £1.50 Bring Lunch.	Fri 19th - Sun 21st Sun 21st - Camping Aghavannagh.
	WEEK 4	
Mon 22nd 2-5pm Harbour - Crazy Games	Wed 24th 2.30-4.30 Boys School Crafts 20p Start 7.30 Boys School - Film 50p	Fri 26th 2.30 - 4.30 Boys School - Party for end of Project
Tues 23rd 10-5pm Greenfield Shops - Bowling in Crumlin £3, Bring Packed Lunch 7.30 - 9pm Fishing Finals - Harbour	Thurs 25th 11-4pm Harbour Soccer Tour. Boys & Girls Bring Packed Lunch	

SUMMER PROJECT TIMETABLE FOR 13 YEAR OLDS AND OVER

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
Tues 2nd 10.30 - 12.30 Geraldine Hall Registration £1.50	Mon 8th 9.30 - 4pm Greenfield Shops Rainbow Rapids, £3 Bring Packed Lunch. 8.15 - 11.30 Greenfield Shops - Bowling, Crumlin - £2, Extra Cost - Mc Donalds	Mon 15th 7.30 - 9.30 Boys School Table Quiz
Wed 3rd 7.30-9.30pm Boys School Night Treasure Hunt		Thurs 18th PREPARE FOR CAMP
Fri 5th 11-4pm GAA Field Rounders, Coaching by Shay Fagan - Bring Packed Lunch 9.30 pm - 1.30 am - Greenfields Shops - Barbeque in Donadea		Fri 19th - Sun 21st Camp - Aghavannagh
	WEEK 4	
Mon 22nd 8.15pm-11.30pm Greenfield Shops - Bowling, Crumlin £2 Extra cost - Mc Donalds	Thurs 25th 11-4pm Harbour Soccer Tournament, Boys & Girls Bring Packed Lunch	Sat 27th Overnight Hike - BACK EARLY SUNDAY MORNING - TIMES AND PLACES NOT YET KNOWN

These are extra activities for 13 year olds and over.
These children are also welcome to take part in all project activities.
On the Night-Time Trips parents will be required to help out with transport.


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STAR BUSTERS

[Again, our usual warning to readers: Beware the sour personality of our star gazer, Minerva Big Dipper Murphy, and take what she says with a pinch or two of salt!]

Gemini (22 May - 21 June)

Last month was such a happy one for you Gemini, wasn't it? With all that cash coming in and the unexpected bonuses at work. It must have been like heaven, was it?? Well, you'd better get used to dire poverty 'cos every penny of it will have disappeared by the 10th July. And you needn't expect any sympathy from me as I didn't see as much as fivepence from you. Apparently you've gathered quite a lot of credit notes about you - better take yourself off to a remote part of the planet dear because there's a posse out looking for you. And don't return.

Cancer (22 June - 22 July)

I have unearthed what looks suspiciously like a challenge in your future this month Cancer. On the fifteenth there will be presented to you the hint of an opportunity to actually do some work. Someone will perhaps ask you to wash something or clean a plate or do something awesomely unconventional like sweep a floor. However, if you play your cards correctly you might just avoid this disaster - do not appear in public for the entire day and if you want to be extra safe, stay in bed for the rest of the month.

Aries (21 March - 20 April)

The treasure hunt which was organised in the Community Festival in June is now over Aries - you can come back home now. Forget about looking for an old age pensioner by the banks of the canal and return to Maynooth.

An exciting event lies in store for you on the 14th July dear, when you'll discover that Mary Robinson was elected President of Ireland. There there pet, it's alright

Leo (23 July - 23 August)

I have had to concentrate really hard this month Leo in order to discover what your future held in store for you for July. Despite my best efforts I could find nothing of any interest whatsoever. I have a feeling that a letter addressed to me containing the words 'please find cheque enclosed' might resuscitate my powers of observation and prediction for August. Needless to add, you will be able to predict for yourself what might happen should such an item not make my acquaintance by first post on Friday, 28th June.

Libra (24 September - 23 October)

This month loved ones will be putting numerous spokes in your wheels and there will be at least five major accidents and three new bicycles. By the 25th however you will have learned not to trust them and you will have bought a car. However, you will have problems with petrol shortages and smashed windscreens. Eventually, close to the end of the month, you will realise that the loved ones were trying to tell you something and you will congratulate yourself on 'suddenly' becoming so perceptive. Meanwhile, the rest of the world will be confirmed in their opinion of you as being thick as a plank.

Sagittarius (23 November - 21 December)

All paths for July lead to major upheavals and unforgettable challenges which will descend upon you in the first week of the month. They will revolve around the issue of education and examinations and the only way to avoid them is by means of bribery. However, having mortgaged everything you own in order to offer acceptable bribes, you will discover that you would've overcome the obstacles yourself anyway. Meanwhile back at the homestead, the particular species of fungus which we

discovered in your hotpress last month will begin to demand food - do not put children of any age, size or sex on the landing and forget about ever using your emersion heater again.

Aquarius (21 January - 19 February)

Perfect as always Aquarius, you can do no wrong. Generous, intelligent, kind-hearted, visionary, important and very, very good at predicting other people's future, you are deserving of all the respect and most of the money of the other motley crew of individuals who actually bother to read your creative columns. Note for other star signs: Please donate generously to Minerva.

Taurus (21 April - 21 May)

A beautiful beam of light from the new moon on the fourteenth flattens you against the wall and practically blinds you. Taken utterly by surprise you will be in a state of shock for three to four weeks, during which time you will be heard to mutter incoherent words and phrases about Star Trek and generations of varied origin. It further goes to prove that you haven't a sensitive or aesthetic bone in your body God help you and that the moon has had to resort to gorilla warfare in order to get you to notice it. What is the world coming to??

Virgo (24 August - 23 September)

After the excesses of last month Virgo your imagination is running riot and you are now even attempting to enter public houses unaccompanied.

You'll soon get used to the fact that most people communicate by means of speech and body language and once you've mastered this technique you will discover entire new worlds. Perhaps you should progress carefully at first - just look at the people for a few weeks before you begin to approach them or speak to them. There will be an unexpected delight on the 21st when for the first time in years someone will actually ask you who you are. Rehearse your answer between now and then.

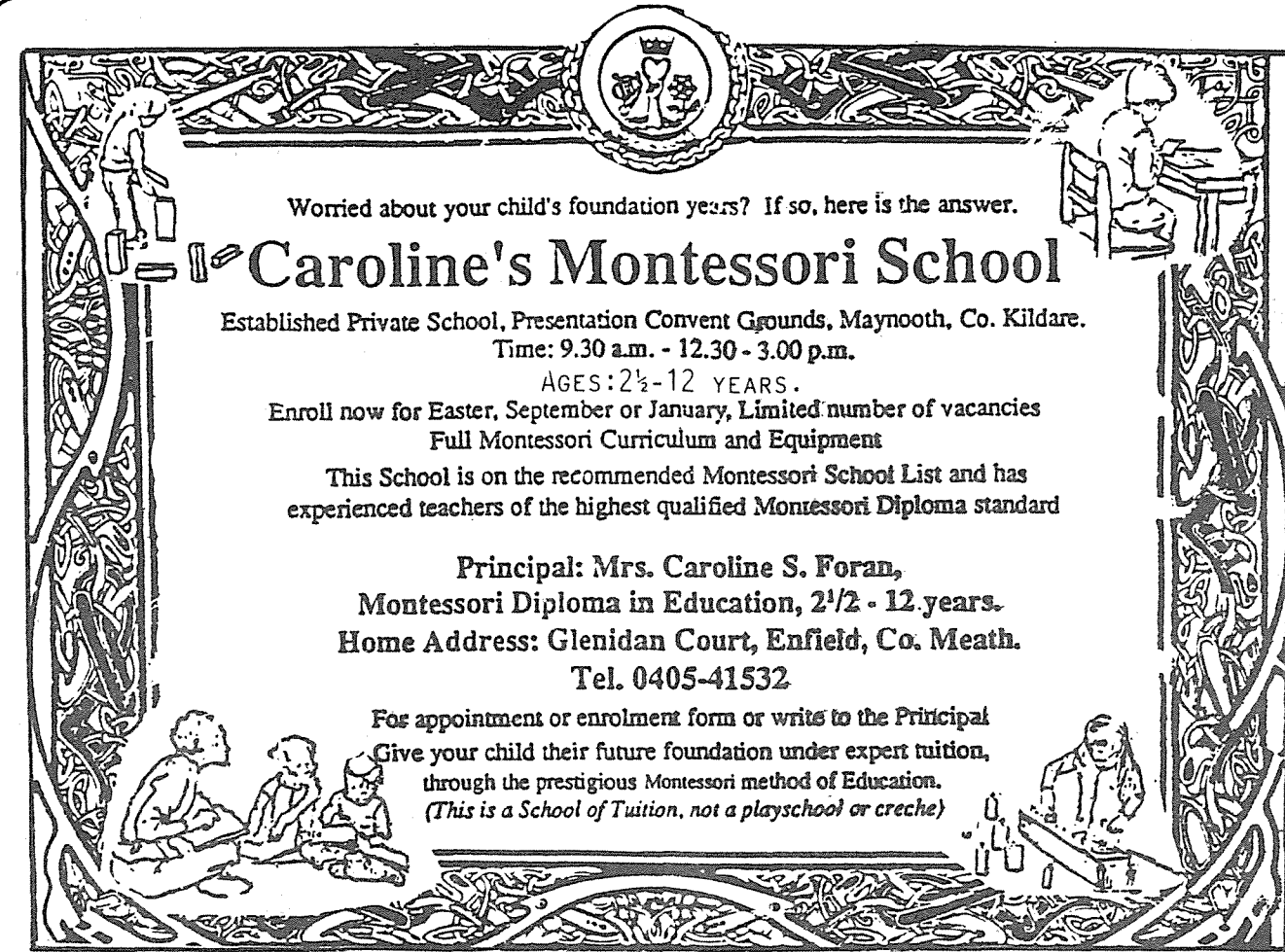
Scorpio (24 October - 22 November)

You have been having strange and eerie dreams recently Scorpio in which you appeared to be making money. Do not for a moment believe them to be indicative of any shred of reality or of future possibilities because the future is bleak my dear. Learn to become familiar with the sound of the word 'economise' and resist any temptation to embark on potentially lucrative enterprises. Bear with this until September when a sudden and dramatic opportunity to earn easy cash presents itself. In the September edition I will reveal in detail how you managed to completely miss this opportunity and I will prepare you for the arrival of the next one in May of 2013.

Pisces (19 February - 20 March)

I have to be open and honest here Pisces and tell you that I do not approve at all of this bizarre notion of yours to go on holidays. What on earth does the likes of you want with holidays?? I thoroughly disapprove of this modern idea of leaving one's home in a flutter of bus tickets and abandoning pets, garden and good furniture to the care of some bright young thing into New Age philosophy and meaningful relationships. Well, I have to tell you that your house will have utterly transformed itself by the time you return. Expect to meet the sitting room at the front gates. I'll say no more!

Minerva Big Dipper Murphy



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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

The following boys and girls represented Maynooth at the County Finals of the Community Games in the various disciplines and after that we give a list of our medal winners.

Gymnastics
Boys U.8
Alan Filbert
Conor Brady
Neil Cusker

Girls U.8
Rachel Cunningham
Anne Connolly

Boys U.10
Damian Travers

Girls U.10
Josephine Fay
Margaret Callaghan

Boys U.12
John Moran
Neil Farrelly
Dara Hickey

Girls U.12
Isabel Fay
Aideen Billings

Art
Boys U.8
Mark Dunne
Ronan Farrell
John Kelliher

Girls U.8
Ruth Hallinan
Muireann O' Sullivan
Triona Cahill

Boys U.10
Paul Dunne
Mark Hallinan
Alan Fitzgerald

Girls U.10
Lynn Brennan
Fiona Mulcahy
Caroline Farrell

Boys U.12
James McLoughlin
Stephen Hallinan
Chris Arthurs

Girls U.12
Andre Ennis
Joanne Cunningham

Boys U.14
Gerard Meally
Michael Sheil
David Tarpey

Girls U.14
Sarah Mc Donald
Annette Mc Cullogh

Boys U.16
Jonathon Arthurs
John Higgins
Patrick Halton

Modelling
Boys U.14 John O' Shea

Athletics (Boys)
High Jump
Boys U.16
Paul Flood
Raymond Fleming

Discus
Boys U.16
Niall O' Shea
Declan Mooney
Morgan Sweeney

Long Jump
Boys U.14
Rodney Hopkins

100m
Boys U.12
Patrick McLoughlin
Karl Ennis

Shot Putt
Boys U.14
Robert Casey

600m
Boys U.12
Pearse Ryan

Long Puck
Boys U.12
Seamus Cummins
Mark Quigley

1500m
Boys U.16
Adrian Fay
Thomas Farrell

100m
Boys U.14 Mark Buckley
David Coughlan

Athletics (Girls)
60m
Girls U.8 Aideen Byrne
Gillian Fleming

80m
Girls U.8 Denise Dolan
Bronagh Mc Dermott

100m
Girls U.10 Aine Meally
Anne Marie Gallagher

200m
Girls U.10 Claire Hogan
Aoife Mc Tiernan

Relay
Girls U.17 Gillian Power
Emer O' Sullivan
Caoimhe O' Sullivan
Darina O' Malley
Patricia Purcell

Relay
Girls U.12 Sara Commene
Ann Gannon
Virginia Breslin
Susie Adderley
Andree Ennis

100m
Girls U.12 Sara Commene
Ann Gannon

100m
Girls U.16 Gillian Power
Darina O' Malley

600m
Girls U.12 Virginia Breslin
Susie Adderley

600m Walk
Girls U.13 Michelle Gillick
Brid Ann O' Shea

1500m
Girls U.16 Emer O' Sullivan

800m
Girls U.14 Maeve Flood
Lynda Haran

100m
Girls U.14 Ciara Power

Long Puck
Girls U.14 Ann-Marie Farrell
Aoibhinn O' Sullivan

Shot Putt
Girls U.14 Miriam Gormally
Patricia Purcell

High Jump
Girls U.16 Caoimhe O' Sullivan
Paula O' Shea

Swimming
Girls U.8
2 W Fr. St. Grainne Mc Manus
Joseph Mc Loughlin

Boys U.8
2 W. Fr. St. Mark Watson
Brian Mc Loughlin

Girls U.10
1 L Fr. St. Rachel Watson
Sharon Mc Loughlin

Boys U.10
1 L Fr. St. Peter Sheehan

Girls U.10
1 L Bk. St. Dawn Byrne

Boys U.10
1 L Bk. St.

Girls U.12
2 L. Fr. St. Laura Carney

Boys U.12
2 L. Fr. St. Daniel Byrne
Martin Mc Loughlin

Girls U.12
2 L. Br. St. Lorraine Farrell

Boys U.12
2 L. Br. St. Irene Carney

Girls U.14
2 L Fr. St. Susan Dillion

Boys U.14
2 L. Fr. St. Conor Newman

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Girls U.14
2 L. Br. St. Elaine Fleming

Boys U.14
2 L. Br. St. James Gallagher

Girls U.14
2 L. Br. St. Aoife Callaghan

Boys U.14
2 L. Bk St. Martin Byrne

Girls U.16
2 L Fr. St. Ann Marie Gallagher

Boys U.16
2 L. Fr. St. Richard Cotter

Girls U.16
2 L. Bk. St. Niamh Lysaght

Boys U.16
2 L. Bk. St. Daragh Newman

Girls Squad
U.13 Lorraine Farrell
4 x 1 L. Susan Dillion

Boys Squad
Conor Newman
James Gallagher

Fr St Squad Anna Flood
Lynda Haran
Therese Flood

Martin Byrne
Martin Mc Loughlin
Sub: Daniel Byrne

Maynooth County Medal Winners

Girls Basketball:
U.16 Silver Medal Winner

Girls Soccer: U.15
Gold (through to Leinster Finals)
Manager/Trainer:
Frances Kearney
Tina Fitzpatrick

Team: Emer O' Sullivan
Geraldine Caulfield
Ciara Power
Gillian Power
Paula O' Shea
Miriam Gormally
Leah Newman
Patricia Purcell
Elaine Fleming
Anne Lyons
Aoife Loughname
Margaret Brennan
Laura Kearney

Team: Paula O' Shea
Maeve Flood
Anne Lyons
Leah Newman
Tracey Kearney
Antoinette Mooney
Virginia Breslin
Sara Hetherington
Patricia Purcell
Lee Anne Hughes
Mariene Filbert
Linda Conway
Michelle Gillick

Draughts Manager: Breda Gormally

Team: Miriam Gormally
Dara Carr
John O'Shea
John O'Gorman

Geraldine O'Gorman
Feilam Guinan
Michael Walsh
Brid Ann O'Shea

Gymnastics
Boys U.10 John Moran
Girls U.10 Josephine Fay
Girls U.12 Isobel Fay
Co-ordinator - Josephine Fay

Bronze
Silver
Gold

Variety Team: Silver Medal winners

Team
Claire O' Connor
Rita Thompson
Grace Kelly
Elaine Flanagan
Eithne Cunningham
Virginia Breslin
Susie Creggie
Hazel Walsh
Ollie Nevin

Producers
Fiona O' Connor
Celine Flanagan

Choreographer
Trevor O' Brien

Donal Tierney
Declan Molloy
Hugh Nevin
Maeve Flood
Mary Nolan

Swimming
Girls U.10 Backstroke, Dawn Byrne - Silver
U.14 Freestyle, Susan Dillon - Gold
U.14 Backstroke, Aoife Callaghan - gold
U.16 Freestyle, Anne-Marie Gallagher - Silver
U.16 Backstroke, Niamh Lysaght - Silver
U.16 Butterfly, Leah Newman - Silver
U.17 Freestyle, Ciara Dillion - Gold

Girls Squad U.13 Bronze - Susan Dillion, Anna Flood,
Lorraine Farrell, Lynda Horan, Therese Flood.
Co-ordinator: Jim Fleming


Art
Boys U.8 Mark Dunne - Bronze
U.14 Michael Sheil - Silver

Athletics
High Jump (Girls U.16) Patricia Purcell - Silver
High Jump (Boys u.16) Paul Flood - Bronze
200m (Boys U.12) Conor Diggins - Gold
100m (Boys U.14) Mark Buckley - Silver
Walk (Girls U.13) Michelle Gillick - Silver
100m (Girls U.16) Gillian Power - Bronze
1500m (Girls U.16) Emer O' Sullivan - Silver
Relay (Girls U.17) Gillian Power - Silver
Emer O' Sullivan - Silver
Caoimhe O' Sullivan - Silver
Darina O' Malley - Silver
Patricia Purcell - Silver

Co-ordinator: Marie Gleeson

Our individual Gold medal winners will represent Kildare at the All Ireland finals in Mosney at the beginning of September: Conor Diggins, Isabel Fay, Susan Dillon and Aoife Callaghan - good luck to you all.

Thanks to everyone who took part or helped in any way to make the games such a success this year, in particular the three schools who have been so helpful in allowing us to use their facilities and in contacting children throughout the past weeks. "More news next month".



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MAYNOOTH TOWN ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

The close season has brought a lull in playing activity for the club but still the show must go on and behind the scenes preparations are being made for season 1991/92. The fact that we did not figure in the trophy awards for 1990/91 does nothing to hide the marked improvement throughout our teams. On commencement of the season we were apprehensive about how we would fare but with the influx of some new faces blending with the more established ones improvement was seen almost immediately.

Senior Teams

Both our Senior teams lost ground at the start of their respective Leagues and paid the price at the end of the season. Our first team finished a very creditable 6 points away from the top team in the League and can readily believe that but for their early inconsistency could have taken the League title. Defeat in the Quarter finals of two cup competitions was a great disappointment to the club.

Second Team

Our second team were also struck with early season inconsistency and while having to be content with a mid-table position they can feel happy in the knowledge that they dented the league hopes of many teams with some thrilling wins against the top teams in their division.

A good campaign in the Conway Cup culminated in defeat at the quarter final stage by eventual winners Silver Granite. The schoolboys section of the club had the longest league seasons of all and must take credit for fulfilling fixtures in some appalling weather conditions for young boys. Our under 15 team had a mixed season. Inconsistency was once again a major factor in a campaign which promised so much but alas matters did not materialise as planned.

Under 12 Team

Our under twelve team must be regarded as stars of the season. Taking part in their first competitive league they acquitted themselves with great distinction and had many fine games throughout the season. They had the honour of reaching the Hillery Cup semi-final and finished third in the League. If they had the benefit of a previous season's experience League and cup success could have been theirs.

Supper Dance

Our Annual Supper Dance takes place this year on Saturday 29th June in the Grasshopper Inn, Clonee. Our players of the year will be selected by the respective managers and these selections are always awaited with great anticipation.

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 14th July at 10.30 am. A full attendance of all members is expected.

7-A-Side

This years 7-a-side competition for the Joe Murphy Memorial Cup will commence on Friday 12th July in the Harbour Field. Draw will take place on Monday 8th July. Entry forms can be had from any committee member.

LEIXLIP & DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION

Following our first General Meeting, held in St. Mary's GAA Club on Sunday April 7th, we are pleased to announce that the L. & D.A.A. is well and truly 'on the map' and actively committed to a course of Angling and related social events that will be of great interest and benefit, not only to our members (Senior and Junior), but indeed to the local community at large.

The L. & D.A.A. was formed in December 1990 primarily to provide a forum representative of all anglers concerned with the preservation and enhancement of the existing Salmon and Trout Fishery (R. Rye & R. Liffey) and the development and promotion of Coarse Angling facilities in canals and other suitable local waters.

Since formation, we continue to be pleasantly surprised and greatly encouraged by the level of interest and support, as evident from the quantity and quality of anglers joining. We are presently scheduling a calendar of events for the year which will literally have 'something for everyone'.....

The following is but an example of our varied menu :-

Competitions - a salmon competition, to be held on Sunday 2nd June under the auspices of the Leixlip Salmon Festival.

A Course Angling Workshop, to be held on Monday 3rd June from 12.00hrs to 15.00hrs between Louisa Bridge and Cope Bridge, this event is aimed mainly at Juniors but of course all are welcome.

Trips/Outings - the possibilities here are unlimited - we will certainly be arranging series trips for e.g. Salmon (other fisheries) and Trout.

Shark and Deep Sea, Pike (other 'specials' - best waters and times), Beach and Inshore boat angling events.

Instructional - Fly Tying and Casting.

Social Evenings-Videos, Dinner Dance (of course).

There would seem to be tremendous goodwill locally and we are confident that this will in due course translate into sponsorship as and when the needs and opportunities arise. We are indeed fortunate in having among our membership skilful Game, Coarse and Sea Anglers whose individual and collective talents and experience guarantee that L. & D.A.A. will thrive and grow. There is no doubt that there will be considerable 'Spin Off' to the direct advantage of local traders and services. Talks with a local retailer have been finalised and a range of fishing tackle will be available in Leixlip shortly.

We presently have around 100 members, with a healthy Junior section growing by the week.

This is a particularly welcome development of course, as we regard the local waters as a fragile amenity to be enjoyed and cherished by all - the cultivation of interest and awareness among the young will ensure that these amenities will be preserved for future generations.

The association is presently open for membership, fees are as follows:

£7.00 - Senior's (18+)

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Application forms may be obtained from the following:-

Declan Shannon, P.R.O - Tel: 6242576

Thomas Glackin, Secretary - Tel: 6242974

Forms will soon be available from the Tackle Shop in Leixlip.

The club would be most interested to hear from local Tour Operators regarding rates, accommodation etc.

Yours sincerely,
Declan J. Shannon,
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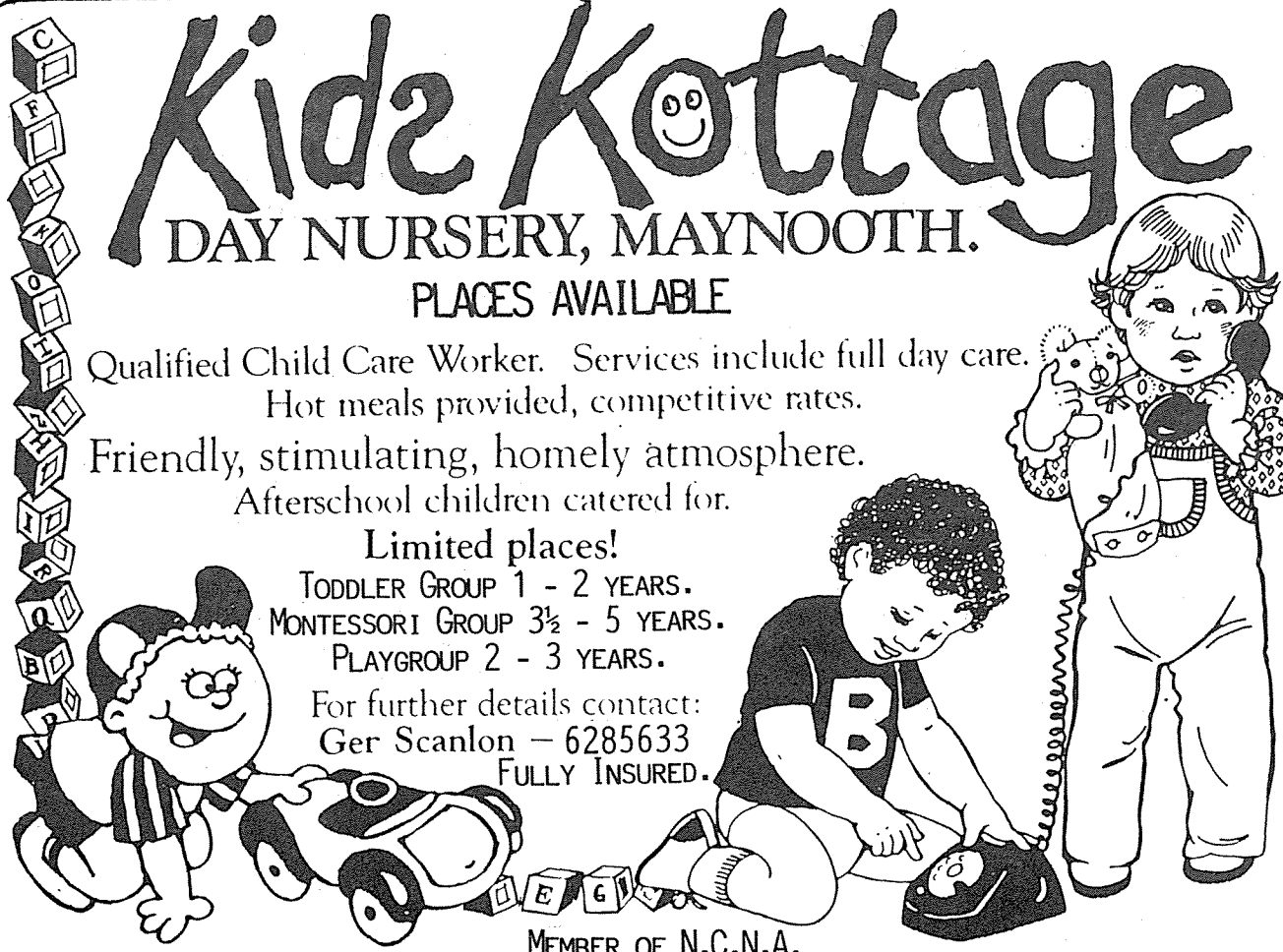
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FESTIVAL SNOOKER TOURNAMENT

The Snooker Tournament which started on the 18th of June wouldn't have begun at all if it wasn't for "Hammy". Sixteen people entered in all. The favourite, "Hammy", was knocked out in the first semi-final by an unknown, but up and coming star, Anthony Edwards. In the second semi-final David Faherty played another favourite, John Carroll but as usual the favourite won and the final was set for Saturday evening between John Carroll and Anthony Edwards. The final was won in the end by John who beat Anthony 2 - 0. The winner won £40 and a trophy and 2nd prize was £20 and a trophy. Thanks are due to "Hammy" for running the event and "Dutch" for making the Snooker Hall available. Commiserations go to Ritchie Scanlon after he was knocked out of two snooker tournaments within an hour of each other.

MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

Since our first report in the April issue the society has had a very busy schedule, which included three outings, the completion of the 1st Round of the matchplay matches, and our 500 Club Draw. Our outing to Tullamore on April 27th attracted 47 players which included two visitors, all of whom enjoyed their golf on a magnificent course. As usual the catering staff looked after us, providing us with a terrific meal.

	Results	Pts
1st Overall	D. Nyland (18)	40
2nd Overall	R. Delamere (11)	39
Class 1	1. J. Moore (11)	38 (on back nine)
	2. N. Herterich (9)	38
	3. H. Carty (11)	37 (on back nine)
Class 2	1. M. Hall (17)	38 (on back nine)
	2. J. Duffin (15)	38
	3. G. Mc Ternan(16)	37 (on back nine)
Class 3	1. P. Foy (24)	37
	2. S. Tyrell (19)	35
	3. B. Carty (28)	34
Front 9	E. Mara (13)	20
Back nine	E. Dunne (16)	19
Visitors	R. Winfield (19)	23

Following this we had our Annual Week-end outing from 17th to 20th May. This year, the society travelled to Oughterard in Galway which proved to be very popular with the 34 who travelled, including members and visitors. The golf course was in excellent condition. On behalf of the society I would like to say a big thank you to Ben Humphries our coach driver, who once again put up with us for three days.

	Results	Pts
1st Overall	T. Fay (5)	68
2nd Overall	H. Carty (11)	66
Class 1	1. E. Ledwith (9)	59
	2. R. Delamere (9)	58
	3. D. Roberts (12)	56
Class 2	1. E. Kavanagh (20)	65
	2. G. Mc Ternan(16)	61
	3. P. O' Grady (19)	58

Class 3	1. J. Kinsella (20)	62
	2. B. Carty (28)	61
	3. W. Moore (22)	60
1st 18	J. Kelly (16)	36
2nd 18	S. Feeney (8)	31
Front 9 1st Day	L. Farrelly (12)	17
Back 9 1st Day	D. Nyland (15)	16
Front 9 2nd Day	M. Scanlon (36)	14
Back 9 2nd Day	T. McMenamin(15)	17
Visitors 1st	B. Humphries(24)	11 (on back nine)
2nd	C. Farrelly (36)	11

On June 15th, the society had its outing to Athlone Golf Club for the Shay Moore Memorial Trophy. This outing, as in other years, attracted a very large number with 45 people playing. The course once again proved to be difficult, especially with the wind and showers on the day. I would like to thank the catering staff for a terrific meal and for coping so well with the large number. The overall winner on the day proved to be one of the most popular in recent years and our congratulations go to Peter Brazil, a former captain of the socieity. Of course, the Moore family have once again to be congratulated for the beautiful prize which they put forward for the winner.

	Results	Pts
1st Overall	P. Brazil (32)	36
2nd Overall	W. Moore (21)	34 (on back nine)
Class 1	1. J. Moore (10)	34
	2. H. Carty (11)	33
	3. R. Delamere (9)	32
Class 2	1. J. Fitzgerald (15)	31 (on back nine)
	2. D. Nyland (15)	31 (on back six)
	3. M. Hall (15)	31
Class 3	1. J. Kinsella (20)	31
	2. B. Dempsey (24)	26
	3. B. Carty (28)	25
Front 9	G. Mc Ternan(16)	17
Back 9	P. Foy (21)	16
Visitors	M. Harding (15)	35

The first round of the matchplay competition was completed and the Q/Finals draw threw up what we hope will be very good matches.

E. Ledwith v J. Duffin	G. Mc Ternan v J. Moore
J. Murray v J. Byrne	M. Hall v T. Sheehan

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W. Moore v J. Ryan	M. Dempsey v S. Feeney

Our 500 Club Draw for this year, which took place on May 16th, proved to be a great success and I would like to say a sincere thank you to all who supported the draw.

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363	6. Breda Bennett	
481	7. David O'Grady, c/o J. Murray	
237	8. Michael Reilly, Celbridge	
145	9. Joseph Weafer	
420	10. James Mahon, Corbally	
121		

Finally, a reminder to our members that our captain's (Paddy Foy) outing is to Edenderry on July 27th and that the Q/Finals of the matchplay competition must be played by that date.

Dominic Nyland,
Hon. Secretary.

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 10th June 1991. The attendance of only nine people at this meeting was very disappointing, considering that the club has a membership of 120 children. A special word of thanks to Mr. M. O' Connell for allowing us to use the Boy's National School for the A.G.M. The committee for the year are as follows: Chairman - Owen Byrne, Secretary - Mary Healy, Treasurer - Gretta Keogh, Assistant Treasurer - Anne Gallagher, P.R.O. - Sheila Fleming. Our grateful appreciation to our three instructors and the faithful few who do the buses each week. Thanks also to Bartons Transport and Centra Foodstore for their contribution towards our Gala day. I personally would like to thank the staff of the Newsletter for publishing our notes during the past year.

The last swim of the final term was held on 22nd June and it was our annual Gala swim. It was a great success and enjoyed by all the children. Each participant received a medal and a special treat. We have a break now due to the summer holidays and return again in September when we hope to welcome back all our members. The club is always looking for new members and if you would like further details please contact the secretary Mary Healy. Phone 6286942. Looking forward to seeing you all in September. Happy holidays.

Sheila Fleming - P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

Our athletes were in tremendous form at the Kildare Track and Field Championships in Kilcock, taking seventeen titles in all with numerous minor placings. In the boys U/8 Patrick O' Rourke had a double winning in both the 60m and the 80m and

took the silver medal in the Ball Throw. Morgan Sweeney was a little behind him being runner up in both 60m and 80m and third in the Ball Throw. Pierre Ennis was 4th in the Ball Throw and as with the medalists qualified for the Leinster Championships. In the Boys U/9 Patrick King was 2nd in the 60m and 3rd in the 80m, while we again had three qualifiers in the Ball Throw through Michael Gleeson (2nd), Padraig O'Sullivan (3rd) and David Campbell (4th). Patrick O' Rourke collected his 3rd Gold on the winning U/9 Relay team with Patrick, Morgan and David while the B Team of Pierre, Padraig and Stephen and Noel Healy were just pipped for the Bronze. In the Boys U/10 Conor Diggins was a triple medallist being 2nd in the 600m, 3rd in the 60m and 3rd in the 80m, while he also qualified as 4th in the Long Jump. Karl Ennis took the Bronze in the Long Jump with a fine last jump. In the Boys U/11 Declan O' Rourke took three medals, 2nd in 600m, 3rd in 60m and 3rd in the 80m. Declan, Conor and Karl teamed up with Patrick Mc Donald to take 3rd in the relay. John O' Shea won the High Jump for Boys U/12 while in the Boys U/15 Paul Flood was the winner of the Shot and 2nd in the Long Jump with Niall Gillick 2nd in the Walk. Other boys in action over the championship days were Jamie O' Neill, Fergus Devereux, Darren Davis and Rodney Hopkins, all of whom performed excellently without making the medals. In the Girls U/10 we had a 1st and 2nd in the Ball Throw through Catherine Duff and Brid Ann O' Shea. Sarah Commame was Silver medalist in both the 60m and 600m and was narrowly pipped for a medal in the 80m finishing 4th. The U/11 Relay Team of Sarah, Catherine, Irene Kearney and Joy O' Neill also finished 4th. Michelle Gillick had a superb win in the girls U/12 walk and also won the High Jump with Laura Kearney 2nd. Michelle was also 3rd in the 600m. In the Girls U/13 Ciara Power displayed the kind of form we now take for granted from her winning the 100m, Shot and Long Jump in decisive fashion. Linda Haren also took three medals, 2nd Javelin, 3rd Shot and 3rd 600m. Naomi Devereux was 3rd in Javelin while Dervla Mc Dermott also qualified as 4th. The "A" relay team of Michelle, Laura, Ciara and Linda were 3rd with the "B" Team of Dervla, Naomi, Maeve Flood and Ginny Breslin 4th. In the Girls U/14 Patricia Purcell was 1st in Discus and High Jump and 2nd in the 800m. Emer O' Sullivan was 3rd in 800m, 300m and Discus while Gemma Haren was 2nd in Discus, 2nd in the High Jump and 3rd in 100m. In the Girls U/15 Paula O' Shea was the winner of the Javelin and was 2nd in Shot and Long Jump while Gillian Power was the winner of the Shot and 2nd in 100m. The Relay team of Gillian, Patricia, Emer and Gemma were also winners. Other girls in action were Elizabeth King, Janet Mc Weeney and Ann Marie Farrell all of whom played their part in making Maynooth 2nd Juvenile Club overall. Our only Seniors in action were Marie Gleeson 3rd in the 100m O/40 and David Jolley 1st in 100m in the O/40 and 3rd in 1,500m in the O/40. The Committee would like to thank all the parents and others who travelled to support the children at the championships. All the qualifiers will have been involved in the Leinster Championships by now where we expect good performances all round. We would also like to thank everybody who supported our recent Flag Day which was very successful.

MAYNOOTH G.A.A.

U10 Hurling North Kildare League 20/5/91 Maynooth 5-0 Ardclough 5-0

P. Ryan, A. Mc Carron, C. Diggins, M. Mc Carron, P. Sheehan, T. Masterson, D. Cambell, T. Mullankey, K. Ennis, D. Travers, J. Connolly, E. O'Donohoe, S. Flaherty, M. Quigley, M. Ryan, P. Ennis, P. Gideon, M. Gleeson.

A tremendous game of hurling by these lads, most of them having their first competitive game. Down four goals at half time Maynooth came storming back in the second half with great goals by M. Ryan, S. Flaherty and M. Quigley. Great defending by the Mc Carrons and C. Diggins well supported out field by T. Masterson, T. Mullankey and K. Ennis.



Colm Cahill, Maynooth's stylish wing back receives his trophy while a delighted Pierce Ennis sends his congratulations.

U10 Hurling 10/6/91 Maynooth 2-1 Clane 5-3

A disappointing performance by Maynooth who had played with 'courage and conviction' in their previous game. Clane were a very experienced team and our lads have learned something from them.

U10 Hurling 12/6/91 Maynooth 3-0 Leixlip 6-1

Another great game of hurling and a fine performance by Maynooth. Every one of the lads played their hearts out. Leixlip, being a very experienced team held our forwards out, but, with a bit of luck we could have got more scores. M. Gleeson, D. Travers, P. Ryan J. Connolly and P. Ennis played well.

North Kildare League

3/6/91 Maynooth 2-2 Leixlip 4-2

Team: P. Mc Loughlan, D. Mc Carrick, R. Casey, R. Davis, J. Casey, E. Heslin, G. Lyons, S. Brennan, M. Bennett, W. Gannon, D. Coughlan, E. Kerr, S. Cummins, D. Buckley, J. Canny, M. Quigley, A. Martin, D. Nevin, M. Callaghan, R. Tierney. This being the teams first outing this year some of the lads were a bit rusty. This was a game we could have won but lack of concentration by some of the players let Leixlip in for some easy scores. Great goal keeping by P. Mc Loughlan and great defending by D. Mc Carrick, R. Davis, G. Lyons. Scores by E. Kerr, S. Cummins and D. Buckley.

U13 Hurling

10/6/91 Maynooth 2-4 Clane 1-0

A good performance by Maynooth who have improved a lot since last game. Scores were by D. Buckley, P. Mc Loughlan, W. Gannon.

To coach these teams properly we need more adults on Saturday mornings. One person cannot coach up to 40 players. If you ever palyed hurling it is a simple thing to teach the skills of hurling to young boys. Saturday mornings - 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

U14 Football Feile Peil na N'og Competition - Maynooth 3-6 Round Towers 4-1

This was a very keenly contested match with Maynooth taking control in the early stages but Towers came into the game in the second quarter and led by six points at half time. In the second half Maynooth got back into the game and with two great goals by Billy Glennan and with great support from J. Lawlor. C. Ryan took the lead and won by two points. Others who impressed were J. Rossiter, D. Murtagh, S. Griffin and D. Buckley.

Semi Final - Maynooth 4-6 Caragh 4-4

This was another impressive display from Maynooth against a very good Caragh team that never gave up until the final whistle. Impressive for Maynooth were, R. Casey, R. Murphy, M. Nugent, J. Lawlor, T. Byrne, C. Ryan, J. Greene, A. Gaffney.

Feile Final - Leixlip 2-9 Maynooth 1-10

This was a very exciting match with never more than a couple of scores between the teams. Some slack marking by the Maynooth back let Leixlip in for two goals in the first half and that was the difference between them at half time. In the second half Maynooth really took the game to Leixlip and were in hard luck with four great efforts coming back off the crossbar at vital stages. Leixlip held on to win by two points. Best for Maynooth were J. Rossiter, D. Murtagh, J. Lawlor, T. Byrne, C. Ryan and Man of the Match - M. Nugent.

1st Team Football Results etc.

1. Maynooth 2-6 Eadestown 1-9 (League - Away)
Scorers: Joey Edwards 1-1; Colm Feeney 1-0; James Gilligan 2pts; Seanie Molloy, Pascal Ennis and Johnny Nevin 1 pt each.
Man of the Match: Kevin Dunne at full back.

2. Maynooth 1-10 Cappagh 1-9 (Rathcoffey Tournament)
Scorers: Joey Edwards 1-2; Colm Feeney 4 pts; Seanie Molloy 3 pts and Mick Nevin 1 pt.
Man of the Match: Colm Feeney at full forward.

3. Maynooth 1-7 Robertstown 8 pts
(Challenge at Maynooth)
Scorers: James Gilligan 1-3; Joey Edwards 2 pts; Colm Feeney and Seanie Molloy 1 pt each.
Man of the Match: Mick Kelly at right half back.

4. Maynooth 1-8 Nurney 3 pts (League-Away)
Scorers: Johnny Nevin 1-2; Seanie Molloy 3 pts; Liam O'Toole, Joey Edwards and Colm Feeney 1 pt each.
Man of the Match: Mick Nevin at centre half back.

The Senior Team is currently well placed in Division 3 of the Senior Football League having taken 13 points from a possible

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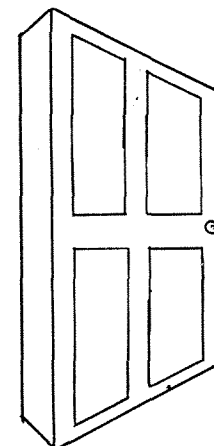
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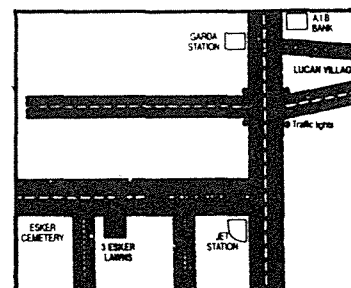


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16. There are still some very tough matches ahead however against Ballykelly, Castledermot, Sallins and Straffan. All games are away from home and points will be very difficult to secure.

Underage League

Over 70 players, in the 8 to 11 age bracket, participated in the Club's recent underage League which was run off very successfully over the months of April and May.

Eight teams captained by John O' Shea (Dublin), James Gallagher (Cork), Eoin Nevin (Kerry), Adrian Boylan (Kildare), Niall Downey (Meath), Declan O' Rourke (Donegal), Barry Connolly (Mayo) and Chris Arthurs (Galway) fought it out over a five week period following which Mayo, Kildare, Cork and Donegal emerged to contest the semi-finals. Both semi-finals were close run affairs with Mayo and Cork just pipping Kildare and Donegal respectively. The margin of victory in both games was a mere two points.

In the final itself Mayo with Conor Diggins and Brendan Keogh defending stoutly and with Gerard Hanley and Barry Connolly driving them forward from midfield got on top from the start. They never relinquished their grip despite the best efforts of James Gallagher and his men and eventually ran out winners by 2 goals and 4 points to 1 goal and 1 point. The teams were:- Mayo: Barry Connolly (Carton Court), Patrick O' Rourke (Kingsbry), Gerard Hanley (Laragh), Conor Diggins (Newtown), Niall Hanniffy (Kingsbry), Brendan Keogh (Carton Court), Eamonn O' Donoghue (Greenfield Drive) and Shane Devereaux (Moyglare Meadows).



Mayo Winners, Underage League.

Back Row (L to R): Conor Diggins, Niall Hanniffy, Brendan Keogh, Gerard Hanley and Eamonn O'Donoghue.
Front Row (L to R): Shane Devereaux, Patrick O'Rourke and Barry Connolly (Captain).

Cork: James Gallagher (Greenfield Drive), David Nolan (Maynooth Park), Seanie Brady (Maynooth Park), Michael Ryan (Laragh), Fergal Devereaux (Moyglare Meadows), Aidan McCarron (Greenfield), Peter Sheehan (Taghadoe) and Shane Pidgeon (Moyglare Meadows).

Following the game the winners and runners-up were presented with their trophies by the competition organisers:- Kevin Connolly, Denis McDermott, John Campbell, Pascal Ennis and Killian Fagan. The competition created enormous interest among the participants. It is hoped to run it annually from now on.



Cork Runners-up, underage league.

Back Row (L to R): James Gallagher (Captain), Peter Sheehan, Michael Ryan, Shane Pidgeon and David Nolan.
Front Row (L to R): Seanie Brady, Aidan McCarron and Fergal Devereaux.

1990 Under 10's Leixlip Invitation Tournament

Towards the end of 1990 the Club's Under 10 team was invited to participate in a Special Invitation Tournament organised by Leixlip St. Mary's. While the Tournament started in November 1990 it did not resume until April/May 1991 due to weather conditions.

The Tournament was won by a Maynooth side who played outstanding football to win all 3 matches. In fact the quality of football served up by the team was far above what would normally be expected from players so young and was the subject of much favourable comment from officials of the other Clubs involved.

Results:	1. Maynooth 3-6	Kilcloon	3.0
	2. Maynooth 5-9	Moynalvey	5pts
	3. Maynooth 8-5	Leixlip St. Mary's	2.2

Players involved were: Gearoid Higgins (Laurence's Ave.), Seamus Cummins (Moyglare Road), Niall Downey (Laurence's Ave.), Peter McCullagh (Greenfield), Colm Cahill (Leinster Park), Pierce Ryan (Carton Court), Declan O' Rourke (Kingsbry), Keith Fleming (Carton Court), Niall Byrne (Greenfield), Darren Naughton (Greenfield), Karl Ennis (Ladychapel), Gerard Hanley (Laragh), Barry Connolly (Leinster Park), Adrian Boylan (Leinster Park), Chris Arthurs (Maynooth Park), Aidan McCarron (Greenfield), Darragh Carr (Railpark), Donal Smith (Greenfield Drive), Niall Hanniffy (Kingsbry), Mark McCarron (Greenfield), Thomas Halton (Maynooth Park), Aidan Fitzgerald (Greenfield), Jody Connolly (Beaufield), Tim O' Flaherty (Parson Lodge).

Niall Byrne, the team captain, accepted the winners medals on behalf of his side after the victory over Leixlip St. Mary's - a victory which augurs well for the Club's future prospects.

North Kildare Area League 1991

Results to date:-
Under 10

Maynooth 1-3	Leixlip, St. Mary's	3-6
Maynooth 5-12	Kilcock	2-7
Maynooth 7-3	Confey	2-3

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Under 12

Maynooth V Kilcock - Kilcock won well against a very understrength Maynooth side.
Maynooth 3-3 Confey 1-7

Salmon Leap Festival, Under 10 Tournament 1991

Scenes of wild enthusiasm greeted the victory of Maynooth's 1991 Under 10 side in the Leixlip Salmon Leap Festival Tournament organised in a very professional manner by Confey Gaels G.A.A. Club. The victory in the final over Lucan on June 3rd followed earlier successes against Celbridge (after extra time) and Leixlip St. Mary's. It was a fitting climax to a week of sparkling football by the team. The road to glory started with a hard-earned victory over Celbridge in a game which went to extra time before a decision was reached, continued with an impressive win over Leixlip St. Mary's (this avenged a defeat by the same side in the North Kildare League) and reached a nail biting conclusion against a gallant Lucan side who battled gamely to the final whistle.

The games were marked by some outstanding individual performances. Patrick O' Rourke although dwarfed by the size of the goalposts acquitted himself very well while the full back line of King, Halton and "Ginger" Geoghegan was rock-like in front of him - Michael Ryan who had played successive stormers at right full against Celbridge and Leixlip was unfortunately not available for the final. The half line of Diggins, Carr and Cahill not alone snuffed out their opposite numbers in each game but also found time to lend their weight to the attack. "Reddy" and "Chilly" at midfield were magnificent all through the competition ranging far and wide in search of the ball. The eagle-eyed Ennis played a captain's part at centre half forward with marvelous assistance from his two trusty lieutenants Mc Carron and Campbell. The full forward line was led with distinction by Sean Woodhouse ("Woody") who helped himself to 1 goal and 2 points in the final. The two "pocket dynamoes" Baxter and O'Malley teased and tormented their opposite numbers all through. Others who were called on during the tournament and who did not let the side down were Trevor Naughton, Jody Connolly and Ian Barrett.

All in all a very satisfying outcome for all concerned, players, mentors and particularly our very vocal supporters who travelled in droves to see this young side in action.

Following the game the Winners Shield was presented to Karl Ennis, captain of the side, by John Kelly, Confey Gaels G.A.A. Club who must be complimented for the very efficient and professional way in which they organised the tournament. Individual trophies were then presented to each team member.

Scores:
1. Maynooth 1-9 Celbridge 2-3
2. Maynooth 1-8 Leixlip, St. Mary's 1-4
3. Maynooth 1-6 Lucan 3 pts.

Under 10 Squad

(1) Patrick O' Rourke (Kingsbry), (2) Patrick King (Moyglare Road), (3) Thomas Halton (Maynooth Park), (4) Alan Geoghegan (Greenfield), (5) Conor Diggins (Newtown), (6) Daragh Carr (Railpark), (7) Colm Cahill (Leinster Park), (8) William Farrelly (Greenfield), (9) Stephen Redmond (Greenfield), (10) Aidan McCarron (Greenfield), (11) Karl Ennis (Ladychapel), (12) David Campbell (Laragh), (13) Alan Baxter (Laragh), (14) Sean Woodhouse (Greenfield), (15) Conor O' Malley (Carton Court), (16) Michael Ryan (Laragh), (17) Jody Connolly (Beaufield), (18) Ian Barrett (Carton Court), (19) Trevor Naughton (Greenfield), (20) Pierce Ennis (Ladychapel), (21) Brendan Keogh (Carton Court), (22) Mikey Gleeson (Straffan Way), (23) Keith Halligan (Greenfield), (24) Stephen Mc Dermott (Carton

Court), (25) Noel Browne (Kingsbry), (26) Mark Kavanagh (Kingsbry), (27) Morgan Sweeney (Moyglare Village).

Under 16 Football League Results

1st Round	Maynooth	6-12	Na Fianna	0-2
2nd Round	Maynooth	0-11	Kilcullen	1-6
3rd Round	Maynooth	3-5	Suncroft	1-8
4th Round	Maynooth	4-17	Round Towers	0-3
5th Round	Maynooth	2-18	Rathangan	0-1
6th Round	Maynooth	2-6	Clane	0-7
7th Round	Maynooth	W.O.	Ballyna	SCR

This team has gone through the League unbeaten and has now qualified to meet Kilcullen in the semi-final of the play off stages. They have produced football of a high quality to beat top class teams such as Kilcullen, Suncroft and Clane away from home. T. Fay has proved his worth when called upon in goals. The backs have been rock steady throughout and have been well served by P. Leacy, A. O' Shea, S. Noonan, D. Nevin, M. Meally, G. Kelly, P. Hogan and E. Lyons. At midfield team captain, K. Killoran and D. Fleming have dominated their opponents. The better combination play by the forwards has been the deciding factor against good teams. Here P. Govey, M. Donnelly, E. Mitchell, H. Nevin, A. Noonan, T. Farrell and E. Hassett have contributed to the satisfactory tally of scores. Padraig Flood, P. Bourke, N. Gillick, B. Mooney, Paul Flood and P. Grant have provided the necessary back up when required.

There is still a lot of football to be played and players are asked to give their full commitment to training now that the pressure of exams are over.

Main Football League

The main team produced their best football of the year to beat second placed Ballyna away from home with a score of 1-8 to 0-6. Hero of the hour was F. Leavy with a personal tally of 1-6. E. Dunne, M. Noone, G. Horne, and D. Ryan were outstanding in the backs. M. Madden had his best game to date at midfield. J. Nevin covered acres of ground supplying backs and forwards. E. Leacy and D. Scariff gave good support in the forwards.

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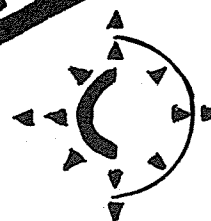


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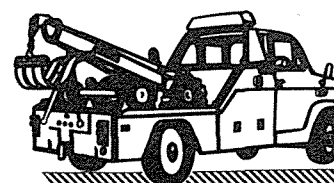
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League Div 2 - Runners-up Play off

College Green (0)0 Kells (0)0

110 minutes failed to produce a goal on the excellent Trim Celtic pitch. But everything else it certainly did. Neutral spectators were as one, when they proclaimed it as one of the best M.D.L. games this season. Two very tired but proud sides gave it everything and in fairness nobody deserved to be on the losing side.

College Green (0)1 Kells Celtic (0)1

2 A.E.T. 1 A.E.T.

The replay was staged at Trim Town's pitch which unfortunately was much bumpier and harder than Trim Celtic's ground. Although the surface was more difficult both sides contrived to provide an excellent game, if not quite as good as the first. We had by far the best of the play in a scoreless first half and for the first 10 minutes of the second half. Ray Broughan was brought to the ground after 50 minutes and Paddy Mc Govern's penalty was coolly struck, giving the first goal of the tie. Kells produced their best football of the two games for the next half an hour and despite heroics from Malachy Mc Cann, grabbed the equaliser with ten minutes to go. For most of the second half and extra time Mc Cann pulled off save after save, as Kells put us under phenomenal pressure.

With a third match looming, the winner came in the last minute of extra time. After an untidy goalmouth scramble the ball was knocked loose to Brian O' Brien who poked it home: 2-1 and no time for Kells to respond. It was a great reward for the rangy striker (Gary Linaker lookalike, but the comparison ends there) who had missed most of the season through injury. But all were heroes on the night. We certainly couldn't help but feel sorry for Kells.

The League Secretary summed it all up at the Presentation Dance when he adverted to the fact that it wouldn't be an occasion if College Green didn't mount the winners rostrum, but pointed out that the three top teams in Div 2 were arguably the best ever produced by that Division.

Divisional Cup Quarter Final

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2 A.E.T. 1 A.E.T.

Our hosts couldn't have given us a better welcome to their fine facilities in Ballinlough. Extra time again Thomas Martin scored, despite the hangover he and his colleagues were suffering from since the Kells matches. And the football . . . well that was a round white object. As the B.M.C. manager mentioned once or twice "you have to stay with Paddy Mc Govern - - he's their playmaker". he didn't qualify this by saying whether this was on the field, or in the 'clubhouse'!



College Green F.C. en route to Amsterdam.

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Front Row (L to R): Tom Coffey, Aidan Siggins, Joe Carey, Paddy McGovern, Kevin Fay, Kevin Sullivan, Eanna O'Boyle and Thomas Martin.

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The new season will be upon us shortly and many people will want to hear about Paul Broughan's operation, or how Aidan Siggins is getting on with married life. So we might have to start training in early July. Best wishes to Aidan and Peggy on the big day. New players are always welcome to join us on our campaign in Div. 1a next season. Contact Paul Broughan on 6285536 or Tony O' Connor on 6285500.

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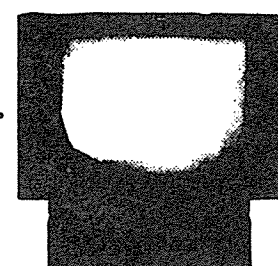
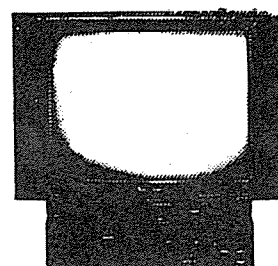
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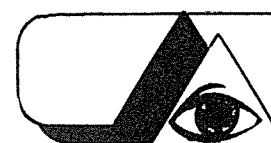


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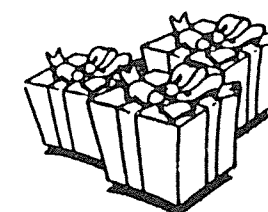
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COLLEGE NOTES

Sports Complex/New Canteen

On Tuesday, 19th March 1991, work finally commenced on the long awaited Sports Complex/Canteen Project. According to Maynooth Students' Union President, Vincent P. Martin, the campaign to provide decent indoor sporting facilities first began in 1974/75. On the 24th May 1991, the official foundation stone ceremony will take place, performed by the Minister for Education (and Maynooth past pupil), Mrs. Mary O'Rourke.



Minister of Education Mary O'Rourke officially laying the foundation stone for the new sports complex in the college. Also pictured are (L to R) Msg. M. Ledwith (President of the College), David Hall (Vice-President of the Students' Union), Paul Barrett (Managing Director, Mahon McPhillips) and Vincent Martin (Students' Union President).

The new sports complex will be intervarsity standard and includes a much needed weight-lifting room. The lack of such a provision as this in the past was a cause of regret for successive college football, rugby squads etc, and no doubt impeded teams from reaching their full potential. Dressing rooms, and an upstairs balcony for spectators will make the complex the envy of many other third level institutions. The Gym is standard size and equipped to cover a wide range of indoor sporting pursuits. The plans for the building also outlines arrangement four Students' Union administration offices and a new Student Travel Office and Shop.

For the last number of years, one of the students biggest grievances was the lack of space in the canteen. It was not unusual to see some students sitting on the floor having a cup of coffee and a sandwich. The catering staff tried their best but had no answer to this fundamental problem. This new building project makes provision for a large modern canteen area.

The canteen/sports complex was a joint venture between the Students' Union and the College authorities. This marks a new departure in relations with the college. Both have pooled their energy and resources together in a concerted effort to tackle the problems at hand.

As part of the negotiations, it has been agreed to extensively renovate and extend the existing students' entertainment area. This decision has already been warmly welcomed by the student body at large who at a Union General Meeting just before Christmas unanimously accepted such plans and wholeheartedly agreed to support the project. For the moment the project is going according to plan and (with all fingers crossed) should be ready for use by October 1st 1991.

STREET TALKING

New Shops Opening

Maynooth saw two new shops open last month. The first KIDS & CO opened beside Regans finance brokers where Mooney's old restaurant used to be. And let us congratulate Regans on their shop front which is both colourful and is in keeping with the town's rural charm.

Back to Kids & Co which is a spacious and well laid out shop, specialising in children's clothes, from baby to 14 years both boys and girls. It will stock a wide range of styles to suit all pockets. Kids & Co is owned by Mary Lyons who will be doing the buying for the shop, however the shop will be run by Ciara Lyons, Mary's daughter. Both Ciara and Mary are from Summerhill. As well as clothes the shop will also sell baby presents and cuddly toys. It will open from 9.30 am to 6.00 pm six days a week with no break for lunch.

The second new shop to open last month in Maynooth was the Maynooth Photo Centre and it is along the Dublin Road near Maynooth Office Supplies. And its owner will be no stranger to you as he is a member of the well known business family, the Floods. This one is called Gerry and has returned to live in Maynooth from Australia.

The Maynooth Photo Centre will sell all your photographic equipment needs, from cameras to frames for your pictures. You need it, you'll get it at the centre. As well as photographic equipment you can also get binoculars to spot what to photograph. Then if you're anxious to see the results of your efforts the Maynooth Photographic Centre will develop and print your photos within the hour. If moving pictures interests you, you can buy video tapes (as well as audio tapes) and it is hoped that the Centre will soon also be able to provide video recorders.

Other services provided by the Maynooth Photographic Centre will be the making of a new print from an old one, not quite restoration but a process to be seriously considered. Going on holidays, need a passport photo then proceed to the Photo Centre and why not pick up a pair of polaroid sunglasses there as well. Eventually Mr. Flood hopes to set up his own studio to take family or individual portraits. Mr. Flood did a course with Fuji. The centre's opening hours will be 9 - 6.30 Monday to Wednesday, 9 - 9 Thursday and Friday and 9 - 6 on Saturdays. And before I forget the centre is offering a free enlargement with every set of 35 mm photos developed.

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Miscellaneous

Finally I'd just like to welcome the Bank of Ireland bin back as well as the bus timetables. Let us hope they are allowed to stay. And also to say we noticed and welcomed the fact Brady's public house was painted last month.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Higgins

The mother, sisters Rosaleen and Louisa, relatives and friends of the late Patrick (Canice) Higgins of 6, Leinster Cottages, Maynooth (who died suddenly, R.I.P., while home on holidays from Maida Vale, London) wish to thank most sincerely all their friends and neighbours for their support in their great loss. A special word of thanks to those who called personally, sent floral tributes, mass cards and letters of sympathy, attended the removal of remains, Mass and funeral. A very special word of thanks to Ronnie and Brian Cassidy.

To Fr. Cogan, Fr. Supple, Fr. Thynne and the priests of Maynooth College. The Lyreen residents. To the management and staff of his bank, London. The Windsor Castle, The Skiddan, The Frankfurt and the Twickenham. To Mr. Mick Mc Kerracher, London, Dr. James Tovey, St. Marys, Praed St., London, Dr. D Wright. To Bernard Durkan, Emmet Stag, Gerry Brady, Colm Purcell and John McGinley, and last but not least to all who travelled very long journeys from England and Ireland to pay their respects. Trusting that this will be accepted by all as a token of our appreciation. Holy Mass will be offered for their intentions.

Fay

The daughter, son-in-law, brothers, sisters and family of the late Patrick (Paddy) and Teresa (Tess) Fay wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement; those who attended the removal of remains, Mass and funeral; those who sent Mass Cards, Everlasting Gifts, letters of sympathy, floral tributes and telegrams. A word of thanks to Fr. Supple, Fr. Cogan, Presentation Sisters, Management and Staff, Manor Mills, Lyreen Residents, Maynooth G.A.A., and Golfing Society, Doctors and Staff, Cardiac Unit, Meath Hospital, Oliver Reilly undertakers and those who called personally. A special word of thanks to Michael, Jacqueline, uncles and aunts, the Murray and Dunne families and all our relatives who gave great support at this very sad time. The holy sacrifice of the mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

Delaney

The mother and family of the late Joseph Delaney, Blakestown, Leixlip, Co. Kildare, wish to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad loss. Those who attended the removal and funeral Mass. Those who sent Mass cards and floral tributes. A special word of thanks to the priests in Maynooth and Esker, Lucan. Grateful thanks is due to the Health Care team for their kindness and support and dedication. Dr. Lombard and Dr. Mc Carthy from Lucan, the nurses from Lucan Clinic and especially to the Hospice Home Care team. To all those who visited Joe in those final weeks and made his illness more bearable and to all who helped in any way. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for their intentions.

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Husband, sons, mother, brother, sister, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, nephews, nieces, grandchild, relatives and friends of the late Betty Malone (nee Daly), Clane, and O' Neill Park, Maynooth.

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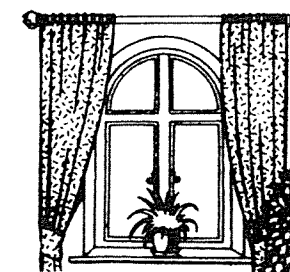
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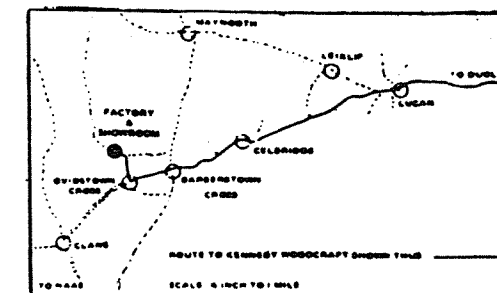
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Congratulations and best wishes to Noel and Marie mc Govern, Greenfield who celebrate their 11th Wedding Anniversary on July 5th. Love from mam, Kevin, Michael, Eileen and family, also from the Donovan family.

Fondest love to our dear mum and Dad on their 11th Wedding Anniversary. Hope you have a happy day. From your loving sons, Richard and Thomas xx.

Congrats to Breda Mc Garry, Greenfield (and New York) and Jackson Young (New York) who were married in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth on May 24th.

Congrats to Philomena Haran, Greenfield and Gerry Murphy, Tullow, Carlow, who were married in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth on June 12th.

Congrats to Dennis and Mary Breen, Marymount House, Maynooth on the birth of a baby boy.

Congrats to Shirley and Ian Cummins, Highfield, Kilcock, on the birth of a baby boy, brother for Sinead, Niamh and the twins, Ciara and Ashling.

Congrats to Nora Begley, Pound Street, Maynooth and William Dunne, Pagetown, Kilcloone who were married in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth, on June 14th and the Brides parents Larry and Carmel Begley, Pound Street who celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary on June 16th and to their son Rev. Fr. George Begley C.C., Kilbarrack, whose tenth ordination to the priesthood was on June 7th. What a happy month for the Begleys.

Congrats to Vera Timmons, Ladychapel and Hector Piacenza, (Argentina), who were married in Ladychapel Church on May 28th.

Congratulations to my niece Ann and her husband, James Rocliffe, Donnycarney, Dublin on the birth of their triplets, Sean, Ciaran and Paraig. Three brothers for Jamie. With love from Aunt Joan and Tom Collins in Woodgreen, London.

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To Mum and Dad - Happy 14th Wedding Anniversary. Love Helena, James, Michael, Thomas and Nicola Muldoon.

Birthday Greetings to John and Annie Walsh, Mulhussey and Michael Conneely, Pagetown, Love Maura and Mickey.

Love and best wishes for a very Happy Birthday to Regina Mc Govern who celebrates her 4th birthday on July 12th, from Mammy, Daddy, sisters Karina, Stacey, Michelle and Debbie. Also from Nannie, Una, Uncle Kevin, Noel, Marie and boys. With all our love xxxxxx.

Thanks to Susan, Catherine, my sisters and sisters-in-law for a most memorable night and unexpected surprise. Love Marie and Mick.

Happy 19th Birthday Greetings on the 28th July to darling Lorraine with lots of love, Mum, Dad, Kevin and Chris.

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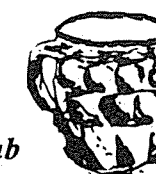
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Birthday Greetings

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Happy Birthday to Tony Bean, "Nuada", Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, who celebrates his birthday on July 7th. From his wife Mary and family, also his parents Liam and Margaret Bean and his brother Thomas, "Lemar", Dunboyne Rd., Maynooth.

Happy Birthday to John Walsh, Carracastle House, Maynooth on June 8th. Best wishes from Daddy, Mammie, brothers and all your friends.

Happy Birthday to Gerry Donovan, Greenfield on May 27th.

Happy Birthday to Martin Traynor, Greenfield, 21 on June 17th.

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Happy Birthday to Mrs M. Mc Ternan, Lawrence Ave., June 24th.

Happy Birthday to Declan Burke, Newtown, 21 on May 22. Also to his sister Marie, 8 on May 15th.

Happy Birthday to Mrs Peggy Mc Namara on June 16th.

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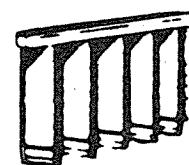
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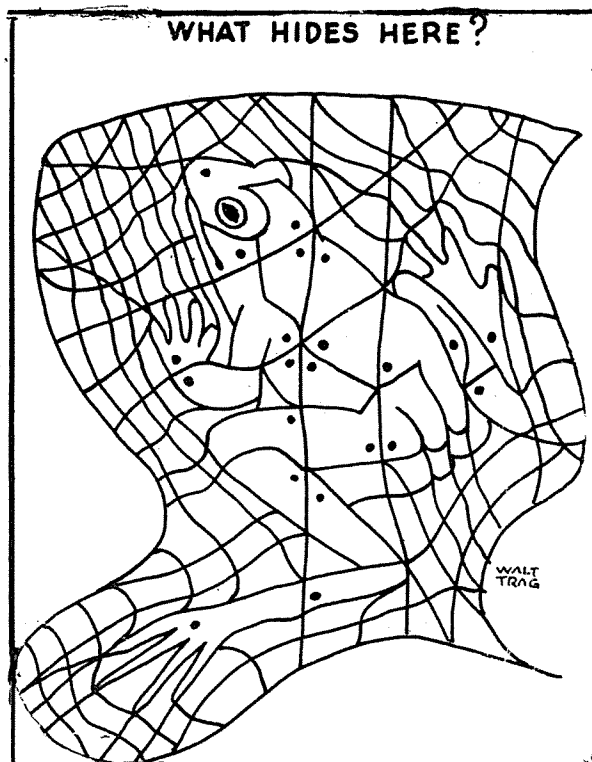
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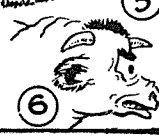
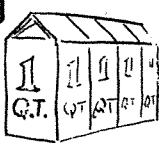
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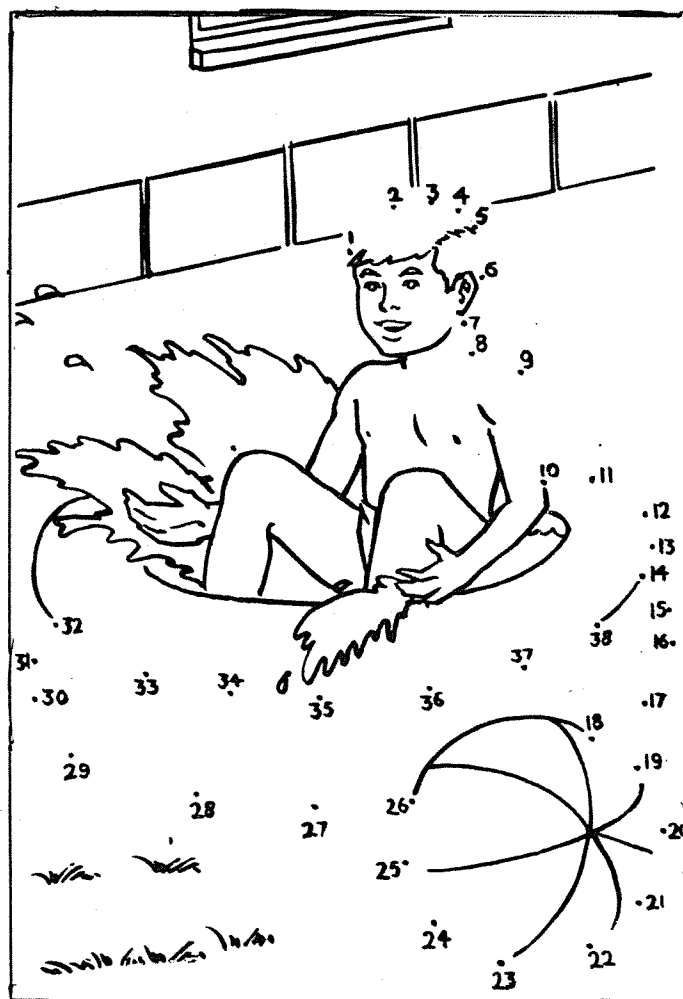
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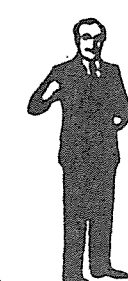
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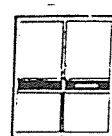
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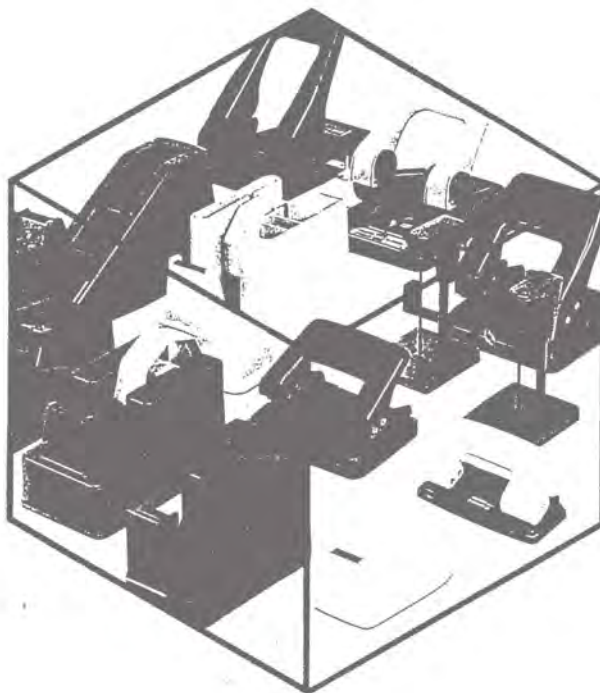
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Editorial

Cutbacks

A sure sign that Summer is coming to an end is the appearance of the back to school offers in the shops. School uniforms and books have to be purchased by hard pressed parents, and the month of August can be a lean month indeed. With the current growth in population in Maynooth, the numbers of children going to school has increased over the years, and there is no doubt that substantial pressure is going to be put on our schools in the near future. With the current cutbacks in government spending proposed, to make up for the shortfall in finances, and the inevitable cutbacks in forthcoming budgets, it is not difficult to predict that the local educational system is in for a rough time. Already, facilities are inadequate, and class sizes are bigger than most parents would find acceptable. There are signs that parents are opting to send their children to alternative schools outside Maynooth. But this option is not necessarily available or desirable to other Maynooth parents. A good education is crucial for the future success in life of all our young people. Parents and politicians alike must be ever vigilant to ensure that the quality of the education offered in Maynooth is of the highest, and that the proposed cutbacks are not used to worsen a system already under pressure.

Misinformation

"It is well known that the Maynooth Newsletter is practically Labour controlled".

This statement from a member of a local political party branch (not the Labour Party) was published in the Leinster Leader before the local elections. In response, the Newsletter would merely draw attention *once* more to the Editorial Statement on this page.

Minerva's Misery

A brief note to followers of the *Star Blasts* column who may be disappointed this month upon discovering that it isn't included. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Minerva Big Dipper Murphy was kidnapped and hauled off to Wexford in mid July. The families of her captors have since received ransom notes from Minerva who somehow or other managed to flabbergast the unfortunate criminals. She is reported to be 'wicked with delight' and will no doubt fill us in on her adventures in next month's horoscope column.

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A chara,

On my own behalf and of the 51 other senior citizens who were guests of the Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club for a wonderful weeks holiday in Mosney, June 22nd to 29th, I wish to say a big thank you. A special word of thanks to Mike Doyle of the Lions Club, Mrs Etna Keane, Straffan and her daughter Bernadette, who spent the week with us and looked after our every need and making our stay so pleasant, may God bless you all for your goodness. Also congratulations from all of us to Mike Doyle who was appointed President of the Lions Club, June 30th and what better man could you get for the job.

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New Subcommittees

Over the years it has become apparent that a co-ordinated and systematic approach needs to be taken by the community with regard to the future development of the town. There are at the moment a number of hard working committees and organisations working to this end. However, in the light of evidence from other towns throughout the country, it would seem to be necessary to co-ordinate these efforts so that a long term development plan incorporating all aspects of that development economic, social and cultural, could be drawn up for consideration by the relevant bodies. With this in mind a meeting to form the Planning and Development sub committee will be held on September 17th at 8.30 pm in the Community Council offices. This is your chance to have a say in the future development of your town. Maynooth has great potential for the future and if this is to be tapped to the advantage of the community, then it is essential that the community be involved in any future decision making processes. Therefore, any individual or organisation is welcome to become a member of this new subcommittee and can do so by attending the meeting on September 17th. We would stress however that we want working members. Ideas are fine but of no value if they don't translate into action.

Adult Education Sub Committee

Since the demise of M.A.D.E Maynooth has been sadly lacking in adult education provision. With the exception of a few courses (of academic content) run in the college, there have been no adult education courses run in the town for a number of years. People from Maynooth have to travel to either Leixlip or Celbridge should they want to take up a course. This subcommittee has been established to look into the possibility of providing night classes in Maynooth. Should you have any ideas, or were involved in classes over the years, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Harbour Field

By the time you read this all relevant clubs and organisations should have received notification of the booking system for the Harbour Field. This wonderful but under utilized facility was given to the people of Maynooth in trust by the former owner of Carton, the Honourable David Nall-Cain. Two years ago an arrangement was made between the trustees of the Community Council regarding booking of the Field. It is a simple arrangement designed to avoid double booking and confusion. Clubs, organisations etc. should let the Community Council know the dates and times they wish to use the field. This can be done by phone, letter or in person by contacting the office.

Carton

We would like to thank the 4 members of the Carton Committee who attended the Community Council meeting for putting forward their views on the proposed development of Carton by Gleneagles. It was an informative presentation and will be fully considered by the Community Council.

Carton Open Days

We wish to thank all who helped in the organisation of the Open Days at Carton. The list is long but a special thanks to Mr & Mrs Mallaghan for opening their house once again for public viewing, and also to their staff.

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Up to now parents receiving long-term social welfare payments continued to receive the increase for school-going children up to age 20 and families on the lone-parents payments continued to receive payment for such children up to age 21.

The new rules which came into effect in July 1991 for child dependants under the Social Welfare System are as follows: (1) Parents receiving long-term Social Welfare payments will continue to receive the increase for school-going children up to age 21.

(2) The payment for children will continue to be paid during the Summer months provided the child is not claiming a Social Welfare payment in her/his own right.

Up to now the payment for the child stopped in June and was restored when the child resumed full-time education in the autumn.

In your particular case this means that you will be paid for your 18 year old daughter up to October, even if she does not continue in full-time education, provided she is not receiving a Social Welfare payment in her own right.

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OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

The annual outing to Bray on June 1st was much enjoyed - the weather was kind, the meal excellent and the entertainment provided by Josie and Vincent most enjoyable. We are grateful to them and to all the other entertainers who have given us so much pleasure throughout the year. Our thanks also to Pat Barton for his generosity in providing the coaches. The cabaret evening, which was our contribution to the Maynooth Festival, was also a very successful event, with plenty of crack, food and great entertainment. We would like to thank John and Eithne Carey for letting us hold this event in Caulfields.

The morning sessions resume on Tuesday 10th September and Thursday 12th September. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Ten of our elderly are going on holiday to Kerdiffstown from Sunday 25th August to Saturday 31st August. The generosity of all those who contributed to our fund raising events throughout the year makes this possible.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Leavy who died recently, and also to Mrs Daly and Mrs Higgins who have each lost members of their family during the month. Congratulations to Mrs Kathleen Tracey, formerly of the Main Street who celebrated her 90th birthday in June.

P.R.O.

THE CARTON COMMITTEE

Like most people in Maynooth the Carton Committee is ready to welcome any positive development at Carton, and has examined the Gleneagles proposals with an open mind. However, the more closely the plan was studied the greater our concern grew. We are now concerned that this proposal is wrong for Carton and for Maynooth and that something much better can be achieved. The Committee is lodging a detailed objection with Kildare County Council.

The Gleneagles plan is wrong because it destroys the integrity of Carton House and estate and in its place puts a playground for the super rich. As Frank Mac Donald has said such developments in the *Irish Times* of early July, developments such as a luxury hotel and expensive golfing and

equestrian facilities are beyond the reach of everyone but a moneyed minority. Instead the integrity of Carton can be retained and can be made accessible to all the people of Maynooth, Ireland and elsewhere who wish to see and enjoy it.

Carton House and demesne represent a unity of landscape and buildings that together form an outstanding example of the Irish eighteenth century Big House and park. Together, house and demesne were developed over the years by the Fitzgerald family and by the skill and labour of the people of the Maynooth area.

Carton also forms part of a larger historical heritage, the town of Maynooth and its environs. The town is essentially an 18th Century creation, a beautiful example of the Irish 18th Century estate village, with its wide tree lined Main Street extending into The Lime Avenue to Carton at one end. At the other end is Maynooth College, also an 18th Century addition and, just outside its gates, the towering ruins of the Geraldine Castle, one of the greatest of all Irish historical castles. With the cross axis leading to the Royal Canal harbour, the whole town forms a unique historical heritage. At this very time a major project to restore Maynooth Castle is being developed by the combined efforts of the Office of Public Works, the community of Maynooth and the College. The Royal Canal and its harbours in Carton and in the town have been lovingly restored by another major project. The future of Maynooth rests with the development of its cultural heritage and tourist potential. It would be sadly ironic if just at this time unwise development at Carton jeopardised this future.

As most people know, the Gleneagles proposal for Carton has been presented as "the last chance for Carton": it is based on the assumption that the only way the heritage of Carton can be saved and restored is through the development of the leisure complex as proposed. The central plank in the development plan is the erection of 188 residential units in the demesne. Through the marketing of these as 'golfing villas' and 'conference units', and the sale of 'demesne residences', the developers will be able to put money into what is posited as 'essential' restoration of the House. In other words, as the planning application states, if you oppose this development you are opposing the conservation of Carton.

The Carton Committee takes serious issue with this line of argument:

1. It encourages everybody to go to the branch Library in the Main Street and carefully inspect the planing application and its accompanying Environmental Impact Statement. It is clear from this that Carton is in no more danger than any 18th Century House: it is in better condition than most (thanks to the care that has been bestowed on it by Mr Mallaghan). There is therefore no need for any largescale development like the one proposed. Indeed if Carton needs any conservation carried out, an application to the National Heritage Council for assistance is all that is needed.

2. The Gleneagles plan completely undermines the basic unity of Carton by carefully chopping it up into discrete units, wood by wood, section by section: each unit is then examined in isolation and the impact of each development is dismissed as having comparatively little effect. This is absolutely wrong for Carton; the park and House and ancillary buildings must be considered as a unit - that is how they

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were planned and built from the outset. The importance of Carton to Maynooth lies in the survival of this unique parkland behind its five miles of intact perimeter wall. To tamper with this legacy in the manner proposed would be tantamount to a betrayal by this generation.

3. While the developers say that due care was taken in the design and location of the 200 bed hotel, the fact is that such an extension has to be near the House: people are not going to tolerate long walks to and from the facilities of the House which are marketed as a central part of the Gleneagles Carton 'experience'. The Hotel is a massive intrusion on the architectural heritage of Carton. In spite of tree screens etc., it dominates the House and can in no way be interpreted as a natural development. It obliterates the environs of the American garden, which could easily be restored to its original condition.

4. In spite of all the best assurances of the developers, the community should be extremely sceptical of claims of open access, lots of 'downstream' benefits etc. Carton is a legacy that is there to be enjoyed by future generations. It was our ancestors who built Carton by our blood, sweat, tears and rents; are we going to see the place carved up and hired out for sport to the super rich of the world? There is no way that free access will be compatible with two and a half golf courses, with equestrian trails, with expensive housing development. Of course the developers will promise anything! Aren't they trying to get planning permission?

5. In spite of claims of this as a 'unique' development, it is just another in a long line of such leisure complexes being opened all over the country. While we can be blinded by the experts and marketing gurus, we are entitled to ask if the market for such developments is nearing a limit. The Local Authorities (Meath and Kildare) must establish that these developments are viable. Because, if not, in a few years valuable heritage landscapes like Carton will be left irreparably damaged. The only saving option left for them will be to sell out to developers with unpredictable schemes, or to sell off their investments piece by piece, thus ensuring the complete destruction of Carton and what it represents forever. In other words, this plan for Carton may be the start of a roller-coaster development over which nobody, neither the community or Kildare County Council will have any control in the future.

6. Kildare County Council, to which we have recently elected people to represent our interests, has comprehensively listed many aspects of Carton's legacy for preservation in the **County Development Plan**. In addition it also zones Carton as agricultural land. Most if not all the proposals in the Gleneagles plan run counter to the Kildare Development Plan and the Carton Committee is urging the County Council to stand by its projections for Carton and Maynooth. In view of this people from Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge should carefully examine the proposals for Carton in the Maynooth Library and submit their concerns to both Meath and Kildare County Planning Offices before 19th September 1991.

The Carton Committee (PJ Duffy, M. Cullen, L. Whittaker, P. Devaney, P. Williams, D. Guinness.)

TO THE PEOPLE OF MAYNOOTH

Some questions and thoughts for anyone interested in the long term quality of life around Maynooth?

1. What's best?

In 20 years time what do we want the international tourist to think of Maynooth as? A beautiful planned village with a beautiful country park or a place where golf tournaments may be held occasionally?

2. Planning?

What type of village do we want to plan Maynooth to be? Do we want a large well planned beautiful village with green belts between ourselves and the towns around us? If the present proposed major development goes ahead in Carton will there not be pressure on the local authorities to grant planning permission for more housing and development in the local area? Must the price of vast alterations to "restore" Carton House (which is standing the tests of time well) be the destruction of the woods by building houses in the middle of the trees and by making the flowing parklands out-of-bounds to ordinary people? Why must so many outbuildings be used for something totally different from their original use. As Dublin is becoming much more aware of the importance of good planning as seen by the recent local elections results are Kildare and Meath to be found wanting?

3. Animals and Birds to live?

Why should birds and animals be evicted from their homes and face possible starvation and death because there is so much of the estate being developed?

4. Can we get in?

Why should ordinary people be allowed so little access to a beautiful area that the hard work of their ancestors helped to create? Why is there only one small pedestrian path included in the new proposals while there are many existing paths and walks? Why will the only path along the Rye River be an equestrian trail open only to those who can afford to use the equestrian centre? If there is going to be as much access as the Developers boldly claim why doesn't the present owner who is involved in this new development open it to the public immediately?

5. Another Country Club?

Do we the people of Maynooth want another Country Club in our close vicinity? Straffan has Kildare Country Club with its bedrooms from £125-£700 per night (Irish Times, Saturday, July 13th), expensive entry fees for the occasional days it is open and life membership of only £125,000. Does a Gleneagles Country Club seem the best use for Carton and how many Maynooth people will feel welcome in a place where a-la-carte meals could be expected to start from around £50?

6. A Park better for Maynooth?

Hasn't Killarney National Park been a great help in the development of Killarney town as major tourist centre? Which would be more likely to tempt a person driving to the west of Ireland to turn off the proposed by-pass - a beautiful country park and house or an exclusive very-up-market golf development? Which type of development would bring most visitors and money into Maynooth Village on an all year round basis? Is it better for business to have a reasonable number of visitors every day than a huge crowd for one weekend? If the developers want to help develop the village of Maynooth why are they opening speciality shops on the

estate that would be associated with this type of development? A park would bring shops, restaurants and visitors into Maynooth village and create more substantial long term employment. If there was to be sport in Carton would it not be better to have playing fields and public golf and pitch and putt courses for the people of Maynooth.

7. Jobs?

If the developers want to create employment in the Maynooth area why are they building staff accommodation for 120 people on the estate? Why are they going to bus people in from within a 15 mile radius to work here? Is there not a big difference between the employment prospects of Maynooth people living on the edge of Dublin with its large number of unemployed and residents of Aughtierarder which is situated in the middle of the country? And yet only 45% of Gleneagles employment in Scotland is local. What will be the quality of the new jobs? What will hours be like? How many jobs will be permanent? Will there be a trade union or any other organisation to protect workers rights?

8. Buy a House?

How many people in Maynooth (or indeed Ireland) will be bidding for the houses being built on the estate and ranging from £300,000 to £500,000? How many people of Maynooth will even be going to visit the people living there as these are being sold on the international market? The developers could be good for Maynooth but why not build on one of the many stud farms for sale locally?

9. Those already there?

What will happen to the families already living on the estate? Are these Maynooth's forgotten people.

10. Legal Problems?

Who will police and watch over these developments during and after construction? Are the developers willing to accept penalties if they or their customers damage this part of our heritage? How enforceable are the covenants they propose with the 188 people who buy houses there? What happens to these covenants if the project doesn't go well and the estate is sold? Will people who pay so much money for their houses not want more control over the grounds surrounding their houses? What will the legal status be of the proposed "forum" between the developers and the community? What is the legal status of the "agreements" that are supposed to exist between the Community Council and the developers; re some special rates for the people of Maynooth? What happens if the people working for those organisations at present start working for someone else?

If you were to meet someone on the Main Street of Maynooth in ten to twenty years time could you honestly say this was the best use we could find for such a beautiful place?

What can I do?

1. Go to see Carton and take a map of the plan with you so you can make up your own mind.
2. If you want a better solution then please write and object to the local authorities and talk with or write to anyone you think might help.
3. If you want to help or need any more information please contact Brian Mc Garvey, 184 Kingsbry (01) 6286292.

Brian Mc Garvey.

BEAUFIELD AREA RESIDENTS' NEWS.

Gratitude is extended by the residents of Beaufield Lawns to the following people:

Tony Murray of Lark Homes who has yet again paid for the cutting of the hedge. Pat Travers of Newtown and Liam Brilly of Cluain Aoihbinn are also appreciated very much for their help.

The estate looks a little better this summer as a result of the tree planting in the spring along the main road. Alas the two clean up days have been a disaster. It was left to the few reliables to make an appearance. At present the grass verges in front of many of the houses are overgrown and the verges along the main road are unsightly. Perhaps there are one or two civic minded people among us who might go out for a few hours and tidy up their road without having to be asked.

CARTON COURT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

1. The "Get-Together" Barbeque took place on Saturday 20th July in the front green, bordering the Straffan Road. It was a great opportunity for residents to get to know each other better, and to welcome new arrivals to the estate.

2. The Neighbourhood Watch sign has now been erected near the estate entrance - thanks to Pdraig Kearney and John Dolan. We encourage all residents to display the special stickers on their doors and windows - let them know we are on the alert!

The Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators have been meeting, and will be chatting to residents during the next month concerning any on-going problems etc. Get to know the co-ordinators on your road.

3. Tidy Estate Competition. Let's all try to keep the estate looking well during the summer months. We appeal especially to the children - enjoy yourselves, but please do not litter and take care of those young trees.

4. Thank you most sincerely all you who have paid the membership subscription. Were you out when we called? Our treasurer, Pdraig Kearney (No.5) will gratefully receive any further payments.

5. A win for Carton Women. Congratulations to Carton Court Womens' Soccer Team on winning the inter-estate competition! Their victory in a closely contested final against the town was well deserved. That the game had to go to extra time shows how well prepared and determined both teams were. Well done, Ladies!

*Noelle Topley,
Secretary.*

COLLEGE GREEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of College Green Residents' Association was held recently at which a new committee was formed. The Officers are:-

Chairperson: Philip Murphy, Secretary: Liz Garry, Treasurer: Sheila Hawthorne, Social Officer: Pauline Kerin, Committee: Cherry Prendergast, Noirin Corrigan, Gerry Long, Deirdre Ralley.

Residents' Associations Notes

The new committee wish to thank most sincerely the outgoing committee for all their work over the last two years. We would like to thank the residents for their excellent response in relation to the collection of subscriptions. We hope that you can notice a great improvement in the appearance of the estate.

Our Social Officer, Pauline Kerin together with her sub-committee will be organising our annual community day (and night) and they will be fundraising for same in the near future. We look forward to a most enjoyable day as always.

Liz Garry, Secretary.

OLD GREENFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION PHASE 3

Well we have done another little bit of planting and I must say it looks quite nice. It is a pity we can not get the Council to do something about the very tall weeds between us and Kingsbry. It is not for the want of asking, we have asked all of the T.D.s who came to our doors but the weeds are still there. I suppose we will have to wait until the next election for results. Well the estate were all off for a day out on the 20th of July. Hope everybody had a great day and that the weather was fine.

The Disco Competition was a great success. The winners for the 6-10 were Peter Finnen and Orla Gaffney and the winners for the 11-14 were David Nurney (12 years), Joan O'Brien (11 years) and Elizabeth Nolan (13 years).

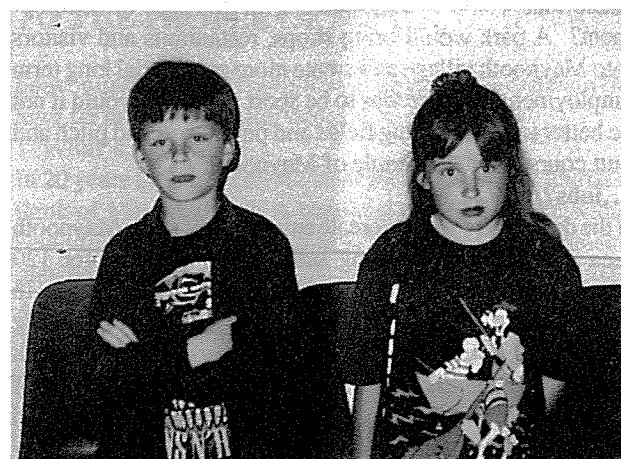


David Nurney, Aged 12, Disco Winner



Disco Winners -

Joan O'Brien, 11 years and Elizabeth Nolan, 13 years.



Orla Gaffney, 8 years and Peter Finnan, 10 years, Disco Winners.

We would like to thank the girls from the *Newsletter* office for picking out the winners.

*Ann Kirby,
Secretary.*

KINGSBRY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to our mens' 7-a-side football team who won the community Week inter-estate competition. Also to our team who were successful in the inter-estate pitch and putt. Thanks to the Celbridge House for a great night at the presentation of prizes. However the news was not all good and we would like to commiserate with John Barrett, a member of the 7-a-side team, who broke his ankle in an unfortunate accident in the first match. We wish him a speedy recovery.

As judging will be drawing to a close this month in the Tidy Estates Competition, we request all residents to make a special effort to have the estate looking its best. Litter appears to be a problem at the moment and perhaps parents could ask their children to pick up litter in their area.

The annual golf outing will be held on 31st August at the usual venue. This has proved a very successful and enjoyable event and beginners are always welcome. More details nearer the event.

*Kevin Coyle,
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PIPED WATER FOR MAYNOOTH AREA

The long awaited Group Water Scheme for the Mulhussey area on the borders of Kildare and Meath has finally come to fruition when the local organising committee recently received news from the Department of the Environment of the allocation of grants for the project. The scheme which will service over 100 houses and 30 farms over an 8 mile stretch out the Moyglare Road is scheduled to start mid July. Grants of up to two thirds of the overall cost subject to a ceiling of £600 per house and £400 per farm will be available. In addition the Department of the Environment has approved a special contribution of over £77,000 for the project. When the scheme is installed these grants will no longer apply and late entrants could be asked for up to £1,000 for a connection.

Planning for the scheme first started over three years ago when a pilot survey showed interest following water shortages the previous summer. With the quality of the water in the area not good showing high densities of lime iron clogging up expensive filtering devices and washing machines it is expected there will be a high participation rate and treated water should be a blessing.

Water for the scheme will be obtained from the public mains at Maynooth which uses Liffey water treated at the Leixlip plant. It is a condition of the special grant that the scheme be handed over to Meath County Council on completion and this has been agreed by the Trustees. Kildare County Council have already agreed to take in charge that part of the scheme for the first mile of the scheme in its area.

The organising committee is as follows:

John Mc Elligott, John Sheeran, John Neville, Eugene Mara, John Connolly, Des O' Sullivan, Christy Murray, Sean Lee, Eugene Ferris and Michael O' Keefe.

John Neville

MR. MIKE SINNOTT, KILMUCKRIDGE (R.I.P.)

Those of us in Maynooth who fondly remember the great days of the Summer Camp in Norristcastle, Kilmuckridge, Co. Wexford, will be saddened to hear of the death of Mr Mike Sinnott (age 92 yrs). Mike was a wonderful, kind, gentle, lovable character who opened his house and land to the campers and their families during the late sixties/early seventies and indeed ever since. Mike has left great memories in all of our minds, which we will always cherish. To his wife Katie and the family our sincere sympathies.

*Colm Nelson,
(On behalf of Maynooth Campers to Norristcastle).*

NEW NORTH KILDARE NATIONAL SCHOOL PROJECT

The North Kildare National School Project is based in Celbridge around a group of people interested in establishing a child centred, co-educational and multi-denominational primary school for the North Kildare region. It is hoped that the school will be in existence from September 1st of this year. Because the school will be run by parents rather than by the parish it will not be able to avail of parish funds which are the mainstay of other primary schools. The committee of the proposed school are therefore involved in

an intensive fundraising campaign to come up with the several thousand pounds necessary for the project. The latest event organised by the group was a duck race on the Liffey in Celbridge on Saturday, June 29th. According to Geraldine Convery, one of the fundraisers. The weather "Was perfect for the event, supplying copious quantities of water which delighted the assembled ducks!" Despite the unseasonal weather, the race was a success, raising around £900 for the project. The first duck over the line was No. 346 (owned by P. Claffey and D. Callagy who won £100 each); 2nd was No. 320 (J. Convery, C. Keenan and F. Baff, each winning £50) and 3rd was No. 214 (owned by G. Daunt and J. Clarke who won £25 each).

For further information, donations or queries, contact Geraldine Convery, 11 The Woodlands, Castletown, Celbridge.

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BOOK REVIEW

Mary O' Donnell, *Reading the Sunflowers In September*

'Our thoughts, our chance words
belong to the ocean, drift towards the deep,
full of turquoise ease,
trawling us
from the the sureties of dry land.'

(Triptych)

Though Mary O' Donnell has been publishing poetry in magazines and journals for a number of years, *Reading The Sunflowers In September* is her first collection. It is hard to know how to approach this book - there are a huge number of poems here, over sixty in fact, and it is difficult to know where to begin. The book is divided into four sections. Perhaps a consideration of each part in turn will be helpful.

Reviewers of *Reading The Sunflowers In September* have tended to concentrate on and emphasise what may be called Mary O'Donnell's 'feminist' poetry. To see the book as a 'feminist' book pure and simple, is to seriously undervalue the collection as a whole. There is no denying, however, that Part I of the book concerns itself almost exclusively with what it is to be a woman, with learning 'the part of woman' as the poet herself says in 'Rehearsals', the first poem in the collection. The poems in Part I are beautifully intense, sometimes angry. Thus 'Excision' examines the oppression of women through the terrifying ritual of female circumcision.

'Antarctica', a poem about infertility, can scarcely conceal its despair. The cold, deserted landscape of Antarctica becomes an enduring symbol of the woman's infertility:

Antarctica: The storm petrel hovers;
waters petrified by spitted winds:
Little fish will not swim here.

Throughout the first part maps are made. The poet explores the territory, learns 'the part of woman', whether it be through reflection on personal experience, or through an empathising with other women, in other countries, as in 'Excision'. These two strands seem to converge in 'Women's Rites' where the poet reflects on 'woman's time', the domestic scene of mother and daughter sharing a cup of tea:

No men to share the rites
as we anoint ourselves
at the Niger. Inky violet.

The poet identifies herself with the women at the Niger, sees in their rituals and extension of her own rituals, enacted between mother and daughter. The map is completed with great finality as the poet declares 'Crafty women. We know our rites.' The pun 'rites'/'rights' extends the poem into a much wider context. The poet is aware of the challenge she has implicitly set herself. She does no rest in the domestic security of rites and rituals, but is trawled 'from the sureties of dry land' into a wider, much more frightening, sea. The map she has made herself is extended, as in Part 2 of *Reading The Sunflowers In September* the poet, through adopting various *personae* such as that of the monk in a scriptorium, or of a faith healer, a prospector or a state

pathologist, explores the sea she has opened up for herself. Though some poems, such as 'The Old Physician', harken back to the first section of the book, the majority of the poems in this section aim at extending the poet's and the readers consciousness, not so much now as 'woman', but as 'human'. We too are trawled away from the security of ourselves. Many of the poems reflect a struggle towards self-knowledge. That this is difficult is evident.

I realise,
trawling through darkness
on my knees,
that it is not a struggle of equals:
The yield infinitesimally small,
and those bright motes
sometimes glitter slyly, then spit
their sorcery in my face.

(The Prospector)

It is indeed a difficult sea in which to swim.

One part of this struggle is the battle within one's own society, against oppression, against injustice. Part 3 of the book contains poems which comment on and challenge society, a direct extension of what has been happening in the first two parts of the book. Thus 'Atomic Elegy' enacts a type of dialogue where someone from the present speaks with someone from the future, asking questions:

Who will survive?
There will be hoards.
Hunger will consume them.

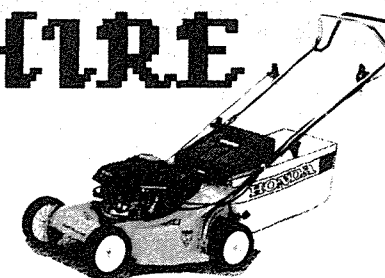
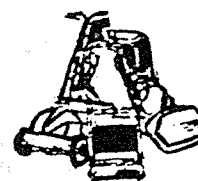
However such poems inevitably reflect back on the poet, inevitably back on oneself in society, so that the poet asks whether poems will survive, to be told 'Even books betray.' 'Savinplatz, Enniskillen' more self-consciously asks questions as to the value of poems, against a background of violence. A poem the poet intends to write about Savinplatz, Berlin, becomes a poem about poems, when the bombing on Remembrance Sunday in Enniskillen, 'like the only honest wound in all my poetry', shocks the poet into questioning the value of words. Poems, the poet concludes, 'explode in the face/ if you think they're friendly animals'. Poems, words, language all become dangerous. The sureties of dry land are left behind, and the dangers of the open sea are exposed.

Part 4 of the book completes the circle in many ways, by returning home having charted the uncharted. In 'Uncharted', the poem which opens this final section, a woman looks back on her girlhood dream of sailing down the Amazon, and 'despite time and distance', finds herself 'well-primed for awkward water'. The poems in Part 4 remind us in many ways of the poems of Part I, but are poems of experience, maturity, no longer angry, no longer numb with the intensity of emotion, but resolute, determined, as in the image of the man running in the final poem in the book, 'God's Pleateau', to feel the 'world's / kiss at your throat'. We have been 'primed' through the book not to an angry acceptance of the world, but to an acceptance that there will be 'awkward water' which is, nonetheless, negotiable.

Reading The Sunflowers In September is an excellent collection of poetry, a well achieved first collection. A number of criticisms must, however, be made. First of all, as I indicated earlier, the book is far too long. There are far too

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many poems, with the result that not only does the book present rather a daunting task to the reader, but the distractions posed by the less well achieved poems tends to blur the light from the better poems. Secondly, the book is not well designed. The print is unduly large, and the cover is quite gaudy, though its orange colour certainly arrests the eye on the bookshelf! Given these criticisms however I think *Reading The Sunflowers In September* is one of the best books of Irish poetry to emerge in the last year or two. Mary O'Donnell certainly deserves Derek Mahon's praise as 'a poet of consequence'.

Richard Hayes

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Eye Hear would like to wish the two young ladies recently observed swilling bottles of wine in the Harbour, in the middle of the day, a happy and prosperous future. However, such a future is probably unlikely, if this is the way they mean to continue. Perhaps parents might keep an eye on the whereabouts of their offspring and also on what they get up to. A healthy walk on the tow path might not be as healthy as it seems.

Pedestrian Unfriendliness

Besides the state of the footpaths, into which we will not enter at this time, Maynooth is a pedestrian unfriendly town, or so one might gather from the layout of estates. There are very few pedestrian short-cuts between and within estates and those which were allowed for in the original plans, or which were created by enterprising pedestrians have been blocked up. An example would be Maynooth Park/Greenfield Drive which are both long roads in parallel to each other, without one pedestrian access point. College Green have seen fit to make it impossible for pedestrians to enter the estate other than through Cluain Aoibhinn.

Because of the lack of pedestrian access, those wishing to go from the Straffan Road area to the Newtown Road area must either mount an assault course over fences and bushes, or walk twice as far over the roads. Not everyone in Maynooth has a car, so how about making it easier for non-polluting pedestrians to move around?

Blast From The Past

Thanks to Gearoid mac Teigheroir for sending us the following answer to last month's question posed in this column. We asked, as a result of discovering a GAA programme, whether or not anyone knew who won in the Children's Sports Day on Sunday, 22nd July 1962. This report is taken from the Saturday edition of the *Leinster Leader*, 28th July 1962.

"The sun shone brilliantly for the final heats of the Maynooth Children's Sports in conjunction with the local carnival, in the Convent Grounds on Sunday afternoon.

Spectators again turned out in force, and had a most enjoyable afternoon.

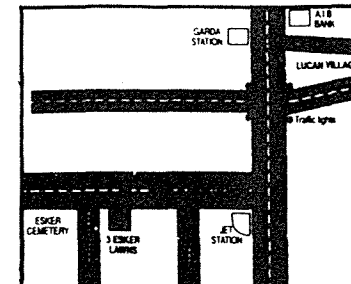
Boys 9-12 (1) Seamus Feeney; (2) Adrian Murray; (3) John O'Brien. Girls 12-14 (1) June Reilly; (2) Brigid Bracken; (3) Brenda Lettic. Boys 12-14 (1) Gerard Mc Ternan; (2) Noel Redmond; (3) Pat Tierney. Boys 13-16 (1) Noel O'Brien; (2) Gerard Mc Ternan; (3) Oliver Mulligan. Girls (Sack Race) (1) Irene Slattery; (2) Mary Bracken; (3) Theresa Harte. Boys (Sack Race) (1) Thomas Slattery; (2) Paddy Monaghan; (3) Seamus Feeney.

Girls (Egg and Spoon) (1) Brigid Bracken; (2) Catherine Lenihan; (3) Irene Slattery. Boys (Egg and Spoon) (1) Christy Edwards; (2) Paul Bracken; (3) Sean Farrelly. Girls (3 Legged Race) (1) Irene Slattery and Ann Rowan; (2) Brigid and Mary Bracken (sisters); (3) Pauline Timmins and Catherine Lenehan. Boys (3 Legged Race) (1) Noel Redmond and Christy Edwards; (2) Tony Mc Ternan and Michael Fennell; (3) Michael Murphy and Brendan Edwards. Obstacle Race (1) Ted Farrelly; (2) Dan Conway; (3) Kiernan Tierney. Relay Race (1) Gerard Mc Ternan, Noel O'Brien,



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Eye Hear

Seamus Feeney, P.J. O' Neill. Girls (220 Yards) (1) June Reilly; (2) Ann Rowan; (3) Catherine Lenihan. Girls (100 Yards) (1) Ann Slattery; (2) Dymrna O' Neill; (3) Brenda Lettic.

Omitted from last week's winners, Boys Tiny Tots, was 1st Bernard Farrelly.

Prizes were presented to the winners by Mr Tom Flood (The Square) who thanked all who attended and helped to make the sports the huge success it was on both Sundays."

Easy Riding in Maynooth

Dreams do come true with 'Harley' any effort as Mr Enda Breslin of Leinster Park discovered recently. For Enda, a local musician of note, won a Harley Davis 883 Sportster in a competition held in the 'Irish Independent' and the 'Evening Herald'.

Enda is a native of Maynooth and attended both the national and secondary school here. He is now a keen musician playing lead guitar and vocals with the 'Running Scared' band who won the 'Battle of the Bands' in this year's community festival. It never rains but it pours, but the skies for Enda are turning blue.

'Running Scared' will be appearing in the Baggot on the 13th of August, Enda however has promised to leave the bike at home. The bike valued at approximately £11,000 was the prize Enda won for correctly identifying Mount Rushmore and creating the slogan "Discover the American Dream and Harley ever walk again". Despite his success Enda, who is unattached romantically, has no ambition to become an advertising executive and intends to concentrate on his musical career.

This was Enda's first competition and he was so surprised at winning he phoned about six times to confirm his win. He received his prize on July 1st outside the Central Bank from representatives of 'Independent Newspaper P.L.C.' and of 'Marketing Network'. It was not until July 5th that he took possession of the bike.



The Maynooth Newsletter would like to congratulate Mr. Enda Breslin on his good fortune and we hope it continues.

GARDA TALK

Vandalism:

What is it? The term vandalism is open to many definitions. However it is generally recognised as wanton destruction or damage, carried out for trivial motives, or because of carelessness or disregard. It may range from the damaged shrub to the more serious breaking of car aerials.

How much does it cost?

In simple terms - a lot of money, from repair to replacement, it affects our environment, and the quality of our lives. This begs the question - Who Pays?

Who Pays the Bill?

We all pay, through higher charges, premium payments etc. Let us take the classic case of the damaged telephone Kiosk. An emergency has arisen, the phone is out of order because of acts of vandalism, and no way to contact the services we need most. The telephone company will repair this phone, but the cost will eventually pass to us. Money spent on repairing things that are destroyed leaves less money to spend on improving services.

Why do people commit Vandalism?

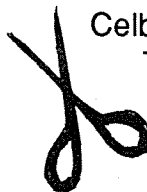
A hard question to answer - some blame the individual, some locate the problem in the way that society is structured, and others point to the sets of values that we hold. Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children are accountable for their movements at all times. The public in general should take notice, and report all acts of vandalism to the Gardaí.

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LOCAL ELECTION REPORT

Overall Results: County Kildare

Despite some significant changes in personnel, the recent local elections did not fundamentally change the overall complexion of Kildare County Council. Compared with the outgoing Council, Labour, the Workers' Party, the Progressive Democrats, and the Green Party each gained one seat at the expense of Fianna Fail (2), Fine Gael (1) and Independents (1). It should, however, be remembered that there had already been a number of shifts in party allegiance among the councillors who had been elected in the previous elections in 1985.

The overall result is that Fianna Fail (8 seats) and Fine Gael (7) between them have majority of the 25 seats on the Council, and therefore have been able to continue the existing arrangement of sharing the Council Chair on alternate years. There is now, however, an enlarged "opposition" consisting of Labour (3), Progressive Democrats and Independents (2 each), and the Green Party, Sinn Féin and the Workers' Party (1 each). The voting turnout, at 49%, was considerably down on the 56% who voted in 1985, perhaps indicating a growing disenchantment with local government in Ireland.

Celbridge Electoral Area

In the Celbridge Electoral Area (Leixlip, Celbridge, Maynooth and Ardclough), the main change was the loss of a seat by Fine Gael to Catherine Murphy of the Workers' Party. Apart from Murphy's strong first preference showing, perhaps the most outstanding feature in this area was Labour's excellent vote management, which brought them within a shout of taking three seats out of five. Thus, Emmet Stagg took 96% of the Labour vote in Celbridge, John McGinley accounted for 88% in Maynooth, and Colm Purcell took 82% in Leixlip. By contrast, Gerry Brady and Bernard Durkan, apart from monopolising the Maynooth votes of their respective parties, also took a substantial slice of the vote in Celbridge and Leixlip.

Brady and Durkan were eventually elected with the help of transfers from their party colleagues. John McGinley, however was unable to depend on such help as both of his colleagues were ahead of him in votes. Despite his very strong showing locally, therefore, he was ultimately beaten by the smaller size of Maynooth compared with Celbridge and Leixlip.

Overall, on reduced turnout of 48% (55% in 1985), Labour's share, at 33.5%, was down very slightly from 34% in 1985. By contrast, Fianna Fail (down from 31.4% to 18.6%) and Fine Gael (from 24.6% to 14.9%) suffered severe slumps in their level of support. The main beneficiaries were the Independent candidates (up from 1.2% to 13.6%) and the Workers' Party (up from 8.8% to 12.9%). The Progressive Democrats and the Green Party, which did not contest the 1985 elections, obtained 3.9% and 2.6% respectively. It cannot be assumed that the drop in support for Fianna Fail and Fine Gael was due entirely to the intervention of Independents and smaller parties, as very substantial proportions of the transfers from the latter candidates went to Labour and the Workers' Party.

Maynooth Breakdown

Maynooth had a very low turnout of only 40%. This was due mainly to the fact that the College was on vacation, as the ballot box covering the college produced a turnout of a mere 22%. Labour's share of the vote, at 40%, was down slightly from 42.3%. This was due mainly to the fact that Independents Fred Leavy and Buggy Horan drew a lot of their votes from the Labour stronghold in Old Greenfield (Leavy in particular got 50 of his 161 votes in this area). Between them Leavy (7.4%) and Horan (3.2%) took one tenth of the total Maynooth vote.

Fianna Fail (down from 25.3% to 19.2%) and Fine Gael (down from 29.1% to 20%) appear to have been hit hardest by the intervention of Independents and minor parties. Apart from Leavy and Horan, the shares of the vote taken by these were as follows: Greens (3.2), Workers' Party (2.7), John

Colgan (2.4), Progressive Democrats (1.2), and Finbarr Kelly (0.8). Labour got its highest share of the vote (49%) in Box 1, which includes Greenfield Drive, where John McGinley lives. Labour also did particularly well in Box 4 (Old Greenfield) and Box 2 (Carton Court, College Green, Cluain Aoibhinn). Fine Gael did best (31%) in Kingsbry, followed by the College box (which also included part of the Town Centre). Fianna Fail also did well in this box, suggesting that vacation times are not good election times for either Fianna Fail or Fine Gael in Maynooth! Fianna Fail also did well in Box 7, a mixum-gatherum of mainly older residential areas.

The Workers' Party got no first preference vote at all in Old Greenfield (embarrassing for anyone who promised their first preference in this area!). On the other hand, they got 8% of the votes in Box 8, containing Railpark, where a nest of supporters of this party had already been identified in previous elections! The Green Party vote was more evenly distributed throughout the town.

It should be noted that voting patterns in local elections are notoriously unreliable as guides to general election voting intentions. For example, Labour did much better in Maynooth in the 1985 and 1991 local elections than they did in the two intervening general elections, while Fianna Fail did significantly worse. Apart from the distorting effect of Independents, who tend to be more numerous in local elections, it may be that many voters make a distinction between who they want to see in national government and who they would like to have as local representatives.

Nevertheless, there is no doubt that the party analysts will be busy scrutinising the results in search of pointers to their future prospects.

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Features

LOOKING BACK WITH MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER

A supply of past *Newsletters* has passed into our hands, and we now take the opportunity to bring back some memories from the August/September issue of 1980. Eleven years ago, the *Newsletter* committee announced the doubling of the cover price from 10p to 20p due, as usual to increased costs. The twenty eight pages of the issue contain advertisements which show the passing of some familiar names in the interim, while some stalwarts soldier on. Who now remembers Mulrooney farm Sales, Dublin Road; T.M. Connolly & Co, Main Street; Mc Elhinney's Man's Shop in Greenfield Shopping Centre? Miss Geraghty was still plying us with ladies' jackets in good condition, tv sets in need of slight repair, and ladies' brown high heel shoes, as well as jam pots. Still with us after all these years, are the Ulster Bank; Gerard Brady & Co; and Caulfield's Bar and Lounge.

The Trustees of Maynooth College had sold 495 acres of farmland for an undisclosed figure, which was considerably higher than £820,000 at which it had been withdrawn from auction. The Rectory on Parson Street had also been sold at auction for a figure considerably higher than the £46,000 at which it had been withdrawn from auction.

The editorial of the day shows the way attitudes have changed over the years. The thorny subject of 'Itinerants' is raised, with some satisfaction that rumours about a possible settlement to be located behind the main Street were untrue. Who would have thought from the fears expressed that eleven years later a successful permanent halting site would be located in Maynooth, with the full support of the community?

Among the events reported were the Greenfield Estate and Carton Court Residents' Associations' Poker Classic, won by P. Cotter from Leixlip, J. Wall, Carton Court and P. Kiely, Greenfield Drive. What did they do with the 150 pounds prizes? Greenfield Residents had their sports day, and needless to report, 'a very pleasant time was had by all'. Congratulations were extended to Ann Murtagh, Ann Kelly, John Bean, and Thomas Nelson, on their success in the HDip, and to David Moynihan on passing first Accountancy. Joe Murphy, Leinster Cottages and Helen Kenny from Saggart were congratulated on their recent weddings. The stork had visited Larry and Mary O' Brien, Newtown, leaving Joan Linda. Best wishes were sent to Fr. Aodhan Mc Crystal on his speedy recovery from the operation. The families of the recently deceased Bartle Redmond and P.J. Burke acknowledged the mass cards and expressions of sympathy from members of the community.

The *Newsletter*, even then was a hotbed of political notes, although in those simpler days, there were no Greens, PD's, or Workers Party elements. The then Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Brian Lenihan, was quoted as thanking Mr. Gerard Brady for his letter about the train stopping in Maynooth. A report of the Labour Party branch meeting is historic in announcing the candidacy in the next general election of Emmet Stagg. Fine Gael reported that Cllr Bernard Durkan had put down a motion requesting Kildare County Council to again consider the Maynooth Swimming Pool Project (some things never change).

That tastefully decorated footbridge which now adorns the bridge on the Straffan Road was awaiting the installation of a handrail for completion. Suzanne Pegley (now living in

Leixlip) appealed for volunteers to help clean up Grangewilliam Cemetery - with the incentive that the old gravestone which read 'Here lies old Joe, and honest man. Say more of mortal if you can. Joseph Foster died 1781 an employee of Carton.' might once more see the light of day.

A lengthy article instructed parents in the art of handing on the faith in the home, while an even lengthier treatise dealt with the issue of education towards freedom.

On the sporting front, the Seven-a-side inter-estate soccer tournament was nearing completion, with Maynooth Park and Carton Court B left to battle it out in the final. The tournament's casualties included that unknown, John Mc Ginley, to whom best wishes for a speedy recovery were expressed. The Maynooth Golfing Society's Captain's prize was won at Athlone by B. Gannon, the best Caddie was M. Cotter, and the Surprise was S. Moore. Maynooth conceded a walkover to Castledermot in the Senior Hurling Championship, as only twelve players turned up; when the under-strength (as usual) Maynooth team met Ardclough, the scoreboard read 7-15 to 0-9, and not in Maynooth's favour either! The Soccer Club had its annual dinner dance in Osbertown House on 11th July. The player of the year was Garry Keigher, second team player was Ollie Durack, and third was John Geoghegan.

Watch out for next month when we'll revisit *Maynooth Newsletter*, September 1979.

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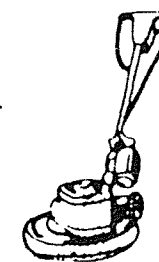
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The Coyne family, like many Maynooth families in the early part of this century, were poor but very united. Kathleen Coyne, grew up in a very different Maynooth from today. In those days only men could join the band and Dawson's was the main shop.

In those days the children had to collect wood or sticks for the fire everyday, winter and summer. Kathleen remembers often going down the Tollyard Boreen with her brother Gerry and their friends Brigid and Lynn Dempsey. During the winter if the children had to collect sticks during a thunder storm Gerry would make the younger children recite the Rosary.

One day while the children were playing in Carton the game keeper called Jack Kinney, fired a shot at something. Gerry was outside the wall and when he heard the noise he immediately thought Kathleen had been shot. He ran home to tell his mother who was horrified to hear her daughter had been shot by the game keeper. Poor Jack did not know what hit him when Mrs. Coyne attacked him for shooting her daughter. Neither did Gerry when the truth was discovered!

Kathleen also remembers going to the college to buy dripping from the Burser for 6d (old pennies) a lb. And that was as much money as children got in their Christmas stockings along with an apple and an orange.

While still at school Kathleen worked part-time for Mrs Carr who kept a guest house for the shop assistants who worked in Dawson's. It was there Kathleen learned the basics of catering such as how to set a table, how to serve food and how to make a bed. Kathleen also remembers working for the school teacher Mr Keys looking after his children. Kathleen left school at 14 and went to work in a private nursing home in Fairview in Dublin. After which she moved to the Westbrook Hotel in Parnell Square in Dublin. Her wages there were 10 shillings or 50p per week. She got every second Sunday off and returned to Maynooth with a bag of sweets for her younger brothers and sisters. She also handed up 1 shilling to her father and 2 shillings to her mother. Kathleen hit the big time during the war when she returned to Ireland, from England, for a year. During this time Kathleen earned the princely sum of £1 per week while working in the Hibernian Hotel in Grafton Street, since pulled down. Food in those days was also different and how many young people to-day would fancy eating a pig's cheek which was a delicacy when Kathleen was a child? Another favourite meal was rabbit boiled or roasted. They were bought at the door for a shilling and skinned by the woman of the house. Irish stew was the staple food at the time. Kathleen asked that we remember the neighbours with whom the Coyne's shared so much, particularly Mrs. Dempsey, Mrs Coffey and Mrs Connolly who assisted at the births of

all the Coyne children. Only two of the Coyne children are left in Maynooth, Mr Gerry Coyne and Mrs Imelda Farrelly. Kathleen herself is now living in Chelsea in London with her husband Paddy Peppard from Mullingar. They have two sons Brendan and David, and three grandchildren. Both her sons live in Australia where Kathleen visited for a month. But she prefers to come home to Maynooth to her brother Gerry and sister Imelda.

NEW ARRIVALS

Mrs Mona Murphy of Leinster Park was delighted last month to discover a robin had made a nest in her garage and had laid four eggs. Mrs Murphy is a life long friend of birds and this year her kindness was rewarded.

The Robin Redbreast or to give it its scientific name "Erithacus Rubecula" is famed for its friendly familiarity. Its original habitat was the deciduous high forest, but medieval coppice management in Ireland and England encouraged it to adapt to a wide variety of habitats, woodland, hedgerows and domestic gardens. The robin is traditionally associated with woodcutters and their families and is now the national bird of England.

The Robin has a plaintive warbling song which is heard all year round, particularly in the spring at dawn and dusk. It is a bird which nests all year round and often its song is the only one heard in the winter woodland. The fact that it remains throughout the winter combined with its distinctive plumage has led it to being associated with Christmas. The story of how it got its red breast from the blood of Christ as it tried to pull the thorns from his head as He hung on the cross again indicates the fondness with which the robin has been traditionally held.

Despite the robin's overt friendliness, it is notoriously shy about its nest. The nests are usually built near the ground in hedgerows or banks of a canal or river. In the wild a nurturing bird will not go near the nest if humans are around, so Mrs Murphy is doubly blest, first because the Robin chose to make her nest so close to Mrs Murphy and her family and second because it continued to tend the nest despite Mrs Murphy and her family's comings and goings through the garage. A tribute to Mrs Murphy's charm with wild birds.

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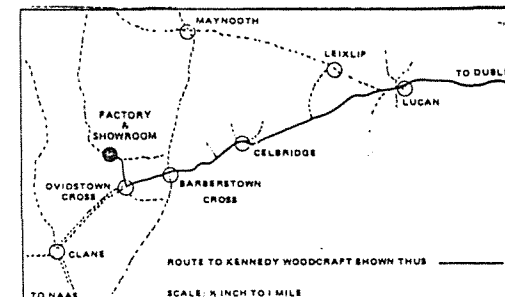
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Street Talking

Property Values

Maynooth in the past has been a market centre, a university town and a way of getting to and from the West. In the last twenty or so years Maynooth has changed radically. First the College opened its doors to lay students, then the car enabled people to travel to and from Dublin easily. People have begun to settle, and this along with Maynooth's own young people wanting to settle here, has ensured that Maynooth's property market will continue to be buoyant.

The property market in Maynooth is not only buoyant, it must also cater for a broad range of needs and financial abilities. Unfortunately it is mainly private sector development as the government continues to abdicate its responsibilities in this area.

At the upper end of the market (areas such as Moyglare Meadows, Leinster Park, Parson's Lodge and Manor Court Apartments), buyers could expect to spend in excess of £100,000 approximately. At the other end of the market, one bedroomed apartments could cost approximately £35,000. These prices compare with Dublin so Maynooth is not a cheap alternative to Dublin.

For first time buyers, houses in estates such as Meadow Brook or Moyglare Village could cost as much as £46,000 approximately. Maynooth is an attractive place to live for those that can afford these prices because it retains much of its rural charm and because of a good public transport system, which has been improved recently. The same of course cannot be said for the roads.

Maynooth can expect to expand in the near future. There are already two new sites which are about to be developed and which lie between Bond Bridge and Mullan Bridge, close to the railway. And to cater for this expansion, the Southside Sewerage Extension scheme is about to commence. This upsurge in development has led to the cost of land zoned for development to increase. Land zoned for development could cost £25,000 per acre depending on its location and type. This compared to £3,000 per acre, which land zoned for agriculture would cost, is a very persuasive argument for a farmer to sell potential sites.

Street Talking would like to thank Mr Gerard Brady of Gerard Brady and Co., Main Street, Maynooth, for supplying the above figures and would like to stress they are in all cases only approximations. Next month Street Talking hopes to look at the rented sector in Maynooth.

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Glory

Starring Matthew Broderick and Denzel Washington. The story of the first ever regiment made up entirely of coloured soldiers, *Glory*, set in the American Civil War, is one of the best films this reviewer has seen on video for a long time. Colonel Shaw (Broderick) is given the task of establishing and training a group of ex-slaves for the Union forces against the Confederacy. The "powers that be" never intend that the soldiers be sent into combat, but Shaw has other ideas. An excellent film, with many excellent performances, notably by Broderick and by Washington. Washington's portrayal of one of the regiment won him an Oscar. *Glory* faces up to racial tension, to the question of what is to be "American", but most profoundly to the horror and wastage of war. A must.

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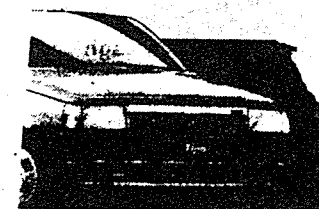
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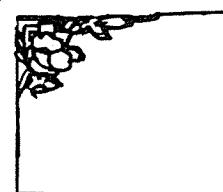
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Summer Reading List

To assist our readers in selecting their reading material for the Summer Holidays the *Newsletter* has asked a number of anonymous experts to recommend four books each, which will help Newsletter readers who find themselves on foreign beaches, or even local ones, to cope with the withdrawal symptoms caused by an abrupt separation from Bart Simpson, Coronation Street, and the Sunday Game. No guarantees are given that readers will share the weird and wonderful tastes of our 'experts', but for what they're worth, here goes:

A.S. Byatt: *Possession: A Romance*

For those who like detective stories with a difference. There's a body all right, but the objective of the search is a romance between two poets, which took place some one hundred years before, and the searchers are an assortment of academics.

David Lodge: *Small World*

Another academic novel, which sends up the conference circuit in hilarious fashion. The 'hero' is Persse mc Garrigal, lecturer in English in the University of Limerick. A wicked take off.

Patricia Scanlon: *Apartment 3B*

Ideal beach fodder. Full of Dublin references for the home sick traveller. The author, a Finglas librarian, settles a few scores with librarians she has known, and also makes a case for the independent woman. Keep a pen and paper handy to keep track of the characters and plot lines.

Mary O' Donnell: *Strong Pagans*

Always bring a collection of short stories, to be read on short train journeys, while waiting for buses, for the bar to open, your hair to dry. No need to remember plots and characters as each changes from one story to the next. This is a good mixture, and the 'Adulteress' will remind Maynooth residents of what they're missing from home.

Evan S. Connell: *'Mrs Bridge' and 'Mr Bridge'*

Filed by Merchant/Ivory productions earlier this year as 'Mr and Mrs Bridge' these two novellas have been published together in one volume by Picador. They are two of the most beautiful works of fiction to have emerged from the United States in over twenty years. In them, Connell recounts the story of a marriage through the eyes of the wife and then the husband and manages to create an unforgettable portrait of middle class America through the forties and fifties. Each novel is comprised of a series of short vignettes which wryly describe significant instances in the mundane lives of the Bridges. Their story is by turns funny, ironic and devastating. They are novellas which haunt the reader, leaving her/him with the impression of having been hauled through the most intimate privacies of America and feeling awfully sympathetic.

Fritjof Capra: *'The Turning Point'*

For those of you who prefer non-fiction yet want an un-put-down-able read then this is the book you're after. It is quite the most important collection of words to have been written in the nineteen eighties. Literally, it is a book which has the power to change your life, dealing with an analysis of the enormous change which Western society has been undergoing since the nineteen sixties. Capra, author of 'The Tao of Physics', believes that a change of such magnitude (or a 'turning point') occurs in a society every few hundred years (the last one in Europe being the scientific and industrial

revolutions of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries). We are now re-discovering a more holistic world view which has been instigated by the green consciousness, by feminism and by the rapidly decreasing supply of fossil fuels across the planet. Physics, especially at the sub-atomic level, has been the single discipline which has evolved a new language to meet the demands of revolutionary discoveries which concord with the new world view (such as the Science of Chaos, Relativity Theory etc.) In 'The Turning Point' Capra re-evaluates our approaches to health, medicine, politics, psychology, society and science with a thoroughly inspiring argument in which is widely regarded as the bible of New Age philosophy.

'The Penguin Book of International Short Stories 1945 - 1985'

Perfect for holiday reading. This collection draws on material from all across the globe and can be selected from at random, for fifteen minutes or for days and still leave lots of reading for long winter evenings between its covers. There are stories here to suit all tastes and all are from the pens of undisputed masters and mistresses of the art of storytelling.

'The Penguin Anthology of American Verse'

Suffice to say that lovers of verse will find this collection to be one of the finest and most diverse ever published.

Somerset Maugham, *Collected Short Stories Vol. 4*

Magnificent stories, generally set in the Far East. Short, easy to read, yet extraordinarily profound, Maugham's stories provide a source of portable tropical heat for those long, cold, rainy summer days.

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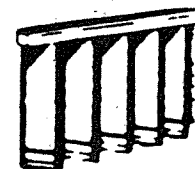
Stephen Pile, *The Book of Heroic Failures*

Without a doubt the funniest book ever written, or rather compiled, for it is made up of true-life mistakes. A book to dip into, to read through, to return to again and again.

Hugh O' Donnell, *Roman Pines At Berkly*

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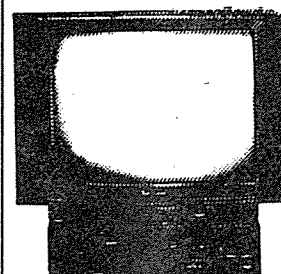
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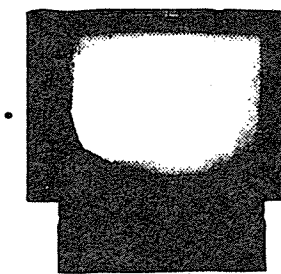
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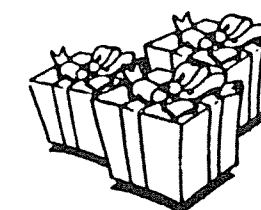
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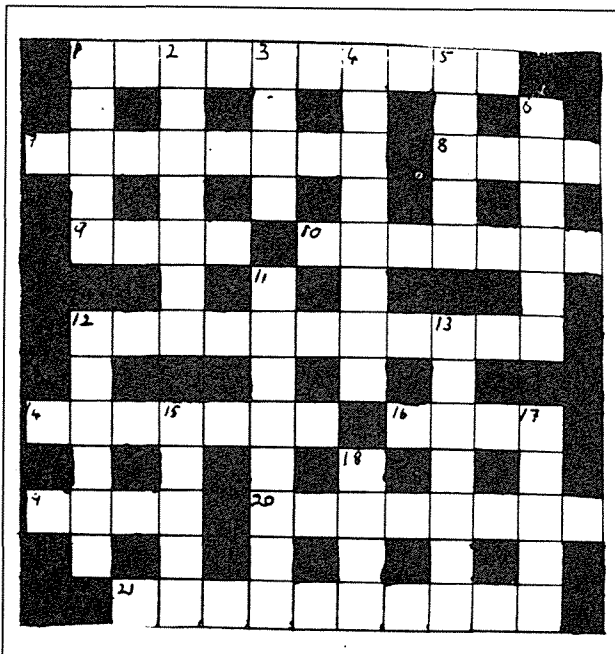
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Across

1. Tabby tries to arrange a childminder (4-6)
- 7 & 8 While minstrels are playing for drinks in Maynooth (8,4)
9. Pay these to North Kildare Club, the residents' associations, and standins (4)
10. Circle around sin - that'll make you clean (7)
12. It winds from Maynooth to Dublin - five-and-a-half dozen, plus one 9 coming back (5-3,3)
14. Confine, or take legal possession of (7)
16. A cone! A cone! that's two you can get in a nice sweet-shop (4)
19. Jumper suitable for wet conditions (4)
20. Item of clothing changed to a cover (8)
21. Trust men in confusion, but as heard in Maynooth it will be brass or reed (10)

Down

1. Pints on sale in 7,8 (5)
2. 21-players fight? A container for hats etc (4-3)
3. A building plot for sore eyes, by the sound of it (4)
4. Fantastic! Frightening? (8)
5. Inter course leads to these for boys and girls, with results months later (5)
6. Sad men make compensation (6)
11. Passing away in the open air is becoming uncommon (5,3)
12. The first part of 2, playing their 21s, is named after her (2,4)
13. Bile cyc around for transportation (7)
15. Groan? This can make a much nicer sounding 21 (5)
17. Tar in the street? For the 12 Across it's in the Square in Maynooth (5)
18. Some nun holds this in the Country Shop Restaurant possibly (4)



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Solution to Crossword 44

Across: (1) Canal (2) Suburb (9) Workers (10) Party (11) Open (12) Dragons (13) Rye (14) Whoa (16) Easy (18) And (20) Parking (21) Shut (24) Crown (25) Library (26) Stroll (27) Ended

Down: (1). Cowboy (2). Nerve (3). Leek (5). Unplaced (6). Uproots (7) Boyish (8). Aside (13) Rational (15) Harbour (17) Spices (18) Agile (19) Stayed (22) Heard (23) Able

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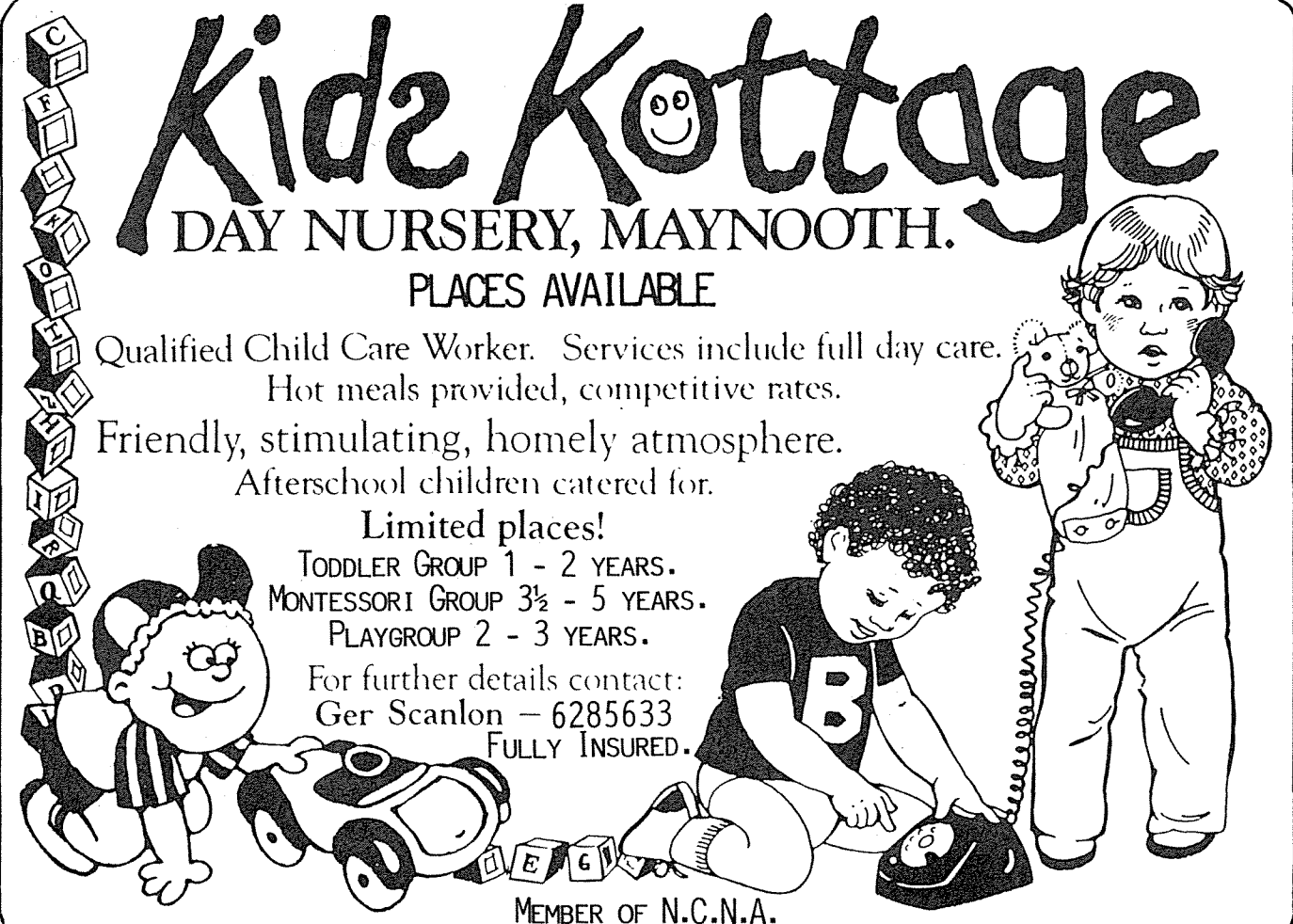
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Planned their gardens, climbed their folly,
Enjoyed the view of village spire,
The spacious, pastoral landscape
Stretching gloriously away to soft blue mountains
Rising above the hidden city . . .
And though we may deplore their self-absorption,
The folly built by ragged workmen,
Never again shall we possess their power and means
To gentle nature to the artist's vision -
But we have mastery too:
Red and white ranging poles
Stick up from the grassy pastures
Like banderillas from a glistening bull;
The sun is bright and May is full;
Soon the poised sword will hush the crowd.

P. O' Duibheannaigh

Dance in Rings

The wind howls haunting through the trees,
And the cold enchants the mind
With echoes of the distant past.
The memories walk a very thin line,
The shadows drift with airy dance
And feelings dance in a mindless trance.
The seasons wave farewell to all
And once again they rise and fall.
The changing feelings seasons bring
Remind us all we dance in rings.

Martin O' Brien

'Life'

Once upon a time an old man walked into a valley, somewhere he had never ventured to go before and somewhere he felt certain would never return from.
The beauty of the valley was so enticing that he continued on in search of what, he didn't know. The bare trees sent shivers up his spine but the magic of the multi-coloured carpet of leaves urged him to go forth into the depth of the valley. He followed the river on and on until he came to a fork in the valley where millions of years ago during the ice age two glaciers must have joined together. The question was which one to take, the path to a new life on the merry-go-round or the other path to a new life on the roller-coaster.
He chose the path to anew life on the merry-go-round as he liked the look of that path better than the other. What a foolish old man! His new life after death would be boring as he would have none of the normal ups and downs of life and soon he would grow to hate his existence.
I, myself a wise old oak have seen many a person approaching the fork in the valley and choosing a new life and would

love to whisper in their ear which path to take, but, for fear of being banished from my beautiful plot on the valley-side by Mother Nature, I have to remain silent.
So, which path will you choose when your time comes? And remember I won't be able to guide you as I will be driven away from my life in my plot on the valley-side if I dare to.

Belinda Byrne (age 14),
Barrackstown Stud,
Maynooth.

'The Moment of Truth'

It was a bitter cold night. The moon's ray shone on puddles which reflected and glistened on the windows of cars as they zoomed by. The trees swayed from side to side in the gently chilling breeze which rustled the leaves around.
Suddenly it seemed like an evacuation. People ran everywhere. It also seemed that as soon as they saw me they ran into their homes. I looked into a puddle.
"Yep" I thought "It's the same handsome face I saw in the mirror this morning."
So I strolled on to the shop. On up the road cars were abandoned. When I arrived at the shop it was open but empty. So I boldly sneaked into the shop, got the milk, left the money on the counter and stole out of the shop. I raced home splashing myself once or twice in the dirty muddy water, that lay here and there on the wet dented footpath. On my way the cars were still abandoned, but there were more. Then the silence was broken as two motorcars zoomed around the corner, and whamed into each other as they were blocked by the hundreds of cars abandoned on the road. A little argument broke out between the two drivers, but was soon broken up as a small announcement crackled over the radio. Then they ran off into a house. When I reached home our car was still there. I raced up to the door and banged on it about twenty times before it was opened. I stumbled inside panting for oxygen. When my lungs were filled I mumbled in a few words,
"What is going on?"
The reply was,
"hush".
Everybody's eyes were fixed on the television. So were mine when I saw the Pope appearing on the screen. Mum muttered,
"This is it, the moment of truth is about to be revealed".
I stepped inside the sitting-room with my eyes still fixed on the television. I lay on the floor. There we sat and stared as the pope cleared his throat to make the biggest announcement ever in history,
"I am here today to announce the secret that was told to St. Bernadette by our Lady, and was passed on from pope to pope."
He then opened a piece of paper and began to read the message in front of the whole world which waited in suspense.
"On the 25th of January 1991, 20th Century, at 11pm (tonight), Death will pass over the earth leaving it life-less." The world stood in fear and quiet with shock. Not even the wild moved as mother nature had told them of death. Songs and holy hymns were sung for the world. A half an hour went by and we were told to be found asleep, probably lifeless and never to see morning again. But morning did come and we awoke to have life in us.

"Hurrah" echoed around the world, "we're alive," and God decided to give us a second chance.

Declan O' Rourke (age 11)

Stella's Return

"What do you expect to get in England that you cannot get better here? You have a good home, friends in plenty, a nice secure position right on your doorstep so to speak."
"All that is true Mum,, but I feel I need a change. Nothing exciting ever happens here."
"Excitement!" roared her father. "What kind of talk is that? You are not hindered from going to any amusements you want, where you meet people whom you know. How do you hope to enjoy yourself all alone in London?"
"It's no use Daddy, you will never understand."
Stella left the kitchen where the argument had taken place. Nearly all her contemporaries had gone to London within the last year. True, some of them went because they could not get employment here. For the past three years she had been clerk in the local post office. At the weekends she helped her mother in the small grocery shop which she kept. Her father was busy on the small farm attending to the livestock and the various other duties involved. Her brother Brian was doing a course in Journalism. He went into the city in the morning and returned in the evening. He too lent a hand at the weekends. Tom Maloney was a well-built fresh complexioned man in his fifties. His wife Eileen was a very pretty woman in her late forties. Both were very upright honourable and hardworking people. The family was well respected. Their pretty, clever and good humoured daughter was the apple of their eyes. Their son was a handsome strapping lad of twenty two years. He was rather dreamy and "up in the clouds" his father often said. The pretty village on the outskirts of which they lived was situated about twenty miles from Dublin. Stella loved her home, loved the green fields, the walks in the country lanes, or along the banks of the river, but she felt there was a big world out there waiting to be explored. Her aspirations in this connection did not carry her any further than London. She had served up her notice in the post office. The post master had assured her that if and when she returned her job would be hers for the asking. She told herself it must be now or never.
She decided to break away without farewell. It would be better than an argument and tears. She loved her parents and brother dearly.
So on this Monday morning in early March she had her suitcase packed and slipped it out quietly to the back of her brother's car. She went out the front door with him and said she wanted a lift as far as O'Connell Street.
"Who are you visiting in Dublin?" Brian enquired.
"I am not visiting really", Stella replied. "I have some business matters to attend to", where upon she promptly asked about his journalistic studies knowing he would be carried away when he once got going on that subject. When they reached O'Connell Street she took her suitcase, leaned over and kissed her brother. "Good Luck with the studies", she called and tripped away, mingling with the crowds. She went to the travel agents, purchased her ticket, then to the bank to change her money. She browsed through the shops, bought some magazines, and later went to a restaurant and

had some lunch. She made her way to Westland Row. Anyone who has made this journey knows all too well the hassle and fatigue to be endured queueing up at dun Laoghaire and Holyhead.

By the time Stella had arrived at Euston, a new day had dawned. London at last! As she gazed upon the grey sky, the crowded streets where none passed the time of day, a feeling of utter loneliness swept over her.
"This must stop", she told herself.
She went to the information office to enquire if there were any Guest Houses nearby. She felt so in need of a wash and brush up, not to speak of rest. The busy attendant told her to look around outside. She had no information to hand just then.
After what seemed miles of walking she came upon a house with a notice in the window, "Room to Let". She rang the bell. The door was opened by a middle-aged woman with a pleasant face, "Good morning, I see you have a room to let and I am seeking accommodation", said Stella. "Yes" the woman replied, "It has been vacant since last Friday. Come inside". The room to which she was taken was upstairs looking out on a tiny back garden. It was spotlessly clean as was the rest of the house. Stella was glad to take the room at the amount requested. She explained to Mrs Jackson that she did not know how long or short she would be needing it as she had to find employment. Having rested, freshened up and eaten a meal she set out to look around. In the employment agency there were jobs of various kinds from domestic help to waitresses and shop assistants. There was an ad for an assistant in a newsagency/confectioners in Woodgreen at the tube station. Stella applied and was lucky.
One Sunday morning coming out from mass in the church at Woodgreen she came face to face with a young man whose family lived only two miles from home. "Well", he said, "fancy meeting you here!". It was Eamonn Wilson.
"I am equally surprised to meet you here", said Stella, "I thought you were in Maynooth".
"I left there in January. I felt I had mistaken my vocation. On the advice of my spiritual director, I decided to leave. I did not return home, I am employed in London Transport at the moment. By the way, have you written home? Your people are advertising for news of you." He drew from his pocket a newspaper cutting asking for information of a missing girl giving her name and address. They followed a description: Aged 20; height below the medium; slim; black hair; lustrous black eyes; pale face; regular features; unusually sunny smile.
When Brian had returned home, it was to find his parents wondering where Stella was. She had not been home at lunch-time, nor had she been seen around all day. When he told them he had parted with her on O'Connell Street and that she was carrying a suitcase, his father asked did he not find out where she was going.
"I thought she was going shopping."
"Going shopping carrying a suitcase; In my fifty odd years on this earth of all the idiots that have crossed me or come sideways at me, this is the crowner of them all!"
Two weeks had elapsed since the foregoing. Stella, filled with remorse, realised what dreadful anguish she must have caused her parents. She returned to her room and wrote a very loving and apologetic letter home, begging forgiveness and understanding. That evening she went walking in the

Writers Cramp

grounds of the nearby Alexander Palace. As she looked down on the vast sea of lights some lines she had read somewhere passed through her mind. She repeated them to herself:

"O cruel lamps of London,
If tears your light could drown,
Your victims eyes would weep them,
O lights of London town!"

There flashed upon her mental vision a picture of home, the faces she loved best. She did not want to give in - not yet a while.

"A penny for your thoughts", said a voice behind her. She turned to find Eamonn Wilson.

"Money could not buy them", she replied.

They fell into step. They found they had much to talk about. He, too, was yearning for his home in the Emerald Isle.

When Stella's letter reached home, it brought a great feeling of relief. Then started a litany. Eileen cried "what came over her at all?". Tom cried, "She got too much of her own way". The fact that she was looking after herself had her mother worrying lest she should not be getting enough nourishing food. Her father contended she might return all the more quickly if so.

A few days later, a neighbour came into the shop. She asked for news of Stella. She said her daughter was going over to visit friends in Winchomre Hill. Mrs Maloney siezed on the opportunity of sending some provisions to Stella. Tom was listening in the kitchen. He heard the items being listed into a box - bacon, butter, cheese, fresh fruits, etc. "It's a good job I know nothing about this".

The months passed. Stella wrote home often now. All the correspondence was between herself and her mother.

As Christmas approached Tom could not bear to think of her alone over there, nor of her vacant place here - so he sat down and penned a few lines:

"My dear daughter,

As Christmas is approaching, I ask you to return home. We need your help here, but most of all we need *you*.

Your loving Dad".

Three days before Christmas Stella was waiting on the platform at Euston for the train to take her on the first stage of her journey home, when she saw walking towards her, Eamonn Wilson, suitcase in hand. He, too, was returning home. He had obtained a teaching post only a few miles from home. They journeyed together and by the time they reached Dun Laoghaire they had decided that they would be happy to spend their lives together. They arrived together at Stella's home. They were joyously received. As they sat around the table Eamonn said, "Stella means a star". Tom looked up, "It's no wonder she went chasing after stars", he said, "But Daddy", Stella said, "I did have to go to London to find my real star", as she gazed adoringly at her young handsome and gallant fiance.

*Brigid Sauls (Mrs),
9 Parson Street,
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Political Party Notes

WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

Great Local Election Victory

Catherine Murphy's powerful performance in the elections to Kildare County Council was a direct result of many years of hard work by the Workers' Party, especially in the Leixlip area. Ably assisted by a dedicated team of party workers, Catherine has spearheaded a series of campaigns which focused on bringing the political process direct to the doorstep. This was done in the form of a number of petitions and opinion surveys which allowed ordinary residents to directly express their views on a range of issues of public concern. One such survey led directly to the extension of the 66 bus route to the Confey area. Other petitions and surveys dealt with the need for pedestrian crossings, Post Office facilities, land rezoning proposals in the area between Leixlip and Lucan, and the state of roads and footpaths. The Workers' Party in Leixlip also distributes a regular newsletter which keeps residents informed of local issues and developments, including the business of Leixlip Town Commission. This emphasis on keeping the community both informed and involved has clearly produced a very popular response, as indicated by the election results.

On Kildare County Council, Catherine Murphy will refuse to get involved in the Ballymagash-type antics which tend to characterise this institution and which do nothing for the reputation of local government in Ireland. Instead she will seek to champion the key issues which are of major concern among the citizens of the county.

At county level, Catherine Murphy will seek to reverse the situation whereby Kildare gets the lowest government support grant of any county in Ireland. She will also seek the immediate abolition of service charges (which would be unnecessary if Kildare were to get even the average level of government grant). Catherine will further seek a commitment from Kildare County Council that no tolls will be levied on any roads, present or future, in the county. She will also move an early resolution to have the "Thing" in the Square in Maynooth removed.

Catherine Murphy, of course, is also available to help individuals and organisations throughout the Celbridge Electoral Area (including Maynooth). She is available at 6244903 and welcomes all enquiries.

As a final note concerning the elections, we would like to express our gratitude to the people of Maynooth for their courteous and friendly response to our canvassers during the course of the elections campaign.

Charter of Women's Rights Launched

The National Women's Committee of the Workers' Party launched a Charter of Fundamental Rights for Mna na hEireann on Midsummer's Day. This is one of a number of events to mark the Party's designation of 1991 as The Year of the Woman.

The ten basic rights enunciated in the Charter are as follows:

- * A basic independent income for all;
- * Decent living accommodation;
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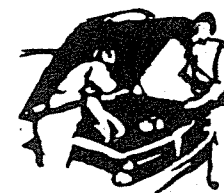
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The Charter sees these as necessary steps to true human and economic liberation, and calls on all progressive women and men to dedicate themselves to achieving these goals. The Charter is in the form of a beautifully designed wall chart. If interested in acquiring a copy, call 6285241.

FINE GAEL NOTES

Election

Bernard Durkan and the members of the Maynooth Branch wish to thank all the electorate of Maynooth for the patience and courtesy shown to them during the canvass leading up to the local elections. We wish to thank those who supported our candidates enabling Bernard to retain his seat on the Council. Bernard will be continuing with his weekly clinics at the Roost each Saturday at 2.30 pm. All those who wish to consult him may contact him there and are assured that their problems will be dealt with promptly and confidentially.

Branch Meetings

Meetings have been suspended for the Summer months and will recommence on Tuesday 24th September at 8.30 pm in the I.C.A. Hall. Those wishing to join the branch are welcome to attend.

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Sports News

MAYNOOTH GAA

Under 16 football

During the month of July, action on the Under 16 front has been confined to the Championship. In the 1st Round, Maynooth easily accounted for Round Towers from Kildare Town. The final score was Maynooth 0-14 Round Towers 0-2

Maynooth produced their best football so far this year to beat a strong Clane team in the 2nd round played in Rathcoffey. Maynooth were victors with the score 1-15 to 1-4.

Maynooth opened with the assistance of the wind and at halftime had put over 13 points to 1 point for Clane. Feature of the first half was the accurate shooting of our forwards and centrefield.

Clane's hopes of making a comeback with the wind behind them in the second half were short lived when Maynooth cracked home a goal after the restart. Our defence withstood anything Clane had to throw at them and when they did manage a score we replied at the other end. We are now through to the semi-final and await the winners of Athy - V-Suncroft.

Maynooth Team:-

T. Fay, P. Hogan, A. O'Shea, G. Kelly, O. Nevin, M. Meally, M. Halley, E. Lyons, K. Killoran, P. Garvey, D. Fleming, M. Donnelly, H. Nevin, A. Noonan, T. Farrell.

Subs: P. Leacy, P. Flood, A. Hassett, Paul Flood, B. O'Neill.

Minor football

Our minor team went to Leixlip on 16th July to play John Devoy's (Kill & Ardclough) in the first round of the Championship. The appointed referee failed to turn up at the venue so the game was not played. A new date will be fixed by County Board.

Under 14b football

Our second string at Under 14 level have been defeated in their first two matches against very strong opposition in Moorefield and Sarsfields. This is no disgrace when taking into account that the vast majority of the panel will be young enough to play Under 14 again next year. We look forward to getting on the winning trail in the coming games against Leixlip and Na Fianna.

M. O'Rourke has been sound in goals. While M. Tumelty, R. Darcy, D. McCarrick, M. Bennett, G. Meally, D. Coughlan and W. Gannon have defended stoutly. D. Walsh and I. Conlon have played well at midfield up front D. Buckley, S. Brennan, P. Carroll, K. Murphy, R. Davis, S. Cahill, B. Mooney, O. Nevin, B. Folen, and M. Byrne have shown plenty of potential in the art of scoring.

1st team football results etc

1. Maynooth 1.12 Caragh 11pts (Challenge - Away)
Scorers: - Johnny Nevin 1.2; Eoin O'Neill 2pts; Killian Fagan 2pts; Seanie Molloy 2pts; Joey Edwards, Pascal Ennis, Mick Kelly and Liam O'Toole 1 point each.

Man of the match: - Mick Kelly at right half back

2. Maynooth 1.6 Clane 3.11 (Challenge - Home)

Scorers: - Killian Fagan 1.0; Seanie Molloy 2pts; Johnny Nevin, James

Gilligan, Joey Edwards and Mick Kelly 1 point each.

3. Maynooth 2.13 Ballykelly 1.5 (League - Away),

Scorers: - Seanie Molly 1.7; Eoin O'Neill 1.1; Pascal Ennis 2pts; James Gilligan 2pts; Joey Edwards 1pt.

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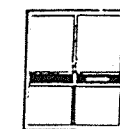
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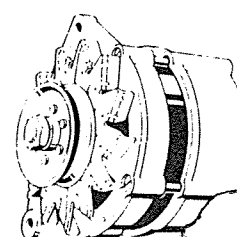


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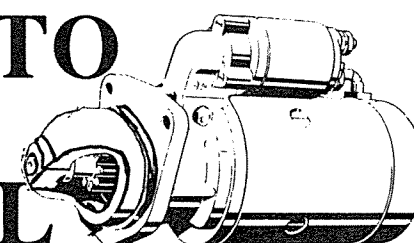


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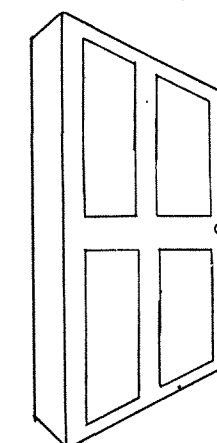
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Sports News

Man of the match: Seanie Molly at left half forward.
4. Maynooth 3.6 Celbridge 5pts. (Celbridge tournament)

Scorers: - Killian Fagan 1.2; Colm Feeney 1 goal; Johnny Nevin 1 goal; Seanie Molloy 2pts; Eoin O'Neill and James Gilligan 1 point each.

Man of the Match: - Michael O'Farrell in goal.

5. Maynooth 12 points Straffan 1.6 (Ardclough Tournament)

Scorers: - Eoin O'Neill 4pts; Seanie Molly 4pts; Johnny Nevin 2pts; Liam O'Toole and Joey Edwards 1 point each.

Man of the Match: - Johnny Nevin at right half forward.

6. Maynooth 3.7 Summerhill 1.7 (Challenge - Home)
Scorers: Eoin O'Neill 1 goal; Joey Edwards 1 goal; Dave Corcoran 1 goal; Johnny Nevin 2 points; Seanie Molly 2 points; Killian Fagan, Liam O'Toole and John O'Toole 1 point each.

Man of the Match: - Johnny Nevin at left half forward.
With 4 games left in the league Maynooth are joint top with Eadestown. Castledermot, Two-Mile-House and Sallins are in hot pursuit with Maynooth yet to play both Castledermot and Sallins away from home. With only 3 teams being promoted there is going to be a hectic scramble for the top positions over the remaining fixtures.

Under 10 and Under 12 Football.

North Kildare Area League

Under 10

Maynooth 9 pts Celbridge 1.1

Scorers: - David Campbell 3pts; Karl Ennis 2pts; Trevor Naughton 2pts; William Farrelly and Jody Connolly 1 point each.

Under 12

Maynooth 1.6 Celbridge 4.7

Scorers: - John O'Shea 1.3; Barry Connolly 2 points and Declan O'Rourke point.

The Under 10's are involved in a play-off with Leixlip (St. Mary's) to determine the winners of the League. the Under 12's have gone out mainly due to never fielding at full strength in any of their games.

Community Festival Week.

Four teams drawn from the Club's Saturday morning coaching sessions participated in the recent Community Week. The teams were captained by John O'Shea ("The Bushwhackers"), Darren Naughton ("The Hulksters"), Niall Byrne ("The Nasty Boys") and Adrian Boylan ("The Rockers"). In the 1st semi-final "The Bushwhackers" just pipped "The Hulksters" by a single point while "The Nasty Boys" had five points to spare over "The Rockers" in the second semi. The final was played in the Harbour Field on Sunday June 23rd as part of the activities to bring down the curtain on Festival Week. In it "The Bushwhackers" proved too strong for "The Nasty Boys" and emerged victorious on a scoreline of 5.10 to 3.8.

Best for "The Bushwhackers" were John O'Shea, Eoin Nevin, Keith Fleming, Karl Ennis, Aidan O'Brien, Thomas Halton, Donal Smith and Patrick King while Niall Byrne, Barry Connolly, Pierce Ryan, David Campbell, Sean O'Flaherty and Alan Geoghegan played their hearts out for "The Nasty Boys".

Following the game the winning captain John O'Shea was presented with "The Cup" - a magnificent new trophy donated specially for the event by Conway and Diggins Construction - and the remaining members of the team were

presented with their medals by John McGinley, Chairperson of the Community Council.

Football Summer Camp.

From July 15th to 19th over 100 Maynooth players between the ages of 8 and 14 took part in a Summer Camp arranged by the Kildare G.A.A. Supporters Club. The venue was the Club grounds on the Moyglare Road which was literally swamped by young players anxious to pick up useful tips from the coaches involved i.e. Tommy Carew, Brian O'Keefe, Martin Lynch, Shane Daly, Glen Ryan, Noel Donlon, Eaman Costello and Shane Donoghue. All agreed it was a very worthwhile exercise which we hope will be repeated in the near future.

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

At a well attended A.G.M. held recently plans for season 1991/92 were laid out and the new committee chosen to look after matters have pledged 100% effort to bring the club on a par with other clubs who have attained great success recently.

Officers and Committee elected for season 1991/92 are as follows:

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Chairman: Tom Dempsey

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Minutes Secretary: Gerry Durack

Joint Treasurers: Willie Saults & Lenny Murphy

Club P.R.O.: Lenny Murphy 6285143

Committee: Michael Dempsey, John Saults, Patsy Byrne, Brian Farrell, Mick Hegarty, Barry Farrell, Noel Dempsey, John Thompson (Sen), Noel Mc Govern.

First Team Managers: Vincent Mc Kenna & Mark Shaw

Second Team Managers: Philip Doyle & John Saults

U/16 Team Managers: Michael Dempsey & John Thompson Sen.

U/13 Team Managers: Michael Murphy & Patsy Byrne

An U/11 Schoolboys team is now being formed and we have gained entry to the D.D.S.L. U/11 league. A manager or managers is required for this team and any interested parties should contact club P.R.O. Lenny Murphy, Tel No: 6285143. Help is always needed with Schoolboys teams and we would hope that parents might come along to their games and encourage the boys to reap the benefit of their efforts and perhaps play a part in helping them to win some honours during the season.

Our Annual Supper Dance was held recently in The Grasshopper Inn, Clonee, where the Player of the Year awards were presented.

First team player of the year award went to keeper Mick McGarry who turned in many sterling performances during the season. His safe handling and agility helped his defence gain confidence after a slow start to the season and contributed greatly to a very healthy league position and two good cup runs.

Second team player of the year award was won by centre half John O'Neill who had an excellent season. His heading ability combined with his teak tough tackling made him a formidable opponent for even the best centre forwards in the League.

Schoolboys players of the year have yet to be decided upon and will be presented shortly at a local function.

Our Senior player of the year awards were sponsored by John & Eithne Carey to whom the club are extremely grateful for their continued support.

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Sports News

To all who donated spot prizes for the Dance, a sincere thanks.

The seven-a-side tournament will be coming to a close at this time and a report with results will be included in the next issue. Games to date have been very competitive and the identity of the eventual winners will remain uncertain for some time yet.

With many local teams competing under various anonymous team titles it is always likely that some of the characters which are synonymous with the team names might make an appearance. If Bart was to make an appearance for the Simpsons or Freddie and the Elm St. Kids should come together again off screen then the outcome would have some unusual twists.

Maurice Pratt might even line out for Quinnsouth and issue Yellow Packs to the eager crowd. It is a heartening sign to see the various organisations mingle together on the different teams that are competing. While the aim is to have a very competitive tournament it is still important to retain the local connection and encourage players of other areas to compete in a very enjoyable activity.

Tournament Quarter Finals will be held on Friday 2nd August with Semi-Finals and final on Sunday 4th August. Prizes are being sponsored by Harp Lager to whom we are indebted and to Noel Brady, Clock House, for his persuasive powers in obtaining this sponsorship for us we are also thankful.



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SYMPATHIES

Husband, sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends of the late Eileen Henrick (nee Sinnot), O' Neill Park, Maynooth, formerly of Coolerin, New Ross.

Wife, son, daughters, brothers, sisters, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and a large circle of friends of the late James (Jimmy) Kelly, Moyglare, Maynooth.

Mrs P. Barlow, Greenfield and Mrs Dan Newton, Greenfield on the death of their sister, Mrs Phylis Clinton in Cork.

Daughter, son-in-law, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, relatives, and friends of the late Michael Heneghan, Clonagh, Maynooth, formerly Kerdiffstown, Naas and Ballyhaine, Mayo.

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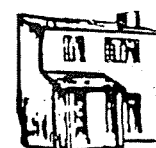
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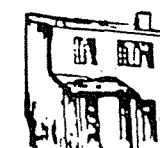
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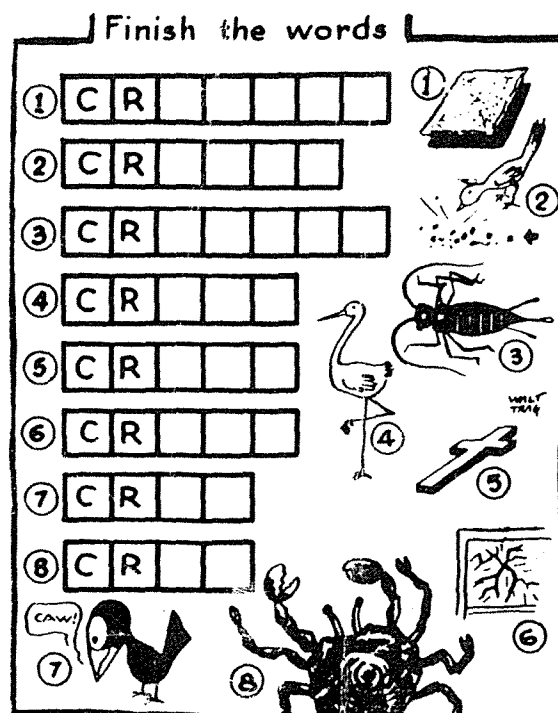
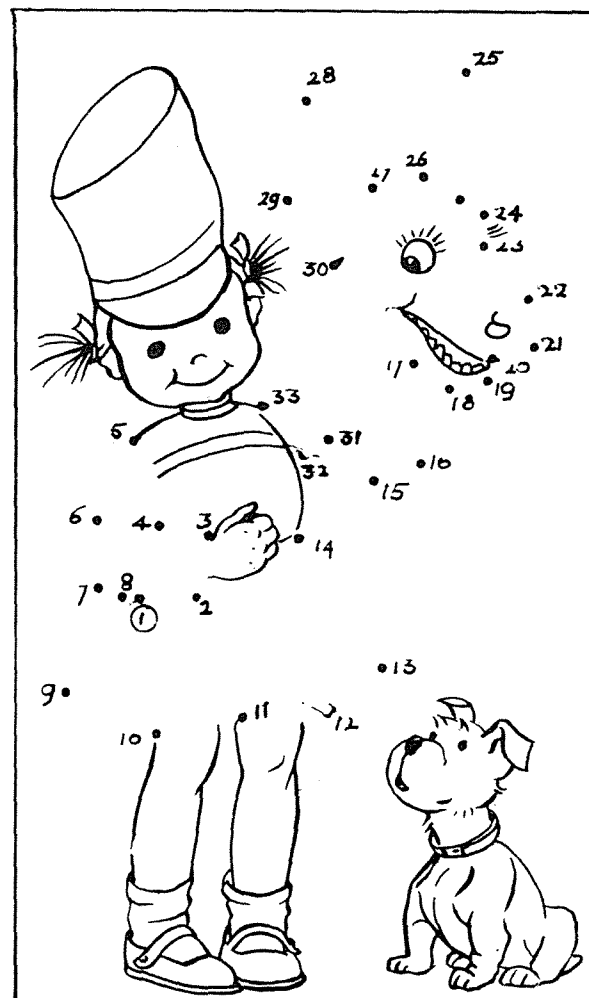
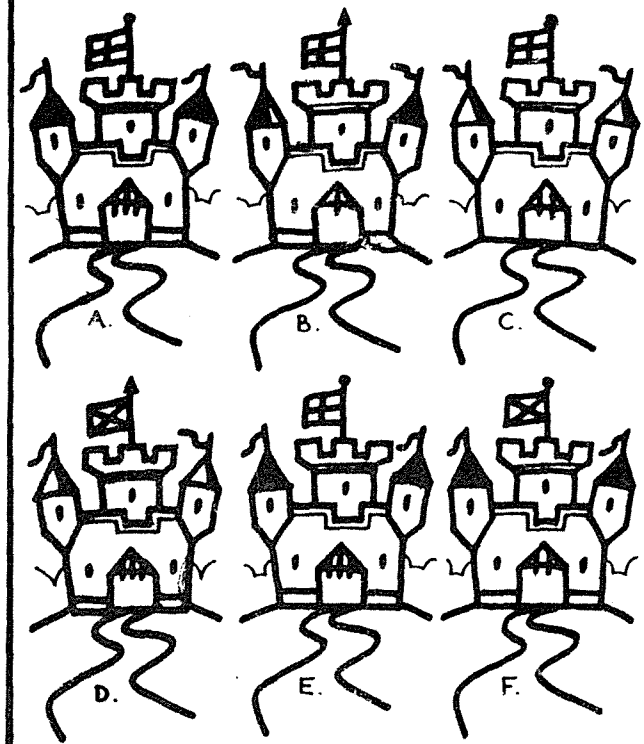




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Congratulations

To Patricia Cleary. Well done on your results, Let's hope the next four years are as good as this. Best wishes from the A TEAM at N.C.I.R.

To Trish - congratulations on doing so well in your exams. Lots of love - Shay.

Congratulations and best wishes to Gerard and Siobhan Burgess, Clane, who celebrate their 1st Wedding Anniversary on August 30th. From the Mc Govern family in Greenfield.

Congratulations to Noel and Emma Tracey, Kingsbry on the birth of a baby boy. From the Mc Govern family in Greenfield.

Belated good wishes to Mick and Mary Halligan, Station Road, Leixlip, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 27th. This comes from your family and a large circle of friends.

Congratulations to Ursula Byrne, Greenfield, Maynooth, and Eamonn Murphy, Kilwogan, Celbridge, who were married in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth on June 21st.

Congratulations to Tony and Nuala Mc Ternan, Avondale, Leixlip, who celebrated their 17th Wedding Anniversary on July 15th. Also to Tony's brother Raymond and wife Noelle, Moyglare Village, Maynooth, who celebrated their 12th Wedding Anniversary on August 24th. Also to their brother Peter and wife Jackie, Courthill Drive, Dunboyne who celebrated their 14th Wedding Anniversary on July 23rd. Also to their parents Gearoid and Ita Mc Ternan, Parson Street who celebrate their 44th Wedding Anniversary on September 3rd.

Congratulations to Paddy and Mary Nolan, Greenfield Drive, Maynooth, who celebrated their 33rd Wedding Anniversary on August 4th.

Congratulations to Kevin and Kathleen Murphy, O' Neill Park, Maynooth, who also celebrated their 33rd Wedding Anniversary on August 27th.

Congratulations to Robert Murphy, Leixlip, and Deborah Denton, also Leixlip, on the occasion of their wedding on the 2nd of August. From Nanny Murphy, uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Congratulations to Anne and Norman Birchall, who celebrated their 1st Wedding Anniversary on 3rd of August.

Congratulations to Tom and Marie Nolan who celebrate their 26th Wedding Anniversary on 2nd August.

Birthday Greetings

Happy 29th birthday to Gerry Scully from all at the Newsletter, on the 8th of August.

Happy Birthday to Kevin Mc Govern on August 22nd. Also to Michael Mc Govern, Greenfield on August 29th. From Mam, Noel, Marie, Richard and Thomas.

Happy Birthday to our dear Daddy, August 29th. From Karina, Stacey, Michelle, Debbie and Regina, also from Mammy. Enjoy your day.

Happy Birthday to Maureen Collins, Mariaville, August 29th. From Aunt Una and family in Greenfield.

Birthday Greetings to Aoife Mc Ternan, Moyglare Village, 9 on July 1st. Also her cousins Deirdre Mc Ternan, Avondale, Leixlip, 16 on July 3rd and Ciara Mc Ternan, Courthill Drive, Dunboyne, 8 on July 13th.

Happy Birthday to John Sullivan, Kilcock and C.I.E., Maynooth on July 12th.

Happy Birthday to Nicholas Donovan, Greenfield on July 3rd.

Happy Birthday to Mary Quinn, Greenfield and London on August 8th.

Happy Birthday to Clodagh Quinn, Greenfield, age 16 on August 1st.

Happy Birthday to Tony Brennan, Moyglare on July 12th.

Birthday Greetings to Harry Brady, Highfield, Kilcock on July 18th. Best wishes from Paddy and Mary, Maynooth.

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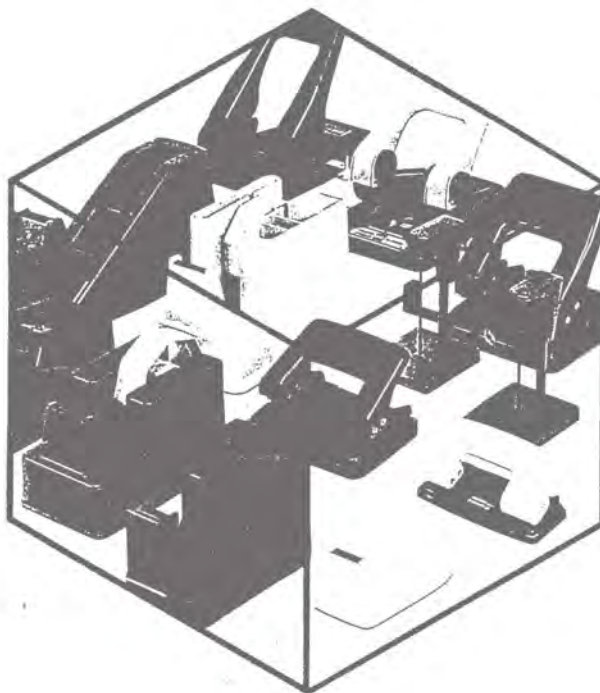
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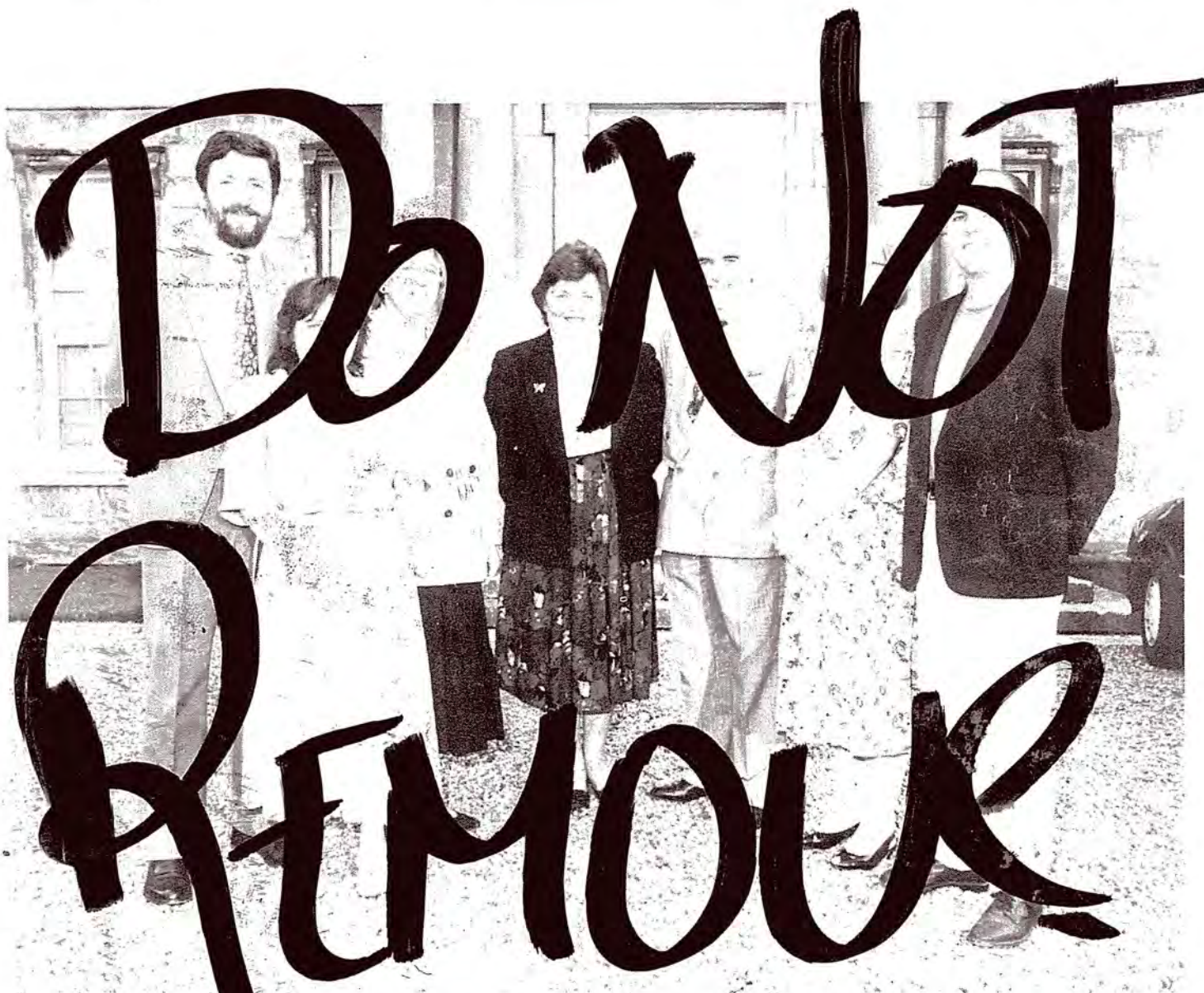
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Editorial

Carton

The Carton debate continues. The members of the Carton consortium have issued a response to the article in the last month's issue of the Newsletter, outlining their side of the story. Kildare County Council have sent a list of questions to the consortium for clarification, before any planning permission can be considered. Meanwhile, events on a global scale may be seen as threatening the viability of ambitious tourist developments which are planned for Carton. There is no doubt that it would be preferable for the sake of those living in the vicinity of Carton, and for future generations, if this unique landscape was preserved in public hands. However, as the thousands who flocked to Carton during the Open Days in July could see only too clearly, the exterior stonework of the house is in urgent need of large scale repair. Inevitably after two hundred years, the house needs the expenditure of large sums of money, if it is to survive another few centuries. The sum involved is beyond the capacity of a private individual to afford. Is the house to be maintained at the cost of destroying the eighteenth century landscape, which is what will happen with the golf courses, 'golf villas' and other developments? Let us hope that the sad solution to these dilemmas which has befallen other big houses will not occur here - with years of gradual decay, finished off by the inevitable spectacular fire. The government appears to be able to tap into large sums of money when Taoiseach's offices and favourite art galleries are involved. Perhaps it is not too late to top off Dublin's so called year of culture with a significant gesture towards preserving the jewel of our Georgian heritage.

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Back to School

The Newsletter extends its best wishes to those returning to education, and also to those taking their first steps to school in September. The recent rise in jobless totals, which appear to be leading inevitably to some 300,000 unemployed, may provide a less than cheerful prospect for those in education at the moment. Still, recent proposals from the government with regard to tackling the problem, or perhaps massaging the figures may give even less cheer to those enjoying 'the happiest years of their lives'. One inspired proposal for taking several thousand off the unemployment line is to extend the age of school leaving to 19 years. By the time some of our four years olds reach 19 years, the school leaving age may have risen to 29 or even 39 years.

Community Spirit

Finally, the summer of '91 provided ample opportunities for Maynooth people to enjoy themselves with Community Festivals and Open Days, steam train excursions, and football tournaments. Unfortunately with regard to the latter, Maynooth received some unfavourable publicity when 'community spirit' was interpreted somewhat eccentrically by some resident (s) of Maynooth. The Soccer Club notes provide a more detailed account of the problems which arose. Perhaps it is about time that these problems which seem to surface every year were tackled and resolved once and for all.

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MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

We are encouraged by peoples comments about the planting of the Square. It just shows you what can be done! Our work parties have consisted of a maximum eight people over the last few months. We had many plans - but, unfortunately not enough people. We shall have the best areas and best shop front results. Also the Bord Failte Tidy Towns Judges' comments next issue of the Maynooth Newsletter.

CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE

Know Your Rights

Question: We have been guardians for the past seven years to three orphaned children and are receiving the Contributory Orphan's Allowance from the Department of Social Welfare for them. This amounts to £109 per week. The tax office treat this Allowance as part of my husband's income. This puts us into the 48% tax bracket. So, we end up paying £50 tax per week on this money. Each year we hope that the position will change but nobody seems interested in our plight. Have you any suggestions for us?

Answer: We are glad to be able to bring you good news at last. The tax office have now decided that both the Contributory and Non-Contributory Orphan's Allowance will be assessed as the income of the child. This means that the child will be entitled to their own tax free allowances and tax exemption limits and will be exempt from tax if their income comes to less than £3,400 per year.

It may also be possible in the case of PAYE taxpayers to even reclaim the tax for the past five to six years.

This welcome change is one of the knock-on effects of the High Court Case taken in 1988 by the Appeal's Commissioners against the taxing of children's contributory pensions paid under occupational pension schemes.

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From September we will be open on Tuesday night:
7.30pm - 9.00pm in the Main Street.

PRESENTATION CONVENT PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the above association will be held on Wednesday 25th September 1991 at 8 pm sharp in the P.E. Hall of the school. This year we have arranged for Mr Thomas Ashe to be our guest speaker. In recent years there has been a very poor attendance at this meeting so we hope that on this occasion at least one parent from each family will make an effort to attend. A new committee will

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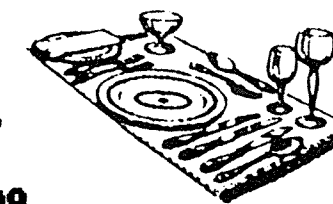
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be formed on the night and any parents wishing to become involved with same please put your names forward. Refreshments will be served on arrival. We look forward to seeing you all there.

*Sheila Fleming,
P.R.O.*

MAYNOOTH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

We, at Maynooth Library, are currently brewing a concoction of competitions and activities designed to make Children's Book Week in Maynooth Library bigger and better than ever. Details of the specific events will be available from the library. This year, Book Week runs from Friday 25th October, to Sunday 3rd November.

Over 100 new children's books will be added to existing stock, including titles by the ever popular Roald Dahl and Judy Blume. Author visits will take place and spot prizes will abound.

Some recent acquisitions to adult stock include the following titles:

Fiction

Anna Dillon - Seasons - "A turbulent saga of love, revenge, and one woman's fight to protect her own".

Le Carre - The Secret Pilgrim

Danielle Steel - Heartbeat - "her 27th bestselling novel".

Serious Stuff

Colin Brown - Nissan Micra Owners Workshop Manual

Axel Bruck - Close-Up Photography in Practice

Kevin Ingram - Rebel

Barry Mc Guigan

and others - Barry Mc Guigan, The Untold Story.

Jose Villiers - Granny was a Spy

If you cannot find the book that you're looking for, please ask a member of staff for assistance, and don't forget that adult books may be requested by borrowers, if you can't see what you're looking for on the shelves. Some new classical music tapes have also been added to our collection of cassettes.

Margaret Walshe Gannon.

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New members are always very welcome.

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May Haren

CELBRIDGE CAMERA CLUB

Celbridge Camera Club will re-open after the Summer break on Monday 2nd September, in the Slip Hall, Castletown Gates, at 8.00 pm.

The recently elected Committee comprising Mark Sedgwick LIPF, Dave Betson, and Ciaran O'Keefe as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer respectively promise an excellent year of photography. Also elected to the Committee were Michael Davitt LIPF as P.R.O., Colm Kavanagh as competition Secretary with Ester Murray, Paula Howard and Liam O'Reilly elected as ordinary committee members. Together we have drawn up an exciting, entertaining and informative line-up of events for each Monday night. The programme throughout the year will feature a mix of guest speakers on a broad range of topics, challenging photographic competitions, practical demonstrations and social/photographic events all designed to improve the level of photography within the Club and to create a greater awareness of the pleasure involved in this hobby.

Beginners Course

For beginners and new members a special beginners course will take place towards the middle of September running for about nine weeks. The course will be run by Dallas Camier LIPF and will cover basic photography and practical assignments. Enrolment for this course will take place on Monday 2nd and Monday 9th September in the Slip Hall. However, if you are not available on those nights you could contact the

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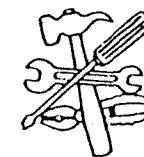
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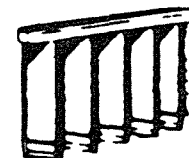
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undersigned for details. A fee of £20 will be charged for persons availing of this course, however, this will be offset against the entrance fee charged to anybody who joins the Club at any time between now and Christmas.

We look forward to seeing lots of beginners and new members at the re-opening of the Club on Monday 2nd September. If you have any queries in regard to the Club or its activities please don't hesitate to contact Michael Davitt LIPF at 6288904.

Michael Davitt

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

With Autumn approaching, meetings of the Flower Club will resume on September 17th, when we will have great pleasure in welcoming Maureen Roche as demonstrator. Maureen is a celebrated figure in flower arranging, having already demonstrated on RTE's *Live at Three* programme. The meeting will take place in the Post Primary School and will commence at 8.00pm.

Our annual outing held on June 8th was to Powerscourt Gardens. In spite of some bad weather, the trip was a great success. After an enjoyable visit to the Gardens and Garden Centre, we went to the Avoca Weavers Workshop where we saw and purchased some beautiful Irish crafts. Here we also enjoyed home-made soup and tea and coffee. The village of Enniskerry, boasting a wonderful dried flower shop was our next port of call and then it was on to Mary and John O'Reilly's garden, containing beautiful shrubberies. We finished the day with a lovely meal in the Summerhill Hotel.

We trust that all our members had a happy and restful summer and we look forward to meeting again on the 17th of September.

R. Smyth,
6285789

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP

Annual Collection

Our recent annual collection was a success and, on behalf of the chairperson and committee, it is my pleasant duty to thank you the people of Maynooth and surrounding areas for your generous support. Your continued support is construed as a vote of confidence in the restoration work being carried out and for this the committee are grateful.

Restoration Update

Many of the walls have now been refurbished at Pikes Bridge and work is continuing on others. Some further landscaping has been carried out. Some areas along the bank have been covered in order to locate original walls. This area, being widely used now by anglers, and while there is no objection to this, we would however ask those using the area to exercise caution since works are still in progress.

Fashion Show

Our fashion show and selection of Miss Royal Canal will take place towards the end of October so any of you ladies wishing to take part can get more information from the secretary. This has proven to be an excellent night out so watch forth coming issues for more information.

Gerry Fitzpatrick,
P.R.O.

THE CARTON COMMITTEE

After the great turnout at Carton House for the open days some weeks ago it is clear that the people of Leinster want access to the estate their ancestor's rents helped to build. One wonders what numbers would have been like if the whole estate with its beautiful views and walks had been made available to the visitors. Following on comments in the last edition of the *Newsletter* the position as regards gaining entry to the estate at present has been clarified. The position is that it is necessary for anyone seeking entry to ring the House in advance for permission because of the cattle herd and security reasons. Based on this one can only wonder what the entry procedure will be and how welcome will we be among visitors to an exclusive hotel, owners of nearly 200 very expensive houses and golfers who have paid a lot of money for a round of golf? This is what current development proposal would bring. If you think there is a better alternative there is still time to write and object to the proposal to Kildare and/or Meath County Councils before September 17th. Every letter could help towards keeping Carton available to everyone in future generations.

Brian Mc Garvey

MAYNOOTH I.C.A.

Annual Show

Maynooth Annual Show was held again this year on Saturday 13th July. It was a good and enjoyable show. Sadly entries were down again this year. I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work and time given to organising the show. Hopefully next year we will see a bigger and better show.

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Childrens Cup (May. Development)

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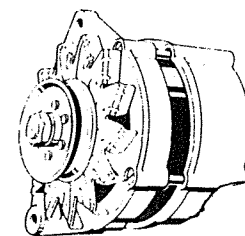
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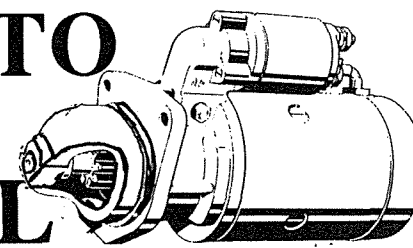
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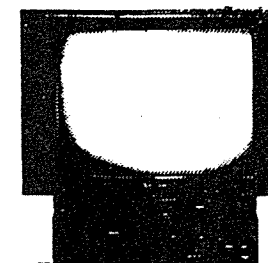
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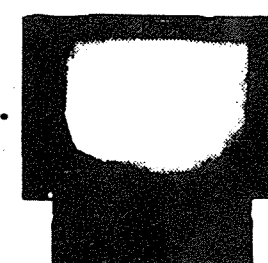
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Confined Garden (Durkan)	Mrs Ryan, Windgates, Maynooth
Best Adult Baking (Weafer)	M. Halton
Best Fruit (Laidlaw)	Noeleen O' Brien
Best Rose (Farringtons)	Tina Brick
Best Adult Craft (May. Com. Council)	Mary Doyle
Best Vegetable (Kennedy)	Henry Gee, Maynooth
Best Sponge Cake (Brady Mem ICA)	Breda O' Connell, Leixlip
Best Childrens Art (Coonan)	Michelle Cunningham, Maynooth
Best Childrens Baking (Mc Myler)	Clare Gallagher, Leixlip
Best Teenage Baking (I.C.A.)	Clare Salmon, Straffan
Confined Arrangement (Sports Locker)	Geraldine Joy, Rathcoole
Best Fruit Cake (I.C.A.)	M. Darlington, Straffan
Best Teenage Craft (Scanlon)	Celine O' Donoghue, Maynooth
Best Childrens Art (Connolly)	Finbarr O'Gorman, Maynooth
Best Handwriting (Satchwell)	Emma Flemming, Maynooth
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2nd Cathleen Finn
3rd Tina Brick
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3rd Jean Fletcher Jones
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MAYNOOTH WRITER'S CIRCLE

The above group are on their summer break and will resume activities mid September. We take this opportunity to thank all the people who are inquiring about joining our group; we will be in touch with them late September.

Hilda Dunne (Hon Sec)
Tel: 01/6286310

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

We would like to thank those residents who helped in keeping our estate neat and tidy this summer. Any residents who may have overlooked paying their annual subscription may drop same to our treasurer, Mary Farrell, 11 Greenfield Drive.

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CARTON COURT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Neighbourhood Watch.

The neighbourhood watch co-ordinators met recently and reviewed the situation regarding our estate. They were delighted to report that most residents are displaying their stickers. They encourage all in the neighbourhood to be extra vigilant during these holiday times - look out for the neighbour.

Goodbye to the "Chair".

We are sad to report that we are losing our chairperson, Phil Power. We wish Phil and her family all the best in their new home. The committee on behalf of the residents, would like to thank Phil for her work as committee member and chairperson.

Happy Holidays!

We hope all are enjoying the time off. Make the most of what is left of the summer!

Sec. Noelle Topley.
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CLUAIN AOIBHINN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The estate is now looking much tidier - thanks are extended to all who helped with the clean up. The children's "Fun Day" is coming up shortly and details will be circulated to each house. There are still some houses which need attention and we appeal to our absentee landlords to make an effort to improve their houses.

Once again I must draw the attention of parents to the fact that children are still on holidays and playing in the estate so it is necessary to drive very slowly on the estate at all times. I will finish by extending belated birthday greetings to Bridie Mullen, No 1.

Gerry Fitzpatrick,
P.R.O.

GREENFIELD RESIDENTS PHASE 3

Wednesday 20th July and we were all up early, bucket and spade packed and waiting for the bus to Bray. There was not a big turn out but the families that did go had a great day. We all enjoyed ourselves and some of us had a little dip. What started off a dull day turned out very warm. We are hoping to have a big clean-up but I sometimes think it is a waste of time when only 5 or 6 people come out to help. Maybe this time things will be different. We can only hope.

Sec. Ann Kirby



Daniel Finnan keeping the sun off his head on the estate day out to Bray.



Carton Open day on 27th July. Our passionate and weary guide, Peter Hussey (Secretary, Community Council) addresses the multitudes for the 67th time in the Gold Room of the house.

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LEAVING RESULTS

The summer for most of us is a quiet time, a time to plan, go on, then regret holidays, but for many young people the summer is a time to worry. For those unfortunate enough to have to sit the Leaving and then await its results the summer takes on an existential significance similar to that associated with rites of passage among less technological societies. After the leaving a person is never quite the same, nor are they treated in quite the same way again.

Once a person does the Leaving, whether they fail or pass, life for them becomes concerned with making a career. They are no longer considered children and are expected suddenly to behave like adults. Decisions which affect the rest of their lives have to be made. The Leaving, quite unfairly, is taken by society as a means of judging a young person's ability. So this September spare a thought, and if so inclined say a prayer, for those young people who have done the Leaving and are now learning to live with their results. The results, we are glad to report, from Maynooth were quite good and Mr Thomas Ashe of the Post Primary School was satisfied with the overall results.

The day of the Leaving results, the 15th of August, was one of mixed emotions, some were pleasantly shocked while others disappointed. The lucky ones got what they expected and so were prepared. Mr. Ashe declined to speculate on how many passed or failed but he said that results reflect the effort an individual put into the exam. On the future plans of the young people Mr. Ashe felt that over 70% would go on to further education. This is well above the national average, a fact Mr. Ashe attributes to the presence of the College in the town. A past pupil however, suggested to this reporter that the reason for the high percentage of Maynooth's school leavers going on in education was the school's emphasis on academics rather than sport.

Finally, the *Newsletter* and Community Council would like to congratulate all Maynooth's school leavers and to wish them well in all they attempt in life.



Receiving their results at St. Mary's Post Primary were Ms. Fahey and Ms. Barnewall.

TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE IN MAYNOOTH

For most of us Chinese medicine means acupuncture, or for the more knowledgeable it may also conjure up images of eating dried lizards. This, however, is a very limited view of the art. Chinese medicine is a holistic approach to health based on a philosophy which sees the human person as a complete entity, physical, spiritual and emotional.

It is an approach which sets out not simply to treat a set of symptoms but rather to restore and maintain a person's natural balance of health. This is done by various means, acupuncture, herbal treatment (dispensed in pill or capsule forms), moxibustion (heat treatment) and talking to a person. In fact talking is essential, first to find out a person's emotional and physical state and then to advise a person on their lifestyle. Because the art treats a person's psychological as well as their physical being each treatment is individual. No two people are the same so no two complaints can be the same either. In order to practice the art one must attend a college recognised by the Professional Register of Traditional Chinese Medicine. One such college is the Irish College of Traditional Chinese Medicine and there are 36 graduates of that college practising in Ireland at the moment. These have received their Licentiate in Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine. It takes three years to obtain this Licentiate which involves six months supervised clinical training.

One of the graduates, Eileen Maguire, has begun practicing the art in Maynooth. Ms Maguire holds surgery at 152 Kingsbry by appointment only on Wednesday afternoon and Saturday afternoon. Ms Maguire will talk to any person no matter what their complaint but not all are suitable for treatment with traditional Chinese medicine. In this way the art should be seen as a compliment rather than an alternative to traditional Western medicine. Also persons requiring surgery will be referred to a doctor. Ms Maguire is a qualified nurse. An initial consultation would last at least an hour and will cost £20 with subsequent thirty minute consultations costing £15. But even if you feel well a visit could be in order as traditional Chinese medicine is as concerned with maintaining health as restoring it.

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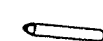
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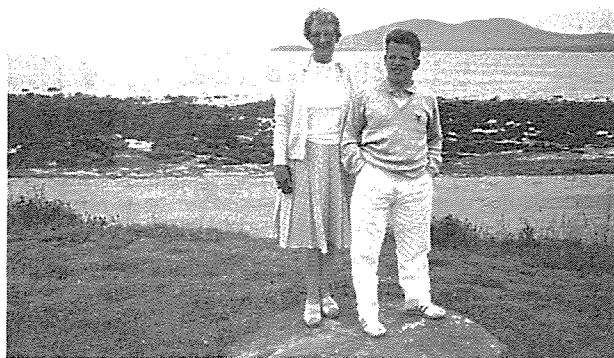
Mrs Margaret Walshe, The Green, Maynooth.

Though a native of Co. Mayo, Mrs Walshe has come to look upon Maynooth as home. Mrs Walshe is a quiet spoken gentle woman who came to Maynooth so that her son John could have a place in St. Raphael's school in Celbridge. It was Mrs and Mr Walshe's commitment to family life which made them decide they would rather leave Mayo than be separated from John. It was a tremendous upheaval for Mrs Walshe to be separated from her family and friends but Maynooth proved to be a very welcoming and friendly place, especially towards John. Mrs Walshe has managed to keep in touch with all her friends and family in Swinford, Co Mayo, to where she and her family return at least once a year. Friends, however, are easily made in Maynooth and Mrs Walshe has many here, especially Leo Bean and Rosie Bean. Social life for Mrs Walshe now centres on the Old Folks' Committee, especially the monthly parties at which the atmosphere is great. She particularly enjoyed this year's annual outing to Bray. Memories are treasured of a country dance 39 years ago when Margaret O' Neill from Boholla met and fell for Mr Walshe from Straide.

Romance continued to visit the Walshe family when their son Michael met his American wife while she was studying in Maynooth College. There are no grandchildren yet but Mrs Walshe is hopeful. Michael's brother Frank, the monumental stone mason, stayed closer to home marrying a local woman, Irene Mc Cluskey.

After 21 years in Maynooth Mrs Walshe has seen many changes in the town, for instance the greatly improved bus services. Not that Mrs Walshe has much need for the bus, preferring as she does to do all her shopping in Maynooth itself. Maynooth she feels now offers everything a person may need in the way of shopping. And there's nothing she enjoys more than going around the shops being greeted by her own friends and those of her son John.

Keeping busy is second nature to Mrs Walshe, rising at 7 O' Clock each morning and regularly attending morning mass. Her day is filled with housework and her flower garden, and with baking delicious soda bread and tarts. But there is always time to stop and receive a visitor with the easy graciousness which is the mark of a truly gentle woman who has lived her life at peace with herself.



Mrs Margaret Walsh with her son John in Mayo

POINTS OF VIEW

Spanish Interview

Maria Manueco, a twenty nine year old Spanish student in Maynooth, is doing a PhD. in Sociology studying the everyday relationship between Irish host families and their Spanish students. Maria is from Madrid which has a population of 4 million people. Madrid is a city of contrasts, parts of which date back to the 16th Century. In the old part of the city streets are so narrow that you can touch both sides with arms outstretched.

Madrid like Maynooth has a traffic problem with almost a continuous traffic jam. However the conditions of the roads are vastly different. In Spain the roads are always well maintained.

Weather in Madrid swings from extreme cold, -5 degrees Celsius in the Winter to 40 degrees Celsius in the Summer. The very rich leave the city during the Summer and go and live in the mountains in summer houses. They are joined by the 'not so rich' who also leave the city during the month of August, except they usually head for the beaches. Madrid during August is practically deserted. August being the month for family holidays means that most Spanish students arrive in Ireland during the months of June and July.

However, for those that remain, mostly the poor, August has three days of Festivals - the 7th is the Feast of St. Cayetano, the 10th is the Feast Day of St. Lorenzo and the 15th is the Festival of "La Virgen de la Paloma", which means "the virgin of the pigeon". This last festival is the most popular one for the lower classes who prefer it to the official patroness of Madrid "The Virgen de la Almudena".

Madrid's social life is conducted mostly at night. A very popular form of night entertainment is street theatre in a district called "La Corralo" where the 'yuppies' dance the night away on "La Castellana", the Leeson Street of Madrid. It is this street night life which Maria misses most. There is late night shopping every night in Madrid and everybody, young or old, rich or poor, enjoys the night life.

Maria, however, likes Maynooth because of the friendliness of the people here. She also enjoys the college atmosphere. Madrid people are also friendly and generally will help a tourist in difficulty. However, the growth of the city has led to an increase in suspicion among Madrid people. Maynooth for Maria retains the qualities of a small town, friendliness of its people and a more open attitude towards strangers.

CARTON DEVELOPMENT

(The following statement has been issued by the Consortium which comprises Guinness PLC, Pierse Contracting, and Lee Mallaghan in response to recent coverage of the plans for Carton in the Newsletter)

We would like to take this opportunity to respond to the articles on Carton House which you carried in your August edition. There are a number of inaccuracies and misrepresentations which need to be addressed.

Firstly, it is important to restate some important points. At present, Carton is a private house and estate. Public access is currently available only through the generosity of Lee

Mallaghan, the current owner and a member of the consortium proposing the development. Despite his best efforts it requires an immediate expenditure of £2.5m to halt the accelerating decay of Carton and the demesne. Advice has been sought from the independent experts who were responsible for the Custom House refurbishment in Dublin. They recommended that the majority of the stonework facing to the house itself needs replacing. In addition, there are serious defects in the roof structure, which if not addressed immediately will lead to a rapid deterioration of the fabric of the house.

The new Ir £65 million resort at Maynooth will be based on the world renowned Gleneagles Hotel in Perthshire, Scotland which is famous for its golf, equestrian facilities, country club and 'Champneys' spa. The worldwide, year round demand for the Scottish hotel and its facilities is such that on occasions it has had to turn away up to £10 million a year in potential business which it cannot accommodate. 250 jobs will be created during the construction phase, with as many as possible of these drawn from the local community. When the resort is fully operational 461 jobs will be available to the local communities adjacent to Carton. Gleneagles will undertake a full training programme so that it will not be necessary to have had prior experience in the leisure industry for most of these job opportunities.

Between payroll, supplies and services, the resort will be spending some IR £15 million annually, much of it in the local community and the Dublin area. It will also generate additional spin - off spend within Ireland of £30 million per annum. This does not include spending in the local area by visitors to Carton.

Additionally there will be significant business opportunities downstream for the local community in the service industries and tourism sectors on a year round basis. This has been the experience at Auchterarder, the nearest town to Gleneagles in Scotland.

The development of Carton with the inclusion of accommodation, golfing and equestrian facilities is very much in tandem with the objectives and priorities for the future growth of Irish tourism as set out in the development plan for Irish tourism published by Bord Fáilte in 1989.

Earlier this year, Mr. Seamus Brennan TD, Minister for Tourism and Transport said of the project: "I am delighted to welcome the Gleneagles project at Carton in terms of the restoration and preservation of the house and estate, the long term local employment which will be created when the project is operational, as well as the construction jobs and the considerable tourism benefits that will flow from a resort project of this prestige and size. Most especially I welcome the opening up of what has been for centuries a private house and estate so that its beauty can be enjoyed and experienced by the local community and the general public".

The proposed development of Gleneagles/Carlton by the consortium has been set out in a detailed planning application and environmental impact statement which has been lodged with Kildare and Meath County Councils. The consortium have made all documentation available to the relevant planning bodies and are available to answer any additional questions which may arise from the public or from any interested party.

The consortium has undertaken widespread consultation of

the local communities in Leixlip and Maynooth and have made every effort to inform and advise them of our intentions.

Lee Mallaghan has opened Carton House recently to the public where a model of the proposed development was provided for inspection and comment. All the facts of the development are fully known.

This commitment to the local community has been rewarded with widespread support from political parties, local organisations and community groups. Additionally, the development has the support of the Government and the Industrial Development Authority.

Guinness Ireland, a leading member of the development consortium, has been a good friend of Ireland for almost 250 years. This relationship is cemented by its commitment to the development and opening of Carton to the public in the years ahead.

The development will open this private estate to the public and anyone who wishes will be able to visit the property and enjoy the use of the restaurants and bars as well as the estate itself.

The housing aspect which guarantees the viability of the total development, will consist of 119 golf villas set in wooded areas on the northern part of the estate, close to the P.G.A. European Tour Course. A conference centre and executive meeting facilities, which will include 26 corporate lodges to cater for business conferences will also be included. Forty Demesne residences, set in the wooded areas of the estate, will be offered on the international market as second homes. An essential element in the training and development phase will involve on-site training for the employees, thereby necessitating the provision of staff accommodation.

The concerns of the community and environmentalists have been addressed by Mr. Robin Harding, Development Director, Guinness Enterprises and the Gleneagles Group: "Guinness Enterprises and Gleneagles are sensitive to the anxieties that may be caused at the prospect of development within the demesne. We have provided safeguards for the future by offering to enter covenants with the local community, through Kildare County Council. A landscape covenant will require the landowner to implement and periodically revise a landscape management plan. This will involve, in particular, tree maintenance, planting and replanting. A separate covenant will restrict future development within the demesne. These covenants, which are binding contracts, will re-enforce and supplement development control powers. This proposal, therefore, secures the future of Carton and the demesne in the short, medium and long term".

Significant sectors of the woods at Carton are over-mature and are in a state of decline. This decline has been arrested in part by the careful pruning and clearing of seized and fallen trees and the commencement of a sympathetic replanting programme by Lee Mallaghan. This programme will continue resulting in an increase in the total number of trees on the estate after the development is completed.

Concerns related to the rich variety of flora and fauna on the estate are completely unjustified. With the maintenance of the woods now assured they are guaranteed food and shelter in the future. Additionally, contrary to the public perception, the wide variety of golf course habitat enhances the growth potential for a wide variety of species.

GARDA TALK

What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is a strategy designed to combat today's crime problems. It is a crime prevention programme intended to enlist the active co-operation of the community in a neighbourhood by observing and reporting suspicious activities, and by highlighting the constraints and censures on criminal behaviour that should be found in a caring community.

In Neighbourhood Watch a community accepts a responsibility for the prevention of crime in its own area, and individual citizens accept this responsibility to themselves and to their neighbours. The emphasis heretofore has been on the role of the Garda Síochána alone. The Garda was there to prevent and detect crime and to maintain public peace and good order. No structured role existed for members of the public actively to assist in this work. Citizens frequently turned a blind eye to suspicious and criminal activity believing that such activity was the sole responsibility of the Gardaí.

Neighbourhood Watch creates a system in which the Gardaí and the community establish a partnership, the aim of which is to prevent crime and create a better environment in which to live. It provides residents with constructive activities which have a positive effect on local crime levels, as well as being supportive of victims of crime. While maintaining the tried and trusted methods of policing, there is an emphasis on preventive measures, while preserving the service elements of traditional policing.

Citizens are taught how to make their homes less inviting as targets for burglars; how to make their personal property less desirable to thieves; and how to be alert to suspicious activity in their neighbourhood.

Essential to the success of a scheme are the Area Co-ordinator and Street Co-ordinators. An Area Co-ordinator is a local resident who is responsible for the co-ordination of the scheme through day-to-day liaison with Street Co-ordinators and the Gardaí. His or her role includes organising meetings, recruiting Street Co-ordinators and the general running of the scheme.

Street Co-ordinators are responsible for the running of the scheme in their streets or blocks of flats, by keeping in touch with other members. They also recruit new members, distribute literature and newsletters and assist in further developments such as a Property Marking Scheme. Co-ordinators maintain a record of their street membership and are expected to motivate their fellow residents.

The key people in any successful Neighbourhood Watch Scheme are of course the individual members of the Community - you and me. The aim is to change community attitudes towards self-policing and increase people's awareness of crime and its consequences. The implementation of successful Neighbourhood Watch schemes requires a planned and structured approach involving both Gardaí and the community.

There are several highly successful Neighbourhood Watch Schemes up and running and firmly established already in Maynooth. Others, which were set up some years ago, are now dormant and need to be revived. Other localities in the Maynooth area have no schemes in place. The local Gardaí with the assistance of the Crime Prevention Officer at Naas

would like Neighbourhood Watch Schemes covering all areas in the Maynooth catchment area. We exhort Residents Associations etc. to discuss the matter and if interested contact the local Garda Station. If the enthusiasm and interest exists within communities/housing estates etc. the Gardaí will gladly assist with appropriate advice and indeed make available the documentation to carry out the necessary survey. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the fine people already involved in established schemes for so enthusiastically giving of their time and talents and so ensuring the success of the venture.

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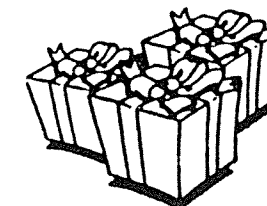
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STAR BLASTS

[We take this opportunity to warn our readers that Minerva has been in foul form for the last week. Therefore her predictions are even more malicious than usual.]

Gemini (22 May - 21 June)

Offspring will arrive. About three of them, I should imagine. Together. Buy Dr Spock.

Cancer (22 June - 22 July)

I detect an ugly looking object crawling all over your bed linen this month and it seems to be confused. On the 14th it will present itself to you and apparently you will suffer an advanced form of *nervous carnivalosa extremis*. It appears to be a lobster.

Aries (21 March - 20 April)

You will develop an insufferable itch on the 21st and no amount of scratching will get rid of it. Remove all household bleach and cheese graters from the home.

Leo (23 July - 23 August)

You are exuding far too much magnetic attraction this month Leo. This accounts for the enormous mound of iron and metal objects which trundle around the parish in your footsteps. Find a thunderstorm somewhere and stand under a tree for the duration.

Libra (24 September - 23 October)

You will decide to go on a diet around about the 25th of the month but believe me it won't work. Neither will the awesome amount of fitness and exercise equipment which you'll buy on the 27th. You see, you actually have to comply with the rules of the diet and do more than sit and watch the exercise bike. Still, some people are cuddly and attractive when they're overweight. Then again, others are not.

Scorpio (24 October - 22 November)

Things begin to fall apart on the 6th. First the cooker. Then the car. Next the fridge, the hoover, the shelves in the kitchen, the front door, the sitting room, the house, the job, the relationships ... That's about all that will go wrong.

Sagittarius (23 November - 22 December)

Good news this month Sagittarius. That dreadfully tense atmosphere which has been building up in your home over the past two months will finally be gone by the 14th. The only drawback will be the loss of your home due to the explosion but we can't have everything, can we?

Capricorn (22 December - 19 January)

You really are being very self critical this month dear. You have persisted in seeing yourself as boring, careless, mean, unattractive, selfish, useless, dull and pathetic since the end of last month. It might cheer you up a little when I tell you that you neglected to include a major positive personal characteristic: honesty.

Aquarius (21 January - 19 February)

You think that a fabulously beautiful member of the opposite sex whom you've seen around for the last two weeks doesn't even notice you Aquarius. You're right.

Pisces (20 February - 21 March)

Wonderful news of promotion this month darling. Your potential has finally been recognised and that long envied job is now yours. Fear of litigation prevents me from telling you what it is in case one of my readers actually *does* this kind of work.

Taurus (21 April - 21 May)

Prepare for the landing of an alien spacecraft in the back garden on the 20th. Stock up on rice cakes and herbal tea.

Minerva Big Dipper Murphy.

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LOOKING BACK WITH THE NEWSLETTER

September 1979 Revisited

As part of our ongoing excavation of the vaults of the *Newsletter*, we have found a September 1979 edition from which we have culled the following picture of life in Maynooth all of twelve years ago.

The invasion of Pope John Paul II was anticipated, and a meeting to organise the decoration of the town was arranged for 28th August, in the Parish Hall. Vincent Duff, Mary Cullen, and Suzanne Pegley were busy preparing a History of Maynooth, and someone had lost a lady's gold trimmed ornamental brooch of sentimental value. The editorial pondered the lessons of the recent Bantry Bay oil tanker explosion, and wondered at the dangerous loads carried by the trucks and indeed trains through on a daily basis. The old peoples outing went to Kilnacraft Abbey in Ballyjamesduff, and the weather had of course been glorious, with a lovely tea, followed by a sing song.

The Greenfield Estate Residents Association proposed to hold their AGM on 5th September in the Geraldine Hall, and were busy planning their annual Dinner Dance in January 1980 (certainly planned ahead in those days!). They were hopeful for an extension of the 66 bus service; the Fence Sub Committee thanked all who helped at the cake sale. Old Greenfield Residents had enjoyed a lovely time on the annual trip to the seaside at Skerries.

A married couple were seeking a house to rent for twenty pounds weekly, while Mr and Mrs Owen Duffy were taking up residence in Canada.

St Mary's Brass and Reed Band were in full swing, having spent a successful summer season. The death of former band member Paddy Murphy was noted; among the other passings noted were Matt Meehan, James Dunne, and John Donovan. Bernadette Edwards had celebrated her 21st birthday, and Billie Newton had recently married Kathleen Kenny. Pearse and Bridin Breslin had produced Veronica Mary, and Frs Aodhan McCrystal and Pat O'Mahoney were congratulated on their recent ordinations.

Girl Guides, Helena Lynch, Mary Bennett, Grainne Farrell, Janet Byrne, and Geraldine Behan were camping in Adelboden in Switzerland; while the scouts went as far as Donadea Woods for their first night under canvas. Left over from this happy camp were one size three black shoe, white underpants, pyjamas, and a t-shirt. One presumes a good time was had by all?

Joe Buckley was bucking the equal employment opportunities brigade by advertising for a male shop assistant. Meanwhile, Maynooth Community Playgroup was reaching the end of it's days, as outlined by Carmel Hogan.

Tom Geraghty was selling 1 lb of strawberry jam for 29p, Chef Sauce for 19p, and a giant box of Kellogg's cornflakes for 39p. The results of Maynooth Flower Show covered many pages, with the names of Satchwell and Gee being as ever prominent among the prize winners. There was a comprehensive report from the Leinster Arms Darts Club - where are they now?

A special welcome was extended to Sister Benignus, recently appointed Reverend Mother at the Convent.

All of this for 10p - half the price of a tin of Ambrosia Creamed Rice in Tom Geraghty's, and much more nutritious. More news from the past next month.

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By Demon
[£5.00 prize]

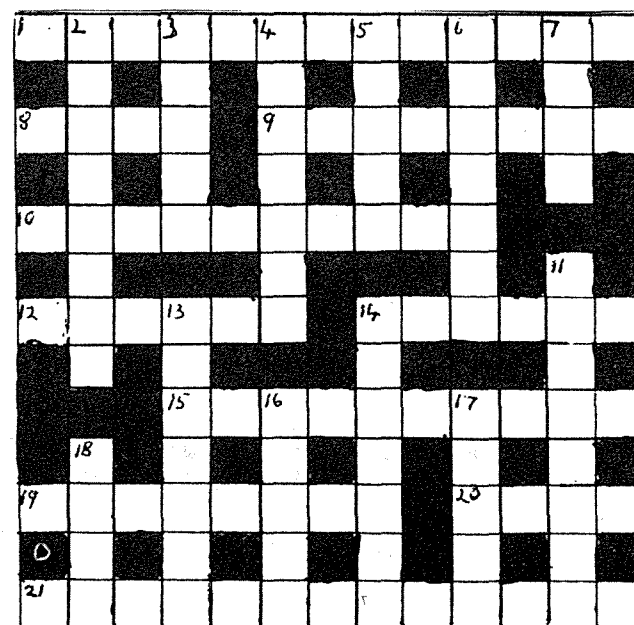
Across:

- 'E fingered doll confusedly on way to this 8 Across of Maynooth (3,10)
- Hectare, acre contain and measure this (4)
- Forgive them this, for putting a lock around a Lucan hotel (8)
- From the avenue to the college gates, the principal saint chops up tree (4,6)
- Dutch monkey's? Mum's brothers (6)
- Unobserved, distraught nun runs around bishop's area (6)
- EGMT x 2 + AS = TD (5,5)
- Instrument that uses wind or tape to make music (8)
- Starts off bare, undressed, freezing, frostbitten in this (4)
- Local monument to labour leader's foolishness? (not erected by 15 Across!) (8,5)

Down:

- Country girl describes quiche from the Country Shop (8)
- Kavanagh's Mills gets lots of this - don't go against it (5)
- Beaufield and Carton court and 1 Across for example: setback after seat collapses (7)
- Girl related to 12 Across could be in EEC
- Charges put in backward semi (6)
- You need this for shopping - how well is trolley holding it? (4)
- Angrily seeking redress; five English spill fuel (8)
- Told untruths? Now, that's wrong - get on the ground (3,4)
- All changed, changed - in a manner of speaking? (7)
- She shows off clothes in fashion to learner (5)
- Thanks, say this to a goose; it's forbidden (5)
- Girl's ring admirable man (4)

Entries before Friday 20th September at 5.00 pm



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Solution of Crossword No. 45:

Across: (1) Babysitter, (7 & 8) Leinster Arms, (9) Subs, (10) Rinsing, (12) Sixtysix Bus, (14) Impound, (16) Ices, (19) Frog, (20) Overcoat, (21) Instrument.

Down: (1) Beers, (2) Bandbox, (3) Site, (4) Terrific, (5) Exams, (6) Amends, (11) Dying Out, (12) Stmary, (13) Bicycle, (15) Organ, (17) Start, (18) Menu

RUSSIA REPORT

From Russia With ... Fond Memories

As part of the Newsletters expanded foreign affairs coverage, our special correspondent visited the Soviet Union in July to investigate the latest political developments in that troubled land, to meet the local people, visit sites of interest and drink as much cheap Russian vodka as is physically possible. Since his return events have taken a serious turn for the worse - and things have gone from bad to worse in the Soviet Union as well. Below is an edited (not to say censored) account of his travels.

Friday July 5th

Arrived Leningrad airport which, like much of the rest of the city, is 'under reconstruction'. Passport and customs control are quite lax for non-Soviet nationals but for the locals returning from New York on our flight (New York-Shannon-Leningrad) every last item of luggage was thoroughly searched. Escaping from the chaos of the airport, our hosts drove us across the city to their apartment in the north eastern suburbs. The apartment, which was to be our home for much of the next two weeks, consisted of three rooms and housed four generations of the family (four adults and a child of eight). Such a situation is not untypical in a city which suffers from a critical housing shortage. Across the street were blocks of 'common flats' where families were obliged to share cooking and washing facilities.

Saturday 6th

The extent of the preparations which Zoya and Andre had made for our visit are now becoming obvious. Food has been stocked up over the previous month so that there would be no need to queue during our stay. Somehow an extra fridge has been acquired to store this extra food.

Much of the day was spent visiting the Hermitage Museum, including a special tour of the Gold Museum holding much of the fantastic wealth of the Tsars. As we emerged from the museum into Revolutionary Square we were confronted by the sight of the Salvation Army strutting their stuff, here at the very fount of the Bolshevik Revolution. For it was here, with the storming of the Winter Palace (in which the Hermitage Museum is now housed) that it all began in 1917. And now the square is filled with the strains of 'The Lord's My Shepherd'!



Our correspondent in heavy disguise. (Coat by Military Police; Shades by Rayban; Pose by constipation).

Sunday 7th - Friday 12th

An over-night train journey brought us through Latvia to Vilnius the capital of Lithuania. At this latitude and at this time of year the nights are short - two hours of darkness at most. And so we were given a good opportunity to view the countryside as our East German built train chugged through the early morning mists at thirty five miles per hour.

The superficial impression from the passing train was of a land trapped in the past. Ramshackle wooden houses stand in clearings in the massive forests. Horse drawn machinery edge slowly across huge meadows cutting hay. Dotted through the fields are peasants with pitch forks and rakes. In a way the view from the passing train is idyllic but the reality is that there is a desperate flight from the land where underemployment is rife and housing of poor quality.

In Vilnius we are met by Algis and Aldona who show us around the city which has been a focus for the Lithuanian independence movement. We visit the TV tower where thirteen protestors were killed by Soviet troops last January and the parliament building festooned with religious banners and icons proclaiming an independent Lithuania. The events of last winter, and particularly the killings at the TV tower, have united the vast majority of Lithuanians behind the independence movement.

We spend the next three days in Caunas, the second city of Lithuania (pop. 450,000) as guests of Algis and Aldona. Here the atmosphere is more relaxed than in Leningrad, the shops are better stocked, the streets cleaner, buildings reasonably well painted and maintained. Caunas could pass for a typical north European city. Again our hosts and their friends show us great generosity and over a late night glass of vodka barriers of race and culture melt away.

Saturday 13th - Friday 19th

Our second week is spent visiting the sights of Leningrad, including a visit to the circus and to the Kirov ballet. As the former capital of the Russian empire the city is well supplied with museums, churches and other building of interest.

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Outstanding amongst these are the two summer palaces of the Tzars - both about twenty miles outside the city. Petrodvorets built by Peter the Great features a magnificent series of fountains while in Pushkin is located the beautiful baroque Catherine Palace.

A visit to Piskaryoskoye Cemetery on a hot summers afternoon is an unforgettable experience. Here are buried in mass graves the one million victims of the 900 day siege of Leningrad during World War II. Two small, simple museums at the entrance to the cemetery record the heroism of the people of the city and the terrible conditions they endured.

Saturday 20th

Leningrad - Shannon by Aeroflot and hundreds of memories of a great holiday. Beyond the places and the palaces was the warmth of the people, their generosity and good humour. In these troubled times we wish them a better future.



Posing with 'resistance movement' by train in Lithuania

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PUB SPY

They came because they 'eard about the 'Arp, and they left because they couldn't afford it! That is the sorry excuse offered by the Viking reconnaissance party, which was entrusted with the role of reporting on conditions in the public houses of Maynooth in May, for reneging on their promise to deliver an early report on the pillaging and plundering possibilities of said sleepy dormitory town. However, our intrepid editor has now returned triumphant from a retaliatory raid on Scandinavia, clutching one confidential report from Thor, Ragnar, Hagar the Horrible, Broomhilda and Valkyrie on their brief raid on the four public houses in Maynooth.

"Following a perilous journey by longboat up the Liffey, we jumped ship at the Salmon Leap and courageously mounted the 66 bus to Maynooth. It was a dark, rainy night, providing ideal cover for our mission. Inside the Roost public house, we felt at home, thinking we had reached Valhalla. The rain cascaded through the glass dome in the roof, which may explain why the sacred fires were extinguished, and we shivered. Broomhilda's gin and tonic was served with ice and a slice (£1.82); Valkyrie's pint of 'Arp was not as cold as we in Scandinavia are used to (£1.77); Hagar the Horrible's bottle of Kaliber (he was responsible for navigating the Longboat homewards) likewise was unchilled - even room temperature as it existed in the marble halls would have sufficed (£1.17); mighty Thor's white wine was served in a glass, somewhat sweet, nicely chilled (£1.60); while Ragnar sipped his glass of Guinness and pronounced it grand, just right (.88p). Total bill £7.24. The outhouses and middens were in good shape with toilet paper, and soap but no hot water. Hand driers worked, but not effectively.

Onwards, at 10.25 pm to the Leinster Arms, where the damage came to £7.51. Broomhilda's gin and tonic (£1.87) contained some debris (from the last raid?); Hagar's Kaliber was still not chilled to his liking, but somehow tasted better than the Roost (£1.18); Thor's white wine (served in a small bottle - Cuvee Special) was dry, chilled and O.K. (£1.82); Ragnar found his glass of Guinness to be inadequately chilled, and no beer mats supplied; Valkyrie's 'Arp was cooler than the Roost's but bland. Hagar recommends an eye specialist for the interior designer, while Thor discoursed on the role of dissonant patterns in the Sagas. Tables remained uncleared for some time; the outhouses and middens had not improved since previous raiding parties reported in the *Newsletter*. Lighting was inadequate, but it was possible to view the toilet rolls on the floor, the cigarette butts on the floor and in the handbasins. The gents had however, improved slightly on last year. The bar was not crowded and it appeared that no cleaning troops had taken the bog detail since lunchtime.

At 10.50pm the loyal band moved on to Brady's for a round which cost £6.49. The Kaliber (£1.09) was chilled; the gin and tonic was served without lemon, although when threatened with a rendition of the entire forty verses of Ragnar Rowed the Boat Ashore, the barman yielded up one slice (£1.85); the 'Arp was not cold enough, once more but pronounced O.K. (£1.68); the glass of wine (£1.00) was fine; and the glass of Guinness (.87) was lovely, the best so far. The decor is basic, but plenty of bar stools; no lock on the door of one of the toilets, paper in one cubicle, but not in all.

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No peanuts on sale, but Sam Spudz Hunger Busters provided an excellent substitute.

And so to Caulfields at 11.15pm where the round cost £7.28. Kaliber was £1.05 and properly chilled; gin and tonic served with the ubiquitous ice and a slice without asking was £1.86; the Guinness was held to have been poured too fast, and was not a great half pint; the 'Arp was good and cost £1.70; the wine was Calvet in a bottle, and cost £1.80, and was regarded as 'nice'. Outhouses were clean, but no hot water. The hand drier worked. Service was slow, with three staff flying between three bars, but we got what we wanted. Valkyrie requested that the cigarette machine be mentioned in despatches; it is placed at such an altitude that Valkyrie would need to grow another two feet to be able to reach it.

The Verdict

	Roost	L.A.	Brady's	Caulfields
Price	7.24	7.51	6.49	7.28
	8	6	10	8
Ambience	2	5	8	7
Service	5	7	7	6
Toilets M	7	5	2	4
F	5	2	4	8
Cleanliness	8	7	7	9
Decor	3	5	6	7

Total 38 37 44 49

And so they left for fiords, where they have now set up bars serving nothing but 'Arp from the local glacier, and where they have learned that the local trolls will pay anything for a drop of the crater.

Editorial Note: This is the third year in a row that Caulfield's Public House has topped the pubspy poll. The main contributory factor in each year has been in cleanliness, both in the bar and in the toilets. Brady's has come out cheapest in price, but in fairness it should be pointed out that this is due to the bargain price of wine.

THIRD ANNUAL YEATS INTERNATIONAL THEATRE FESTIVAL

Following the enormous success of the last two Yeats Festivals, the third annual Yeats International Theatre Festival, sponsored by Coca Cola Atlantic, began on August 27th and will run until September 21st. It features three Yeats plays: *Deirdre*, *A Full Moon in March* and *The Shadowy Waters* grouped under the theme Sacred Mysteries. This year's festival is dedicated to the memory of Augusta Lady Gregory.

One of the most important changes of our times has been the re-definition of sexuality and sex roles which has followed feminism and men's reactions to it. Sacred Mysteries will explore the Celtic way of love and sexuality from the Yeatsian understanding of Celtic mythology. The three powerful Yeats plays featured in this year's festival are all deeply rooted in Celtic mythology, which is concerned with love and sexuality as the primary source of physical and spiritual fulfilment. Each of the plays focuses on an act in which there is an exchange and absorption of male and female energies. In each play the heroine makes the decisive choice that brings into being a new order of the heart and mind.

In addition to the Yeats plays, there will be two Saturday series of lectures and symposia in the Peacock theatre under the title *Sex and Politics: Myth and Gender*. The first of these two series will take place on Saturday 7th September with Betty Friedan, author of *The Feminine Mystique* and *The Second Stage*, and will focus on the theme from a feminist point of view. The second series will take place the following Saturday 14th September and will feature a symposium with Robert Bly, poet and author of *Iron John*, a run-away number one bestseller in the United States which has also had a huge impact on the emergent "men's movement" and is shortly to be published on this side of the Atlantic. He will be joined on the Peacock stage by storyteller, anthropologist and television personality Michael Meade. At the Peacock Theatre, on Friday 6th September at 5.15 pm, Dr Declan Kiberd will give a lecture called *Androgynous Angels: The New Woman in Art*. On Saturday 21st September under the title *Love Poems*, poets, players and politicians will read their favourite love poems.

The first Annual Yeats International Theatre Festival was held at the Peacock Theatre in September 1989 to commemorate the anniversary of the death of the Nobel Prize winning Irish poet and dramatist. Last year's festival was dedicated to the memory of Samuel Beckett. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Coca-Cola Atlantic, the Billy Rose Foundation and the Karp Foundation as well as individual supporters of the Yeats Drama Foundation, US, Inc, the previous festivals have been a huge success. For the third successive year, Professor James W. Flannery, Professor of Theatre and Film Studies at Emory University and a distinguished stage director and Yeats expert will direct the Yeats International Festival.



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FILM REVIEW

Home Alone (PG)

Home Alone is a comedy which is about a young boy who was mistakenly left home alone, when his family goes to France for a Christmas vacation.

When our unique little hero discovers that his house is going to be burgled he plans an assortment of plots to deter the burglars from succeeding in committing their crimes. In the meantime his mother is frantically trying to get back home. The whole film is a laugh from start to finish. The traps for the burglars are fantastic. Our little hero is a true genius! Very watchable! Very funny! 10 out of 10.

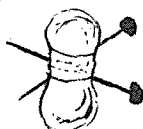
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A Dangerous Stunt

DOWN from my parent's eyrie, I scanned for the mountain hare I had seen running into hiding. It was going to be my largest kill since I had cracked from my shell. I was determined to get this sucker, who had raced right under my beak in such a defiant manner. As I looked to the west, my sharp eyes spotted a small nose peaking from in between tow boulders on the side of the mountain my parent's eyrie was on. I had seen my mother catch hares, and foxes like this before but this, this was going to be my first try.

I had always wanted to be fully grown-up. Every time I take-off I am reminded I am still but a year old eaglet by the white patches of immature feathers on the underside of my tail and wing-tips. This time I took no heed of them. Down I sped, talons outstretched. As they dug into the fat on the scruff of his neck I swerved violently to avoid the oncoming boulder. I muttered some unspeakable words under my breath. I had meant to grasp his neck, because that would have killed it instantly. Because my aim was so bad, he was still alive and thus put up a struggle. It was tempting to let him fall, but I hung in there so he had to too.

Then I saw hunting dogs. Not only were they running loose (to the anger of their mounted masters), but they were also running, with particular interest, behind a cliff three quarters of a mile to a mile away. I headed for it, expecting to find carrion, (much easier to eat than writhing hares). I hovered over the cliff before alighting neatly on the crest with the hare hanging over the side. Then I saw what the excited dogs were yelping at. There was an eagle tearing with her beak, clawing and hitting them with powerful blows from the right wing (the one furthest from me). The left wing was badly wounded, (which explained why she had not taken off). She also seemed to be protecting something small with that wing. I looked closer and saw it was my mother. I saw red. My blood boiled. those hounds were trying to kill her, and I had only lost my father to their kind not 5 months ago.

I soared to a height of 49 feet (it would have been 50 but I was carrying a rather heavy load). How dangerous is this stunt? If the men found her would they shoot her?

These thoughts flashed through my mind as I soared vertically towards the ground, gathering speed all the time. When I had dropped forty seven and a half feet, I released the cargo, and made a U-bend spiralling upwards. The hare hit the pack leader on the tail and sent him squealing and running away with his tail between his legs. Then he stopped and turned around for the first time seeing what had hit him. He snarled at being made a fool of so easily, stared at his chums and took off after the hare, who had almost tele-pathically guessed the leader's intentions and made a run for safety. Off went the pack after the hare.

I alighted beside my mother to see the extent of her wounds, and lifted her left wing. Underneath was a startled looking day-old eaglet. The true reason my mother had not fled . .

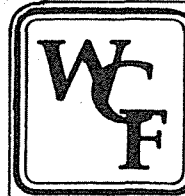
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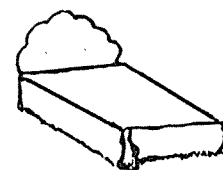


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Features

"Love Never Dies"

Sheila dropped into the local newsagents for some milk and a packet of cigarettes. It was a cold evening, so she decided to buy a magazine to read by the fire when she got home. The card section of the shop, was very busy, as the next day was Valentine's Day. She used to love going through the cards herself. Reading all the mushy, soppy rhymes, and even the funny rude ones as well. Sharon, would have loved Brian, to give her one of those big padded hearts that said, "Best Girlfriend in the World", but Sharon was dead, and Brian left physically and mentally scarred from that terrible night three years ago. Sheila made her way home and wondered whether her husband would come home early tonight. Since their daughter Sharon's death there seemed to be a huge gulf between Sheila and Derek. Their son Michael now sixteen was a good worker at school, and seemed to be turning into quite a decent young man. Louise, their 'baby' now ten, was definitely the pet of the family and enjoyed every minute of it. At the time of Sharon's death everybody said that time would heal the grief. Sheila had found no comfort in these platitudes then, but now, after three years, she had to admit that the pain was easing and she even felt human again, at times.

After dinner with Michael and Louise she settled down with her magazine. One of the articles was all about what to wear to this year's Valentine Ball or disco. Inevitably her thoughts went back to Friday 13th February, three years ago. Her beautiful eighteen year old daughter set out with her boyfriend, Brian, to the local Stardust disco. He lived nearby and both Derek and Sheila were happy about them being together. They knew his parents and were sure that Sharon would come to no harm with him. That night, they heard sirens, around 1 am., which was not unusual as they lived on a busy main road. But there were more than usual and they didn't trail off onto the distance like most other times. Instead they seemed to be stepping locally. Then the doorbell rang. A neighbour had come to tell them the tragic news that the Stardust was on fire! Sharon was one of the forty eight young people who lost their lives that night. The horror of it all came back to her. All those young lives finished, when they were just starting and many more maimed and scarred. Such sorrow and pain. She knew these images would prevent sleep from coming naturally so she took one of her sleeping pills when she was going to bed.

Derek must have come home late because he was beside her in the bed when she woke up on St. Valentine's morning. It was his day off, so she decided not to disturb his sleep. She slipped downstairs to start the breakfast. When Michael and Louise were gone to school, she did her usual tidy up around the place. A cup of coffee and a cigarette were now called for. She sat down to listen to Gaybo on the radio. He was reading some of the listeners' Valentine rhymes in a competition for a trip for two to Paris. For the first time in a long while, she found herself wishing that Derek would say some of those romantic lines to her. As she wiped away the few tears that had escaped she scolded herself for her self-pity. She decided to leave a note for Derek and go to visit Sharon in St Fintan's Cemetery. On the bus she nodded to a few other people whom she knew were on the same mission as herself. She put the bright yellow daffodils on Sharon's grave and her heart went out to all the other mourners dotted

throughout the cemetery. Many of the young victims of the Stardust fire were buried in St. Fintan's. Standing there in the cold frosty air, looking down on Sharon's grave, she was thinking, "Stardust victim now turned to earthdust. Beautiful spirit now free". Silly things kept on coming into her mind; "Sharon you would be in the loo at the wrong time on that awful night! When you were small, you were always the last, if we were all going out in the car together you'd always have to go to the loo at the last minute. Maybe being my first child I musn't have toilet trained you properly". She shook herself from these silly ramblings and said goodbye to Sharon until the next visit. Turning to go she saw Brian standing a few yards behind her. He had waited for her to finish, not wishing to interrupt her visit. No words were spoken as they nodded understandingly at each other. Sheila walked towards the gate wondering why she felt the need to make this journey every week. Derek never seemed to need to visit his daughter's grave. Rounding the corner she headed for the bus-stop but she was only half way there when Derek pulled up beside her in the car. She sat in and was delighted that she now wouldn't have to wait in the cold for a bus. Derek didn't drive off straight away. He leaned into the back seat and lifted a lovely bouquet of red roses onto Sheila's lap. She was stunned and in seventh heaven at the same time as Derek asked her to be his Valentine again. Her answer was a sweet kiss. Grief, whatever form it took or however it was dealt with, did eventually recede. As they drove home, Sheila thought, "that real love never dies. Their love for each other, from which their three beautiful children had sprung would live on a long time yet."

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The purpose of the scheme is to assist the large number of productive and energetic people in the over 25 age group who have been unemployed for a prolonged period and who wish to make a worthwhile contribution to the social development of their community.

The Social Employment Scheme is designed to achieve two basic objectives:

- (a) to help long term unemployed workers to re - enter the active workforce.
- (b) to help voluntary groups and public sector bodies to do worthwhile work which they could not otherwise have undertaken.

Who can work on an SES project?

To qualify for participation on an SES project you must be:

- over 25 years and in receipt of Unemployment Assistance;
- over 25 years and in receipt of Unemployment Benefit for at least 12 months.

What type of work is involved?

This will depend on your own skills and the nature of the project on which you are employed.

Your employer may be involved in improving the local environment, education, sports, arts, tourism or community development.

You will be doing worthwhile work which will be of direct benefit to the local community.

What will I be paid for 20 hours per week?

You will be paid the rate appropriate to your Social Welfare Status prior to starting work on an SES project.

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A person with child dependant(s)	£ 6.00 per child (half-rate)

With FAS funding, scheme participants are employed for an average of 20 hours per week for a maximum of 52 weeks.

How long will the work last?

Workers are employed for an average of 20 hours per week for up to 52 weeks. Your employer will arrange the work periods in consultation with FAS to suit the needs of the project (ie week on/week off or 2½ days per week).

Doing other work?

You will sign off the Live Register when you start work on an SES Project.

You may engage in other part time work or activities outside the time spent working on the scheme.

Participants are encouraged to utilise any spare time to look for regular full time employment.

Will I pay PRSI and PAYE?

This will depend on your individual circumstances and allowances. Many SES workers will not be liable for PAYE on their SES earnings alone. You should clarify your own position before starting work.

PRSI will be deducted at the "J" rate. However if you are a medical card holder your employer will pay this for you.

How do I apply?

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STREET TALKING

Student Accommodation

It is never easy leaving home and going to college. Not only are you expected to be disciplined enough to attend lectures, you will also have the added problem of looking after yourself. Things once taken for granted suddenly become problematical, such as feeding yourself or looking after your own laundry. Of course the main problem is finding somewhere to lay your weary head at night and to store your dirty laundry, to bring it home at the weekend or end of term if you are so inclined. The person to whom you should turn to help you find this haven is Mrs Kelly.

Mrs. Kelly is the student's accommodation officer in the College. Each year she endeavours to house the majority of students who attend the college. And each year her task is getting harder, mainly because of the increase in college admissions, over 1,000 last year but also because of workers from Intel, and Straffan House looking for accommodation in Maynooth. Indeed Mrs. Kelly has already lost a number of her regular houses to Straffan House.

The College recently built 240 single roomed apartments which Mrs. Kelly expects to be taken up mostly by first years. There are also two hostels on campus offering accommodation and partial board but only to female students. The shared rooms at the hostels may cost up to £60 per week while the accommodation blocks on campus cost up to £30 per week plus electricity and own food. Off campus there are approximately 170 houses available to students through the College, these are either 3 or 4 bedroomed.

There are also approximately 600 self catering and partial board places available off campus. This is perhaps the best option for people wishing to accommodate students. The other option of renting a whole house is not quite as good an option because of the problem of the house being empty during the summer months. This may be solved however by having one's house registered with Bord Failte and letting it out to tourists. Mrs. Kelly knows of a number of people who do this.

The rent for accommodation let through the college is fixed each year and is based on the cost of living calculated by the Central Statistics Office. They rise each year but Mrs. Kelly still feels they compare favourably with Dublin.

C.K.R. Radio

It has arrived! At last Maynooth's citizens can bop along with the rest of Kildare and Carlow. By tuning into 97.6 FM you can now listen to C.K.R. It has taken two years for C.K.R. to get permission from the I.R.T.C. and the Department of Communications to broadcast on the new frequency. The site of the new transmitter is in the hills above Saggart. Mr. Pat Dunne who lived in Maynooth for two years hopes that now C.K.R. will be able to send their mobile broadcasting unit to cover local events. He would also like anybody organising local events in the Maynooth area to get in touch with either Majella Duane or Tom Mc Loughlin at the station's community desk at 045 79666.

The station produces a broad mixture of music and chat including a news bulletin every hour. And for those interested in Irish Anne Conway broadcasts "An Bothair Eile" on Saturday mornings 10-11.30.

The new frequency 97.6 FM, which replaced the old 95.5 FM frequency, began operating on August 12th last.

New Pass Machine

Maynooth last month was blessed by a new £5 dispensing Pass Machine which should allow us to bankrupt ourselves at a more sedate pace. For such consideration we should be grateful to the Bank of Ireland.

The Cardinal Press

Tucked away at the bottom of Maynooth is the Cardinal Press, run by Joe Wall, son of Edmund Wall. Printing ink is in the blood of the Walls for Mr. Edmund Wall was a compositor who worked for all three national newspapers. Joe Wall is himself a graphic designer.

The Cardinal Press began in 1974 in the grounds of the College. The name however has no religious significance, according to Joe. In 1979/1980 the Press moved to the convent grounds because of lack of space in the College. A close working relationship between the College and The Cardinal Press continues down to the present. This relationship is evident in the use of the title "Maynooth University Press" by Cardinal Press for the publication of various important works of academic significance. Works such as "Nietzsche's Dionysian Aristocratic Culture" by Fr. Patrick Morony and "The History of the Kings Hospital" - 2nd Edition, 1985, by Lesley Whiteside. However despite such ventures into publishing Mr. Wall is anxious to stress that the Cardinal Press is essentially a printing company.

Being a "jobbing house" the Cardinal Press will do jobs of almost any size. It serves the whole of North Kildare and Dublin. It does a lot of work for H.B. Ice Cream for instance. Its range of jobs extend from the books mentioned above to business cards and wedding invitations, and includes various periodicals such as *The Maynooth Newsletter*, *The College Kalendarium*, *The Maynooth Information Directory* and *The Maynooth Review*. The Cardinal Press also print the menus for Barberstown House and Moyglare Manor. Joe Wall has a policy of employing local people of both genders and at the moment has seven people working for him. Ideally he would like to employ more and to train them as printers but the world of printing has become very competitive and costly. A printing press today could cost as much as £70,000 to £80,000. Cardinal Press was one of the first printing houses to buy in Desktop Publishing equipment in 1985. It must also compete against printing brokers who may give the impression that they are doing their own printing but in fact give the job out to printing houses like the Cardinal Press.

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Windfield Nursing Home

Windfield Nursing Home, Waynestown, Dunboyne, celebrates its fourth year in operation this September. It was opened in 1987 by Mr John Bruton T.D. It is run by Marie and Anto Crehan and is a credit to their hard work and dedication. Mrs and Mr Crehan run the Nursing Home along with raising their family, no mean feat by anyone's standards. Mrs Crehan is a fully qualified nurse and provides an excellent "second home" for each and every one of her residents. The Home has a capacity for seventeen residents and provides twentyfour hour nursing care. The Home has a T.V. room, sitting room, reception area, dining room, laundry service and beautiful grounds. There is also a beautiful oratory and Mass is celebrated weekly (all religions are catered for). There is also a hairdresser (Mrs Marie Barcoe), a chiropodist, reflexologist and doctors (Dr. Bruton and Dr. Feighery) on call twenty four hours a day. Everyone who takes part in the running of the Nursing Home from the nursing staff and nursing aides to the cook and cleaners should be congratulated on the excellent job they do. But, of course, Mr and Mrs Crehan deserve more than just congratulations for everything they have put into the venture and we wish them the very, very best in the future.

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LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Unemployment Crisis and the Class of '91

Officially, unemployment is now at over 260,000 and the true figure is certainly closer to 300,000 given the thousands on various training schemes. Recession in Britain and the United States has seen the flow of emigrants from Ireland dry up in the past year and the Irish economy's utter failure to provide jobs for its people has again become evident. For many parents in Maynooth all this is brought into sharper focus by the knowledge that their children are among the 60,000 school leavers seeking employment or further education as the summer ends. Increasingly it is becoming obvious that a Leaving Cert qualification is but a stepping stone to further training rather than a guarantee of a job.

And so over 40,000 young people have applied for third level places for the coming year. Only a little over half have a chance of gaining a place - and even then both parents and students must struggle to meet the costs given the totally inadequate scholarship scheme that operates. The Government's response to all this is to consider the funding of 'private colleges'. The Labour Party are totally opposed to such a scheme which would see tax payers money handed over to private institutions whose standards are dubious. Instead the Labour Party calls for increased access to post - Leaving Cert courses and training in universities and regional colleges backed up by a comprehensive grants scheme which would guarantee equal access irrespective of income.

Screening Wall for Kingsbry

Emmet Stagg T.D. has made representations to Kildare Co. Council on behalf of Kingsbry Residents Association with regard to the provision of a screening wall at the new road interface with the estate. The Co. Engineer, in reply, has stated that the design of the road in this area is currently being completed and that a copy of the plan for the area will then be made available.

Greenfields

Following representations from residents in the area, Emmet Stagg has tabled the following motion before the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council: "that the rubbish dumped in the green area beside 842 Greenfield, Maynooth be removed".

Carton Court

Deputy Stagg, at the behest of Carton Court Residents Association, has brought a number of matters to the attention of the Co. Engineer:

- arrangements have been made to have debris cleared from the bank between houses no. 54 - 74.
- a number of potholes in the estate are to be filled in
- the Co. Engineer indicated that no finance was currently available to improve public lighting in the estate or to provide a boundary wall fronting houses no. 54 - 74.

WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

Transportation Study Group

Cllr. Catherine Murphy has received a reply from the Dublin Transportation Study Group to the submission from the Kildare Constituency Council of the Workers' Party. Among the main points in this submission were the following:

- A greater Dublin Transportation Authority should be established.
- Electrification of the Maynooth railway line.
- Introduction of a double line from Clonsilla to Maynooth.
- Purchase of new rolling stock.
- Improvement of facilities for disabled passengers.
- Introduction of a feeder bus service for Maynooth and Leixlip
- No tolls on motorways or bypasses.
- Upgrade the Maynooth to Dunboyne road.
- Improve facilities for pedestrians in Maynooth.
- Improve residential road design.

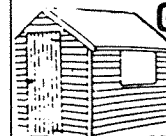
Cllr. Murphy has noted that the study group has employed a Dutch Transportation Consultant. She expresses the hope that we will at last learn from the mistakes of others, particularly with regard to the need to improve public transport services for all to overcome the hopeless congestion which the current roads policy has produced.

Anyone seeking a copy of the party's submission, or who is interested in further information on the Workers' Party in Maynooth, is welcome to contact local branch chairperson, Proinsias Breathnach, 92 Railpark, 6285241.

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MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

Our new football season has kicked off now and match reports will appear with all details in the next issue. A very busy season beckons for the Club with two senior teams and three schoolboys teams now competing in their leagues and various cup competitions. A ladies U/15 team has now been formed and will compete in the North Eastern Ladies League. This ladies team performed very well in the Community Games winning the Kildare area before being finally eliminated in the Leinster Semi-Final by the narrowest of margins: one - nil.

With the European Championship Finals just around the corner and the next World Cup qualifying games beckoning nearer every day the interest is going to be intensified.

Joe Murphy Memorial Cup

Our Seven-a-side tournament for the Joe Murphy Memorial Cup and Harp Lager Sponsored trophies came to its conclusion on Sunday August 4th. Large crowds turned out each evening to watch the games and much entertainment was savoured by all. Competition was intense but games were generally played in good spirit and teams mingled together in the local hostels to quench their thirst after their efforts. We would like to thank the following people who contributed so much to making the tournament such an outstanding success: Harp Lager for their very generous sponsorship of the trophies which were so eagerly competed for; Mr. Phil Brady, Clock House for attending the finals day and presenting the trophies on behalf of Harp Lager; Noel Brady, Clock House who was instrumental in the first instance in obtaining the sponsorship; Mrs Annie Murphy who presented the Joe Murphy Memorial Cup on behalf of the Murphy family; Maynooth Community Council for use of the Harbour Field for duration of the tournament and for other services provided, their assistance was most valued and appreciated; the referees who officiated and ensured that good sportsmanship prevailed for the enjoyment of all; all the teams who competed and made it such a competitive and enjoyable event; the spectators who turned out in large numbers at all games and created a great atmosphere in which to compete; to the many helpers during the tournament who ensured that everything ran smoothly; ball boys, kit minders and those who put up and took down the goal posts during the first week which brought an unnecessary and unwarranted burden upon our team of workers.



Noel Dempsey, captain of The Simpsons, receiving his Harp Lager winner's tankard from Mr Phil Brady, Clock House. The prizes were sponsored by Harp Lager (Irl) Ltd.

Sports News

All in all the tournament was a marvellous success and the next one is already looked forward to with great expectation. As with most things in life there is always a sad tale to relate and unfortunately we are no exception.

Whilst preparing the pitch for the tournament we were confronted by a member of the community who demanded that we take down the goalposts as we had no authority to place them where we intended. When informed that the new position was only a temporary measure this person took exception to being questioned as to his rights in demanding us to move. He became quite agitated and threatened all sorts of legal and court action against our work group. His suggestion that some of us were not local and did not know where the grass came from rang a very hollow note indeed. The total compilation of our work group at the time of incident was one hundred per cent Maynooth natives, many of whom can go back many, many years. This type of incident does nothing to bolster community spirit but only tends to make people wonder if their own efforts will show fruition.

Maynooth is becoming a vast community rapidly and everyone should work together to maintain the present facilities we have and indeed utilise them fully for the benefit of all. There are many, many towns throughout Ireland which would be only too glad to boast a facility, which we in Maynooth, have very fortunately inherited. The unnecessary clash of dates which necessitated the taking down of the goal posts each evening could have been avoided and would have made life a lot easier for the club during the first week of the tournament.

We adhered to the arrangement agreed upon between the Trustees of the Harbour Field and the Community Council which was drawn up about two years ago. We booked the Harbour Field in good time and at the time of booking no other club or organisation had intimated to the Community Council their intention to use the ground at the same time as us. It came as a surprise to us to find that others wished to use it during our term of booking. Their non compliance with the agreement drawn up, either through not being aware of such an agreement or by being just disruptive, left a very sour taste in the mouth and did nothing towards bonding the whole community into a body which can facilitate all sections. We have always complied with the agreement and conducted our business in the proper manner and if certain other sections were to do likewise the clash of fixtures which occurred would never have happened.

The bitterest pill of all which we had to swallow was the dismantling and damage caused to the goal posts during the seven-a-side. The person or persons involved deserve nothing but the greatest contempt for their actions. The time taken for such action would be of greater use if put to constructive use rather than destructive use. We triumphed over all the adversaries and the sympathy and encouragement given by the community went a long way towards making all our efforts worthwhile. The goal posts in question were provided and erected by a group of local enthusiasts who must also be concerned by the damage caused. Parts of the damaged goalposts have also been removed and have not been recovered. Maybe someday the light will be seen and acts of such wanton vandalism will cease.

Last years U/12 player of the year was selected at a function in Slims last month. Managers Michael Murphy and Patsy

Byrne had a difficult task in making their final choice because of the high number of likely candidates but the eventual selection of Darren Naughton proved most popular among the players. The club are thankful to the Sports Locker for sponsoring this trophy.

In our last notes the name of Martin Foy was omitted from our list of committee members. Apologies for the error Martin.

Following the League style rounds of the tournament the following teams emerged to contest the Quarter Finals knockout stage. Academicals, Scousers Army, Strollers, Boys of Crewhill, Bradys 7, The Gaels, The Simpsons and Leixlip Aluminium.

In the ensuing clashes Bradys 7 overcame The Gaels in a close fought game which needed extra-time and penalties to separate two very evenly matched sides. The youthful Scousers Army had to fight hard to beat off a determined challenge from the Rathcoffey based Strollers before eventually succeeding 2-1.

The Academicals had too much guile for the Boys of Crewhill who made an excellent showing in the Tournament but had to finally make their exit. The Simpsons had a facile win over a depleted Leixlip Aluminium side which failed to sparkle on the day.

Semi-Finals day proved an exciting event with both semi-finals being decided by one goal. Bradys 7 had to finally give in to the superior fitness of The Simpsons but went down fighting and certainly made a mockery of their per-tournament odds. The second semi-final was also a close fought affair with Scousers Army overcoming the aptly named Academicals who are St. Patricks College based. The scoreline being 2-1.

The final turned into a very fine game with both teams giving a fine exhibition of their footballing skills before a very enthusiastic crowd. The Scousers Army side took the game to their more illustrious opponents and might have secured victory before finally succumbing to a late winner.

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Sports News

MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

All Ireland Gold for Michelle Gillick. Declan O' Rourke and U/9 Relay Team take medals. Conor Diggins for 200m in Mosney.

Since our last report the Club has enjoyed its most succesful Leinster and All Ireland Track and Field Campaign for many years as well as some outstanding successes in the Kildare Community Games County Finals.

Leinster Championships

As previously reported we had numerous qualifiers for the Leinster's which unfortunately clashed with the first day of the Community Games. Our U/8 boys were first into action with Patrick O' Rourke and Morgan Sweeney both qualifying for the 60m final where Patrick ended up with the bronze and Morgan in 5th - both qualifying for the All Ireland finals. Both also entered the 80m final and though out of the medals easily qualified for the All Ireland. Sarah Commene was a star performer in the Girls U/11 taking the silver medal in both the 60m and 80m. Declan O' Rourke also took bronze in the 80m and was a finalist in the 60m. The Gillicks were to the fore in the Walks with Niall 2nd in Boys U/15 and Michelle 3rd in Girls U/12. We were also in the medals in the Relays with the Boys U/8 taking the bronze (Patrick O' Rourke, Pierre Ennis, Morgan Sweeney and Stephen Healy) and the boys U/9 also taking bronze (Patrick King, Morgan Sweeney, David Campbell and Patrick O' Rourke).

All our athletes gave super performances with the following also qualifying for the All Ireland Finals in Tullamore;

Boys U/9 Ball Throw: Michael Gleeson (7th), David Campbell (8th) and Brid Ann O' Shea just out of the medals in 4th; Boys U/10 600m: Conor Diggins 5th and 80m finalist; Boys U/12 High Jump: John O' Shea (7th); Girls U/13 Javelin, Linda Haren (6th) Naomi Devereux (7th); Boys U/10 Relay (C. Diggins, Karl Ennis, P. King, D. Campbell); Boys U/11 Relay (C. Diggins, K. Ennis, D. O' Rourke, Patrick Mc Donald).

Our other athletes in action in Leinster were Patrick King, Karl Ennis, Ciara Power, Gemma Haran and Gillian Power together with Girls U/13 and 15 Relay teams.

All Ireland Championships

In the face of incredibly talented competition our athletes who were so looking forward to these finals in Tullamore acquitted themselves brilliantly and indeed we were tantalisingly close to taking a few more medals. Pride of the pack in the end had to be Michelle Gillick who after being "only" third in the Leinster turned in a marvellous performance in the Walk to come for a great win in the last 100m with the cheers of the Maynooth contingent ringing in her ears. A performance we will all relish for many a day. The excitement was just as intense as Declan O' Rourke powered his way to the bronze medal in the 80m U/11 with nothing separating the first five. Our U/8 boys repeated their Leinster Final position with another great display in the Relay and impeccable baton changing brought bronze medals for Patrick O' Rourke, Morgan Sweeney, Pierre Ennis and Stephen Healy.

The medals we were so close to but failed to pull off were: Boys U/10 Relay (4th) where we had won our heat and only fractions separated the first four; (C. Diggins, K. Ennis, D. Campbell, P. King) . Girls U/11 80m - Sarah Lommane (4th); Boys U/9 Ball Trow - Michael Gleeson (4th); Brid

Ann O' Shea (U/10 B/T); Conor Diggins (U/10 600m); S. Commene (U/11 60m) all 5th and Patrick O' Rourke placed 6th after being impeded by another athlete who took his lane through the U/8 60m final were all so close to the elusive All Ireland Medal. Morgan Sweeney, David Campbell, Catherine Duff and Naomi Devereux all finished in the top ten in their competitions - a feat of which they can be proud at this level. It was great to see so many parents at the events and they were a marvellous support to all the children. The results achieved are all the more remarkable considering it is the first year of competition for many of them.

Kildare Community Games Finals

Many of our athletes had competed the previous day in the Leinster Championship and Conor Diggins had a harder run than most to finish 5th in a tough 600m. He did not have it easy on the Sunday either having to run 4 times to book his passage to Mosney for the 200m. Conor was making no mistake winning each heat as it came and taking the final in his stride for a fine win for a dedicated athlete. Again our athletes preformed superbly with silver medals for Patricia Purcell (U/16 HJ), Mark Buckley (U/14 100m), Michelle Gillick (U/13 Walk), Emer O' Sullivan (u/16 1500m), U/17 4x100m (Gillian Power, E. O' Sullivan, Caoimhe O' Sullivan, Darina O' Malley, P. Purcell) and Bronze for Paul Flood (U/16 HJ) and Gillian Power (U/16 100m).

Trainers and athletes have been taking a well earned break for a few weeks after which we hope to see everybody back for the finish of the track and commencement of the Cross Country Season.



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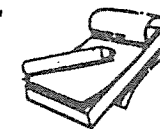
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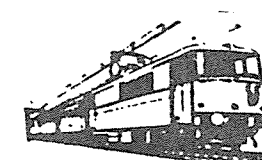
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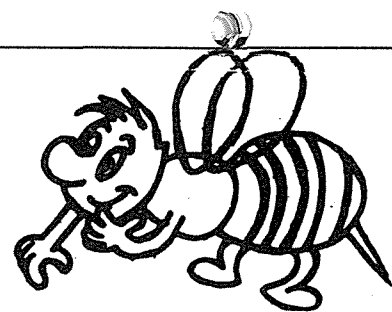
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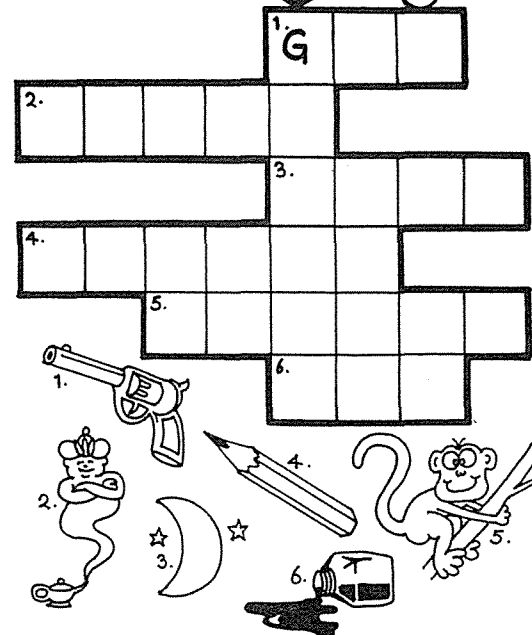
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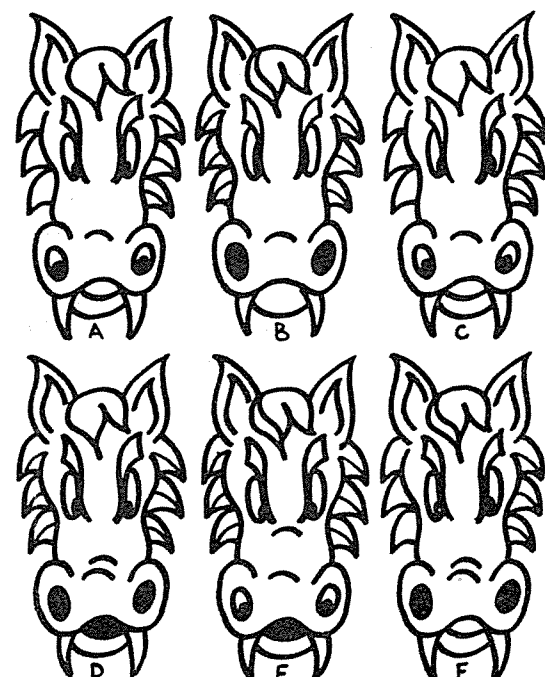
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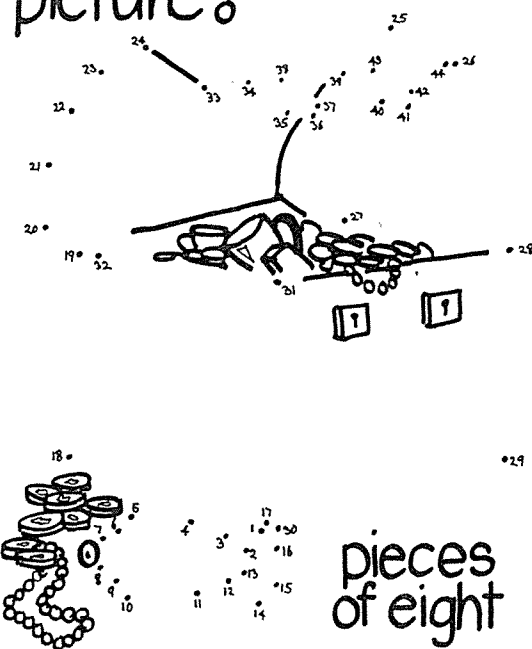
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Results

U/10 Hurling Celbridge 4-2 Maynooth 2-0

Our last game in the summers league was against Celbridge away. Short a number of players due to holidays etc. we put up a good performance with some of the younger players playing very well.

Team: S. Cummins, Ian Devine, Daran Davis, P. Sheehan, T. Masterson, T. Mullarkey, D. Travers, K. Ennis, C. Diggins, (M. Quigley, Capt.), M. Gleeson, P. Ennis, D. J. Devine, J. Connolly, James Hoare.

U/13 Hurling Ardclough 4-1 Maynooth 1-0

Team: P. Mc Loughlan, D. Mc Carrick, R. Casey, M. Bennett, E. Heslin, G. Lyons, J. Casey, S. Brennan, E. Kerr, (W. Gannon, Capt.), R. Davis, M. Callaghan, M. Quigley, R. Tierney, S. Cummins.

Not a bad performance by Maynooth by any standards. Some of the lads played out of their skins with R. Casey surely getting devine inspiration somewhere. It is nice to fulfill all engagements this year and not have to give any walkovers. Well done lads. A new winter league will start after the summer holidays. I have no details yet.

A new approach has been made to under age training. Gone are the days of a puck around and a bit of a match. The emphasis now is on skills and more skills. For the first time each player has his own hurley. This has been achieved by the club subsidising the price of hurleys. Now we come to the most important piece of equipment of all - the helmet with face guard. All under age hurlers in Kildare must wear these helmets or stay at home. Underage players in Maynooth have not received any head or face injuries since they enforced these rules 4 years ago, with one exception, (I'm not wearing that bloody yoke - and half an hour later had two stitches in his noggin - he learned the hard way).

The mentors of these under age players would appreciate if parents would purchase helmets for their sons. They can be had at any sports shop or can be purchased through the club. They range in price from £16 to £30.

It is a once off purchase in a lifetime as they can be adjusted to any size and will last for 20 years. A skills competition will be held later in the year and some nice prizes to be won. Four players went for trials for the County U/14 team; G. Lyons, R. Casey, S. Brennan, N. Gannon. Although being a bit on the young side R. Casey got the call up but being on holidays missed out. All you lads are eligible next year again. A short video on the skills of hurling will be shown shortly in the club.

1st Team Football Results Etc.

(1) Maynooth 2-11 Cappagh 2-10

Scorers: Johnny Nevin 2-1, Seanie Molloy 6 pts, David Corcoran, Joey Edwards, Killian Fagan and Liam O' Toole 1 pt each.

Man of the Match: Mick Kelly (Right half back)

(2) Maynooth 2-17 Celbridge 3-9

Scorers: Liam O' Toole 1-2, Johnny Nevin 1-2, Joey Edwards 5 pts, James Gilligan 3pts, Seanie Molloy 2pts, Mick Madden 2pts, Aidan Burke 1pt.

Summary of Results in 1991 to date:

Played 27 games - won 20; drew 1; lost 6.

Scored 30 goals and 247 points

Conceded 30 goals and 192 points

Leading Scorers

1) Seanie Molloy- 3 goals and 68 pts (77 pts)

2) Johnny Nevin - 7 goals and 34 points (55 pts)

3) James Gilligan - 4 goals and 29 points (41 pts)

After the August holiday lull the 1st Team returns to action on the 20th with a League Match at home against Clongorey. This is followed by crucial away fixtures against Straffan, Sallins and Castledermot. With no other team doing us any favours by taking points from the other leading contenders ie: Two Mile House, Eadestown, Sallins and Castledermot, it looks as if promotion to Division 2 will have to be won the hard way.

The 1st Team are also through to the Final of tournaments in Celbridge and Ardclough and the Semi-Final of the Rathcoffey Tournament.

Under 10's and Under 12's

Congratulations is extended to three of our young players John O' Shea, Darren Naughton and James Gallagher who recently sampled the big match atmosphere at Croke Park when they assisted Kildare U/12's in their victory over Laois. Let's hope it makes them determined to play there again someday.

With the summer holidays almost over and a return to school beckoning the number of underage players turning up for the Saturday morning sessions (8 - 14 years of age) is getting back to its normal level of 70-80. Practice is vital at this stage with the North Kildare U/10 and U/12 winter leagues due to start in September. The final of the U/10 North Kildare Spring League between Maynooth and Leixlip will also be played at that time.

Tom Flood Cup Football Tournament

Our tournament started on 25th August. The draw for 1st round is Maynooth v Celbridge, Cappagh v Straffan, Ardclough v Confey, and Caragh v Rathcoffey. The semi final draw is Maynooth or Celbridge v Cappagh or Straffan and Ardclough or Confey v Caragh or Rathcoffey.

Regarding under age training - it states on Leinster Leader that it starts at 1.30 pm but this is wrong. U/Age training on Saturday morning starts at 11.30.

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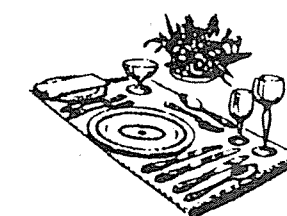
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A dedicated squad of coaches have been recruited. The draw for the various area competitions has been made. So everything is in readiness for the commencement of the new season.

The undoubted highlight of last year was the notable success of the under 12 squad. They won both the Leinster and All Ireland Trophies, and this season they are determined to defend their crown in style. However they require some new players and particularly a couple of big robust lads (preferably with Gaelic experience) to join the winning team. The under 14 players are looking forward to an exciting and fruitful year. This team has a winning look about it: the majority of the players have come through from the successful under 12 teams of the past two years. They heartily welcome all new players.

The under 16 and 18 teams are also eagerly looking forward to the year ahead. Both squads have some fine talent but are still seeking new players for a variety of positions. They train on Wednesday nights with a match on Saturday.

On Sunday 22nd September the youth section is organising a fun day, with a barbeque, music, rugby videos and seven a side matches including girls rugby and mixed tip rugby. This is an ideal opportunity for new players from 8 to 18 to drop down to the club, participate in the fun and games and join a sport which is growing very fast in popularity.

In addition to rugby the North Kildare Club offers tennis, squash, cricket and hockey. So the energetic teenager can be fully occupied during the rugby off season.

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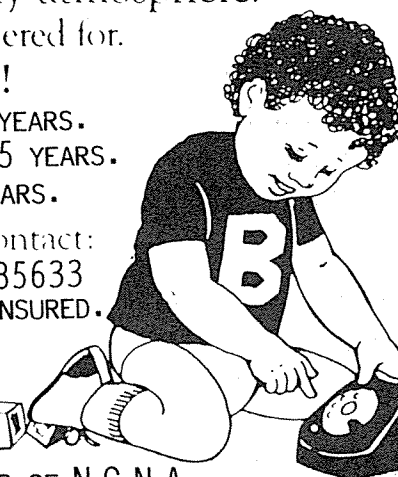
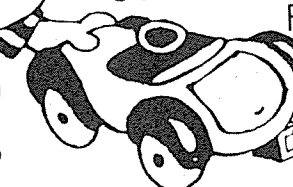
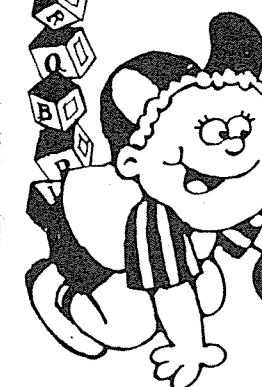
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Last month we featured a 1970 photograph on the front cover of a section of the crowd in attendance at the return to Maynooth of Fr. O'Higgins P.P. from his sponsored cycle to the North. Pictured here is what the crowd were actually watching - Fr. O'Higgins on the platform addressing the gathering. The fundraiser was in aid of St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band. Pictured seated are (L to R) Tom Flood, Phil Brady, Cliff Murphy and Willie Coonan.

The winner of the 'identify the faces' competition was Lima Higgins, 740 Greenfield, Maynooth who correctly identified 165 faces (from her list of 169). Congratulations to Lima who receives £10 and to all those who sent in entries. If we come across any other old photos we may run similar competitions in the future.



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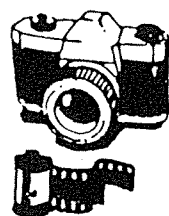
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One of the new courses taking place on Tuesday evenings in the college is the Creative Approaches to Literature. This dynamic 20 week introduction to the canon of English literature will approach the works from a creative writing point of view, focusing on techniques and style as well as form and tradition. The course will also aim to involve students in experimenting with writing their own pieces as an immediate response to the work under study.

On Wednesday evenings the college will also be the venue for the Extra Mural Certificate in Assertiveness and Personal Development, always one of the most popular Extra Mural courses. The areas covered range from steps towards assertiveness to exercises on positivism and group interaction.

On Thursday evenings one of the long-standing Extra Mural courses takes place in Maynooth for the first time. This is the Certificate in Liberal Studies which looks comprehensively at periods of change in Western civilisation. The course is divided equally between philosophy, history and literature.

Finally, as an added attraction to this year's Extra Mural programme is a series of Saturday seminars entitled 'Changing Perspectives in Modern Society' which will run from November '91 to April '92. The six seminars will be workshop based, with guest speakers and limited places covering such areas as the recent growth of New Age ideas and philosophy; the involving face of Eastern Europe; AIDS and its implications for Western society; the politics of sexuality; art and society and the sphere of empowering, adult education and poverty.

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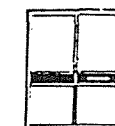
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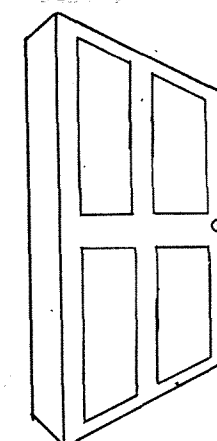
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Happy Birthday to our dear Mammy on September 24th. Love and kisses from your loving sons Richard and Thomas and from Daddy. Have a nice day xxxx.

Happy Birthday to our dear Mammy on September 27th. Love and kisses from Karina, Stacey, Michelle, Debbie and Regina, also from Daddy. Enjoy you day xxxx.

Belated birthday wishes to Mrs B. Flynn, Kilcloone who celebrated her birthday on July 15th. From the Mc Govern families in Greenfield.

Belated fortieth birthday wishes to Kathleen Dempsey, Greenfield, who celebrated her birthday on the 8th of August, and on Saturday the 10th with a surprise birthday party in Barnhall Rugby Club from her family and friends.

Belated happy birthday to Mary Bean, "Nuada", Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, who celebrated her birthday on August 14th. From her husband Tony and family Aisling, Brian and baby Conor. Also Liam and Margaret Bean.

Happy birthday to Susan Fay, Leinster Cottages, Maynooth, who will be one year old on the 1st September. From her daddy, mammy and sister Edel.

To Ciaran - happy birthday from Mam, Dad, Annette and Peter.

Happy birthday to John Mc Ginley on 22nd September, from Maynooth Community Council.

Happy 15th birthday to Rusty Mac Keogh-Breathnach on 26th September from all her fans, including Primrose.

Happy belated birthday to Shirley Nugent (whoops, we forgot not to print her second name), from all at the Community Council. Sorry we forgot last month! Have fun in Cyprus!!!

Happy birthday to the oldest but sexiest crooner in town, Al Brady, Maynooth Park, (on 30th August) from all the "Thank God it's Friday Club"!

**Happy Birthday to
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All material for inclusion in the weekly Maynooth Notes of the Leinster Leader can be forwarded to Siobhan No Fhoughlu, Leinster Park, Maynooth. Tel: (01) 6285464.

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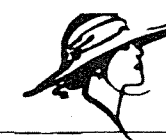
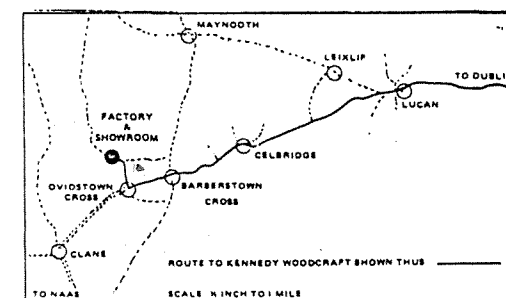
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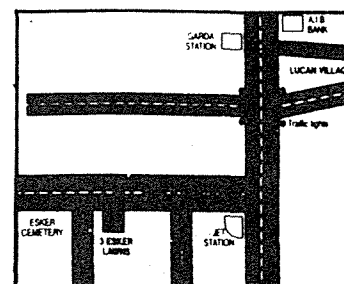
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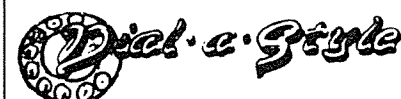
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Acknowledgements

Crehan

The family of the late Michael Peter Crehan, wish to thank most sincerely all their many friends and neighbours for their sympathies and support in their recent tragic loss. A special word of thanks to those who personally called, sent flowers, mass cards, messages of sympathies, attended the removal of remains, mass and funeral.

Special thanks also to Fr. Clarke, Kilcloon, mass servers, beautiful choir, the staff of Windfield Nursing Home, Kate and Seamus Mc Allesse, Dunboyne gardai, Roosky, staff of Mullingar Hospital, Cunninghams Funeral Directors, grave diggers and Dublin Fire Brigade.

Trusting that this will be accepted by all as a token of our appreciation. Holy Mass will be offered for their intentions.

Henrick

The husband, sons and daughters of the late Eileen Henrick, O' Neill Park, Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, those who attended removal, mass and funeral, those who sent mass cards, wreaths, and messages of sympathy. A special word of thanks to Dr. Cowhey, Fr. Supple, Fr. Cogan, the nurses, the kind neighbours and friends who looked after her so well. Please accept this as a sincere expression of our appreciation. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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Congratulations to Derek Mee, Marieville, Maynooth and Dolores Dunne, Marian Square, Clara, who were married in St. Bridgids Church, Clara on August 2nd.

Congratulations to Grainne Flood, O' Neill Park, Maynooth, and Noel Forster, Barberstown, Maynooth, who were married in Kings Hospital Chapel, Palmerstown on July 26th.

Congratulations to Derek Horan and Catherine Flanagan who got engaged in the Isle of Man.

Congratulations to Jennifer Fahy on her great results in the Leaving. Knew you could do it! Good luck with your career and thanks for everything. From Maire, Anto, Karen, Dave, Claire, Eimear, Ailish, Annah, Kevin, Brian and all the staff and residents of Windfield Nursing Home.

Congratulations to Sr. Maria Carmen Bean, "Shalom", 83 Walting Street, Bexleyheath, Kent, England, who celebrated her 100th birthday recently. St. Maria Carmen Bean was formerly from Celbridge and Maynooth. Very best wishes to her from her relatives and friends in Maynooth and Celbridge.

Congratulations to Vincent and Mona Murphy, Leinster Park, Maynooth, who celebrated their wedding anniversary on August 12th from their family and friends.

Congratulations to Leo and Rosie Bean, Rye View, Maynooth, who celebrated their wedding anniversary on August 12th from their family and friends.

Congratulations to Liam and Margaret Bean, "Limar", Mariaville, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, who celebrated their wedding anniversary on August 18th from their family and friends.

Congratulations to Tony and Mary Bean, "Nuada", Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, who celebrate their wedding anniversary on September 3rd. From their children, parents relatives and friends.

Congratulations to Mark Byrne, Peter Finnegan, Monica Dempsey, Michael Doody, Eddie O' Neill and Brendan Mc Hale on their wonderful achievements in the Leaving Cert on the Kildare V.T.O.S. From Margaret and Peter.

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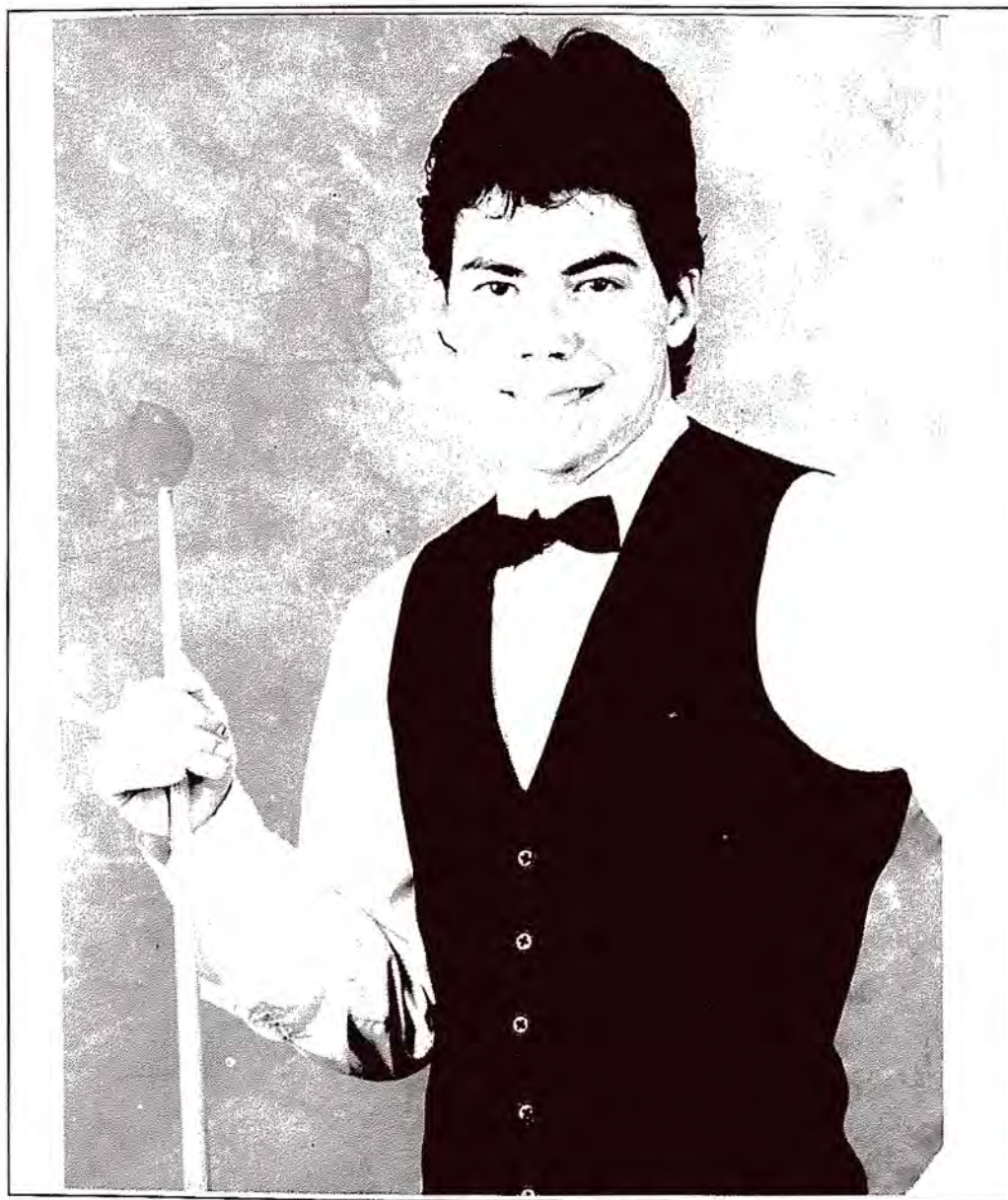
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Editorial

Tidy Towns

The results of the annual Tidy Towns Competition are printed elsewhere in this issue. The local Tidy Towns Committee can take some comfort from the fact that the slide in marks which Maynooth has received over the last few years has at last been arrested. However, there is still so much to be done if we are to even approach the level of marks achieved by other communities. We need a massive injection not only of cash, but of community pride, if we are ever to improve our environment. It doesn't cost money for people to put litter in bins, or to carry it home, if the bins are full. It costs nothing to weed verges. What it does cost is thought, education, training, and responsibility.

Back to School

September saw the first arrival of many young Maynooth citizens at their local primary schools, and the Newsletter wishes them well in their future careers. It has been brought to the Newsletter's attention that the Boys' Primary School opened a week later than usual, due to renovations. This was brought to our attention by word of mouth, which was also the method relied on by the school to inform parents of this rather important news. With the exception of those parents who were listening to the notices read at mass in Maynooth, no other parent received this information. As not all of our parents in Maynooth are churchgoers, and as some churchgoers attend churches outside of Maynooth parish, it seems a little optimistic on the part of what is a state owned and financed school to rely on the parish priest and the old fashioned gossip system to keep parents informed.

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Dear Editor,

Cycling is an enjoyable and healthy pastime and helps the environment as it reduces the need to use polluting cars.

Cycling can however be dangerous because of the lack of bicycle lanes in this country forcing cyclists to take their chances with carbon monoxide, articulated lorries and other delights of the road.

An opportunity now exists, however, to alleviate this problem because the Straffan Road in Maynooth is due to be upgraded as it is being made into the access road to the new Leixlip, Maynooth, Kilcock bypass.

Little extra work would be needed to add a bicycle lane to the Maynooth bound side of the Straffan Road from the entrance to Kingsbry as far as Mullen Bridge, turning left between the Canal and Harbour Field (an embankment being added to reduce the gradient) and turning towards Leinster St. as far as the Garda Station.

This lane would be used by hundreds of cyclists daily as it goes from the main residential areas of the town towards the college and the main schools. It would have the added advantage of keeping cyclists away from the traffic of the square and the Main St. Future extension of the lane as far as Moyglare Village and along the Celbridge Road would also be possible.

Yours etc.,

William Campbell

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ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES

Fashion Show

Our fashion show, this year, takes place at the Springfield Hotel in Leixlip on Thursday November 28th at 9 p.m., and will again be combined with the selection of "Miss Royal Canal". Once again we will be featuring fashion selections from at least one of the leading fashion houses Libra Design, Private Collection, and Kays/Family Album. As with last year we hope to secure the services of Chris Walsh of C.K.R. Radio for the interviews, while it is anticipated that the fashion commentaries will be handled by Joan Howard-Williams in her usual impeccable style. If you would like to take part in the Miss Royal Canal competition, or if you know someone who would like to take part, then please contact any member of the committee for an application form. Admission, which is very reasonable at £4, includes a free cheese and wine reception. All those who attended last year's function will agree that they had a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Advance enquiries and ticket orders are very heavy so book your tickets in good time from any committee member.

Vandalism at Pike's Bridge

In the recent past damage has taken place to O.P.W. equipment at Pikes Bridge. This along with thefts of materials on the site has not gone un-noticed and in this regard the committee would like to extend sincere thanks to those civic minded members of the community who have observed some of this vandalism and identified the culprits and also those who seeing that materials was being misappropriated noted the vehicle registration numbers of the offenders. This information has been passed to the local Gardai who are conducting exhaustive enquiries in a bid to curtail this wanton destruction.

Condolences

The chairman and committee would like to express sincere condolences to the families and relatives of those who lost their lives in the recent tragic accident on the Grand Canal at Lucan. Tragedies of this nature, while causing great anguish grief and sorrow to the families and relatives of the victims, serve as a cogent reminder to the rest of the community of the dangers inherent in all waterways. Ar Dheis Laimh De Go Raibh A N-Anamacha Go Leir

Canal Update

The Royal Canal will soon be open all the way to the Liffey. Readers of this fine publication will be aware from earlier notes that the canal is now open from Blanchardstown to Mullingar. (One must acquire the usual cert from O.P.W. before setting sail). Massive refurbishment has been carried out from Blanchardstown to the Liffey since then. Several new branches of the R.C.A.G. have come into being north of Mullingar, so work on the refurbishment of this stretch is now under way.

Gerry Fitzpatrick P.R.O.

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TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE REPORT

Elsewhere you can read the full text of the adjudicator's report on Maynooth for the Tidy Towns 1991 competition. We would just like to make the following comments:

1) Tidiness

The maximum mark for tidiness is 40. We scored 10 - litter bins were our downfall. On adjudication day the level of litter on Main Street and its environs was particularly high. The mark of 10 received, was the same as last year.

2) We gained 1 extra valuable point for effort thanks to our committee. But in particular thanks to our two ladies from Kingsbry who do not wish to be identified for all their hard work throughout the season.

3) Presentation of Residential Areas

Another valuable point was gained in the Presentation of Residential Areas. Well done to all our Residential Areas.

4) Presentation of Approach Roads

Our last point was gained on the Approach Roads. Here again the committee and residents helped.

Last year we had Betty Carr, Chairperson of Malahide Tidy Towns committee to come back to us. She told us to keep the effort up. We have gained 3 extra points. We have started on the come back trail.

Can you help us in the coming year - Please contact us at the Community Council Office.

Finally, our congratulations to colleagues in Kill Tidy Towns committee for winning a major award in this year's Tidy Town Competition.

Next month we will publish the Maynooth results of the Best Areas and

Best shop fronts results.

R. Farrell

P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

First of all, we would like to send good wishes to Joan Reynolds and Bridie Gleeson who are competing in the **Aoife Flower Arrangers and Inter Clubs Competition** in Kilkenny on the weekend of October 4th. So to Joan and Bridie GOOD LUCK.

Congratulations go to all our members who won prizes during the summer. Also our thanks to Sarah Angel who opened her garden to flower club members early in the Summer. Her lovely plants and her incredible knowledge of them impressed all who took up her kind offer.

Maureen Roche was our September Flower Arranger. Maureen who has displayed her expertise for Live At Three treated us to a wonderful evening of "Wedding" exhibits and we thank her most sincerely for her hard work and beautiful exhibits.

Our A.G.M. will be held on Tuesday 15th October at 8 O'Clock in the Post Primary school. Much fun should be had with the "Composed class" which is to be judged by the Audience!

Finally we would like to wish Imelda Desmond good luck on the Flower Club's representative on Maynooth Community Council.

R. Smyth, PRO



Margaret and Bill Nolan, the winners of the Emmet Cup for Flower Garden (open) in this year's ICA Flower Show, being presented with the trophy Margaret Kirwin, Mary Flynn and Maisie McMyler.

MAYNOOTH I.C.A.

The Guild Monthly meeting was held on Thursday 5th September. Mary O'Gorman presided and welcomed everyone back after the summer holidays and also welcomed new members. Votes of sympathy were extended to Imelda Delaney, Rosemary Hanly, Helen Finn and the O'Flaherty family on their recent bereavements.

We wish all those taking part in the National Brown Bread competition at Federation the best of luck.

Congratulations to the Guild on coming second at the A.I.B. Guild of the Year competition and to our representative in the Sales Person of the Year Rita Flynn who did very well. The monthly competition was Brown Bread and the winners were as follows:

1st Kay Burns, 2nd Mary Halton, 3rd Rosemary Hanly.

Winners of the monthly raffle were as follows: 1st Mary O'Gorman, 2nd Connie Harpur, 3rd Mary Flynn.

The next month's competition is a decorated wooden spoon. Badminton continues on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 10.30 - 12.00.

Crafts every Monday night 8 pm - 10pm.

The next meeting of the Guild will be on Thursday October 3rd at 8 pm. New members are welcome.

ANNUAL SHOW

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our very generous sponsors and those who gave donations towards our Annual Show.

It is very gratifying to get so much help each year and without this help our show could not possibly survive.

I would also like to thank Mr Ashe for allowing us the use of the school and last but not least all our members who helped out in any way.



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MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

The new swimming term began on September 7th after the summer break. We welcome back all our old members and a special welcome to our new members. The first bus leaves Greenfield Shopping centre at 3.45 p.m. The second bus leaves Cluain Aoibhinn at 4.15 p.m. and Greenfield at 4.30p.m.

Transport costs have been increased this year but present fees will remain unchanged and are as follows:

£23 for 1 child, £41 for 2 children, £59 for 3 children and £72 for 4 children. The committee requests that FEES MUST BE PAID BY 21st SEPTEMBER. The committee for this year are as follows:

Chairman; Owen Byrne, Secretary; Mary Healy, Treasurer; Gretta Keogh, Assistant Treasurer; Ann Gallagher, P.R.O.; Sheila Fleming.

It was unanimously agreed at our A.G.M. that parents assist with the duties on the bus and at the pool, as we have such a small committee. With this in mind a bus committee has been formed. One parent from each family will be scheduled to assist with bus and pool duties on two or three Saturdays in the year. All that is involved is giving a few short hours of your time. The details will be sent to you during this term. We would please ask for your assistance in getting this project running smoothly.

Anyone requiring a place for their child /children on our waiting list please contact the secretary Mary Healy (Phone 6286942) for further details.

Finally please note that there will be no swimming on *Saturday October 26th* due to the bank holiday week-end.

Sheila Fleming, P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH BOY'S SCOUTS

Our Cake Sale which was held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 15th September was a great success. We would like to thank all our friends who provided the home made cakes. Thanks also to the following shops for donations of cakes: Newtown Stores, Mc Namaras, Centra, Barry's, Sean Donovan, Quinnsworth, Nuz-Stop, Kiernans, The Square, Ua-Buachalla's and Brennans Bread.

The following are the results of the draw held in conjunction with the cake sale:

1st Prize: £10 voucher from "Top of the Crop" won by Tony Muldowney.

2nd Prize: £5 voucher from "Maynooth Book Shop" won by D. Adderley.

3rd Prize: £5 Voucher from "Coyne & Bergin" won by Carmel Commene

4th Prize: Box of Biscuits from "Tom Geraghty", won by Ailish Smyth.

5th Prize: Bottle of Wine from "Kehoe Deli", won by Brian O' Malley.

6th Prize: Bottle of Wine from Mercedes O' Rourke won by Mrs Bennett.

BAND BULLETIN

After one of the busiest summer schedules the Senior Band is now experiencing a very quiet period, although, behind the scenes they are organising new programmes. The Band is planning to have a house concert. The date will be given in a future issue and all are welcome to attend. Our next engagement will be our Annual Band Mass for the deceased members which is 11 O' Clock Mass on Sunday, 3rd November.

The new uniforms are at their final stages now, final fittings have taken place and hats are in the process of being made. It won't be long now until they are on show.

The Junior classes have started a new term and already six of its members have progressed onto instruments. We hope it won't be long until they join the Senior Band. Keep up the enthusiasm!!

We take this opportunity to extend our congratulations to all of the Band Members who sat exams this year. We wish them well in their futures.

Congratulations are also in order for an ex-band member. Grainne Farrell, who is returning from England to be married in Maynooth on 19th October to James Clancy. Congratulations and best wishes to you both.

Margaret Dempsey, PRO

CARTON COMMITTEE

The following is a summary of the general points made by the Carton Committee in its objection to the Gleneagles proposals for Carton, submitted to Kildare and Meath county councils in July. These points were accompanied by a long and detailed assessment of the developers' application prepared by a qualified planner in consultation with the Committee.

At a conference in Dublin in the past week, Cosa Nostra, which is a European body concerned with Europe's architectural heritage, passed a resolution expressing opposition to the large scale development of Carton.

Summary:

1. Carton is listed as being of international standing in the County Development Plan. It is important that in the rush for "Development" we do not lose sight of the need for conservation, the obligations of property owners in this regard and the responsibility of the state and local authorities to assist owners in fulfilling these obligations. In this context, Carton is an appropriate case for national protection by the state.
2. The Carton Committee is strongly opposed to giving permission for the ultimate break-up of the finest House and landscaped parkland in the country. The Committee is well aware that North Kildare is under intense pressure due to its location on the outskirts of the city of Dublin and adjacent to proposed new motorways. The Committee expects that both Kildare and Meath county councils will not yield to pressure from opportunist developers and will protect this property for future generations.
3. Granting permission for these alterations to Carton House and Demesne is totally incompatible with the intentions of

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Kildare County Council as stated in its Development Plan. The claim by the developers that their plan will "Ensure that the 18th century design remains intact and its ability to handle further transitions in use will not be diminished" is quite unacceptable. By no stretch of the imagination can an 18th century House and Park absorb 188 residences, apartments for 125 staff, 200 bed hotel, golf clubhouses, a driving range, equestrian centre, new roadways etc without significant disruption.

This development will represent a major breach in the "Green Belt" between Leixlip and Maynooth and will almost certainly increase the pressure on adjoining lands in the future. In spite of the claim of the exceptional nature of this project - because of the link between the residential units and the hotel - the proposal to sell off the Demense Residences, under ambiguous covenants, represents the establishment of nothing more than a large number of dispersed five-bedroomed houses between Maynooth and Leixlip.

5. The Committee is concerned about the ability to monitor this extensive development both during the construction phase and subsequently. There are no successful precedents for optimism about the proposed covenants and agreements restricting the owners of houses in the Demesne in their use of accompanying lands.

6. While the proposal for a leisure complex is similar to many such ventures elsewhere in Ireland, apart from Powerscourt, there has not been an application for such a large-scale development anywhere else. It would be most unfortunate and sad if the best example of an 18th century Great House and Park should also be distinguished by having to absorb the largest collection of time-sharing leisure units in the country.

7. Many of the points made in the application are predicated on the argument that the survival of the House is in some jeopardy and that a considerable amount of restoration is called for - the price of which is said to be the erection of a large Hotel and 188 residences. There is little evidence that the House is in any danger in the immediate or medium term future. There are much less drastic ways of maintaining the fabric of the House, and it is therefore disingenuous, if not dishonest, of the developers to pressurise the planners in this regard.

8. The most commonly-expressed anxiety in the community about the Gleneagles project is the fate of the development if the market of leisure tourism on which it is based, changes significantly or declines. In view of the band-waggoning effect apparent in the large number of similar schemes throughout the country, the possibility of such a market decline is very real. The developers clearly will not lose since they can cash in on their investment: they will own one of the prime pieces of real estate in the country. The local authorities will have little control over what they do with the property - if they should wish to sell it off piecemeal, for example. It is beginning to appear that developments like those at Straffan, for example, are experiencing some difficulties and are interested in further development of residential land.

The residential Committee is strongly of the opinion that Carton House and Demesne are so valuable to the nation that the risks of this proposed development to the historical integrity of the property are unacceptably high if something goes wrong in the future.

9. A leisure provision for the super-rich which involves the

destruction of the unique historical entity of Carton is not a price that needs to be paid for the conservation of Carton House. A regional and heritage park development would preserve the integrity of house and demesne and would better serve the interests of the people of Ireland and of the local and surrounding areas. There are innovative possibilities for the House, such as an international arts centre, which would allow its full preservation and its full residential use combined with accessibility to public viewing.

10. Carton House and demesne are not only a priceless heritage in themselves but are an integral part of a larger heritage which include the 18th century town of Maynooth with the mile-long lime avenue linking it to Carton, and at the other end of the Main Street, the early 13th century Geraldine Castle and Maynooth College. All are intertwined with the history of the area and its centuries long connection with the Fitzgerald family who created the Carton we know today. With the restored Royal Canal, there is in this area a unique opportunity to develop a "Heritage landscape" of great significance in the region. At present a vigorous Castle Committee, which include representatives of all organisations and institutions in the town of Maynooth, is working with the Office Of Public Works to restore the Castle as a heritage and tourist attraction. The loss of Carton through the present development project would be a major set-back to this community scheme for the district.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH OF IRELAND NOTES

Times of services are as follows:

1st Sunday of month 9.30 am The Eucharist

2nd Sunday of month 10.30 am The Eucharist

3rd Sunday of month 10.30 am Morning Prayer

4th Sunday of month 10.30 am The Eucharist

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On Thursday 17th October, Diarmuid O'Leary and The Bards are playing in the Setanta House Hotel Celbridge. Supporting them will be a local group "Rustic Blue" (David Jolley, Philip Mc Dermott and Gerry Fitzpatrick). Doors open at 8 pm and admission is £5. Tickets available from the hotel or by phoning Sheila Jolley at 6286187. The proceeds from this event are for the Restoration of St. Mary's Church. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

GRANGEWILLIAM CEMETERY RESTORATION COMMITTEE

The above Committee held its first meeting on Wednesday 11th September 1991 to introduce and discuss plans for the restoration of Grangewilliam Cemetery.

The meeting was well attended and many helpful suggestions were put forward. Members elected the following persons:-

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Chairperson - Kevin Boyd
Vice Chairperson - James Byrne
Secretary - Peter Nevin
Treasurer - Brendan Keane
P.R.O. - Kathleen Murphy

Present, also, were the following honorary members:
Seamus Nevin, Patricia Cusker, Pat Keane, Ann Nugent, Mary Boyd, Stephen Keane, Willie Cusker, Des. Keane, Marcello Kilduff.

Work at the cemetery was commenced, by some members, on Saturday, 21st September.

On this scheme work will be voluntary; also some money will have to be raised.

It would be appreciated if anyone who has relatives buried in Grangewilliam or anyone who would be willing to help in any capacity, would come to the next meeting, which will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday, 7th October 1991 at 8.30pm.

For further information contact:- Peter Nevin - Phone: 6285179 or Kathleen Murphy - Phone: 6286399.

OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

As the morning sessions resume after the Summer break, we would like to welcome back our senior citizens and extend an open invitation to anyone in Maynooth who might be interested in joining us. These sessions take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10.30. a.m. in the I.C.A. Hall. No previous contact is required, just arrive at the appointed time.

For anyone who might feel like joining our Committee, the monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 8.p.m. in the Health Centre Harbour Lane. As we have some busy times approaching extra helpers would be more than welcome.

The next party will be held on October 20th and will be the Hallowe'en party. Coming soon after, on October 26th, Maureen and Paddy Malone will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to you both from all the Committee. We would like to remind any of the elderly living alone, that the Committee provides a fortnightly Laundry service. Contact Imelda 6286341 or Rose 6285634 if interested.

While summer holidays are still a not too distant memory we would like to report that nineteen of our senior citizens had a marvellous week's holiday in Kerdiffstown House in August and returned to Maynooth refreshed in body and spirit.

P.R.O.



Group from Maynooth, surrounding areas enjoying the Lions Club week at Mosney Holiday Centre.

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If you defer starting your career break until you have 39 weeks PRSI recorded for this tax year you will extend your entitlement to benefit until the end of 1993. If you stop work before you have the 39 weeks PRSI for this tax year then you will be out of benefit at the end of 1992.

So, from a Social Welfare point of view, the optimum time to start a career break is usually after the end of December when you have the 39 weeks recorded for that tax year.

When you resume working after your career break it will take you two to three years to come back into benefit. If there are less than 39 weeks left for you to work in that particular tax year, then, it will be three years before you come into benefit.

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Competition

On a lighter note it is time once again for our Poster Competition.

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- (5) Over 18 yrs

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All entries should be submitted on paper measuring 12"x16" or 16"x24" and be of an upright shape in design. Information and rules for competition are available at Credit Union Office, Harbour House Maynooth. The closing date for completed entries will be December 6th 1991. All you budding artists get moving on your designs as soon as possible.

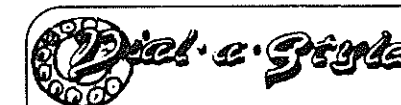
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MAYNOOTH BRANCH LIBRARY NEWS

The good news this month is that Children's Book Week start on October 22nd. Here in Maynooth Branch Library we hope to have competitions for our juvenile members, and of course we will have author visits and story reading sessions.

Terry Hassett Henry will visit us on Thursday 24th October at 5. pm. and will read from her new book entitled the Witch at Bashford Castle. So lots of fun in store at Maynooth Branch Library for bookweek. For more details enquire at the Library. See you there!



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OPENING HOURS

There are new opening hours at the Amenities Centre, Monday to Sunday - 9am. to 11pm. Club members can make full use of all the facilities. The new membership rate; operable from October 1st. is: single £15.00, family £20.00 and junior/student/O.A.P. £10.00.

FACILITIES

Apart from the numerous sports and allied activities, the indoor facilities in the Centre include meeting rooms, free creche, coffee dock, public telephone, reception area, sunbed and sauna, showers and dressingrooms, table tennis and indoor hall for most sports, aerobics room and gym weights room, to mention but some of them. The new Coffee Dock is an ideal place to relax after a strenuous workout or game, offering refreshing drinks, health bars and snacks. For customers, they cater for clubs and groups, and have just opened a new patio/barbeque, which is also available.



HEALTH AND FITNESS

For those interested in keeping fit and slimming, the centre has plenty to offer, including a fully equipped Gym/Weights room, Keep Fit Classes, Aerobic Classes, Circuit Training, Tylo Sauna and Slim and Trim with fully qualified instructors in charge. There's an eight week Slim and Trim Course starting next Thursday, September 12th. Keep Fit Classes under the guidance of Pauline Connolly are another attraction with the Aerobics Classes on every day of the week, whether you are a newcomer, a beginner or further advanced. The Gym/Weights Room includes free weights as well as machines. The room is for members only, and is open daily.

INDOOR SOCCER

The indoor Soccer facilities are very popular and there's sections for ladies, men, girls and boys. Throughout the week, various clubs, groups and housing estates have bookings. For ladies, the Friday morning kickabout re-starts in early September, with an 11.15am. start each Friday morning. For men, the kickabout is from 9 to 10pm. on Thursdays, while for girls, there's indoor training for all ages, starting shortly, on Saturdays. For details contact M. Delaney (624-4588) or P. Stewart (6243565). Competitions are definitely the most popular activity, with things due to get under way around September, and Super Value Confey Cup for men and the Annual inter-estate five aside competitions for girls (u12m, u14m u16m, u18m) men, Over 35 men, ladies and housewives.

MARTIAL ARTS

For those interested in self-defence and the martial arts, Bushido Karate and Kendo are an attraction. There are junior and senior Bushido Classes on Fridays and Saturdays (instructor Ray Baker) and junior and senior Kendo classes on Tuesday from 7pm (instructor Hugh Hogan).

INDOOR BOWLS

Another popular activity is indoor bowls and this takes place on Tuesday 7 - 9pm, confined to members with a £1.50 fee. Bowls are to be organised on Wednesday also, for those who want to play in the mornings and it is open to all young and old.

BASKETBALL

Basketball is another popular sport, and there are several section, with Junior Boys, Junior Girls and Ladies Basketball Club. The Junior Boys (U16) are playing on Sunday mornings and compete in the Dublin League, while the new U 16 Girls team from Confey under Phelim Cassidy is playing in the Dublin League. The ladies play on Tuesdays from 9 to 10 pm and have their matches on Sunday afternoons.

BADMINTON

The junior badminton club meets on Mondays 4 to 6pm and on Fridays 5 to 7pm, and the club places are now available. The Senior Club plays Mondays 8 to 11pm and Wednesdays 7 to 11pm and new members are welcome. Junior coaching recommences next Wednesday, September 11th and racquets can be hired. Mens and ladies coaching recommences on Friday September 13th. The morning badminton club for ladies and men begins Tuesday, September 10th at 10am and is also on Thursday. The fee is £20.00 for members and £25.00 for non members.

TENNIS CLUB

Tennis is another popular activity with junior and senior clubs, and members playing all year round and tournaments, leagues and coaching organised. Phone T. Williams at 6245696 for details.

MINI SPORTS ACTIVITIES

There's sports activities for the very young also, with a mini sports club (4-9 years), recommencing next Thursday, September 12th 4.15 to 5.00pm. Activities include minigames, ball games and racquet games. There's also mini soccer indoor also up to nine years every Tuesday and Friday 4 to 5pm. Restarting Tuesday, September 10th. A mini-bus will bring children from River-forest (Phone Kiosk) and back.



ARCHERY

The Archery club shoots outside behind the centre most evenings from 7 to 9pm in the summer, and in the main hall in winter. Richard Darcy (6244991) for information.

CRECHE IS FREE

The Creche at the Centre is open from 9 in the morning to 1pm each day Monday to Friday with Lorraine in charge. It is free though financial assistance is needed for improvements and toy donations are most welcome.

ASSOCIATED CLUBS

The associated clubs include Leixlip Athletic Club (NACA) which has training Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Centre, and at Confey; Barnhall Rugby Club, with play throughout the winter; St. Mary's GAA Table Tennis Club with tables available at reasonable hire prices each week.

FAS

Social Employment Schemes presently underway, provide staff for the Centre and for Leixlips United's continuing development programme. The FAS/League of Ireland apprenticeship Soccer Course is based in the Centre also.



VPTP CLASS

Once a week, a VPTP class from Colaiste Chiarain comes to the Centre from September to May, for their own gym/aerobic classes.

BINGO

Leixlip Athletic Club holds Bingo each Sunday night at 8.30pm.

SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

The Intel Sports and Social Club is involved on Mondays and Thursdays throughout the year in various sports.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Each summer, in July and August Summer Camps are held, with multiactivity sports and also FAI coaching camp and there's Indoor Cricket run by North Kildare C.C with pre-season training sessions in March and April. From April to June, Ladies Mini Marathon training takes place at the Centre.

Munitir Ma Nuad

Mrs Anne Kenny

After 81 years living in Maynooth Anne Kenny, born Anne Bennett in School Street, has seen many changes and has known some tragedy. Her mother's family, the Dignams, have lived in Maynooth for 5 generations a fact Mrs Kenny is justifiably proud of. Her great grandmother ran a laundry in Mill Street and employed 4-6 people on a daily basis. This lady has given her name to a piece of local geography called Granny Dignam's bank and perhaps some of the older residents could write in and tell us where this is. The laundry business was in the Bennett blood and Anne went to work in the convent laundry. Prior to this, she went to work for Carton with her aunt, Mrs. James Murphy. Anne is concerned that any jobs which come from the development of Carton should be shared equally among all the people of Maynooth.

Anne married a man from Leixlip and was happily married for 57 years, having 10 children and rearing eight. Anne buried her eldest daughter last year. Anne however is a hard working woman who has lived through tragedy before and has coped. The war and rationing was a particularly hard time for the people of Maynooth.

Life however has also been good to Anne and she remembers with fondness walking to Carton as a child. How many people remember Dunnes of the Whitehouse collecting mushrooms, blackberries and crabberries in what is now Kingsbry.

After Anne married she went to work in the college as a cleaner for £2 per week. The Museum is remembered with fondness by Anne who recalls when one could simply stroll into it and see the treasures there. Her uncle James Dignam was a butcher for the college for 44 years. Anne also remembers Mrs Connolly her workmate with fondness. The work was hard says Anne, but the women were happy.

When Anne first moved to the cottage in the Crescent the house had no electricity and light was provided by a paraffin lamp. The area had no street lights. Anne does not recall when electricity came to Maynooth, but her brother helped to erect one of the first E.S.B. poles at Ard Na Crushna. For many years during the Banquet at Maynooth Castle, Anne delighted many visitors with her excellent griddle bread.

Mrs Kenny lives now in the house in which she raised her family. A strong woman with a lot of compassion and dignity, surrounded as she deserves to be by some of her devoted family.



Nanny Kenny (front, left) her late husband and at back, her niece and niece's husband.

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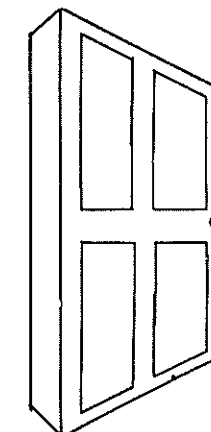
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COLLEGE NOTES

Welcome

This column extends a hearty welcome to all new incoming students to Maynooth College. We wish them every success in their studies, and hope their stay in both the College and in the town of Maynooth will be a happy one.

Once again the college is expecting a significant increase in student numbers in the coming year. The increasing popularity of the college is seen in the fact that there was no second round of CAO offers this year, despite the fact that there was an increase in the number of points necessary in order to gain entry to the college.

In order to cater for the growing student numbers, there has been a lot of expansion of facilities and staffing levels during the summer. Some ten additional lecturing staff have been taken on and a similar number of support staff. The campus has been a hive of construction activity all summer. The 240 unit apartment complex has been completed and already is booked out for the coming year. The sports complex and new restaurant are nearing completion at the time of writing, and both buildings look very well indeed.

The area of the Arts Building vacated by the old canteen is in the process of being converted into offices and two new classrooms, one of which is to be dedicated to computer teaching. There has also been a lot of work going on in the Old Campus, with a major refurbishment job being executed on the roof and dormer windows in the main Pugin building in St. Joseph's Square.

Congratulations and Goodbyes

We take this opportunity to offer our congratulations to popular college employees John Sauls and Louise Boyce on their recent wedding. At a very pleasant ceremony, John and Louise were made a number of going away presentations by their fellow workers. Notable features of the ceremony were a rendition of the bagpipes in full regalia by Fr. Kieran Murphy and a dunking in the swimming pool for John! We wish them all the best for the future.

Recently departed from the college is Beda Keyes, who headed the salaries office for some 17 years. We will miss Beda's eternal good humour (but hopefully not the pay packets!) and wish her a happy and fulfilling retirement.

Becker Beware!

The tennis tournament organised by the 5.05 club, the staff social club, proved so successful that it has still to be completed at the time of writing. Into the final go Thomas Martin and Jim Walsh against Tom Kabdebo and Colm Nelson. This should be a cracker, and a huge attendance is expected. Further details in the next issue, but if you can't wait, we suggest you call 6285222 extension 359 for the latest news!

A WORD OF WELCOME

A WORD OF WARNING

Every year Maynooth becomes a buzz of excitement and activity in October. New students arrive, often with worried and anxious faces, and old ones bounce back after the break (?) of the summer months.

We students often forget that Maynooth as a university town has more in it than three and half thousand students. This has been an issue of some contention over the years with clashes of interest between 'locals' and students. Late night parties and noise levels are sources of constant trouble. This should not have to be so. We are local in a sense, as it is both students and residents who are living, often working, and also enjoying themselves in Maynooth. Respect should be given by students but also given to students by residents. There have been some worrying reports of anti-student groups in the town, with the specific purpose of trouble-making and harassment. This is not to say that students

should be ignored if they are causing trouble, but that the proper means in place should be used to complain, e.g. The Students' Union, Maynooth Community Council, or the Gardai, if necessary. Students and residents alike have the right to complain to these and other bodies on such matters. To continue on another sour note: the issue of safety on and off campus for students is one of the utmost importance and should be treated as such. The Students' Union and Maynooth Community Council are committed to working for improved lighting and other facilities to curb the risk of attacks on students and residents. This is one area where I feel, as Womens' Rights Officer of the Students Union, that positive and constructive co-operation can be achieved with success. I hope to introduce a set of safety torch/alarms for sale and rent in the Students Union which should be taken full advantage of as an added safety element for students. After all that, it should be noted that Maynooth is not just about safety torches and low noise levels, but a variety of other things, from late night Bar Ex's to 1st class honours in exams.

Maynooth College is a developing and changing environment. No longer is every guy going there presumed to be a clerical student and even students with disabilities are gaining their rights. Maybe the Gay Society might even be ratified!!! But "Sin sceal eile" as they say. So lights on, noise down, and books open. Only Joking! But seriously, enjoy yourself.

Patricia Carey,
Womens' Rights Officer.

COLLEGE ACQUIRES MAP OF OLD MAYNOOTH

The Geography Department at Maynooth College has recently acquired an original large-scale map of the Maynooth area in the 18th century. This very detailed, water-coloured map was completed by the famous mapmaker John Rocque in 1757, and shows all the buildings, roads, and fields in the area. All of the townlands are also shown. The map measures twelve feet by eight, and is drawn to a scale of sixteen inches to the mile.

By comparing this map with the original Ordnance Survey map of the area (compiled in 1837) and the subsequent



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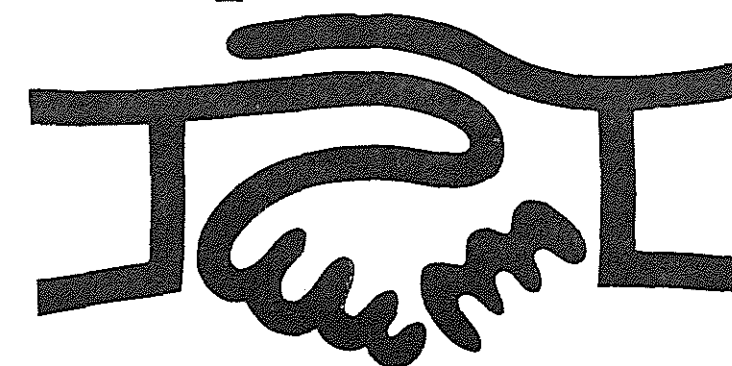
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revision in 1939, it is possible to trace how the Maynooth area has changed over the last 234 years. At the time the Rocque map was completed, the Dukes of Leinster had just begun the task of remodelling the old town of Maynooth. The tree-lined avenue leading to Carton was installed, and the first block of the modern Main Street (at the corner of Convent Lane) had been built. The rest of the town centre was haphazard in layout, with buildings all over the place and many winding streets and lanes.

An interesting feature of the map is the extensive laid-out gardens at both ends of the Main Street, one at the present site of the Convent and one at the site of the College. It is possible that the latter garden was a carry-over from when the Earls of Kildare lived in the castle, which they abandoned in the late 17th century. The present layout of St. Joseph's Square in the College seems quite similar to that shown in the map, and may have been preserved from the original.

Most of the present roadways leading from Maynooth were in place in 1757, although there have been many realignments since then. The main exception is the Moyglare Road, which had yet to be built. The Straffan Road meandered out of the town from a point around where the Leinster Arms is now located. The junction with the Celbridge Road was then located around where the road to "Old" Railpark begins today, and the Celbridge Road ran around the back of the modern Railpark estate, coming out around the end of Laurence's Avenue.

The modern road to Celbridge came to an abrupt stop in 1757 at Ballygoran Cross, where it formed a T junction with the road running from Carton to Ballygoran. It is not clear from the map where the Celbridge Road ran at that stage, but it is possible that it followed to the present Moortown Road, which runs down by the reservoir and Ballygoran Stud today. Apart from the state of the surface, this remains a fine roadway today, suggesting that it played a more important role in bygone days. The present road to Celbridge from Ballygoran Cross was in place by the time the 1837 O.S. map was compiled.

An interesting feature of the 1757 map is that there was another road running south from Carton, parallel to the present road from Pike's Bridge (named Wharton's Bridge in 1757). This tree-lined road ran along the Leixlip side of the churchyard at Donaghmore as far as the Obelisk, which is shown on the map. It is quite likely that when the Royal Canal was built later in the century, it was decided that one bridge was sufficient, since the town roads were so close together. Thus, the 1837 map shows a new link road between the town roads just south of Pike's Bridge, while the section of the second road which ran along by the church had disappeared. This link road has since been incorporated into Grangewilliam Stud, and is blocked off by the big wrought iron gates which now stand at the back entrance to the stud near Pike's Bridge. Grangewilliam House had not been built in 1757, and one can trace part of the old road running by the house from the front entrance to the stud near the Obelisk.

In 1757, the townland of Railpark consisted entirely of four rectangular fields on the Maynooth side of the road leading from Pike's Bridge. The townland boundary was subsequently extended as far as the junction of the Straffan and

Celbridge Roads, as shown in the 1837 map. Previously, this area was part of Maynooth townland, which was then much larger than it is today. The townland of Greenfield did not exist in either 1757 or 1837, and presumably was created when Greenfield Lane was built in the late 19th century, possibly in conjunction with the railway. It is likely that the laneway leading to "Old" Railpark was built at the same time, as it is not shown in the 1837 map.

The 1757 map shows whether each field was in grass or tillage, and the amount of tillage was much greater than is found today. There was much tillage in Ireland generally in the late 18th century, before the country became, in Marx's famous phrase, "an English sheepwalk and cattle pasture". The area around Donaghmore Church in particular was full of small tillage (probably vegetable) plots. Today, this area consists of one huge field of grass. At the same time, a large proportion of the fields depicted in 1757 are still clearly discernible in the 1939 O.S. map and, for the most part, remain intact today.

Another notable feature of the 1757 map is that the present Dublin Gate of Carton (opposite Pike's Bridge) did not exist then. An interesting feature of the 1837 map is that it shows an old Roman Catholic chapel (in ruins) alongside the church at Taghahdoe. By 1939, this chapel had disappeared completely from the map, while the Taghahdoe Church itself was now in ruins instead.

While most of the Rocque map is in excellent condition, one end of it has deteriorated very badly. The possibility of having it restored is currently being explored. Should this prove possible, it is hoped to eventually put it on public display. Many locals would no doubt be fascinated by it. It would prove a very interesting exercise to walk along the roadways around Maynooth and note the many big and little changes which have been wrought on the local landscape over the last 200 years.

SOCIOLOGY CONFERENCE IN MAYNOOTH

August last saw Maynooth hosting a major international conference of sociologists of religion. The theme of this year's conference, which is held every two years, was "Religion and the Economic Order". The theme of the next conference, to be held in Budapest, will be "Religion and Political Change".

The importance of the conference, organised by the "International Society for the Sociology of Religion", can be seen from the fact that the Minister for Education, Mrs Mary O'Rourke T.D. opened the conference.

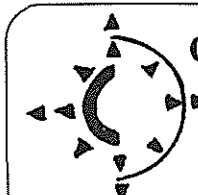
There was also a state reception held in Dublin Castle hosted by Mrs O'Rourke who laid on four double-decker buses to transport the delegates to the reception.

Doctor Mc Greil of the Department of sociology in Maynooth felt that the conference had been a great success, and in particular recalled the final session of the conference. This session discussed the "Theoretic dialectic amid sociology" regarding religion. A discussion which Doctor Mc Greil felt had led to a better understanding of the role of religion in society. Religion, Doctor Mc Greil feels, has not died but has adjusted to modern needs.

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Maynooth proved an ideal location for this conference because of its rural setting, and because it has the facilities needed to host such a conference. The friendliness of the town again proved to be one of its biggest assets. There were some 230 delegates with family or friends, from thirty different nations. Many came from Latin America, Eastern Europe and the orient, as well as from Western Europe and North America. Such an influx meant a significant economic spinoff for the town.

The conference was organised by a committee whose chairperson was Doctor Michael Mc Greil; Secretary: John Weafer; Reservations Secretary Caroline O'Kelly, ordinary members being: Mary Corcoran, Teresa Dowling, Tony Fahey, Abdullah Osman El-Tom, Michel Peillon, Maureen Redmond and Professor Liam Ryan. These were assisted by Vincent Martin, David Hall, Geraldine Delaney, Margo Dalton, Mel Duffy, Mairead Mc Mahon and Brian Gillan. The organisation wish to thank the staff of the college for their co-operation, beginning with Professor Seamus Smith Vice-President in charge of Buildings, Mr Jim Doyle and the security staff. Mr. Buckley in charge of Buildings, the cleaning staff under Geraldine Coyne, Liam Green the Assistant Bursar, Phil and Mary in the New Apartments and Michael and Dave Carbery in charge of catering in the college.



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Students

May we wish a warm welcome back to all students attending college at Maynooth. To the new arrivals, you will find Maynooth a nice place to live. Please respect the wishes of residents who desire a good night's sleep. If you have a problem or, indeed if we can be of any assistance, do drop into the station.

Just one point though to students: the Gardai cannot sign your passport, unless you are personally known to one of the members, or someone can vouch for your identity. We would urge students to get their passports signed at their home place, where this is possible.

Road Safety

As the dark evenings approach, we feel obliged to remind parents and young people once again of the necessity to exercise extreme caution. Cyclists with no lights and wearing dark clothing are at extreme risk. We would ask parents to supervise so that children are properly kitted out if they need to take out their bicycle after dark. Ensure that the correct lighting is fitted to the bicycle. *It is your responsibility.*

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STAR BLASTS

Diligent readers of this column will have realised that 'Libra' was missing from last month's list of starsigns in my horror-scope. Those of you who thought that I 'forgot' to mention Libra can consider yourselves to be unreformably thick and can expect to remain so for the duration of your unnatural lifetime. You will find that these people are mainly Sagittarians (these being the unfortunate carriers of single brain cells and enormously awkward limbs). Prehistoric but essentially happy, God bless them.

Those of you who realise that I never 'forget' anything and, more importantly, am physically incapable of error, will belong exclusively to the Aquarian species, being perfect in every way and uncommonly intelligent.

The remainder of you rest in between these polarities and for the most part are sufficiently consistent to register as being alive. There are the odd few exceptions but I know them all and they adore me. Naturally.

As for the missing 'Libra'. It was simply omitted last month because, apart from a birthday, some lottery winnings and a handful of career promotions, nothing of any great significance was due to occur to them. At any rate, nothing calamitous enough to warrant reporting.

Now, as to the matter of dropping hints and baring threats with a view towards encouraging one of my readers to supply me with a car, I have the following information to impart. The 'grateful Taurus' who deposited the rusty brown thing in front of my cottage has been tracked down and can expect a visitation of the most alarming nature in the very near future. Did you honestly think that I could seriously suffer the mortification involved in sitting behind the steering wheel of an object which had to be carbon dated in order to determine its age? I am informed by the Archaeology Department in U.C.D. that the early farmers in the Mulhussey Valley knew this thing as a 'Mini City', probably due to the fact that at least fifteen of them could comfortably camp above, below and inside it at one and the same time and could deploy it as a sort of mobile settlement in times of sudden migration. Touching and all as it might be to be the possessor of a four wheeled village from the Stone Age it does not quite meet the expectations I had when I asked for a car. Right enough, it moves (after a fashion), but due only to the combined chanting and moonlit cavortin' of meself, a couple of friends, a cat, two crows and a large Moulinex blender (we no longer use cauldrons). We have managed to propel it on automatic steerage through the flatlands of Kildare towards the residence of its bestower wherein it will perform a series of complicated but interesting U-turns on or around Hallowe'en. For special effects there is a pumpkin with a Mohican haircut in the driver's seat which is on a time switch to ignite upon arrival and sing 'Return to Sender'.

By now most of you (with the obvious exception of the Sagittarians) will have realised that my column has changed slightly since last month. You will have noticed I'm sure the

complete absence of any horror-scope predictions. This is because I am undergoing enormous stress and trauma and am unable at present to focus on the future due to the unforeseen circumstances of my recent abduction. I spent some four weeks being held hostage in Wexford to the whims of three young men (now sadly deranged) who thought they might persuade me to disclose the lottery numbers for the two million pounds jackpot. Extreme forms of torture were used, such as the repeated playing of Daniel O'Donnell records and loud and impassioned readings of all the crosswords of this very magazine, but I managed, by dint of being *furious*, to remain poker-faced, straight-backed and as immobile as an ice rink. My puzzled captors made the serious mistake of removing my blindfold. With the controlled motion of a mill-stone I creaked around to face each of them and unleashed my famous tar-boiling glare upon them which had the desired effect of reducing them to thumb-sucking wrecks in a matter of seconds. I spent the next few weeks enjoying myself (and even allowed in a ray or two of sunshine) until finally bored, I let them loose and watched them racing in terror towards the Irish sea.

What with all this Adult Education and Self Improvement about I've decided to embark on a night course in the college. Of course, there is nothing by way of anything that anybody can actually teach me that I don't already know, but nevertheless I fancy the social aspect of some of the courses. In addition I will need to regain a certain calmness of mind in order to restore my powers of prediction. I have therefore enrolled in Winnie Wonderweb's 'Trans Global Transportation and New Age Woodwork' course which, although concerned with modern methods of broomstick manufacture, will no doubt supply the necessary moratorium for my resuscitation. All of my colleagues will also be there so it promises to be elementally wicked and thoroughly enjoyable.

You will hear from me when I recover.

Minerva Big Dipper Murphy.

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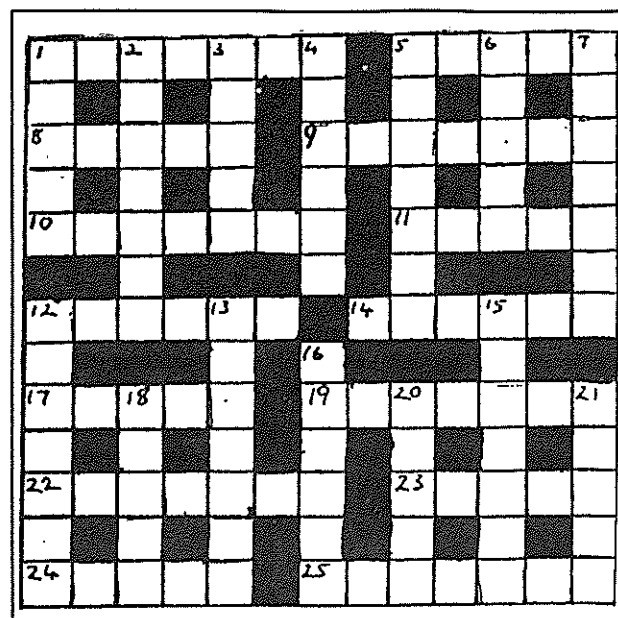
Crossword No. 47 by Demon [£5.00 prize]

Across

- 1, 16, 9. Dirty unclean clock? IOU accepted - arrange to collect charges if residents will pay (7,6,7)
5. Mix one hundred into gin and this (5)
8. Get your bread here and mix it into first half of eleven (5)
9. Our community has one (7)
10. Attends to details and expands (7)
11. Some pie, Cecil? Yes (5)
12. According to Yeats, moon's are silver, sun's are golden - delicious? (6)
14. Throw suet at sculpture (6)
17. Style of house - a royal one too (5)
19. Local butchers where one is quids in (1,6)
22. This skipper has a hill in 2 (7)
23. Stephen owns a store in Dublin (5)
24. John? Ben? No let out (5)
25. Moslem veil (7)

Down

1. What is done in 8 sounds necessary (5)
2. Salmon - leap in 1 across, stop for 66 but not for 67A (7)
3. Beer? Right! On the look-out (5)
4. Cue sex change? Pardon! (6)
5. Blow this for a musical instrument (7)
6. Alcove for H. . . with nice surround (5)
7. St Patrick's, for instance, has support in old king (7)
12. The Newsletter has a definite one, and might publish it (7)
- 15 & 13. Come, enter a line crookedly written, or make a phone call courtesy of this (7,7)
16. 1 Across or Down, for instance, make up 26 or six respectively (6)
18. Storehouse - eg. Conyngham Road Garage (5)
20. Nobility of 1 Across - learner surrounded by listeners (5)
21. Get it from 19 Across; well done! (5)



Entries before Friday 18th October at 5.00 pm

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Winner of £5 prize for Crossword No. 46:
Michael O'Sullivan, 1183 Greenfield, Maynooth.

Solution to Crossword 46:

Across: (1) Old Greenfield, (8) Area, (9) Trespass, (10) Mainstreet, (12) Uncles, (14) Unseen, (15) Emmet Stagg, (19) Recorder, (20) Buff, (21) Connolly Folly.
Down: (2) Lorraine, (3) Grain, (4) Estates, (5) Niece, (6) Inputs, (7) List, (11) Vengeful, (13) Lie down, (14) Utterly, (16) Model, (17) Taboo, (18) Hero.

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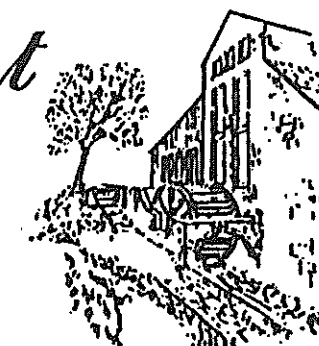
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JOE CANNY GETTING READY FOR THE WORLD

Maynooth's young Joe Canny has started his snooker season well by winning the first major ranking tournament of the season. The venue was the Quarry Snooker club in Celbridge where nearly 140 of the country's best, turned out for Battle of the Green Baize, but Joe, now an internationally recognised talent at snooker was not yielding to any fellow competitors and came out victorious in the end. The title at stake was the Leinster Masters 1991. This was the start that Joe needed as he is now preparing to compete for the World Snooker Championships in Bangkok, Thailand, this November.

His rise to the top of the Irish Snooker scene has been breathtaking by any standard according to his personal manager Donal O' Sullivan and he was keen to tell us about our young citizen and his exploits. "Well to understand where Joe is now, and where he was 18 months ago", said Donal, "it would be like looking at a career taking off on the back of a rocket. Joe just raced away at a dizzy pace by showing his virtuosity to all who met him on the snooker scene. He debuted onto the national scene last year and of our nine national ranking tournaments that are held around the country, young Joe made it to four of the finals which is quite brilliant for a first year. In the fifth tournament which was the Cork open he played some of the most inspirational snooker ever seen from a young amateur and had a 108 clearance followed by a 102 clearance to win one of the matches on the way to the final."

His final ranking for last season was No. 2 in the country to Jason Watson who beat Joe in the final of the Irish Snooker Championship 1991 in the Regency Hotel Dublin. Jason Watson was also the previous year's No.1 so he used tremendous experience in keeping Joe not only from the Championship Title of 1991 but also from the No.1 spot in the country.

It has been a long summer since then and Joe has worked hard on keeping fit, eating healthier, and resting correctly. Donal added, "I can positively say Joe is responding well to his healthier lifestyle and is showing great potential with a first National title win and straight to the No.1 seed position in the country. This may be a tremendous boost for Joe playing in Thailand next month and as I am The National Delegate travelling I won't be the least bit surprised to see Joe doing well, as he is very gifted and indeed I hope to be faxing regular updates to the Maynooth Community."

JIMMY'S HEART IS IN THE RIGHT PLACE!

That indefatigable fund-raiser for the Irish Heart Foundation, Jimmy Mee of Monaghan Military Barracks, is within sight of the initial £2,000 target of his latest venture in aid of his chosen cause.

Such is the total Jimmy must realise before departing on the major I.H.F. Walk to the Black Forest in Germany, which will take place from September 11-20 next.

Following fund-raising expeditions with some of his Army colleagues to Drogheda and Balbriggan, Jimmy staged a most enjoyable function in the Military Barracks on Friday night last which garnered between £250 and £300.

"I'm now only about £600 short of the target figure, and, with further ventures planned, including a collection in the Monaghan Town area within the next week, I am confident that I can attain the £2,000 level before the deadline for the German walk comes up," he told the "Northern Standard" this week.

Jimmy is looking forward to the Black Forest walk, although he concedes it will be anything but a leisurely stroll.

"All the participating walkers will have to cover a distance of 110 miles, and the terrain mapped out for the walk is extremely hilly in nature."

However, Jimmy's physical fitness is renowned, and, with a similar 100 mile walk in the hills of Scotland last June under his belt, the Black Forest should hold no perils for him. Expect to see Jimmy at the head of a bed push team visiting local towns in the coming week. He also plans an intensive push from his home town of Maynooth to Dublin to bring him closer to his target.

Extending appreciation to Larry Mc Keown, Eddie Madden and Phil Sullivan of Monaghan Military Barracks for their assistance in his fund-raising efforts, particularly with the organisation of last Friday's social event, Jimmy also thanked Tony Gregory, Karl Grey and his brother David Mee for all their help.

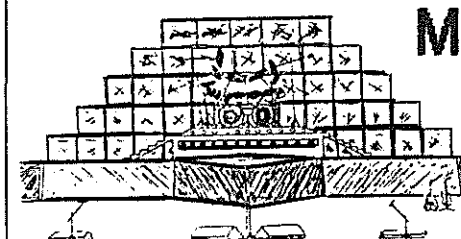
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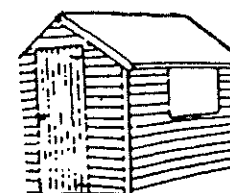
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On behalf of the Irish Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust, I wish to thank most sincerely the people of Maynooth who contributed most handsomely to my recent collection on behalf of the above mentioned. The collection raised a total of £1,116. This was a fantastic response for which you should feel very proud.

To those who contributed spot prizes for our mountain run raffle I say thank you. Once again some of my contributors were lucky enough to win some lovely prizes, namely:

- (1) Niamh Horan c/o Tommy Daly - A week-end for 2 in Ireland
- (2) Eithne Cullen, Balgaddy Cross, Dublin 22 - 200 cigarettes and a Ballistoni ash tray.
- (3) Colm O' Connor 21 Beaufield Gardens, Maynooth - Bottle Gin and Desk Clock.
- (4) Eddie Lynam c/o College House, Dublin 2. - £10 note
- (5) Ollie Bright c/o Quinnsouth, Maynooth - Talc and Bubble bath set, Bottle of wine.

Congratulations to one and all.

To those who came along to support my Gala Charity night in the Earl Room Spa Hotel Lucan on Friday September 13th, I thank you most sincerely. A wonderful nights' entertainment was provided by Fiddlers' Green and may I take this opportunity to thank the lads, namely Danny, Noel and Patsy. To the Spa Hotel proprietor Pat Colgan a special thanks for all the help and assistance afford me.

Once again many lovely spot prizes were donated for the night and for these I thank the people who gave them. To Richard Farrell and C.K.R. Radio staff I thank you for the publicity presented to me. The night realised a profit figure of £816.

You may rest assured the children will have a soft spot in their hearts for the people of Maynooth and they will not forget you in their prayers. Once again I thank you.

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Booking for the pantomime begins on the 9th September and can be made through the Booking Office which is open from 11.00am to 7.00pm Monday to Saturday. The telephone number is (01) 771717. Alternatively you can call in to the Gaiety. The Gaiety accepts all major Credit Cards. There will be a group reduction of 10% for a party of 20 or more and 20% for a party of 50 or more for certain performances. If you require further information, you can contact: Niamh Martin, Administration Dept., Gaiety Theatre, South King St, Dublin.

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NEW IRISH PLAYS AT THE ABBEY AND PEACOCK

Dublin Theatre Festival.

Two powerful new plays by Irish writers who are among the major figures of two succeeding generations make the Abbey and the Peacock the heart of the 1991 Dublin Theatre Festival.

The Power of Darkness by John McGahern opens on October 16th in the Abbey. Previews on October 10th. Director Garry Hynes. Designer Frank Conway. The cast includes: Alan Devlin, Mick Lally, Sean McGinley, Marie Mullen, Aisling O'Sullivan, Tony Rohr, Bernadette Shortt. With the **The Power of Darkness** one of the greatest Irish writers of the past three decades makes an extraordinarily powerful first entrance into the theatre. McGahern's five novels and three collections of stories, amongst them **The Dark**, **The Pornographer**, **High Ground** and **Amongst Women** have won consistent international acclaim including a Booker Prize nomination and the Irish Times/Aer Lingus Literature Award for **Amongst Women**. Now, for the first time, that achievement finds theatrical form.

The Power of Darkness reflects a broken world. The title is a description of the force that drives it. Sexual ignorance and fear turn men and women into exploiters and adversaries. The old fear of famine leads to irrational greed, sugar coated by a thin layer of religious doctrine, allied to a craven longing for respectability. This fallen world carries within it the need of redemption. With all of the economy, precision and beautifully controlled emotion of his prose works, this, McGahern's first stage play brings the full force of his power into the Irish theatre.

One Last White Horse by Dermot Bolger opens on October 8th in the Peacock. Previews on October 3rd. Director David Byrne. Designer Bronwen Casson. The cast includes: Des Braidon, Barbara Brennan, Liam Cunningham, Bernie Downes, Hilary Fannin, Peadar Lamb, Donal O'Kelly, Owen Roe, Macdara O'Fatharta.

At once the most lyrical and yet the most harrowing of Dermot Bolger's plays, **One Last White Horse** is a journey through the life of a young Dubliner from the early death of his mother to his failure, in his eyes, through poverty and insecurity, to cope with parenthood himself. There is a hole in Eddie's heart, the void - filled as a child by his mother's God - that is perhaps at the heart of contemporary experience, the inability to find anything to fully believe in or belong to.

That spiritual vacuum is finally filled for him with heroin, the drug which a whole generation of lost Dubliners turned to. At turns both richly experimental and starkly violent, **One Last White Horse** is a moving and passionate piece of theatre.

WRITERS' CRAMP

[In this issue we publish some more of the entries for the Short Story competition held last June]

Escape from Eriskay

Fergus sat on the rock looking out into the mist. The evening was still and Fergus could hear the water washing up against the rocks. He saw a dim shape on the horizon. As he watched, he realised that it was a Viking ship.

Fergus jumped up and ran down the beach to the monastery, "VIKINGS," he cried as he ran through the gates "VIKINGS!" Fergus first ran to the scriptorium where the Bible was being made. "Pack up," he said to the other monks, "The Vikings are coming, we're leaving the island." Fergus gave the same message to everyone and then ran off to ready the bigger of the two currachs.

"Come on" said Fergus to some of his friends.

"We will set some traps." Fergus and the other monks dug some holes and put some scrub bushes on top.

After a while the monks WERE READY, but they had no time to rest, the Vikings were wading through the water. However, the monks were ready. They only had a few swords but they were prepared to fight for the holy book, the island and their lives. "Charge" yelled a massive, ten foot tall viking, who had shoulders bigger than tables. The monks watched as many Vikings fell into the holes they had dug.

Surprised, the other vikings paused before they ran on. But run on they did, yelling and screaming like the hammers of hell. The monks held back for a while but soon they tired and the vikings beat them back.

The other monks down at the boat had just finished everything, so Diarmuid ran to the other monks and told them to come back to the boat.

Then, the chase was on; the monks running towards the boat with the Vikings after them. Diving to the boat the monks climbed in and then scrambled to the side to ward off any pursuing Vikings. The monks started to row: row, row, row,

as fast as we can go,
row, row, row
do not on your lives slow
row, row, row,

chanted Fergus as they propelled the boat, as fast as they could away. "We will head for Antrim," said Diarmuid

taking the tiller. "Diarmuid, the Vikings are coming behind and they're catching up," said Colm. Diarmuid looked behind and saw a massive dragon head only a few yards away, he could hear the drums beating. "Look Diarmuid," cried Fergus, "Rocks."! Diarmuid looked and he saw jagged rocks jutting out of the water in front of them. "We will go near the rocks and then turn sharply" he said. "That way the Viking ship which is much bigger won't be able to turn and they'll crash on the rocks. As soon as they were near the rocks Diarmuid turned the tiller sharply. Erik the Viking looked in horror as he saw why the monks had turned. "Turn to the port" he cried "quickly!" But it was too late. The Viking ship hit the rocks with enormous force. It sank.

The monks sailed on to Ireland and settled there in a new monastery, and the story of how the monks escaped the Vikings will be told on many nights to come.

By Aengus Martin

Age: 11

The Blarney Stone

It was summer. I sat staring into space in the sitting room of my uncle's house in Cork. I had been sent here by my parents, in their hope of having peace and quiet and in my hope of finding something to do. I had failed because now I was doing nothing, only waiting for my uncle to come back from the shop. Even the excitement of flicking through the dead channels of the T.V. had worn off. It was hopeless. I reached out for a small bookcase on a shelf beside my chair. It consisted of four medium sized encyclopaedias, each from A to D. I tried to pull out the second encyclopaedia but it seemed to be stuck. I pulled harder but it stuck fast. Then, with one final budge, I sent it flying out onto the carpet. It lay open with half of one page bent. I took it up and fixed the page back. It said, at the top "Blarney Castle - Blarney Stone - Cork - Ireland." The first word that I really saw was Cork and then the words before that. I quickly looked down the page and read, "The Blarney Castle stands four hundred years old in Cork. A superstitious legend says that the owner saved it from attackers by standing on one of the battlements* and used flattery and made promises. It also says that the Blarney Stone has some kind of magic power. If you kiss the stone or talk to it, you could get the power to be a clever talker and talk your way in and out of things." I looked at the picture of Blarney Castle on the opposite page before looking at the bottom of the page where the asterisk was marked, "*this battlement is now the Blarney Stone, but" I could not read any further as the words were faded and impossible to see.

My attention was drawn towards the sound of the front door opening and closing. I dropped the encyclopaedia on the chair and went out to see what my uncle had bought. He was holding a bag of shopping and a newspaper in one hand and his hat in the other. He looked up from the newspaper, "Huh, huh, this is a funny one," he said and handed me the newspaper. "Read this," he panted and tapped his finger on the headline.

I took the newspaper and read, "Blarney Stone - works at Last". I gasped, and followed down the page, "A bankrobber today struck it lucky when he escaped from the First

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National Bank with £200,000!" I read along down the page how he flattered the desk clerk and told her he was the bank manager's brother, and he was here to collect some money. I dropped the paper on the sofa. I walked causally into the kitchen where my uncle was now cutting some bread.

"That's a coincidence," I said, pretending to get a glass of water.

"What is?", he replied without turning round.

"The Blarney Stone, I've read about it twice today . . . Let's go there!"

"Okay!", he said to my astonishment.

When we reached the Blarney castle we got out, and ran over to the door. The Blarney Castle looked about a hundred feet high, and had a great many windows, which probably meant it had a great many stairs. On the wooden entrance door it said in block capitals, "ASK FOR KEY AT HOUSE". We got the key from a white haired old lady, who slammed the door after us. We went back to the castle and opened the door. And then after all the staircases (about ten in all), I flopped down tired on the stone floor of the roof. My uncle was tired also and besides that, it was a scorching day. The sun hurt my eyes. I tried to cover them but my hands were tired. I wandered about but then suddenly something caught my eye. I squinted. It looked like a danger sign. I ran closer, and then just as I was three feet from it . . . "AAH . . . AAAAH". My voice echoed in and out of the walls. I hung there, suspended, one hundred feet above the ground. Too terrified to look down, I tried to breathe normally, but my throat stuck. I panicked and thrashed myself up against the rock. It was no use. I was slowly slipping down, and any moment now I would plummet to the ground. I roared, but no uncle came. I summoned all my strength and pulled my legs up behind me. Then pushing them off a big stone, I struggled out of the gap into which I had fallen.

When I had recovered I looked at the sign over the gap. It read, "Blarney stone - danger. Assistance needed when trying to touch Blarney Stone." But I had done it on my own! I found my uncle, and he said,

"Isn't it a pity there is nobody here today to help us kiss the Blarney Stone".

I said nothing, but on the way home he was very impressed by the way I talked!

Stephen Hallinan
Age 11.

FIRST NOVEL BY JOE BUCKLEY, CARTON COURT

The *Newsletter* in recent months has reported on the plethora of literary types busy tapping upon typewriters and word processors. Most aim their verbal products at an adult market. Joe Buckley, however, has launched his literary career with a book aimed at an adolescent audience. His book, "Run Donny Run", has recently been published by "Wolfhound Press" in their "Ace Fiction" series, and is available in the local bookshop.

The book is a thriller with a love interest, and it centres on the adventures of Donny O' Sullivan and Jackie Anderson as they flee a pair of drug pushers. It is hoped to have a full

review of the book in next month's issue. Having read the book though, I must say it was an enjoyable read and, being a Dub, can vouch for its authentic portrayal of Dublin school life.

It is not surprising that Joe Buckley should be able to capture Dublin school life for he taught in Crumlin C.B.S. for ten years. Before Crumlin he taught in British Columbia, Canada, and is now teaching with the Salesians in Celbridge. Married to a girl from Rathgar called Marion and coming from Rhode, Co. Offaly, Joe finds that Maynooth is a happy compromise between city and country.

The Buckleys are now well settled in Maynooth and have a baby boy called Stephen of thirteen months old. They have also two older boys: Mark, 14 and Niall, who is 21.

The book, "Run Donny Run", was written to fill a gap in the reading material available to young people in their teens. It is (meant to be) more realistic than Enid Blyton, closer to young Irish people's own experience of life. A major drawback, however, is that it concentrates on the life of Dublin adolescents and paints a bleak picture of their lives. This is not Joe's first book. His first, set in Canada, has yet to be published. A sequel to "Run Donny Run" is already in the pipeline and Joe, who plays football for College Green, also hopes one day to write fiction for adults.

In the meantime the *Newsletter* congratulates Joe on the publication of his book and this reporter recommends the book to any young person wanting an entertaining read.

Run Donny run! by Joe Buckley

The excitement begins when Liam, Donny's brother-in-law throws him a package outside Hueston station and yells 'Run Donny Run'. The chase is on - the story goes from Donny jumping on the train to Athlone, to being shot at under water to driving through the Phoenix Park in 2 stolen cars.

This is an action packed book full of adventure. With Jacky, Donny's new-found girlfriend, he is hunted through Dublin and the midlands. An excellent book that really keeps you on the edge of your seat. 9/10

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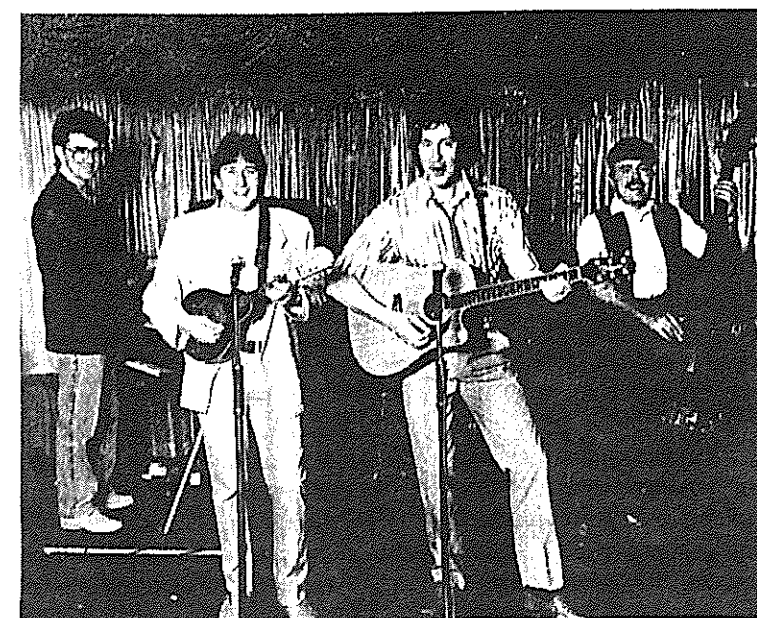
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STREET TALKING

The New Hitchin' Post

As most of you know by now the Hitchin Post has changed owners and the new owner Ken Mulvany has changed the place entirely. Not only has he changed the bar he has also added a new restaurant.

This new restaurant is under the management of Maureen O' Keffe who comes from Maynooth while Patricia Mulchrone is the chef. Patricia by the way is fully qualified, and comes from Leixlip. These two ably assisted by Maureen's daughter Noreen, have run the restaurant since the 29th of July. The restaurant as well as supplying "bar snacks", (a misnomer because in fact the "snacks" available are as good as any restaurant main course), also supplies the carvery lunches from 12.30 to 3.00. It also provides a full a La Carte menu for evening meals and will cater for vegetarians without the need for an advance reservation.

On Sunday the restaurant provides lunch specials ranging from £6.95 for a 3 course meal to £7.50 for a 4 course meal. Meals for children under 10 cost £2.50, while infants under 2 are free. The restaurant will also cater for weddings, christenings, private parties and bereavements.

In conjunction with the bar it is hoped to provide a Christmas show and a 5 course meal. Prices have however not yet been finalised.

Mr. Alan Grogan the bar manager told this reporter that it was hoped that the New Hitchin' Post would be able to present cabarets sometime in the future. In the meantime the teenage mineral bar disco on Friday nights and the adult disco on Saturday night will continue. The Sunday night karaoke will also continue.

Finally it should be noted that the ample car park of the New Hitchin' Post is supervised at night.

New Shop Units

Street Talking has learned that the work being carried out on the building opposite Patrick's Restaurant (still for sale!) is to provide Maynooth with much needed (I wonder!) shop units. What sort of shops will fill these units is as yet unknown.

Patrick's Passing

The stomachs of Maynooth must protest. Gone with Stephen Hero's is Patrick's restaurant. What is wrong with us, do we not eat enough to keep our restaurants open, could we not eat a little more during the long summer months while Patrick awaited his pupils to return to eat sit down meals at cut rate prices? Where now must our students venture to eat now that the college in its wisdom has removed one canteen and replaced both canteens with a smaller main canteen?

New Bank Machine

Last August the Bank of Ireland gave us £5 notes. In September the Ulster Bank entered the new age with its new service till machine.

DOYLE'S MART

Maynooth has, since 1962, been firmly established as the location of one of the biggest marts in the country. J.P. Doyle's Mart has since that year been selling livestock to farmers throughout the country. The town was chosen as the location for a mart because of its proximity to Dublin and because it stands on the main traffic artery to the west.

The Doyle family are not themselves a Maynooth family but two of the sons now live in Maynooth; Sean, who is married to a Tipperary woman, and Miles. They both enjoy living in Maynooth. The DoYLES are not just in the business of selling animals. They provide a full range of auctioneering services. From their company Headquarters in Terenure in Dublin they run an estate agency as well as a smaller mart in Blessington.

From their Maynooth offices in the mart complex they provide an estate agent's service specialising in farm property, but will occasionally also sell residential property. As well as this DoYLES also offer a land letting service, meadow auctions and tax advice. They also have special pedigree sales in Maynooth on 10 Fridays each year as well as the normal Mondays and Wednesday sales.

Mr Sean Doyle estimated about 400-500 people come to Maynooth on mart days. Such an influx of people is a tremendous boost to the commercial life of the town; shops, cafes and restaurants, public houses, the banks and Kavanagh's Mill all benefit from the mart being in Maynooth. However, according to Mr Doyle, because of the need to employ people from an agricultural background the company does not employ people from the town. It's permanent administrative staff are taken from their Headquarters in Dublin while their casual part-time yard staff are from the three counties of Dublin, Kildare and Wicklow.

The livestock trade is healthy according to Mr Sean Doyle. Initially the recent changes in the T.B. eradication scheme did cause some restrictions in the number of animals being sold but the market is now recovering. Nor did the Goodman collapse effect the mart. However it is anticipated that the reforms in the C.A.P. which are still being negotiated might cause a slight downturn in prices.

Despite such worries it is expected that J.P. DoYLES' Mart will continue to operate in Maynooth for the foreseeable future. It is therefore to be hoped that a solution to Maynooth's traffic chaos will soon be found, and that Maynooth will continue benefit from the mart's presence.

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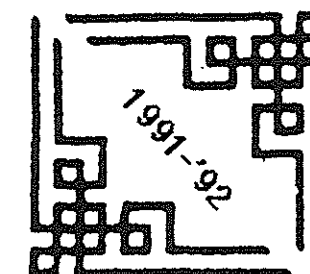
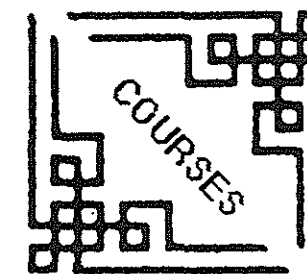
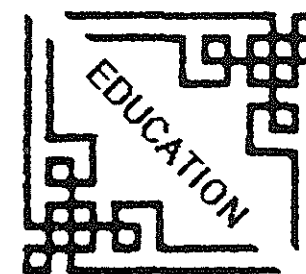
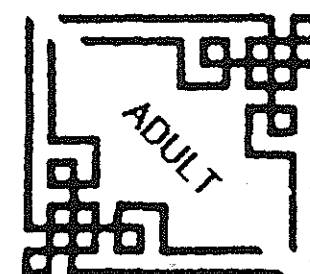
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The Extra Mural department in St Patrick's College begins its 1991-'92 series of evening and daytime courses in late September / early October.

One of the new courses taking place on Tuesday evenings in the college is the Creative Approaches to Literature. This dynamic 20 week introduction to the canon of English literature will approach the works from a creative writing point of view, focusing on techniques and style as well as form and tradition. The course will also aim to involve students in experimenting with writing their own pieces as an immediate response to the work under study.

On Wednesday evenings the college will also be the venue for the Extra Mural Certificate in Assertiveness and Personal Development, always one of the most popular Extra Mural courses. The areas covered range from steps towards assertiveness to exercises on positivism and group interaction.

On Thursday evenings one of the long-standing Extra Mural courses takes place in Maynooth for the first time. This is the Certificate in Liberal Studies which looks comprehensively at periods of change in Western civilisation. The course is divided equally between philosophy, history and literature.

Finally, as an added attraction to this year's Extra Mural programme is a series of Saturday seminars entitled 'Changing Perspectives in Modern Society' which will run from November '91 to April '92. The six seminars will be workshop based, with guest speakers and limited places covering such areas as the recent growth of New Age ideas and philosophy; the evolving face of Eastern Europe; AIDS and its implications for Western society; the politics of sexuality; art and society and the sphere of empowering, adult education and poverty.

Booking and information on these and all other Extra Mural courses can be obtained by contacting the Centre for Adult and Community Education, St Patrick's College, Maynooth. Tel: 01 6285 222 Ext. 430 / 442.

Maynooth Athletic Club Photographs



Some of our athletes at Tullamore for the All Ireland NACAI Championships. Back Row: Conor Diggins, Karl Ennis, Declan O'Rourke, Sarah Commene, David Campbell and Patrick O'Rourke. Front Row: Michael Gleeson, Patrick King, Stephen Healy, Pierre Ennis and Morgan Sweeney.



Conor Diggins, winner of the gold medal for the 200m race at Kildare Community Games Finals in Athy.

Conor was 5th in the 600m, and with Karl, David and Patrick King, was 4th in the relay. Declan came 3rd in the 80m. Sarah came 5th in the 80m and 6th in the 60m. Patrick O'Rourke came 6th in both 60m and 80m and, with Stephen, Pierre and Morgan, came 3rd in the relay. Michael was placed 4th in the ball throw.



On their way to All Ireland medals, Patrick O'Rourke passing the baton to Pierre Ennis. Morgan Sweeney and Stephen Healy completed the relay team.



Another group at Tullamore. Back Row: Conor Diggins, Naomi Devereux, Sarah Commene, Michelle Gillick and Declan O'Rourke. Front Row: David Campbell, Pat O'Rourke, Pat King, Catherine Duff, Morgan Sweeney and Michael Gleeson. Missing from photo is Bríd Ann O'Shea.

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Political Party Notes

FINE GAEL NOTES

Motor Insurance for young drivers.

Proposal to reduce the appalling cost of motor insurance for young drivers have been prepared by Bernard Durkan, Fine Gael spokesman on Insurance, in conjunction with his colleagues Peter Barry, spokesman on Industry and Commerce, and Richard Bruton Director of Policy. The object of the proposals is to achieve a starter premium for young drivers of about £750.00. To achieve this it is proposed that action be taken on a number of fronts to improve driving skills, road conditions, maintenance of vehicles, and competition among insurance companies.

Learner drivers would be required to take a minimum number of hours off the road lessons before being allowed onto the road. They would also be required to display a "Restricted Driver" plate (R-plate) for two years after obtaining their full licence. During this time they would be restricted to 50 mph and zero blood alcohol levels. Young drivers who obtained advanced driving skills would be entitled to a discount on their premium.

Driving conditions would be improved through a programme to eliminate accident blackspots. In addition all cars over 5 years would have to have a road worthiness certificate. A campaign would also be launched to make the public, young and old, aware of the rules of the road and how they apply to drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

There would also be a stricter enforcement of the traffic laws with the introduction of on the spot fines for failure to display L or R plates, wear a seat belt, or for driving a defective vehicle. Uninsured vehicles would be impounded and those convicted of driving while drunk would be required to do a driving test at the end of any disqualification period. A claims commission would be established to deal with insurance claims without recourse to the courts thus reducing cost. A scale of awards for different types of claims would also be introduced. Investigation of all claims would be carried out to eliminate spurious or fraudulent claims.

Greater competition among insurers would be encouraged by allowing European companies operate here. Companies would be required to give more information about the reasons for different loadings. All companies would be expected to take a share of these starter policies.

In addition to all these measures extra driver tester should be appointed to reduce the present backlog of 52,000 now waiting for tests.

Fine Gael believes that the implementation of all these proposals would overcome the present difficulties experienced by young drivers.

Improvements to Moyglare Road and Convent Road.

A motion, submitted by Bernard Durkan, calling on the Council to carry out the promised improvements on the above roads was passed at a recent council meeting. Work is expected to begin shortly.

WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

Sick Are Left Destitute

A caring society is one which first looks after the poor and the sick. How, then, to describe Irish society following the latest set of rules issued by the Department of Health in relation to patients on medical cards? Under these rules, single people on medical cards will now have to pay for hospital services if they spend over 30 days in hospital. Those on social welfare will have the money docked directly from source. This would leave a single unemployed person with an income of £8.50 a week.

The new rules have been condemned by Councillor Catherine Murphy of the Workers' Party. The same rules already apply to long-stay geriatric patients who are left with virtually no income of their own as a result. These rules will make many single unemployed people live in private flats, and private landlords are unlikely to keep tenants who cannot pay their rent.

The new rules show once again that it is the poor who are first to pay when the government runs into financial difficulties, according to Catherine Murphy. We will now have the ridiculous situation where poor patients will lose almost all of their income if they spend more than 30 days in hospital, whereas people not on medical cards, and earning much more, will lose nothing because they are entitled to free hospitalisation.

New General Secretary

Des Geraghty is the new General Secretary of the Workers' Party. He replaces Sean Garland, who retired recently after 17 years in the position. Des Geraghty is a National Group Secretary with SIPTU. He will fill the position in an honorary capacity, pending the report of a party commission which is currently examining all aspects of party organisation.

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LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Repair Our Awful Roads

Following a sustained campaign by Labour Party representatives earlier this year and a series of protests organised by Maynooth Community Council, Kildare Co. Council allocated funds for the repair of a number of roads in the vicinity of Maynooth. Over the summer some of this work was carried out - Bond Bridge and Doctor's Lane being two notable examples. However as winter approaches and the weather deteriorates a number of roads for which funds have been allocated remain in the same disgraceful state as they were in last spring. Work on Moyglare Road, Convent Lane and the Dunboyne Road should have been carried out over the summer months. In addition, funds were allocated for the repair of the back entrance to phases 2 and 3 of Greenfields and this too remains to be done. Deputy Stagg has recently been in contact with the Area Engineer in Maynooth and insisted that this work be carried out. It is only the sheer inefficiency of the Area Engineer that can explain the failure of his office to carry out this work in good time for the winter. Residents can be assured that Deputy Stagg will continue to press the Engineer's office on this matter.

Social Welfare Equality Ruling

Deputy Stagg, as Labour Party spokesperson on Social Welfare, has tabled a motion for the coming Dail session calling on the Government to fully implement a recent EC Court of Justice ruling whereby men and women must be treated equally in relation to Social Welfare legislation. So far the Government has failed to obey this ruling in full. Women who claimed certain Social Welfare entitlements between 1984 and 1986 are still due back payment. Deputy Stagg's motion calls on the Government to honour its commitment to these women.

Cycle Lane

Following representations from residents on the Straffan Road, Deputy Stagg has written to the County Engineer asking about the possibility of providing a cycle lane along part of the Straffan Road.

Local Charges

Labour Party councillors continue to lead the opposition to the double taxation which local service charges represent. At the next meeting of the Council councillors Emmet Stagg T.D., Colm Purcell T.C. and Jim Keane will table the following motion:

"Kildare County Council aware of the widespread opposition to charges for water and refuse, aware that such charges represent double taxation and take no account of ability to pay or need for service, hereby instructs the Co. Manager to prepare a book of estimates for 1992 which excludes these charges from the estimates for 1992".

Next month's Labour Party notes will inform readers how councillors from the other parties vote on this issue.

MAYNOOTH G.A.A.

1st Team Football Results etc.

(1) Enfield 1.7 Maynooth 3.8

Scorers:- Joey Edwards 1.2; Seanie Molloy 4pts; James Gilligan and Eoin O'Neill 1 goal each; Fergus Devereaux and Pat Nevin 1 point each.

Best Player: Paul Stynes (Centre half back).

(2) Maynooth 4.18 Clongorey 7 pts.

Scorers:- Joey Edwards 1.5; Killian Fagan 1.4; Seanie Molloy 1.3; Mick Kelly 1.2; Colm Feeney 3 pts; Liam O'Toole 1 point.

Best Player: Joey Edwards (Left full forward)

(3) Maynooth 3.10 Ardclough 1.8

Scorers:- Seanie Molloy 2.8; Colm Feeney 1.0; Joey Edwards and Killian Fagan 1 point each.

Best Player: Seanie Molloy (Midfield)

(4) Maynooth 8.18 Straffan 1.3

Scorers:- Killian Fagan 3.1; Colm Feeney 2.1; Johnny Nevin 1.2; Mick Madden 1.2; Joey Edwards 3pts; James Gilligan 1.0; Seanie Molloy, John O'Toole, Liam O'Toole 2 points each; Joe Conway, Mick Nevin, Eoin O'Neill 1 point each.

Best Player: Killian Fagan (Centre half forward)

(5) Leixlip 4.10 Maynooth 8 pts.

Scorers:- Seanie Molloy and Joey Edwards 2 points each; James Gilligan, Eoin O'Neill, Joey Nevin and John O'Toole 1 point each.

Best Player: Killian Fagan (Midfield)

(6) Sarsfields 3.12 Maynooth 1.6

Scorers:- Mick Madden 1.0; Fergus Devereaux, Seanie Molloy and Liam O'Toole 2 points each.

Best Player: Paul Stynes (Centre half back)

(7) Maynooth 2.12 Celbridge 2.8

Scorers:- Eoin O'Neill 1.2; James Gilligan 1.1; Joey Edwards and Killian Fagan 3 points each; Seanie Molloy 2 points; Fergus Devereaux 1 point.

Best Player: Killian Fagan (Midfield)

(8) Maynooth 11 pts Cappagh 7pts.

Scorers:- James Gilligan, Colm Feeney and Joey Edwards 3 points each; Seanie Molloy and Joe Conway 1 point each.

Best Player: Mick Nevin (Full back)

(9) Caragh 2.4 Maynooth 6pts.

Scorers:- Seanie Molloy 4 points; Johnny Nevin 1 points; Colm Feeney 1 point.

Best Player: Joe Conway (Right half back)

Since the last issue was published we have gained two valuable League victories against Straffan and Clongorey, won the Ardclough tournament for the second successive year, been beaten in the final of the Caragh Tournament and advanced to the Semi-Final of the Tom Flood Cup. The big tests in the League have yet to be faced however - Sallins and Castledermot away from home. On the outcome of these two games on depends our future League status - promotion of Division 2 or another year in Division 3. By the time the next issue is published the die will be cast.

Summary of Results to date:

Played 36 games

Won 25; Drew 1; Lost 10.

Scored 51 goals and 344 points.. (497).

Conceded 44 goals and 268 points. (400).

Leading Scorers

(1) Seanie Molloy 6.96 (114)

(2) Johnny Nevin 8.37 (61)

(3) Joey Edwards 5.43 (58)

(4) James Gilligan 7.34 (55)

(5) Killian Fagan 6.15 (33)

(6) Colm Feeney 5.14 (29)

Under 10's and Under 12's

The North Kildare Winter League commenced on September 14th with both sides in action against Kilcock. Honours were shared evenly with Maynooth winning the Under 10 game on a score of 4.5 to 2.1 and Kilcock winning a thrilling Under 12 game by 5 points - 5.12 to 7.1. The Maynooth teams were:-

Under 10

Patrick O'Rourke, Patrick King, Daragh Carr, Alan Geoghegan, Jody Connolly, Conor Diggins, Sean Lennon, Stephen Redmond, Martin McLoughlin, Karl Ennis, Aidan McCarron, David Campbell, Conor O'Malley, Sean Woodhouse and Alan Baxter.

Subs: Sean O'Flaherty for Conor O'Malley; Michael Ryan for Alan Baxter.

Scorers: Karl Ennis 2.1; Sean Woodhouse 1.0; Martin McLoughlin 1.0; David Campbell 2 pts.; Stephen Redmond and Aidan McCarron 1 point each.

Best for Maynooth were: Daragh Carr, Conor Diggins, Stephen Redmond, Martin McLoughlin, Aidan McCarron, Karl Ennis, David Campbell and Sean Woodhouse.

Under 12

Rory Gavin, Niall Downey, Patrick McDonnell, Eoin Nevin, James Gallagher, Declan O'Rourke, John O'Shea, Niall Byrne, Brendan Burns, Michael Walsh, Barry Connolly, William Gannon, Keith Fleming, Karl Ennis and Gearoid Higgins.

Scorers: John O'Shea 3.0; Barry Connolly 2.1; Niall Byrne 1.0; William Gannon 1.0.

Best for Maynooth were: Downey, Nevin, Gallagher, O'Rourke, O'Shea, Connolly, McDonnell, and Byrne.

Upcoming games will see both teams in action against Naas, Kill, Leixlip A, Leixlip B, Celbridge and Confey.

Under 16 Football

Maynooth 3.10 Athy 3.7

The Championship semi-final produced everything that is good in Gaelic football with Maynooth deserving winners in the end.

Maynooth started in great style and opened a 6 point lead. Athy reduced the lead to two points and would have been in front but for great saves by T.Fay in goals.

Athy took the lead with two early goals in the second half. A.O'Shea was outstanding in defence. K.Killoran and E. Lyons ensured that the forwards were well supplied.

Scorers:- D. Fleming 1.2, A. Noonan 1.1, E. Mitchell 1.0, P.Gowey 0.4, E.Lyons 0.3.

Final. Leixlip 1.15 Maynooth 0.8

Leixlip buried our hopes with the aid of a mis hit free which was deflected into our net midway through the first half. From then on Leixlip grew in confidence and combined well to run out easy winners in the end. Maynooth tried hard to reduce the arrears but Leixlip defence refused to yield.

Maynooth can be proud of their achievement in reaching the "A" Division Final for the first time

Team. T.Fay, M.Mealy, A.O'Shea, M. Halley, O.Nevin, E. Lyons, G.Kelly, K.Killoran (Capt), P.Hogan, P.Garvey, D.Fleming, E.Mitchell, T.Farrell, A.Noonan, M. Donnelly. Subs: P.Leacy, P.Grant, A.Hassett, S. Noonan, H. Nevin, Paurice Flood, Paul Flood, B.O'Neill, N. Gillick, D. Mooney. We are deeply grateful to Larry Swan of "Top of the Crop", Main St. for his generous donation of socks and togs for the final.

We also acknowledge the generous contribution made by the following business people who made it possible to provide an after match meal:- W. Coonan, Auctioneer; S. Power, Bookmaker; B. Donovan, Newsagent; E.Kavanagh, Manor Mills; Newtown Stores; Barry's Main St., Two Guys, Main St., and Billies Fashion. Please support all our sponsors.

Despite the disappointment of the Championship both Minor and Under 16 teams are still very much involved in the concluding stages of their Leagues.

Minor Football Championship.

Athy 0.11 Maynooth 1.5

Maynooth put up a brave fight against a physically stronger Athy team. A failure to take advantage of the many scoring chances early in the first half was to prove costly for Maynooth.

At half-time hopes were high with our team leading 0.4 to 0.3. However, in the second half Athy applied early pressure which yielded a number of scores. A goal by D. Fleming revived our spirits but Athy were able to get up field for the all important scores. Maynooth had Athy pinned back in their own half for the last five minutes but could not get the goal which was needed at that stage.

We look forward in confidence to 1991 as all but two of this team will be eligible to play Minor again.

Scores: D. Fleming 1.0; D.Mahony 0.2; P. Garvey 0.1; P. Byrne 0.1; M. Donnelly 0.1;

Team: M.Farrell, M.Mealy, K.Killoran, D.Ryan, M.Noone, E.Lyons, G. Horne, M. Madden, J.Nevin, P. Garvey, D.Fleming, D.Mahony, P. Byrne, E. Mitchell, M. Donnelly. Subs: A.O'Shea for M.Noone.

Under 14 Football

Our under 14 team has qualified for the semi-final of their League after a very good win against Monasterevin on a score of 1.10 to 0.0

This result could be misleading as Monasterevin had qualified for the play off before this match.

The semi-finals are Maynooth V Monasterevin Moorefield V Caragh

Let's hope we have good news to report about them in next month's Newsletter.

Peter Delaney Cup U/14 football Tournament.

Draw for Semi-Finals

Kilcock V Kilcloone, Maynooth V Celbridge.

The final is fixed for Sunday 13th October

Tom Flood Football Tournament:-

Results To Date: Maynooth beat Celbridge, Straffan beat Cappagh. Dates following dates's have been set aside for the following fixtures. Saturday 5th October: Rathcoffey V Caragh, 4.30pm. Ardclough V Confey 5.45pm. Sunday 6th October. Semi-Final - Maynooth V Straffan 2.30 pm.

Sports News

Rathcoffey or Caragh V Ardclough or Confey 3.45pm.
The final of our Tournament is fixed for Sunday 13th October also our U/14 Football Tournament for the Peter Delaney Cup will also take place. All fixtures can be found in *Leinster Leader*.

Under age Hurling

North Kildare u 11 and u 13 hurling league started on 7/9/91 at home U 11 panel were P. Ryan, D. Travers, T. Mullarkey, M. Mc Carran I. Divine, D. Davis, A. Mc Carran, K. Carr, M. Quigley, M. Ryan, M. Gleeson, K. Ennis, P. Ennis, S. Cummins, P. Sheehan, M. Kavanagh, M. Muldoon, N. Carr, K. Lennon, K. Halligan, M. Sweeney, D. Mc Carty, being well defeated in this game by a very big and experienced Clane team. These lads will have gained some experience. Some of them never played in a competitive match before. P. Ryan had a good game in goal and was well supported by the Mc Carrans, T. Mullarkey and S. Cummins. Score 4-4 - 1-0 - U 13 v Kilcock. J. Maran, V. Nevin, R. Casey, D. Mc Carrick, M. Bennett, R. Davis, D. Coughlan, S. Brennan, E. Kern, E. Heslin, P. Mc Loughlan, W. Gannon, D. Buckley, S. Cummins, J. Casey, M. Quigley. A good game of hurling by these lads with some of our new coaching skills being displayed. A welcome return by V. Nevin and J. Maran. Unfortunately some of these lads think they are too big or too good to train. To win any tournament it has to be a team effort and the same goes for training. Welcome also to two young ladies who have joined our U age panel. They are Ann Marie Farrell and Sharon Cummins. We would also like to thank the Roost, Caulfield's, J. Buckley's and anyone person who subscribed to our skills competition which is ready to start. Prizes in this competition are Hurling Helmets, Balls, Hurlies, Shin- guards, etc.

INTER STUD 7-A-SIDE SOCCER

The Emmet Stagg Inter Stud Farm 7-a-side soccer knockout competition held during the last week in August attracted the following teams: - Paul Kelly Stables, Corbally, Woodpark, Damastown, Moyglare and Derrinstown.

After very exciting first round matches, the semi finals were contested between:

Paul Kelly Stables v Woodpark
and

Moyglare v Derrinstown

Paul Kelly stables were two to one on favourites to win outright, however, they failed to take their chances and were beaten 1-0 by a determined Woodpark team.

Moyglare easily disposed (2-0) of Derrinstown in the second semi final. A very entertaining final was held on Friday 30th August in the Harbour Field. Woodpark's experience won them the game by the odd goal in three to repeat their success of the previous year.

We would like to thank the referees Lenny Murphy and Pat Moynan for their expert knowledge of the rules of soccer and to Tom Dempsey and the Maynooth Soccer Club for their co-operation and assistance.

Finally we would like to thank all the teams for participating and we look forward to seeing them again next year.

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Residents' Associations' News

CLUAIN AOIBHINN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Annual Sports and Bar-B-Que

We had our annual Sports Day and Bar-B-Que on Saturday, the 31st August last. As usual, it was a most enjoyable day and night. We would like to thank all our patrons and sponsors who helped to make it such a success, particularly the students who provided the music (the orchestra we had engaged failed to turn up!).

As all the businesses we approached supported us either by supplying spot prizes or refreshments etc., we would ask all or residents to support those businesses when doing their shopping etc. throughout the year. We both depend on each other. We would like, especially to thank the following (in no particular order):

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LYREEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

After our Summer recess the committee of our Association met to update our files on the events of the past few months. We were glad to note that our Barbeque and Sixties Disco were a great success and we thank those who organised and attended these events. Currently we are attempting to clean up the area of the Green and may plant some shrubs near the entrance to the Band Hall. In order to raise some needed funds for this and our other activities we will be holding a 300 Raffle for Halloween so look out for our sellers and support them in their work for a good cause.

Many thanks to all those motorists who have observed the "No Entry" signs on the Back Lane and a plea to those still not aware of the restrictions to comply with them especially as the children are now back in school and many of them travel these lanes to and from school. As we head into October we wish to welcome back all the students who will be staying in our locality and as the evenings close in we remind all our cyclists young and old to light up when going out in the dark.

The Committee would like to extend their sympathy to Bernie Farrelly Mariaville on the recent death of her mother.
Tony Bean

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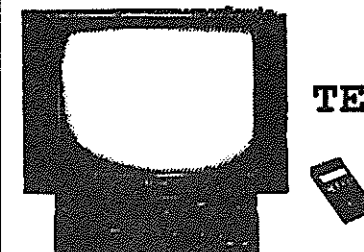
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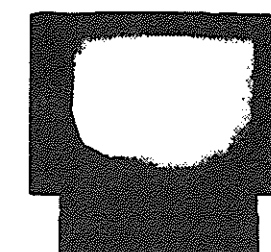
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KINGSBRY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our annual golf outing was held in Kilcock on 31st August and once again proved very successful with a good turn-out of residents and visitors. Congratulations to winners in all categories, and thanks to all who donated prizes, A.I.B. Bank, Ulster Bank and I.C.I. Thanks also to Sean Donovan who provided refreshments on the day.

The annual night-out which was planned for the same night had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers as a lot of residents were on holidays. A special thanks to Leinster Arms who accepted our cancellation at the last minute.

The committee had a meeting with the developer in September and he has advised us that he will be attending to a number of outstanding problems in the estate over the next couple of months, lighting, tarring, etc. We will keep you informed as development progress.

It is hoped to hold a quiz night in the next few weeks. More information nearer the event.

Kevin Coyle P.R.O.

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Greenfield Estate Residents' Association would like to thank all who helped keep our Estate tidy during the Summer. Of course this costs money and we would ask any residents who have not paid their annual subscription to drop same into our treasurer - Mary Farrell, 11 Greenfield Drive. Finally, we would like to welcome students who have come to live and stay in our estate. We wish you every success with your studies.

Mary Farrell
P.R.O.

GREENFIELD RESIDENTS' PHASE 3

Well another residents' association has come to the end, and what a pity, but when nobody is interested what can we do? Nobody can say we did not try. We planted flowers and shrubs. But did they last?

I have to say that if anybody broke wind in Greenfield the Committee got the blame. For that and a lot of other things the only good thing to come out of all this is the lawn mower. If you want to cut your lawn the mower can be got from Brendan Kelly for a small fee of £1.00.

I would like to thank all the people who helped us.

Ann Kirby
Ex Secretary

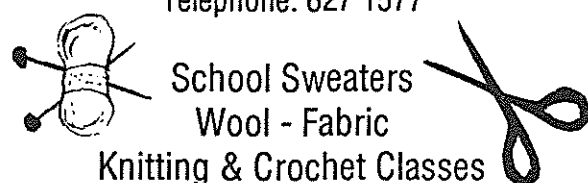
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I wish to thank Johnny Higgins for cutting the hedge recently, and apologies are extended for the omission in the previous issue.

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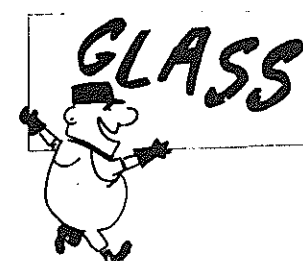


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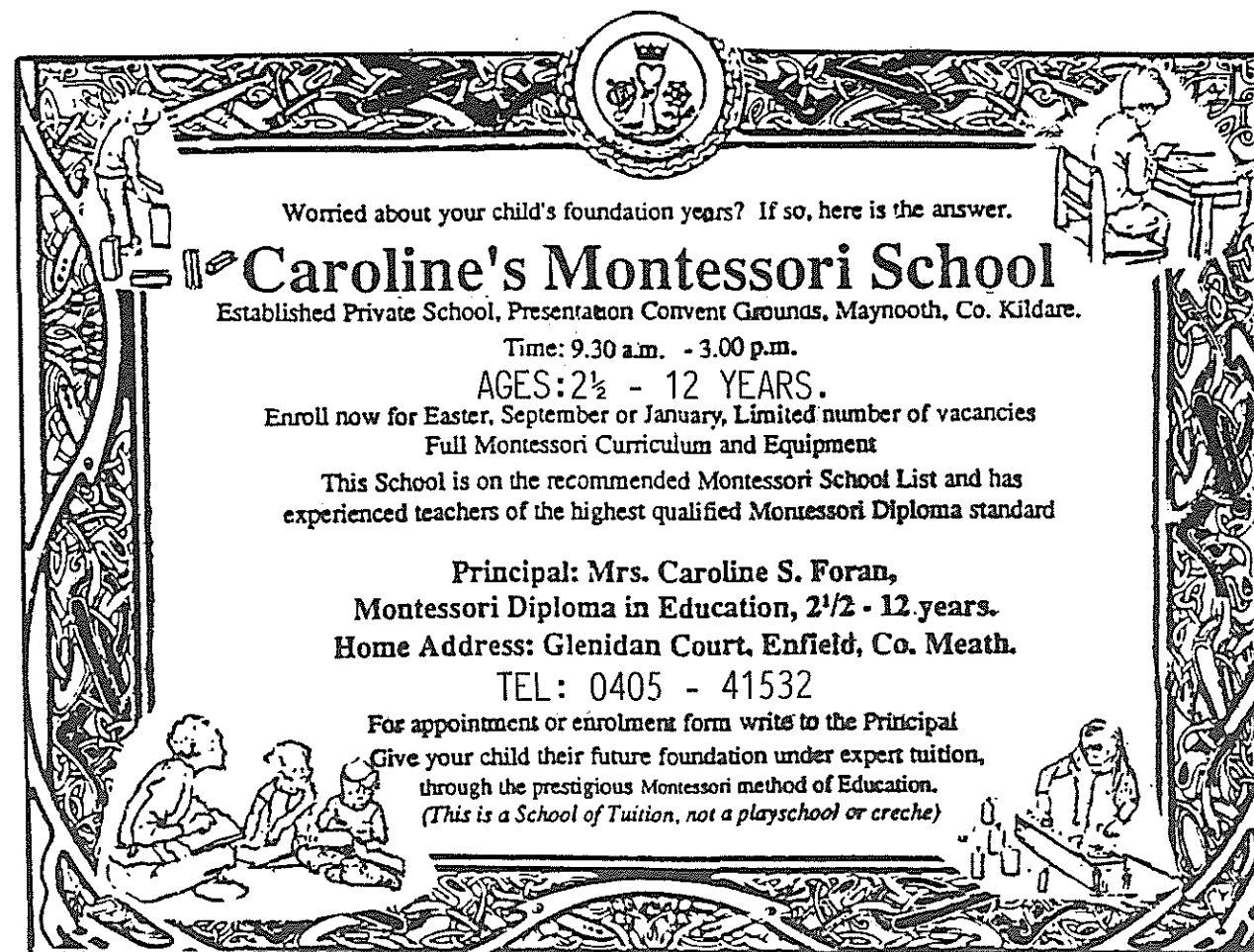
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Parents, brothers, sisters, girlfriend Helen, Godfather Shane. Sister-in-law, nieces, grandfathers, aunts, uncles, grand-uncle, grandaunt, cousins, relatives and friends of the late Desmond Cryan Auburn, Pearse Rd. Sligo and late Maynooth and Leixlip.

Sympathy to Mrs Clare Cusack, Main Street, on death of her brother Alphonsus Grogan, Palmerstown.

Sympathy to Geraldine Delaney, President of the Student's Union, on the death of her father.

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Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to Michelle Mc Govern, 820 Greenfield, who celebrates her 7th Birthday on October 1st. Also to Thomas Mc Govern, 833 Greenfield, who celebrates his 8th Birthday on October 6th. Love and kisses from Nannie, Una, Uncle Kevin.

Birthday Greetings to Michelle Mc Govern, 820 Greenfield, 7 years old on October 1st. Best wishes from Mammy, Daddy, sisters; Karina, Stacey, Debbie and Regina with all our love.

Birthday Greetings to Thomas Mc Govern, 833 Greenfield, 8 years old on October 6th. Best wishes from Mammy, Daddy and brother Richard, Nannie Donovan and all at 739.

Happy 7th Birthday on October 1st to Michelle Mc Govern, 820 Greenfield, from your loving nannie Flynn, auntie Ann and cousins, Sonia, Amanda, and Alan. Also from Uncle Frank in New Jersey U.S.A. Have a nice day and lots of love and kisses.

Happy Birthday to Brian Bean, "Nuada", Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, who celebrates his 4th Birthday on October 23rd. Love from his Daddy, Mammy, sister Aisling and baby brother Conor, also his grandparents.

Happy Birthday to Edel Fay, Leinster Cottages, Maynooth who celebrates her 7th Birthday on October 15th. Love from her Daddy, Mammy and little sister Susan.

Happy 79th Birthday to Grandmother Ennis on the 18th of September.
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Happy 30th Birthday to Eileen Mc Govern on 27th September. From the young ones.

Happy 30th Birthday to Terry and Jerry Kenny. From all you sisters also Dad!

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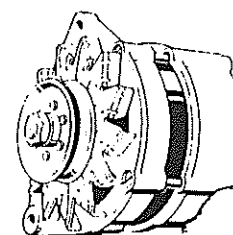
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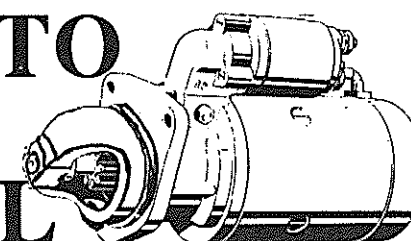
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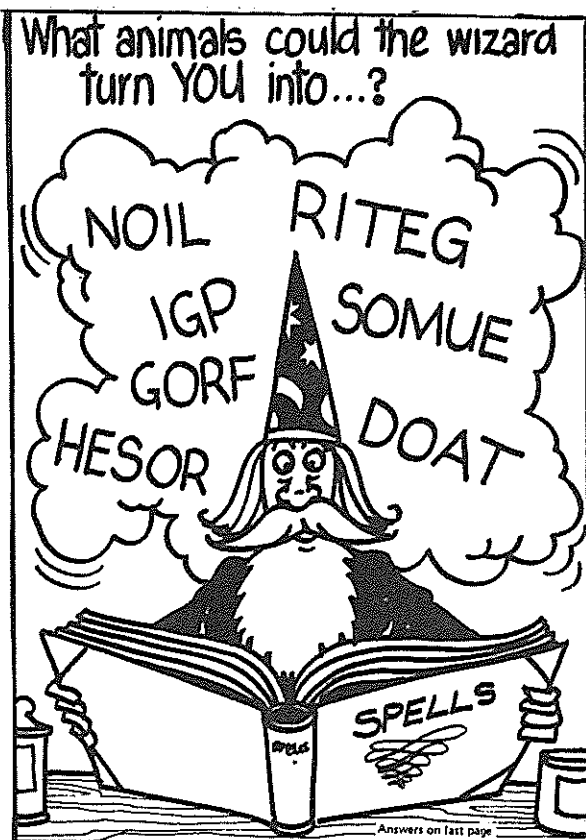
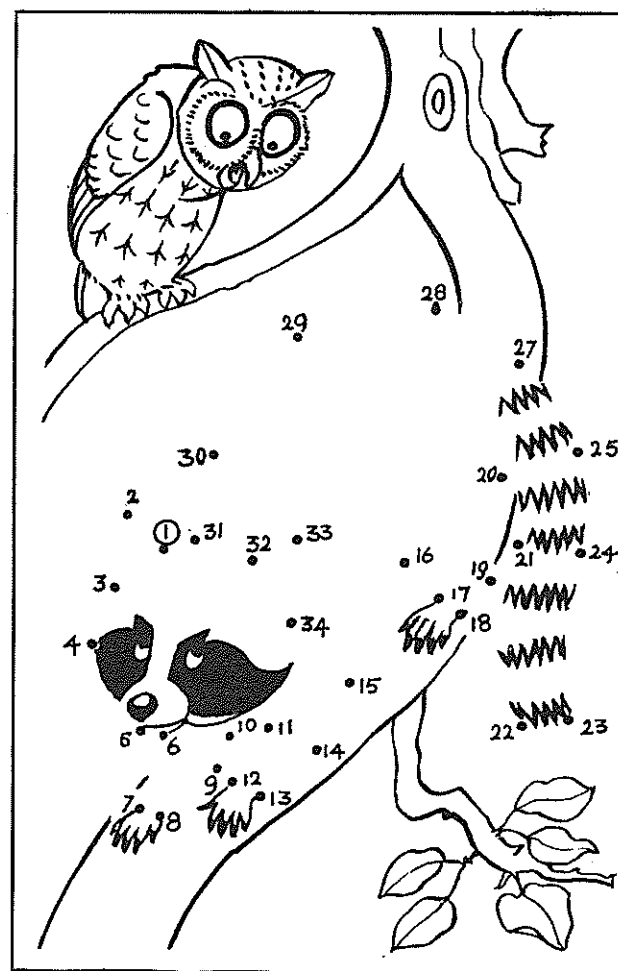
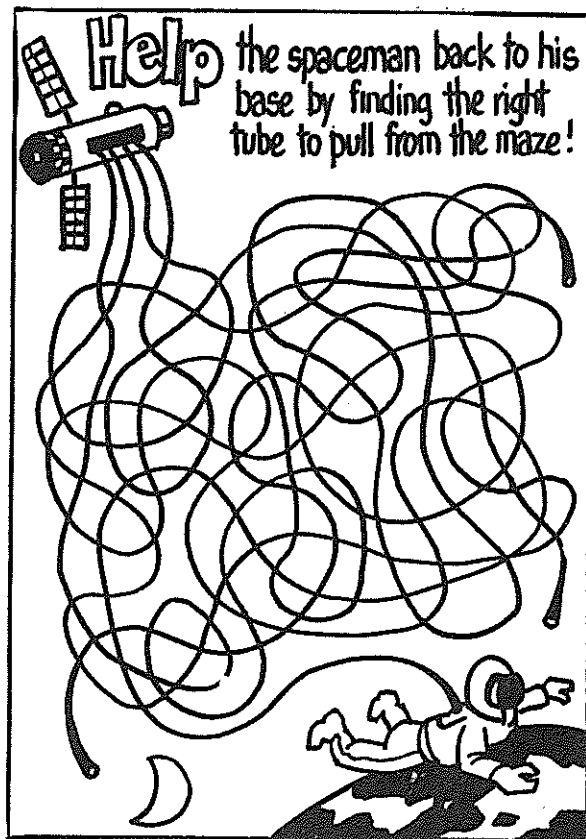
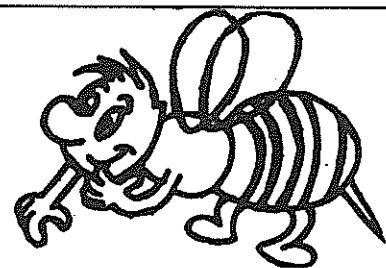
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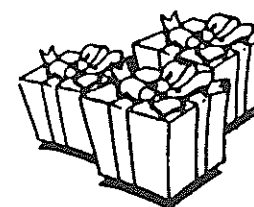


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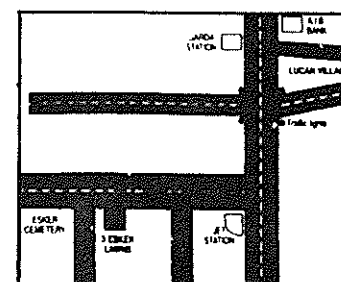
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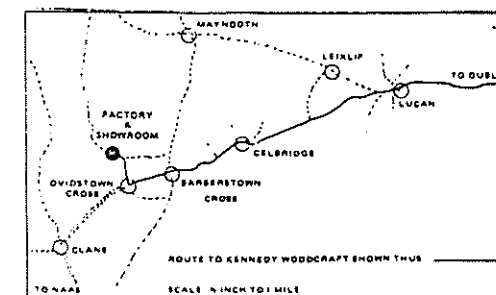
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Happy birthday to Mick (Frenchie) Traynor, Greenfield, who celebrated his birthday on September 11th.

Happy birthday to Daniel Brooke, Newtown, who will be 1 on October 7th.

Congratulations to Dylan Troy who was 3 on September 5th. Best wishes from Mamie, Louise, Hammy, Peter and Michael.

Happy birthday to Stephen Thompson, Greenfield, age 3 Sept 7th. Best wishes from all the Thompsons, all the Troys and Syliva and Daniel.

Happy birthday to Keith Mc Ternan, Dunboyne, who was 13 on Sept 9th and his cousin Aileen Mc Ternan, Moyglare Village who was 6 Sept 22nd.

Congratulations

To John Sauls, Parson Street, Maynooth, and Louise Boyce, Kingsbry, Maynooth, who were married in St Marys Church, Maynooth, on Friday September 6th. Celebrant Very Rev. Fr. B. Supple P.P. Bridesmaids Joan Healy friend of the Bride and Louise Walls, cousin of the Bride. Bestman Willie Sauls, brother of the Groom. Groomsman, Raymond Mc Ternan, friend of the groom. Reception in Setanta Hotel Celbridge.

Martin and Paula Mc Ternan 52 Laurence Avenue, Maynooth on the birth of a "Baby Boy". Thirteenth grandchild for Gearoid. Thanks Paula!

Congratulations to Stephen Mc Carran 2 Greenfield, Maynooth who got 10 Honours in his Inter Cert. Well done from Nana, Peter & Ann Imelda.

Congratulations and a big thanks to Anto and Maire Crehan and Dolores and John Joe Reilly on making a great success of their daughter and son's wedding day. Thanks to all who came to the "main event" (hope you all had a great day!!!), and to all who came to the "afters" (hope you had a great night!!!). Thanks to the priests, singer, organist, band, County Club photographer, video man and everyone who gave us presents and contributed to the day, it was greatly appreciated. Love and thanks, Karen and Dave!

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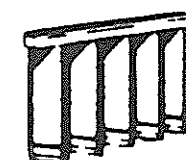
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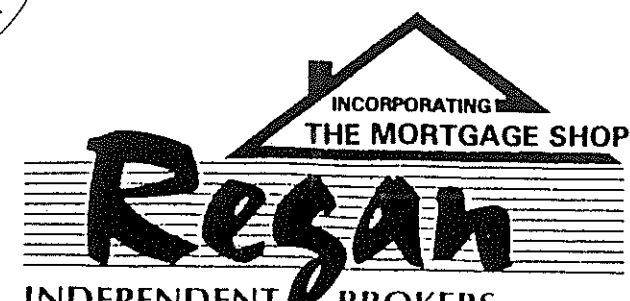
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HANDING OVER MAYNOOTH CASTLE TO THE STATE

The Hon. David Nall-Cain, (left) Owner of Carton Properties handing over the keys of Maynooth Castle, Co. Kildare to Mr. Vincent Brady, T.D. Minister of State of the Office of Public Works, watched by Mgr. Miceál Ledwith, (second from left) President of Maynooth College and Chairman of the Maynooth Castle Committee and Brigadier Denis FitzGerald, (cousin of the Duke of Leinster) at the ceremony held at Maynooth Castle on Sunday 20th October 1991.

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Editorial

KILDARE PERSON OF THE YEAR

The Newsletter congratulates Norah McDermott, Supervisor in the Community Council Offices on her nomination for the Kildare Person of the Year Award. Norah richly deserves this award for her unstinting dedication to the community, on the Royal Canal Amenity Group, the Community Council, Community Games, and the Newsletter. On a national scale Norah has also achieved substantial progress for women with the successful conclusion of her long drawn out battle for equal rights with regard to social welfare payments. This case had to go all the way to Europe before the Government would agree to pay up. Keep up the good fight Norah!

TIDY ESTATES

This issue carries the report of the Judges of the Tidy Estates Competition. Congratulations to Cluain Aoibhinn on their victory. Other estates could benefit from a visit to this example of what co-operative effort can achieve, sometimes against the odds. As in other estates, Cluain Aoibhinn, has a number of rented houses to cater for our transient population of students and workers. Unfortunately, rented houses can advertise their status only to loudly, with peeling paintwork, broken windows, and overgrown prairies in front. This does not have to be the case, and often an approach to landlords from residents associations can achieve miraculous transformations. Occupiers of rented houses also have their part to play in ensuring that their homes are not a blight on the landscape. Just because they are renting they are not absolved from being members of a community with the same obligations as any other member. They too, should take a pride in their surroundings, as much as any other owner occupier does.

NASTY WATERS!

The Newsletter extends its sympathies to Naas, half of whose population is now recovering from the effects of contaminated water. But, can we be sure that Maynooth is safe from similar contamination, particularly since we have the same officials looking after our interest? The events in Naas instil no confidence for residents of other areas. It took some days before it was officially admitted that there was contamination, and the official response appears to have been somewhat lethargic. Potentially, lives were at stake here, and who knows what the long term effects will be? Why is the response so muted, and why is there not a National Enquiry being established to enquire into how half of a town could be poisoned in this way?

GOODBYE

We say goodbye this month to our intrepid reporter, Gerry Scully, who has embarked on a course in Librarianship in UCD. The Newsletter would like to thank all those in the community who assisted Gerry in his work, and to Gerry himself for his assiduous seeking after the truth.

Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention that you have an elderly ruin in your town which, in my opinion, has some potential for a consideration of two million pounds. I am prepared to put at your disposal all the influence of my many friends in high places to create a dynamic thrusting Graduate Business School in the 'Thing' in the Square (References available on request).

I remain yours,

*Dermot Desmond (Age 64 1/2),
Not Charlie's Brokers',
Virgin Islands.*

Dear Editor,

It may seem obvious that a dog is an animal, but most of us at some time forget this fact. We all at times attribute to our pet canines human characteristics. We talk to them and like to believe that they understand. Indeed anybody who has ever kept a dog or dogs will tell you they are like children, but they are not.

An adult dog is exactly that, an adult with definite needs and equipped by nature to fulfil those needs. It has a need to procreate and will do so according to the savage laws of its breed. The bitch will choose the strongest and often the most savage dog.

Dogs also have a need to eat, a need we fulfill with sanitised tins of meat. Nature however cannot be switched off and the programme to hunt and kill in all dogs cannot be ignored either by the dog or by us its owner and master. A dog cannot ignore its nature and so we humans must train the dog's nature to our own ends. On the farm this means training to herd not to kill its prey; but dogs in towns and cities receive no such training and night after night dogs driven by the need to hunt, though not to eat, ruthlessly stalk and savage farm animals.

Dog owners must accept that their pet is not a member of their family, but a wild animal domesticated and trained to live peaceably with and for their family. But that training is only in the limited situation of their family home, and their dog is simply not trained or conditioned not to hunt domestic farm animals.

The cost of too much sentimentality about our pets can be staggering. One farmer in the Maynooth area has lost about £2,744 worth of sheep and lambs in the last year. And this hardly reflects the suffering of the sheep left mutilated and bleeding to death and it's not the dogs' fault. The responsibility rests with the dogs' owners who allow their dogs to wander and to form hunting packs. If you own a dog, it is your responsibility to make sure that it is under control, especially at night.

*Yours sincerely,
Enda Ramsbottom.*

CASTLE RESTORATION COMMITTEE

At a ceremony at Maynooth Castle on Sunday 20th October 1991 at 2 pm Maynooth Castle was given as a gift by the Honourable David Nall-Cain to Commissioner John F. Mahony, Chairperson of the Commissioners of Public Works and will be dedicated as an amenity to benefit the people of Maynooth and Ireland.

Witnessing the gift and dedication were:

Mr. Vincent Brady T.D., Minister of State; Brigadier Denis Fitzgerald (on behalf of the Duke of Leinster); Rt. Rev. Monsignor Miceal Ledwith, Chairperson of The Maynooth Castle Committee.

Maynooth Castle was started by Maurice Fitzgerald in 1176 after he had aided Strongbow in the successful Siege of Dublin.

From 1176 to 1647 the Castle was the principal home and fortress of the Fitzgerald family, first four Barons of Offaly, then 16 Earls of Kildare.

From 1647 to today (345 years) the Castle has been in ruins. "It is a remarkable fact, as stated by a good authority on our Norman architecture, John Henry Parker of Oxford, that although this castle was enlarged at various times, yet, while such additions have almost entirely disappeared, the greater part of the original work still remains. This may be accounted for by the durable character of the massive early Norman masonry" quoted from Journal of County Kildare Archaeological Society, 1894.

Maynooth Castle Committee started in 1990, has to date:

- * arranged the survey of the Castle by the department of Surveying and Architecture in the College of Technology, Bolton Street, Dublin.

- * commissioned the definitive history of Maynooth Castle by the History Department of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

- * co-ordinated the works of floodlighting the Castle by the O.P.W. and Kildare County Council.

- * solicited the sponsorship of Landscape planting to the adjoining Mills by Edward Kavanagh & Co.

- * liaised at all stages with the Office of Public Works to promote the status of the project of Restoring Maynooth Castle, with emphasis on the appropriateness of funding by the European Cultural Heritage Fund.

- * and now has used the goodwill of the Nall-Cain family to see the most significant Norman Castle in Ireland placed in the hands of the people of Ireland.

The next phase for the Maynooth Castle Committee is to assist in the development of the project by the Office of Public Works.

The restoration work of the Castle will be a major project of the O.P.W. during the next decade.

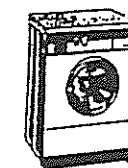
The use of the restored Castle is the subject of studies being carried out by a Social Employment Scheme, sponsored by the Maynooth Castle Committee. These researches cover such aspects as:

The Fitzgerald Clan and Clan meetings, Leaflets and Postcards, Guided Tours, Genealogy Centre, Medieval Banquets, Historical Pageant, Community Meeting Rooms, Summer School.

Maynooth Castle Committee represents all local organisations and committees with interests in the development of the area.

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The monthly Guild Meeting was held on Thursday 3rd October.

Mary O'Gorman presided and welcomed everyone, especially some of our past members. Mrs B. Cunningham gave a lovely demonstration of Swiss Darning. Next months Guild Competition is the oldest newspaper.

Winners of the monthly raffle were: 1st Mrs M. McMyler, 2nd Mrs Felicity Satchwell, 3rd Mrs C. Harper. We wish all the ladies travelling to Strasbourg a most enjoyable trip.

Crafts every Monday night 8pm - 10pm. Badminton continues every Tuesday and Thursday morning 10.30 - 12.00.

The next months Guild meeting will be held on Thursday 7th November at 8pm, and we will be holding our Ecumenical Service for deceased members that night. New members are always welcome.

Apology: Betty Farrell's name was omitted from the Annual Show notes in October issue. Betty is Chairperson of the Annual Show Committee.

GRANGEWILLIAM CEMETERY RESTORATION COMMITTEE

The above committee held its first meeting on 11th September 1991 and its second meeting on 7th October 1991.

At these meetings the committee was elected and plans were discussed for the restoration of Grangewilliam Cemetery; also many suggestions were put forward all of which will be considered in the carrying out of this scheme.

Work has commenced and it would be greatly appreciated if anyone who has relatives buried in this Cemetery or who has an interest in preserving a very old historic place in our town, would kindly come to our next meeting in the Parish Hall on Monday, 11th November 1991 at 8.30 pm. For further information contact: Peter Nevin, Secretary - phone 6285179, or Kathleen Murphy - phone 6286399.



MAYNOOTH/KILCOCK LIONS CLUB

The club has resumed its activities since July and looks forward to the following charitable ventures in the coming months. We envisage bringing 130 handicapped children from the locality to Fossetts Circus in Whitehall at the end of October. There is currently a Peace Poster Competition under way in the local schools for children of the ages 11 - 13 with a result appearing in the next Newsletter, plus possibly a reproduction of the winning entry.

The Over 55's Live At 3 Talent Competition is underway with the local heats in November and the winning contestants should appear on RTE later.

Our annual Food Appeal takes place in December and next

months Newsletter will carry further information. Lastly, I would like to inform the people of Maynooth of our aims and ambitions and here is a brief history of Lionism.

The International Association of Lions Clubs was established in 1917 in the United States by a young Insurance Agent, Melvin Jones and now has a current worldwide membership of 1.3 million in 39,500 clubs. Members from all walks of life are dedicated to their motto "We serve" and give freely of their time to make the community a better place to live in, by helping their fellow man irrespective of class or creed both on the local front, and in major international projects throughout the world.

There are 99 clubs in Ireland, the first being founded in Dublin in 1955 with a total membership of over 2,600 today. Current Irish and international fundraising projects being carried out by the Lions include famine relief for Africa, and a major worldwide project "Sight First" to raise funds to remove cataracts from partially sighted young people in the towns and villages of South America, Africa, India and Bangladesh.

The outline of the aims of the Lions Clubs is to create and foster a spirit of understanding and co-operation amongst peoples of the world, to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

An Outline of the Activities of the Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club.

The Lions Club of Maynooth/Kilcock covers the area as far as Enfield-Donadea, Timahoe, Prosperous, Clane, Straffan and Celbridge. Our main project is the Mosney Holiday for Senior Citizens, around 50 guests are brought each year. Lions are active in the Christmas Food Appeal and Over 55 Talent Competitions. The Maynooth/Kilcock Club was formed in 1981 and is one of the largest clubs in Ireland. With the continued very generous support from the public in our area, the Lions club has made many donations to assist the aged, lonely, the youth, mentally and visually handicapped and various organisations.


Meetings are held in the Moyglare Manor Hotel and there are 41 members.

The complete cost of administering our Association at all levels is covered by our members subscriptions. We are not allowed to deduct any percentage of the money raised from public functions for our administrative needs, all money goes to charity.

Lions Club members in every club are bound by the same constitution, by Laws and Code of Ethics. The Emblem consists of a gold letter "L" on a circular purple background, the word Lions appears at the top and international at the bottom. Symbolically the Lions face both past and future - proud of the past and confident of the future.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB.

Although Joan and Bridie didn't bring home the cup from Kilkenny we heartily congratulate them. They did the club proud with their lovely exhibit entitled "The Fields". Our A.G.M. was held on 15th October. A full list of the new committee will be available for next month's Newsletter.



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Everyone enjoyed the "Composed Class" which was very interesting and lots of fun for the audience and hopefully for those who did the hard work!

Special thanks to Catherine Mulready who was on hand to act as voting scrutineer. At our next meeting we have the pleasure of welcoming Joan Downey from Leixlip and we look forward very much to seeing her work. The meeting will be held in the Post Primary at 8 O'clock.

On the 10th December, Marcella Campbell, whose garden has featured on the Gerry Daly TV show, will show us her ideas for Christmas arrangements and decorations. Following tradition, our Christmas meeting will be held in the SVD Hall at 8 O'clock.

Finally, Felicity Satchwell, secretary of our club has very kindly donated a turkey for the raffle. Tickets will cost 50p and will be available at the meetings.

R. Smyth,
P.R.O.

CREDIT UNION NOTES

As mentioned in last months *Newsletter* our Poster Competition is underway. Leaflets on rules and information are available at the Credit Union Office and also at the public library, Main Street, Maynooth. Closing date for entries for our competition is December 6th 1991.

Our A.G.M. is coming up next month, date and venue yet to be decided. As this is where the Board of Directors to control members money are elected, each member if possible should attend. This is the only time and place in which members can properly air their views and make changes in the Credit Union, if necessary. Each adult member has one vote at this meeting. Each member can and should make use of this opportunity. Members will get notification of date and venue of A.G.M. in due course.

I would like to remind our members to give adequate notice for loans for Christmas, so as to avoid disappointment.

New members are always very welcome.

Our hours of opening are as follows:

Thursday 7pm - 8.30 pm.

Friday 7 pm - 8.30 pm.

Saturday 10 am - 12.30 pm.

Mary Haren.

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY PARENT'S ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

A well attended annual General Meeting was held in the school on the evening of Tuesday, October 8th, at 8pm. The minutes of the last A.G.M. were read by Noel Lysaght (Secretary) and unanimously adopted. Patsy O'Rafferty (Treasurer) presented Balance Sheet for the previous year showing an income and expenditure of almost £5,000. This was again unanimously adopted by all present.

Pat Halley (Chairperson) then presented his annual report. He spoke of the Committee's varied activities including

fundraising, dealing with issues of local and national importance, meetings with a Kildare V.E.C., sub-committee and continuing links with their national parent body P.A.V.S.C.C. He said the association looks forward to the forthcoming Green Paper on education and will be making a submission on behalf of the school's parents. He concluded by thanking the committee for all their hard work on behalf of the school. Four parent information briefings followed. Seamus McManus spoke about the School Bond Scheme. This had previously raised enough funds to construct the tennis courts, officially opened at last year's A.G.M. The aim now was to fund the construction of a much needed general purpose room. Those interested in taking out a Bond can get further details from Mr. McManus at the school (6286060).

Tom O'Sullivan spoke about the Tennis Club formed since the A.G.M. Currently it has 31 families and 6 individual members. Membership costs £20 per family and £10 per individual for a year. Enquiries can be made to Tom at 6286084.

Michael O'Donnell spoke about the Debs dance to be held this year on Friday 22nd November in the Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge. He stressed that parents, past students and teachers as well as the Debs themselves, were very welcome to attend this very successful annual event.

Tom Ashe (Principal) spoke to those present about the new Junior Certificate courses to be first examined in 1992. He assured parents that, despite limited training provided by the Department of Education for the teachers concerned, the students in Maynooth will be well prepared for the exam.

Those attending then approved of the following proposals; to adopt the draft constitution; to empower the incoming committee to continue to explore a change of status and/or a Board of Management for the school and to increase the suggested amount for the voluntary subscriptions to the association from £5 to £10 per family.

Nominations were then taken for the incoming committee, which will meet and elect officers on 12th November at 8pm in the school. Those nominated were:

Mary Farrell, Marie O'Sullivan, Joe Kelly, Noel Lysaght, Jim Fleming, Irene Matthews, Mary O'Melia, Joan Carroll, Teresa Bennett, Lynn Whitaker, Mary Boland, Rita Flynn, Lisa O'Farrell, Ann Egan, Kathleen Dempsey, Joan Lennon, Mary Dunworth, Catherine Hodge, Jacqueline Smith, Joe Fahy, Sally Cotter, Dermott Nangle, Joe Buckley, Masie McMyler, Josephine Dempsey, Dick Sheehan, Pat Malley, Assumpta Duffy, Mona Byrne, Patsy O'Rafferty. All the above represent the different areas from which the school draws its pupils.

The meeting concluded with the board Scheme Draw for £1000 which was won by Mr. Seamus Nevin of Barrogstown. He was presented with the cheque by Seamus McManus and warmly congratulated by all present. Refreshments were then provided in the Art Room where there was also a display of some of the items of equipment bought by the association for the school and photographs of the presentation made to Fr. Thynne last July.

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MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS' REPORT

Best Estate/Area and Shop Front Competition

Elsewhere in this issue you will read a detailed judges' report on our competition for the Area's Shop Fronts in Maynooth. We would ask each Residents' Association and business to read and take note. This item with the Bord Failte Report (see October issue of Maynooth *Newsletter*) should be used to improve the quality of our environment.

Once again on behalf of the Tidy Towns Committee may I thank our judges from St. Patrick's College Maynooth for their time and efforts in compiling this report and congratulations to the winners.

We hope to have a Table Quiz in the near future where plaques will be presented.

*Richard Farrell,
Secretary.*

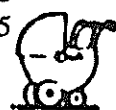
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The Parents' Association of St Mary's Boys' National School, Maynooth, is holding a fund- raising night in O'Keefe's, Kilcock of Friday 22nd of November at 8.00pm. Music will be provided by the ever popular "Fiddler's Green".

Tickets available at £4.00 each from the committee members or at the door. Sandwiches are kindly being provided by O'Keefe's. A raffle will be held during the night - prizes galore.

All those who attended last year's function will agree that they had a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Bridie Furlong P.R.O.

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP

Fashion Show/Miss Royal Canal

Canal mania has hit Maynooth. With the advent of the "Miss Royal Canal" competition the business houses are preparing to do battle, since the majority of them will be represented in the competition. Just imagine Miss Centra, Miss West End Carpet, Miss Quinnsworth, Miss Nuzstop and many more. There is even talk of Miss Community Council; who could that be? The ever charming Christina Sauls or even the illustrious Norah McDermott. Time will tell!

The Fashion Show/Miss Royal Canal will take place this year at the Springfield Hotel Leixlip and it promises to be a great night as usual. As well as the Fashion Show and Miss Royal Canal competition there will be a disco to conclude the evening. There will also be a free Cheese and Wine reception courtesy of Quinnsworth's Maynooth. In answer to a question which has been posed to me several times in the past few weeks I can now give a definite "YES". We will once again have the talented Chris Walsh of C.K.R. to present the show and he will be assisted with fashion commentary by Joan Howard Williams.

Those wishing to advertise in the show programmes may contact Mr. Gerry McGlinchy at 6289192. Tickets for the show, at a very reasonable £4.00 per head, can be obtained from any member of the committee.

Achievements

Many of you will be by now aware that the new "Miss Ireland" is Miss Amanda Brunker who will be going forward to represent this country in the "Miss World" competition. Amanda commenced her career by winning the "Miss Royal Canal Jamboree" competition. We are pleased to announce that Amanda will be with us to give tips to the contestants in the forthcoming Miss Royal Queen contest. We take this opportunity to wish her well in the "Miss World" contest. Many will have seen the new Irish hit movie "The Commitments", which tell the story of the difficult rise to stardom of an aspiring young pop group. One of the stars in the film is Andrew Strong from Naas. Andrew made his debut a few years ago when he fronted the winning band in the battle of the bands competition, then hosted by the Royal Canal, but

which is now the preserve of the Community Council. We extend congratulations to Andrew.

The Kildare personality of the year competition will shortly conclude with a gala function in the Hotel Keadeen and one of those to make the last 10 for the grand final is Maynooth's very own Norah McDermott. Norah was a founder member of, and for many years acted as secretary of this group. Suffice to say that having spent many years on this committee she learned at a good school? We wish her every success in the competition.

Work Update

Work is continuing at a rapid pace at Pike's Bridge. The wall at the southern end of the harbour which had been listing badly has been almost completely rebuilt and this serves to enhance the look of the harbour. A variety of shrubs have been planted in the vicinity of the bridge and this will serve to improve environmental aspects of the area, a matter which the committee regards as a priority.

Remember the date November the 28th at the Springfield Hotel - Fashion Show/Miss Royal Canal. An evening to remember.

*Gerry Fitzpatrick
P.R.O.*

ST. MARY'S CHURCH OF IRELAND NOTES

Times of Services

1st Sunday of month	The Eucharist	9.30 am
2nd Sunday of month	The Eucharist	10.30 am
3rd Sunday of month	Morning Prayer	10.30 am
4th Sunday of month	The Eucharist	10.30 am

The Rector, Rev. G. Williamson may be contacted at the Rectory, Lismahon, Batterstown, Co. Meath, Phone 01-250020.

Harvest Service

This took place on Sunday 29th September at 11.30 am and we were joined by members of the Dunboyne and Dunshaughlin parishes. Thanks to the visiting preacher Rev. Paul Willoughby. Congratulations to Mrs. Sheila Jolley who was commissioned as a parish reader on the same day.

The Bards

This fundraising event was in aid of St. Mary's Restoration Fund and took place in the Setanta House Hotel, Celbridge on Thursday 17th October. We would like to thank the following people who sponsored the raffle: Top of the Crop, Cassidy's Roost, FMK Casuals, Sean Donovan, O'Neill's Butchers, Ciaran Diggins, Dial-a-Style, Home Ironing Services.

Thanks to everybody from the Maynooth and surrounding areas who supported us either by attending the event or buying tickets. A special thanks is due to the members of Rustic Blue (David Jolley, Gerry Fitzpatrick, Phil McDermott) who provided the music before Diarmuid O'Leary and the Bards came on stage. Thank you for all the support.

PRESENTATION CONVENT PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The A.G.M. of the above association took place on 25th September. Our guest speaker this year was Mr. T. Ashe, Principal of Maynooth Post Primary School. Mr. Ashe gave a very informative talk on "The transition from Primary to Post Primary School" and also on the new Junior Certificate Examination. He also answered questions on both these topics. The committee would like to express their sincere thanks to him for taking time out of his busy schedule to be our guest speaker. Judging by the large attendance at this meeting it was a matter of great interest to most people and an opportunity for them to hear from an expert in the field. The Chairperson, Lila Flynn then outlined the committees activities for the year, followed by the secretary's and treasurer's reports. A new committee for 1991-2 was formed and we welcome all new members to the committee. The committee would also like to thank Sr. Aquinas for her talk at the end of the meeting. The evening ended with refreshments being served. A final word of thanks to you, the parents, for coming along and showing your continued support to this association.

Sheila Fleming - Outgoing P.R.O.

CLUB BRU BOSCO

We would like to thank all those who supported our Flag Days at the Bank Holiday Weekend. Once again we appeal for **public support**; in this instance for all interested in the **future of our youth**. A meeting to revitalise our Club will be held on **Monday 11th November** in the Geraldine Hall at 8pm. The aim will be to recruit leaders and form a committee to develop and promote our Club. Full training for leaders will be provided by the Catholic Youth Council and a representative of C.Y.C. will attend that night. If you are interested, even to a small degree, your attendance would be most welcome!

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Fri 10 - 12 & 2 - 4	

COLLEGE NOTES

Bawroque Players, Drama and Variety Group, from Clondalkin, present on 15th and 16th November "The Call", a play in 3 acts by Thomas Coffey in the Aula Maxima, in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Tickets will be on sale at door for £3.00 for everyone. Doors close at 7.45.

This is an extremely emotional play set in the late sixties in Southern Ireland. The players make an excellent job of this play and is well worth seeing.

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A.G.M. Time Again

Well, according to our constitution, November is the time for the annual review! The Annual General Meeting will be held in mid-November. Dates and venue are at present being negotiated by the officers. All residents will be informed well in advance, and a reminder given. It is important that there would be a good turn out on the night. It is the opportunity for all residents to voice their thoughts about our estate, and to participate together in making Carton Court a great place to live in. Let your voice be heard by being there!

Items on the agenda will include: up-date on neighbourhood watch, the new by-pass and its effects, and the boundary fence to finish the estate on the back road.

Clean-Up

Autumn is the time for leaves, leaves and more leaves! It is also the time to tidy up gardens and greens before winter sets in. We encourage all residents to make a general effort about clean-up before the mud and the mire take over.

Take Care.

All you motorists, pedestrians, cyclists take care of yourselves, and others, these dark nights and mornings. See you at the A.G.M.

Noelle Topley (Secretary)

KINGSBRY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The committee are very pleased to see that following our recent meeting with the developer, work is now progressing towards the completion of the estate. Roads, footpaths etc. around the recently developed houses should be completed shortly and the remaining lights which had not been connected should also be in operation soon. Its also nice to see the remaining sites at the end of the estate being developed.

The committee are planning a quiz night for November and we are hoping to see a big crowd as usual. Plans are also being made for the annual visit of Santa from the North Pole. More details on both of these events at a later date.

We hope to plant some trees and shrubs this month and we understand that the developer will also be planting some more trees before the estate is completed.

Kevin Coyle,
P.R.O.

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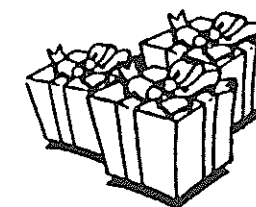
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Protection and security of the elderly.

Recent years have seen a serious decline in respect for the aged and they have been increasingly the target for attack. With advancing years, slowing physical reflexes and their natural trusting nature they are very vulnerable to exploitation by con-men and criminal opportunists. The right to live, go shopping, visiting or go about personal daily business without interruption are rights and privileges to which all our citizens are entitled, especially the elderly. The Gardai in Maynooth wish to assure our Senior Citizens that Maynooth is a safe place to live in and we assure them that they have our full support and attention. Hereunder are some security suggestions which if applied sensibly and practically will assist in keeping your homes and areas safer and more peaceful to reside in:

- (1) Front and rear doors should be fitted with good quality 5 lever mortice locks; safety catches should be fitted to all windows.
- (2) Never leave doors unlocked; rear doors and windows should always be closed when speaking to strangers at the front door.
- (3) Fit a strong door chain to both front and rear door. A chain will allow you to open the door a few inches before admitting a caller.
- (4) Door viewers are very useful for seeing callers before the door is opened.
- (5) Be careful with your door keys: never hide them outside the house in what might appear to be 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.
- (8) You should make special observations of strangers who call to your home and arouse your suspicion; note a full description of them; the registration number 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 any doubt refuse entry and contact the Gardai.
- (10) If a forced entry is in progress take immediate steps to summon help; use 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 minimum amounts of money and valuables in your home; never leave such items exposed to public views; surplus cash/valuables can be deposited for safe keeping in Banks or other Financial Institutions.
- (14) It is advisable to keep a list of Serial No.'s/ Markings of all valuables in your home.
- (15) Keep important telephone numbers in a conspicuous

location near your telephone ie: Doctor, priest, good neighbour and the priority Garda phone numbers as follows: Maynooth Station - 6286234; Naas - This phone number gives direct contact to the Maynooth Garda Patrol Car - 045 (97333); and of course in emergency dial 999 and ask for the Gardai. A telephone extension to your bedroom will assist without fuss in raising an alarm. Keep the phone number of a reliable neighbour whom you can contact at short notice.

Halloween

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

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 rowdiness.

Parents: Exercise control over your children's activities during the Halloween period. Know where children and young people up to 18 years of age in your household are and supervise any bonfire occasions etc. in your locality; don't try and beat the young people but join them and let everyone enjoy themselves.

We appeal for your support and thank you.

Church Gate Collections:

Collectors must be at least 25 metres from the church gate. Despite our advice in last month's edition it's noted with regret that collectors continue to assemble at the actual Church Gate entrance. In future the Gardai will enforce this regulation so we again implore your co-operation and comply with the conditions of your permit, please.

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STREET TALKING

Elite Moves

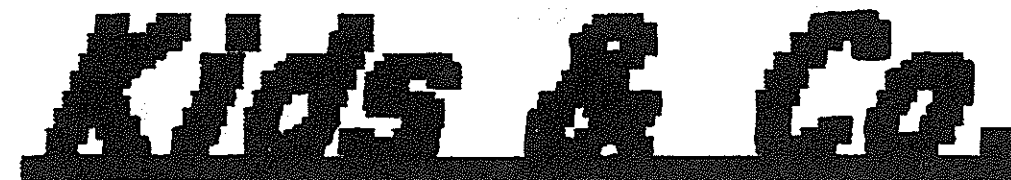
The Elite Bakery will be shifting premises across the road in the near future in order to accommodate renovations and expansion in the current premises. Their temporary halting place will be in the premises vacated by Stephen Heros' which has been empty since early this year.

Kleaner Jeans

Klean Jeans, the Launderette in Greenfield Shopping Centre has opened a reception outlet where Kevy Mac's Castle Stores was recently situated. They don't wash or dry laundry here but send it up to the "mother of all launderettes" in Greenfield. Meanwhile, Kevy Mac has moved closer to the Castle, opening a bright new shop one door up from the old one.

Best Shop Fronts

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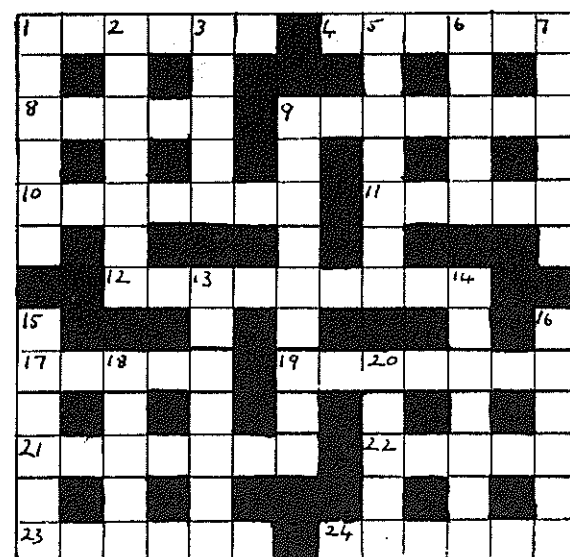
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Across

- 1 & 17 Are the houses here made of card board boxes (6, 5)
4. Yes, a company provides backing for this playwright (1,5)
8. Tornado without publicity is blown apart, believe it . . . (2,3)
9. See 6 Down
10. Reform calls around and doctor takes operations at home (5,2)
11. Leinster Arms was formerly a warm Spanish article (5)
12. Takeaway aids cur if well chewed (9)
17. Woo (5)
19. That Quinnsworth is still often called this is borne out by the name (1,5,1)
21. To accomplish, I've confused pain round-about (7)
22. The answer is not here - but it is! (5)
23. Placing metallic rocks in middle of throughfare could be very painful (6)
24. Is our patron saint stiff after taking herb? Not her! (6)

Down

1. Fourth line of seats in theatre enveloped in type of gas for dispersing these when rioting (6)
2. Escapes like water from a duck's back (4,3)
3. A host of swearwords? (5)
5. Spy and cow are types who might field at cricket - in the rye? (7)
6 & 9 Across. March means a day of parading for him (5,7)
7. Yes, O.K., learner can befuddle (local) bumpkins (6)
9. He is on Pat, hiding undergarments from Hidden Treasures! (5-4)
13. Is "Demon" one of those ruddy dogs? (7)
14. Is only the first letter of this lettuce visible above the water? (3-4)
15. Bits and pieces of rubbish in the steamship (6)
16. Rise up while a hundred die (6)
18. He will guide to Row whatever-it-is in theatre you, me, and that woman (5)
20. A blade that circles in either direction. (5)



Entries before Friday 15th November at 5.00 pm

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Winner of £5 prize for Crossword No. 47:
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Solution to Crossword 47:

Across: (1,16,9) Kildare County Council; (5) Tonic; (8) Elite; (9) Council; (10) Dilates; (11) Piece; (12) Apples; (14) Statue; (17) Tudor; (19) O' Neills; (22) Captain; (23) Roche; (24) Elton; (25) Yashmak.
Down: (1) Knead; (2) Leixlip; (3) Alert; (4) Excuse; (5) Trumpet; (6) Niche; (7) College; (12) Article; (15 & 13) Telecom Eireann; (16) County; (18) Depot; (20) Earls; (21) Steak.

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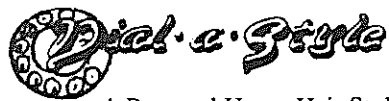
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THE WYRD SISTER REPORT

[Compiled by Minerva Big Dipper Murphy, Wickedly Unconventional Owl' One and Practitioner of Esoteric Arts, who formerly supplied this magazine with its horoscope column.]

Things that go bump in the night

Have I got news for you! During one of my recent lapses into friendliness I happened to be making a visit to an elderly citizen who doesn't get out and about much and I thought it right and proper that she should accompany me to one of my meetings with my colleagues in order that she might meet some new faces and what not (bodies attached to them would have been an advantage but we can't expect everything). My ex-friend (as she now is) adamantly refused my offer, pathetically excusing herself by manifesting a sudden fear of flying and an outbreak of headache. A more truthful excuse would have been to admit that she'd have to be surgically separated from her armchair before she could walk to the door, never mind hop on a broomstick. With a pointed reminder that I was at least 165 years her senior and had never been known to remain upright in a single spot for longer than six seconds I swept through her back door and kick-started my way to the meeting on my own.

It was shortly after midnight and dark so I didn't notice the dangerous obstruction posed by the canopies outside Patrick's restaurant until I had plunged through two of them and had been brought to earth by a third. Emerging from a flutter of tarpaulin and blasting the immediate environment with gravel I spotted a scatterin' of little figures racing for shelter into the mall. Now, at this point I have to tell you about me and Papa Smurf. Forget the blueberry little fat object that has been injected into your culture by American T.V. That is merely a clever ploy by the real Smurf to fool you into thinking he is a cuddly, harmless and simple creature who owns nothing more than a collection of hybrid mushrooms in which he and his poor pals actually live. Papa Smurf is actually a billionaire several times over, who made his money selling fungi to a gullible public and secretly took it back again by means of his friend Hee Haw who happened to be the owner of a large supply of manure etc etc - all a matter of politics which needn't concern us here. Me and Papa have had a long feuding relationship over a certain spot of wasteland which I have used for years in which to conduct gatherin's and which the bould Papa wished to acquire for the erection of a Graduate Toadstool School. Needless to say I thwarted his every move.

So imagine my delight to discover that I had crashlanded beside the self same Smurf who had been busily engaged in negotiations with the rats, stray cats and crows of Maynooth in an effort to persuade them to wreak havoc on Patrick's restaurant so that the selling price would be devalued overnight thereby enabling him to buy it at a pittance. He had intended, it seems, to turn it into a Fun-Gus Palace and to sell it to Rotten-Core, a company connected to Smell-a-Con Eircann and Good-Man-Yourself! International and, oh I could go on forever. The upshot of my intrusion upon this little consortium was the flattening of a head rat, the squashing of three Smurfeens and the scatterin' to the four winds of various documents and notes (called *Deeds Of Dire Deviousness* all of which heavily implicated Papa). Papa was so

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terrified at the outcome of my visit that he attempted to bribe me into silence with shares, spores and anything you care to mention. Naturally I accepted everything he offered and persuaded him (with a swift upstroke of my broom) to depart the locality for good and to leave all property in Maynooth alone.

I heard, only this morning, that his pal Hee Haw made him resign from Smell-a-Con and he is now in disgrace somewhere. Unfortunately it seems that, judging by the state of the corner of Mill Street, the crows and their cohorts (being particularly thick) have continued to make the building as shabby looking as possible in the belief that the deal is still on. As for myself, I have untroubled access to me patch of wasteland and I find, funnily enough, that it's ideal ground for the cultivation of a certain strain of fungus which I expect to be selling shortly. So youse can thank me for saving the entire town so youse can and I'll not say no to a nice new car.

Odd Goin's-On in the College

I had never been to the college before I enrolled last month for Winnie Wonderweb's evening class in *Trans Global Transportation and New Age Woodwork* (details of which are in last issue's report). I had expected to find ancient and ivy covered halls of learning reeking with the stench of a particularly masculine presence and lots of signs about the place telling us what not to do and where not to do it. Imagine my surprise therefore to discover that the place where we were to have our class (called the Arts Block - presumably because the entire structure of the building most effectively blocks the slightest possibility of an outbreak of art of any kind) was covered from top to bottom with dust and plastic and had everywhere in evidence a profusion of scaffolding. I can adapt to most situations, providing I'm not actually *told* to do so by some foolish individual, and so throughout our class I effectively ignored my surroundings and began to acquaint myself with me classmates. How and ever, we were continually interrupted by the sight of what can only be called pilgrims making excursions past the window to a distant building and returning with small cups and mugs, and my natural curiosity propelled me out to discover the origins of this obscure ritual. They were, it seems, a race of people called The Lecturing Staff, who were obliged to travel some distance before and after the practise of their religion (called *Lecturin'*) in order to get an ordinary cup of tea. There was no tea or coffee to be had anywhere in the immediate area it seems and neither, apparently, was there the prospect of any being installed once the plastic, dust and scaffolding had removed itself from the Arts Block. One of these hard pressed people told me that her *Lecturin'* could not take place because the Lecture Hall was not yet built and there were umpteen students waiting to be lectured to and, in general, chaos was rapidly taking over the place. It's a sorry sight, I have to tell you, when the powers that be so forcefully impose such restrictions upon the proper goin's-about and natural habits of individual races of people and won't facilitate them in the business of *Lecturin'*. None of this would've happened in my day I can tell you, and I don't intend to suffer any more of this lack of beverage for the remainder of me night class either.

Minerva.

TIDY ESTATE'S COMPETITION 1991

Introduction

Inspections were carried out on 12th September, later in the year than is usual and probably at a time when the commitment of people to maintaining a high standard is beginning to wear a little thin. Nevertheless, a general standard similar to previous years was apparent. Some estates had however shown alarming signs of deterioration over the year while in a few cases substantial improvement was apparent. As always it is difficult to generalise with the performance of a particular estate largely determined by the efforts of a few conscientious individuals, or indeed more often by the apparent lack of any effort on the part of any individuals. One of the most unpleasant features worth commenting on this year is the ugly profusion of overhead wires which disfigures many parts of the town. There is of course some excuse for temporary poles and wiring for estates under construction, but it appears to be the case that further proliferation of overhead wires is occurring even on mature estates. The wirescape seems to be getting out of control, and the associated street furniture of poles and support cables detracting badly from the appearance of many areas.

Individual Estates

Main Estates

1. Moyglare Village

The improvement noted last year has continued as this estate has become more established. The principal open space to the left of the entrance has been well maintained, and some recent planting of conifers along the side wall has taken place.

Broadleaved trees would have been better in the long term, but it is understandable that quick growth is required in this location. Front garden displays are fair for an estate so young, although verges and kerbs away from the front street are generally in poor condition. Verges on such new estates probably need rotivating and reseeded for a good impression to be created. Shrubbery and trees are generally good as is the appearance of the housing. Signage is however generally non-existent. Perhaps a feature flowerbed incorporating signage might be constructed at the entrance as is the case with several other estates. Generally an improved estate though the coming year will tell whether community efforts really get organised or not.

2. Beaufield

Beaufield has also continued to improve despite ongoing building work around and within it. The improvement has not come in maintenance of open space areas, which continue to be fairly basic, but in other aspects. These include an improved entrance feature and evidence of greater attention being given to trees throughout the estate. These have been recently restaked in some cases. It is a pity some of the more unsightly fences were not also repaired and that some of the front gardens were not more imaginative. But the potential certainly exists for this estate to be a winner in the future. It has perhaps a more tasteful layout than some others. The architecture does not seem to age significantly and all this can be capitalised on.

3. Cluain Aoibhinn

A consistent frontrunner in this competition, Cluain Aoibhinn did not disappoint. A well maintained entrance feature, good front gardens (for the most part) and a generally tidy set of verges and kerbs was apparent. As the estate has matured so has the shrubs and trees greatly enhanced the appearance of this estate. The comparison with the estate of ten years ago is amazing. This year a couple of seats made an appearance in the open space areas, a nice touch not seen elsewhere. A derelict vehicle near the end of the estate was unfortunate but did not spoil an otherwise excellent impression. Cluain Aoibhinn was clearly the best estate visited this year and congratulations are due to all involved.

4. College Green

A previous winner, College Green has gone sadly downhill. Communal open space is badly neglected, garden fences once so brightly varnished has started to decay. Even the trellises once such a feature of the open space walls have disintegrated or disappeared. Shrubbery and trees remain a redeeming feature, but for how long one wonders if the deterioration is allowed to continue. Litter is a problem. Abandoned cars are in evidence. Is this really the place that won in 1985?

5. Old Greenfield 2

The open space area at the front of this estate adjoins that of Greenfield 1. The boundary is marked by the obvious neglect apparent. Greenfield 2 has changed little in almost a decade and remains close to the bottom of the league table. Even basic grasscutting and a few trees would help dramatically.

6. Old Greenfield 3

Encouraging signs of a desire to improve this estate were seen. The area to the right of the entrance on the way in seems to be much tidier and cleaner than that to the left. The open space to the left is currently being dug up by children. One nicely painted fence was detected midway into the estate. Perhaps though something is stirring in Greenfield 3 at last. Certainly the level of maintenance is still very poor and some blame for this must attach to the County Council. Though Greenfield 3 has in the past been labelled worse than Greenfield 2, this year we think the ranking is the other way round. The improvement, however slight, is to be welcomed.

7. Railpark

Although overall quite well maintained estate, marked by a delightful variety of semi mature trees, Rail Park's biggest problem is the open space fronting on to the Celbridge Road. This is not well kept, particularly the edges where only a cursory once over with a lawn mower seems to have been the normal limit of maintenance. No change since last year overall.

8. Greenfield Estate.

It is extremely difficult to judge this large estate as one entity and considerable variety in standards exist within it. By far the best improvement was apparent in Laurence Avenue where the long area of open space fronting Celbridge Road was improved considerably over the past year. The best efforts has been made at either extremity of this open space with the central part less impressive. The perimeter fence has at last been repaired and trees were well maintained. No improvement to the entrance has occurred however.

Straffan Way also showed a moderate improvement though the unsightly gable ends on some houses still give a bad appearance to the estate when approaching from the Celbridge side. The large open space areas were well kept and some individual gardens were also impressive.

Maynooth Park was very variable. Some verges were well kept, others were weedy; some gardens were good, others were disasters. In particular though some of the housing stock here has been allowed to deteriorate and this undoes much of the improvement noted elsewhere.

Greenfield Drive has at last replaced its missing sign and has generally improved itself all round. Though the houses at the far end continue to show signs of deterioration the estate overall just needs that bit more effort to make the front runners. It is difficult for a large estate to be without problems somewhere and allowance has been made for this factor.

9. Carton Court.

The entrance to this estate is marked by what looks like a gravestone surrounded by sombre copper beech trees. On it might be written "Here Lies Carton Court, once the best estate in town, now a shadow of its former self". The problem appears to be the houses which seem to require constant maintenance to look good. In the absence of this they deteriorate very quickly, a fate that has befallen many, especially at the rear of the estate. Verges, kerbside walls and fences are not up to standard in many parts though there are a few noteworthy exceptions.

10. Kingsbry.

Last year's winner showed further improvement, though overall was just eclipsed by some other places this year. Particularly noteworthy in Kingsbry was the drastic improvement in the large open space area which had been filled with builders rubble on last years visit. This major area has been landscaped well and other areas have also been kept up to last years standard. Signposting is good also, essential in such a big rambling development. Front garden displays are probably the area where room for improvement most exists.

11. O'Neil Park.

Of all of the estates visited this one has the most obvious asset for improvement - the little round about which could be such a pleasant feature. The houses elsewhere in the estate are generally good though the pretty railings could be painted again. Open space improvements are the principal ways in which the estate could boost its position. The space fronting of the main road is especially poor. For a small, long established estate this should be the easiest of all the Maynooth estates in which to mobilise some community pride and it is disappointing that no one seems capable of providing the leadership necessary.

Smaller Developments/Neighbourhoods.

12. Moyglare Meadows.

It is rather early days to judge this development. Certainly the layout and quality of the houses look pleasant and trees appear better staked than some of the other areas, but the big problem is likely to be the strange 'corridor' fronting Moyglare Road. This is a poor piece of planning, left rather as an afterthought on a site too narrow to build on. Walled in on three sides, it is going to prove difficult to maintain this

feature and stop it becoming a litter trap with good community co-operation. It is however good to see the long neglected apartments beginning to be landscaped at last and hopefully the new apartments alongside will not be waiting several years for a few shrubs. The brickwork on the latter matches the detached houses further north and this should give some coherence to the estate. One hopes that the electricity and phone wires will go underground shortly and that the long promised pavements and road improvements will materialise.

13. Parson Lodge.

We expected better from this high amenity development, but were sadly disappointed. The open space areas are totally neglected, in one case with rubbish accumulating. Though the kerbs are quite good, the verges are growing a good crop of weeds in places. More seriously, almost each and every tree has had its tie broken off and not repaired. Some dead trees have also not been replaced. It should be better and there is clearly a need to galvanise residents into looking beyond their own garden wall on this estate.

14. Woodlands.

Again a new development which it is probably premature to make too many observations on. Arranged around a central green area, Woodlands, has considerable potential if this was landscaped and planted with suitable copses of broadleaved deciduous trees. The high side walls fronting on to the main circuit on the two side streets are however rather foreboding structures. One wonders why these are necessary - they give a bad impression to the whole development. However the chief comment at this stage of the development would relate to the landscaped feature at the entrance which has been allowed to become overgrown and unkempt. This does not interfere with the building currently going on and a start could be made here.

15. Greenfield Lane.

The fences are appalling and the features which create an initially adverse impression in this area. Whatever about the state of the road, the frontages could be greatly improved. This might shame the County Council into doing something with the road and pavements, but then again there might be a blue moon in the sky tomorrow! Some nicely presented individual houses are apparent along the lane and some residents clearly take a pride in the appearance of their house and gardens. The overhead wires and poles are very obtrusive here also. The "Public Notices" erected by private individuals do not help enhance the area. Little in the way of community effort's is in evidence here overall.

16. Greenfield 1.

The public space is well maintained up to the junction with Greenfield 2. Some very well kept gardens are in evidence and obviously some residents take a pride in their house and gardens. It is notable that the kerbs are relatively free of weeds, a good indicator of community effort's. Still the place is treeless and the back lanes are untidy. But overall Greenfield 1 has made a considerable improvement since last year and was clearly the winner of this category.

17. The Crescent.

It is difficult to know why the Crescent has deteriorated so much. Certainly the addition of some planters on the green has helped a little, but the whitewashed walls and kerbs so much a feature of past years has been allowed to simply wash

away. This is a pity since the whole appearance of the place has thus fallen dramatically. In previous years it had been so obviously almost a 100% community effort. This year something went wrong.

18. Doctor's Lane.

A very small area should be capable of better maintenance. The kerb has been painted, but the small open space opposite the houses is still a bit neglected. Houses and gardens are in reasonable order. The newly surfaced road should give some encouragement for improvement although it must be regretted that the new surface stops at the entrance to the estate itself.

19. Leinster Park.

Residents of Leinster Park would appear to have little concern for what happens beyond their garden wall. Understandably, with large gardens to call on there is not the same need for public open space as in some of the other estates. Nevertheless the little strip at the end of the estate continues to be only nominally maintained. The quality of this open space area is also beginning to show signs of long term neglect - the quality of the grass has deteriorated over the years. No improvement on last year was apparent though the gardens continue to become more elaborate and ornate.

20. Leinster Cottages

With through traffic now curtailed, the area of Leinster Cottages could have been expected to show an improvement. This was indeed the case over some parts. However, the park is still a disaster area with grass and weeds up to knee height. This is a pity since the riverside trees at the back of it are maturing and giving the area even more potential as time goes on. There were a couple of positive aspects also in Leinster Cottages, however. The edge of the park had in one part been neatly mown and maintained and in general throughout the area weeds seemed to have been cleared more conscientiously from kerbsides than in former years. Litter was still present, but less so than in former years. Perhaps here also there is the beginning of something which could be built on in the coming year. Certainly some encouragement is deserved.

Overall Result

1. Main Estates:

First - Cluain Aoibhinn

Second - Beaufield

Third - Greenfield

2 Smaller Developments/Neighbourhoods:

First - Old Greenfield 1

Second - Leinster Cottages

Third - No Award

3 Overall Winner 1991:

Cluain Aoibhinn

Shop Front Competition 1991

There has been some notable improvements in the appearance of Maynooth Main Street in the last year, particularly at the Dublin Road end. The south side of this part of the street has been considerably livened up by the addition of two new and well presented shop units, while the repainting of houses and planting of new trees on the opposite side are welcome

Features

developments. Fuscicardi's are to be complimented on their new shop front, while Centra have made an admirable new contribution to the streetscape. The tasteful refurbishing of the Garda Station is also noted with pleasure.

On the negative side, some continuing brickbats are in order for a number of unsympathetic or poorly presented frontages. These include "2 Guys", G. Brady/ Irish Permanent, the New World Chinese Takeaway and McCormack's Pharmacy. There is still no sign of the long-awaited redevelopment of the Allied Irish Bank to bring the roof into line with the rest of the street. The group of shops on the Dublin Road side of the Elite Confectionery have considerable room for improvement.

The continuing existence of the so-called 'Thing' in the Square remains a major blot on the town scape. The town map on display on this structure could be more helpful (especially regarding the location of outlying housing estates) and could do with a clean up. We also note the continued absence of one of the statues from the frontage of the Roost and the dead plants in the flower baskets hanging from Brady's. The public Library needs a new paint job.

In Mill Street, Noone's old garage now comprises an untidy jumble of sub-mediocre shop-fronts. We look forward to the brightening up of the Main Street corner, which has become quite shabby since the demise of Patrick's Restaurant. On the opposite side of the street, we note the redevelopment work going on at the corner site, and trust that the outcome will be a sympathetic treatment which will compliment the excellent frontage of the Country Shop. We draw attention once again to the jumble of direction signs on three sides of this corner: perhaps some rationalisation and system of control are in order.

Elsewhere, the new sign for "The Square" shop is a definite improvement, but the Cardinal Press could make a better contribution to the unity of presentation of the set of shop units in Convent Lane. In Quinnsworth Shopping Centre, the overall impact of the mall continues to be fundamentally constrained by the drab concrete slab flooring. However, the Coyne and Bergin butcher shop has made a significant breakthrough in the presentation of shop fronts in this development. As noted last year, the Greenfield Shopping Centre has been enormously improved by the protruding hand-painted name signs and the varied painting of the shop fronts. However, we note with regret the continuing failure of the supermarket in this development to come in line with the other units, thereby spoiling this otherwise splendid communal effort.

Awards for Best Shop Fronts:

- (1) Frank Regan and Kidds and Co, No. 6 Main Street. This strikingly tasteful restoration of what used to be Mooney's Restaurant is most admirable. In particular we welcome the retention of the old triple-pane window structures.
- (2) Centra Superstore, Main Street. Given the past record of small supermarkets in Irish towns, we particularly welcome this nicely presented traditional frontage.
- (3) Coyne and Bergin Butchers, Maynooth Shopping Centre. This has made an imaginative and striking contribution to a mall otherwise made up largely of very functional modern frontages.

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Mr Philip Burke

Philip Burke's family have lived in Parson Street, Maynooth for over one hundred years. It was in Parson St. that Philip was born and reared with his four brothers and two sisters. Though the family lived in Parson St. they had a small farm in old Newtown, which is where Beaufield Estate is now situated. The land originally belonged to the College but was taken from it and divided up among a number of local people by the Land Commission.

Philip, when he was not working on the farm, went to school in what is now the Band Hall and he enjoyed school. Because Philip's father had a farm he and his brothers and sisters did not have to collect firewood as did many of his contemporaries.

It was on his father's farm that Philip learned to plough and it was as a ploughman that he got his first job working at Carton. The development of Carton is a good thing, Philip thinks, because it will mean employment and Carton is being wasted without the development.

It was while working in Carton that Philip met his wife Sarah to whom he has been married for 30 happy years. Philip is also a life long pioneer. Three years after he married Philip went to work for Creedon Building Contractors as a scaffolder. Creedon's built churches all over Ireland but Philip always liked to come home each night if at all possible. It was because of his job and the travelling it involved that Philip bought a baby Ford which cost £125 new from Dawson's who were agents for Fords. The first baby Ford was owned by "Bully" Weafer according to Philip.

Over the years Philip has contributed a lot of time to Maynooth, and many people will remember the annual talent competition run by Philip during Lent in the Parochial Hall. The competition was in aid of the new parochial hall and it attracted many teams from all over Kildare and Meath. It was a knockout competition and the winners got the Fr. Michael Cleary Perpetual Cup for a year.

Philip and Sarah have lived in the Back Lane for 30 years and have raised five children, two boys and three girls. Philip's only regret is that the house has no proper garden but that has not stopped him putting on a magnificent display of potted plants around his front door. Maynooth has become quite big and Philip no longer recognises all the faces that pass him on the street. Still Maynooth is home and there are enough old friends, like Patsy Malone, left to remember with.



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(We publish some more entries from the Newsletter short story competition)

The Plane Crash

It was 7.00 pm at Castlebar train station. We were staying at my granny and grandad's house. My name is Pearse Ryan and my cousins name is Declan Sheilds. We were playing a game of chasing with a friend called Joseph Pheaney. I was running down the train track with Joseph chasing after me. then I fell on a sharp piece of wood and my knee started to bleed. Declan and Joseph brought me up to the cabin and the station master put a plaster on my cut and it felt a bit better. As we were walking down the cabin steps we saw a lovely yellow plane flying very low. Then it began to go lower and lower, then smoke began to come out of the engine. I began to get frightened, then bang. I nearly fainted. The plane had crashed. The first thing I did was run back up the stairs and told the station master what had happened. He rang 999 and called for the police, the ambulance and the Fire Brigade while the others were looking for volunteers to help. Within five minutes the Fire Brigade the ambulance and the police arrived. The fire men were already trying to put out the fire. Guards were trying to get inside the plane. Two police men came up to me and started to ask me questions. I told them all the answers. Hundreds of locals gathered around the sight. At about 9.00 pm we saw someone being carried out of the plane. When we got close up we saw that it was an old woman. She was looking very pale. The doctor told us she was dead. We felt as if we had caused her death by not raising the alarm quick enough. Then another was brought out on a stretcher. He was the pilot and was on a life support machine. Later the third and final person was carried out. He was also dead. After that we went home. When we got in everyone said we had done well. Then we went to bed. We slept in the next day until 1 O' Clock. When we got up we turned on the television and listened to the 1 O' Clock news. They said there was a plane crash at Castlebar last night. Two women died and a man was saved by three young children. Wherever you are children, we're all grateful for what you did.

Pearse Ryan,
Age 9.

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Heinz and the Hearse

It was 23.45 hours as Heinz rechecked his watch. Through the perspex of the canopy there was an inky darkness outside, it also being very cold from a biting East wind. The Messerschmitt 110 was two hours out from its base in Abbeville in northern France. Not a very inviting night for a parachute drop; however as this was Thursday 16th November 1940, duty called and climatic conditions were secondary. Heinz made the final check on his equipment, apparel, and personal items. Making sure his parachute was fitted properly and in order, he donned a paratroopers helmet. Looking down he smiled at his civilian attire topped off by a black crombie overcoat. Strapped across his chest a canvas 'hold all' bag contained a small transceiver radio, bivouac tent, compass, concentrated rations, toiletries, a forged Canadian passport, some Irish paper money, and a black felt hat. Oberleutnant Heinz Muller at 32 years of age was from Munich; he having a flair for amateur drama and fluency in English. A qualified pilot he was now on a mission for the Abwehr: The German Intelligence Service.

The Battle of Britain was over but the bombing Blitz on the cities had taken its place. Britain still stood alone. If the German Wehrmacht could set up a Bridgehead in Ireland, Britain could be "between the hammer and the anvil."

So Heinz's brief was not a mundane one. He was to parachute into the remote West Wicklow mountains and bivouac up for the first night. The next morning he was to set off until he came to the nearest village, whereupon he would radio its name on his transceiver to his Irish contact who would come and pick him up. This man, Mick, owned a small Undertakers business in the village of Carrimoor on the Kildare border.

Heinz was to masquerade as 'Philip Veerling' a nephew of Mick home from Canada on a tour of his Irish relatives. 'Philip's' mother, Mick's sister, had married a Dutch immigrant thus accounting for his blond Tuetonic features. During his one week stay 'Philip' would ride 'second mate' in the hearse with his 'uncle' ostensibly to taste a little Irish culture and sightseeing. However his true role was surveying and photographing Military Installations and potential landing grounds for Glider Borne troops around the Kildare countryside. It was here his felt hat became pertinent as it concealed a miniature camera in its false crown. The return to Germany was to be via a 'friendly' freighter berthed at the North Wall, Dublin: its next port of call being Lisbon in neutral Portugal. It was now 23.55 hours and at an altitude of 4,500 ft that Heinz slid open the canopy: the two Daimler Benz engines being throttled back for the 'run in' to the exit point. On a hand signal and shout of 'gehon!' from Franz the pilot Heinz rained his 5 foot 11 inch, 12 stones frame up from his seat and heaved himself over the side of the cockpit and into a blast of cold night air.

Tumbling through the black void he pulled the ripcord, the canopy opening with a sharp crack, the shock temporarily winding him. Three minutes later Mother Earth rushed up to greet him, he landing heavily on a gorse covered mountainside. Unstrapping his harness he stowed the parachute and helmet

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in a niche between some rocks. Finding a sheltered spot under a rocky outcrop he set up his bivouac and had a meal. Checking his surroundings he reposed back into the bivouac and fell asleep.

Waking up cold and cramped the next morning at 09.00 hours he washed and shaved in a mountain stream and then had his breakfast. Packing his baggage Heinz brushed himself down, and trundled down the mountain until he came to a narrow country road. Checking his compass he headed West until a small hamlet signposted as Hollywood came into view. Climbing over a stone wall he radioed to Mick the Undertaker his location. Forty minutes later a black hearse pulled alongside and a little wiry man sixtish opened the door and shouted out "it must be cold on the mountains today", "especially up on the Zugspitzer", replied Heinz. Contact was confirmed. "Hop in dinner is just ready" shouted Mick.

Over the next week 'uncle Mick chauffeured Heinz around the plains of Kildare with all of the sombre dignity and propriety that befitted his trade.

On the evening of Heinz departure Mick loaded an empty coffin into the hearse adding that they had a last minute 'act of mercy' to perform on their way. A friend of his had some 'body' whom he wished whisked out of the country as soon as possible.

Driving up into the Glen of Imaal the hearse pulled into an isolated farmyard. An old man standing at the door of the thatched dwelling beckoned to come on inside.

When Heinz entered the kitchen and saw the burly young man sitting at the fire he was temporarily tongue tied. The man exclaimed Heinz! Heinz clapped him on the shoulders with glee. It was Franz the pilot of his Messerschmitt.

Franz explained how after Heinz's parachute jump one of the engines failed and he had made a crash landing on the slopes of a mountain. He had wandered up to the farm whereupon the old man had given him food and lodgings for the past week. The Authorities had only discovered the Messerschmitt yesterday and had set up roadblocks in the area to try and foil his escape.

Mick said "there is a ship awaiting, are you ready to go?" "This very moment", replied Franz.

Mick ushered Franz out to his hearse and persuaded him to lie into the coffin adding "you need not worry about road blocks or lack of oxygen" as he had bored holes in the lid. Four hours later as the mists swirled down over the lonely crags of Lugnaquilla two voices chanted "Auf Wiedersehen Island" as their ship rounded Wicklow Head.

Michael O' Reilly,
Grange, Dunboyne.

Review

The Poet's Manual by Peter Denman

The Poet's Manual by Peter Denman, Maynooth resident and lecturer in the College, is the first full-sized collection to emerge from Sotto Voce Press, founded in Maynooth by Bill Tinley and Kevin Honan. The Poet's Manual is an extraordinary book. It is also the most exciting new book to arrive

on this reviewer's desk for quite a while. Not only are we presented here with some quite memorable poems but also with a section of short versions of poems by Apollinaire which are stunningly illustrated by Kevin Honan.

This middle section of the book is the most immediately striking. Honan's illustrations are quite superb. The poems themselves, versions from Apollinaire's *Le Bestiaire*, are tightly constructed, witty, sometimes surprisingly poignant. 'Locust', for instance:

The locust is a dainty beast
And fed St. John in hungry times,
Would that my poems were a feast
To feed the best of men on rhymes.

Other favourites here are 'Crayfish' and 'Owl', with its innovative illustration.

The first part of the book is made up of the sequence 'The Poet's Manual'. The poet offers us here his instruction book, in many ways. Poems need to be controlled, as part (iii) can be seen as reminding us. Words, however, 'leap off the page' and the poet tends to loose control of them. "Il miglior fabbro", the shadowy editor, 'takes words out of your mouth', the result being that

It is not the poem
I would have written.

Why should poems need to be controlled? The revelation 'The Poet's Manual' faces us with is that the poem, once written down, slips easily through the poet's fingers. The poem becomes 'a grid/in a projection of loss'. What is lost is the poet's control of the poem he has produced. The poem enters the public arena - a 'sale of poetry' takes place, as we are told in part (x). A second question the sequence directs us towards is the question 'what is a poem?'. Here we are presented with a number of possible alternatives: the reversible poem, the 'Readers Digest condensed poem', the multi-functional text. We are presented also with the world of limited editions and fine bindings, the world where a take-over bid for 'Imagination Inc.' has been mounted. "The consortium," we are told, 'has a monopoly on reflection'. In the public interest, a 'Poetry Protection Act' is passed, to protect the innocent from the consortium's peeping-Tom tactics. The message? It seems that Imagination Inc. must cling on to all it has, to save poetry from the encroaching "business" world. Part (xviii) takes us to the end of the sequence but immediately directs us back to the beginning. This is the great strength of 'The Poet's Manual'. A reading of it is an 'unreproducible experiment' - poetically and intellectually it offers endless depths of insight into the complex poet/text relationship.

Part 3 of the book presents us with ten poems which blend the delicacy of 'The Poet's Manual' with the wit of the versions from Apollinaire. Thus we have a poem like 'The Garden Centre' which treats of the much neglected subject of the garden centre where

You can buy a hole in the ground
and take it away for a fish-pond.

On the other hand there is the beautiful 'Offertory', where the poet bids his love 'takes samples of his last breath'. 'Glide Angles' celebrates flight and the marvels of the 'cloud-streets', the description of which necessitates a 'lexicon of air'. The most memorable of the poems in section 3,

however, must surely be 'Pithies'. The almost dead art of the epigram is revived with skill and gusto:

You touch my ramrod member, love, and smile in
wild delight,
Anticipating pleasures that will come our way to
night;
But you and I are aged, love, and past our roaring
forties -

I fear this is not passion but the start of rigor mortis.

The Poet's Manual is an excellent collection of poetry, all the more commendable when one considers that it is but the first book from Sotto Voce Press.

The Poet's Manual is a fresh, invigorating and entirely welcome addition to poetry and publishing in Ireland.

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We would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to our church gate collection making it the most successful for many years. Taken in conjunction with the party's improvement in the opinion polls and the influx of new members to the branch the increase in the collection indicates a resurgence of support for Fine Gael and its policies.

The P.E.S.P. and Budgetary Situation

Fine Gael criticism of the P.E.S.P. and the budget have clearly been vindicated by the recent events. The need to renegotiate the P.E.S.P. within months of its inception underlines the faulty reasoning on which it was based and justifies Fine Gael's stance in voting against its approval by the Dail while others stood mutely by.

Michael Noonan's graphic description of a Government tinkering with the economic engine of the state has unfortunately been proved all too true. Recent exchequer returns highlight the failure to achieve the optimistic target set in the 1991 budget and indicate a severe budget in 1992 which may even be harsher if the proposals for the removal of "allowances and concessions", included in the renegotiated terms for government between the P.D.'s and Finna Fail, are implemented.

Road Improvements

Bernard Durkan has submitted a motion to Kildare Co. Council calling on it to complete all road improvements, for which allocations were approved, immediately. Among the areas affected are the Moyglare Road, Convent Lane, Leinster Park and the Pikes Bridge/Ballygoran Road.

LABOUR PARTY NOTES

No Confidence Debate

On October 18th Deputy Emmet Stagg spoke in Dail Eireann on the no confidence motion in the FF/PD Coalition government:

"I have no confidence in the Government. I didn't need Greencore, Bord Telecom, Celtic Helicopters or Dermot Desmond to convince me. I never had confidence in Fianna Fail or the Progressive Democrats to resolve the economic and social issues confronting Irish society....We are faced with counter motions of confidence and no-confidence from parties with few policy differences. Fine Gael's only claim to becoming the alternative government is that they would regulate crooks, conmen and frauds in the business sector better than the present government. This is highly debatable. Arguably a Fine Gael-led government would give rise to even more scandals. Their policy of privatising almost all public sector companies would surely lead to more conflicts of interest and attempts to secure private gains at the expense of the public interest. It will be Greencore all over again in Aer Lingus, Bord Telecom, the ESB and RTE. By their own admission these would all face privatisation in the event of Fine Gael coming to office...."

The difference between a Fianna Fail and Fine Gael led government is one of degrees..... I want to send a clear

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message to Fine Gael and indeed to Fianna Fail. The civil war which spawned your parties is over. The reason for your separate existence has long ceased. You are both conservative parties with near identical policies. If between you, you command a majority, you from the same political stable have a responsibility to form a government. Don't shift the responsibility to others.....

I do not accept that the Left must go into a permanent opposition until it can form its own government. I believe that the Left (Labour, the Workers' Party, Greens and left wing independents) must campaign to win critical concessions for our constituency. We should be willing to negotiate the best deal possible based on a set of minimum demands. These demands could include things like:

- an industrial and credit strategy based on investing in large, domestic public and private sector companies in key export areas as the basis for ending unemployment.
- a national minimum wage and the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission on the Social Welfare Report.
- increased wealth and capital taxation, including a punitive tax on speculation and windfall profits
- the introduction of divorce and comprehensive family planning legislation
- substantial increase in Child Benefit
- comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation

These are just some of the issues that could form the basis of an alternative Left politics. With this kind of platform we can confidently go to the country and argue for an alternative way of doing things. We may not be able to form the next government. But we can make a difference. And that can be the first step on the way to a Left majority coalition. And that time may be nearer than many people think."

The Thing

The local elections may be over but the Labour Party continues its campaign to have 'the Thing' removed. Following further submissions from Deputy Stagg, the County Manager has indicated that the future of 'the Thing' will be considered in the context of the review of the Development Plan for Maynooth.

Public Lighting in Maynooth

Deputy Stagg has been in contact with both the Co. Council and the ESB regarding public lighting in several different areas of Maynooth. In Railpark a number of lights have been out of commission for a period of time and the ESB have been asked by Deputy Stagg to rectify this situation. All the lights in Old Greenfield Lane are out of order and, again, Deputy Stagg has been in contact with the ESB demanding immediate action. Five lights remain unconnected in Kingsbry estate and Deputy Stagg has written to the Co. Council requesting it to approach the ESB regarding immediate connection.

Damage to the Avenue

Co. Council work in the vicinity of the entrance to the Avenue has resulted in serious damage to the pillars and, in addition, the surface of the Avenue has been dug up by heavy machinery. Deputy Stagg has brought the matter to the attention of the Celbridge Area Committee and has insisted that the pillars be recapped and the surface restored to its former condition.

Road Works in Maynooth

The Branch welcome the fact that essential work on Convent Road has, at last, commenced and we sincerely hope that the resurfacing will have been completed by the time you read these notes. We also note that following numerous representations by both Deputy Stagg and branch chairperson John McGinley work has also commenced on Moyglare Road. On a less positive note, however, the back lane to phases 2 and 3 of Greenfields remains in a disgraceful state. Deputy Stagg has been in contact with the local Engineer demanding that resurfacing be carried out before the onset of winter.

Despite the fact that £4,000 was allocated by the Co. Council for road surfacing in Leinstre Park, this work has still not been carried out. Deputy Stagg will continue to press the local Engineer to have this work done before the bad weather.

Repair of Barriers at Boreen

Locks have been removed from the barrier at the town end of the Boreen and at the Blacklion end the barrier has been twisted and broken. Deputy Stagg has asked the Co. Council to install new locks and replace the broken barrier as required.

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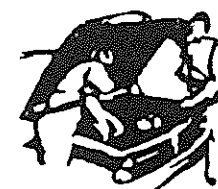
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WORKERS PARTY NOTES

Ballymagash Revisited

Since Councillor Catherine Murphy took a seat on Kildare County Council in June, she has experienced a lot of hints of Ballymagash at Council meetings. Ballymagash, you will recall, was the fictitious town whose council meetings were sketched in Frank Hall's satirical TV programme, "Hall's Pictorial Weekly", in the 1970's.

One recent incident highlights this situation. As a meeting of the County Council was drawing to a close, the question of attendance at conferences was brought up, and this led to a scramble, as delegations to various conferences were doled out. Catherine Murphy queried this, saying that, while she thought that some conferences might be of considerable value to councillors, this certainly was not always the case. She gave a sheep-dipping conference in Sligo, to which two delegates were nominated, as an example.

Catherine Murphy suggested that the Council should be more selective about conferences to be attended, with a view to saving much needed finance. She cited the case, discussed earlier in the meeting, of a group of school children in a rural part of the county who could not be picked up by the school bus because of the state of the road in the area. The money needed to repair the road could be made available if some of the conferences were to be passed over. She also noted that there seemed to be no takers for conferences which did not require an overnight stay away from home. She then suggested that all councillors attending conferences should be required to produce a written report, so that other councillors could benefit from the knowledge gained.

These very reasonable suggestions were greeted with consternation in certain quarters. Among the more friendly remarks made was that this was typical stuff from new councillors, and that Catherine would soon learn. Is it any wonder that local authorities in this country are held in such low esteem?

National Lottery Allocations

It is a well-established fact that allocations to local authorities from the National Lottery are very unevenly distributed, and that some areas - particularly the constituencies of powerful government ministers - seem to get favourable treatment. Kildare, of course, has no minister at all, so it is perhaps not surprising that it came at the bottom of the list in the most recent round of payouts.

However, even the way the small amount of money which did find its way to Kildare is distributed, raises some questions. Although the funds are supposed to be earmarked for amenity and cultural projects as well as sports projects, almost all the money has gone to the latter. As a result, that section of the population which has no interest in sport gets excluded.

Looking at the sports allocations themselves, one notes the predominant position of the GAA among the favoured projects. While the GAA is probably the most popular sport in the county, one still wonders whether the money is being used in the best possible way. As the GAA is an exclusively male organisation in terms of active participants, this immediately excludes half of the population. In addition, the paltry sums given out to each project probably only makes a small difference to well-organised GAA clubs, but could

make a huge impact on a small minority sport looking for basic facilities or equipment.

So maybe we need to look again at how these allocations are made. But, as Catherine Murphy has observed not only are nearly all the members of Kildare County Council men, but all they ever seem to talk about during the tea-break at council meetings is Gaelic football matches!

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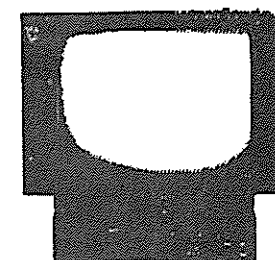
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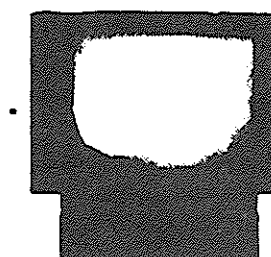
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Sports News

Best for Maynooth: Alan Geoghegan, Conor Diggins, Stephen Redmond, David Campbell.

(2) Under 10 V Celbridge
Maynooth 1.7 Celbridge 1.7

Scorers: Pierre Ennis 1-0; Sean Lennon, Martin Mc Loughlin and Stephen Redmond 2 pts each; Karl Ennis 1 pt.

(3) Under 10 Final (Summer League) V Leixlip
Maynooth 1.1 Leixlip 3.5

Scorers: K. Ennis 1.0, Alan Baxter 1 pt.

Best Players: Alan Geoghegan, Aidan Mc Carron, Colm Cahill, Karl Ennis.

Maynooth's chance of winning this title was effectively lost when the game was not played as originally scheduled i.e. before the school holidays. At that stage Maynooth were playing great football having defeated all comers in the Leixlip Salmon Leap Festival. William Farrelly was also available at that time, his loss for this game was incalculable (get well soon "Chilly" you are sorely missed). Notwithstanding the final result the team were far from disgrace and held a much bigger side well in check for much of the game.

(4) Under 12 V Leixlip
Leixlip 2.8 Maynooth 1.4

Scorers: Darren Naughton 1.1; Eamon Gallagher 2 pts; Marty Byrne 1 pt.

Best for Maynooth: Eamon Gallagher, David Coughlan, Marty Byrne, James Gallagher, John O' Shea and Alan Nugent.

(5) Under 12 V Celbridge
Maynooth 10 pts Celbridge 4.6

Scorers: Adrian Boylan 4pts; Barry Connolly 4 pts; Eoin Nevin and Andy Madden 1 pt each.

Best for Maynooth: John O' Shea, Eoin Nevin, Barry Connolly, Adrian Boylan and Andy Madden.

MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

The Golf Society had its final outing of the year to the Ladyhill Course in Bodinstown Golf Club on Saturday October 12th 1991. We had another large attendance with 50 people playing. The weather conditions were ideal for golf and everyone who played thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I would like to thank Jim Downey and his catering staff for a really fabulous steak dinner. The following are the results of the competitions:

		Pts
1st Overall	B. Carty (28)	41
2nd Overall	T. Moore (17)	40
Class 1 1st	D. Roberts (11)	39 on back nine
2nd	N. O'Halloran (11)	39
3rd	M. Dempsey (14)	38
4th	L. Farrelly (13)	35
Class 2 1st	J. Duffin (15)	39
2nd	J. Murray (17)	36 on back six
3rd	J. Kelly (16)	36
4th	T. Murphy (18)	36
Class 3 1st	S. Tyrell (19)	37 on back nine
2nd	S. Tracey (21)	37
3rd	W. Moore (18)	31
4th	T. Flatley (22)	29 Front 9
	T. Mc Manamon	22 pts Back 9
	H. Kane	22 pts

Visitors:

1st	B. Nolan (19)	34
2nd	D. Dooley (18)	32

The final of the matchplay was also played on Saturday and it turned out to be a really good and enjoyable final which had to be decided on the 19th hole when John Duffin and John Byrne beat Jim Ryan and Terry Moore. So congratulations to the winners and runners-up.

The Golfer of the Year award was also decided on the same day when Noel Herterick scored 34 pts. to secure the title, so congratulations to Noel who played so consistently throughout the year. On behalf of the soccity I would like to thank our Captain Paddy Foy for a most enjoyable year, and to wish next years Captain Sean Tracey every success. I would also like to thank all of our sponsors who supported us so well again throughout the year. Finally, on behalf of everyone in the Golf Society I would like to take this opportunity to wish a very good friend of ours Tom Nolan a very speedy recovery from his recent illness. Tom is very much missed from the outings by all of us, and heres hoping to see you with us again very soon.

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Hon. Secretary.



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—Fr. Michael Seed in RTE Radio 1 (Gay Byrne show 10th October).

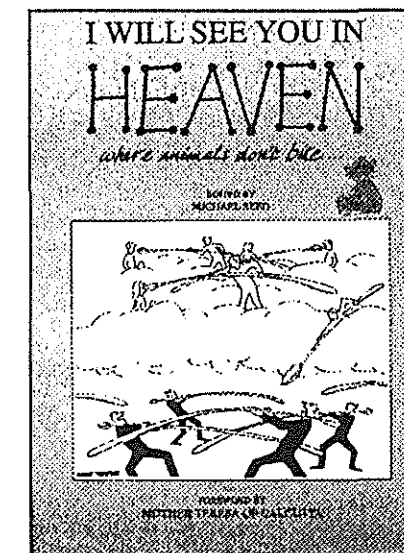
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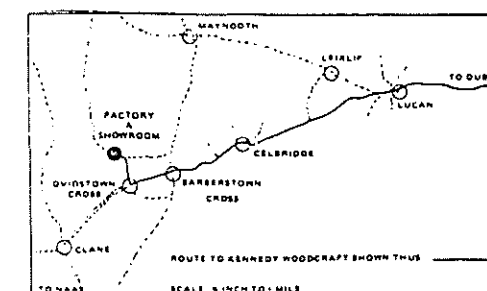
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MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

Premier Division.

Maynooth Town 1 Newbridge Town 2.
Maynooth conceded a one goal lead in this game which could have been won if chances had all been taken. Mark Shaw had his usual good game and received good support from Noel Byrne.

Leinster Junior Cup

Maynooth Town 2 Willow Pk. Rgs. 0.
Maynooth avenged last years defeat by convincingly beating their conquerors of last season. Fergal Barton scored a classic goal to open Maynooths account and Noel Byrne ensured our passage into the next round with our second goal. Noel Kearns and Fergal Barton were our heroes in this game.

F.A.I. Junior Cup

Maynooth Town 0 Carbury Utd. 6.
The absence of key players was a telling factor in this cup tie when we were easily beaten by a very fit and eager Carbury side. Few players raised their game above the average and subsequently paid the penalty.

Division 3 Private Grounds

Maynooth Town 1 Ballymun Boys 0.
A tough hard game was finally decided by a Noel Dempsey penalty. The previous good form of the Ballymun side made it difficult for them to accept defeat but at the end of the ninety minutes, honours rested where they were due. Barry Desmond was outstanding in goal for Maynooth and saved the best that Ballymun could offer.

Leinster Junior Shield.

Whitehall Celtic 5 Maynooth Town 3.
A below par performance by Maynooth in this first round shield game. Having conceded some early scores and trailing by 4 goals at half time Maynooth came more into the game in the second half, and three goals added a touch of respectability to the scoreline. Anthony Smith and Philip Doyle were Maynooths' best players.

Schoolboys U/11

Mount Merrion 1 Maynooth 0.
An early goal by the home side did not deter Maynooth who showed commendable spirit in overcoming continuous Mount Merrion pressure early in the game. But for an unfortunate own goal the Maynooth defence seemed capable of coping with anything Mount Merrion would produce. Excellent goalkeeping by Davitt O'Neill and sterling play by Colm Cahill were features of a heartening Maynooth performance.

U/13 League

Sandyford 0 Maynooth 4.
It took Maynooth some time to adapt to the blustery conditions where our defence took some time to settle. We eventually settled into our stride and goals by Eamon Gallagher (2), Eoin Guha (1) and Pearse Ryan sealed a victory which was hard earned despite the scoreline.

U/13 Schoolboys Liam Brady Cup

Marks Celtic 0 Maynooth Town 1.
Maynooth were made to fight hard for this close win in the Liam Brady Cup. Eoin Guha gave a mid-field performance which would have been a credit to the great player and present manager of Glasgow Celtic who is the donor of this cup.

Ten minutes before half-time, Eamon Gallagher connected with a cross into the Mark's Celtic penalty area and scored a great goal, which proved to be the decisive score.


Niall Naughton gave a five star performance in Maynooth's goal withstanding constant pressure from Marks Celtic, and thoroughly earned his Man of the Match accolade.

U/13 Schoolboys League.

Gallenstown Boys 0 Maynooth Town 3.
Maynooth gave another good performance and ran out deserving winners. Aidan O'Brien (1) and Eamon Gallagher (2) were Maynooths marksmen and were always capable of adding to their personal tallies. Darren Naughton and David Coughlan gave sound performances for Maynooth and were instrumental in achieving an easy win.

The club extends best wishes for the future to: Mark Shaw and his bride Ann, John Saults and his bride Louise, Ger Thompson and his bride Tina, on their recent weddings.

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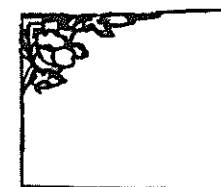


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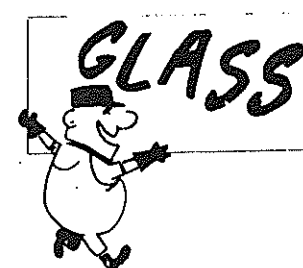


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MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

The cross-country season began this year with the first race meeting held on Sunday 29th September, in Leixlip. It was unfortunate that this meeting coincided with the Regional Mass for the Scouts, which left the Maynooth A.C. short of competitors. But this did not deter those who did take part and as usual they ran very convincing races, against tough opposition, bringing home an individual Gold Medal, individual Bronze Medals and a team Gold Medal. The results are as follows:-

Girls U/14 - Michelle Gillick (5th), Dervla McDermott (15th) and Laura Kearney (17th).

Boys U/12 - Declan O'Rourke (3rd, bronze medal), Connor Diggins (10th), and Karl Ennis (15th).

Girls U/12 - Irene Kearney (20th), Joy O'Neill (23rd), Brid Ann O'Shea (27th).

Boys U/10 - Patrick King (1st, Gold), Morgan Sweeney (3rd, Bronze), Patrick O'Rourke (5th), David Campbell (6th), Michael Costello (10th), Noel Healy (13th) and Pierre Ennis (14th).

Team Gold Medal was won by the first four above. (P. King, M. Sweeney, P. O'Rourke and D. Campbell).

Girls U/10 - Gillian O'Hurley (11th).

The Novice Ladies were not to be outdone and took the Team 2nd (silver medal). Their results are as follows:-

Frances Kearney (3rd), Margaret Gillick (4th), Noelle McTernan (6th) and Marie Gleeson (7th). Team medal going to the first three above.

Novice Men - David Jolley (4th).

Kilcock Race Meeting 6/10/91.

There was a good turnout from Maynooth A.C. for this second cross-country meeting of the season.

Once again the runners did their club very proud by bringing home individual Gold, Silver and Bronze medals as well as two Team Gold and Team Silver (Ladies).

The results are as follows:-

Girls U/9 - Gillian O'Hurley (10th).

Boys U/9 - Morgan Sweeney (2nd, Silver medal), Pierre Ennis (3rd, Bronze medal), Patrick King (4th), Daniel Adderley (7th), Jamie O'Neill (9th), Cillian Carr (11th), and Stephen Healy (12th).

1st Team (Gold Medal) to first four boys above.

Girls U/11 - Irene Kearney (21st) and Joy O'Neill (22nd).

Boys U/11 - Connor Diggins (1st, Gold Medal), Karl Ennis (5th), David Campbell (6th), Patrick King (8th), Michael Costello (16th), Padraig O'Sullivan (18th) and Noel Healy (24th).

1st Team (Gold Medal) to first four boys above.

Girls U/13 - Sarah Commane (7th), Michelle Gillick (13th), Susan Adderley (20th) and Laura Kearney (25th).

Girls U/15 - Patricia Purcell (1st, gold Medal), Emer O'Sullivan (8th) and Dervla McDermott (11th).

Ladies O/35 - Frances Kearney (2nd, Silver Medal).

Ladies O/45 - Margaret Gillick, (1st, Gold), Marie Gleeson (2nd, Silver). 2nd Team.

Men O/45 - David Jolley (5th).

Well done to all the children who took part and special praise to the Novice Ladies and Men, who not only have to train themselves, but also devote two nights per week to train the

children while continuing their committee work/fundraising to keep the club in existence.

Maynooth Athletic Club A.G.M.

The AGM of the above association took place on Thursday September 26th 1991. The meeting was chaired by Mick Gleeson who was very pleased with the attendance this year. After the reading and approving of the Chairman's report, Secretary's and Treasurer's reports elections for the new committee took place. The committee for the coming year.

1991/1992 is as follows:-

President - Paddy Lynch

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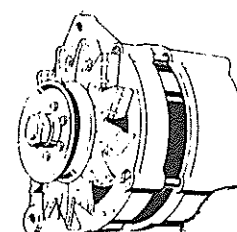
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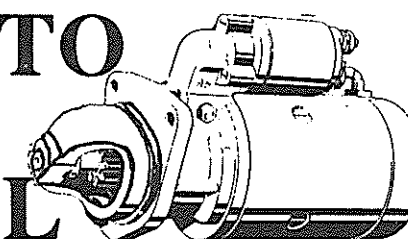


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Ar cheannach na bpáipéar dom, tháinig aibhreas orm an in Éirinn a thuirling mé. Pé brocamas a bhí le fáil ar na sráideanna, ba mheasa an cac a chlóg le gach leathnach díobh seo. Chailleamar an scannal uile! Leis an mearbhall i mo cheann ní fhéadfáinn bun ná barr a dhéanamh de. Trí seachtainí ina dhiaidh seo, tá meascán mearaí fós orm agus ar gach éinne eile ar m'aithne.

Ach cuireann se seo uilig faitíos, anba agus alltacht orm. Má's fíor a leath dá bhfuil á gcur ina leith, ba chóir go mbeadh reabhlóid sa tír seo. Leis an aigne chóilíneach feictear dúinn go fóill gur eachtrannaí nó de chine eile iad sin atá i gceannas. Nach ritheann sé linn gurbh iad ár gcomhsaoránaigh atá freagrach as an bhfeall?

Is linne an t-airgead atá á chur amú agus atá dá easpórtáil acu. Céad agus caoga bliain easpórtáilteadh bia agus bhásaigh na daoine den ghorta. Inniu, daoine óga, bláth na hintleachta agus airgead atá á sheoladh ón oileáinín bheag seo. An bhfuil todhchaí ar bith in ann dúinn seachas díon a chur ar an oileán agus é a dhíol leis an bPoncánach nó leis an Arabach is saibhre? D'fheadfaí *Machaire Gailf* a dhéanamh den tír agus é a dhíol leis na Seapáinigh. Tá deifir mí-nádúrtha orainn fáil réidh lenar n-oidhreacht dhúchasach. Déanamís in aonghníomh é. Díolaimís an t-ionlán. An bhfuil duine nó daoine a spreagfadh muinín, dóchas, ionracas agus meanma ionainn? Teimid ó lá go lá ag cur an dalla mullóg orainn féin go bhreabhsóidh sé. "Sure, tá sé ceart go leor nach bhfuil? Deanfaidh se cúis." Ach ní dhéanfaidh.

An toradh ba mheasa ar an truíllú forleathan seo ná go gcothaíonn sé an chinnteacht i measc an phobail nach féidir teacht i dtír gan chamailéireacht agus b'féidir gur fíor é. Cruthaítear don phobal gurbh fhíor a dtuairim siniciúil go bhfuil lucht gnó agus poilitoírí uile na tíre lofa go feic. An peaca is mó ná go mbearfar ort. Is fíor mí-shláintiúil an staid intinne ar a mairimid.

Mar bharr ar an donas bhí orm trí seachtainí a chaitheamh ag obair sa smúit tógála nach cóir do mhac léinn ná tuismitheoir ná oibrí ar bith a ghlacadh leis. Síleáil strach, urlár réabtha, seomraí gan críochnú. Táimid ag feidhmiú faoi bhrat deannaigh, gan leithreas, gan fáil ar chaifé ná tae agus fuaimeanna toirmiúla na n-uirlisí tógála. Ní fiú gearán. Níl an meanma ionamsa ach oiread.

Níl de leigheas ar ach an gheimhreadh a chaitheamh sa leaba. Eireoidh mé arís i mí Bealtaine nuair atá solas an lae ar fáil maidin agus trathnóna agus ardaíonn an lagar intinne. Is cuma liom má thiteann an teach sa mullach orm - trí seachtainí éalaithe an bhliain seo chugainn.

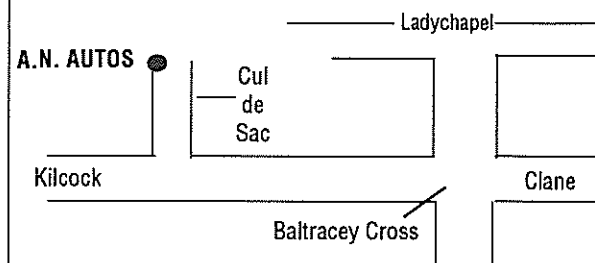
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The brothers and sisters of the late Christopher Nolan, Scotland, (formerly Maynooth) wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, those who sent mass cards and messages of sympathy and especially thanks to Fr Peter Dowling who celebrated the funeral mass in Scotland. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for their intentions.

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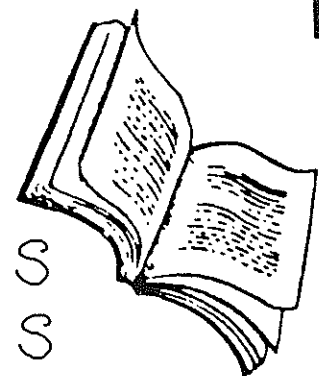
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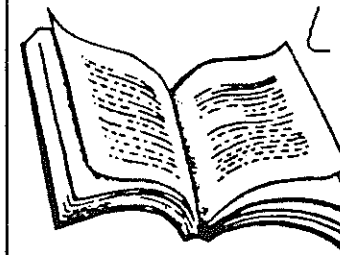
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Happy Birthday to the following people from Maynooth Community Council Office Staff:
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Best wishes to Mrs Saults on her birthday on the 1st of November from her family and friends.

Happy Belated Birthday greetings to Paddy; love Helena, James, Michael Thomas and Nicola.

Happy Birthday to Helena and James, Michael, Thomas. Love from Mam and Dad.

Happy Birthday to Orla who celebrates her birthday on 2nd November. From Helena Muldoon.

Birthday Greetings to Richard McGovern, 833 Greenfield, 10 years old on November 14th. Love and Kisses from Mammy, Daddy, brother Thomas, Nannie Donovan and all at 739 XXX.

Happy 6th Birthday to Debbie McGovern 820, Greenfield, November 27th. Love and kisses from Mammy, Daddy, sisters Karina, Stacey, Michelle and Regina; also from Nannie Flynn in Kilcloone XXX.

Belated birthday greetings to Ann Gartland from the C.I.C.

Happy birthday to Kay Mc Keogh on November 3rd from Rusty, Primrose and Fluff.

Happy Birthday to Catherine Fay, Leinster Cottages, Maynooth, who celebrates her birthday on November 1st. From her husband Sean, family, Edel and Susan.

Birthday greetings to Mrs Brigid O' Neill, Greenfield who celebrated her 86th birthday on October 14th. Best wishes from sons Tom, Sean and Ger. Also from Una and Kitty Dunne and your neighbours and many friends.

Happy birthday to David Mc Ternan, Highfield, Kilcock, who is 13 on October 19th.

Happy birthday to Tom Nolan who celebrates his birthday on October 4th.

Best wishes to Josie Murphy, Leinster Cottages, who celebrated his 81st birthday on October 10th, from your many friends in Maynooth.

Birthday greetings to Aishling on her 11th birthday. From your sister Regina and brother Alexander.

Happy birthday to Eimear Crehan who celebrates her birthday on the 14th of November. Hope you have a great day; from all your sisters, brothers, mum, dad and friends.

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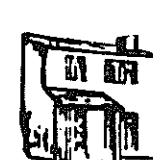
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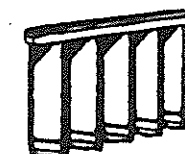
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Also to Catherine who passed her 1st Year Exams. Congratulations to Ann Keogh, Deirdre Dalton and Sinead Callanan who received their B.A. (Hons) Degrees. From Mick and Marie Dempsey.

Congratulations and many best wishes to Martina Fitzpatrick, Maynooth Park and Gerard Thompson, Greenfield, on their Wedding on October 4th. It was a very enjoyable day. Best of luck from all their friends in Maynooth.

Congratulations to Sean Nyland, Greenfield, Maynooth, and Ann Gannon, Celbridge, who were married in St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge, on Thursday 26th September. Celebrant Very Rev. Fr. Paul Ward. Bridesmaids Mary Gannon and Patricia Nyland. Bestman Dominic Nyland, Groomsman Donal Gallagher. Reception held in Setanta Hotel. Honeymoon spent in Galway.

Congratulations to Fr. Richard Flanagan S.V.D. Maynooth, who was ordained to the priesthood on September 9th in Danamon Castle, Co. Roscommon. Richard is a native of Birr, Co. Offaly. Best wishes to Fr. Richard from Liam and Margaret Bean and family, also all his many friends. Fr. Richard will be leaving for the Foreign Missions after Christmas. Wishing him health and happiness in his new appointment.

Congratulations and all our best wishes for the future to Ann Kearney, Walkinstown and Tom Travers, Maynooth on their recent marriage on the 26th October in Greenhills, Dublin. Reception in Setanta House, Celbridge. Thank you for a lovely day and evening. Love from family and friends.

Congratulations to Martina Fitzpatrick, Maynooth Park, and Gerard Thompson, Greenfield, who were married in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth on Friday October 4th. Celebrant, Fr. Cogan C.C.; Bridesmaids, Geraldine Fitzpatrick, Bernadette Fitzpatrick and Catherine Fitzpatrick; Flowergirl, Cathriona Reilly; Bestman, David Thompson; Groomsman, Johnny Thompson and Noel Dempsey; Vocalist, Colette Dunning. Reception Setanta Hotel, Celbridge.

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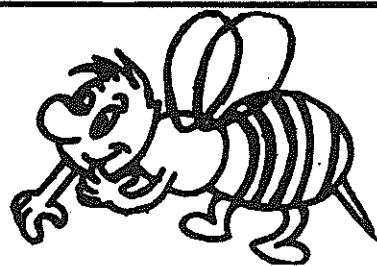
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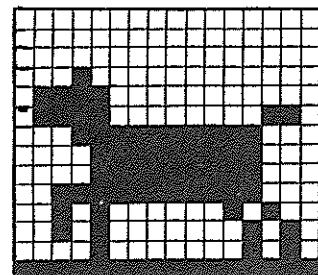
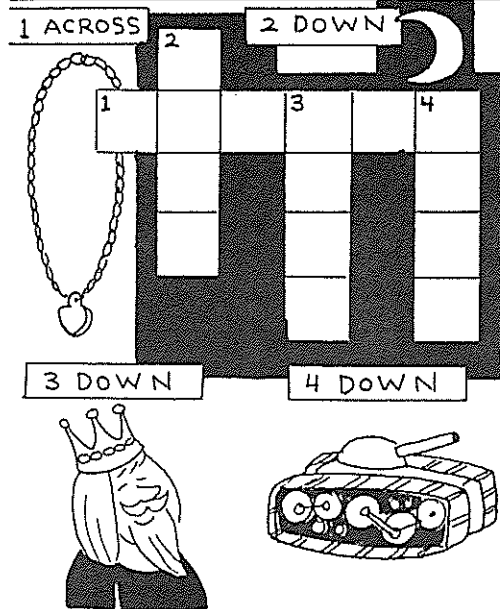
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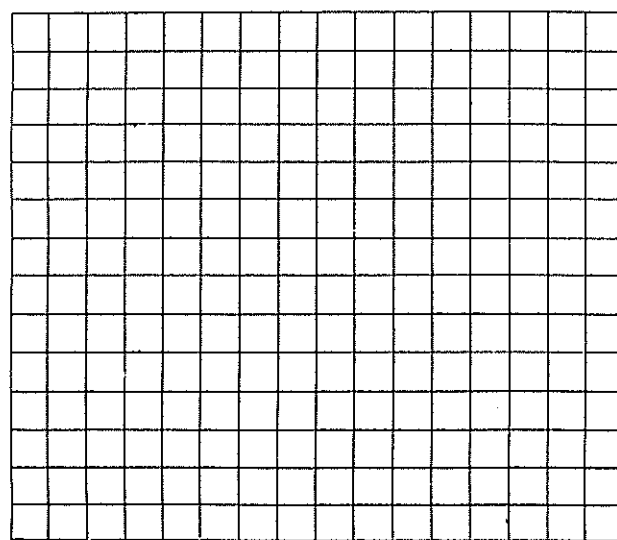
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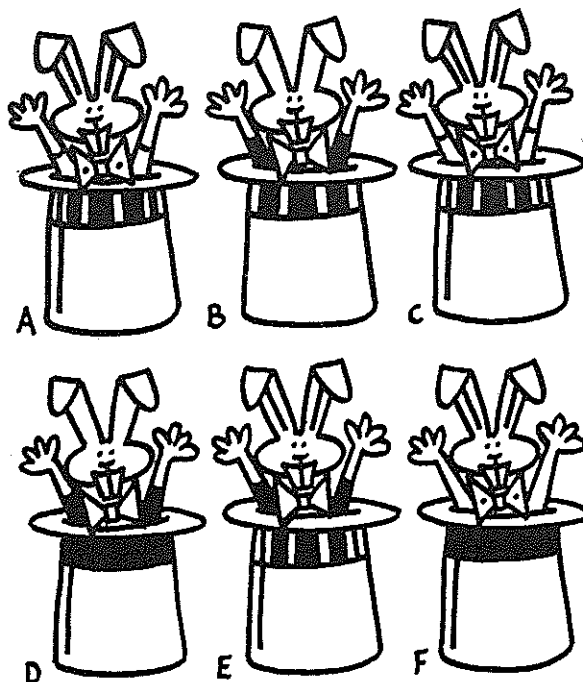


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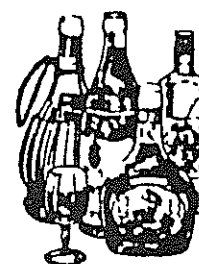
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Sympathy to Mrs Kathleen Landy, nee Keely, Listowel, formerly Main St., Maynooth on the death of her husband Benny. Also to her daughter, son, sister, relatives and friends.

Sympathy to the Nolan family, Jim, Tom, Michael, Billie, Jack, Mrs Prendergast, Mrs Conroy on the death of their brother Christopher (Kit) in Scotland.

Sympathy to the wife, son and daughter of the late Benny Landy, Listowel, Co. Kerry. Benny was formerly from Dunleer, Co. Louth. Benny's wife was formerly Kathleen Keely from Main St., Maynooth.

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In an article in last months *Newsletter* 'Jimmy's heart is in the right place' it was pointed out that we failed to include the fact that Jimmy is the son of Jimmy and Bridie Mee, Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

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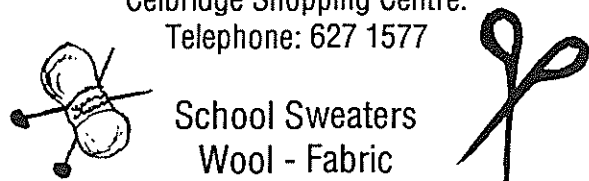
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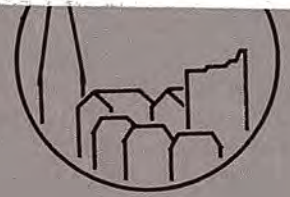
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Editorial

Gunfight at the Eldorado

As an exchange of letters to the editor, and reports from the Greenfield Residents' Association in this issue show, the verbal equivalent of a gunfight at the Eldorado has broken out. The issues are simple. The Eldorado which is located in the shopping centre in Greenfield estate wishes to stay open until 1.30 am, the County Council has refused permission, some, but clearly not all, residents of Greenfield are objecting to extension of trading hours, and accusations are flying about; democracy, abuses of democracy, demolition of livelihoods, character assassination and so on. The residents who object say that extended hours attract undesirable crowds, those who want extended hours point to the convenience of being able to buy cigarettes or milk, or even fish and chips after midnight. The Newsletter recognises each side has a point. Is it possible that instead of the acrimony which has broken out, some compromise could be worked out. If undesirable noisy crowds are loitering outside the Eldorado, they are presumably doing so even if the existing trading hours, which we understand go to 12.30 am. If this is so, these people are breaking the law by causing a nuisance. A few visits from the Gardai would soon eliminate this problem.

Drinking and Driving

Readers will have been appalled at the recent spate of fatal road accidents which have occurred in the vicinity of Maynooth. We are now entering the drinking season, which has in the past been characterised by carnage on the roads. The Newsletter reminds readers that the combination of drink, high spirits, lousy roads, bad lighting, and uncertain weather is potentially lethal. The recent extension of taxis to the Maynooth area may prove a lifesaver for many. Use public transport, or taxis, and get yourself, and others home for Christmas.

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The Mucky Road to Straffan

The Newsletter has been dismayed at the condition in which the company responsible for digging up half of Maynooth for the new drainage system has left the roads and verges. The amount of mud which has been left on the Straffan Road for the last few weeks constitutes a danger to cars and pedestrians. Hopefully the company will repair all the walls and pillars which it has demolished in the course of its work. Presumably, also, they are waiting for the rain and snow to wash the muck away.

Cobweb

The Editor has been asked specially to urge readers to buy the most recent edition of 'Cobweb' which should now be in a shop near you. The main reason is that half of the Editorial Board are responsible for producing this dynamic magazine which contains the work of up and coming poets and writers. And good value for 50 pence, we are told.

Happy Christmas

The Newsletter wishes all readers a safe and Happy Christmas. We take this opportunity to thank all in the community who have helped us in any way, by diligent submission of reports on their organisation's activities, providing photographs, buying the Newsletter, placing advertisements. In particular, we urge Maynooth residents to support our advertisers, by buying local, and keeping the Maynooth economy going.

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Dear Editor,

May I avail of this opportunity to say a sincere thank you to all the people of Maynooth for their support and expressions of good will to me, on my recent trip to Bangkok, representing Ireland, together with Jason Watson, at the World Amateur championship.

It was a great personal honour to represent my country, and in particular Maynooth, at such an international event.

To those people who assisted me financially in this venture, and whom I know wish to remain anonymous, I shall always be grateful.

To Maynooth Community council, and sponsors, for hosting a splendid reception on my behalf, and for making a beautiful presentation to me on behalf of the people of Maynooth, I say a big thank you.

Finally to all my friends and supporters, I always hope to be a good ambassador on behalf of Maynooth, wherever I go.

Joe Canny (Junior)

Dear Editor,

I wish to protest at the treatment of Mr. Michael Jennings of El Dorado Take Away in Greenfield Shopping Centre, by the Greenfield Residents' Association. I regard the actions of the Association as being extremely unjust and call upon them to cease. I wonder if the residents in the area realise what is being perpetuated in their name.

E. Donovan

Dear Editor,

Further to my recent letter regarding Greenfield Residents Association and Mr. Michael Jennings I wish to state the following.

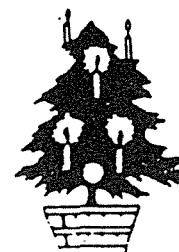
After the issues involved were brought to the attention of the residents in the area by the other traders in the centre, a public meeting was held. The manner in which Michael Jennings runs his business was run down, the problems caused by his business were expounded, he was called a liar, but was he invited along to defend himself or to present his side of the story? No Way! The objections to Mr Jennings don't stand up too well under the harsh light of day either. Neither did all the residents in the area receive a notification of the meeting. Was the meeting constitutional? Was there a proper quorum for any resolutions passed? The stench of injustice pervades more strongly than ever.

E. Donovan

Dear Editor,

I wish to bring to your readers' attention the issue of Greenfields' Residents' Association and their stance against Mr Jennings and his application for longer opening hours for his fast food chip shop, 'El Dorado'. At a meeting on the 12th of November to discuss the issue the committee of the Residents' Association were not only rude to those who aired views against their opinions, they flaunted democracy by refusing to allow Mr Jennings to attend the meeting and give his side so to speak. They refused to give any other reason for this ban except that it was in the rules. When I asked what rule said Mr. Jennings could not attend I was told I was out of order and refused an opportunity to speak again. Others at the meeting were also treated with the same disrespect. I find it hard to comprehend that a so called

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democratic group could have acted in such a way. Many people who turned up and spoke, at the invitation of the flyer sent around, were refused a vote as they were not paid up members. This had not been stated on the flyer. What was the point, many asked, to go and speak in an issue they had no say in. Others felt the committee was a clique and although I have not spent long in Maynooth I did find the whole meeting very strange to say the least.

I also find it astonishing that Mr John Mc Ginley, a member of the Labour Party, did not stand up for the rights of the worker i.e. Mr Jennings.

There are some valid arguments against extended hours. However the path the resident association is taking is one of total non-compromise and disregard of the wider issues. I could go on at length about the need for services in Maynooth and the rights of workers but feel it is a futile argument in light of the decision made by the Residents' Association to support the objection to the extended hours. I feel saddened as a student representative and resident of Maynooth at that decision.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Carey,
Womens Officer,
Maynooth Students Union.

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Traffic congestion in Maynooth has now reached crisis proportions. Getting through Maynooth is a nightmare for both locals and through traffic. Long tailbacks on all roads is the order of the day. The by-pass should solve a lot of the problems, but its completion is too far off.

It is the view of Maynooth Community Council that the following proposals should be implemented by Kildare County Council without delay:

1) Eliminate parking by putting double yellow lines in the following areas:

- (a) Kiernans Shop - to allow buses to pull in without disrupting traffic flow.
- (b) Bradys/Caulfields - to allow buses to pull in without disrupting traffic flow.
- (c) Bank of Ireland - to allow traffic from Straffan Road to turn down Main Street more easily.
- (d) Hanah Floods - to allow traffic from Straffan Road to turn down Main Street more easily.
- (e) Gerry Bradys/Roost - to allow articulated trucks to take the turn at lower Main St. with ease.
- (f) Patricks/Barrys - to allow articulated trucks to take the turn at lower Main St. with ease.
- (g) KevinMc Namaras/ - to allow traffic from Newtown/ College to Newtown Road turn left to Kilcock more easily.
- (h) O' Neills Butchers/ - to avoid Dublin bound traffic being held up by Hula Bou traffic turning right up Straffan Road.

2) Installation of Traffic Lights

- (a) Newtown Road/Main Street junction - Long overdue
 - (b) Straffan Road/Main Street junction - with lights at Bank of Ireland, Main St. and Bradys, Main St.
- The lights at (a) and (b) should be synchronised and include a pedestrian element.

3) Straffan Road/Square

Remove the public toilet building to give increased road space and increased parking facilities.

It is felt that a one-way system in the square would not improve matters.

4) Dunboyne Traffic

The Convent Road is not suitable for the heavy North bound traffic that it is presently taking. As a priority the Dunboyne Road at Carton should be widened by filling in the drain and making it suitable for the heavy North bound traffic. The filling of this drain would also stop the indiscriminate dumping which has turned the area into an eyesore.

5) Kilcock Road

Proper signposting of the College Arts Block and Library is urgently required in order to avoid a serious accident.

6) Kavanaghs Mill

The owners should be asked to re-design their system of loading lorries in order to remove the major disruption to traffic that this now causes.

7) Pound Lane

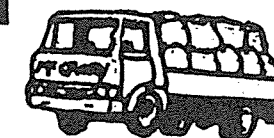
Drivers are continuing to use this road as an escape route despite the 'no entry' sign. This could be overcome somewhat if a continuous white line was painted across the entrance with 'No Entry' written on the road.

It is our view that if these proposals are adopted by Kildare County Council the traffic flow in Maynooth will be improved significantly and make life easier for all of us.

John Mc Ginley,
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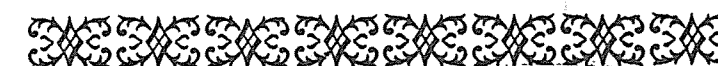
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We were delighted to receive this contribution as our coffers were considerably depleted having purchased from funds raised last year, 3 computers plus software and tape recorders.

We are delighted to get an unexpected boost like this at the beginning of the year as we are hoping to raise funds this year for P.E. equipment, Infant equipment and Educational Games. Many thanks again to the Greenfield Traders.

*Bridie Furlong,
P.R.O.*



Mick Jennings, proprietor, El Dorado take-away, presents a cheque for £200 on behalf of Greenfield Traders to Noreen Curran and Deirdre Cusker, members of the Fund Raising Committee of the Boys National School.

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We thank those residents who contacted us in relation to the Tidy Areas/Estates, Best Shop Fronts Competition Results - judges remarks printed in last months *Newsletter*.

As previously explained the judging is totally independent of the Tidy Towns Committee.

Our Prize Giving Ceremony will be held during our annual Table Quiz in December - date and venue to be arranged.

Finally, may we wish our committee members, helpers and readers of the *Newsletter* a Happy Christmas.

P.S. Don't forget to save bottles and cans for re-cycling.

*R. Farrell,
P.R.O.*

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Question: I am acting as executor of my late father's will. As he was in receipt of a Non-Contributory Old Age Pension when he died, I have been told this places an onus on me in relation to the Department of Social Welfare. Can you clarify what my responsibility is in this respect?

Answer: Under the Social Welfare (Consolidation) Act of 1981 (Section 174, paragraph 3) the personal representative of a person who was at any time receiving a Non-Contributory Pension from the Department of Social Welfare must inform the Department in writing of the assets to be distributed at least three months before the distribution commences. The executor/personal representative is held personally responsible for any sums found to be due to the Department, where the above notification is not given.

For the average person, acting as executor/administrator is the exception rather than the rule. The significance of the above requirement is of special importance to the lay person acting as personal representative and making personal application to the Probate Office, rather than engaging a solicitor. They must satisfy themselves as to whether the deceased had ever received a Non-Contributory Old Age Pension and in the event that they had must give the required notification to the Dept. of Social Welfare.

News Update

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

The following is a breakdown of all our queries from June to October:

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Events planned for December

(1) Flower arranging demonstration by Felicity Satchwell on Thursday 12th December at 8.00 pm sharp in aid of St. Mary's Restoration Fund. The venue is the Hall beside St. Peter's Church in Dunboyne and admission is £4. Come and get some tips to improve your arrangements for Christmas.

(2) Cake Sale (including mincepies, puddings, jams, chutneys) to be held in the I.C.A. Hall on Saturday 14th December 12 noon - 4 pm.

(3) Christmas Carols Service in St. Mary's, Maynooth on Sunday 22nd December at 4.00pm. Maynooth Folk Group has kindly agreed to participate at this service and everybody in the community is welcome to attend, children and adults alike. The service will be followed by mince pies and refreshments for everybody. The collection will be in aid of the Restoration Fund - hope to see you all there!

CREDIT UNION NOTES

Those who visit our offices will certainly have noticed the building which is in progress at the moment. The premises are being extended considerably. We would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused to members while this building is going on.

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4th November	Conor Linehan and Danny Sheridan <i>Jazz Piano Duo</i>
11th November	Patricia Treacy, violin Anthony Byrne, piano
18th November	Thomas Lawrence, guitar
25th November	Aylish Kerrigan, mezzo soprano Anne-Marie O' Farrell, harp
2nd December	Donal Hennessy, piano
9th December	National Chamber Choir * (Director Colin Mawby) with string ensemble and John O' Keefe, organ, in Mozart's Missa Brevis, K.194 etc.
16th December	Haenjo plus Rice

Other Events

Sunday 15th Dec. 4.00 pm	John O' Keefe performs Messiaen's <i>La Nativite du Seigneur</i> , with interludes by the College Chapel Choir and College Chamber Choir *
Wed. 18th Dec.	Annual Carol Service with the College Choirs, Brass Ensemble, Timpani and Organ *

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MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

The big news for this month is our Gala Christmas Demonstration by Marcella Campbell. Marcella, a very entertaining demonstrator and speaker, has featured on the *Gerry Daly Show* and also on the BBC, talking about and displaying her garden. The theme, of course, will be a Christmas one and, all in all, this should be a most enjoyable night.

Also on that night we will have a Bring and Buy Sale in aid of Muscular Dystrophy, an hereditary and degenerative disease. We appeal to our members to give and spend generously and also we would be delighted to receive any donations for this very worthy cause.

Our Christmas Sales Table should prove to be very worthwhile, looking into, with plenty of new Christmas material.

Our Christmas meeting will be held in the SVD Hall on Tuesday, December 10th. We urge you to arrive early to secure a spot and to enable us to start at 8.00pm.

May we take this opportunity to wish all our members a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

R. Smyth,
PRO.

GRANGEWILLIAM CEMETERY RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Members of the above Committee are working on a scheme to restore Grangewilliam Cemetery and would invite anyone interested to come forward to offer their help and suggestions to make this a successful venture.

The next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall (Maynooth) on Monday 2nd December 1991, at 8.30 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

For further information contact:

Peter Nevin, Secretary - phone: 6285179
Kathleen Murphy - phone: 6286399

IRISH GUIDE DOGS ASSOCIATION

Mobility for the Blind

A branch of the above association has been formed to cover Maynooth and surrounding areas. We would like to thank the Carey Family for the use of the Meeting Room and also the local clubs who attended including the Gun Club. The ever ready to help Community Council have offered all the help they can give next Spring, when Maynooth will have its Dog Walk in conjunction with National Dog Walk Day. Our next meeting will be well advertised and all are very welcome. Age group is nine to 99 or over. All ideas will be listened to to make our branch one of the best.

A peaceful and Happy Christmas and New Year to all.

H. Dunne

MAYNOOTH I.C.A.

The monthly meeting of the Maynooth I.C.A. was held on Thursday 7th November 1991, at 8.00pm. There was a large attendance and Mary O'Gorman presided and welcomed everyone.

There was a report on the trip to Strasbourg. The ladies had a wonderful time and made some of us wish we had been able to go along.

The winners of the monthly competition for the "Oldest Newspaper" were as follows:

- 1st Bernadette Duffy
- 2nd Mary Flynn
- 3rd Helen Finn

The raffle winners were as follows:

- 1st Una Smith
- 2nd Imelda Delaney
- 3rd Betty Moore

This was to be our Ecumenical Service for deceased members. Unfortunately Rev. Williamson was unable to attend and Rev. Fr. Supple said some suitable prayers for the occasion. Next month's meeting will take place on Thursday 5th December. The competition for this meeting will be a "Plain Christmas Cracker". Hoping to see a large number of entries. There is a Crafts Display in the Library at the moment. There is Crafts every Monday night and at the moment the ladies are making some lovely toys. Badminton takes place every Tuesday and Thursday morning in the Parish Hall. We will be happy to welcome new members or indeed to see some past members again.

Taking this opportunity to wish each and everyone a Happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

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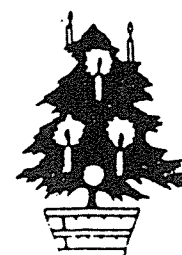
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The Food Appeal takes place on the weekend of 19th/20th/21st December, so please give generously to our members outside Quinns in Maynooth. The proceeds of the food appeal go to the hungry in our area.

The club brought 100 or so children from the area to Fossetts Circus at Whitehall on Thursday 31st October. Over half of the group of children were from St. Raphael's in Celbridge.

An auction is taking place on **Friday 13th December** to raise money for local charities and to support the Old Folks Coal Fund in St. Raphael's, Celbridge starting at 8.00 pm. So please come along.

Finally we are at the latter stages of the Peace Poster Competition and I hope to have results for the next *Newsletter*.



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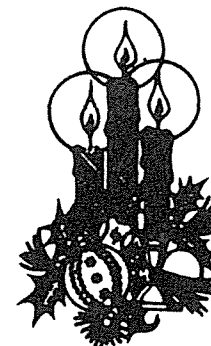
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At the moment on view in the library is a beautiful exhibition mounted by the I.C.A., including some exquisite pieces of knitwear, crochet, quilting, embroidery, smocking and, wait for it - a doll who changes from rags to riches. This exhibition runs from 11th November - 6th December.

We hope to introduce a series of talks in the new year, on subjects of general interest such as health and beauty. All talks will be free and everyone is welcome. Watch this space for details.

Something else which I know our younger borrowers will love is a new Dolls House, in the Juvenile Section of the library. The furniture from the old dolls house is too small, so does any grown-up person out there have some chunky dolls house furniture that isn't needed anymore? Or would anyone be kind enough to make a few pieces?

I'll conclude by wishing all our borrowers and browsers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Margaret Walshe Gannon

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP

Christmas Raffle

Our Christmas Raffle will take place as usual this year. As with previous raffles, excellent prizes are on offer, and tickets are available from any committee member or at the "Roost".

Fashion Show/Miss Royal Canal

Since the Newsletter copydate precedes the date of the Fashion Show we can only wish all 23 contestants well in the competition. A full report will feature in the next issue.

Christmas and the Royal Canal

With the advent of Christmas, local pubs and clubs will be the venue for many parties. People returning from such parties may be inclined to take short cuts along, across, or adjacent to the Canal. In this regard we would ask that people exercise the utmost care while in the vicinity of the Canal. At this time of the year the banks and paths can be slippery and we don't want to be meeting neighbours and friends "By Accident".

Thank You

The Chairman and committee would like to thank the people of Maynooth and environs for their continued support throughout 1991 and wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gerry Fitzpatrick,
P.R.O.

ST. MARY'S BAND BULLETIN

On writing, the Band are preparing for a Race Night to try and make the final payment, approximately £3,000, for our new uniform which we hope will be completed by Christmas. We take this opportunity to thank all who have sponsored races and horses. A special thank you is addressed to the parents of band members who organised this Race Night.

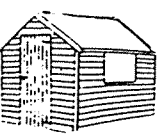
The Band are holding a house concert on 16th December and all are welcome to attend this Christmas Celebration with the junior and senior band.

We are looking forward to spending some of those cold, frosty, festive evenings playing Christmas Carols around the town and hope to meet everyone on our travels.

We wish all a Merry Christmas and every good wish for the New Year, and don't forget the Band will be in the Town as usual to ring in the New Year.


Note: There are positions available for anyone who wishes to play drums. If you are interested please call to the bandroom on Mondays or Thursdays during the month of December from 8.30 pm to 10.00 pm. Classes will commence in January.

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Kildare Person of the Year Award



Pat Kenny chats with Kathleen O'Leary at the Kildare Person of the Year function.



Norah McDermott and Pat Kenny at the Kildare Person of the Year function.

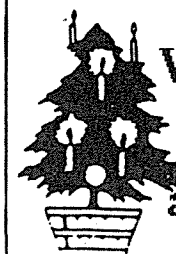


Local Nominees and Community Award Winners in the Kildare Person of the Year Awards - Norah McDermott and Kathleen O'Leary.

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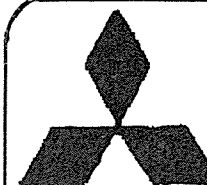


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Features

SUCCESSFUL BANGKOK TRIP FOR YOUNG SNOOKER STARS

Trip of Irish Snooker Representatives Joe Canny (Maynooth) and Jason Watson (Wicklow) to the World Championships in Bangkok.

The recent trip of the Irish representatives, local boy, Joe Canny and Wicklow's Jason Watson generated great interest and excitement. Radio and local and national press kept us fully up to date daily with the progress of the Irish pair.

National Level

To qualify to represent Ireland both players came through the gruelling Irish National Circuit which consists of 9 national ranking tournaments involving the top players in the country and culminating in the Irish National Championship in May each year. At the conclusion of last season Jason Watson finished the year on 39 points and 78 merits; Joe Canny in the National Campaign, totalled 38 points and 78 merits - just one point separated those arch rivals. In the final competition of the year, the National Championship, both again clashed in the decider from an original entry of over 500 players who started out. After a magnificent final, which was held at the Regency Hotel, Dublin, Watson came out on top by 8 frames to 5 and so took No. 1 spot in the national rankings with Joe Canny ranking No. 2. Thus on merit both players moved on to represent Ireland in the World championships.

On to the World

The original entry for the World Championships was 12,000. Joe was in a group with representatives from 8 other countries - Wales, Iceland, France, Germany, Malta, Thailand, Austria, Fiji. Joe had the honour of opening the championships in his first game against Austria, which he won comfortably 4 frames to 1. (This match was televised live). He continued his excellent and consistent form to come out eventually on top of this group of countries, which included 2 seeded players who had previously competed in those championships. In those eight days of intense competition, Joe had the honour of having the highest breaks on two separate days (a 127 clearance and a break of 110), for which he was presented with two gold chains.

Knock Out Stage

Now Joe was through to the last 16 in the World; at this knock-out stage of the competition he met and decisively defeated Bruce Anderson of New Zealand by 5 frames to 2. Joe's next opponent was No. 2 World Seed and current Asian Champion, Chuchat of Thailand (the local hero). This game, which was televised live, turned out to be titanic battle.

Joe started impressively with breaks of 75, 67 and 82 to go into a 3 nil lead; then the local began to climb back and took the next 3 frames to level the game. The huge local following loved it and cheered on their favourite. However Canny's real bottle and nerve came to the fore when his back was to the wall, and he captured the final 2 frames to win 5 frames to 3.

Now through to the Semi-Final, Joe's next opponent was Dominick Dale of Wales, a seeded player of vast experience. In the opening session Dale potted everything and raced into a 5 frames to 2 interval lead. Joe however was not to be outscored and he staged a magnificent come-back to pull the match back to 7 frames to 6. He was ahead in the 14th frame

when he allowed Dale back to the table and the Welsh man took this vital frame to win 8 frames to 6.

Joe was very pleased with his performance; his partner Jason Watson also performed creditably in reaching the Semi final stage of this International competition. For their superlative performance both Irish players have qualified for an International Snooker competition of one week's duration in Peking, China, in March 1992.

Behind the Scenes

In conclusion the success of this major international event would not be possible without the backroom assistance associated with it; for this the Irish delegate accompanying the two players, Donal O' Sullivan, (Celbridge), deserves a special mention; he was the man who made all the pre-travel arrangements including gathering finance and attracting sponsorship etc.; for this Donal's efforts command special mention. His tireless and consistent organisational campaign in advance of the long journey to Bangkok assured that the players were fully ready and in the right frame of mind to give of their best.

Thanks

A very special word of thanks and appreciation to the Maynooth Community Council for the wonderful reception that they hosted for Joe on his return. The Snooker Association of Ireland express their profound thanks for this gesture, as does the Canny family and also Donal O' Sullivan. Finally to all those people and businesses from Maynooth who were associated with Joe's trip through both contributions and messages of good will, the National Association of Snooker express their gratitude to all.



John McGinley, Chairperson of Maynooth Community Council, makes a presentation to Joe Canny

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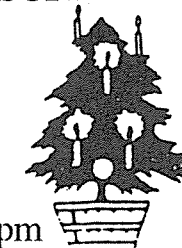
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2. This Christmas sexual harassment at the office party is out. The Judge Thomas case has brought the whole thing out in the open to such an extent that an unsolicited pinch on the bum is likely to be met with an unsolicited punch on the jaw. So girls, keep your hands to yourselves or suffer the consequences.
3. Avoid relations - of the family kind. Mental breakdowns reach a peak at Christmas time and it all has to do with being cooped up in the house with snobby sister-in-law, boring uncles and armies of marauding kids intent on replaying Desert Storm in the front room. They'll drink your whiskey and smoke your cigars and sometimes the adults are even worse.
4. Drinking and driving is not funny so use public transport. And getting the old train out from Connolly can lead to all sorts of adventures. Like last Christmas Eve after the office party I caught the Sligo train at 6.30, settled down for a little snooze and woke up at 9.35 in Collooney. Luckily I was able to hitch a ride back to Maynooth with Santa Claus on his sleigh and arrived home at 5.30 am on Christmas morning. At least that's my story and I'm sticking to it.
5. Remove some vital component from the TV very early on Christmas morning. This is guaranteed to give you a few day's relative peace and you won't have to watch "Murder on the Orient Express" for the eighth time, "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" for the seventeenth time and RTE's Christmas Special for the first time. This year it is rumoured to feature Hal Roach and Daniel O' Donnell though there may be some comedians and singers performing as well.
6. In the quiet days after Christmas take some long walks. Around Maynooth there are some seldom trodden paths which are well worth exploring - Kingsbry to the pub, Cluain Aoibhinn to the pub, Greenfields to the pub, Moyglare Village to the pub, Railpark to the pub . . .
7. Socks for men, silky black underwear for women. Anyway, I always find it useful to have a simple list when going Christmas shopping. That way you avoid confusion and you can buy all you presents in one or two shops. Make sure to label your presents clearly. Unfortunately, last year some slight confusion arose in the distribution of my presents and Uncle Jim hasn't been the same man since.
8. Three days before Christmas carefully assemble all your credit cards, Banklink cards, Pass cards etc. and systematically cut them up into little pieces. That way you will have an interesting jigsaw to play with over Christmas and, as a bonus, you'll save yourself from going bankrupt.
9. Don't presume you should be having a good time. That's not what Christmas is all about. But in the old days people made their own entertainment at Christmas. Sitting around the cosy turf fire they played cards, told stories and bored each other to death. Of an evening they would sit around the

wireless and as a special treat on Christmas night they might even turn it on . . .

10. Finally, and most important, some special advice if you happen to meet Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. First of all, do not offer him a bottle of stout and a mince pie. By the time he gets to Maynooth he will be completely flustered and is likely to have eaten several thousand mince pies. He may, however, accept a glass of Andrew's Liver Salts. This year there have been strong rumours that Santa may retire and indeed a few weeks ago he survived a 'no-confidence' vote in Toyland at the North Pole when 22 very bold elves voted against him. All that is behind him now but it still might be best not to mention the word 'retirement'.

Have a good one!

PROTEST AT PLANNING VERMIN

On the 23rd October 1991 I went over to the College Gates to investigate the protest which was being mounted by Mrs Darlington, Ballymakeley Upper, Celbridge, who was surrounded by placards, some of which read as follows: *Kildare County Council making their rich pals richer by imposing restraints on poor people's property; Get rid of planning vermin so the poor can get their rights; After 500 years we are not "Locals" so we don't get planning permission from Kildare Co. Council.*

People coming out through the College Gates, presumably students, were stopping to ask her if she wanted signatures and some stopped to give a sympathetic ear to her story. When I eventually got her attention she told me that her husband Joseph Darlington sought planning permission from Kildare County Council four and a half years ago, for a 1 1/2 acre site which they wished to sell. The County Council refused and put a "stranglehold" on the property, thereby confining the sale to anyone other than a person sanctioned by them. They said they refused planning permission because it would be a traffic hazard. They told her she must sell to a "local" only.

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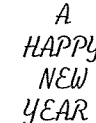
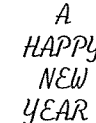
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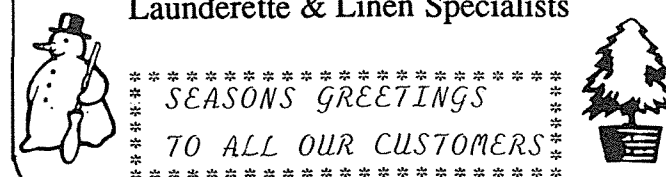
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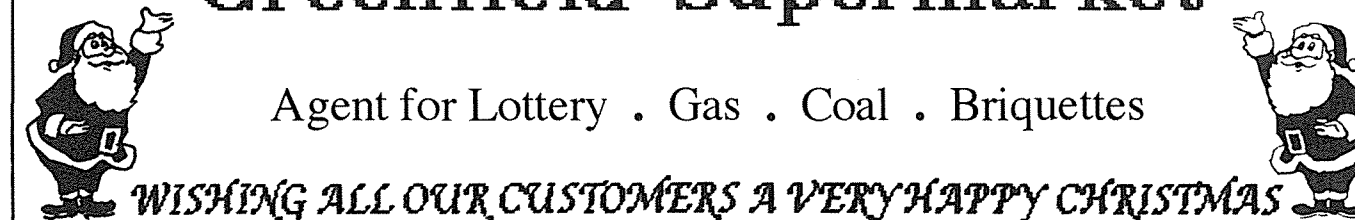
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William Robert Fitzgerald, Second duke of Leinster Part I

The Hon. William Robert Fitzgerald, second son of James 20th earl of Kildare was born in Arlington Place, London on the 2nd of March 1749. At his christening, the Earl of Inchiquin and Viscount Hillsborough were his godfathers and the duchess of Richmond, his godmother.

Born into an ancient family, William descended from the Gherardini of Florence, records of whom date back to the tenth century. With the Norman invasions in the twelfth century the Geraldines/Fitzgeralds came to Ireland. Barons in name they eventually came to rule as effective princes over vast areas of fertile lands in Co. Kildare, with their stronghold at Maynooth Castle on the banks of the Lyreen River. From the reign of Henry II to Elizabeth I this family featured prominently in Irish history, all the time integrating with the native Irish through marriage, language, customs and traditions. They were involved in ceaseless battles with both Irish and Anglo-Irish and yet this family may also be credited with the introduction of the Franciscan and the Dominican orders to Ireland along with foundation of several monasteries and abbeys throughout the country. It was in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries that the Fitzgeralds gained considerable political power and posed a severe threat to English rule in Ireland. Barons of Offaly since 1205, earls of Kildare since 1316, the most famous being Gerald the 'Great Earl'. The English despaired of conquering him, King Henry VII was told that 'All Ireland cannot rule the Earl of Kildare', to which the king could but reply, 'then the Earl of Kildare shall rule all Ireland'. However, after much effort Henry VIII managed to break the power of the House of Geraldine. The castle at Maynooth fell and hence forth the Earls of Kildare were great lords but no longer semi-independent princes.

William's father, the twentieth earl of Kildare, James Fitzgerald married Emily Lennox, daughter of the duke of Richmond in February 1746 and between them they had nineteen children, George, Lord Offaly being the first and William the second. Lord and Lady Kildare by this time were well settled into Carton, their country estate situated at Maynooth. Carton forms part of the manor of Maynooth granted to Maurice Fitzgerald in 1176 but it was not until 1739 that it became the residence of the Earls of Kildare. While the estate was on lease to William Talbot he commissioned the building of a house at Carton and it is this which forms the nucleus of the present house. Robert, 19th earl of Kildare, carried out some alterations to the house when he repurchased the lease in 1739, and it was in this house with its vast demesne in which William spent much of his childhood. Little is known of the early years of William and his brothers and sisters but it appears that they had plenty of company and visitors to Carton. In the summer of 1750 Lady Caroline Fox, Emily's sister, paid a visit and after the death of her widowed mother Emily's three younger sisters Louisa (8), Sarah (7) and Cecilia (1) came to live at Carton. Much of Lord and Lady Kildare's time was spent travelling between Maynooth, Dublin (their city residence was at Kildare House, later Leinster House in Kildare Street), and London. Presumably the children accompanied them occasionally. In 1755, the Fitzgerald family were in Kensington visiting the Foxes at Holland House. It was during this period that Lord Kildare arranged for the boys to start school. Because the provision of education in Ireland was poor relative to other countries of Europe and following in the tradition of their

father, William and George were sent to England for their education.

So in 1757, William with his brother George and his cousin, Charles James Fox, were sent to school at Wandsworth, where Monsieur Pampellone, a Frenchman of some celebrity, was master. In the following September (1758) the two boys aged eleven and nine years were to go to Eton. Steven and Charles Fox were already there and Lady Caroline Fox made all the arrangements for the young Fitzgerald children. The boys were to board at Mrs Milwards's house, with the Foxes; Lord Offaly and William would share a room with Mr Bolle, their guardian. The boys entered school on the 12th of September and Mr Bolle arranged for them to be placed under a Mr Young, who was also tutor to the Foxes.

Eton in the eighteenth century presented a very colourful picture. The boys rode, snared rabbits, swam and boated on the Thames, drank beer, celebrated Montem. Montem was a traditional festival at Eton. The boys in fancy dress costumes went in procession to 'Salt Hill' a mound near Slough, and there they collected 'salt money' from bystanders. The money collected was applied to defray the expenses of senior collegers (the 'captain of Montem') at Kings College, Cambridge.

Discipline was strict at Eton, yet on occasions the boys were rebellious. While the Fitzgeralds were there, some forty or fifty boys, including Charles Fox and William revolted and went to an inn in Salt Hill. The headmaster was informed and he instructed the innkeeper to allow the boys to remain as long as they had money but no longer. So once the money ran out the boys were obliged to return to the school; where each one was flogged. The education William received was classical: it included Latin and to a lesser extent Greek; mainly poetry and literature, the composition of themes and orations and latin versification occupied all the time spent at school. Elocution also formed an important component of the curriculum. It is therefore not surprising that so many graduates embarked on professions based on oratory.

Whilst at Eton the boys were never out of touch with the outside world. Lady Caroline Fox visited frequently and on occasions stayed overnight at the Salt Hill Inn. Whenever Lord or Lady Kildare were in England they made a point of visiting their elder sons at Eton. For the long summer vacation the boys usually crossed to Ireland, Carton and the family, while at Easter and Christmas they generally spent their holidays at Holland House, the home of their cousins. When he had graduated from Eton, William continued his education at Cambridge. Cambridge was in this period associated with the Whig style of politics and it appears that his time and training there may have influenced his outlook somewhat for much of his future political career. It is not known what exactly William read while at Cambridge or indeed if he completed his degree (many students were awarded degrees without completing the four year course). However, the great majority read for the Bachelor of Arts, studying Latin and Greek grammar with some rhetoric, logic, and scholastic philosophy. Cambridge at this time embraced the ideas of Locke rather than Aristotle and, after 1760 under the influence of Sir Isaac Newton, the emphasis became more mathematical. Throughout the eighteenth century the education of the nobleman and the gentleman continued to be supplemented by the 'Grand Tour' almost as a matter of course and William's was no different.

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An bhfuil ceacht le foghlaim againn ónar sinsear? Tugadh Caisleán na nGearaltach do mhuintir na hEireann an mhí seacaite. Ligtear i ndearmad do gcaillfear teach na nGearaltach ag bun an bhaile go luath gan cur ina aghaidh. Tógfar Machaire gailf eile againn ina áit. Anois, ó tharlaíonn go dtugann an Crannchur Náisiúnta airgead go flúirseach do chumainn gailf na tíre, nach bhféadfaidís Teach Chartúin a cheannach agus é a choimeád do shliocht ár sleachta. Ach bheadh pleanáil chiallmhar taobh thiar dá leithéid agus is tearc an chiall in Eirinn leis na blianta fada anuas. Tá an 21 céad ag bagairt agus ní glactar fós leis an 20 céad! Ach sin scéal eile.

Cuimhnigh - is linne an stór saibhris a bailítear faoi dhó gach seachtain. Is léir go bhfuil saibhreas sa tír leis an airgead a caitear ar na ticéidí éagsúla. Diúltáim pingín a thabhairt dá leithéid go dtí go scaiptear an ciste ar na heagrais a ceapadh le sochar a bhaint as ó thúis.

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STREET TALKING

'Castle Gate' Restaurant and Coffee Shop

With the demise of both Patrick's Restaurant and Stephen Hero's coffee shop, and the recent return of the college students adding to the coffee-drinking, grub-eating population, Maynooth was crying out for another eatery. No sooner said than done!

Maynooth residents Chris and Linda Cullen sought to fill this gap when they opened the 'Castle Gate' Restaurant and Coffee Shop in early November. Chris has been working in the catering business for twelve years now. At present they serve a full Irish breakfast, salads, carvery lunch with two hot specials each day as well as soup and snacks. Children's meals are also available. All food is prepared and cooked fresh on the premises using local produce and they aim to keep prices as low as possible. The restaurant opens from 8.30 am to 6.30 pm at the moment. However for the Christmas season they intend to open late with a full a la carte and set menu for three days a week. It's well worth a visit - the prices are very reasonable, as are the portions, and the food is delicious.

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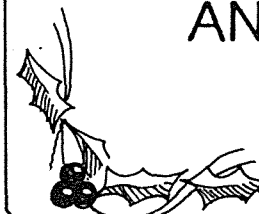
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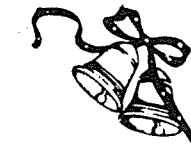
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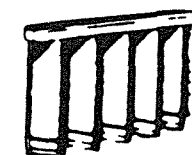
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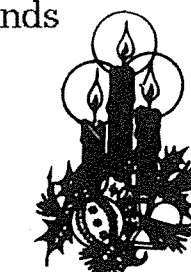
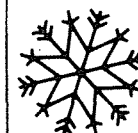


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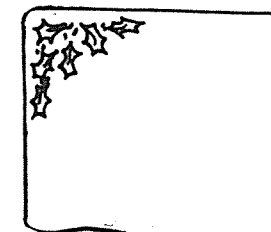
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Perfume by Patrick Suskind

A dark and unusual gothic narrative which is set in late 18th century France and which is almost exclusively concerned with olfactory reality. It is seedily atmospheric and downright addictive as a story!

The Woman Who Talked to Herself by A.L. Barker

Again from Vintage Press, this is the latest novel from Barker to experiment with conventional narrative modes. Like Barnes's novel, it is really a collection of short stories told by the protagonist who is being interviewed due to her unlikely reputation as a professional story teller who packs Wembley Arena with attentive fans.

Cobweb

Not a book at all but issue five of Maynooth's magazine for creative writers which is just out and which is packed with poetry, prose and critical essays. Written and produced by people in Maynooth (both college and town) for people in Maynooth and costing only fifty pence!

The Clare Island Survey by Sean Lysaght

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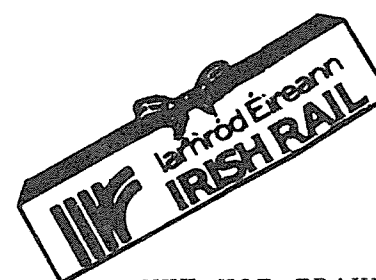


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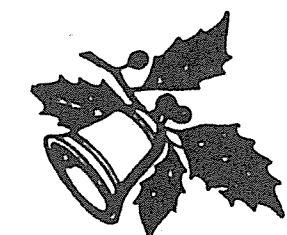
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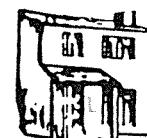
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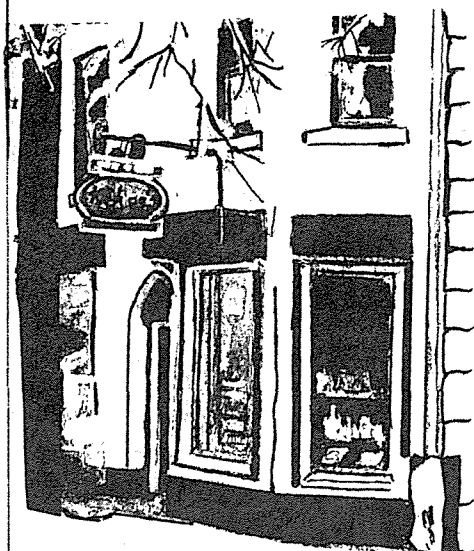
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Political Party Notes

WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

Glasnost and Kildare County Council

The opening up of Soviet Society to freedom of information (a process known as "glasnost") was widely welcomed. However, it appears that most of the members of Kildare County Council have major problems when it comes to extending glasnost to their own proceedings.

At the November meeting of the Council, Councillor Catherine Murphy proposed that the minutes of Council meetings should be put on notice boards in public libraries around the county, and that the public be admitted as observers to meetings of the Council. The aim of this proposal was to provide the public with better information on Council activities and to make elected councillors more accountable to those who elected them.

However, this simple measure to extend local democracy met with massive opposition at the Council, giving rise to a one-hour debate. Eventually, it was agreed to make Council minutes available (but not on open display) in libraries, but the proposal to allow the public in to see their elected representatives in action was turned down. Most of the opposition, naturally, came from the two big political parties, many of whose members seem to regard their positions on the Council as personal possessions rather than public offices. In any event, the Workers' Party will continue in its efforts to broaden the narrow democratic base of Irish public life.

Lily-Livered Lily-Whites Get Raw Deal

We are all only too aware of how bad the roads are around Maynooth. Most of us know that you now have to pay to use the "public" library service. We could go on and on about the dire financial position of Kildare County Council, and the resultant cutbacks in services. But how are other counties faring compared to Kildare?

We can get a good idea from a recent answer to a Parliamentary Question put by Eamon Gilmore, Workers' Party Spokesperson on the Environment. This answer provided details of the amounts paid this year to local authorities by the Department of the Environment as rate support grants. These are the grants paid to Councils as compensation for the loss of domestic rates, which were abolished in 1978.

County Kildare gets the second smallest grant of any county in Ireland, per head of population. Only Kerry comes off worst. And we are not talking about small differences between Counties here. Kildare's allocation is £35.71 per person. Leitrim gets almost three times as much, at £94.73. Roscommon gets £87.36, Cavan (which now has four councillors elected on a platform) get £75.76, etc. etc. It is clear that the method of allocating grants is simply crazy. Kildare has the busiest roads in Ireland. All the roads from Dublin to the main provincial centres pass through the county. Some 85% of all road trips to Dublin go through Kildare. This puts immense pressure, not just on the main roads, but on local roads also. Meanwhile, Kildare also has the fastest population growth rate of any county in Ireland, which puts further pressure on local authority services. Yet no special allowance is made for Kildare's special circumstances.

Kildare County Council itself is culpable for not making strong representations for special treatment. Catherine Murphy is now attempting to change this by calling on the

Council to adopt a stronger stance in its dealings with the government. Rather than persecuting local people over payment of unjust local charges, Kildare County Council should be persecuting the Minister for the Environment for a fair deal for the county.

LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Sewerage Scheme Works in Maynooth

In the last issue of the *Newsletter* the Branch expressed concern that the damage which had been caused to the pillars at the entrance to the Avenue and the surface of the Avenue itself should be repaired as soon as pipe laying in the area is completed. It is now evident that the same contractors have proved extremely negligent in the vicinity of the bridge on the Straffan Road. Here, 20ft holes were left virtually unprotected close to where pedestrians were passing by. Following representations from Deputy Emmet Stagg to the Co. Council, the area was subsequently screened off with barrels. The road in the area still remains in a mess as the contractors have consistently failed to clean up the muck their heavy machinery spreads on the roadway. The result is that pedestrians run the risk of being sprayed with mud in wet weather. Again, Deputy Stagg has been in contact with the Co. Council about this matter. The sewerage scheme in Maynooth is being carried out by a private company, contracted by the Co. Council. From our experience to date this method of carrying out public construction schemes does not appear to be a success.

New Arrangements for 66 Bus

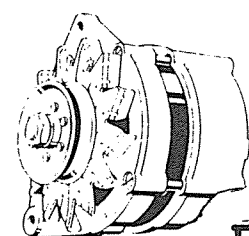
At present only half of the 32 No. 66 buses which leave Maynooth each day for Dublin leave from the Straffan Road terminus. This has proved very inconvenient for residents in the Greenfield Estate/Kingsbry area of the town, particularly elderly residents who are often obliged to stand for long periods at bus stops on the Straffan Road. Deputy Stagg has recently been in contact with Dublin Bus on this matter and the Branch are happy to report that in future all buses will leave from the Straffan Rd terminus. The proposed date for this new arrangement to come into effect will be announced shortly.

Law Breakers

Some motorists continue to break the law by using the back lanes as a short cut through the town - despite clearly posted signs. Following representations from residents in the area, Deputy Stagg has asked the Co. Council to investigate what further measures can be taken to stop motorists flouting the law.

Public Lights

Deputy Stagg has recently been in contact with the Co. Council demanding that the very poor state of public lighting along Greenfield Lane be attended to immediately. In addition, Deputy Stagg has asked that two public lights in Railpark and in Kingsbry be repaired. The Co. Engineer has subsequently requested the ESB to have these lights repaired as soon as possible.



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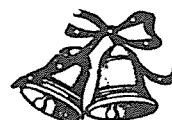
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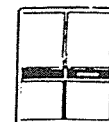
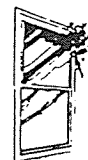
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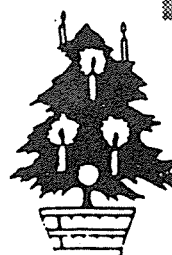
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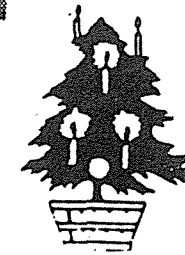
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Political Party Notes

Plans for Link Road to Motorway

Despite repeated requests from local Labour representative John McGinley, and also from Emmet Stagg, Kildare Co. Council have still failed to publish detailed plans regarding the link road at the Straffan Rd. Residents in that area are understandably concerned at the complete lack of information on the project. Deputy Stagg was recently informed that the Co. Council will make the plans available 'shortly after Christmas'. Residents can be assured that Labour representatives will continue to press the Council on this matter.

Floodlighting of St. Mary's Church

At the last meeting of the Celbridge Area Committee Deputy Stagg tabled a motion asking that the Co. Council meet the costs of installing and operating floodlights at St. Mary's Church of Ireland. The Branch are very pleased to report that following Deputy Stagg's initiative the Council have agreed to make funds available for this project in the New Year.

FINE GAEL NOTES

Despite the disruption of Dail business over the past few months due to scandals, heaves, and reshuffles, Bernard Durkan has managed to raise a number of issues, of interest to the people of Maynooth, with various Ministers, some of whom are no longer with us.

Secretary for Convent School

When asked, by Bernard, if she was prepared to appoint a secretary to the Convent School, the Minister for Education, Mrs O' Rourke, replied that while it was proposed to provide for extra secretaries in schools she was not in a position to identify the schools which might benefit.

Lottery Cash for Kildare

In replying to a question about the number of requests received by her Department from various agencies in Co. Kildare for grant aid from the National Lottery, Mrs O' Rourke stated that "it would not be practical to quantify the total amount sought or approved in respect of any specific geographic area." She did however indicate that "grants amounting to £13,300 have been paid in 1991 to the Co. Kildare V.E.C. for the promotion of youth and sports developments within the committee's scheme and a further £3,500 in respect of costs associated with the 1991 Be Active Be Alive Campaign."

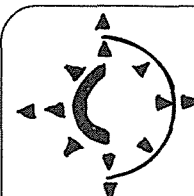
Swimming Pool and other Recreational Facilities at Maynooth Post-Primary School

Mrs O' Rourke informed Bernard that the Department of Education's Capital Grant Scheme for the provision of recreational facilities was amalgamated with the Amenity Grants Scheme operated by the Dept. of the Environment and grants are now allocated by that Department to projects recommended by local authorities who process applications. An application submitted by Maynooth Community Council for the provision of a sports complex was forwarded to Kildare Co. Council in January 1990 for their consideration under these arrangements.

Replacement of Bond Bridge

In response to a question concerning the provision of funds for a new bridge and road improvements at Bond Bridge the Minister for the Environment stated that because the bridge

is on a regional road it is the responsibility of the Kildare Co. Council to finance the cost from their own resources and supplementary grants from the Dept. In 1991 these grants totalled £1,868,000, including £500,000 for improvement works. It is for the County Council to determine its own priorities.



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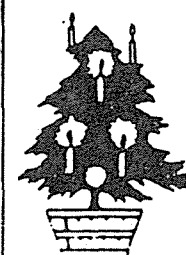
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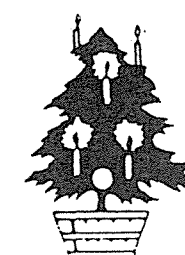


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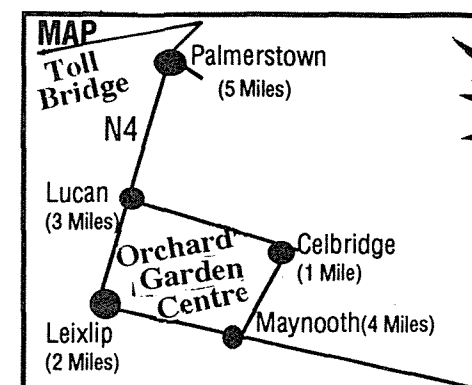


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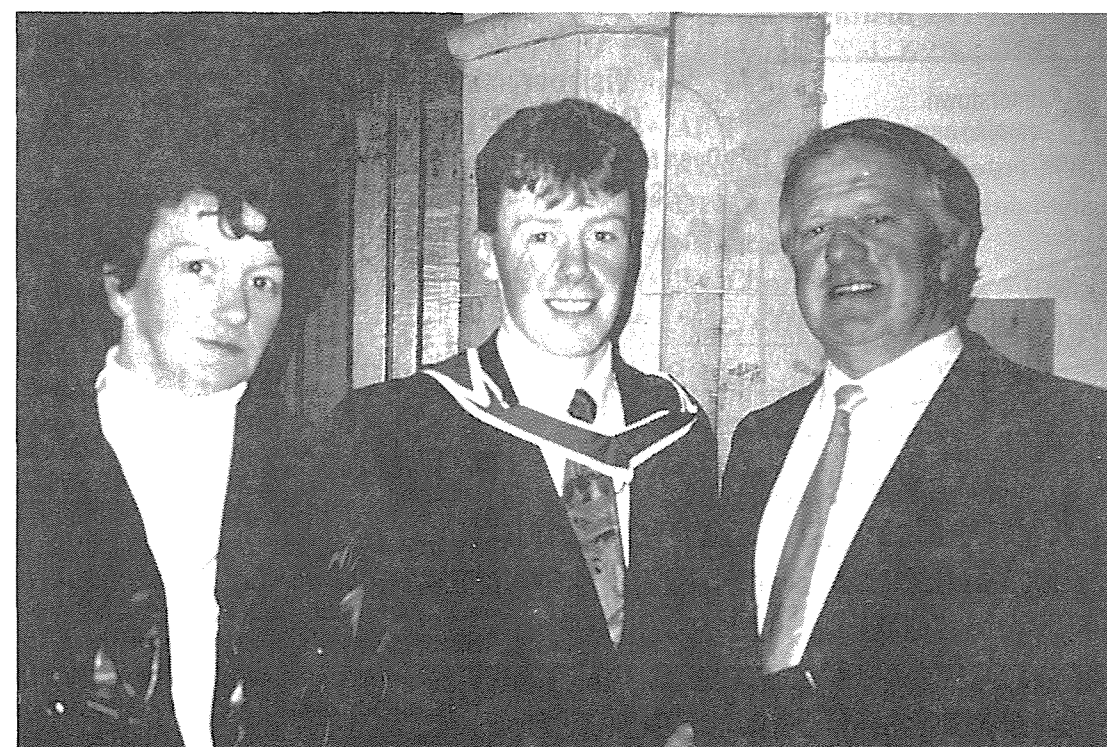
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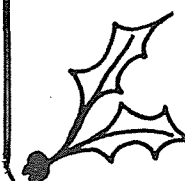
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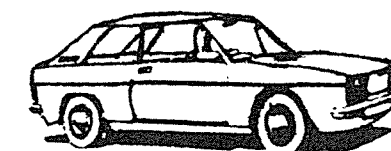
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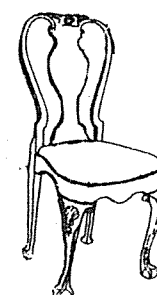
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Sports News

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As the odours of "wintergreen" and "deep heat" pervade the land of winter sports, the 1991/92 hostilities recommenced. Sadly this season we are forced to campaign without the services of retirees such as Martin O' Dea, Tom Coffey, Philip Purcell and Carton Courts' own Roddy Doyle - Joseph "Scott" Buckley. Several new names have joined as Tony O' Connor attempts to buy success. Mark, Dodd, Richie, Des and Cavan's answer to Chris Hughton (or is it Chris Morris) Kevin Fay have all enlisted for the forthcoming season. Tom Martin's injury is responding to treatment and copious internal applications of a black beverage sold illicitly in "the Roost".

Committee

The following committee was elected to serve for the season, despite major contests for posts (irony!).

Chairperson/P.R.O. - Declan Forde; Vice Chairperson - Peter Connell; Secretary - Paul Broughan; Joint Treasurers - Tony O' Connor and Aidan Siggins; Coach/Chief Scout/Club Captain and Trouble shooter - Patrick Mc Govern. Tony and Paul continue to manage the team.

Results

League - Division 1A

Home vs Corbown Utd	2-0	R. Broughan (2)
Away vs Cavan Town	3-3	O' Brien (2), Mc Groarty
Home vs Navan Cosmos	2-2	Mc Groarty (2)
Away vs Abbey Celtic	3-4	O' Brien, Mc Govern, P. Broughan
Home vs Rathkenny Rvr.	2-1	Mc Groarty (2)
Home vs Clonee Utd	0-1	
Home vs Moynalvey	2-2	Mc Govern, Mc Groarty
Home vs Riverbank 3-2		O' Brien (2), Hughes

Challenge Cup 1st Round

Home vs Grove Central	5-1	P. Broughan (2), Mc Groarty, Siggins (2)
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So after a disappointing opening we have started to play some good football. In the league we are well placed in the top half of the table and in the cup are through to the second round. Clonee Utd, who were promoted with us last year look certain to rise again this year. However, the second promotion shot to Div 1 could go to almost any side in the top half of the table. Almost finally, seasons greetings are extended to all our friends, supporters and detractors alike. Claire O' Connor has refused to allow Tony to hang up 26 green stockings on the mantelpiece on Christmas Eve. Our affable manager was hoping to find a new team in the stockings on Christmas morning.

Quote of the season from Paul Broughan's son, Paul (Junior). "Who's the manager of the team Dec?"

"Your Dad and Tony" I replied.

"Yeah, but who is the real manager Dec?" - maybe our technical advisor Eanna O' Boyle?

Yours in Sport,
Declan Forde.

MAYNOOTH BADMINTON CLUB

Our new season is underway and we would like to welcome both old and new members to the Club.

Hopefully our teams will be as successful in their endeavours, as were our 1st and 2nd teams in the season gone by with both reaching the Finals of the Tallaght League.

Club night has been changed from Monday nights to Tuesday nights from 9.30 - 11.30. Thursday nights remain the same 7.00 - 11.30. We are having Open Nights on Tuesday 14th January and Thursday 16th January '92, so if you would like to try the game out come along to the Parish Hall on these nights and give it a smash.

Shortly after Christmas the Club will be preparing teams for entry in the Tallaght League, and *players with League experience of "G" upwards will be most welcome.*

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The Club's best wishes go to former member Tommy Leonard and his wife Marie who decided to tie the knot in September of this year. Health, wealth and happiness to you both always.

Finally the Club would like to wish a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all.

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

The second swimming term began on the 23rd of November and will continue until the 15th of February 1992. There will be no swimming on Saturday 21st December and Saturday 28th December as the pool will be closed for the Christmas holidays. We start back on the 4th of January with a free family swim, an opportunity for parents to see the progress made by their children and a chance for all the family to have a swim. **Buses will not be operating that day.** Fees remain the same for this term and the committee request that fees be paid by the 7th of December.

We appeal to all our members to please let us know in advance if they will not be returning to a new session. This enables us to offer places to children on the waiting list without undue delay and keeps the running costs of the club to a minimum.

We would like to thank all parents of our members for their assistance with pool and bus duties each Saturday. To date this has been most successful.

Anyone requiring a place for their child/children on our waiting list can do so by contacting our secretary Mary Healy (Phone 6286942).

Wishing all our members and their families a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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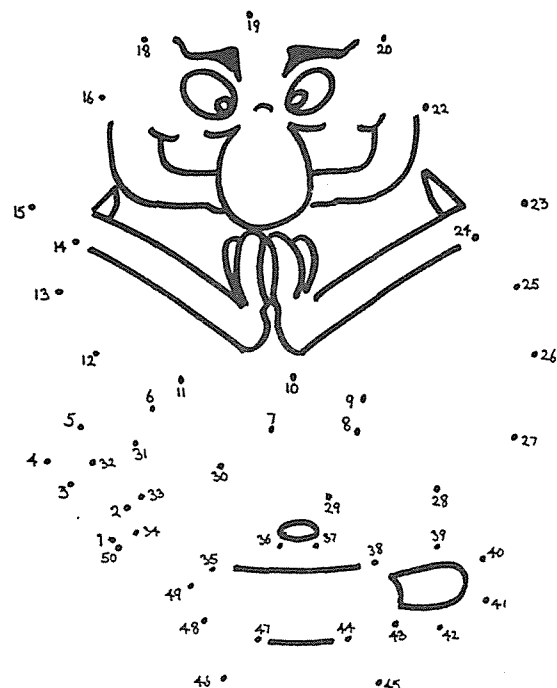




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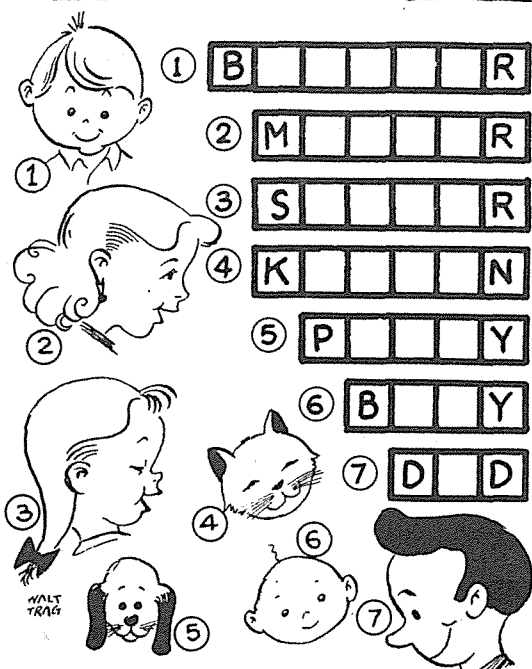
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MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

The cross-country season continues for the members of Maynooth A.C. and the results of the last two race meetings are as follows:

Donard - "B" Championships

Girls U/10: Gillian O' Hurley 5th, Aoife Mc Ternan 6th

Boys U/10: David Campbell (2nd individual Silver Medal), Daniel Adderley 5th, Cillian Carr 8th, Jamie O' Neill 13th, Noel Healy 14th, and Stephen Healy 15th.

3rd Team (Bronze Medal) to first four boys above.

Girls U/12: Susan Adderley 3rd (individual Bronze Medal), Mary O' Sullivan 13th, Irene Kearney 16th, and Joy O' Neill 18th.

3rd Team (Bronze Medal) to the 4 girls above.

Boys U/12: Darragh Carr 21st

Girls U/14: Michelle Gillick 3rd (individual Bronze Medal), Dervla Mc Dermott 13th, Lynda Haren 14th, Laura Kearney 17th, Valerie Nolan 18th, Eithne Cunningham 19th.

Girls U/16: Gemma Haren 7th.

Intermediate Ladies: Christine Fitzpartick 1st, Frances Kearney 2nd, Margaret Gillick 3rd and Marie Gleeson 5th. 1st Team (Gold Medal) to first 3 above.

Intermediate Men: David Jolley 4th.

Maynooth played host for the cross-country event on Sunday 3rd November. It was a bitterly cold Sunday but Maynooth A.C. showed top form and proudly took individual Gold Medals and 5 Team medals.

The results are as follows:

Girls U/9: Gillian O' Hurley 4th.

Boys U/9: Patrick O' Rourke 1st (individual Gold Medal), Cillian Carr 4th, Jamie O' Neill 7th and Stephen Healy 8th. 1st Team (Gold Medal) to the four boys above.

Girls U/11: Mary O' Sullivan 5th, Joy O' Neill 15th, Irene Kearney 17th, Aoife Mc Ternan 18th, and Brid Ann O' Shea 19th.

Boys U/11: Karl Ennis 5th, David Campbell 11th, Michael Costelloe 17th and Noel Healy 18th.

2nd Team (Silver Medal) to the four boys above.

Girls U/13: Sarah Commene 1st, (individual Gold Medal), Michelle Gillick 4th, Susan Adderley 12th, Laura Kearney 14th.

3rd Team (Bronze Medal) to the four girls above.

Boys U/13: Well done to John O'Shea and Eoin Nevin who missed the start of their race but ran on to catch up and finish their race in great style.

Girls U/15: Dervla Mc Dermott 5th, Lynda Haren 6th, Gemma Haren 9th.

2nd Team (Silver Medal) for the 3 girls above.

Senior Ladies: Frances Kearney 4th, Christine Fitzpatrick 5th, Noelle Mc Ternan 7th.

2nd Team (Silver Medal)

Senior Men: David Jolley 14th.

Well done to all the boys and girls who took part - the club is very proud of each and everyone of you.

Next race meeting

Leinster Championship, Ballinacree, Co. Westmeath on 1st December 1991. U/9, 11, 13, 15 and 17. Ladies O/40, Men O/40.

Leinster championships Carton Estate 15th December 1991 (organised by Leixlip) U/10, 12, 14, 16. Ladies O/30, Men O/35.

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

Dalton Cup 3rd Round

Maynooth Town 3 Cabra Celtic 2

It looked as if Maynooth would make an early exit from this Cup when they fell two goals behind early in the 1st half. Maynooth pulled out all the stops after this, and overcame the atrocious conditions to give the ever faithful on the line something to cheer about. Fergal Barton brought Maynooth back into the game just before half time when he won the race for a long through ball and beat the keeper to the touch. A tough half-time pep talk from Manager Vinnie Mc Kenna left no doubt as to his intentions of remaining in this cup. The hard working Gerry Quinn was rewarded for his efforts when he scored a deserved equaliser. It looked as if we would have to endure extra time when ten minutes from time Ger Thompson dispossessed a Celtic defender on the edge of the Cabra penalty area before passing to Bobby Barry who sent a rocket to the net through a crowded goalmouth. A late winner but nevertheless deserved.

Division 3 Private Grds.

Killeen Corrugated 0 Maynooth Town 6

Philip Doyle dominated this game for Maynooth and scored an excellent hat-trick. Maynooth led 3-0 at half time and were equally impressive in the second half, adding three further goals without reply. Robbie Moran, Martin Mc Ternan and John Geoghegan were Maynooth's other scorers.

U/13 Schoolboys

Maynooth Town 1 Gray Celtic 1

Maynooth grabbed a late equaliser to share the points in this evenly matched league game. A defensive error in the 1st half left Maynooth trailing for most of the game but Niall Byrne proved the hero for Maynooth, scoring the equaliser with a minute to go. Niall Naughton in goal was another Maynooth hero with a string of superb saves and was pushed hard for Man of the Match by Aidan O' Brien and Eoin Guha.

Greenfort Utd 3 Maynooth Town 4

Maynooth could so easily have won this game by a wider margin but for some indecision in defence. Fortunately for Maynooth Eamon Gallagher was in top form and scored a hat trick from the limited number of chances which came his way. Darren Naughton scored Maynooth's fourth goal.

U/11 Schoolboys

Newlands Celtic 1 Maynooth Town 1

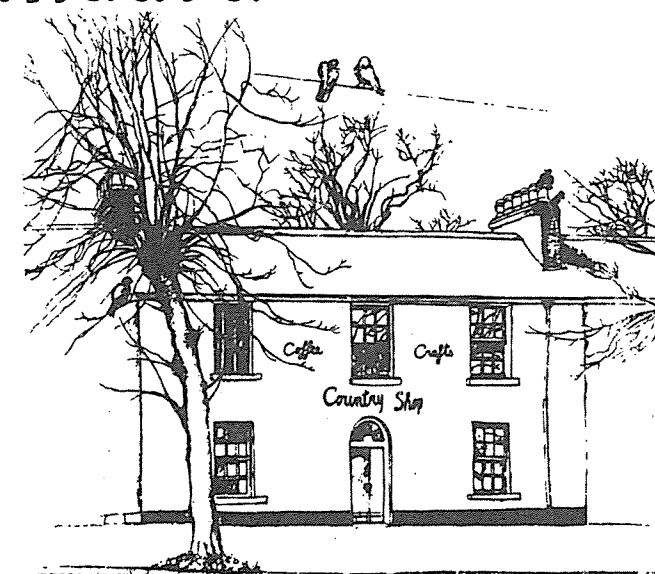
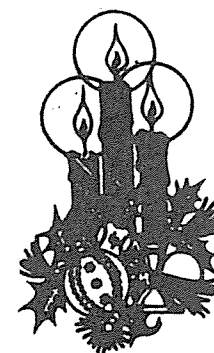
Probably the best performance of the season for this team who show improvement with every game. Newlands are one of the strongest sides in this division but caught Maynooth on a day when our lads gave their best. Ruairi Wederfoort inspired confidence with his safe handling. Trevor Cassidy proved our saviour in the second half when he scored the equaliser after we had gone behind in the 15th minute. Cormac Eddery, Declan Sheehan, Colm Cahill and Nicholas Lalor were rock solid in defence. Peter Kinsella, Killian O' Connor, Charles Gallagher and Trevor Cassidy worked like trojans to curb midfield supremacy and Thomas Geraghty

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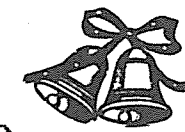
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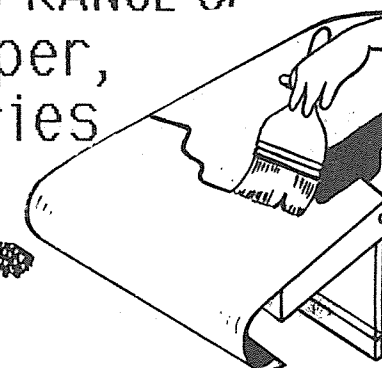
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Sports News

and Shane Tolan were always probing for openings in a near water-tight Newlands defence.

U/15 Schoolgirls

The schoolgirls section of the club have been blazing a trail in the North Eastern Schoolgirls League and are unbeaten to date. Under trainer Frances Kearney this team have belied their apparent inexperience and must rate as near favourites for the title. With trips to such distant places as Drogheda and Monaghan behind them, they still remain unbeaten. This speaks volumes for the resilience and dedication of the entire panel. Up to date match reports in the next issue.

Once again we must sadly report untold damage to our dressing rooms. A problem which we thought had at last been solved once again reared its ugly head a couple of weeks ago. On this occasion there is no doubt as to who is responsible for this latest bout of wanton destruction. Repairs will cost several hundred pounds which cannot be retrieved. The smashing of doors and seating, the pulling out of windows and damage to ceilings and floors prompts one to ask "Who could do such a thing". That question is now easily answered if one was to witness the amount of human excrement deposited within the dressing rooms themselves. The sickening sight would make less tolerant and sympathetic people take a course of action which might not be within the bounds of the law. People who advocate rights for those people should visit our dressing rooms and see for themselves first hand the problems which we face. My own personal sympathy has finally been exhausted through this latest episode and invite anyone who cares to come and see our problem (which will probably be rectified once again by the time of publication. We, as a club, are providing a facility for anyone to avail of and we must now ask the question "Don't we have rights too?"

Once again Christmas approaches and we take this opportunity to extend the compliments of the Festive Season to all.

MAYNOOTH G.A.A.

1st Team Results etc.

Maynooth 1.7 Ardclough 1.8

The season is gradually winding down with only one game to report on since the last issue. This game was against Ardclough in the final of our own tournament (Tom Flood Cup) where victory went to Ardclough on a scoreline of 1.8 to 1.7. It was a fully merited win for the visitors. They had already been beaten twice by Maynooth this season and were obviously very determined to ensure that Maynooth would not make it three out of three. They gave a typical wholehearted gutsy Ardclough performance which Maynooth could not match on the day. The game was won and lost in a 10 minute spell before half-time. With scores level at 2 points each and Maynooth holding their own, although playing into the teeth of a very stiff breeze, the side lost its concentration and allowed Ardclough to tack on a further goal and three points before the break. It left the home side facing an uphill struggle in the 2nd half and hard though they tried they just

could not gain the upperhand. Full credit to Ardclough who hit Maynooth on the counter attack in the second period to snatch 3 valuable points and copperfasten victory.

Maynooth Scorers:

Mick Nevin 1.2; Johnny Nevin 3pts; Eoin O' Neill and Killian Fagan 1 pt each.

Best for Maynooth:

P. Kearney, P. Ennis, M. Kelly, M. Nevin, P. Stynes, E. O' Neill and J. Nevin,

Man of the Match

Pascal Ennis (Left Half Back)

After the game the Tom Flood Cup was presented to the winning Captain, John Devenney and during a reception afterwards in "The Roost" the Winners and Runners-Up Trophies were presented.

Maynooth G.A.A. would like to take this opportunity to thank the referee, Nick Sutton, who officiated very capably right through the competition. They would also like to thank the sponsors of the tournament:

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Under 10

Maynooth 5.7 Kill 1.1

Team:

Stephen Mc Dermott, Michael Ryan, Thomas Halton, Patrick King, Conor Diggins, Daragh Carr, Alan Geogheghan, Stephen Redmond, Martin Mc Loughlin, Karl Ennis, David Campbell, Aidan Mc Carron, Trevor Naughton, Sean Woodhouse, Sean Lennon

Subs: Patrick O' Rourke for Trevor Naughton; Jody Connolly for Sean Lennon; Alan Baxter for Sean Woodhouse; Seanie Brady for Alan Geogheghan; Emmet Hall for Aidan Mc Carron.

Scorers: Sean Woodhouse 2.2; Karl Ennis 1.2; Sean Lennon 1.1; David Campbell 1.0; Aidan Mc Carron and Stephen Redmond 1 pt each.

Maynooth got back on the winning trail after their draw with Celbridge with a comprehensive win over a gallant Kill side. Conditions were atrocious but both sides coped reasonably well. It was good to see the home side return to something like the form shown earlier in the year and the team are still well in contention for honours with games against Naas, Confey and Leixlip (B) coming up.

Best for Maynooth were: Mc Dermott, King, Diggins, Carr, Geogheghan, Redmond, Ennis, Campbell, Mc Carron and Woodhouse (who used his head to good effect!)

U 14 Football Championship Final

Maynooth 1.1 Moorefield 2.10

Our U 14 lost their championship final to a very good Moorefield Team but were not disgraced. Maynooth played well up to half time and were only behind by one point. The second half did not work as planned and Moorefield took control.

Best for Maynooth on a bad day were: R. Murphy, T. Byrne, M. Nugent, J. Lawlor, C. Ryan and J. Rossiter.

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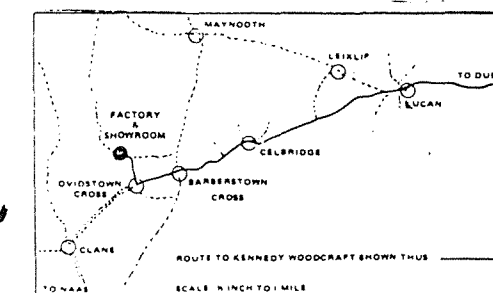
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Sports News

Peter Delaney Cup Final

Maynooth 3.6 Kilcloon 3.1

Maynooth U 14 got back on winning way when defeating Kilcloon in the Peter Delaney Cup Final in Maynooth. Maynooth got the better start and by half time were 1.5 to 0.1 ahead but Kilcloon got their game going in the second half and went ahead but Maynooth put in a strong finish to run out winners by 5 pts. Pat Delaney, son of the late Peter, presented the Cup to the winning captain. Best for Maynooth in Goal, I. Hayes who brought off some great saves when the pressure was on, D. Buckley, C. Ashe, J. Lawlor, T. Byrne, R. Murphy, M. Nugent, B. Glennon, C. Ryan, J. Rossiter. Well done to our U 14 Footballers in 1991. Keep up the good work in 1992 lads.

Under 16 Football League Final - Division 2

Maynooth 1-10 Clane 1-4

Congratulations to our Under 16 footballers on creating their own list of Club history in landing the Division 2 League title for the first time. Clane provided the opposition in the Final and with their club enjoying a very successful year we had the makings of a good final.

Clane started in whirlwind fashion and our defence were in trouble. A brilliant save by T. Fay in goal from a penalty was the signal to his team mates to raise their game. This they did in great style and were well deserving of their 1-6 to 0-0 at halftime. Clane got stuck in after half time and reduced Maynooth's lead to 4 pts. A switch of E. Lyons to midfield and a great point by A. Noonan got us back on the rails again. Two insurance points by T. Farrell and P. Garvey killed off the challenge from Clane. The disappointment of the Championship final was cast aside when the final whistle was blown by referee M. O'Leary from Rathcoffey. Amid scenes of great jubilation captain K. Killoran received the trophy from T. Merriman, Secretary of Bord na nOg.

This success was achieved by the dedication of the panel and mentors over a period of seven months.

T. Fay was outstanding in goal not only in the Final but throughout the year. P. Grant and S. Noonan were rock solid and gave great support to ever reliable A. O'Shea at full back. Clane half forwards looked dangerous earlier on but once M. Hally, M. Meally and O. Nevin settled down they blotted out their opponents particularly in the second half when the going got tough.

K. Killoran with his high fielding dominated centrefield. He was ably assisted by P. Hogan who in recent games has proved that he is more than a capable midfielder.

P. Garvey at right half forward has been outstanding throughout the year. He came in for close attention from his marker and as a result his tally was restricted. Likewise D. Fleming and M. Donnelly had to fight hard for anything they got and this unwillingness to give in was the most pleasing aspect of this victory. A. Noonan had a great game at full forward. His high fielding and vital point broke the heart in Clane. A. Nevin scored a golden goal and set us on the road to victory. E. Lyons having his first game after a long lay off through injury scored valuable points and came out to midfield to lift the siege in the second half.

T. Farrell came on to score a very valuable point and had the confidence to take on his opponent. Maynooth played nine

games and won nine games on the way to the title. Apart from those already mentioned,

P. Leacy, E. Mitchell, E. Hassett, D. Mooney, B. O'Neill and N. Gillick played their part in various matches. G. Kelly was ruled out of the final through injury. The backroom team was M. Ryan, M. Donnelly (Snr), M. Meally (Snr), A. Killoran and K. Fagan. We must not forget our lucky mascot Daithe Garvey.

Scorers: E. Lyons 0-3, H. Nevin 1-0, M. Donnelly 0-2, D. Fleming 0-2, A. Noonan 0-1, T. Farrell 0-1, P. Garvey 0-1. Thanks to those who supported the team at the games and provided cars for the away games.

We will look back on 1991 with satisfaction and hope to build on what was achieved. Once again, thanks to the local business people who sponsored the team for the Championship Final. An enjoyable trip to Galway in September was funded by selling 30 tickets for the Piltown Draw. Unfortunately, we did not have any winners in the 3 Draws. A sincere thanks to those who bought a ticket for the Draw.

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Annual General Meeting

To all our members and intending members - our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 12th or 19th January 1992 in the Club Rooms, Moyglare Road, at 2.30 pm.

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5.00

INSIDE LEINSTER - Regional News, Mart
and Business Reports, National and

International headlines with Helen
McInerney, Alan Russell, Majella Duane and
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5.30

Community Diary

5.45 - 6.00

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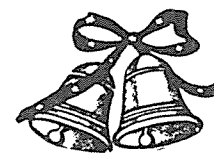
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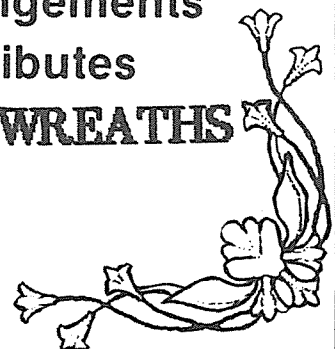
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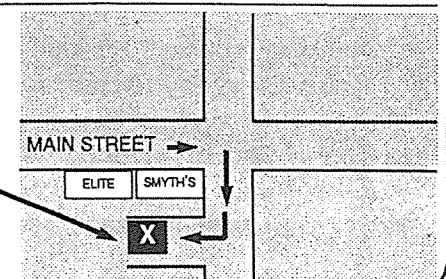
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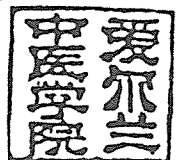
James Mc Loughlin, O' Neill Park on the death of his brother in Clondalkin.

Wife, son, daughter, sisters, brothers, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of the late Pat (Packie) Brady, Kilcock Road, Maynooth.

Sisters, nieces, relatives and friends of the late James (Jimmy) O' Connor, Ballymagillan, Maynooth and staff of St. Patricks College.

Brother, niece, nephew, relatives and friends of the late Christopher (Kit) Farrelly, Rail Park, Maynooth.

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Love and best wishes for a very happy birthday to Noel Mc Govern, 833 Greenfield on December 31st. From Mam, brothers Kevin and Michael and from Eileen and girls. Enjoy your day and all our love xxx.

Happy Birthday on December 31st to our dearest Daddy with love and best wishes from your loving sons Richard and Thomas. Also from Mammy and the Donovan family, Greenfield.

Belated happy birthday to Sandra O' Keffe, Johnstown, Enfield, who celebrated her birthday on November 5th.

Happy 21st to Siobhan O' Keffe on December 10th. Love and best wishes from Una Mc Govern and family in Greenfield, Maynooth.

Happy Christmas to the Griffins and Mc Cullaghs, from Annette and Finola.

Hi to Lorraine and Tracy from Finola and Annette.

Hi to Robin, Love Shirley. Ha Ha!

Happy Birthday to Liam Bean, "Lemar", Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, who will celebrate his birthday on December 16th. From his wife Margaret and family.

Happy Birthday to Aisling Bean, "Nuada", Dunboyne Road, Maynooth who will celebrate her 6th birthday on December 14th. Love from her Daddy, Mammy and her brothers, Brian and Conor and grandparents.

Happy Birthday to Jim Smyth (Butcher), Main Street, Maynooth who will celebrate his birthday on December 16th.

Happy 5th Birthday to Alexander from Aishling, Regina and Family.

Belated happy birthday to Seamus Traynor, Greenfield on November 4th. Best wishes from Daddy, Mammy, Martin and Caroline.

Belated happy birthday to Pat Harty, The Maws, Kilcock on October 24th. Best wishes from all in "The Tail Waggers Club".

Belated birthday greetings to John O' Connor (Germany), Greenfield on November 13th with lots of love from Mammy, Daddy, Ann, Fiona, Yvonne and Clare.

Happy 21st Birthday to Niall Walshe, a new recruit to the *Newsletter*, who celebrates his birthday in December. Best wishes from all the staff!!

Belated Birthday greetings to Michael Canny, Rail Park, age 15 on November 16th.

Belated Happy Birthday to Kevin Murphy, O' Neill Park on November 19th.

Happy Birthday to Clare Mc Ternan, Greenfield on December 12th.

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Happy Birthday to Eithne on the 20th December, a teenager at last. Love from Mammy, Rachel and Don.

Happy 1st Birthday to Jamie from Dad and Lisa.

Happy Birthday to Ann Mc Keogh, aged 5, on 9th of December, and Eoin Mc Keogh, aged 2, on 1st December, Rialpark from Uncle Fran and Auntie Kathleen.

Belated birthday wishes to Richard Hayes (on the 23rd November) and sincere sympathy from all his younger friends in Maynooth.

Happy Birthday to Anne Marie Cullen on the 11th of December.

Happy Birthday to Jamie love from Mam and Eoin.

To Norah Mc Dermott - Happy 21st + V.A.T. From all in the C.I.C. Also from all the staff and her friends in the Community Council Offices.

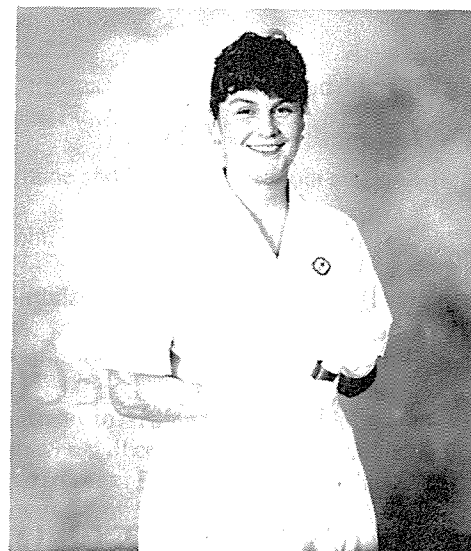
Congratulations

Congratulations to Johny Nevin, Barrogstown, Maynooth who was conferred with B.A. Degrees, Hons, at St. Patricks College, Maynooth.

Congratulations to Raymond Richardson, Moyglare Village, who was conferred with B.S. Degree in Computer applications in Dublin City University.

Congratulations to Ann Marie O' Donoghue, 33 Greenfield Drive, on being awarded an entrance scholarship in Chemistry to U.C.D. on her matric results. From Mam and Dad.

Congratulations to Brian Stewart and Rebecca Healy on their recent get-together.



Congratulations to Anne Mc Atamney, Leinster Park, Maynooth on her recent qualification as a Registered General Nurse (RGN) in Cork Regional Hospital. Anne is now working as a staff nurse in a Dublin hospital and takes up her midwifery training in the National Maternity Hospital in January next. Congratulations and the best of luck from Mum, Dad, all the family and friends.



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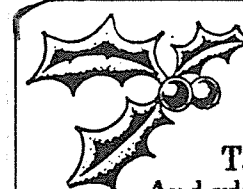
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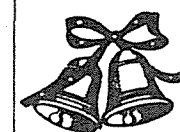


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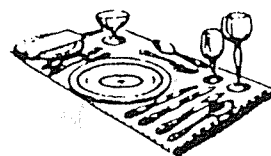
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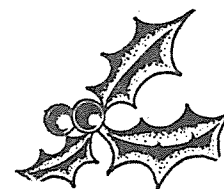
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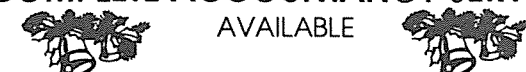
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Maynooth G.A.A. - A.G.M on Sunday 12th or 19th January in the Clubs Rooms, Moyglare Road at 2.30.

Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club - (1) Food Appeal 19/20/21 December outside Quinnsnorth.
(2) Auction on Friday 13th December for Old folks Coal Fund in Raphael's, Celbridge at 8.30 pm.

Garda - Dinner Dance on Friday the 28th February 1992.

Maynooth Flower and Garden Club - Christmas Meeting in the SVD Hall, Tuesday, December 10th.

Grangewilliam Cemetery Restoration Committee - Meeting in the Parish Hall on Monday 2nd December 1991 at 8.30 pm - all welcome.

Separated Persons Support Group - Meetings take place on Monday nights at 9.30 pm at the cack of Caulfields. All welcome.

St. Mary's Church of Ireland - (1) Flower Arranging Demonstration/ Felicity Satchwell, on Tuesday 10th December at 8.00pm.
(2) Cake Sale in the ICA Hall on Saturday 14th December at 12 noon - 4pm.
(3) Christmas Carol Service in St. Mary's, Maynooth on Sunday 22nd December at 4.00.

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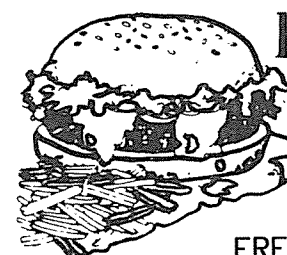
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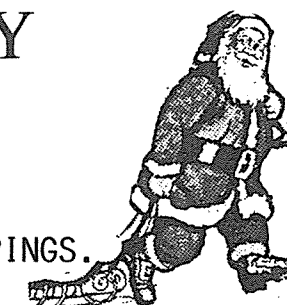


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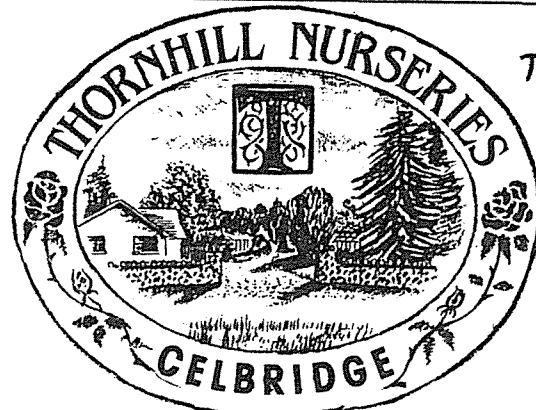
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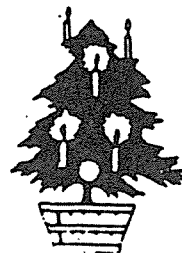
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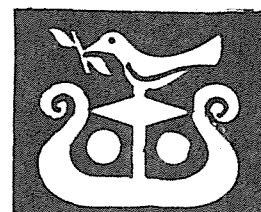
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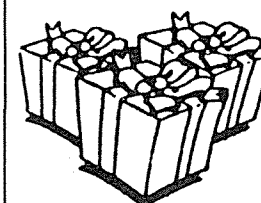


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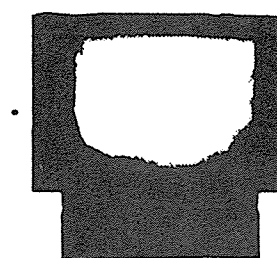
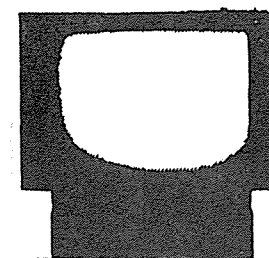
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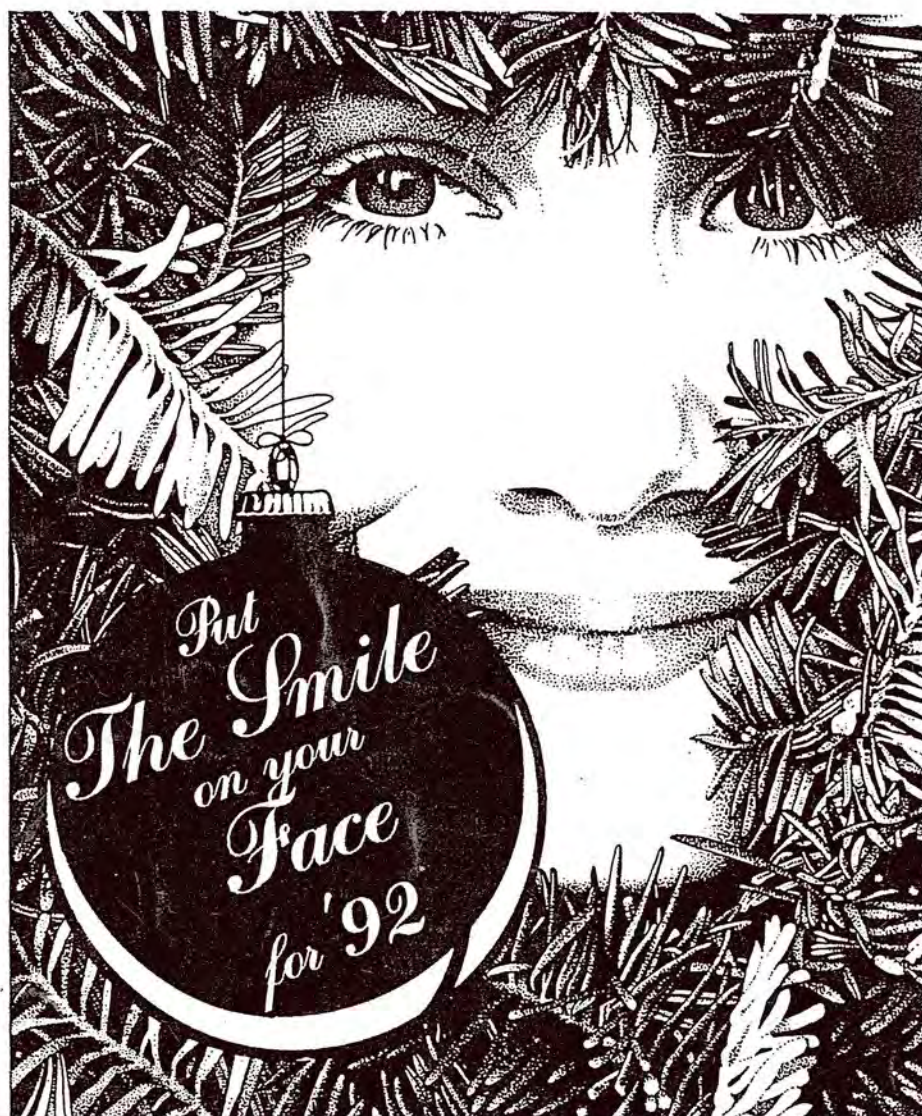
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