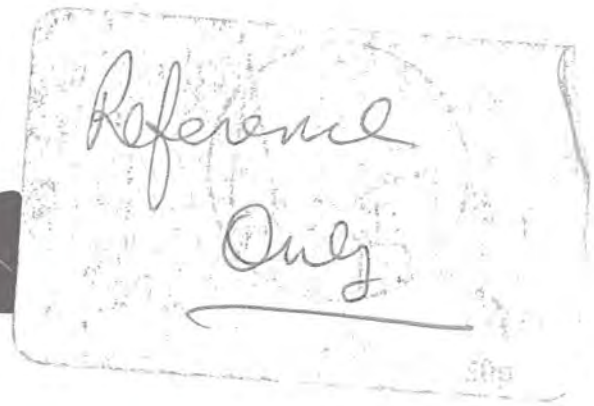


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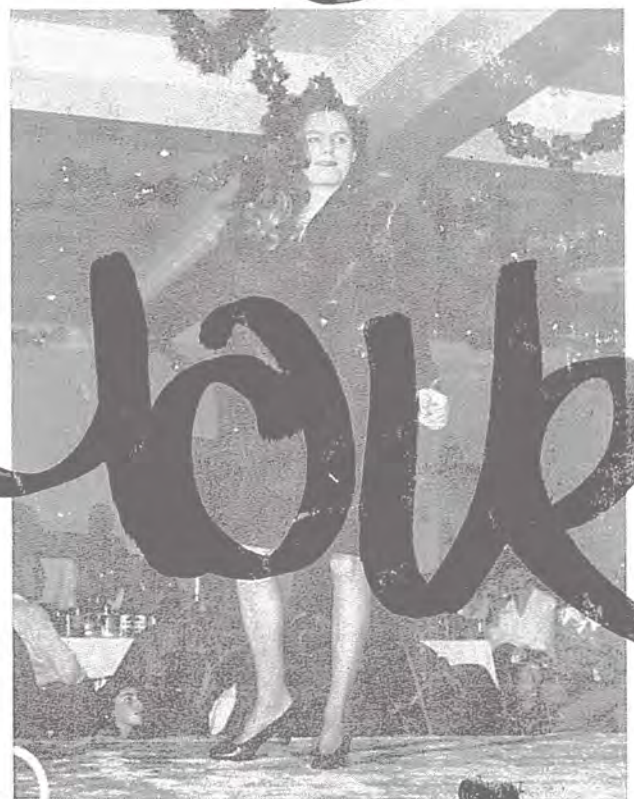
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New Year Wishes

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
and advertisers
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.

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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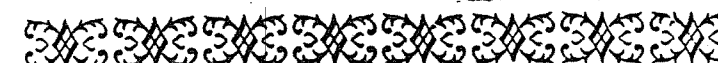
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Old People's Committee

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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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.

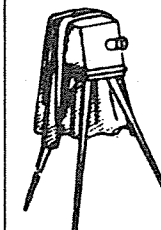
The new board of Directors is as follows:

Pat Harney, Ann Higgins, John Reid,
Pat Arthurs, Marie Dempsey, Joan Grant,
Michael Mooney, Ken Loane, Caroline Dunne,
Catherine Mulready, Mary Haren.

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Lisa Kirkpatrick	B.A. Maynooth.
Michael Cannon	Dip. In Arch. Tech.
Seamus O'Reilly	B.A. Maynooth.
Aishling Colclough	B. SC. Maynooth
Thomas Ashe B.Comm.	D.P.A. - U.C.D.
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.

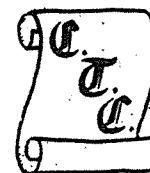
Survey

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.

Joan Howard Williams
Secretary

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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.

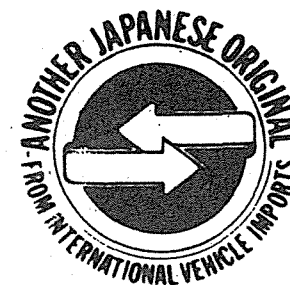
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Santa Claus flies In Continued

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 Aoibhinn 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.

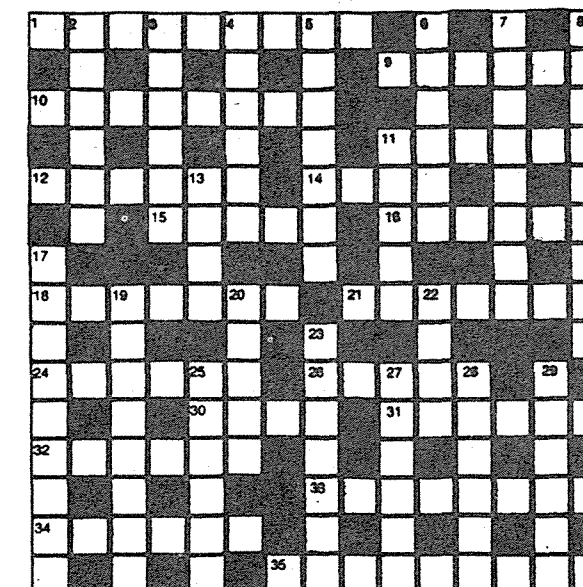
The pub quiz in the Leinster Arms was exceptionally well attended. Everyone there enjoyed a pleasant evening out with their friends while they challenged their general knowledge at the same time. The standard of answers was extremely high. 'The winning teams' members included Mr Aidan O' Rourke, Mr Gary 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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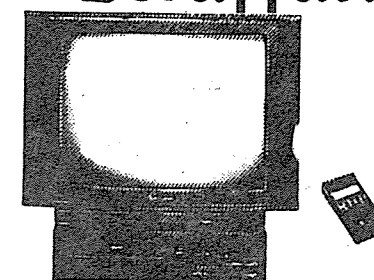
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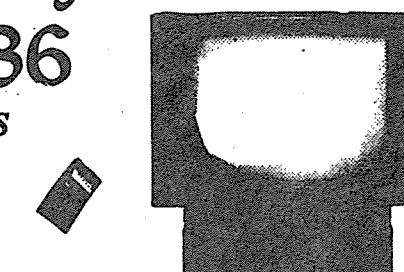


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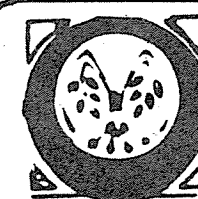
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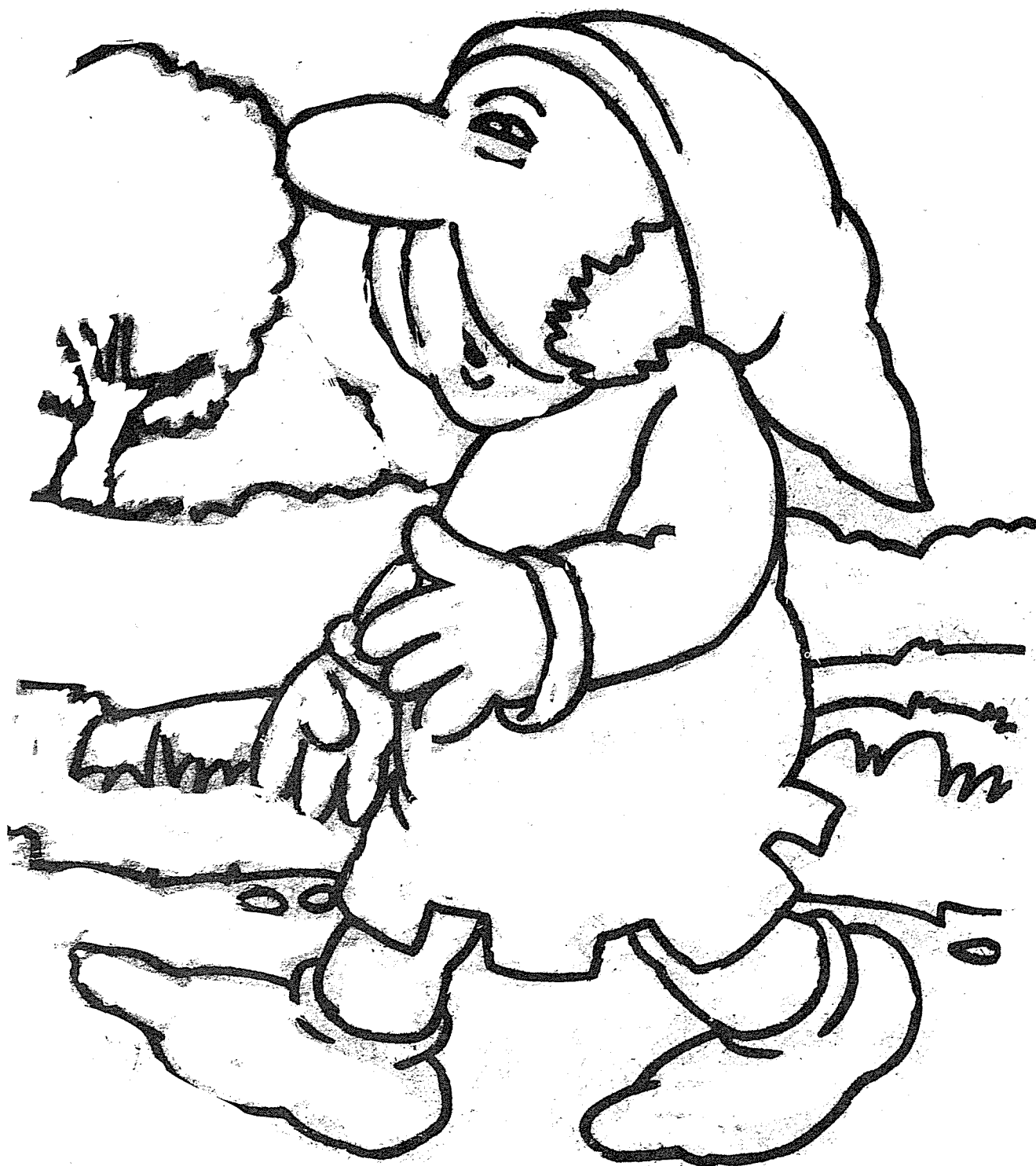
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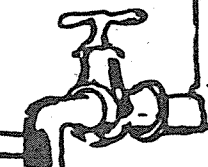
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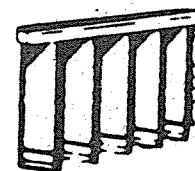
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Eye Hear

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.

Donal O'Donoghue.

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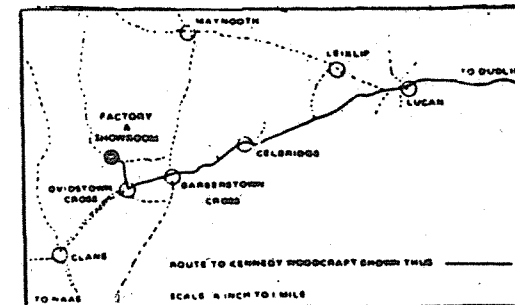
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before they each peter home
to their narrow little lives.

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.

Divorce

The opening up of Irish minds to progressive ideas, signalled by the election of Mary Robinson and brought home by the opinion poll on amending the Constitution, has found further substance in the finding that a substantial majority of Irish people now support the introduction of divorce here. Excluding "don't knows", the ratio in favour of such a move now stands at 60:40. Of course, there has been a significant majority prepared to accept divorce in principle in Ireland for some time now. However, the mismanagement of the 1986 referendum by the then coalition government led to widespread concern about the lack of appropriate legal safeguards for divorcees and their families and rejection of the proposed change to the Constitution. It is essential that all such safeguards be put in place prior to any further vote on the issue. However, this should not allow the question to be put on an indefinite long finger, and the Workers' Party will be vigorously pursuing both a new referendum and supporting legislation in the coming months.

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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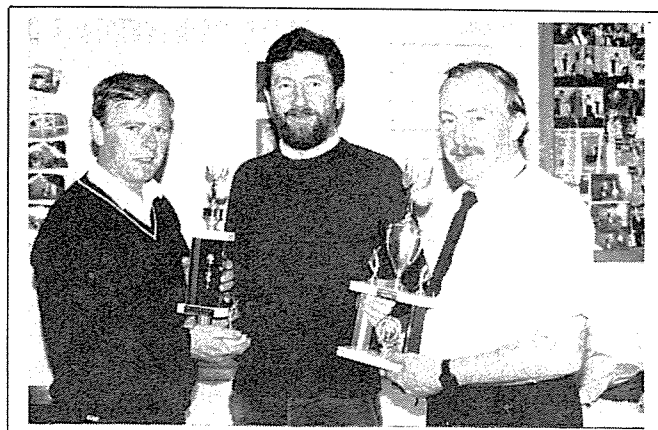
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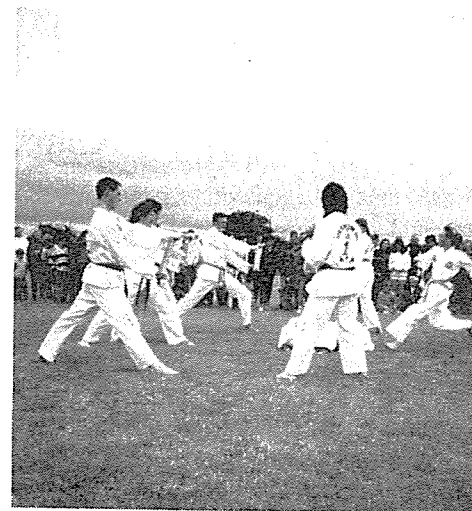
Community Week Chariot Race Winners



St. Patrick's Day Parade



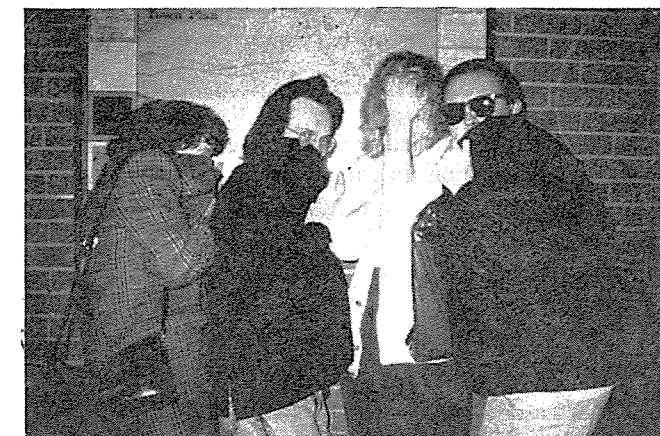
Road Up - Tree Down - Parson Street



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 Aobhinn 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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(3) Carry a whistle in your hand which may be blown if attacked.

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

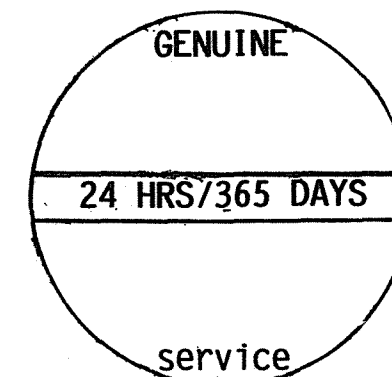
As some of you may know already the College takes in a number of "older" students each year. These students differ from other applicants in that they don't have the matriculation points needed to enter university. This may be because they either did not do a leaving certificate, or did not reach the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

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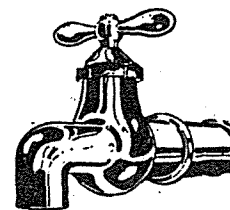
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The first application is judged by the Registrar and the Dean. This is done on the basis of an interview, previous academic experience is considered but is not essential. The second can only be judged by the applicants themselves.

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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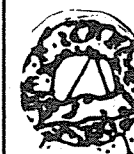
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The prize for best female costume went to Ria (Maggie Thatcher) Walsh (Chemistry) while Kevin (Sergeant Pepper) Kavanagh (Biology) took the men's prize. Phil and Ilona Dix (Biology) literally swept their way to the prize as best dancing couple. The 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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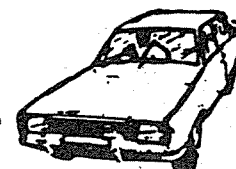
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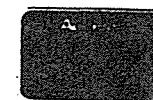
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Up to the time of going to press we have only three matches to report on and thankfully our unbeaten run this season continues.

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.

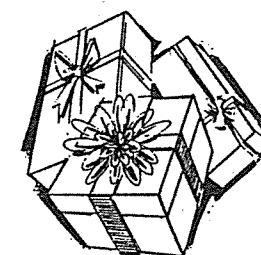
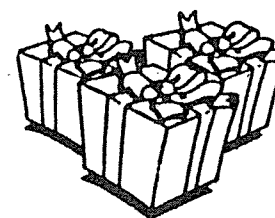
A minute after the break Paul Broughan set the Movable Marauder up on a jinking run which resulted in a superb second goal. "Libero" Broughan was brought down en route to goal with twenty minutes remaining. A red card resulted and Dunboyne finished with ten men. Ray Broughan lobbed an excellent third 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.

College Green F.C. - Mc Cann, Rattigan, Siggins, Broughan (P), O'Connor, Hughes, McGovern, Broughan (R), McGroarty, Buckley, O' Dea. Res. Cantwell for O' Dea (75 mins), O' Boyle. (4-3-3).

Yours In Sport,
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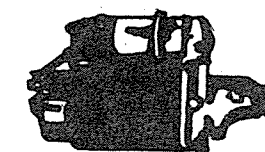
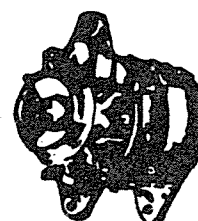
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MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

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.

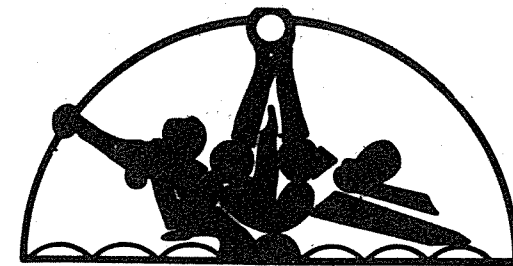
With the impending return to action of a number of players including Paddy Dowling, Fergal Barton, Joey O'Riordan, Barry Desmond and Bobby Barry among others, competition for places will be more intense than ever an 1991 should be very interesting indeed.

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Sports News

Maynooth Town AFC Continued

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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.

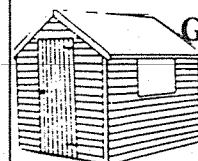
To Amelia Mullan of 1 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth, who graduated from the University of Ulster recently, with a BSC. (Honours) degree in Psychology and Sociology.

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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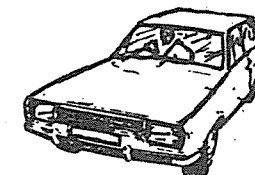
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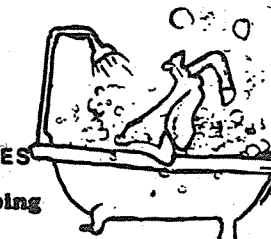
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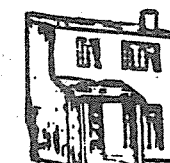
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Wedding Anniversary

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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 Quinnsworth from Nuala and Annemarie (miss you all loads).

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

New Year Greetings to Hanners from Rita.

Greetings and Happy New Year to the Cummins and Fowler families and all my Pedigree Chums love Fiona Cummins.

Greetings to all my family and friends, love Rita T.

Greetings to family and friends of Lorraine.

New Year Greetings to Eva, Paddy and Martin Walsh, Mulhussey, Maynooth, lots of love Bargain Hunter.

Happy New Year to John (Dinny) and Annie (Biddy) Walsh, Mulhussey, Kilcock, love Mo.

Hello to all the Conneely's in Pagetown, Love Maura.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS CONTINUED

New Year Greetings to the O'Brien family, Railview, Newtown, Maynooth love Irene.

New Year Greetings to Rathcoffee G.A.A. Senior football team and their supporters from Fiona and Irene.

New Year Greetings to Daragh Oman (Clondalkin) from Fiona.

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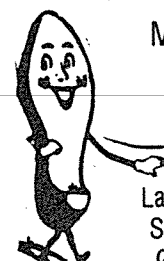
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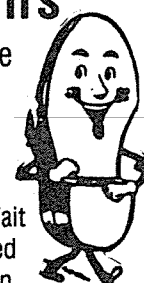
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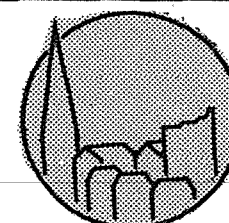


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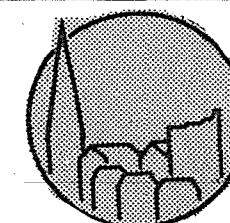
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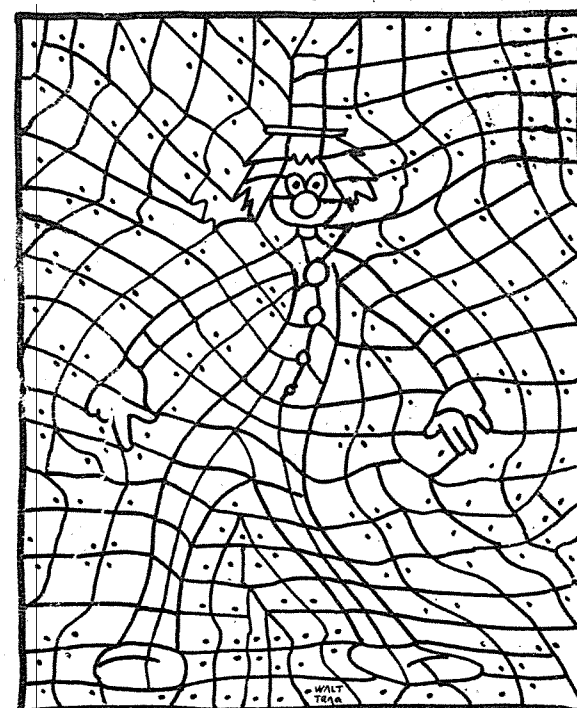
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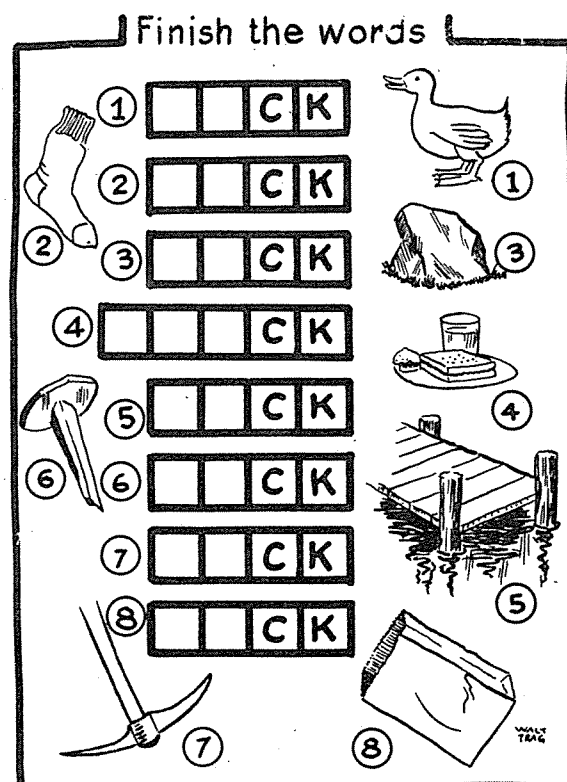
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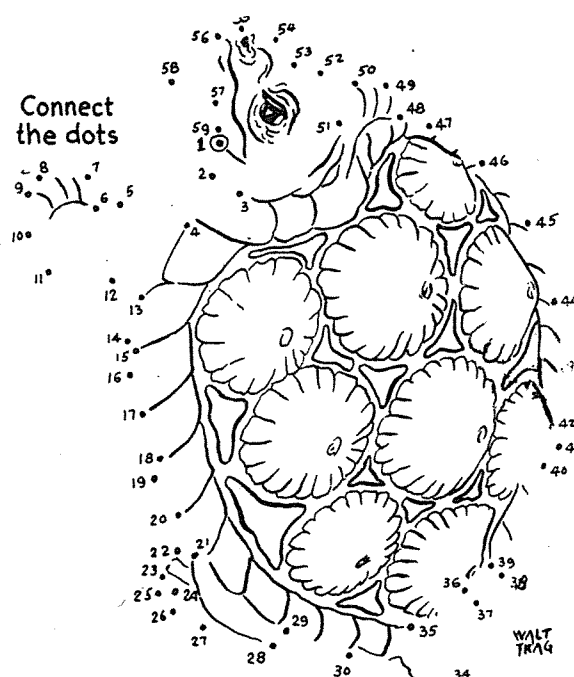
What hides here?



With a pencil, fill in each space with a dot in it.



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STREET.

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to Ann Lyons who is 14 on the 30th January, from Mum, Dad and Brothers.

Happy Birthday to Fiona Cummins from the office staff.

Birthday greetings to Bartley (McGyver) Conneely, Pagestown, Maynooth, Lots of love Bernie, Stephen, Aedana and Mickey.

Happy 21st Birthday to Maggie Heeney, 635 St. Patrick's Park, Celbridge, love Fiona Cummins.

Birthday wishes to Padraic Conneely, from Lonewolf.

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.

Birthday Greetings to John Fanning Greenfield 18 years on December 31. Best Wishes from mammy, daddy, and sister Sharon also best wishes to Mammy and Daddy who's birthdays were Dec 9th and Dec 13th love from John and Sharon.

Happy Birthday to Kevin (Chibbles) O'Keane, Pagestown, Maynooth, Co.Meath love from Mammy, Daddy, Ritchie, Mamo and Dado, Bridie and Padraic.

Happy Birthday to Tom Walsh, 37 Moyglare Village, Maynooth, Love Maura.

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