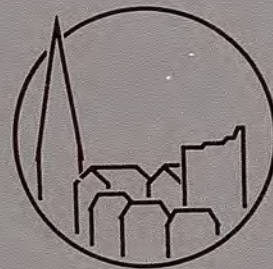


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A successful turnout for the Community Council's Protest march from Quinnsworth to Bond Bridge on Saturday 23rd February. High media coverage for the Council's campaign to have the footpaths and roads in Maynooth repaired. (R.O.A.R. - Repair Our Awful Roads).

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

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The Roads

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

Cold Spaces

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

Patrick's Day

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

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir or Madam,

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

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

Yours sincerely,
Larry O'Brien,
510 Newtown.

Dear Editor

Re: Noisy Students

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

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

Shay Corbally
22 Maynooth Park,
Tel. 6285158

Michael Garvey,
28 Greenfield Drive,
Tel. 6286574

Dear Editor

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

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

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

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

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

Dear Editor

Asthma Society of Ireland.

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

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

Yours faithfully,
John Forde, Chairman,
14 Cedar Park, Leixlip.

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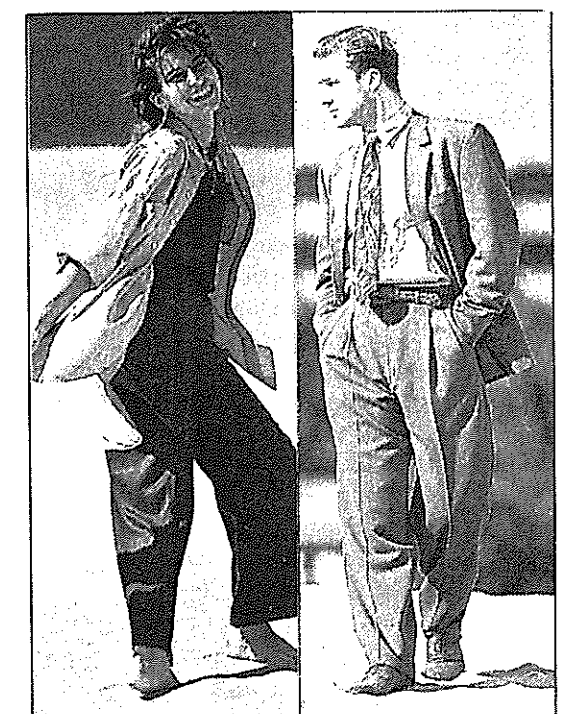
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Dear Editor

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

Wishing you all the best in the future.

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

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

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

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

Elected representatives present were: Bernard Durkan T.D.

Emmet Stagg T.D.

Jim Gallagher M.C.C.

Colm Purcell M.C.C.

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

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

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

Our submission concentrates on three specific issues:

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

Community Council Notes

(1) THE CONDITION OF THE ROADS.

A. Rathcoffey Road/Bond Bridge.

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

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

B. Moyglare Road.

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

C. Dunboyne Road/Convent Lane.

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

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

Hugh McCartan

Smithstown, Maynooth

Tel. 627 1716

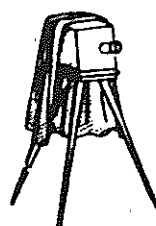


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D. Straffan Road.

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

E. Greenfield Lane.

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

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

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

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

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

(2) THE CONDITION OF THE FOOTPATHS.

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

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

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

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

(3) THE PUBLIC TOILET BUILDING IN THE SQUARE.

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

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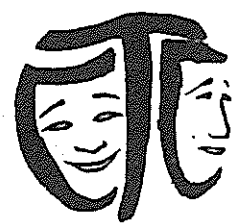
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Community Council Notes

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

EMERGENCY ITEM

Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade

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

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

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

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

John McGinley
Chairperson.

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

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

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

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

John McGinley
Chairperson.

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ROYAL CANAL NOTES

Spring Fair

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

Royal Canal Jamboree

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

Your Questions answered

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

How long is the Royal Canal?

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

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Why are there locks on canals and not on rivers?

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Why is the water on the canal discoloured?

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

Why were barges built with almost flat bottoms?

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

Can we take our boat on the canal?

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

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

Where can I get a lock key?

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

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

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

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

Gerry Fitzpatrick, P.R.O.

ST. MARY'S BAND MAYNOOTH

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

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

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

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



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

Clubs, Societies & Organizations



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

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

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

I.C.A. NOTES

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

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

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

Mairead Scanlon
P.R.O.

DAFFODIL DAY

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

OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

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

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

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

P.R.O.

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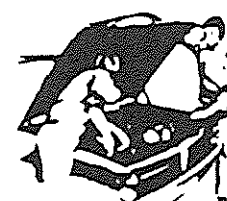
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MAYNOOTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Christmas Bonanza

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

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

Bikes

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

Key Holders

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

Footpaths

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

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

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

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

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

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

Sheila Fleming
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE- FEBRUARY REPORT

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

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

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Residents' Associations' Notes

Kingsbry Residents' Association

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

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

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

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

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

Greenfield Estate Residents' Association

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

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



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

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

Greenfield [Phase Three] Residents' Association

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

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

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

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Residents' Associations' Notes

Lyreen Residents' Association

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

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

FINE GAEL NOTES

The Snow and all that.

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

Footpaths and Roads.

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

Proof of the Pudding.

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

Maynooth/Dublin Rail Line.

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

Financing of Local Roads.

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

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

WORKER'S PARTY NOTES

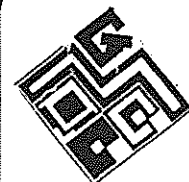
Local Democracy Needed

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

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

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

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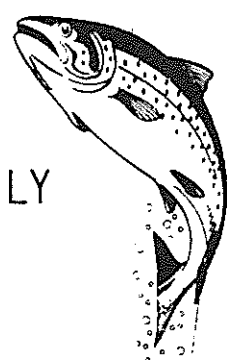
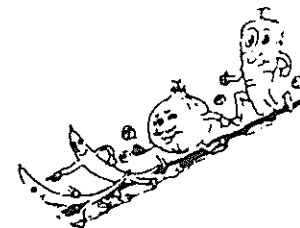
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community should have its own elected council, and secondly, that each council should be given as many functions as it can efficiently handle. Thirdly, councils should be given funds to carry out these functions on a systematic basis - not at the whim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

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

Education Threat Deployed

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

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

LABOUR PARTY NOTES

The Closure of Post Offices - An Assault on Rural Ireland

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

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

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

Proposal to Develop Carton Estate

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

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

Bond Bridge

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

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Political Party Notes

Convent Road Repairs

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

Late Evening Train Service

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

Proposed Telephone Kiosk

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

Greenfield Lane

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

Deputy Stagg Attacks 'Do Nothing Budget'

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

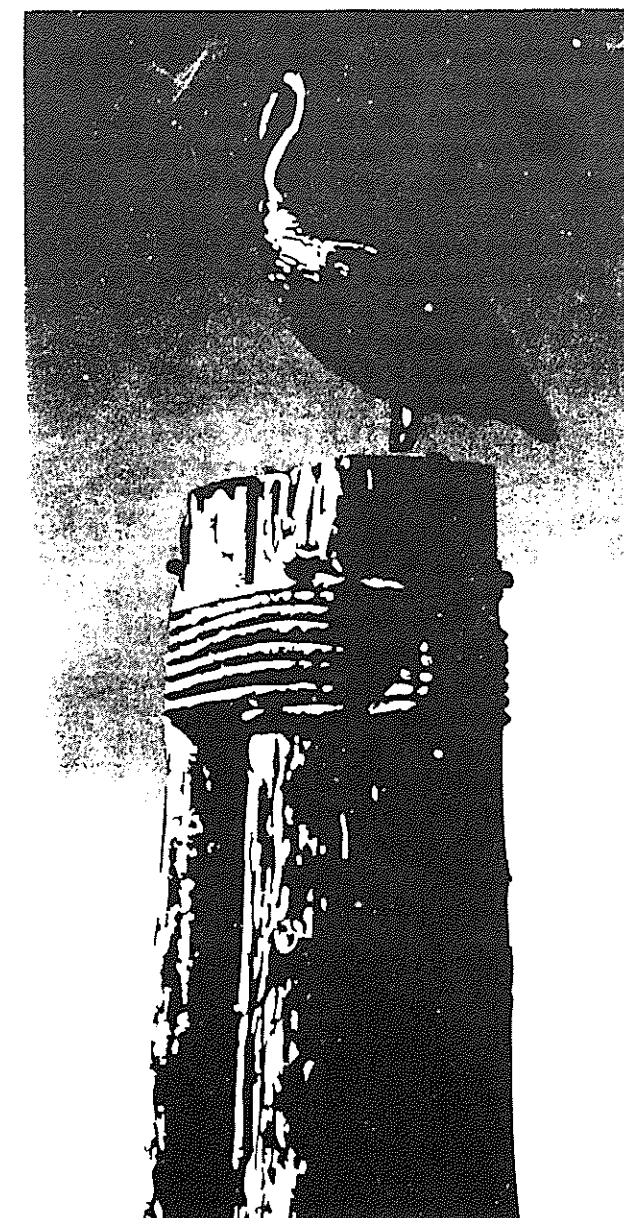
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Budget 1991 Changes

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Cross Border: Where someone lives here and works under PAYE in another jurisdiction and also taxed here in respect of that employment they will get PAYE Allowance.

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MUINTIR MAIGH NUAD:

Michael Nolan

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

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



Mick in the Royal Box

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

Mick plays in Croke Park

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

Billiard Champion

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

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

Proud Recollections

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

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

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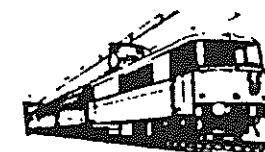
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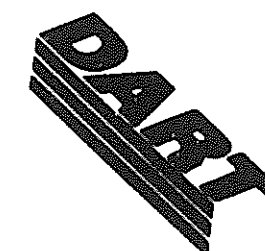


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Eye Hear

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

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

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

EYE HEAR

What's in a name again?

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

To the Point.

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

Allez les Francais

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

Surprise.

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

Arts for Arts Sake

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

Fishy Tales

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

Town Entertains Gowns!

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

VISITOR INDUSTRY SET TO TAKE OFF

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

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

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Visitors Industry Set to Take Off

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

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

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

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

John Colgan

Schools News

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY

Parent Teachers Association.

Fund Raising

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

Other Items

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

W. Coughlan
P.R.O.

YOUTH REPORT

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

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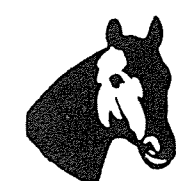
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to show the way to the several rooms laid aside for the purpose of registering, and the average procedure was to enter the school dither about a little, notice the signs, register, talk for a while with Mr. Ashe, and then leave. No-one asked for a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

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

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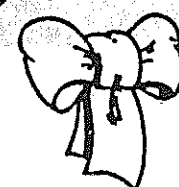
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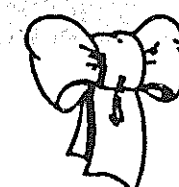
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Maynooth Writers

LOCAL COUNCILLOR TO HEAD UP COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

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

Public Libraries

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

MAYNOOTH WRITERS' CIRCLE

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

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

Michelle Cunningham
Age 8

GARDA TALK

Advice to Applicants for passports;

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

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- 2, In making your application your identity must be officially established and certified by a Garda.
- 3, You must sign the application in the presence of the Garda, who will certify the Form and the accompanying Photographs.
- 4, If you are not known to the certifying Garda, your co-operation will be required in establishing your identity when presenting your application form.
- 5, It will avoid delay and needless enquiry if you present your Application Form at the Garda Station where you are known or where your identity can be readily confirmed.
- 6, For this latter reason you can present your application form at a Garda Station serving the area where you reside or where you formerly worked or indeed any Garda Station.
- 7, If you must attend at a Garda Station where you are not known, you must be identified by a reputable person.
- 8, Your Irish passport is a very special document, entitling you to international travel. Please guard same with care.

ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE

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

Maynooth Garda Dinner Dance;

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

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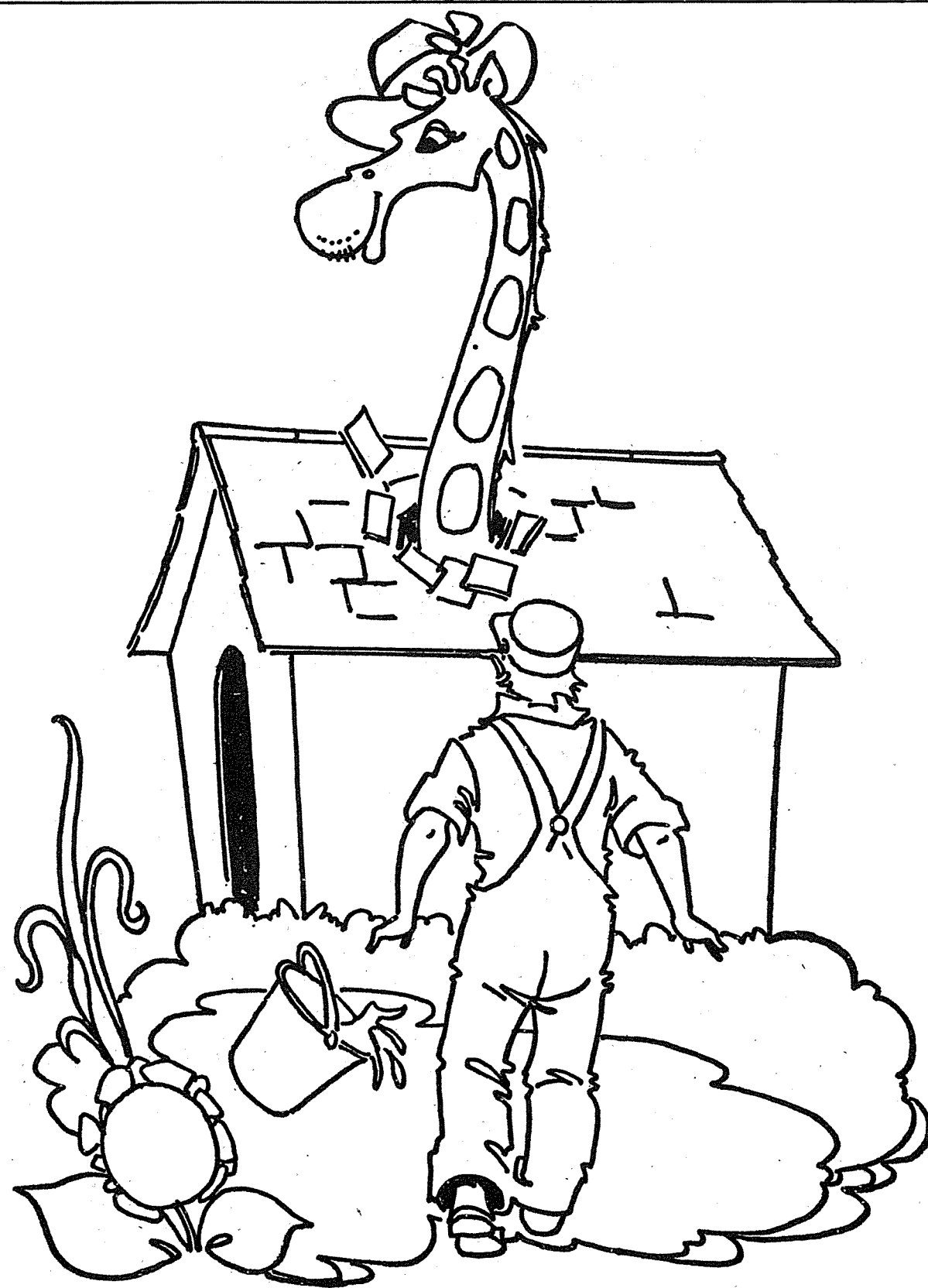
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Garda Talk



First Maynooth Garda Dance

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

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

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



Organising Committee

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

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

To one and all many thanks.

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DINING OUT WITH JULIE KNIFE AND FORK

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

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

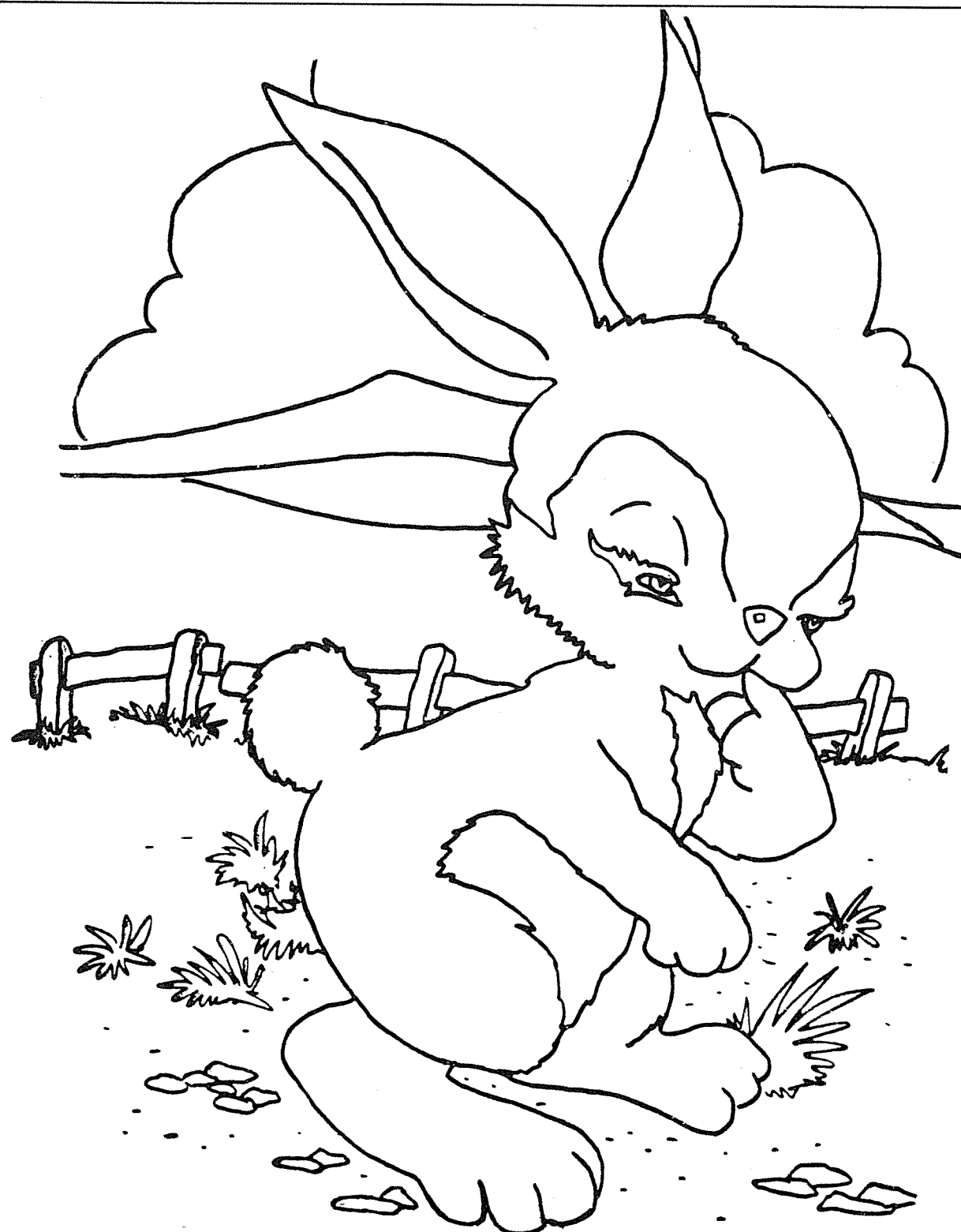
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Apologies to last months colouring competition winners
as they were listed under the wrong age groups.

Reviews

Cinema in Dublin:

The Field

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

Goodfellas

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

Millers' Crossing

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

Cyrano de Bergerac

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

The Godfather 3

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

Home Alone

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

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

Awakenings

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

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

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

Concerts:

Don Baker at the National Stadium

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

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

Theatre:

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

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

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

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

SLENDERWORLD

Slimming Competition;

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

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

CROSSWORD NO 40

BY Elle Bias
[£5 Prize]

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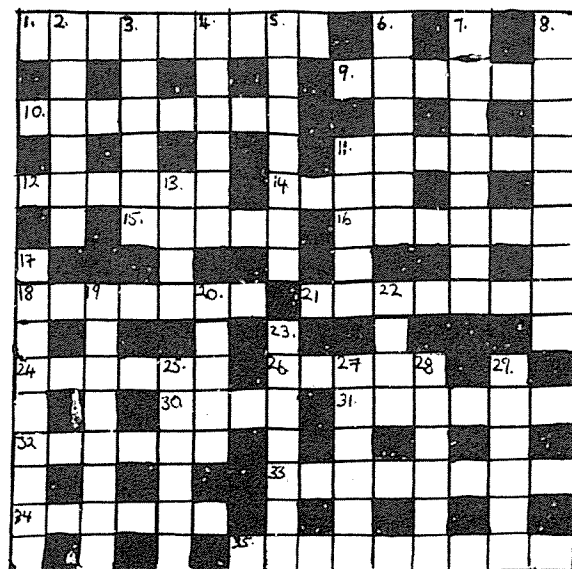
- 1, Self Assured (9)
- 9, Scold (6)
- 10, Shell (8)
- 11, Expelled from office (6)
- 12, What hairlines do (6)
- 14, Early Morning bird (4)
- 15, Wait on (5)
- 16, Diversion (6)
- 18, One who prays ? (7)
- 21, Credits (7)

Crossword No. 40

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

Down

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



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IN-SERVICE TRAINING IN COMMUNITY AND YOUTH WORK

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

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

Street Talking

Barry's

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

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

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

A.C.CURTAINS

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

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The Square

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

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

"Talking Head"

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

Miscellaneous

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

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

COLLEGE NOTES

AIDS Conference

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New Status for Maynooth?

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

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

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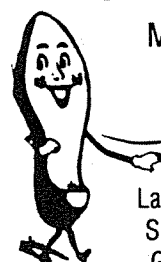
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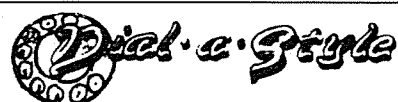
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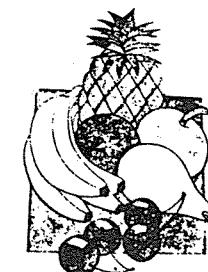
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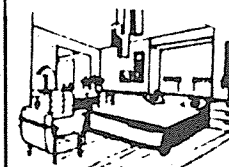
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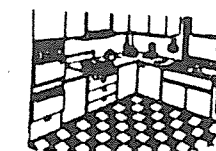
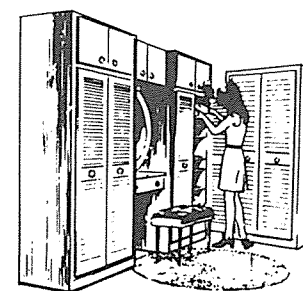
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functions of the college (National Catholic Seminary and Pontifical University) has yet to be worked out. The NUI has also requested the government to remove the existing ban on the teaching of Theology within the NUI. How that would impact on Maynooth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



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

Education Department Under Threat

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

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

Recent retirements

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

CORRECTION

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

Starwars

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

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

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

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

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

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Starwars

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Being incorrigibly flirtatious you will discover (at last) that you have exhausted your list of flirts and that nobody is interested any more in what you have to say (which was little of any importance anyway). Do not despair however. You will meet an entirely new set of people on the 21st who will be fascinated by your account of your accident on the 20th and who will want to prolong their stay in hospital just to listen to you.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

This month you will wake up to the fact that you are far too possessive of your partner and will find yourself partner-less. Unfortunately this desirable state will not last long as they will return to you before the month is out. It is given a measure of dignity however by the involvement of a blackmailing device on your behalf which I heartily applaud. It appears that some fool will bequeath you a sizable amount of money on the 14th.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

At 4pm on the 9th of the month be prepared to meet a dark haired stranger of impressive stature, dressed in a deep blue suit and overwhelmingly interested in an account of your life story. They will be single, have brown eyes and will call to your very doorstep. A relationship is indicated as you will meet this person three more times in the next week - twice in a garda barracks and once in court. Lucky number 3 (I cannot decipher whether this relates to years or months).

Virgo (August 23 - Sept 22)

A period involving learning and study is indicated for the second week in March, when you will perform dismally in some sort of exam, yet retain the fascination of a teacher/tutor individual who will wish to experiment upon you for the benefits of science. A conflict with neighbours is due to erupt on the 17th when they receive your solicitor's letter advising them of your displeasure regarding their planting of a daffodil bulb too close to your fence.

Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)

You will need to ooze even more charm and diplomacy this month than ever when an ex friend hears that you inadvertently called them fat and ugly. They will not understand that you were writing a novel about the humpbacked whale and that you sought to immortalise your ex friend by giving the whale their name.

Be careful of this peculiar commitment you intend to make on the 11th - once you proclaim your engagement to the world you, of all people, will not be able to dissolve it when you discover how incompatible you both are.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Buy fire extinguishers very soon. Lucky number 999.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

There is a limit to the amount of enjoyment you can squeeze from life and this month you will discover that the years of carefree, footloose living will wreak its revenge. Be prepared for massive hangovers (postponed for five years) and a few ulcers. Gout and hair loss make an appearance as does battle

fatigue. Your face will systematically crack overnight and a bucket of Ponds Cold Cream will prove useless. However, you will not begin to deteriorate until the 21st so go absolutely wild until then.

Your neighbours are complaining about daffodil bulbs so hire a forklift and plant a forest across their patio.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will radically change your image this month yet again when the photographs of your cousin's wedding are developed and shown to you. Let's face it - some people are simply born beautiful and others aren't. Accept the fact that you will need a reincarnation to effectively change you and set about acquiring one. Wearing black this month will attract the attention of a wealthy stranger. Look out for the owner of a spacious vehicle with flowers in it.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Somebody will mention the plight of the homeless in Sri Lanka during the first week in March and you will fling yourself into an explosive effort to campaign for aid, raise money and establish a charity to monitor the situation. There will also be mention made of prisoners of conscience in Chile, lone parent families in Brixton, seal battering in Norway, gorilla hunting in Kenya and litter scattering in Maynooth, all of which will produce the same effects as the homeless cause.

You will also encounter someone who will be withered by your gaze when they imply that you were incorrect on a minor point of debate some weeks ago. It will be necessary to attend their funeral as a gesture of appeasement towards their family.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)

This month you come into the possession of a small fortune. Remember all your friends who suffer from thirst and should you give way to that feeling of generosity on the 18th, go out and buy someone a car. They will be forever grateful and I can be contacted at any time, day or night, at any place, and will promise to be delighted.

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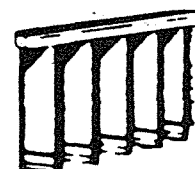
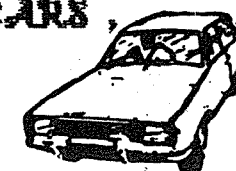
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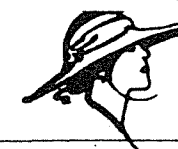
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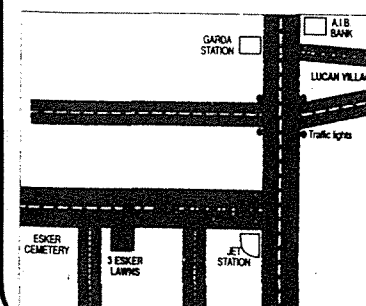
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Sports Section

COLLEGE GREEN F.C. NOTES

Since the last report in the January edition we lost our unbeaten record and slipped to second in the League table. On the plus side a couple of good victories brought us to the quarter finals of the main cup competition. In that period Merville's answer to John Barnes, Ciaran McGroarty, brought his tally to 19 goals for the season to date.

Division 2:

College Green (2) 6 Killua Wanderers 1

The goals came from O'Dea (2), Ray Broughan, McGroarty, Buckley and "Waylon" O'Boyle. This was a very solid performance against a physically strong Clonmellon side, which can boast of a few skilful operators themselves.

Challenge Cup - Second Round:

Newtown Utd (0) 0 College Green (0) 1 (Division 1a)

On the stroke of 90 minutes "Bad Bob" O'Boyle volleyed a dramatic winner from 25 yards. The result was just about deserved in a very tight game. Newtown are going well in Division 1a and could well ascend to the top flight next season, which made the win all the more enjoyable.

League Division 2:

College Green (0) 3 Archers (3) 3

The Dunshaughlin side brought us back to earth with a bang, as they overwhelmed us in the first half with three goals. However, the engine which had been firing on a few cylinders in the first half, roared into life after the interval. McGroarty's two goals and McGovern's one gave us a share of the points in an exciting fight-back.

League Division 2:

Kells Celtic (1) 3 College Green (0) 1

Fielding a scratch side we had very little chance of overcoming third placed side Kells Celtic. Thanks to McGroarty's goal we were on level terms up to the hour, but thereafter were unable to keep the home side at bay. Thus the seventeen match unbeaten run, stretching back to April 1990, came to an end.

League Division 2:

Rossin Rovers (0) 0 College Green (0) 0

Again depleted we were forced to drop another point on a pitch that resembled an ice rink - this was Wrexham, only worse. Neither side produced any clear chances.

Challenge Cup - Third Round:

College Green (1) 3 Brewery (1) (Div. 1A)

The Navan side dumped us out of the cup last year, on a somewhat emphatic 5-1 scoreline. The previous season we beat them 2-0 in the quarter-final stage. Brewery are bottom of Div. 1A this season, but recent re-discovery of form gave them an 8-1 win in their last outing. The "Bomber Buckley" headed home after 10 minutes. McGroarty (who else) restored the lead after 61 minutes. Two minutes later it was the Carton Court Crusader who got his second, to move it 3-1. With eight minutes to go the visitors reduced the deficit and gave us a grandstand finish. However, the superlative 'Lev' McCann denied Brewery time and again. McGovern, Martin and O'Connor were excellent and Paul Broughan never put a foot wrong. Quarter - finals here we come!

Declan Forde

MAYNOOTH G.A.A.

In the last issue of Newsletter we left out the name of Josie Murphy our President. We are sorry for the mishap. Our President for 1991 read, Josie Murphy, Jim Tracey, Jim Nolan, Phil Brady, Dinny Breen.

We would like to congratulate the Post Primary School under 14 football team on reaching The Leinster Finals only to be beaten by one point by Ballyfin College well done lad's and keep us the good work.

The following is our Finance Committee for 1991, elected at our committee meeting on Monday 4th Feb. M.Kelly (sen), D.Madden, P.Kearney, M.Caden, J.Lawlor and J.McLoughlin. Our next committee meeting Monday 4th March at 8.30pm.

At our meeting for under age teams held on Monday 11th Feb. the following were elected under 16 'A' football. M.Ryan, M.Mealy, L.Lacey.

Under 16 'B' M.Gillick, P.Nevin S.Griffin, K.Fagan, under 14 'A' M.Gillick, P.Ennis.

Under 14 'B' M.Mealy, P.Nevin, under 10/11/13 - K.Connolly, D.McDermot, F.Devroe, P.Ennis, K.Fagan, training has commenced for 10/11/13, every Saturday at 11.30am. We hope to start a street league for 10/11/13 every Saturday at 11.30am.

Under 12-14 Hurling

D.Quigley, L.Lacey, M.Lawlor, S.Cummins, M.Gleeson, T.Purcell.

Under 16 - P.Nevin - League's start on 23rd March for under 12-14 and training is every Saturday morning at 10.30am,



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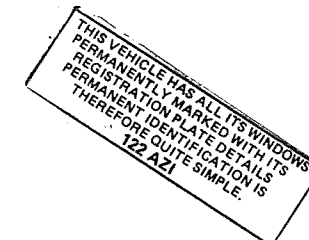
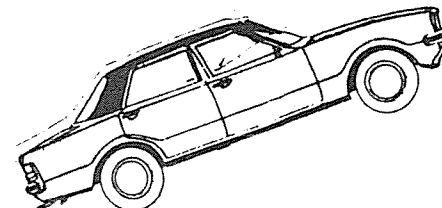
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St.Patrick's Day Parade

Our club will have a float in the Parade so we would like to see all Gaels come out and support our float.

Social Centre

In the last issue of Newsletter we said we might have our Social Centre on St.Patrick's Day but this date had to be put back to further date. We hope to have better news in next month's Newsletter.

Championship Draw's

For 1991 our Junior A Team will play Kilcullan in 1st round, Junior B team will play Kilcullan.. Under 21 team will play Johnstownbridge, Minor Team will play John Devoys. Our junior A team will be playing in Senior Football League Div 3 this year. This start's on Sunday 24th March. Junior football league start on Monday 22nd April, Minor football starts on Sunday 17th February. Under 16 football league - Friday 5th April, under 14 league Monday 1st July. Minor Football League Div 2 fixtures. Sunday 17th Feb. v Roberts Emmets Away. Sun 24th Feb v Moorfield Home, Sun 3rd March v St.Laurances away. Sun 24th March v O/Plunkets away. Sunday 7th April v Rathangan Home, Monday 15th April v Monasterevan, Sunday 21st April v John Devoys Away. Sun 5th May v Caragh Home, Sunday 19th May V Ballyna Home.

We would like to thank Colin Feeney Builder for sponsoring footballs for our other team's. Also Danny Casey of Casey Court's for his sponsorship of hurling balls for our under age hurler's.

Minor Football League Sunday 17th Feb. v Robert Emmets. Maynooth 1.2 Robert Emmets 4.6. A bad performance from our lads, fitness told at the end and a few soft goals. More news in next Newsletter.

The Committee of Maynooth G.A.A. Club wish to thank most sincerely all those who contributed so generously to the development of the Club's Social.

Clubs Centre on the Moyglare Road by participating in their very successful Super Draw. The results of the draw are as follows'

April

1st Prize Nissan Micra Car Ticket no 1051 Jim's Shoe Repair Service, Shopping Centre, Maynooth.

2nd Prize Freezer Ticket no 258 Mary Cullen, Main Street Maynooth.

3rd Prize Music Centre Ticket no 915 Sean Kelly, Moyglare Village, Maynooth.

4th Prize £150 Cash Ticket no 247 Martin Connolly, 11 Carton Court, Maynooth.

5th Prize £150 Cash Ticket no 563 Sean Darcy, Taghadoo, Maynooth.

May

1st Prize £2,000 Cash Ticket no 127 Fintan Ruddy, Rail Park, Maynooth.

2nd Prize 2 Mountain Bike Ticket no 487 "The Famous Five", C/O T. Fay, Kavanaghs Mills, Maynooth.

3rd Prize Weekend for 2 and Ticket no 1074 David Corcoran, 277 Old Greenfield, Maynooth.

4th Prize £150 Cash Ticket no 593 Anna Kelly, Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

5th Prize £100 Electrical Voucher Ticket no 764 Donal Lennon, Kilmacredock, Maynooth.

June

1st Prize Shopping Spree or £2,000 Cash Ticket no 893 Martin Scanlon, Maynooth Park, Maynooth.

2nd Prize £500 Cash Ticket no 115 M. Keenan, Rail Park, Maynooth.

3rd Prize Music Centre Ticket no 595 Molly Kearney, Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

4th Prize £250 Cash Ticket no 323 Rosaleen Deane, Laragh House, Maynooth.

5th Prize £150 Cash Ticket no 334 D. McFadden and M. Prendergast, Abercorn Square, Inchicore.

6th Prize £100 Sport Voucher Ticket no 769 Damien Gibbons, Laragh, Maynooth.

July

1st Prize £2,000 Cash Ticket no 1138 Maura Adderly, 105 Rail Park, Maynooth.

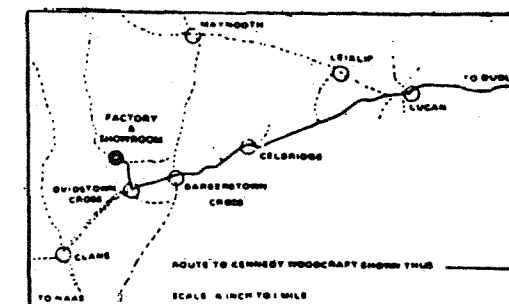
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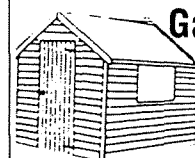
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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

Where are all the parents gone?

Due to lack of interest in the recent A.G.M., at which three people turned up, Community Games will not take place in Maynooth this year. This is a totally unacceptable situation in Maynooth after 12 years of successful games. When one thinks of the number of children in Maynooth who have derived such fun and pleasure from the Games in the past twelve years and indeed, the honour those children have brought to Maynooth, it is inconceivable to think that due to lack of adult participation to form a committee, that Maynooth Children will have no Community Games this year. At this stage one asks oneself where are all the parents of the children, who swim, run, do gymnastics, take art lessons, play football, rugby and hurling, gaelic football, volleyball, badminton, tennis, basketball, chess, draughts, drama, pitch and putt and rounders? These are all the Community Games disciplines that have taken place in Maynooth for the past twelve years. The outgoing committee have decided to make a last ditch effort to save the Games for 1991 by calling another meeting, in the Community Council

Office, on March 8th, in order to form a committee. If this fails, the Games are gone - and a sad day it will be for the children of Maynooth.

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

With the improvement in weather conditions it is hoped that games will be played on a regular basis and the backlog of games cleared in the coming weeks. Our most recent games have shown that we have improved since the season began and results have been very favourable of late..

Leinster Junior League Premier Division
Broombridge Utd O Maynooth Town 1

This was an excellent win in a tough hard fought game. The intimidatory tactics employed by the home side failed to upset our side who showed great restraint in playing good football in the face of great provocation before a partisan home crowd. Broombridge were intent in maintaining their high league placing but their efforts amounted to nothing when confronted by a very disciplined and determined Maynooth side. Maynooth struck the decisive blow as early as the 10th minute when a Philip Doyle special from 25yds found the net. Our defence proved their worth for the remainder of the game in holding a very skillful home forward line scoreless. Man of the month for Maynooth was Noel Kearns at centre half and he was well supported by defensive colleagues Ger Thompson, Tom Donovan, Paul McCourt and keeper Mick McGarry.

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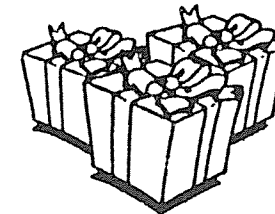
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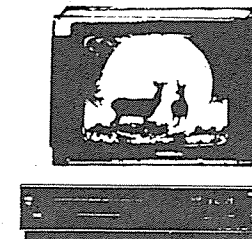
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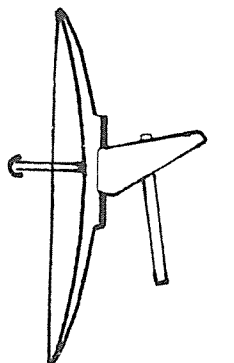
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Sports Section

Our second team looked as if they were going to make a tame exit from the Conway Cup when going two goals down in the first half. Following a tough half time pep talk by manager Colm Feehan Maynooth came out for the second half with all cylinders firing and commenced to take the opposition apart with a display of attacking football which left one wondering what the manager really said. Goals by Joey Edwards (2), Fergal Barton (1), and John O'Neill (1) paved the way for an exciting win which seemed remote at half-time. Gerard Treacy had an excellent game for Maynooth and his second half display was an inspiration to his colleagues to raise their own game when all seemed lost.

Premier Division

Maynooth Town 1 Bridge Celtic 1
League leaders Bridge came to town hoping to consolidate their position but were dealt a blow when dropping a point and indeed must consider themselves lucky not to have returned to the city empty-handed. Only a superb one man show by the Bridge Keeper saved his side from an embarrassing defeat. Des Farrell provided the perfect pass for Philip Doyle to score for Maynooth in the 11th minute. It looked as if we would hold out for victory but eight minutes from time an uncharacteristic mix-up in an otherwise reliable home defence provided the visitors with their equaliser. This was a sound all round team performance which could have reaped greater reward.

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Bacchus F.C. came to Maynooth with an unbeaten run of seventeen games and were confident of increasing that impressive run. Reputations mean nothing to this youthful home team and they went about spoiling the party for the visitors with a fiery all action opening to the first half. Michael Kelly opened the scoring for Maynooth in the 3rd minute and Fergal Barton added a second 12 minutes later. While we were celebrating our second goal Bacchus showed why they are League Leaders by hitting back with a goal one minute later. This goal signalled a nightmare fifteen minutes period for Maynooth when Bacchus hit three more goals without reply and it looked as if our bright opening was to be in vain.. A 2-4 scoreline at half-time looked a massive mountain to climb and the Man. Utd V Liverpool game live on T.V. now seemed the only consolation on a bitterly cold day when only the brave or the foolhardy braved the elements. Fortunately for those who intended retiring to the "Local" for much needed sustenance the second half restarted well in advance of opening time and we were to witness one of the most amazing transformations that's likely to occur in any grade for some time to come. A penalty award to Maynooth in the 60th minute seemed like putting us back into the game but an inexplicable miss by Joey Edwards seemed like the final nail in the coffin. Almost immediately Bacchus were awarded a penalty but an excellent save by home keeper Martin McTernan gave a glimmer of hope. Maynooth gained some confidence from this morale booster and set about their task of reducing the lee-way with grim determination. Joey Edwards was soon to redress his earlier bad luck and brought the game to equality with two excellently worked goals in the next 10 minutes. With five minutes remaining Fergal Barton wrote the final chapter in this seemingly never ending story when his superior speed took him clear and he scored his second goal which proved to be the winner. The never-say-die spirit of this side deserves great

credit and for the record the team who performed on the day was keeper Martin McTernan, back four of David Thompson, Noel Dempsey, John O'Neill and Michael Murphy. The midfield engine room of Joey Edwards, Robert Thompson, Gerry Treacy and Barry Farrell and strikers Fergal Barton and Michael Kelly. The introduction of substitutes Anthony Smith and Johnny Thompson failed to disrupt the rhythm and cohesion of a team which seemed dead but would not lie down. The later fare provided on television seemed poor entertainment compared to that provided by our local heroes.

Dalton Cup 6th Round Bessborough Utd. 2 Maynooth Town 3

This was a hard earned win in a game which took on a Jekyll and Hyde appearance for us. Whilst showing the good qualities of our game we also lapsed into a period of self styled destruction. Leading two-nil at half time following goals by Sean Moore and Tony Kearns we gave away two silly early second half goals which brought unforeseen pressure upon us. We recovered from this setback and a late goal by Tony Kearns booked our passage into the next stage. Paul McCourt and Dessie Farrell and Tony Kearns had excellent games for Maynooth.

Schoolboys' League: Under Twelves Maynooth Town 7 Greenfort Utd 2

An easy home win for our boys in a very impressive performance. Eamon Gallagher gave a five star performance in scoring five goals and Eoin Guha (1) and Stephen Brennan (1) completed Maynooth's scoring.

Under Fifteens Monkstown 1 Maynooth 1

Pat Hawkins gave a superb show in helping us gain a hard earned point in this close encounter. Tommy Fay was also a hero when he headed our goal to ensure a share of the points.

League Cup: Under Twelves Maynooth Town 0 Leixlip Utd 3

The higher graded Leixlip ran out winners following a scoreless first in which we did well to hold our more experienced rivals to parity.

Carroll Cup: Under Fifteens Maynooth Town 2 Jobstown 1

League leaders Jobstown made a first round exit when going under to a battling Maynooth side.

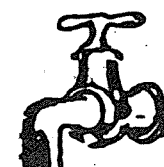
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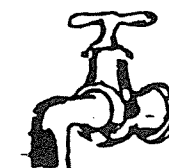
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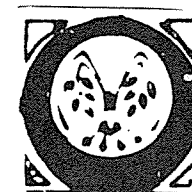
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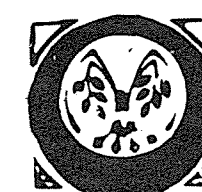
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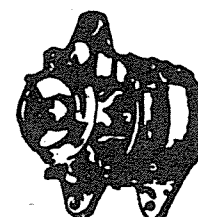
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Kevin Gannon was Maynooth's hero providing the cross for Tommy Fay to open our account and then scored the second himself. A late Jobstown goal failed to take the shine off this highly polished home performance. Keeper Tony Byrne also played well for Maynooth.

Club News

Congratulations to Tina Fitzpatrick on her recent win in our Club Draw.

Club outings in the near future include our Senior section visit at Easter to the Isle of Man for the Festival Tournament and our Schoolboys visit to Manchester where they will take in a Division 1 game and hopefully meet some of their heroes.

Congratulations to club player Barry Farrell on his engagement to Fiona Murphy.

BUCKLEY DOUBLE STRIKE SINKS 'BREWERY'

College Green (1) 3
Buckley2, McGroarty

Brewery (Navan) (1) 2
Keane, Carr

The cup-tie in prospect was as finely balanced as one could hope for. The sides had met on two previous occasions, both in the Cup. In the first match the Maynooth side won 2-0 en route to a semi-final defeat by the eventual winners. Last season the Navan visitors recorded a comprehensive 5-1 win. Indeed Brewery are former cup winners. This year sees College Green striving to take Brewery's place in Div. 1 A. The Navan side are firmly rooted at the foot of Div. 1A while College Green are challenging strongly for promotion, being in second place in div. 2. However, the most recent form in the League threw up further complications - an 8-1 win for Brewery in their last outing and the loss of four points in three matches by the Green.

More Adventurous

As to the game itself, it was clearly an example of fortune favouring the brave; and the home side proved the more adventurous outfit. After just ten minutes Rattigan and Hughes combined in midfield to set up Joe Buckley for a headed goal. Despite the heavy pitch the action swung from end to end as Brewery fought their way back into the match. After 18 minutes an acrobatic, flying, one-handed save from 'Lev' McCann kept Brewery at bay. Almost immediately Rattigan replied by forcing a goal line clearance at the other end when the Brewery 'keeper dropped the ball. On 32 minutes Brewery pierced the Greens defence and although McCann stopped the first shot, he was unable to prevent Brewery's Keane shooting the equaliser on the rebound.

In the ten minutes before half time College Green might have scored three times but for a combination of bad luck and poor finishing. First John Hughes was just off target with a 25 yard cracker; next Ray Broughan headed off the crossbar following a gret run and cross by McGroarty and on the stroke of half time a conversal advantage decision gave Ray Broughan too much time before he shot tamely at the Navan 'keeper'. In between these assaults on the Navan goal, Brewery sprung the College Green offside trap and McCann was forced to make a vital save.

Double Strike

The second half started tentatively but on the hour College Green sprung into life. McGroarty forced the Brewery 'keeper into a good save but as the ball broke loose, the Donegal man collected, rounded the keeper and finished clinically. Just two minutes later Buckley's persistence paid off as the centre forward chased a broken ball and finished with style. Brewery were now in disarray as College Green pushed forward, enjoying their best spell of the match. McGroarty was wide with three shots in rapid succession, following passes from McGovern, Broughan and Martin. Siggins did well to get forward and forced a vital save from the visiting keeper.

Nail Biting Finish

The slow Brewery fight back began as the Greens tendency to knock the ball about and route everything through the middle proved commendably adventurous, if not, at times, naive. The inevitable goal came from Brewery with 8 minutes left, although there is sound evidence to suggest that Walterstown G.F.C. player Paddy Carr handled (solo-run style) in netting. The scene was now set for a nailbiting finish. Untypically, Ray Broughan shot straight at the keeper after 87 minutes following a superb through ball from brother Paul. On 89 minutes Malachy McCann was happy to watch a Brewery drive whistle past the left hand upright. It was left to the energetic Ray Broughan to lift the siege. On the stroke of time he still had the legs to tear down the field, perform a classic push and run past the defender and produce a cross which did... nothing - nothing but clear the danger that is.

Man of the Match

There was little doubt at the finish but that College Green deserved a three or four goal margin. Their ability to put their foot on the ball and execute beautiful cross field passes was a joy to watch. Overall, theirs was the more skillful and exciting approach and although they were occasionally naive in over playing the ball in tricky situations the final result proved the adage quoted at the outset - 'fortune favours the brave'.

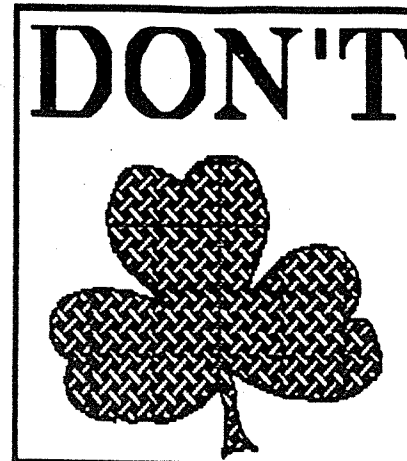
Martin McCann was superb at the back, McGovern worked extraordinarily hard in the middle, McGroarty and Ray Broughan tortured their opposing full backs. However, the 'man of the match' award goes to Paul Broughan who held it all together from the sweeper position.

College Green: McCann, Martin, Siggins, Broughan P., O'Connor, Hughes, McGovern, Rattigan, Buckley. McGroarty, Broughan (R).

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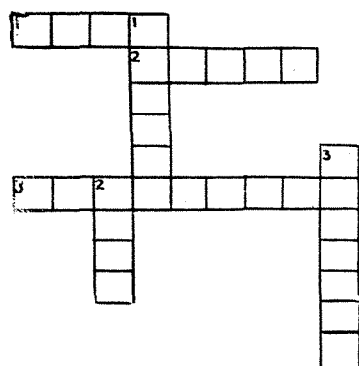
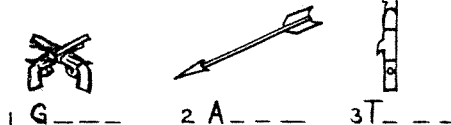




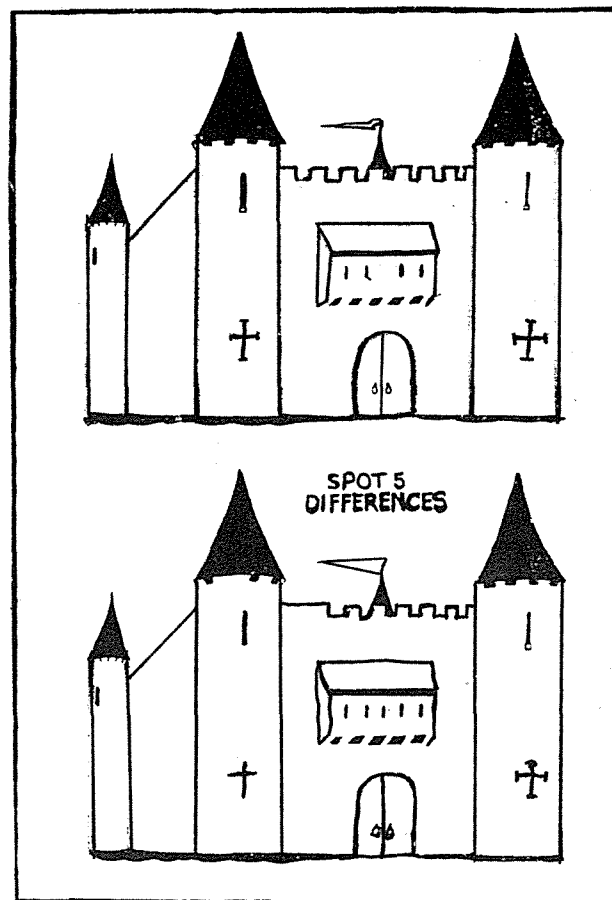
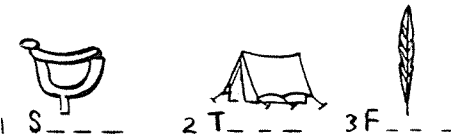
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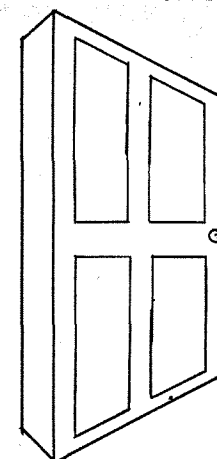
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H. Dunne

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Kenny

The wife, daughters and family of the late Christy Kenny wishes to thank sincerely all who sympathised with them in their recent great loss and all those who sent mass cards, floral tributes, messages of sympathy those who called personally attended removal of remain, mass and funeral. A special word of thanks to Father Cogan, Father Supple, Father Thyne. the ambulance men, Doctor Cowhey, the kindness of our many neighbours and friends. Maynooth Golfing Society, The Labour Party. Trusting that this will be accepted as a token of our appreciation. Mass will be offered for their intentions.

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To Phil Brady, Clock House on the death of his sister, Ellen Clarke, Rathtrussan, Kill, Cootehill and Ballrasna, Ashbourne.

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To the daughters, sons-in-law, granddaughters, brothers, sister, relatives and friends of the late Marie (Maddie) Stanworth (nee Byrne), Cluain Aoibhinn and late Yellow Walls Road, Malahide.

To Joe Faherty and family, Cluain Aoibhinn, on the death of his wife Mary and his daughter Sally.

To the sons, daughters, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, relatives and friends of the late Frank and Madge Hughes, Palmerstown, recently deceased.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy Birthday Mam, on the 19th March. From Carol, Lorraine and Dad.

Happy Birthday Lorraine, age 11 on the 11th March. Love from Mam, Dad and Carol.

Happy 12th Birthday to Pamela Cummins, Donadea. Love from Dad, Mam, Dermott, Gary, Ciaran, Fiona and Tony.

Happy Birthday to Thomas McMahon, Mulhussey, Maynooth. Lots of love from your Godmother.

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Sharon Halligan, Greenfield age 11 Mar 26

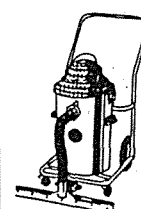
Gerard McTernan, Greenfield age 15 Mar 4th

Happy Birthday to Kevin Kenny, 8 on 17th Feb. Also hello to Una, Paul and Emma, from Carol and Lorraine.

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