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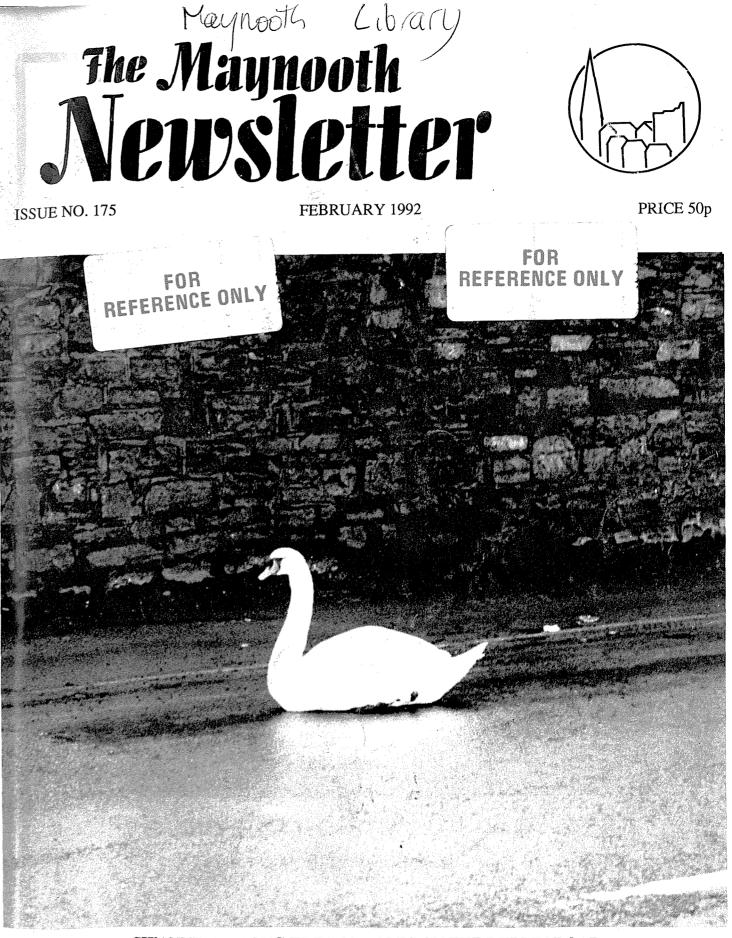
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Editorial

Carton

Kildare County Council has voted to allow a material contravention to the County Development plan to allow for developments in Carton. The public are still entitled to object, but time is running out. Attitudes to the proposed developments can only be described as a mixture of fear, hope and despair. Fear, that a unique part of our heritage has been given away in the hope that a few hundred jobs may be created, and despair that there appears to be no other alternative. But is there no alternative? A government which appears to have no other problem in finding millions of pounds on governmental palaces, museums of modern art, redundant educational institutions, fancy private jets, somehow cannot see its way to stepping in to preserve our heritage. The promised jobs are a pipedream that may evaporate in the colder economic climate existing now, and in view of the plethora of luxury leisure parks which have sprung up in Ireland which are now experiencing less than the success predicted. If the Gleneagles proposal fails, even after twenty years or so, what will be left is the most profitable development site in the Dublin region. The logic of developers will ensure that what could have been a resource shared among the people of Kildare and Dublin, will be divided up among thousands of semi-detached suburban dwellers, and lost forever.

Pothole Protest

Readers will remember last year's ROAR protest - when hundreds of Maynooth residents marched to persuade Minister Flynn to Repair Our Awful Roads. Now our County Councillors are taking a leaf out of our book, and will be staging a protest outside the Dail on Budget Day to highlight the poor condition of Kildare roads and the miserly allocation of funds for their repair. Fortunately, this winter has not yet brought its usual completion of ice, rain and snow, however, no doubt we will not escape from the consequences. Let's hope Mr Ahern will listen to our representatives, and will release the purse strings.

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Editorial

GAA Functions

Congratulations to the GAA on the recent unofficial opening of their bar and function rooms. Reports of decor and service are favourable, and residents are looking forward to patronising this new addition to Maynooth night life. We hear that the GAA in this part of the world are quite ecumenical and players from other codes, and no codes are welcome, as long as they are signed in by a member.

Valentine's Day

Happy Valentine's Day to all our readers. We would also point out that it is a leap year, when traditionally women could take the initiative. However, we should advise caution to anyone contemplating taking the plunge, and buying a house. In view of a recent High Court case it appears that married women cannot assume that they have any rights to their home, so look before you plunge, and make sure that both parties have equal rights.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor.

In reply to Mr. P. Hogan of Greenfield Residents' Association in the January issue, I wish to state the following:

1. The Residents' Association objected to the original application to Kildare County Council with statements that were untrue and misleading thus resulting in the application being turned down.

2. At the meeting that was held on the 12th November notification of same was not delivered to any household that it was thought might oppose the Residents Association Committee.

3. If Mr. Jennings had to present his case in letter form why didn't the Committee present their case in letter form as well. They surely don't believe that it contributes to a fair and level playing field to be able to verbally oppose a written submission. 4. It must be remembered that this situation has arisen because the Residents Association Committee originally took a stand on this important issue without a proper mandate from the resident in the area, a mandate they find they do not have.

Yours

E.Donovan.

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Community Council Notes

Footpaths/Overhead E.S.B. Wires

Kildare County Council have shown in Convent Road what can be achieved if our footpaths are properly paved. The footpaths throughout Maynooth are in a very dangerous condition at present. It is now open to the Community Council to take the next step. The following course of action was adopted at the Community Council Meeting on 13th January:-

1. Advise the E.S.B. of the situation when it is likely that footpaths will be paved, in order to give them a chance to underground their overhead network. Undergrounding the network will save the E.S.B. maintenance costs in the long term, and the time to do this is certainly before the footpaths are paved.

2. Agree to cut-outs on the footpaths between trees to provide parking places. This would have a 4-fold effect.

- a) Improve traffic flow in the Main Street.
- b) Stop the present dangerous parking on the footpaths.
- c) Increase the number of parking spots available.
- d) Reduce the amount of footpaths to be paved.

3. Ask Kildare County Council if they would let us have their proposals for paving the footpaths, taking into account points 1 and 2.

John McGinley.

Chairperson.

Planning & Development Notes

The above Committee has had a number of meetings since our inaugural meeting in September.

Margaret Clince was elected Chairperson and Ann Cotter was elected Secretary.

Many groups are represented by this committee which has been set up to plan and develop Maynooth. Our ideals are the development of resources and public facilities in Maynooth and its environs.

We are actively developing a positive working relationship with many public organisations in Maynooth, e.g. RCAG, ICA, Castle Committee, Students' Group and Tidy Towns. Our aim is not just to concern ourselves with plans which would not only improve existing amenities, but would also strive to create new ones, attract tourism and improve the appearance and layout of the town (footpaths, parks, The Square etc),

Various working parties were established to look at a number of plans for Maynooth which have been developed over the years e.g. County Development Plan, Theme Town Entry, Tidy Towns Report etc. Also, Maynooth was divided into workable areas which were looked at and assessed with regard to the various requirements needed for each number of problems existing relating to environmental issues. Because of this it has been decided to apply for a Fás scheme to work on a Tidy Towns project for 1992.

The Planning and Development Committee is a sub-committee of Maynooth Community Council. At our last meeting Richard Farrell was elected PRO and Fionan Hardiman and John Saults joint treasurers.

We welcome any suggestions and groups who wish to become involved in our group.

Richard Farrell PRO.

Maynooth Tidy Town Notes

We have re-planted the flower beds in the square.

Our next project is to renew the wood chippings in the Square, and to start planning for the coming season. We plan to present prizes for Best Shop Front and Estate individually rather than at a function.

Richard Farrell. P.R.O.



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CREDIT UNION NOTES

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in our recent Poster Competition. Prize money has already been awarded to the winners. The competition was very successful with a large number of entries. The standard was very high indeed. Winners in all categories go forward to Chapter Level and we wish all our winners every success.

Winners of the different age groups are as follows...... Under 8 yrs..... 1st Ruth Hallinan.

8 yrs to 11 yrs 1st Mark Hallinan & 2nd Chris Arthurs. 12 yrs to 14 yrs...... 1st Stephen Hallinan & 2nd Jonathan Arthurs.

15 yrs to 18 yrs...... 1st Patrick Halton & 2nd Graham Loane.

A photograph competition is now underway. The theme for the competition is "Credit Union in Focus".

It is open to all Credit Union members and to all amateur photographers. There is no entry fee. All entries have to be submitted through a Credit Union Office. Where an amateur photographer is also a member of a credit union he/she may choose the category under which the entry is submitted by ticking the appropriate box on the entry form. A maximum of three colour prints of dimension 6" x 4", gloss or matt, unmounted may be submitted with each entry form. Official entry forms are available at Credit Union House, The Harbour, Maynooth, Post Primary School, Maynooth, Barry's Shop, Main Street and the Public Library, Main Street, Maynooth. Closing date for all entries is 31/1/92.

Our annual social evening will be held in the Green Isle Hotel on Saturday night 18th January. As stated new members are always welcome.

Hours of business are as follows Thursday 7 pm to 8.30 pm. Friday 7 pm to 8.30 pm. 10 am to 12.30 pm. Saturday

May Haren,

P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

I hope everyone who came enjoyed our first series of talks on "The Healthy Body". Now, armed with the relevant knowledge, it is up to each and everyone of us to start leading a healthier lifestyle. Browsers will be delighted to note that we will now be receiving back issues of a number of periodicals - including Hot Press, Hello!, Practical Gardening, and House Beautiful. Any of these may be borrowed, on the same basis as book/cassette borrowing.

For those of you doing Adult Education classes, we will try to obtain some books for the various courses if we do not already have suitable titles in stock. Some recent acquisitions include the following titles:

Fiction.

[®]Barbara Taylor Bradford - Remember. Terry Brooks - The Elfstones of Shannara. David Eddings - Seeress of Kell. Maeve Haran - Having it all. Ian St. James - Vengeance.

Non - Fiction

Christian Barnard with Peter Evans - Your Healthy Heart. Jan De Winter - How to Avoid Cancer. Carolyn Faulder - The Womens Cancer Book. Wilfred Howard - The Practice of Public Relations. Gerald Keegan - Famine Diary, Angela Lee - The Healthy Heart Diet. Risteard Mulcahy - Beat Heart Disease!. Risteard Mulcahy & Noel Hickey - Heart Attack and Lifestyle. Allen J. Queen - Total Karate. Paul Rodriguez - Breast Cancer. Eva Schloss and Evelyn Kent - Eva's Story. Caroline Shreeve - Lower Your Blood Pressure in Four Easy

Lessons.

Bill Soiffer - Life in the Shadow, Living with Cancer. Marion Stroud - Face to Face with Cancer

As you can see, there are a number of new books on health topics - in case anyone missed the lectures! Incidentally, our next lecture is in March, on gardening. The date has not been finalised but details will be available soon.

May I also remind our younger members that if they have any collections

they would like to exhibit, they are very welcome to do so.

Margaret Walshe - Gannon.

MAYNOOTH I.C.A.

The first meeting for 1992 was held in the I.C.A. Hall, The Harbour, Maynooth, on Thursday 9th January at 8.00pm. The President, Mary O' Gorman, was absent due to illness. The vice-President Imelda Delaney, welcomed everyone and wished them all a happy and prosperous New Year and also hoped that Mary would have a speedy recovery to health.

The total profit from the Monster Bingo held on Sunday 8th of December 1991 was £540.00. This amount unfortunately is nowhere near the amount needed to replace the roof on the I.C.A. Hall. To enable us to have a new roof, we will at a later date have to have another fund raiser of some kind.

Maynooth I.C.A. has been in the town for approximately thirty years. The members meet on the first Thursday of every month and Enjoy craft nights on Monday evenings and badminton sessions every Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The members also compete in local and National Competitions for Drama, Set Dancing and Make & Model crafts ranging from Knitting and Sewing to rug-making, toy-making and painting also. The ladies are offered the opportunity to improve Public Speaking, organisational and other skills in friendly and unintimidating situations. Fund raising is also a part of the I.C.A., and Maynooth members during last year (1991) have been involved in raising money for very worthy causes including the Blind. Elderly, Heart Foundation, Conquer Cancer, Temple Street Childrens Hospital.

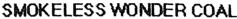
The winners of the monthly competition were as follows: 1st - Mary Flynn, 2nd - Rosemary Hanley, 3rd - Margaret Kirwan.

We now know the ladies who make nice Christmas cakes. Well done and keep up the good baking. The winners of the monthly raffle were:

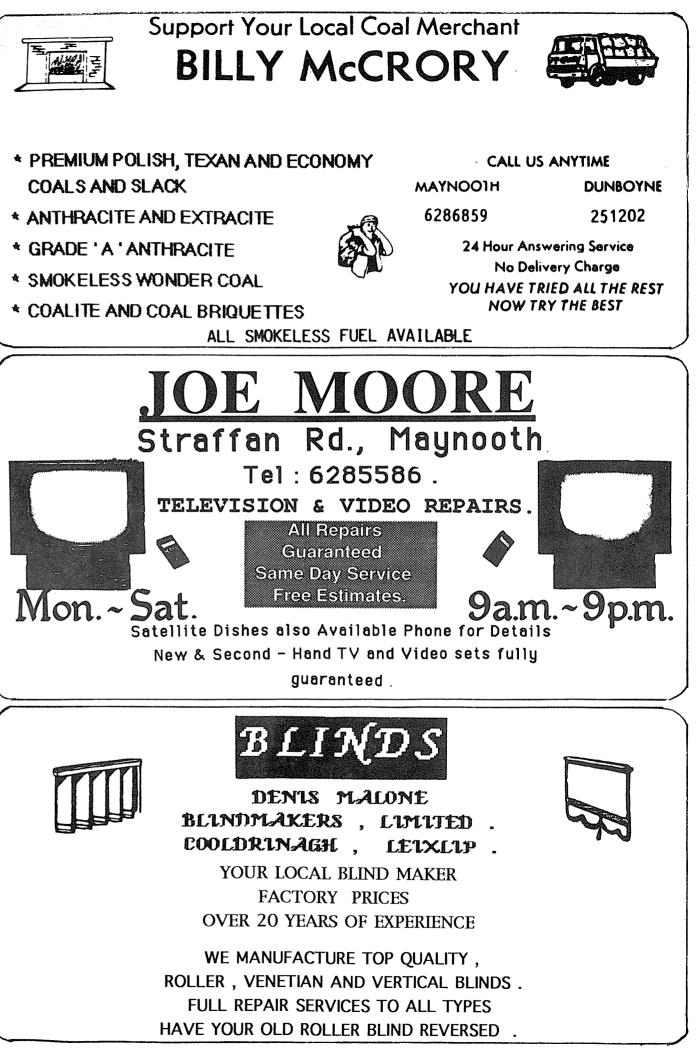
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1st - Rosemary Hanley, 2nd - Breda Cronin, 3rd - Bernadette Duffy.

The competition for February is "On The Spot" so all present will take part. Anyone thinking of joining I.C.A. will be welcome to come along to the next meeting on the 6th of February 1992.

P.R.O.

POST PRIMARY NOTES

Maynooth Post-Primary School celebrates the 21st Anniversary of its foundation this year. To mark the occasion a 21st Birthday Dinner Dance is being held on April 10th 1992 in the Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge. This reunion will give many past-pupils, former colleagues and teachers an opportunity to meet and recall times past.

Tickets for the function will cost £18 and go on sale in March in the school, and as demand is expected to be great you are advised to get your tickets early. While formal evening wear will not be essential gentlemen will be expected to wear suit and tie.

Thomas Ashe, Principal.

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Organisations for the Deaf.

There are a number of voluntary organisations which provide services for the deaf and hard of hearing. The following are the most important ones.

National Association for the Deaf.

The National Association for the Deaf is a voluntary organisation providing a range of services for people who are deaf or have impaired hearing and for the parents of deaf children. The primary aim of the organisation is to improve the welfare of deaf people in all aspects of life by working for the provision of better services and by directly providing services. Among the services provided are:-

Social Work Service:

The NAD social worker provides a service to deaf people and their families.

Technical Support:

In the NAD Deaftech Centre, people with hearing problems and their families can see a wide range of technical appliances and environmental aids designed for deaf people. NAD can arrange the supply of this equipment to individuals/organisations throughout the country.

Parent Support.

NAD co-ordinates a network of parents of deaf children who act to support those whose children have just been diagnosed.

Library and Information:

NAD has a comprehensive library available for reference and loan. They publish a range of leaflets on aspects of deafness AD AD 124. THROUGHOUT MAYNOOTH CEIBRIDGE, LEIXIND KIICOCK FOR including guides for employers on interviewing; guide to educational facilities for the deaf; lists of sign language classes, the deaf in hospital etc. These leaflets are available free of charge (please send stamped addressed envelope). The association also publishes a quarterly journal, LINK.

The NAD has a number of branches in all parts of the country. You may find out where your local branch is or get other information from National Association for the Deaf: NAD House, C/o St. Joseph's, Cabra, Dublin 7. PH: 01-388124.

The Catholic Institute for the Deaf.

The Catholic Institute for the Deaf is the management body for the schools for deaf children in Cabra, Dublin. The Institute was originally founded in order to provide schools, but it now provides other services as well.



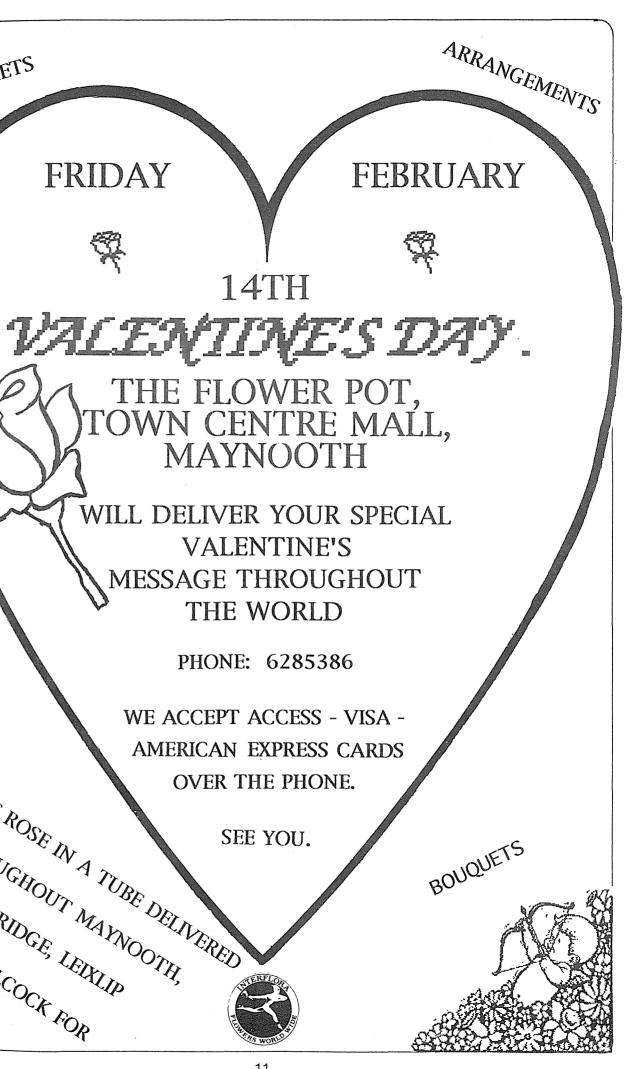
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The Ann Sullivan Foundation (for deaf blind people). The Sign Language Tutors Association of Ireland. The CID also runs a residential home for the adult deaf. There is also a Citizens' Information Centre run by the Institute. The Institute may be contacted at St. Vincent's Centre for the Deaf, 40 Lower Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9, PH: 01-300522.

Irish Hard of Hearing Association.

The Association assists in the formation of small hard of hearing groups. It provides counselling in relation to lip-reading and wearing of hearing aids, and promotes installation of loops, etc. It also publishes occasional newsletters.

The Association may be contacted at: C/o St. Joseph's, Brewery Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.

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MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

The Christmas Festivities for the elderly began with their Christmas Party in "Slims" on Saturday December 21st. The entertainment was provided by Josie Moore ably assisted by Vinny Mulready and Kevin Mc Govern. Santa Claus put in a welcome appearance and distributed gifts. We are very appreciative of the help and hospitality shown by the owner and staff. On January the 12th, the elderly enjoyed a superb Christmas dinner. The meal was provided by Mr. Peter O' Brien and we want to express our heart - felt appreciation to both him and the staff. We also wish to thank Mr. T. Ashe for providing the venue for the meal. To the many entertainers who provided the after dinner entertainment we want to say a big thank you.

The morning sessions resumed on Tuesday, January 14th and all were very happy to return to the weekly routine. Anyone who wishes to attend these sessions is very welcome. Just make your way to the I.C.A. hall on Tuesday and Thursday at 10.30 am . The Committee wish to extend their sympathy to the families of

the late Mrs. A. Connolly of Old Greenfield and Mrs. K. Keegan of RailPark. We send get well wishes to Miss. Peg Geraghty, Josie Nolan and Mrs. Donovan currently in hospital and to Mrs. Tracey, Mrs. Daly and Mrs. F. Farrelly just recently returned from hospital.

P.R.O.

THE LEIXLIP RESOURCE CENTRE FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

The Leixlip Resource Centre for the Unemployed is one of four Co. Kildare centres, established by the County Kildare Council of Trade Unions in co - operation with the unemployed job - seekers of the county and other concerned citizens. The other centres are in Naas, Newbridge and Athy with clinics in Celbridge and Suncroft. They intend to open up more centres around the county. The Leixlip centre caters for the Maynooth area at the moment.

The centres aim to provide help to the unemployed both in terms of finding a job and also in making sure everyone has information about their entitlements to Social Welfare. Each centre provides free and confidential assistance and information concerning Social Welfare benefits and allowances. There is a continually updated notice board available in each centre displaying not only job vacancies in the area but also information on various courses available, both Fás organised and others. Fas Clinics are held every first and third Wednesday of the month.

Secretarial services are also provided by the centre. This includes help with job applications and with the layout and presentation of C.V.'s. There is also a telephone service available. Information is also available on job availability and emigration advice. Job - seekers can register with the centre to be informed of any suitable vacancies as they arise. Alternatively, drop in regularly to read the vacancy notice board. Since the end of January this year the centre has begun to hold adult education classes. The first classes are Conversational Irish and Sociology.

The centre in Leixlip is open from 9.30am - 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. It is situated at 70 Main Street, Leixlip (above French Estates),

telephone 01 - 6242511.

PRESENTATION CONVENT PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The parents' committee of the Convent School Parents' Association wish to thank the business people of the town for their generous donation towards the Christmas raffle. There was 32 prizes in all plus a prize for each class. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Margaret McLoughlin, *P.R.O.*



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ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES

Christmas Draw

The Christmas Raffle was a great success and the winning tickets were drawn at a function in the Roost Lounge on the 18th of December. A packed Lounge saw the following tickets drawn:

1st Prize No. 125 Eleanor Caulfield,	5th Prize No. 230 John Cafferty,
7 Laurence Ave.,	111 Carton Court,
Maynooth.	Maynooth.
2nd Prize No. 1099	6th Prize No. 326
Daniel McDonnell,	Declan Murphy,
23 Cluain Aoibhinn,	c/o 2 Dillons Row,
Maynooth.	Maynooth.
3rd Prize No. 922	7th Prize No.160
Rose Connolly,	Doreen Wall,
838 Greenfield,	95 Carton Court,
Maynooth.	Maynooth.

4th Prize No. 330 Gerry Mulcahy, Greenfield Shopping Centre, Maynooth.

Mr. Gerry Mulcahy of Mulcahy Butchers won the turkey which he himself had kindly donated, but being the season of good will, Gerry decided to donate the turkey to the local conference of the St. Vincent De Paul for one of their deserving causes. Gerry Mulcahy is to be highly commended for his kindness.

Lost and found:

No, we are not trying to take over from Srgt. Joe Canny and staff, but we have a couple of items on hand which were found during the clean up after the Fashion Show; (a) Ladies Bangle, (b) a watch. Owners can have same by contacting the undersigned at 6286372.

Royal Canal Jamboree

Discussions are ongoing with our friends in the Maynooth/ Kilcock Lions Club in relation to this year's "Royal Canal Jamboree". More details in next month's issue.

Steam Train

To all those, who were disappointed last year through not being able to purchase tickets for this trip, and those who have been enquiring about the train, we are delighted to be able to announce that we have been very fortunate in obtaining the services of the train again this year. The train is in very heavy demand all over the country and it can only do a certain number of runs each year because of its old age (the one we will be using was built in 1932). In fact because the Maynooth line is so level and therefore places little stress on the engine, we have secured the use of the train for two days in order to cater for everybody. More details nearer the time.

Gerry Fitzpatrick, P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH FOLK GROUP

Maynooth Folk Group wish to thank all the group's members and their friends who came carol singing with us at Christmas. £200.35 was raised to be divided between the Simon Community and Childline. Thank you especially to those public houses that allowed us to sing and collect on their premises. Thanks is also extended to the Church of Ireland community for their invitation to participate in their carol service. We were delighted to accept and enjoyed their generous hospitality afterwards. We look forward to similar occasions in the future. Once again we call on any singers and musicians who would like to join our folk group, to contact us any Sunday after 9.45am mass. An increased male presence will be particularly welcome. Maynooth Folk Group take this opportunity to wish all a very happy and peaceful 1992.

MAYNOOTH MORTALITY SOCIETY.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in Band Hall on Sunday March 1st 3.30pm. It is in your own interest that you are asked to attend. The annual mass for deceased members will be offered on the same day at 11 am in St. Mary's Church. Celebrant Very Rev. Fr. B. Supple P.P. You are invited to attend.

P. Nolan,

Hon. Sec.

CARTON COMMITTEE NEWS

The County Council has begun to cross the Rubicon with regard to the Carton development proposals: the application contravenes the County Development Plan and so the zoning in the plan will be changed to allow the application to go through. A few councillors stood by their Development Plan at Monday's meeting of the Council. Most have been seduced by the promise of a lot of jobs if the application gets the go-ahead. Either way Carton gets sold down the river.

What exactly will be the consequences of this development? There is no doubt about the destruction of Carton. There is a lot of doubt about the jobs. The unique thing about Carton is that it is the only completely intact House and Demesne from the middle of the 18th century in the country. All the others have deteriorated in various ways. For two and a half centuries this legacy of the ascendancy world has stood on the outskirts of Dublin on the road to Galway, its trees, its parks and its family famous in Ireland and England. Queen Victoria stayed in Carton twice andthe Fitzgeralds were intimately associated with Irish life for a thousand years. They built the house in which sits our parliament. Carton's buildings and parklands are monuments to the good things and the bad things in our history. and in this day and age in Europe everybody agrees that it is important to conserve our heritage and hand it on to the next generation. So when this plan goes through what will we be handing on to our children's children? At this moment it looks like: a couple of golf courses for the elite in Ireland or Europe or Japan; an unaesthetically-recycled parkland with woodlands gouged out to provide clearings for villas for super rich company executives; a

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few dozen woodland mansions to be sold off to affluent globetrotters; the House with a soulless hotel tacked-on. The implication in all this is that it is being sold to us as the only viable way to 'save' Carton! The end result, on the contrary, will be the final destruction of Carton for our descendants. But our political representatives have clearly decided that this is the price we will pay for the promise of jobs: "sure in the end it's only a house and demesne! Aren't there plenty of those around?" But there aren't! And none like Carton! Carton is unique in Kildare, in Leinster, in Ireland. All the rest have houses burned down, or parks grown over, built over, walls fallining, houses in ruins Carton is intact and whole and that is what we are preparing to consign to a disneyland of leisure for the wealthy.

But will they and the jobs actually materialise? Are we selling our Carton for a speculation, for an investment risk? It is very likely that we are - that so many of these 'leisure' developments are coming on stream that some or all of them will go to the wall. So what will be left in Carton? A building site in a prime location on the edge of Dublin as a permanent reminder to all of us of the sell-out of our history and our future.

Carton deserves more than this.

Patrick J. Duffy.



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KINGSBRY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

As this is our first notes of the New Year, we would like to wish all residents a Happy and Peaceful '92.

It was nice to see things getting off to a good start in the estate with the remaining lights being connected. This was a great relief to the people in the areas affected.

As building is progressing well on the final houses in the estate, perhaps we can look forward to the estate being completed this year and taken in charge by the County Council. With this in mind the A.G.M. of the Association, which will be held in March (date and venue will be circulated), will be of great importance. Looking forward to seeing a large attendance and a few new faces for the committee.

Kevin Coyle, P.R.O.

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our Annual Supper Dance will take place on Saturday 8th February 1992, in Ned Slevins Dunboyne - Music is by "Misty Blue". Tickets are £13.00 and can be obtained from Committee members.

A bus will operate on the night and seats can be booked, again by contacting your Committee member.

The AGM of the Association is to take place on a date to be arranged.

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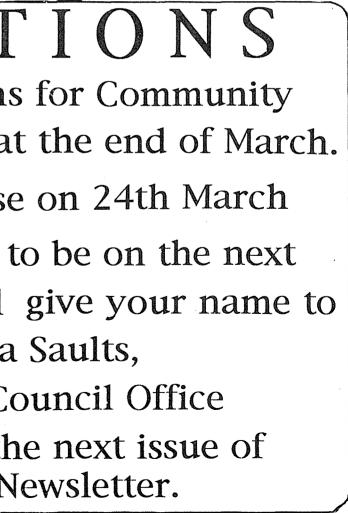
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POETRY COMPETITION

It's Poetry Competition time again. There will be 3 sections: Under 12 vrs. 12 - 18 vrs and over 18 vrs. Poems may be on any topic and must be previously unpublished. Further details of prizes will be in the next issue. Closing Date: Friday 17th April. Entries should be sent to: Poetry Competition, Maynooth Newsletter, Main Street, Maynooth.

MEMORIES OF MAYNOOTH. by Mrs. B. Saults.

Part 2.

The Royal Canal was utilised in those days. Motor and horsedrawn boats carried merchandise from Dublin to Galway, Leech's boatmen sometimes had their horses stabled in Darcy's stable. The canal was a great source of entertainment in summer - some swimming, some diving off Bond Bridge, some fishing and some playing cards on the banks. As traffic was so light in those days there used to be dancing on the bridge to the tune of a melody. Pitch and toss was played on the accommodation road between the canal and railway. Hand-ball was played against the wall of the driveway leading down to the paddock, now a development site. My aunt used to do a great trade in the cigarettes during these games. The champions of the "pux" played the champions of the ball-alley. The summers were long and lovely in those days. We used to love climbing on to the college bogies as they went up to Newtown to draw in hay from the farm there.

We used to have a fete in summer in some of the fields around. We had some lovely singing, Irish step-dancing, boxing matches and oral Irish tests. Above and beyond all this we had the majestic music of our own great band - the pride of the late Father Tom Grogan (R.I.P.). The music always started with "Faith of our Fathers" and concluded with our national anthem.

The railway line was busy with passengers and goods trains then. There was a station-master living in the station house. We were losing our station altogether some years ago but for the intervention of the college authorities. The canal, too, had been neglected and abandoned for some years, but thanks to the Royal Canal Amenity Group it has been restored and it is now a pleasure to walk along its banks, and let the years roll back. My hope is to one fine day be able to cruise along it's placid waters to somewhere near the Old Bog Road and to visit the grave of Teresa Brayton in Cloncurry cemetery.

Maynooth has changed greatly over the years. We used to be able to stand on Bond Bridge and gaze across on green fields and hedges so easy on the eye. Now we look across at miles of bricks and mortar. Those houses are now occupied by our much larger population. We gaze at what seems like millions of lights shining where only the moon shone down at night and stars twinkled. The electric light was first turned on in our church for mid-night mass during the Eucharistic Congress in June 1932. It was at this time that our newly-restored band wore their new uniforms for the first time. They played to the midnight Mass and to Phoenix Park for devotions. They played a lot more about the place then they do now. They have grown to nation-wide fame and have lots of engagements. We are indeed proud of them! The electric light was first switched on in the streets in 1934.

Every Christmas morning the band went up along Parson Street

to the rectory gates and then on to the first Mass which was at seven a.m. No midnight Mass then.

When we returned from first Mass my uncle (who went to a later Mass) had the breakfast table laid, complete with Christmas pudding on the centre with a piece of berried holly on top. There was a glass of wine at each one's place. My first Christmas there I reminded them of my confirmation pledge. My uncle said "What's to beat one talking about a confirmation pledge on a Christmas morning?" As the changing of water into wine was the first miracle, our Lord thought it was probably a fitting gesture to toast his feast-day with it. We stayed in our homes on Christmas Day. On New Year's Eve the band played up to the rectory gates again about 11.30 p.m. and back to the Square (minus "The Thing") to hail the New Year. Along Parson Street doors were open wide at midnight to let the New Year in. Greetings of "Happy New Year" were called to the neighbours from one to another as we stood in the doorways.

Although in less than four years after coming to Maynooth, I moved away, a whole life time seems to unfold when I look back. Wherever I went Maynooth was always my home. My aunt and uncle would not have wished it otherwise. They have been gone many years now but I can still re-live those happy far off days. I married a Maynooth man and settled in Parson Street, this little island of it's own, bounded by the Royal Canal, Joan Slade rivers, the Geraldine Castle and St. Patrick's College. Many years have elapsed since I first came to dwell here, In this town I always call home. Wherever my footsteps have wandered, Back again to Maynooth I did roam. My paths have been varied and winding. Life's sorrows and cares I have known. It's joys and its beauties I've known, too, Like seeds in a fair garden sown. My wanderings have long been completed. I thank God for this wonderful truth. I'm settled and shall stay here forever, In the street by Slade river that flows through Maynooth.

Brigid Saults, 9. Parson Street. Maynooth, Co. Kildare.





GARDA TALK

What to do when involved in a traffic accident:

Strangely enough, some people are not aware of the correct procedure to follow if they are involved in a traffic accident. This article is not intended as a full or comprehensive introduction to the law, and we advise people to consult a Solicitor if in any doubt.

The most important thing of all is to stop your vehicle if involved in any traffic accident resulting in death, injury, or damage. This is a requirement under the Road Traffic Act.

The second most important is to prevent a further accident. Immediately activate your hazard warning lights. Summon help.

If persons are injured try to get a doctor or ambulance service, whichever is quicker. Do not move somebody that is injured unless you are trained in first aid. Further injuries may occur to the victim. Call the Gardai. The law requires that you report accidents involving a vehicle resulting in death or injury to the Garda Siochana. Even where there are no apparent injuries, it is advisable to call the Gardai to the scene, or report it at the first opportunity to the nearest Garda Station.

Give your name and address, also the name and address of the owner of the vehicle, and registration number of the vehicle and particulars of insurance, to other party.

Obtain the same particulars from the other driver. The full name and address of all witnesses to the accident should be noted by you and made available to the Gardai. If you have sustained any injuries it is advisable to see your doctor. Report the accident to your insurance company, together with the name and station of the Garda who attended the scene. Finally see your own solicitor, who will assist you in handling problems relating to all accidents.

Saftey Notes For Children Using Buses:

1. Arrive in good time at your pick up point.

2. Queue properly and avoid pushing or jostling.

3. Wait for bus to stop, then enter and take your seat in an orderly manner.

4. Keep passageway clear. Stow your schoolbag underneath your seat or on the luggage rack.

5. Do not tamper with doors or windows.

6. Don't distract your driver. Smoking in school bus is prohibited.7. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop at your destination, then alight in an orderly manner.

8. If you must cross the road, please remember to:

Stand well back from the bus after getting off. Allow the bus to pull away so there is a clear view of the road in both directions.

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

Note: Above rules are for your protection - don't put your school friends or yourself at risk by failing to honour them. We advise children who walk to school to please use the Pedestrian Lights Crossing on the Main Street. School children tend to cross the road way/ Main Street at locations fraught with danger.

Pedal Cyclists - General Rules.

Many complaints are received at the Garda Station about Pedal Cyclists and their behaviour on the road especially when going to and returning from school. Hereunder are a list of general rules on road behaviour for cyclists and a check list of requirements on a pedal cycle to ensure safety while in use. Parents are urged to spend some time instructing their children on road safety so as to prevent their involvement in serious traffic accidents. Above all proper lighting etc. at night and please, School Children, No cycling on the road to school more than two abreast. Of course above rules and requirements also apply to us adults.

The Bicycle

Make sure the bike you ride is not too big or too small for you. Adjust it so that both feet can reach the ground comfortably. Make sure your brakes are in good condition and that you have a bell.

Luggage

If you are carrying anything, tie it securely to the carrier or use the basket. Never carry anything hanging from the handlebars. **The Rules of the Road**

Cyclists must obey traffic signs just like other road users. Make sure you know what they mean (e.g. a "Stop" sign means exactly what it says!). Never weave in and out of slow moving traffic or cycle on the footpath.

Concentration

Since other traffic cannot hear you and may not notice you coming, always be alert to what is happening around you. Do not carry a radio or a cassette. Wearing head phones is especially dangerous.

Control and Braking

When you brake in an emergency, keep your weight on the saddle. Apply the back brake just before the front. Walk down very steep hills.

Signalling

Always signal your intention of turning or changing lanes in good time. Look behind before you signal.

Parked Cars.

Look behind well in advance of passing a parked car. Signal and then look behind again. Move out and leave room in case a door is suddenly opened. Always cycle in a single file whilst overtaking.

Turning left

If there is a vehicle turning left, don't edge up between it and the kerb. Stay behind and let it go. Look out for other traffic, signal and complete your turn, keeping well to the left.

Turning right

Many accidents happen when cyclists are turning right. This is a very dangerous manoeuvre. Look back well in advance of the junction, signal and look again. When it is safe, move to the middle of the road. Stop, look right and left and right again. When there is a safe gap in the traffic, signal and move out. Keep well to the left of the road you are entering.

Cycling in Groups

Never cycle more than two abreast and never in groups of more than six. Where groups are greater, break up into groups of six or less and leave a good gap between each group. If you need a rest move off the carriage way and make sure you are not a danger to others.

Cycling at Night

Your bike must have a rear reflector at all times. At night, you need a red rear lamp and a white or yellow front lamp. Pedal, rod and spoke reflectors will help motorists to see you up to 500 ft away. So will reflective armbands, belts and bandoleers. **BE SAFE BE SEEN**

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Bicycle Check List

Handle bars - Square with the frame and level with the saddle. Movement should be neither stiff nor too loose.

Saddle - Balls of both feet should just touch the ground.

Wheels - Get expert advice if buckled or out of alignment.

Spokes - Have loose ones tightened and damaged ones replaced. Tyres - Hard with a good thread.

Chain - Should have about 3/4" play up and down on the bottom

run. Clean and lightly oil regularly. Mud Guards - Should be secure and well clear of the wheels.

Gears - Check and have adjusted when necessary.

Brake Cables - Check and adjust when necessary. Replace when frayed.

Brake Shoes - Closed ends should face the front.

Brake Blocks - Close to the rim of the wheel replace worn blocks.

Pedals - Replace when worn or broken.

Lamps - Red back and white/yellow front. Red reflector. Replace batteries when necessary and clean lenses. Bell - Should be within easy reach or your thumb.

Lubricate all moving parts.

Annual Garda Dinner Dance:

On a lighter vein, plans are fully in place for our second Annual Dinner Dance, which takes place at the Sctanta, Hotel, Celbridge on the 28th of February 1992. Unfortunately tickets are all sold out. We regret that the Hotel cannot accommodate more. We are sorry so many people were disappointed. Sincere thanks to everybody who made inquiries about the dance and were so enthusiastic to support this Annual venture.

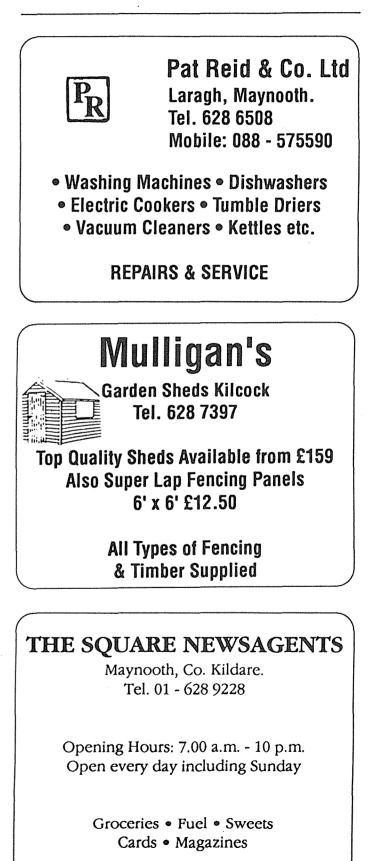
MUSIC IN THE COLLEGE

Lunchtime Concerts - Mondays 13.15 - 14.00 - Education Hall, Old Campus.

27 Jan	Dublin Consort of Viols
3 Feb	Jonathan Grimes, trombone
	Catriona McInerney, piano
10 Feb	John Murphy, clarinet
	Gillian Smith, piano
17 Feb	Frank Dunne, tenor
	Charles Pearson, piano
24 Feb	Martin O'Leary, piano
9 March	Eleanor Dawson, baroque flute
	Elizabeth Kenny, Fute
16 March	College Traditional Musicians
23 March	Leonard Dorrian, organ*
30 March	Third Year Class Concert
27 April	Second Year Class Concert
4 May	First Year Class Concert

Other Events

Tuesday 18 Feb 20.00 - RTE invites the staff and students of Maynooth to a concert by the National Symphony Orchestra, at the National Concert Hall, conducted by Colman Pearse with Gerard Gillen and Peter Sweeney, organ. Monday 9 March 16.00 - Seminar in the music Department on baroque performance practice. Sunday* 15 March 20.00 - Brahms' Requiem and Alto Rhapsody and Schubert's Mass in G performed by the College Choirs, Orchestra and Soloists Cara O'Sullivan, Bernadette Greevy and Nigel Leson-Williams. Directed by John O'Keeffe. * in College Chapel.



MUINTIR MA NUAD

Paddy and Maureen Malone of Leinster Cottages recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Maureen is a native of Maynooth, while Paddy, a native of Broadford in north Kildare, came to Maynooth to work in the early 1930's. He worked at the building of the E.S.B. dam in Leixlip and the water scheme between Celbridge and Maynooth. During the early 1940's, he remembers working at Lawlors in Straffan and having to walk to work because of the unavailability of rubber types for his bike due to the war. He was working in the College when the strike occured there in 1939. The workers in the College went on strike for more pay and he remembers that at that time conditions in the College were

Maureen and Paddy Malone on their Wedding Day



very tough. Eventually the strike had to be called off as the staff started to go back to work or as Mr. Malone puts it, took a wrong turn and ended up back at work instead of on the picket line. Mrs Maureen Malone was one of ten children whose father died in 1934 before the last child was born. She worked for forty years in the College and like her husband, thought that it was a difficult place to work and that the bursars were tough task masters

Mrs Malone can remember back to the time when she made her confirmation. It was a different affair back then since the family did not usually attend the ceremony, just the children on their own. The bishop would give his sermon and after the ceremony the girls went back to the convent where the nuns provided them with some food. As a child she can remember going to see films which used to be shown in the convent. Later on she used to go to dances in the Parochial Hall which is now Centre Point Mall. The admission price for the dances was four old pence and she used to enjoy them greatly.

Mr. Malone also remembers going to these dances and enjoyed them a great deal. Apart from the C.Y.M.S. Hall, where young men could go and play snooker, billiards and table tennis there was little for a young person to do in Maynooth at the time other than to go to dances and to see films. They both remember the fact that life was very

tough in the Maynooth of earlier years. During their fifty years of marriage, many changes have taken place in Maynooth and they can still recall a time when none of the housing estates currently dotted around Maynooth existed, with much of the land surrounding Maynooth belonging to the College. Mr. Malone also remembers the Medical Hall of Doctor

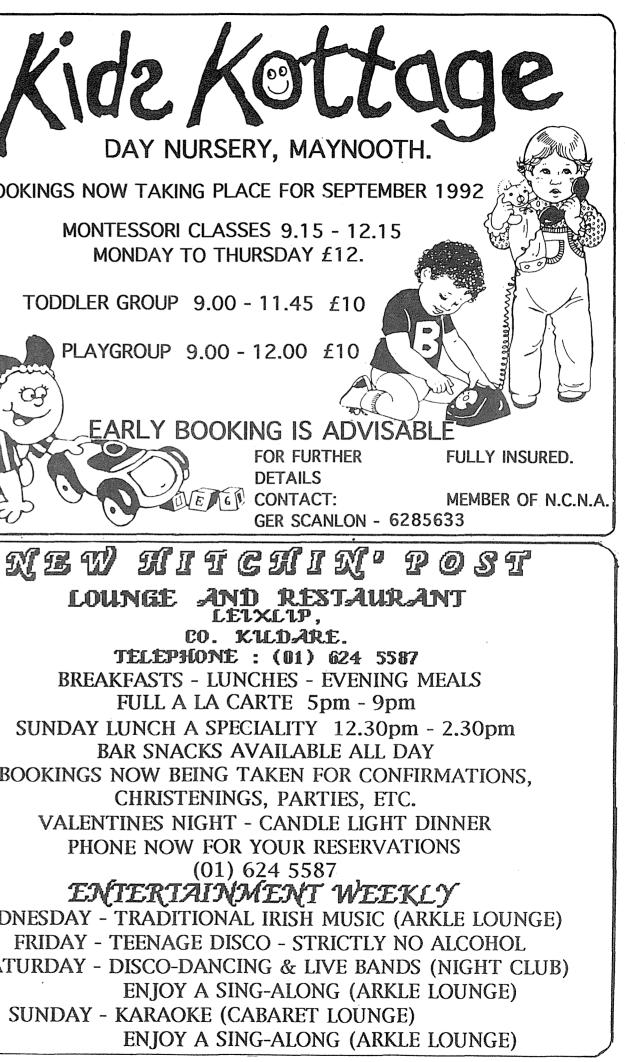
Kearny which has since become the Country Shop. Mrs Malone thinks that while times were tough in the Maynooth of fifty years ago most people were friendly and happy. She does not like the noise of present day Maynooth, especially the noise of people going home from the pubs after closing time. Overall, however, they are both happy in Maynooth.

We would like to congratulate them on reaching their 50th Wedding Anniversary and to wish them many more happy years in Maynooth.

Maureen and Paddy relaxing at home



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HISTORY OF MAYNOOTH SERIES

William Robert Fitzgerald, Second Duke of Leinster Part 3.

On the 7th of July 1768, William was elected member of parliament for the borough of Kildare; and on the 23rd of the same month member for the city of Dublin; he chose to sit for the latter.

Meanwhile, William's Grand Tour continued, visiting Milan which he disliked, Vienna which he thought beautiful and where he chose to spend the winter of 1768. On New Years Day he was presented to the Emperor Joseph II at court. From here he began to make his journey home, calling at Prague, Dresden, Berlin and Berne on his way. While at Berne he stayed with the Hon Charles and Lady Margaret Bentinck who was his great aunt. After his visit count Bentinck said of him;

". . . I could not but admire at first sight the plain and decent appearance, and easy politeness, of Lord Kildare; and, much more still, his sense and knowledge when we can talk of the places and persons he had seen. I can truly venture to say that I never yet saw a man of his age, nor several years older, that had travelled with as much judgement and attention, nor that seemed so much improved by seeing the world; which to me is proof of his good nature as well as good sense."

Although only the opinion of one man, it is the only reference to William's character available at this stage of his life.

William, anxious at this stage to get home, made his way to Ireland via England and was present at the opening of the new parliament in October.

Susan Dempsey

THE WYRD SISTER REPORT: Stars

Aries (21 March - 20 April)

It's time to come out of the closet this month luv. Nostradamus was wrong.

Taurus (21 April - 21 May)

You will receive some startling news from overseas on the 22nd. It will be bottled and will be about 25 years too late. Expect a long, lost loved one on the 27th when your partner will struggle home bewildered and by accident.

Gemini (22 May - 21 June)

A leap year does not mean that you are compelled to perform acrobatics for the duration of February. You poor unfortunate bothered gobdaw you.

Cancer (22 June - 22 July)

Go easy on the hint-dropping this month pet. Everybody knows that one sends Valentine cards on the 12th. You will be asked, on the 13th, to be a contestant on Mastermind. Specialise in The Obvious.

Leo (23 July - 23 August)

Yawn once more in company and a deranged house martin will stuff your mouth with wattle.

Virgo (24 August - 23 September)

"Oh oh!" will not be accepted as an adequate response to the car crash and ensuing mayhem you cause on the 14th.

Libra (24 September - 23 October) Getting fatter dear. But, as long as you're happy ...

Scorpio (24 October - 22 November)

If there's a recent addition to your family, enjoy the experience while it lasts. With your record for murdering houseplants this one should get by its first day pretty O.K. Thereafter it's a rapid descent to death.

Sagittarius (23 November - 21 December)

Opportunity for personal development swirls through the roof in neon lights and blue smoke. It settles on the table before you in the form of a bar of soap. Grab it.

Capricorn (22 December - 20 January)

An unbelievable, magnificent, voluptuous spot of luck befalls vou on the 21st. It will quickly get up off you however, dust itself down and wander away wondering what class of a vegetable it had the misfortune to collapse upon.

Aquarius (21 January - 19 February)

The 17th. One of the most mortifying experiences of your life. In The Body Shop. Lesson learned: never judge a shop by its title.

Pisces (20 February - 20 March)

Beware the pitter-patter of little feet around the house: the mice are propagating a fascinating strain of fungus behind the fridge and are busy transporting live mammals to feed to it.

None of this smoochy love and Valentine's business for me - just the plain facts.

- Minerva.



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STREET TALKING

A new shopping centre with seven units has been completed in the Beaufield estate and they should be ready to open soon. According to Mr. Leahy of Gunnes Auctioneers in Lucan, a number of shops will definitely be opening. They are, a supermarket/newsagency, a video rental shop and a butchers.

There are also a number of other possibilities in the pipeline and these include a hairdressers, pharmacy, boutique and a greengrocers or sports shop.

Brian and Ailis Connaughton, who already have a shop at Newtown, will be opening a supermarket and Newsagency to be known as Newtown Stores. They will stock the usual range of products including fuel, also have a Lotto machine and hope to duplicate their current high standard of service in the new store.

A number of new retail units are being completed at the moment opposite the Garda Station. According to Coonans Auctioneers one of the units has already been sold and this is due to open shortly as a video rental shop. They are close to agreement on the sale of the other two ground floor units but do not want to say what the plans for them are at the present time.

A new 18 hole Pitch and Putt course is currently being developed on the Dunboyne Road, by Tony and Thomas Bean, both of whom are originally from the Main Street. The course will open to the public in mid-summer.

The Elite Coffee Shop and Confectionery recently opened their newly refurbished premises which features a greatly expanded seating area. The range of food on offer has also been increased with salads and pizzas now available. The Elite also features a very attractive new shop front which brightens up the Main Street.

El Dorado

There has been a spate of controversy recently over the application by Mick Jennings of the El Dorado take-away, Greenfield Shopping Centre, for an extension of his opening hours from 12 midnight to 1.30 am. The application was refused by Kildare County Council and Mr. Jennings subsequently appealed the decision to An Bord Pleanala.

Although the County Councils' Planning Office has no comment to make on the affair it seems likely that they refused it for much the same reasons as those put forward by the Greenfield Residents Association. According to Mr. P. Hogan of the Greenfield Residents Association, the reason why they object to it is because of the excessive noise which is generated by people going into and hanging around the chip shop at night, with a large amount of car movement in the area as a result and the fact that having a take-away so near depreciates property values. However, Mr. Jennings points out that much of this noise would be present anyway as the estate is near a main road and many people would be going home from the pubs via the estate and that even if the El Dorado was not there, there would not be any reduction in noise. He also points to the fact that he will not tolerate any rowdy elements in his shop and that he cleans up the car park every night. He also claims that the recent meeting which decided on the policy of opposition to extended opening hours by the Residents Association was not democratic as a number of people who were supporting him were not allowed to vote. However Mr. Hogan stated that the meeting was a general

meeting of the Residents Association with voting rights confined to paid up members of the Association. Those present at the meeting had the option of joining the association on the payment of a fee of £10 but only one person took up this option. Mr. Hogan also pointed out that voting was carried out by secret ballot and the majority in favour of opposing the extended opening hours was decisive.

Mr. Jennings claims that only a small number of residents objected to his take-away and that they were opposed to it from the very start and that the association is only following their lead. Mr. Hogan points to the fact that the associations policy was endorsed by a large majority of its members.

At the moment both Mr. Jennings and the residents association are awaiting a decision by An Bord Pleanala.



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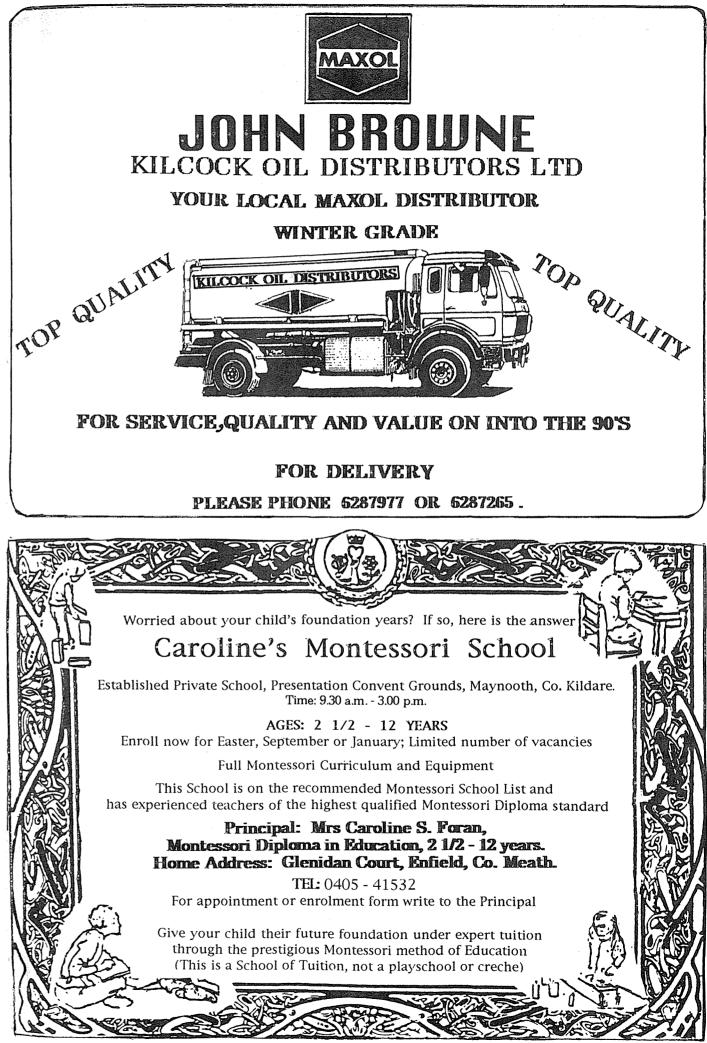


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By Demon [5.00 prize]

Across

1. Mostly cocktails served in here?

4. Yore ill, upset, looking down in the mouth on Main Street (1'6)

8. Blow up or destroy ten and fail (7)

9. Placed in such sheets or clothes, if you're lucky! (5)

10. Value the choice between w and TH (5)

11. Fifty snakes take you up on board ... (7)

- 13. ... and turn back to see about fifty snake-like fish (4)
- 15. Grouty fermented milk (6)
- 17. Back these, of course! (6)
- 20. Cook has entree following starters ... (4)
- 22. . . . and so will aspire to serve up herb tea (7) 24. Meeting-place holds unruly four thousand (5)
- 26. Maynooth highpoint gives odds on anger (5)
- 27. Disturbance in court? (7)
- 28. I screen "Trading Places", honest! (&) 29. Princess Di describes Maynooth waterway (5)

Down

- 1. Track liar on way back (7)
- 2. Bid that you can't refuse? (5)
- 3. Cheater, caught out, has class (7)
- 4. A single patient in this park? (1'5)
- 5. Sea sick before Edward relaxed (5)
- 6. These little pigs won't join the Tidy Towns Committee
- (7)
- 7. Pulls americans (5)
- 12. As he states indeed, at once principal and secondary 3 in Maynooth (4)
- 14. Way to reproduce part of sketching (4)
- 16. Urn 2000? E.G. cairn is piled up (7)
- 18. Captain is not on cake decorator (7)
- 19. Half the north, Alfred, is seedy (7)
- 21. One-way transport for one to Laraghbryan ... (6)
- 22. . . . while 66 or 67 do return trips to Dublin (5)
- 23. Indicates some things in the south-east (5)
- 25. When sunbeam closes in, save this kind of day (5)



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Solution to Crossword 50:

Across: 1. Busy Body; 5. Half; 9. Clane; 10. Not Fair; 11. Silken Thomas; 13; Tenths; 14. Abated; 17. Delicatessen; 20. Noon Day; 21. Trait; 22. Seep; 23. Apoplexy.

Down: 1. Back; 2. Station; 3. Break the code; 4. Dining; 6. Alarm: 7. Fireside: 8. At The Bus Stop: 12. Students; 15. The Pale; 18. Loose; 19. Athy.





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REVIEWS

VIDEO REVIEWS

In the Spirit

One of the most intelligently hilarious films to have been released on video in the past two years. A naive New Age healthcum-spirit-freak is flung together with a no-nonsense socialite in an attempt to avoid being murdered. The two women's traps for the would-be killer are almost as funny as their harried relationship. Excellent cast and wonderfully witty script with cameo appearances by PeterFalk, Olympia Dukakis and Melanie Griffith.

Rating: 10 out of 10.

Crimes of the Heart

Jessica Lange, Sissy Spacek and Dianne Keaton star as three woefully different sisters brought together by the youngest's failed attempts to kill her husband. Set in the Deep South the film touches on some race issues but largely focuses on the relationship between the sisters with an off-beat and gentle sense of humour. Sissy Spacek is particularly good as the sister who fails at just about everything from hanging herself from the chandelier to putting her head in the gas oven.

Rating: 7 out of 10.

Men at Work

Positively the worst and most stupid film currently on release. Charlie Sheen and Emilio Estevez astonish themselves by revealing how boring they actually are in this, their jointly produced venture. As charismatic and exuberant as the clippings of a toe nail.

Rating: It doesn't.

MUSIC REVIEW

U2: Achtung Baby

Great Rock Music is all about creating energy, and conveying that energy to an audience. Only occasionally, however, is this relatively simple task completed successfully. U2 are an exception to the rule. Their last three albums - The Unforgettable Fire, The Joshua Tree and Rattle and Hum - all succeeded in generating considerable excitement, Rattle and Hum especially, which managed to convey not only the powerhouse that the band is in the live situation, but also showed the band breaking new ground in their explorations of blues, country and gospel influences.

Achtung Baby, amidst great hype (which for me is always a suspicious sign) also breaks new ground. I am hesitant however to commend the album as successful. A band can only sustain a high-level of energy for a time, and given the mammoth Joshua Tree tour and the triumphs of Rattle and Hum, it is no surprise that Achtung Baby exhibits a certain lack-lustre quality. The simplicity of many of the great songs of Rattle and Hum is replaced by an ever-increasing use of special effects, often smothering the songs. I would like to hear 'One', for example, one of the more promising songs on the album, with just Bono's

voice and a single acoustic guitar. Over-use of effects is surely the greatest crime (and greatest compensation for talent - a facility U2 do not need to avail of) in contemporary rock.

Achtung Baby opens with the surreal 'Zoo Station', an excellent experiment that, unlike many of the other songs on the album, does come off. The expectations that this quality will be sustained throughout the album, and 'One', the third track, certainly measures up. However mediocre songs like 'Until The End Of The World', 'So Cruel' and 'The Fly' betray that lack of energy, from which so many great bands have suffered as their careers move on. Only the brilliant 'Mysterious Ways' make up for these disappointments.

I mentioned the word 'experiment' earlier, and it is true to say that Achtung Baby is an experimental album. In this it is a brave album, unrelenting in its explorations of what for U2 is new territory - 'New

Wave' and Rap-like rhythms, for example - and willing to compromise popularity for experiment and discovery. This is the only way in which a band can grow, and U2 must be complemented for this. Though Achtung Baby does not manage to convey its energy to certainly this member of its audience, the potential lying under the surface in the band's latest excursion promises only good things to come from U2.

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Political Party Notes

WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

VEC Grants must be kept

The Government's decision to introduce means tests for grants to third-level VEC colleges is a major step backwards for Irish education. This may give parity with the universities, but parity for whom? The income limit for university grants is already ridiculously low. Only families earning well below the average industrial wage qualify. Many families with such low incomes cannot afford to keep their children at college, even with a full grant.

The existing system was a godsend for students from low and middle income families who, otherwise would not have been able to avail of third level education. These will be the main casualties of the proposed change - another example of how Irish society defends the well-off and penalises the rest. Ireland is one of the few European countries which does not provide free third level education for all. The Workers' Party is committed to universal free education, to be paid for by an effective and fair income tax system.

Information On Failure Rates Needed

Maynooth College does not publish any information about failure rates, either in the College as a whole, or in individual faculties or departments. As a result students who pay a lot of hard-earned money to attend the College do not know how likely they are to get through. Nor do they know if standards are the same for all subjects.

To try to get an idea of drop-out rates, the Maynooth College Workers' Party Students Group has been looking at final year enrolments compared to enrolments for the same groups in their first year. This shows that, over the last decade, there is a consistent drop-out rate of over a third for Arts students, and sometimes over one half for Science. This does not include those who fail their final exams.

Workers' Party Students regard this drop-out rate as being alarmingly high, and requiring urgent attention. Students deserve an informed choice and value for money. Maynooth Workers' Party Students call on Maynooth College to publish failure rates and rectify anomalies. Students at the College are urged to ask their class representative to push this issue in the Students' Union.

Footpath Funding Demaded

Visitors to Maynooth frequently express disbelief that footpaths anywhere could be so bad. There is an urgent need for something to be done about them. Yet, Kildare County Council has no special budget for footpaths. Believe it or not, footpaths are considered to be part of our roads system, and are included in the roads budget. And, given how bad the roads themselves are, footpaths get the short end of the stick when the money is being given out. This simply isn't acceptable. Most of the population are pedestrians, including those who are most vulnerable, especially senior citizens and young children. It is high time that the County Council had a separate budget to look after the majority who have to put up with our footpaths. Councillor Catherine Murphy has now made just such a proposal to the Council, to be discussed shortly. In the meantime, take care!

FINE GAEL NOTES.

A.G.M.

At a lively and well attended A.G.M. the following officers were elected to serve the branch for 1992.

Chairperson:	Bernard Flanagan.
Vice-Chair:	Manus McCarron.
Secretary:	Senan Griffin.
Treasurers:	Pearl Conlon.
	Nellie Bradshaw.
P.R.O.:	Fionan Hardiman.
Assistant P.R.O.:	Margaret Howe.
Organiser:	Michael Gaffney.

Christmas Raffle

The branch would like to thank all those who, through providing prizes or buying tickets, made their Christmas raffle such an enormous success.

Development of Carton

On Monday 13th January a meeting of Kildare Co. Council was held to consider the proposed contravention of the Draft Development Plan necessary to allow a planning application for the development of Carton to be considered. The meeting agreed to the proposal. The council must now advertise the proposed contravention and allow two months for interested parties to make submissions. It must then meet again to consider these submissions and then decide whether to approve or refuse the planning application.

Addressing the meeting on Monday 13th Bernard Durkan said that the prospect of 400 jobs in the Maynooth area was very attractive. He stressed however that Carton House is of local and national historical, architectural and cultural importance and that any planning decision to change its use should take account of this. Future generations will judge such a decision on the basis of the lasting benefits accruing to the local community, he said. It was his view that before permission is granted substantial benefits should be obtained for the people of Maynooth by way of recreational facilities such as playing fields and tracks for local schools, advancement of the swimming pool project, provision of proper roads, footpaths, public lighting, underground cabling for E.S.B. and Telecom and relocation of the public toilet. In short the opportunity should be taken to upgrade Maynooth to the standard expected in a modern university town. He believed that these objectives were attainable given previous proposals made in respect of the development of Carton. He said it was his intention to pursue these matters vigorously during the debate at council level.

Motions to Co. Council.

Bernard Durkan has submitted motions to the Council on the following issues.

(a) Flooding of the Dublin Road.

- (b) Completion of resurfacing of Moyglare Road.
- (c) Reinstatement of roads after sewerage works.
- (d) Re-surfacing of the Crescent, Straffan Road.

Car Insurance Costs.

For all those who have been shocked by the cost of renewing their car insurance the following figures, supplied by the Minister of

Political Party Notes

Industry and Commerce in response to a question from Bernard Durkan, make sobering reading.

Year	Gross Premiums	Cost of Claims
1987	£383.6 M	£343 M
1988	£389.7 M	£359.4 M
1989	£406.8 M	£448.2 M
1990	£482.9 M	£503.8 M

While premiums exceed the cost of claims in '87 and '88 the position was reversed in '89 and '90 when claims exceeded premiums by \pounds 41 M and \pounds 20 M respectively. It would appear that the changes made in the legal representation for such claims have not been effective in reducing costs.

FIANNA FAIL NOTES

Deputy Sean Power T.D. has received the following letter from Mr. J. G. Ward County Manager: Dear Deputy.

I wish to thank you for your recent letter in regard to the Intel Project.

I can assure you that I am only too well aware of the difficult unemployment problem throughout the county and every effort is being made to obtain and develop industry within the county and to encourage the creation of employment.

Concerning the possible purchase of land by Kildare County Council in the North Kildare area for industrial development, I regret that having regard to the extremely limited resources which are available to Kildare County Council to provide the essential Council services that the Council has not available to it any funds which would enable it to acquire land for industrial purpose.

I have on every occasion possible brought to the attention of the I.D.A. the particular problems of the North Kildare area and the importance of obtaining other projects for that part of the county and will continue to do so in the future. When next meeting the I.D.A. Regional Manager, I will again press upon him the importance of giving special consideration to the purchase of land in North Kildare in view of the exceptional circumstances which arise there.

I will keep you advised in the matter. Yours sincerely,

J. G. Ward County Manager.

Labour Party Notes

Service Charges Imposed Again

Waterford, Limerick and Cork have followed Dublin's example of abolishing water and refuse charges. Here in Co. Kildare, however, despite strong opposition from Labour Party councillors Stagg, Purcell and Keane, residents will again be burdened with the double taxation of service charges in 1992. Late last year both the Labour Party and Workers Party representatives put forward motions seeking to have local charges excluded from the 1992 estimates. Subsequently Councillors voted 14 to 10 in favour of charges, with water charges being increased from £55 to £60 and refuse charges remaining at £50. For those paying before February 1st there will be a discount of £20.

Maynooth residents will no doubt be interested to know that among the coalition of Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and PD councillors



who voted for the charges was local Fianna Fail councillor Gerry Brady.

'The Thing'

Residents will probably have noticed that the infamous 'Thing' is still 'in situ'. However, the campaign to have it removed has been reactivated and the Labour Party feel that now is an appropriate time to consider what should replace it. The Branch feel that a simple structure which would allow St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band give public recitals would be most appropriate. Obviously any new structure should be much smaller than 'The Thing'. One idea put forward is that an oval based, stepped pyramid structure with a vandal proof fountain at the apex would represent a suitable and useful focus for the Square.

Such a project would be a nice way for the Maynooth 1916 Committee to spend the £10,000 which they won in the Prize Bonds 2 years ago. The Labour Party are inviting members of the public to send their proposals for 'The Thing's' replacement to John McGinley or any other member of the local branch.

The Crescent

Emmet Stagg TD has tabled the following motion for consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Co. Council:

'That the Council take action to finally eliminate the ponding of water on a constant basis at the Maynooth town entrance to The Crescent, Straffan Road, Maynooth.'

Leinster Park

Following representations from Deputy Stagg some repair work was carried out in December by the Co. Council to the road at Leinster Park. However, the entrance to Leinster Park remains in a deplorable condition. Deputy Stagg will seek finance to repair this area from the Special Road Grants in 1992.

Traffic Through Back Lanes

Deputy Stagg has again made representations to the Council regarding the continued use of the back lanes by motorists in contravention of the one-way signs at Leinster Cottages. The Council have approached the Gardai, asking that the one-way system be enforced.

Death of Mrs. Connolly

Maynooth Branch of the Labour Party extends its deepest sympathy to the Connolly family on the recent death of Mrs. Ann Connolly after a long illness.

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Sports News

MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

All Ireland Veterans Championships Ladies 0/30, 3rd Noelle McTernan. 0/35, 3rd Frances Kearney.

Maynooth 1st Club Team - Noelle McTernan, Frances Kearney, Margaret Gillick and Marie Gleeson. An excellent result for the Veterans who were also in the Kildare team which took second place for the county.



Maynooth, 1st Club Team. (L to R) Marie Gleeson, Noelle McTiernan, Frances Kearney, Margaret Gillick.

Men 0/45 16th David Jolley - member of the Kildare team which took 3rd place for the county.

Leinster Championships

Ballinacree December '91.

Girls u/9 - Gillian O'Hurley (30th).

Boys u/9 - Morgan Sweeney (6th), Pierre Ennis (12th), Cillian Carr (24th), Jamie O'Neill (32nd), Stephen Healy (53rd) - 2nd Club Team (without Patrick O'Rourke and Daniel Adderley). Morgan, Pierre and Cillian were also part of the Kildare team which took 3rd county.

Girls u/11 - Irene Kearney (64th), Joy O'Neill (73rd), Aoife McTernan (77th).

Boys u/11 - Conor Diggins (1st - Gold Medal), Karl Ennis (15th) David Campbell (18th) Padraig O'Sullivan (57th) Richard Leavy (59th) Darragh Carr (67th) and Noel Healy (79th).

Conor, Karl, David and Padraig took gold medal (1st Club, Conor, Karl and David were also in Kildare team which took 3rd county).



Conor Diggins Gold Medal Winner, under 11 Leinster Championship.

Girls u/13 - Michelle Gillick (35th), Sarah Commane (37th), Susan Adderley (75th) and Laura Kearney (85th). Girlsu/15 - Patricia Purcell (3rd - Bronze Medal) Emer O'Sullivan (23rd) Dervla McDermott (53rd) and Lynda Haren (57th). Novice Ladies - Frances Kearney, Margaret Gillick, Noelle McTernan and Marie Gleeson took 2nd team. O/45 Mens - David Jolley (9th).

Leinster Championship - December 15th Carton Estate. Boys u/10 - Padraig O'Sullivan (16th), Morgan Sweeney (20th), David Campbell (24th), Cillian Carr, Daniel Adderley, Noel Healy, Stephen Healy, Richard Leavy all finished positions unknown.

Girls u/12 - Susan Adderley (37th), Irene Kearney. Boys u/12 - Conor Diggins (4th), Karl Ennis (31st) Darragh Carr (87th).

Conor was on the Kildare team and came 3rd county. Girls u/14 - Michelle Gillick (37th) Laura Kearney (56th) Lynda Haren (57th) Dervla McDermott (58th).

Ladies o/30 - Frances Kearney (12th) Margaret Gillick (13th) Marie Gleeson (17th). Frances was on the Kildare team - 3rd county.



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Sports News

MAYNOOTH BADMINTON CLUB

The Dublin League is well underway and our first team began with great success by winning all its home matches.

The second team began poorly but have now found their feet and are back on the winning trail. The Ladies League, with the addition of two new members are holding their own in a very difficult group.

The Committee organised coaching sessions for all members during the months of November and December which proved to be most beneficial to all concerned. Many thanks to coach Ann Dalton and hopefully we will have her back in the near future. Free open nights were organised for Tuesday nights 21st and 28th of January. A further free night is arranged for Tuesday 4th February from 8.30 - 11.30 pm in the Parish Hall. All members are most welcome.

All the club would like to wish a speedy recovery from various injuries to Mary Sheehan, Elaine Sheerin, Jim Miller and Pat Farrell.

Congratulations to former member Frances Burke and her husband Christy on the recent birth of their daughter Katie.

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Ireland conquer England, Scotland and Wales in Cardiff The wonder students of the Republic of Ireland Tae Kwon-Do Association (I.T.F.) (I.M.A.C) brought further glory to the association by sweeping the board at the recent British Open Tae Kwon-Do Championships in Cardiff. The association sent six students to compete against the cream of international competition with the dynamic team returning home with six gold medals, one silver, two bronze and two overall championship trophies. Floyd Keane enjoyed a spectacular tournament winning three gold medals for pattern, sparring and destruction in the Junior Black Belt category, thereby earning the distinction of being crowned British champion.

Lennon Doyle became British Champion in the Colour Belt category by winning two gold medals for pattern and destruction and a bronze medal for sparring.

Other notable successes included Derek O'Neill who won bronze in the Senior 1st Degree Black Belt pattern and Karl Smyth who won silver in the 2nd Degree Black Belt pattern and Keith Darcy who won gold for sparring in the Colour Belt category.

The Republic of Ireland Tae Kwon-Do Association came third overall in the competition, an excellent performance from such a small team competing against fifty six top class schools.

Representing the R.I.T.A. were from St Mark's Tae Kwon-Do School, Tallaght, David Hales, Floyd Keane and Derek O'Neill and from Ballyfermot Tae Kwon-Do School, Karl Smyth, Lennon Doyle and Keith Darcy.

Christy Higgins.

MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

Result of u/age Christmas Draw. We wish to thank everyone who supported our Draw. 1st prize, C. Ryan c/o C. Feeney; 2nd, prize Jim's Shoe Repair, Maynooth Shopping Centre; 3rd, prize T. Bailey c/o P. Ennis; 4th prize, M. Normoyle; Kingsbry; 5th prize, Mrs G. Kelly, Beaufield; 6th prize, T. Donovan, Greenfield; 6 prizes of a Bottle of Whiskey, L. Shinnors, Leixlip G.A.A.; T. O' Shaughnessy; P. Noone, Laragh; C. B. Murphy c/o M. Donnolly; M. Timmons, Donadea Naas; R. Sell, Beachgrove, Athboy.

Under Age Hurling Training

Our u/age hurlers train every Saturday morning from 10.30 am to 11.30 am. Any members of our community who would like to coach our under age hurlers are very welcome to our field any Saturday morning.

Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 19th January in New Social Centre. Officers elected for 1992:

Presidents - J. Tracey, J. Nolan. P. Brady, J. Murphy, D. Breen. Vice Presidents - T. Twomey, O' Reilly.

Patron - Fr. Supple.

Chairman - M. Gillick, Vice Chairman - J. Nevin.

Secretary - B. Leacy, Ass. Secretary - T. Fay.

Treasurer - M. Gleeson, Ass. Treasurer - J. McLoughlin.

P.R.O. - T. Fay.

Registrar - P. Kearney.

Sports News

Committee - S. Molloy, L. Lacey, R. O'Malley, D. O'Herlihy, D. Madden, A. Kelly, S. Nevin, E. Dunne, D. Boylan, P. Carr, K. Connolly, F. Devereux, P. Nevin, M. Stynes, M. Kelly (sen), A. Killorgan, M. Caden, B. O'Farrell, D. McDermott, O'Geoghegan, J. Lawlor, D. Quigley. From this Committee all sub committees will be elected. Full Membership of our New Social Centre will be £15.00, Husband and wife £20.00, Club House member £12.00, Student £10.00, Husband and Wife Club House Member £17.00.

Selectors for 1992

Junior A; J. Farrell, K. Connolly, M. Donnolly.
Junior B; P. Carr, T. Coffeey, M. Gillick.
U/21 K. Connolly, T. Fay, J. Nevin.
U/18 M. Mealy, M. Donnolly, M. Ryan, A. Killorgan, K. Fagan.

Maynooth G.A.A.

1st Team

Training for the 1992 season started on Sunday the 12th of January and will continue each Sunday at 11.30 am. Until further notice sessions are being held in the College- Arts Block Pitch. A full muster of players is expected at these sessions. Fitness will be vital this year when Senior and Intermediate teams will be encountered.

New players are more than welcome to attend.

Underage

Under 12 V Leixlip B (Home)

Score: Maynooth 4.7 Leixlip 2.1

Scorers: John O Shea 2.1; Seamus Cummins 2.1; Barry Connolly 3pts; Adrian Boylan and Karl Ennis 1pt each. Best for Maynooth: Downey, Nevin, O Shea, Connolly, Gallagher, Boylan, Cummins, Higgins, Farrelly, Fleming and Higgins.

U/10 V Leixlip B. Score: Maynooth 8.2 Leixlip 2pts

Scorers: Sean Woodhouse 2.1; Jody Connolly 2.0; Daragh Carr, Thomas Halton, Connor O'Malley, Pierre Ennis1 goal each; Karl Ennis 1pt.

Best for Maynooth: Mc Dermott, Ryan, Diggins, Geoghegan, Carr, Campbell, Halton, Ennis (K), Mc Carron, Ennis (P), Woodhouse, Connolly and O' Malley.

Under10 V Kill

Score: Maynooth 5.7 Kill1.1.

Scorers: Karl Ennis and David Campbell 1.2 each; Sean Lennon 1.1; Sean Woodhouse and Martin Mc Loughlin 1.0 each; Stephen Redmond, Aidan Mc Carron 1pt each.

Best for Maynooth: Diggins, Carr, Geoghegan, Ennis, Campbell, Mc Carron, Lennon.

Underage training restarted on Saturday the 11th of January and another busy year is in prospect. At this stage indications are that the first League action will be in March with age categories of under 10 and under 12. It is possible that the Winter League will be for the age groups under 11 and under 13. Regardless of the categories we are confident our lads will give a very good account of themselves.

Sympathies

Mrs Hand and family, Main Street, Maynooth on the death of her sister Mrs Margaret Dunne of Co. Wicklow.

sons, daughters, sisters, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of the late Anne Connolly, Greenfield, Maynooth. Funeral Mass was read by her grandson, Very Rev. Father Peter Dowling S.S.S., P.P. St. Patrick's Church, William Street, Glasgow assisted by Very Rev. Father B Supple P.P. and Rev Father D. Cogan C.C.

The Members of Maynooth Labour Party formed a guard of honour at the removal. The Coffin was draped with the plough and the stars flag. Mrs Connolly was second oldest parishioner in Maynooth and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. The large cortège at the removal, mass and funeral was a fitting tribute to a grand old lady.

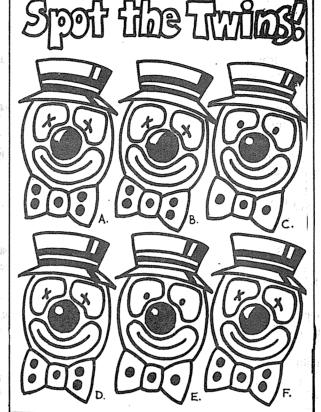
husband, sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends of the late Catherine B. Keegan (nee Nash), RailPark, Maynooth, formerly Phillipsburg Ave, Fairview.

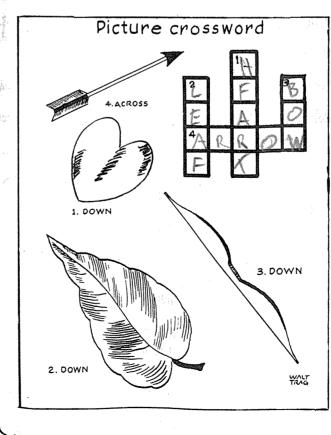
Mrs Eileen Hand, Main Street on the death of her sister in Glenealy, Wicklow.

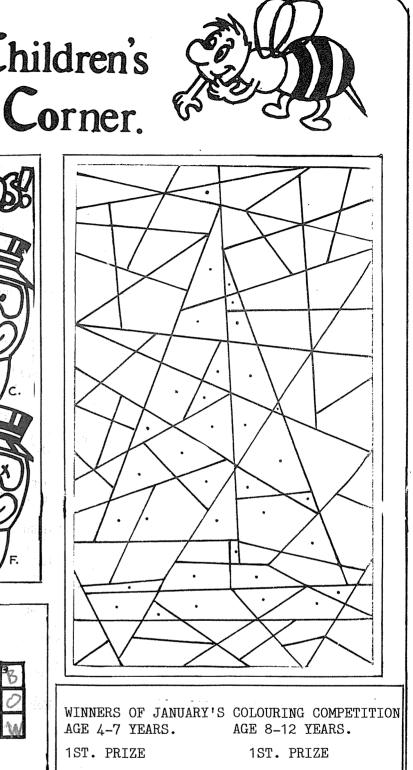
The wife, sons, daughters and family of the late Michael Halligan, Station Road, Leixlip, wish to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement, those who attended the removal, mass and funeral, sent mass cards, floral tributes, and letters of sympathy, good friends and neighbours. Trusting this will be accepted by all in grateful acknowledgement. The Holy Sacrifice of the mass will be offered for their intentions.

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Andrea O'Carroll Brownstown, Kilcloone. Adrian Cannon 2 Rail Park, Maynooth.

2ND PRIZE

Colm Cahill Leinster Park, Maynooth.

3RD PRIZE

Aisling Wall 95 Carton Court, Maynooth.

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to Una McGovern Greenfield, February 2nd. With love from your sons, daughters-in-law & grandchildren, all our love & have a nice day. X X X

Happy Birthday to our dearest Nannie Una, February 2nd. Love & kisses from Karina, Stacey, Michelle, Debbie, Regina, Richard & Thomas. We all love you. X X X.

Belated Birthday greetings to my dad Tony Kavangh whose birthday was on the 9th of January. From Karen & Jennifer.

Belated Birthday greetings to Niamh Anglin 235 Kingsbry, who was 6 on the 20th of January; from Karen.

Belated Happy Birthday to Brian Gannon, Mulhussey, Co. Meath. From Mary Harty.

Happy Birthday to Deirdre Cassidy on 9th March who will be a teenager at last. From Eileen, Eamon, Gooey, Martie, Kim. Christine and Marie.

To Bernie Gannon, Happy Birthday. From Orla and Mary.

Happy Birthday to John Perry on the 25th February, who will be 8. Lots of love, Mum, Dad, Jessica and Tina.

Happy Birthday to Jessica Perry on 14th March age 5. Lots of love from Mum, Dad and Tina.

Happy Birthday to Charline Moran of 895 Highfield Kilcock who will be 4 on the 9th of February.

Birthday Greetings to Sharon Kiernan, The Coppins, Celbridge. Aged 1 on January 30th. Best Wishes from Granny, Grandad, aunties and uncles.

Birthday Greetings to Darielle O'Sullivan, Beaufield, Maynooth aged 1 January 31st. Best wishes from everyone.

Happy Birthday to Janet McWeeney, Carton Court who was 13 years old on the 23rd of February. Best wishes from Mammy and Daddy and brother Willie.

Happy Birthday to Sean Bennett, Newtown who was 14 on January 23rd. Best wishes from Mammy and Daddy.

Birthday Greetings to Darren Naughton, Greenfield who will be 12 on the 14th of February.

Happy Birthday to Larry Mc Ternan, Highfield, Kilcock on February 25th and to his brother Gerard from "Cearravilla", Greenfield on February the 26th and to their Mammy Ita Mc Ternan of Parson Street whose birthday was January 11th. Love from all of the family in Maynooth, Kilcock, Dunboyne and Leixlip.

Happy Birthday to Mrs. Shirley Cummins, Highfield, Kilcock on February 12th and to daughter Niamh aged 8 on February 5th.

Happy birthday to Paul Mc Ternan, Highfield, Kilcock aged 16 on February 4th, to his sister Gillian aged 10 on January 24th, and their cousin Maeve Mc Ternan, Avondale, Leixlip aged 15 on January 24th.

Birthday Greetings to Phil Brady Clock House who celebrated his birthday on January 19th. Best wishes from all the patrons of Clock House.

Happy early Birthday to Aine Mc Eilligott. Hope things are going well with Doyler from Orla and Mary.

Happy Birthday to Pierre on the 25rd of February. Love from all of the family.

Happy 19th birthday to Michelle on the 25th of February. Love from all the Family.

Happy Belated Birthday to Ciana whose birthday was on the 11th of January. Lots of love from all the family.

Happy Birthday to Thomas Bean, 'Lemar' Dunboyne Road, Maynooth. From his Dad, Mam, Tony, Mary and Children. Thomas will celebrate his birthday on February 27th.

Happy Birthday to Peter Hussey on 9th February. Peter is due to surprise his many friends with a party.

Hello to everyone in room 15 and 16.

Hello to Eamonn, Darren, Gooey, Trevor, Marty from your loving ex girlfriend Jackie.

Hello to Christine, Sinead, Simone, Nichola H and Nichola C, Siobhan, Martina, Gemma, Ann-Maire, Michelle G, Michelle F, Maeve, Kate, Debbie, Valerie and Tracey. From Eileen.

Hello to Gooey, Eamonn, Eileen, Deirdre, Linda. From Trevor.

Hello to Eileen and Deirdre who are so gorgeous. From a secret admirer. D. O. A.

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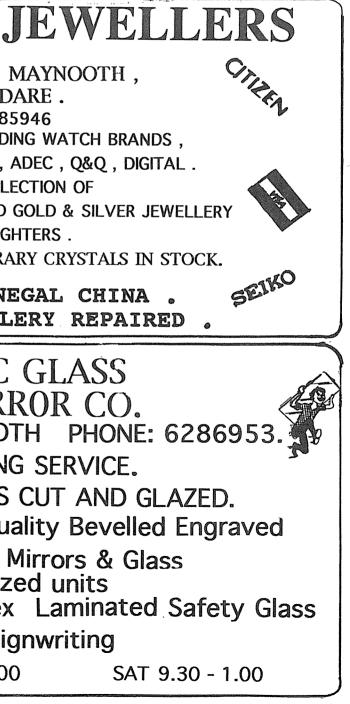
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Congratulations

Congratulations & Best Wishes to Michael & Eileen McGovern, Greenfield, who celebrated their 12th Wedding Anniversary on Jan. 26th. With love from Mam, Kevin, Noel, Marie & family, also from Mrs Flynn in Kilcloone. X X X.

Congratulations to Sharon Reilly and Fintan McMahon on their engagement on the 23rd of December. Speedy days to the wedding. Lots of love from family and friends.

Happy Anniversary to Mum and Dad, on their 9th anniversary on the 9th of Febuary from John, Jessica, Tina,

Happy 12th Wedding Anniversary to our Darling Mam & Dad, Jan 26th. With lots of love from Karina, Stacey, Michelle, Debbie & Regina, X X.

Congratulations to Margaret Byrne, Ballygoran and John Doyle, Parson Street, on their recent engagement. Best wishes for your future, from your families and many friends.

Congratulations to Jackie and Mark on their recent engagement. Best of luck. Love from all of your working mates.

Congratulations to Darren Moran, Greenfield and Caroline Dunne, Kilcock, on their recent engagement. The happy couple celebrated the event with a surprise party hosted by the Moran Family in Slims on January the 18th.

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