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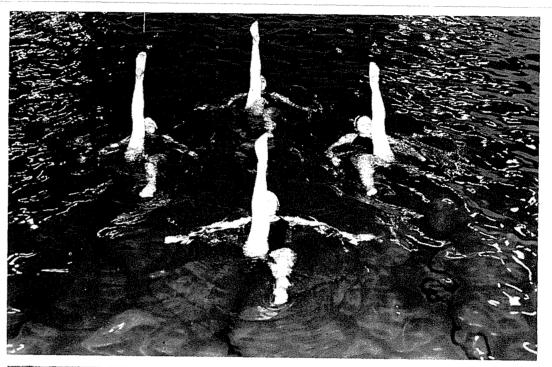
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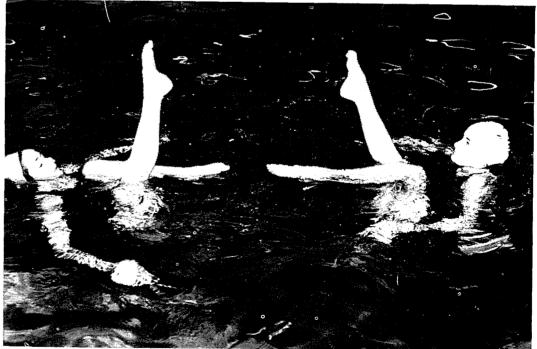


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Editorial

Limits to Freedom

Some interesting questions, of how free our society is, have arisen in the last month. Certain freedoms which we thought we had, such as freedom to leave Ireland to carry out activities which are totally legal in another jurisdiction now appear to have been curtailed. In this particular case, the Attorney General, drawing on powers conferred on him as guardian of the public interest, placed an injunction on an Irish family preventing them from obtaining an abortion in England for a fourteen year old child who had become pregnant from rape. The circumstances of the case are tragic and no amount of words can exercise the trauma which that fourteen year old child has suffered. Hopefully, time will help her to view these events in some sort of perspective. However, there is now a danger that this same injunction can be used to prevent any woman suspected of being pregnant from leaving the jurisdiction. A nightmare paranoid scenario, perhaps - but when this possibility was raised prior to the amendment in 1983, those supporting the amendment denied that this could ever happen. It has happened nine years later, and it is up to our legislators to remove this threat to our liberty.

Another issue regarding freedom of speech has also arisen with the decision to allow Sinn Fein to hold their annual conference in Ballyfermot Community Centre. This is a group which supports and refuses to condemn violence and destruction carried out by the IRA, although objecting to similar activities when carried out by other groups. The argument about censorship and freedom of speech becomes fuzzy in such cases. Can one argue that advocates of violence have an unalienable right to promote their support of violence necessarily a sign of support for the activities of those groups? In the long run, decisions have to be made and often principles do not help us to make decisions in the real world.

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Editorial

Letters to the Editor

International Women's Day

International Women's Day falls on the 8th March - one day out of 365 when all women are 'officially' recognised! There is a lot to be recognised. More importantly, there is far more work yet to be done before women cease to become physically, psychologically, morally and sexually exploited. Given recent developments in the High Court it would seem that Ireland has little intention of moving in a direction which allows women a voice, a choice or the means to prevent gender discrimination. March 8th is a day to draw attention to the roles of women in society and to celebrate the female spirit.

Support your local Parade

Maynooths' St Patrick's Day Parade again promises to be a spectacular success. Over the past few years our parade rivalled all other parades in Leinster outside Dublin. Its success has been due to the hard work of the St. Patrick's Day Committee, the wide spread participation of local groups and organisations and, not least, the big turnout of local people in the Main Street on the day. The towns' achievement in holding a successful parade each year reflects well on Maynooths' high level of community activity when many larger towns fail completely to sustain a parade.

Cobweb

Issue six of Cobweb, the literary magazine founded and based in Maynooth, is now available in newsagents and the bookshop in the town. With this issue Cobweb enters a new stage in its development. Continuing the policy of reflecting the diversity of voices in contemporary writing in Ireland, the magazine now accepts contributions from writers anywhere on the island. The new look magazine now presents an even stronger challenge to the older established literary journals in the country, boasting a wide range of fresh, innovative voices in both poetry and prose. Contributions may be sent, with S.A.E., to Cowbeb, Art's Block, Maynooth College, Co. Kildare. Priced at only £1, Cobweb is a magazine well worth checking out.

Charlie's in, Charlie's out.

The demise of Charlie Haughey brought dramatic promotion for our own Charlie - Charlie McCreevy who has been appointed Minister for Social Welfare. A long time thorn in the side of the Fianna Fail establishment, he now assumes a completely new role as a member of the cabinet, responsible for one of the big spending departments. Talented and affable, his friends and even his political foes, are sure to wish him well.

St. Patrick's Day

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our readers. We look forward to seeing everyone out at the parade which as usual should be the biggest and best ever. Perhaps this time RTE will even bring their cameras, now that they are all back in business.

Dear Editor.

In a couple of months the people of Ireland will be asked in a Referendum to ratify or reject the Maastricht Treaty. As most of the political parties in the Dail will be campaigning for a YES vote we could be railroaded into plumping for a treaty which will have serious effects on our economy, social welfare, and neutrality.

On the 7th February last at a press conference in Buswells Hotel, Dublin, a group entitled "Platform for Employment, Democracy and Neutrality" launched themselves as a centre for critical information on the Maastricht Treaty. A number of serious aspects of the treaty were identified including:-

- 1. Abandonment of neutrality; the next generation of young Irish adults could become conscripts into a new European Army.
- 2. A decade of deflation; by 1998 we have to reduce our national debt by one third. Surplus budgets with cutbacks in social welfare, etc., will probably be introduced.
- 3. Monetary Union; to accelerate unemployment and emigration as the stronger regions will find their advantages reinforced and their competitiveness strengthened.
- 4. Structural funds; renamed Cohesion Funds, they are to be kept to 1.5% of the GNP of all EC states. Ireland has only a vague idea of how much we will get and we cannot spend the funds on the kind of industrial developments that we need

I also believe that the Maastricht Treaty needs to be critically examined by people here in Kildare and would like to hear from interested people with a view to setting up a local Platform for Employment, Democracy and Neutrality.

Yours faithfully, Michael Quinn.

Dear Editor.

I refer to the further letter from E. Donovan in the February issue regarding the El Dorado planning appeal.

In the light of previous coverage of this matter in the Newsletter, the Committee of this Association considers it regrettable that you should publish such a letter which contains statements that are offensive and completely untrue. It is obvious at this stage that the author of the letter does not wish to be confused with the facts and believes in the theory that if one keeps throwing mud some of it may stick.

P. Hogan.

Chairman, Greenfield Estate Residents' Association.

Dear Editor,

The Maynooth/Leixlip branch of the Irish Guide Dogs Association propose to have its first Dog Walk on Sunday 10th May 1992 (National Dog Walk Day) or Sunday 24th May 1992. To discuss this we are holding a meeting in Caulfields Meeting Room on Tuesday 3rd March 1992. Proposal route starting:- The Square, out Straffan Road, turn right past Railway Station to Bome Bridge, turn right into Parson Street and finish at College Gates, where orange and crisps will be served to all.

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Hope you can come to the Meeting and all suggestions will be gratefully appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Hilda Dunne (Hon Sec) 6286310.

P.S. Angela Allen, Leixlip, her Guide Dog "Chole" will step out to lead the other canines - All welcome with or without four legged friends.

Dear Editor and Faithful Staff.

I want to say how pleased I was with the response I had to my last advertisement in the Maynooth Newsletter of February.

It was a great success and many Valentines Roses were sent to loved-ones!

Thanks again and keep up your good work in supplying a very informative paper.

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Maynooth Community Festival

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The Festival Committee are presently filling in events for inclusion in the festival which lasts from 12th June - 21st June. Guinness Ireland have again agreed to be our main sponsors. The 7-a-side football will be going ahead as usual under the steady hand of Peter Holland and the Steam Train will be with us again on 13/14 June. We are hoping that as many local organisations/clubs as possible will contribute to the festival. The pubs were very helpful last year in their willingness to put on events. Unfortunately, Bradys lost out; perhaps traditional Irish music each night would be ideal for this location. Those who organised events last year will hopefully be willing to do so again i.e. Kingsbry Residents Association - Inter Estate Pitch and Putt, Juvenile football -G.A.A., Cabaret - Old Folks Committee, International Folk Dancing - Peter Holland (he has many talents), Fire Fighting Display - Fire Brigade (with Dublin Band this year?), Children's Fishing competition - Maynooth Summer Project, Maynooth Accordion Band - 60s night - Lyreen Residents' Association.

Following discussion with the Management Committee it is hoped that we will be able to hold a number of the events in the new G.A.A. Social Centre.

If you wish to contribute in any way to the Community Festival please contact Christina Saults or Norah McDermott in the Community Council Office.

Table Quiz

Our Christmas Table Quiz was a joint venture between the Community Council and the Maynooth Soccer Club. We would like to thank most sincerely John and Ethna Carey, Caulfields, for sponsoring the first prize and Noel Cassidy, The Roost for sponsoring the third prize. Also, many thanks to the sponsors of the raffle prizes.

Carton Demesne Development:

The following is a copy of our response to the proposed development of Carton which was submitted twice to Kildare County Council before the deadline for objections occured last month.

Mr. H. Lyons, County Secretary, Kildare County Council, St. Mary's, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Dear Secretary,

Maynooth Community Council welcomes the development proposed by the Gleneagles group for the Carton Demesne. Our welcome is based on the planning application and on the promises given by the Developers to the Community Council. These are as follows:

- 1. Definite access to the public throughout the Demesne.
- 2. A maximum of 188 dwellings are being built and this is guaranteed legally by covenant.
- 3. The dwellings will be discreetly located.
- 4. Carton House will be restored to it's original splendour.
- 5. The Lime Tree Avenue will be restored and maintained by

Community Council Notes

the Developers in accordance with the wishes of Maynooth Community Council and with the agreement of Kildare County Council. The Community Council require the following restoration work to be carried out on the Avenue:

- a) Cut and restore green area.
- b) Install appropriate public lighting for length of the Avenue.
- c) Install seating at appropriate intervals.
- d) Rebuild wall where in danger of collapse this is particularly true at the back of Leinster Court.
- e) Access to the Demesne must be available to the public at the bottom of the Avenue.

As a gesture of good will this work on the Avenue should be the first to be undertaken by the Developer on receipt of planning permission.

- 6. The golf courses will be constructed to match the existing contours of the Demesne. Therefore, disruption to the landscape will be minimal.
- 7. A Forum comprising Community Council, Chamber of Commerce and Carton Committee would be the vehicle through which the developers would channel communication with the local community on receipt of planning permission.

We would appreciate if Kildare County Council included the foregoing in any granting of planning permission.

Yours sincerely,

John McGinley, Chairperson.

P.S. We would hope that as a matter of policy Kildare County Council will be using the development levies, associated with the development, in the **Maynooth Area** and not throughout the county.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Maynooth Community Council comes to the end of its term of office at the beginning of April. Elections for a new Council will be held at the end of March. In all, there are 44 places to be filled in these elections. Two further places will be allocated to nominees of Maynooth College Executive Council and Maynooth College Student's Union. Further members may be co-opted at the discretion of the incoming Council

Election Arrangements

There are some modifications to the division of the Community Council catchment area into electoral areas compared with the previous elections.

The number of Council places per electoral area is based on a rough ration of 100 voters (from the Electoral Register) per Council member. The electoral areas are as follows:

- 1. Town Centre (5 places) comprises the area bounded by Bond Bridge, Mullen Bridge, Blacklion, Kildare Bridge (Dunboyne Road) and the Parish Church.
- 2. Railpark/Straffan Road (1 place) includes the Crescent.

- 3. Railpark Estate (2 places).
- 4. Greenfield Estate (5 places) includes Laurence Avenue, Maynooth Park, Greenfield Drive and Straffan Way.
- 5. Carton Court (2 places).
- 6. Kingsbry (5 places).
- 7. Greenfield Lane/Greenfield phase 1 (1 place).
- 8. Greenfield Phase 2 (1 place).
- 9. Greenfield Phase 3/private sites (1 place).
- 10. Beaufield (3 places).
- 11. Meadow Brook (1 place).
- 12. Cluain Aoibhinn (2 places).
- 13. College Green (2 places).
- 14. Moyglare Road/Moyglare Meadows/ Moyglare Village (4 places).
- 15. Newtown/Woodlands/Ashley Court (2 places).
- 16 Outlying Area A (see map) (1 place). Includes the townlands of Carton Demesne, Old Carton, Catherinestown, Kellystown, Blakestown.
- 17. Outlying Area B (2 places). Includes the townlands of Windgates (East side of Straffan Road), Toolestown, Corbally, Griffinrath, Moneycooley, Ballygoran, Barrogstown/West/East, Killmacredock, Donaghmore.
- 18. Outlying Area C (3 places). Includes the townlands of Rowanstown, Dowstown, Taghadoe, Toolestown, (West side of Straffan Road), Windgates, Newtownmacabe, Rooks, Smithstown, Johninstown, Graiguesallagh, Cowanstown, Kealstown, Graiguelin. Derrinstown, Donaghstown.
- 19. Outlying Area D (1 place). Includes townlands of Timard, Laraghbryan East/West, The Maws, Ballycurraghan, Treadstown, Cormickstown, Crinstown and Laragh Demesne.

Election Schedule

Nominations

A Nomination Form is included in this issue of the Newsletter. Additional forms may be obtained from the Community Council Office.

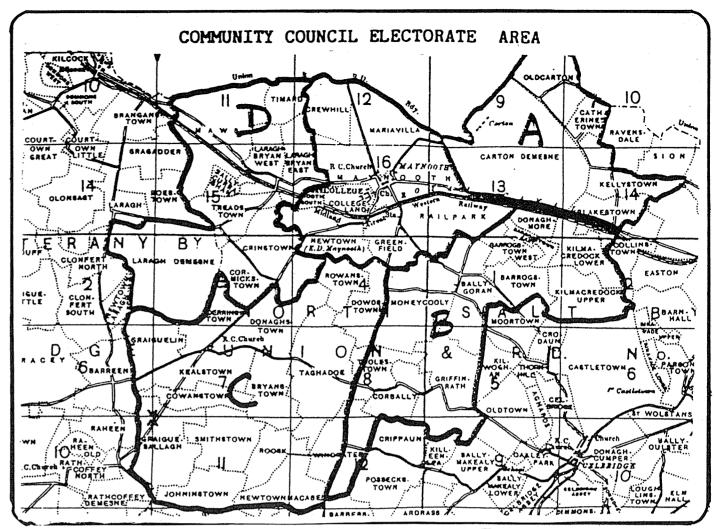
All nomination forms should include the signature of the nominee signifying her/his acceptance of the nomination. All nominations to be submitted to the Community Council Office by Monday, March 23rd. Any resident over 18 is eligible for the election and for voting.

Voting

Voting papers will be distributed to all eligible households between March 26th - 29th. Votes will be collected the following week. Where votes have not been collected, they may be brought to the Community Council Office. All votes must be returned by Friday, April 3rd.

Counting of votes will take place on Saturday, April 4th. Counting will be done by neutral volunteers under the supervision of outside scrutineers. For single seat electoral areas, the single transferable vote method of counting (as in by-elections to Dáil Eireann) will be used. For multiple-seat areas, each voter will have as many votes as there are seats available, with the candidates obtaining the most votes being elected, as appropriate. This system is both easy to operate, and fairer then first-to-the-post methods used in British elections.

The first meeting of the new council will take place on Monday, April 13th.



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MAYNOOTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

First of all, may we thank those people who contacted us and welcomed the establishment of our committee. At time of printing we are awaiting word on our Fás Application. As part of the on-going commitment to keep all advised of our activities and plans, our chairperson Margaret Clince has written to associations/clubs active in Maynooth inviting them to a meeting in the Post Primary School on 27th February 1992.

If your group could not make it on the night and would like to become involved please contact us.

Fund Raising

Watch out for details of our first fund raising venture. YES by popular demand! We are running the "Daisy Pat" competition for St. Patrick's Day.

Thank you for your interest in reading about the Planning and Development Committee.

Apology

In last months issue we incorrectly stated that one of our joint treasurers was John Saults. This should have read Willie Saults - John is not in the Planning and Development Committee.

Richard Farrell, *P.R.O.*

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OLD PEOPLES' COMMITTEE

The A.G.M. of the Old Peoples' Committee took place on January 15th. The following were elected: Chairperson -Imelda Delaney; Vice Chairperson - Bridget Tierney; Secretary - Rose Bean: Assistant Secretary - Joan Lennon; Treasurer - Catherine Mulready; Assistant Treasurer - Patricia Cusker; P.R.O. - Joan Lennon; Entertainment Officer - Josie Moore; Catering Committee - Lily O'Riordan, Agnes Boyd, Helen Doyle, Patricia Cusker; Laundry - Catherine Mulready, Patricia Cusker, Joan Lennon.

Gerry Coyne's 80th birthday falls on February 10th. We send him our heartiest good wishes and congratulations.

At the time of this publication a number of the elderly will have attended the performance of the Pantomime "Dick Whittington" in Whitefriar St. on February 16th. The outing was organised by Liam Green in Conjunction with the Committee.

The Annual Collection will take place on March 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th at the Shopping Centre and at each of the Masses. We look forward to your usual generous support. The Easter Party takes place on April 12th in the Post Primary School. All are welcome to participate in the Easter Bonnet Competition.

MAYNOOTH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Spring is here (I think!) and thoughts are turning to flowerfilled, beautifully scented sanctuaries of tranquillity - in other words, its gardening time again! With this in mind we are organising a talk on gardening, to be held in the library during March - the date is yet to be confirmed. The speaker will be Tony Addeley from St. Raphaels Abbey Garden Centre. He will answer any queries you might have after the talk, so keep your eyes open for posters announcing further details!

To help our younger borrowers, and their parents, the fiction books in the children's section are colour coded - i.e. each book is given a coloured sticker indicating what type of book it is - e.g. black indicates horror, white would indicate pony or animals stories. So follow the code!

In the same vein we have created a "crime" section in the adult library. These books may be identified by yellow sticker on their spines.

In the line of new acquisitions, we have received some new reference books, which include the following titles:

"Applying to College 1992" by R. Dunne.

"Thoms Dublin and County Street Directory 1991" "Rules of the Game" by Diagram Group.

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"Don't panic! Guide to overcoming Panic Attacks" by Sue Breton.

"Fortune Telling by Tarot Cards" by S. Fenton.

"Toxic Parents" by S. Forward and C. Buck.

"Women in Early Modern Ireland" by M McCurtan and M. O'Dowd.

"Ah Ref! A Century of Gaelic Games on Castledermot" by T. Wickham.

"Princess" by A. Morrow.

"Fr. John Murphy of Bodavogue 1753-1798" by N Furlong. Some new fiction books include "The Darling Buds of May" by H.E. Bates and "Polo" by Jilly Cooper.

I would like to thank all those benevolent people who have recently donated books and periodicals. All were greatly appreciated. Back issues of any periodicals (including the National Geographic) may be borrowed.

May I remind all non-members it's still only £2 to join for the year, with a charge of 10p per item borrowed, and members are entitled to borrow three items. Children's membership is £1 for the year. We're open during the following hours.

Monday - 2.30 - 8.00 Tuesday - 2.00 - 5.00

Wednesday - 9.30 - 1.00; 2.00 - 5.00

Thursday - 2.30 - 8.00

Friday - 9.30 - 1.00; 2.00 - 5.00

If you have any queries, call us at 6285530.

Margaret Walshe-Gannon.

MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

The February meeting of Maynooth I.C.A. was held on Thursday, 6th February at 8.00 p.m. Once again the Vice President, Imelda Delaney, welcomed everyone and hoped the President, Mary O'Gorman, would be fit and well and back with us soon again.

Our guest speaker this month (February) was Declan O'Connor (Solicitor). He gave a very interesting and informative talk on the advantages of making a will before coming to "Deaths Door". A will may be made by a person who has attained eighteen years or has been married, and is of sound mind. In all cases a Solicitor should be consulted when making a will. A "homemade" will can be dangerous and can be the source of much dispute and claims after death. Delighted to report this month, work has commenced on reroofing our hall. Maybe some of our artistic ladies will get together and "spring clean" the inside with paint and paper. The winners of the monthly competition "on the spot" were as follows:

1st Bernadette Duffy, 2nd Norah McDermott, 3rd Imelda Delanev.

The winners of the raffle: 1st Mairead Scanlon, 2nd Mary McInerney, 3rd Joan Shannon.

The competition for the meeting, Thursday, 5th March, 1992 at 8.00 p.m., will be a "St. Patrick's Day Card". We

trust that we will have a large number of entries. Taking this opportunity of wishing Mary Flynn a short stay in hospital and a speedy recovery to perfect health. Crafts every Monday night at 8.00 p.m. in I.C.A. Hall. Badminton every Tuesday and Thursday morning in the Parish Hall. New faces are always welcome.

P.R.O.

CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE

Know Your Rights

Question: It was reported in the newspapers over the Christmas that people taking early retirement would not be paid Unemployment Benefit. This would affect me as I had intended to retire this year on my 63rd birthday. As there was nothing in the Budget about this, does this mean that it is not going to happen?

Answer: In his policy speech made on 19th December last, the Minister for Social Welfare gave details of a number of policy measures which were to be introduced "to use Social Welfare resources more effectively and more efficiently." Among these proposed measures was the one to control the topping up of voluntary severance and early retirement packages mentioned above. The details about this are to be announced in the Social Welfare Bill which will not be published until March. Until this Bill is published we do not know precisely who will be affected.

Judging by the numerous enquiries we are getting about this, these proposed changes are extremely important to the people like yourself who had already planned to take early retirement this year. Some people may decide to bring their retirement forward and to retire before April in order that their Unemployment Benefit Claim will already have commenced before the changes come into effect.

People retire early for various reasons and not everyone is fortunate enough to get a substantial severance package. In fact, some people have to rely entirely on their Unemployment benefit. The proposed changes will have to take account of this.

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CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Catholic Marriage Advisory Council recently opened a new subcentre in Celbridge which will also cater for the Maynooth area. It is situated in the St. Eustaces centre on the Main Street. The C.M.A.C. will have exclusive use of the centre for one night per week and confidential counselling sessions will be held then. The Celbridge subcentre is affiliated to the Main Centre in Clondalkin (phone: 593467) through which all appointments can be made.

The Celbridge Subcentre offers a counselling service only and other services such as marriage preparation courses and the legal information services are dealt with through Clondalkin.

The money to provide the service was raised by the Kilcock and Maynooth Lions Club through a committee consisting of Michael Doyle, John Lawlor and Brendan Lawlor.

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Coming of Age

Dear Reader

Do you know that the Maynooth Post Primary School is celebrating its 21st year of existence this year. Time passes so quickly. Past Pupils of the school are celebrating the occasion by having their own Dinner Dance in the Keadeen on April 10th, and tickets will be on sale via the school during March. While, on the other hand, the Parents' Association is considering a suitable way of celebrating this mile-stone in a way which will involve the current school's students. All suggestions in this regard would be favourably received by any committee member for consideration at our next meeting (meetings are held in the school on the second Tuesday of each month of the school year at 8.00 p.m).

Dear Parents.

For a great night out we have organised an American Tea Party as a fund raising activity, the proceeds of which enable the Parents' Association meet financial demands placed upon it by the school. The Tea Party will take place on Friday 22nd May 1992, in the County Club Dunshaughlin:-Music by Panache (9-2). Tickets will be available from any committee member. Further details will be announced in the next issue of the Maynooth Newsletter.

Last year's American Tea Party, held at the same venue, was a run-away success where everyone without exception enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Consequently, the committee this year expects that its problem will be to confine the number wishing to attend within the maximum permissible as dictated by the venue: Be warned, Tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis.

How You Can Help!

Host/Hostesses will be required to host a table of 10 or more persons. Start thinking now of your grouping and confirm your booking and/or table reservation with any one of the committee members over the next few weeks, they are:-Pat Halley, Chairperson, Noel Lysaght, Secretary, Patsy O'Rafferty, Treasurer, Catherine Hodge, Assumpta Duffy, Teresa Bennett, Lynne Whitaker, Joan Lennon, Lise O'Farrell, Anne Egan, Kathleen Dempsey, Sally Cotter, Irene Mathews, Marie O'Sullivan, Tom Ashe, Principal, Joan Carroll, Josephine Dempsey, Mary Dunworth, Joe Kelly, James Fleming, Mary Boland, Maisie McMyler, Pat Devaney, Teacher Representative, Mary Farrell, Dick Sheehan, Joe Buckley and Dermot Nangle, PRO.

Interested in Cards?

The Maynooth Post Primary Parents' Association is arranging a CARD GAME in Kean's of Kilcloon on Friday 27th March '92. The card session will commence at 9.00 p.m., and Mr. Joe Fahy would be pleased to see you turn up for the night out. Proceeds will help the Association provide further benefits to our children at school.

Interested in Bingo?

The Maynooth Post Primary Parents' Association is arranging a BINGO GAME in the Parish Hall on Sunday 22nd March 1992. Again the proceeds will help the Association provide further benefits to our children at school. All parents, their friends and relations are encouraged to support this main fundraising event at which approximately £1,500 will be given away in prize money. Bingo Tickets will be distributed to you in a variety of ways over the next few weeks. Please support us and your children.

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CREDIT UNION NOTES

Over the coming months we hope to explain the development growth, and working of the Credit Union. We will try to deal with all aspects of the organisation.

Background/Growth of Movement

The modern Credit Union Movement traces its origins to Germany and to Friedrich Wilhelm Raiffeisen, the Mayor of a small town in Southern Germany, who in 1849 formed Societies, which later evolved into credit unions. Raiffeisen laid down these conditions which he considered necessary for the success of the organisation.

- * Only members could save or borrow.
- * Loans were made for provident or productive purposes at rates of interest members could afford.
- * The character of the member would be the most important security for his/her loan.
- * The member would own, control and administer the Society, the Credit Union.

These conditions are still the basis of the modern Credit Union in Ireland. The modern Movement prospered in Canada and the U.S.A. The U.S.A. proved to be the source from which it eventually spread to Ireland in 1958. Under the early leadership of a Dublin based teacher, Miss Nora Herhily, and a number of other dedicated pioneers, the Credit Union Movement gained acceptance in urban and rural Ireland. Dramatic expansion took place and has been maintained over the last three decades, so that today, Credit Union is recognised in Ireland as a unique and practical expression of self help through co operative endeavour. The Irish Credit Union Movement has grown from three Credit Unions with a Membership of 200 and a shareholding of £415 in 1959 to 514 Credit Unions with a membership of 1,165,000 and a shareholding estimate of £906,000,000 in December 1991.

New Members are always welcome.

Hours of Business.

Thursday 7 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. Friday 7 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH OF IRELAND NOTES

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Belated congratulations to Mrs Louisa McAssey, Harbour View, Maynooth who was 90 on 6th February. This event was celebrated in the Rectory on 13th February at a party organised by The Mothers' Union.

An auction of Goods and Services is to be held at the New G.A.A. Club on the Moyglare Road on Saturday 7th March at 8.30 p.m. Admission £1.00 in aid or parish funds.

Time of service:

1st Sunday 9.30a.m. The Eucharist 2nd Sunday 10.30a.m. The Eucharist 3rd Sunday 10.30a.m. Morning Prayer 4th Sunday 10.30a.m. The Eucharist

BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association of St. Mary's Boys National School, Maynooth are holding a Race Night on Friday 10th April at 8.30 p.m. in the new G.A.A. Hall, Moyglare Road to raise funds for general school equipment. We are very grateful to the G.A.A. Club for the use of their premises. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Bridie Furlong, P.R.O.

SEPARATED PERSON GROUP

The Maynooth C.I.C started a Separated Persons Support Group for unattached, widowed, single parents and separated people in July last year. Meetings were held in the meeting room in Caulfields on Monday nights at 9 o'clock. The people that went to the meetings found it a great help meeting people with similar problems and now socialise together.

The meeting nights have since been changed to Tuesday nights at 9.15 pm at the same place. New members are more than welcome.

Tel: 6285447 9.30 - 1.00 a.m.

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Depending on the interest shown we hope to run a monthly social get together.

GRANGEWILLIAM CEMETERY RESTORATION COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the above Committee will be held on Monday, 2nd March 1992 at 8.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall (Maynooth).

Everyone is welcome to attend. All help and suggestions, which would contribute to the success of this project, would be greatly appreciated.

For further information please contact:- Peter Nevin (Secretary) Phone - 6285179 or Kathleen Murphy (P.R.O.) Phone 6286399.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

By the time this notice is in print, we will have enjoyed our first demonstration of the year, given by Marie McKeown from Rathfarnham. Marie has won many national competitions and we are looking forward to her exhibits.

Clubs, Organisations & Societies

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10th, at 8.00 p.m. The March meeting being traditionally a garden one, we have engaged the very talented Mr. John Joe Costin. Mr. Costin has won many awards for his garden design including a gold medal in an international competition in Japan.

Please keep in mind also our Annual Spring Show which will take place on April 28th. We will have details of this at our March meeting. We urge all our members to enter this competition. All levels are catered for.

Remember!! All our meetings are now held in the SVD Hall on the Moyglare Road.

R, Smyth, P.R.O.

LEIXLIP ANGLING NEWS

Leixlip and District Anglers' Association are delighted to announce, that after discussions with Mr. Frank Turpin, Manager External Affairs, Intel Ireland Ltd., have again given official permission to the above Association for access to the Rye waters running through their land, from Carton Bridge to within 200 yards of Dock Arch (aqueduct).

The Association would like to take this opportunity to express their deep appreciation to Mr. Turpin for his co-operation and courtesy in this matter, also for tree-planting along river bank, in the near future.

We hope to carry out development work and stocking in the near future, in conjunction with the fishery board, who have been most co-operative and helpful in the development of the Rye waters.

Jim Carroll.

Water-keeper and pollution officer river Rye.

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES

Harbour Days

This year's canal "Harbour Days" will kick off what is expected to be a new look "Festival Week". Your Royal Canal Committee are, at present, busy arranging what is hoped will be an enjoyable two days. We can now confirm that the steam train will operate on Saturday 13th June and Sunday 14th June with two trips operating on both days from Maynooth to Enfield and return the cost of these trips will be as follows: adults £3.50, children £1.50 and a very special rate of £2.50 for students.

It is also hoped to have a vintage car exhibition as well as many other attractions. More about this in next month's issue.

"Steam Organ"

The committee can also confirm that we will have on location in the harbour on 13th and 14th June a magnificent "Steam Organ", one of only two in this country. In fact there are only about 8 of these machines in the whole of Europe. The Steam Organ dates back to the early 1800's and without a doubt far surpasses any modern day synthesizer, keyboard or organ of which it is the fore runner. I have seen this organ

in action and I can assure our readers that it is a "must". The technical brilliance of this makes one stand in awe, that a machine of its age could do so much, speaks extremely well of the designers of the time.

Works Report

The fencing at Pikes Bridge is now complete and work on the walls is also at an advanced stage. Some of the area has been planted with flowers and shrubs. Foreman Philip McDermott and staff have availed of the recent spell of fine weather to complete some of the walls and advance other work to near completion.

Appeal

ONCE AGAIN ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE I APPEAL TO THE BETTER JUDGEMENTS OF, THE FEW WHO STILL LITTER THE HARBOUR AREA IN MAYNOOTH TO DESIST FROM THIS PRACTICE. IT IS MOST UNFAIR TO THE VAST MAJORITY WHO RESPECT THIS WONDERFUL AMENITY, AND WHO HAVE GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED ITS RESTORATION. WE DO NOT LIKE TO CONTINUALLY MENTION THIS SUBJECT. IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL TO PRESERVE THIS AMENITY AND MAINTAIN IT IN GOOD ORDER IF WE INTEND TO BOOST TOURISM IN THE LOCALITY.

Gerry Fitzpatrick, P.R.O.

ST. MARY'S BRASS AND REED BAND BULLETIN

The Annual General Meeting was held on 3rd February 1992. The overall attendance was good. A special thank you is addressed to the outgoing committee for their good work. 1991 was a difficult year as we were fundraising for our new uniforms. We would like to thank Margaret Dempsey our previous P.R.O. for all her work.

The new committee is as follows:

Hon Presidents: Fr. O'Higgins, Mr. Phil Brady, Chairperson: Michael Dempsey,

Vice Chairperson: Cliff Murphy, Secretary: Elaine Bean, Assistant Secretary: Suzanne Higgins, Treasurer: Paddy Boyd, Assistant Treasurer: Padraic Flood, P.R.O.: Fiona O'Malley, Staff Major: Cliff Murphy.

Committee Members - Stephen Corcoran, Liam Kelly, David Mulready, Tara Boyd, Mick Hyland, Colm Carroll, Stephen McCarron, Deirdre Brophy, Neasa Hogan.

New Uniforms

The new uniforms will be completed for 29th February 1992. The uniforms are being made by Tailorman in Thomas Street, Dublin. The hats are being made by Dermot Meade in Dublin. We are playing at the Annual International Band Competition in Limerick on 15th March, and also parading locally on St. Patrick's Day. Our first airing of our new uniforms will take place on Sunday 8th March.

A special Band Mass to celebrate this event is at 2 p.m. We look forward to seeing all our supporters and friends at the mass.

Congratulations to David Mulready on winning 'Bandperson of the Year'. To achieve this members are judged on their overall performance in the band.

Booking for band engagements should be made in writing to - Secretary, St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band, Band Hall, Pound Lane, Maynooth.

Fiona O'Malley, P.R.O.

ST. RAPHAEL'S

Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God Public Information Day

St. Rapheals' Special National School, Celbridge, is holding a PUBLIC INFORMATION DAY at their school on Thursday, 5th. March, '92 between the hours of 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon. 1.30 pm. - 3.00 p.m.

The purpose of the day is to give interested persons information on the work that is done here and an opportunity to talk with teachers working with children between the ages of 4 years - 18 years who have special needs. If you are interested, but unable to attend, why not telephone the Principal at 6288161 (Ext. 237/254).

CARTON COMMITTEE

By the deadline for submission of objections to the proposed contravention of the County Development Plan, up to 1000 signed objections were received in Kildare County Council offices in Naas. While a number of these were in the form of circular letters, they are representative of the rising volume of dissatisfaction with the proposed development scheme at Carton. Following recent meeting and publicity more people in the area are now thinking seriously about the implications of what looked initially like an exciting project. The Carton Committee is concerned that people be aware of exactly what is involved in the development, what changes it will bring about and what benefits will come to Maynooth and North Kildare, and get onto their local councillors to let them know what they think. The questions to ask ourselves are - what is the next stage, what are the advantages to us of the development, what will it cost us and what will we lose?

These would seem to be the main points to bear in mind:

1. The County Council's intention to allow this development as a contravention of its Development Plan is a *major* about-turn by the Council.

The County Development Plan is revised every few years and represents the policies which the Council will follow to carry through its planning objectives in following years. "Material contraventions" of the Plan are only allowed in very exceptional circumstances.

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In the case of Carton, Kildare County Council undertook for its Plan in 1985 to protect the House and Demesne of Carton in the face of what was seen to be growing pressures from the expanding Dublin region. The Plan said that the House and it's landscaped setting constituted an internationally important example of the heritage of that period; that the Council would ensure the preservation of the Demesne and its environs, that it would ensure access to and develop the capacity of archaeological, architectural and historical interest; that it would preserve the character and amenities of the open countryside separating the towns within influences of Dublin. In other words, Kildare County Council and its public representatives elected by us, were giving a guarantee to the people of Kildare and the people of Ireland that they would preserve and protect Carton. And they have done so up to January 13th, when the Council proposed to renege on its commitments and to give permission for what amounts to the destruction of Carton.

2. The houses proposed for Carton represent a very serious breach of the County Development Plan.

Carton is zoned as agricultural land. It is an important piece of countryside between Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge. At the present time, the County Council is refusing planning permission for houses in the countryside right across North Kildare. But this development is proposing to build 190 houses, masquerading as 'golf villas' and 'conference units', in this vital and high-amenity Kildare countryside. And it is proposed to allow this contravention of the Development Plan through in the next few weeks.

3. The proposed development also directly contravenes the County Council's commitment to preserve Carton.

Building 190 houses on the demesne will destroy the integrity of House and landscaped parkland in a way that can never be reversed in the future. Further, once planning permission is given for building any houses on the demesne, the precedent is set and it will be more difficult in the future to refuse applications for building more houses. If the property changes hands in the future this is only too likely to happen. The prospect of Carton ending up completely covered by housing estates is not at all unreal. It has happened four miles away at Castletown House in Celbridge and it can easily happen here.

The proposal also involves structural changes to Carton House itself and to many of the unique features of the estate, including among others the renowned Shell Cottage, the boat-house, the entrance gates and the Rye River waterway so beautifully incorporated into the landscaped parkland.

The proposed development creates a hotel, three golf courses, and equestrian centre, and provides for the outright sale of 40 mansion-style houses. All these are designed to attract a wealthy international clientele.

All of these are major contradictions of the letter and the spirit of the County Plan quoted above.

4. In exchange for the destruction of the Carton inheritance what is offered to the people of Maynooth and of Ireland?

One claim is that the proposed development is not desirable but that it is the lesser of two evils, the alternative being that Carton "is doomed", will "be lost", and that this is the "last chance" for Carton. *This is not the case*. Carton House is in no danger of falling down or disintegrating. It has no more than the normal problems to a 250 year old house, including some damp, but no more than that. Indeed the present owner of Carton has looked after it very well. There is no cause for panic in rushing to a "solution" that is infinitely worse than the present position, and which will mean the end of the estate as we know it and as we want to preserve it.

Another inducement is the promise of jobs. Jobs are badly needed and are an important issue. But can we seriously entertain the idea of exchanging Carton for jobs? In addition the promise of jobs needs examination. At best, if all goes according to the developers' proposals, the jobs will not come on-stream for a number of years at least. In the present uncertain economic climate no one can guarantee that the hotel and golf courses which are to provide the jobs will eventually go ahead as proposed. Nor can anyone guarantee that there will be 400 jobs, that local people will get any or many of them, or that these jobs will be substantial and well paid.

The third inducement is access to Carton by the local community. Indeed the community should have full access to Carton, and this is stated as an objective in the County Plan. But golf courses and 190 residential units are not compatible with local people being allowed wander about the beautiful estate, which is what most of us understand by open and full access. Under the proposed development Carton will become a leisure facility of hotel, bars, golf courses and equestrian centre aiming explicitly at a wealthy international clientele. Access will be for those who can pay the price charged in developments of this type. Not many local people fall into that category.

It has been suggested that there will be other local economic benefits. Shopping? The development at Carton will be largely self-sufficient- it will have its own shops. Remember, the Carton development is aimed at an international jet set. These rich Americans and Japanese are not interested in strolling down the Main Street of a small town. There may be opportunities for local taxis - but then most of these may come from the airport.

5. So we have in Carton House and Demesne, as the County Plan says, 'an internationally important' heritage, linked with the history of Maynooth town and neonle.

It seems obvious that Carton is much too valuable to Kildare and Ireland to allow this development through.

Houses and golf courses are excellent in the right place. Carton is *not* the right place. Jobs are needed and jobs are important, but we do not need to destroy Carton in order to get jobs.

Carton can be developed in a way that will preserve the integrity of the historical and cultural heritage, provide full and open access to everyone, and provide better quality jobs than are likely in the proposed development.

Carton *should* be developed as a national park and cultural amenity. It *can* be developed in this way if the local people and Kildare County Council join forces to demand that it be taken into public ownership for this purpose.

Money is scarce but not completely unattainable if the will and unity is there. There are funds available for such a project from the EC Structural Fund. At national level budgets are tight but if the united forces of local people and County Council made a serious, organised campaign to draw government and national attention to the importance of Carton as a national and international cultural inheritance, a present-day amenity of enormous potential at local, regional, national and international level, and an essential factor in preserving the green belt between towns in the countryside threatened by the expansion of Dublin, - we could succeed.

Now is the time for us to come together and act! Each of us can begin today by asking Kildare County Council to join and lead the campaign.

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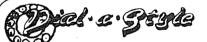
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Residents' Associations News

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

We held our Annual Supper Dance on the 9th of February 1992 in Ned Slevin's, music by Misty Blue. A great night was had by all with spot prizes galore. The Association would like to record its thanks to the businesses in Greenfield Shopping Centre and Maynooth Town, to residents and friends of the Association who provided spot prizes for the above event.

We were paid a visit from the Leinster Leader and a photograph and report appeared the following week. We thank all who supported the night but in particular the residents from Straffan Way who turned out in force.

A.G.M.

We wish to remind members of the above Association that the Annual General Meeting will take place on 3rd March 1992 in the I.C.A. Hall, Maynooth at 8 p.m.

Best wishes to all taking part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

R. Farrell P.R.O.

LYREEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Tuesday 28th January was a busy night for our committee. We had an open meeting for all residents and attended by Garda Peter Kearney at which we revitalised the existing Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. It was a well attended meeting and was both informative and encouraging. It was particularly heartening to know that our area has a very low crime rate, and Garda Kearney was very keen that through the Neighbourhood Watch that we would maintain this record. Please ensure that you know your Area Co-Ordinator and Street Co-Ordinators and don't hesitate to contact them or the Gardai with your observations or suspicions.

With the conclusion of the Neighbourhood Watch meeting it was down to business for the committee. The most important item was the finalisation of our petition to Kildare County Council in which we are objecting to the large number of heavy vehicles using the Dunboyne Road/Dillons Row/Convent Road at present. We also want to oppose the Council's plan to allow this route become the feeder road to the By-pass. This is particularly distressing as it will mean a serious deterioration of an already chronic situation. The situation is even more perplexing when one considers the fact of an alternate route being almost instantly available to this traffic.

The issue of the Back Lane still burns hot. Our latest information on this is that the Council are looking at the option of ramps. This is certainly good news.

Our membership of ACRA has been renewed for the coming year.

The A.G.M. of the Association will take place early in March. I will notify each household when a definite date is decided.

Sympathy to Maureen Malone and Madge Dowling and her family on the recent death of their Mother Mrs. Anne Connelly of Greenfield.

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ONE MALE'S VIEW OF A MILLS AND BOON NOVEL

The essential plot of a Mills and Boon book seems to be the ability of true love to overcome any obstacle which the author finds convenient to place in it's way. Very often the books will start with the romantic couple being at loggerheads but eventually after many trials and tribulations they realise that they were made for each other and, indeed that they were passionately in love with one another from the very start but hadn't got around to recognising it.

The books also lack credibility due to the fact that their heroes tend to be drawn from an upper class type background, usually being doctors or land owners instead of being working class type people. It is somewhat more acceptable for the heroines to come from a relatively poor background, but this probably reflects the fact that society finds it much more acceptable for a husband to be wealthier than his wife, rather than vice versa. Overall, it can be seen that the Mills and Boon books are really a form of romantic escapism into an ideal world which does not really exist and to paraphrase Marx's saying about religion, probably provides many people with an opium to relieve the drudgery of everyday life.

LOCAL ARTIST TO HOLD EXHIBITION IN CHICAGO

Mr Vincent Doyle of Pound St. is due to put on an art exhibition in Chicago in May 1993. This is the latest of a number of exhibitions which Mr. Doyle has put on with a recent exhibition being held in Barberstown Castle. His preparation for his forthcoming exhibition in Chicago has been facilitated by being granted a years unpaid leave of absence by his employers, Kildare County Council, and by the sponsorship of Mr. Denis Enright. He will exhibit 100 paintings in Chicago, and some of the money raised by this exhibition will be used for research into A.I.D.S. Mr. Doyle served his time as a plumber before he went to the National College of Art and Design to train as a painter. This study was only possible for him because of the sponsorship he received from Mr. Eugene Austin O'Brien, Mrs. Tom Kavanagh, Mrs. McKenna, Mrs Oliver Reilly and Mrs. Mary Cullen. Their sponsorship, together with that of Mr. Denis Enright, has allowed him to develop his talent as an artist, and we in the Newsletter wish him success with his forthcoming exhibition.

LOOKING BACK THROUGH THE MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER

Continuing our series of looking back through the files of the Newsletter, we present a brief review of March, 1979, thirteen years ago. What exciting times we were having in those days!

The front page featured an obituary of Henry McAssey, who will be remembered by many whose cars he repaired at his house in the Harbour. The passing of Sonny Kearney, Anne

Fullain, and Eileen MacDonagh was also noted. The stork had visited Noel and Ann Cassidy, The Roost; Kevin and Maria Flood; John and Elizabeth Travers; Seamus and Angela Barnwell; and Patrick and May Mahoney.

It was the year of the big snow and freeze up when so many pipes and radiators cracked, and engines froze. The meeting of the first Community Council had been cancelled due to the weather conditions. The AGM was planned for 13th March

The Editorial focused on the tidy towns issue (so what's new). Also worries were expressed about the passage of trains through Maynooth, carrying acrylonitrile to the Asahi factory in Mayo. With memories of the destruction of Whiddy Island still fresh, it was feared that Maynooth might also fall victim to a terrible accident. Does the stuff still go through at the dead of night we wonder?

Ailis Bean Ui Droineain wrote (as gaeilge) to tell us that she had seen some travelling children in the street, eating crisps and bananas, who had actually placed empty bags and banana skins in the litter bin. Ms. Alice Dunning (Young Christian Students) lamented the early departure of massgoers at the communion. Fr. John Nevin kept his fans up to date with doings in his mission in Pakistan.

The Scouts reported the usual lack of interest on the part of parents but were delighted to welcome the lone politician to their AGM - Mr. Charles McCreevy TD. The second AGM of the Post Primary School PPU also reported poor attendances - but Peter Brady, Rose Burke, Eugene Fitzgerald, John Bean, Catherine Malone, Desmond Bell, Frank Kennedy, Ann Kelly, David Heslin, Edel Bean, Mary Kennedy, Sheelagh Deane, and Joe Farrell formed the incoming committee. Greenfield Residents' Association, in a lengthy report, pleaded with residents to turn out in their throngs for the forthcoming AGM, perhaps fearing an experience similar to the Railpark Residents' Association which reported a complete washout at their AGM due to poor attendance. Meetings were suspended until May.

On the political front, Fine Gael reported that its monthly meeting had been attended by Mark Clinton and Cllr. Bernard Durkan, and welcomed a considerable increase in membership. The familiar issues exercised the politicians, public lighting, Laraghbryan cemetery, and road works. Cllr. Terry Boylan announced that he had submitted a motion to the effect that services in Leinster Park be taken in charge by Kildare County Council, and also had asked for four lights to be erected on the Moyglare Road. Gerry Brady had been nominated by Maynooth Fianna Fail to contest the local election convention for the Clane electoral area. No mention of the Labour Party.

The Band was looking forward to the St. Patrick's Day parade, starting from the College at 11.30 a.m. It was even hoped that there might be some floats joining the parade. As usual funds were needed, this time £2,000 to repair the Band Hall.

The Flower Show Committee of the ICA had resumed their meetings in preparation for the annual flower show. Mrs. Satchwell won the pork and bacon competition, and also won the raffle.

The Post-Primary School was being re-furnished and repainted, resulting in disruption to classes, but things were getting back to normal. Complaints were made about the

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poor quality of service given by the 66 bus. The under 14 boys cross country team won the Kildare School Championship. Representing Maynooth were David Cunningham, Kevin Breslin, Paddy Travers and Colm Myles. The second annual dress dance was to be held on 29th March - tickets a modest £5.50. Transport could be arranged for non-lemonade drinkers. Gerry Brady Auctioneers had donated a scholarship to the Kerry Gaeltacht to a local pupil.

A meeting to start up a Maynooth branch of N.A.C.A. was held in February. The new committee for the Community Games included Pearse Breslin, Eilis O'Malley, Peig Lynch, Paddy Boyd, and Norah McDermott. The Maynooth Cycling Club announced a growth in membership, with seven youths in the club.

The commercial life of the town was dynamic as usual. A young Larry Eyres made his appearance in Maynooth, quiff and all, as the opening of the Bank of Ireland's new branch in Main Street was announced. Who now remembers the Swiss Chalet on the Dunboyne Road, which opened on 15th February, selling wicker and other whatnots? A similar venture, was Pop'n Gay, in Greenfield Shopping Centre, which sought to entice Dads and children to see their large selection of mother's day gifts. The Leinster Arms had come under new management, this time with Jack McElhinney, and a cocktail lounge was now open from 8.30 p.m. T. M. Connolly & Co, had 350 colours of paint in stock. North Kildare Travel were offering to whisk you away to such dens of throbbing attraction as Blackpool for £70, Spain from £99, Greece from £179, and Yugoslavia for £89. Noone Motors could supply you with the most up to date Chrysler cars, vans and trucks. Lee Autoparts, Greenfields, were selling car aerials for £2.80; spark plugs at 48p each. Where are they all now?

Watch out for next month's stroll down memory lane.

REVIEW

Conversations on a Homecoming by Tom Murphy was first performed in 1985. One wonders why Garry Hynes, Abbey Director, has chosen to revive this play, with its hackneyed theme, its self-indulgent dialogue, and its appalling attitude to women. Perhaps it was thought that the allusions to JFK and Camelot in this play would help to cash in on the current revival of interest in that era.

The play is set in a pub in a small town in Galway, in the early seventies. A group of drinkers sit around, drink copious pints, smoke like chimneys, stand up, sing snatches of hymns, and country and western songs, go out to the toilet (off stage, thankfully), argue about the meaning of life, gossip idly, reminisce about their shared past. Just like any night in Caulfields or the Roost. What is unusual is that noone thought fit to discourse on the quality of the pints served. The situation revolves around Michael (Garrett Keogh) who has returned unexpectedly from New York. Why he has come back is a source of speculation among the characters, but we are never told. There are some hints, from the unused cigarette holder in his coat pocket, his story of the naked man dancing on tables in New York, the fact that he is an actor 'resting' between parts, from which we must draw our own conclusions.

He finds his old friends still installed in the same bar. becoming ever more morose as the small town crushes their ambition. Tom the teacher (played by Sean McGinley tribute must be paid to his kidneys which allowed him to stay on stage for almost two hours, and drink several pints, without one exit) has been engaged to Peggy (Marie Mullen) for ten years, with no date ever likely to be set while the mammy still lives. Liam (Ray McBride), the local auctioneer, has designs on the daughter of the house, more for the value of her dowry than for her sparkling personality. Junior (Gary Lydon) is the youngest of them all, still with some optimism.

The most dissatisfying aspect of the play to this reviewer was the way in which women were treated. The men were allowed full scope to express themselves, thus giving the audience some insight into their situation. Of the three women in the cast, one (Anne, played by Nell Murphy) was a monosyllabic virginal schoolgirl, silently filling pints in the background; the second was an elderly woman (Missus, played by Pat Leavy) shuffling around, her main dialogue consisting of 'haaaaaa, haaaaaa'. The third unfortunate, Tom's fiancee, was required to howl like a hyena from time to time, or pout disapprovingly. Tom Murphy clearly has no interest in what women have to say about their lives. According to this play, women in Tom Murphy's world are brainless birds, chicks, and all of the other dated appellations which we thought had been finally discarded.

The acting was less than impressive, particularly Garry Lydon most of whose lines were inaudible, while Nell Murphy's role as Anne provided little opportunity to display her limited acting talents (one suspects that Dad might have been instrumental in getting her the part). There were some lines which generated laughter. However, most of the time this reviewer was conscious of how slowly time was passing, and wishing that the lads would get on with it, and release her before the pubs closed, so that she could discuss the meaning of life with her friends.

STREET TALKING

New Video Store

A new video rental shop has been opened opposite the Garda Station. The Moviemaster Store is run by Mr. Kieran O'Connor who also has a video rental store in Lucan. The Store will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. everyday and stocks a full range of films, including new releases. Free pop corn will be given out with every film rented.

Beaufield Shopping Centre

The new shopping centre at Beaufield opened recently. There is a supermarket/newsagency run by Mr. and Mrs Connaghton of Newtown Stores and a butchers shop and delicatessen run by Mr. Alan Harte. This shop will be open from 8.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. on Sunday. As well as quality meat. Mr. Harte will also stock fish, fruit and vegetables and other food.

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G.A.A. Club Bar

Maynooth G.A.A. club recently opened their new pavilion on the Moyglare Road. Since then it has been busy, especially at weekends but the club is still promoting their pavilion membership scheme. This costs £12 per person or £17 for couples.

The club has a great atmosphere and tries to encourage singsongs and Irish music and they are already looking forward to a gala St. Patrick's night. An interesting feature of the club house is the very efficient ventilation system which should afford a smoke-free atmosphere. This makes the pavilion an enjoyable place to drink in and with a pint costing only £1.55 it is also good value for the members and guests.

The club is still fund raising to pay off the costs of developing the pavilion and the necessary improvements to the pitch which is used by 16 teams for matches and training and also by the athletic club for their training.

The club hopes that the pavilion will become a hive of activity with events such as quizzes and music sessions being held on a regular basis for its members and the guests which they sign in. Who knows, by next September the Lily-Whites might be bringing the Sam Maguire to visitthe Club House.

Taxi-Cabs Move Premises

M.C.L. Cabs have recently moved into new premises at Stephen Hero's on the Main Street. They will continue to offer a 24 hr, 365 days taxi service from their new, more central location.

St. Patrick's Day Parade in Maynooth

According to Mrs. Bridie O'Brien of Leinster Cottages the earliest parades which she can remember were those of the St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band who used to parade along the town on both St. Patrick's and Christmas morning. During the 1970's a number of people notably Mrs. Peig Lynch and Mr. Paddy Boyd organised parades. These were by to-days standards relatively small and usually consisted of the band, a few floats and a number of people in fancy dress.

During the mid eighties the parade was taken over by the Social and Recreational Committee of the Community council and eventually grew to have between 30 and 40 floats on average every year. The fact that prizes, both trophies and financial are being offered are a great idea and she is thankful to the three banks in the town for sponsoring them. The early parades were difficult to organise because of the lack of financial banking but this has since got easier as more money has become available.

Leixlip/Maynooth/Kilcock By-pass

It was good to see that the contract for the long awaited Leixlip/Maynooth/Kilcock by-pass was signed recently. Kildare County Council have awarded the contract to Siac Ltd.

THE VEGETARIAN KITCHEN

Cauliflower Moussaka

Here is another recipe for the non carnivores, and those trying to lower their cholesterol level. Serve cauliflower moussaka with a green salad and garlic bread, as a main course. This recipe will serve four.

Ingredients: Tomato sauce: 1lb tomatoes, skinned and coarsely chopped; 2 sticks celery, finely chopped; 1 medium onion, finely chopped; 2 cloves garlic, crushed; 1 tsp chopped marjoram; 1 tbsp tomato puree. Cheese Sauce: 1.5 ozs butter; 1 oz whole-wheat flour (white flour will do); 2 eggs; 2 oz grated cheese (cheddar or whatever is handy); also: half pint milk; 1 medium cauliflower, divided into florets; salt and pepper; olive oil for frying; 12 ozs aubergines, thickly sliced.

Method: Make tomato sauce first. Put the tomato sauce ingredients into a saucepan, cover and simmer over a gentle heat for at least 15 minutes until the sauce is thick. Stir occasionally. Bring the milk to boiling point, and poach the cauliflower in it for 5 minutes. Drain, reserving the milk. Add enough water to make it up to a half pint. Chop the cauliflower finely and season well. Heat the butter until it foams. Sprinkle over the flour, stir it in and cook over gentle heat for 2-3 minutes. Add the cauliflower milk gradually, stirring well until thoroughly amalgamated. Let simmer gently for 5 minutes. Allow this to cool and then whisk in the eggs and cheese, and season well. Preheat the oven to 180c or gas mark 4. Meanwhile, heat 2tbsp oil in a large frying pan and lightly brown the aubergine slices on both sides. Remove the slices and place on kitchen paper to drain. Do a few at a time, so that the oil remains hot and less of it is absorbed by the aubergines. When adding more oil, make sure it is hot before putting in the aubergines. Mix half of the cheese sauce with the cauliflower. Grease a 3 pint oven proof dish. Put in a layer of aubergines, then one of the cauliflower mixture, and cover with tomato sauce. Continue in this order until you have used all the ingredients, finishing with a layer of aubergines. Cover with the rest of the cheese sauce and bake for 30 minutes, until the top is browned.

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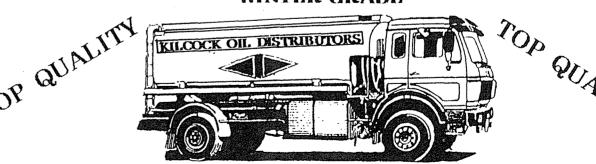
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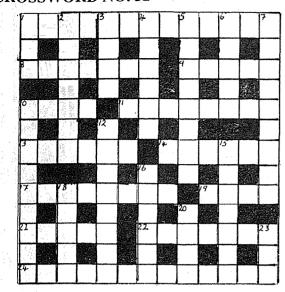
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Across

- 1. Don't turn deaf ear so inside woodland park (7,6).
- 8. Deceive with diplomacy in order to touch (7).
- 9. Arrange lease to support work of art (5).
- 10. Take a long ladder to start with, when working on such a building (4).
- 11. Bends oar, breaks it, then gets bigger (8).
- 13. Sailor lies back to slide down rope (6).
- 14. It's a bad mark to get drunk! (6).
- 17. Run fast, Fran, to this place it's only six miles away (8).
- 19. Maynooth, probably, in the reader's case (4).
- 21. Bid nothing very loudly, then hesitate....(5).
- 22.and this local business can soon get put out (7).
- 24. An article, information, correspondence all at your fingertip's (3,10).

Down

- 1. O'Rourke or Cowhie, for example, get back cash on delivery! (3).
- 2. Minus? Confuse (7).
- 3. &23. This letter opener is expensive, man! (4,3).
- 4. Cast or performers (6).
- 5. In charge of every shilling? Boss don't wear that! (8).
- 6. Follow us back into east and north east (5).
- 7. Far seeing instrument might make one pee in closet (9).
- 10. Car or bus, for instance, can make for fun after I get out of train (9).
- 12. Wind pressure provides aerial support in combat (3,5).
- 15. Lots of cattle here (3,4).
- 16. Hops two steps, for instance (6).
- 18. Steal a weapon (5).
- 20. Is there ice cream in this road marker? (4).

Winner of £5 prize for Crossword No. 51: Elizabeth Meally, 1 Rail Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare

Solution to Crossword 51.

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1. Roost, 4. O'Reilly, 8. Inflate, 9. Satin, 10. Worth, 11. Ladders, 13. Eels, 15. Yogurt, 17. Horses, 20. Chief, 22. Breathe, 24. Forum, 26. Fire, 27. Ruction, 28. Sincere, 29. Royal.

Down

1. Railway, 2. Officer, 3. Teacher, 4. O'Neill, 5. Eased, 6. Litters, 7. Yanks, 11. Grecian, 12. Ashe, 14. Etch, 18. Officer, 19. Seminal, 21. Hearse, 22. Buses, 23. These, 24. Ficer, 25. Rainy.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PC (PERSONAL COMPUTER)

It is hard to believe that it was only 12 years ago that Commodore computers first introduced The Pet (Personal Electronic Transactor). This computer had an 8k memory and built-in audio-cassette recorder, slow and expensive though it was. It nevertheless generated a lot of interest and appealed to the general public as a way by which the "Lay Person" could begin to become familiar with the, hitherto, mysterious world of computing.

In 1980, Cive Sinclair's ZX80 was launched (followed very quickly by the ZX81) and these proved to be better and cheaper than the Pet, having the facility to add memory (up to 64k) and the flexibility to work with any tape recorder, though the connecting leads were a pain in the proverbial and often failed to operate successfully. Commodore was quick to follow with the Commodore 64 (A 64k machine) still tied to a dedicated tape recorder but suffering less "Crashes" than the ZX81 with its fiddley connections. This marked the beginning of "popular computing" as we know it. Together with the new Commodore 64, the 2 x 81 created a lucrative market for the new breed of "popular computer" monthly magazine and set the stage for the constant battling which is now an inevitable part of the competitive wrangling in which the major computer companies are constantly engaged as they try to become the second largest in the business (IBM is still the largest).

As part of a national plan to bring about more widespread "computer literacy" amongst the population at large, BBC Television produced a six part series on the principles of computing to coincide with the launch of the BBC Micro Computer. Both series and computer were a huge (and well deserved) success and formed an important part of the UK Government's aim of a "Computer in every school" (one per school!!!).

Around this time, a small(ish) trading company, Alan M. Sugar Trading Co. Ltd. - later to become known as Amstrad - was dipping its toe into the murky waters of the home computer market we will return to Amstrad presently. Meantime, in the USA, Apple launched a unique computer - called the Macintosh - which differs from the PC in so far as the interface (the way in which the user may instruct the

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computer) is entirely menu driven, through the use of a device called a "Mouse". The Macintosh (or Mac), essentially a "designer computer" becomes a type of "cult" purchase - a hugely successful seller but its very uniqueness limits its sale to those who are not worried about the likely costs of putting all their eggs in one basket. (If you can use a PC, you can use any PC - if you can use a Mac, you can use a Mac).

In 1983, IBM launched the "IBM Personal computer" (IBM PC). This machine was a new concept in computing in that it had sufficient capacity and speed to be used for more "serious" applications such as the production of accounts in moderately sized companies, whilst being relatively cheap (around £5,000) and thus infinitely more affordable than the Mainframe/mini machines which were the only type of "serious" computer available up until then. Other factors which encouraged companies to opt for these (PC) machines were the fact that they did not need to be kept in a controlled environment and that they were small enough to sit on a desk. An added bonus was the privacy and convenience they afforded to companies who, until the advent of the PC, had to pay rental to the larger companies, ie. those who had Mainframe or mini computers, in order to run their own weekly/monthly programmes (pay-roll/accounts/invoices

The development and launch of the IBM PC was to change forever, this dependence upon large and expensive computers and to create a totally new market - a market which was very quickly and successfully exploited by far Eastern electronic companies who, through having a cheaper labour pool and being able to copy the "open architecture" used in the PC's design, were able to produce machines which were 100% compatible with the IBM PC and which offered superior performances at a fraction of the cost. Moreover, these cheap "clones" were able to run any of the software which had been developed for use with the IBM PC, for, such was the power and influence of IBM, that software companies could confidently make the major investment necessary to write applications for a computer which must inevitably become a major seller and a world standard. As a result, all major software applications were written to the IBM standard and were, by definition, able to run on the 100% compatible clone computers. "IBM compatibility" then became the buzzword among the computing fraternity as the standard to which one had to comply in order to ensure the viability and saleability of any computer related product which was to be launched onto this highly competitive

Despite the fierce competition generated by the Clone Makers - and despite its more expensive price tag - IBM continued to dominate the corporate PC market throughout the late eighties. (This was due in no small part to the conservatism which abounded among decision makers in the corporate sector - it was said that no one was ever fired for buying IBM).

Inevitably, however, a major challenger arose whose marketing skills had been honed in the world of consumer goods. The Alan M Sugar Trading company (Amstrad) was to prove a formidable contender in the PC world with its highly aggressive marketing and its revolutionary approach in regarding the computers a consumable good - much like

a washing machine or car. Amstrad's success may best be inferred from the fact that all major computer related products and add-ons destined for the PC market now bear the legend "suitable for Amstrads, IBMS and Compatibles". Some of the major software houses now produce "special" versions of their programmes designed to work only with Amstrad machines and selling at a fraction of the price charged for the "IBM and Compatible" versions.

Of course IBM could not allow this situation to continue unchallenged, so, a new strategy was devised with the intention of dictating the future course of the development of the PC whilst allowing IBM to retain its small dominance of the market. The two main components of this new strategy are; (a) Proprietary Architecture (MCA _ Micro Channel Architecture) which would be the exclusive province of IBM and could be used only under licences approved by IBM and (b) A new operating system, (PS/2 - Personal System 2) designed to work only with the new architecture. These products were launched in early 1989 and it remains to be seen if the strategy proves as successful as IBM have hoped. Counter strategies have, of course been launched by the other major players, led by Compaq (and known as the Gang of Nine) who envisage adopting a common, different operating system (EISA -Extended Industry Standard Architecture) in direct opposition to OS/2. The old maverick, Apple Macintosh, will continue to go its own way and command its own brand of loyal supporters. The likely outcome is that some sort of compromise will emerge ensuring that users will have a choice and that IBM will retain its position as a big fish in a very large pond.

GARDA TALK

Garda Confidential Telephone

A Confidential Garda Telephone was installed in January this year to facilitate members of the public who wish to communicate with the Gardai in a private and confidential manner. The number is 1800 589589.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

As in former years we are looking forward to our forthcoming parade which draws a very large attendance. In the interests of safety please keep a watchful eye on your children, - they have a tendency to run out onto the street. Most people are aware of times etc, so plan your day well and avoid taking your car down to the village while the parade is in progress. There will be parking restrictions along the Main Street from early morning, and we ask all motorists to please obey these. Wishing all a very successful parade.

Drink Driving

May we pass on our sincere thanks to everybody who observed the drink/driving campaign over the Christmas period. Countrywide it resulted in less tragedy where alcohol is involved. However, a large number of arrests were made, and those drivers who are found to be over the legal limit will face a disqualification of 12 months and a hefty fine on conviction. The drink driving laws will be rigidly enforced all year round, so please remember-IFYOU ARE GOING OUT FOR A DRINK, LEAVE THE CAR AT HOME.

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Visits to Schools

As in former years we intend in the next month or so, to visit all schools and give talks on many topics. Despite our best endeavours, some school going children are continuously running out in front of cars while crossing the road and such like matters. Interest yourself in helping us to prevent some serious accident happening.

Crime

Yes we have written on this subject before, and perhaps you are the lucky one who has not been the victim of some sort of crime, but now is the time to review security of our homes and property. Time and time again we find that through carelessness and complacency the criminal will take maximum advantage, and steal. Check your locks and windows - make it as difficult as possible for the criminal. If you need advice call into the station. Install alarms from reputable companies.

Above all if you see anything suspicious - call us . .

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HOW MUCH A GALLON?

Most motorists haven't got a clue how much a gallon of petrol costs. Mostly its a case of give us £20.00 worth or fill her up. The Newsletter conducted a quick survey of prices in Maynooth and farther a field with a view to checking what kind of value we're getting. Maynooth's three stations charge approximately the same for diesel, unleaded and super leaded. These work out at £2.44, £2.71 and £2.80 per gallon respectively. These prices seem to be more or less in line with prices in provincial towns across Leinster. However, petrol in many stations closer to Dublin is significantly cheaper. You can buy diesel for £2.35 (-9 pence), unleaded for £2.59 (-12 pence) and super for £2.71 (-9 pence) on the way into Dublin - and this without driving around looking for the very cheapest prices.

We hear a lot about the need for free competition so it is up to you, the consumer, to make sure you're getting a fair deal.

THE WYRD SISTER REPORT

Seeing as it will be International Women's Day on 8th March, this month's horoscopes are devoted exclusively to my female readers. The theme of the column is 'Co-habiting with the male: practical solutions to the problem.' Read and enjoy, sisters.

Aquarius (Jan 21st - Feb 19th)

The time has come my dear to acknowledge that your partner actually exists. He may not be everything you want him to be. Come to that, he may not be *anything* you want him to be. Added to this, he is no doubt a ferocious embarrassment to you what with you being so perfect and all. However, a *little* leniency is called for on your behalf, so unlock the garden shed and let him out from time to time.

Virgo (Aug 24th - Sept 23rd)

It's time to introduce your partner to a selection of the items of machinery in the kitchen. A two-week course in Washing Machine Management & the Properties of an Ironing Board should be sufficient for starters. If learning problems arise, give him a quick turn in the spin-dryer to clear his head.

Sagittarius (Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)

Now that Spring is here I would advise you to plunge into the spirit of the season and launch yourself on the club scene. Fling on the glad rags, grab a drink-link card, three or four of your best friends and begin to party in earnest. Your excuse is that it's still Christmas really - use this one till June. After that say 'sure isn't Christmas just around the corner?'

Gemini (May 22nd - June 21st)

Some one *has* to tell you dear and it has fallen upon me to say it: your partner is *unbearable*, pet. Two courses of action immediately present themselves: you can either suffer him for the duration of your natural lifetime (which will be very short) or you can embark upon the following: (1) Greet him with as much of a smile as you can produce (2) Hand him a drink (3) Ask him to sit in the huge, comfy armchair by the fire (4) Plug it in.

Cancer (June 22nd - July 22nd)

Discipline and strength of mind are required this month Cancer. You will return from a weekend away only to discover that the house, the kids and the husband are actually still there and have not vanished for good. Be more practical in your efforts to get rid of them the next time: three days of fervent hope and cabbalistic incantations will not do the job.

Leo (July 23rd - Aug 23rd)

Peculiarly enough you seem to be happy enough with your lot. Have you talked about this with anyone?

Scorpio (Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)

When difficulties arise with the loved one simply open the deep freeze (i.e. your facial expression when furious) and haw on him. Leave for four hours before defrosting.

Libra (Sept 24th - Oct 23rd)

A balanced relationship how are ya! Who, I mean who, are you trying to fool pet?? Get a grip luv! Being the bearer of everything from laundry bins to children is not balanced!

Capricorn (Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)

A bit of spice is needed in your relationship to give it that extra little 'tang'. You will find it growing only in the Algarve. It appears briefly at only one stage during the months of June, July, August and September so you will need to be on location for the entire four months in order to reap it. I know it is a major sacrifice to ask you to spend so much time away in a hot, Mediterranean seaside resort but the effort will be worth it. You will return with your bit of spice and your relationship will zip along quite nicely until the same time next year. I'm afraid it's the only thing for it luy.

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Aries (March 21st - April 20th)

The problem here is rather an unusual one. Your partner just does not seem to notice you. I suggest a minor alteration in your behaviour will affect an awareness. Begin to get up during the daylight hours and move from the attic to a bedroom - it's altogether a lot less drafty. If this doesn't work, a good sized explosion directly beneath him should do the trick. Major side-effect: perpetual orbit of a distant planet.

Taurus (April 21st - May 21st)

Well, you could just ignore him I suppose. Or you could pretend he was a plant that needed the odd drop of waterin' and an occasional re-potting. Better still, you could begin to convince yourself that he actually spoke intermittently and address a few sentences to him yourself. Then again, you could fluff him up a bit and put him sitting on the mantleshelf give the shiny bits a good polish though. Of course, there's always the option of putting him out on a Wednesday morning and hoping for the best when the bin-collectors arrive.

Difficult one, this.

Pisces (Feb 20th - March 20th)

Well, you've stuck it this long. It mustn't have been all that bad, was it? I suppose there *are* the odd exceptions. This one's pretty odd alright. What'll you do if the pair of youse are ever caught at home at the same time??

Good luck now dears. Youse will all need it. Love, Minerva.

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LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Carton Development

Debate on the issue of Carton has intensified in the last few weeks as the Co. Council engages in the process of considering the planning application submitted to it by the Gleneagles Group. Maynooth Branch of the Labour Party would like to make its position clear as some elements of the media have sought to misrepresent our stance. Below is a summary of a detailed submission sent to Kildare Co. Council last month.

The Labour Party has for some time been campaigning for the proper development of Carton Demesne in a way which would preserve Carton House and facilitate public access to the demesne. As residents will be aware Carton House is in urgent need of significant capital investment. Additionally, there is no public access to the estate at the moment. Our concern has always been that any proposed development would address these issues. Through Deputy Emmet Stagg we have called on the Government to take the estate under State control. This request took the form of a Dail question tabled by Deputy Emmet Stagg to the Taoiseach. Unfortunately the Government refused to consider this proposal and it is in this context that the Branch has given a qualified welcome to the development proposed by the Gleneagles Group for the Demesne. Our position is based on the Planning Application and on the absolute guarantees given by the developers to the local community. Elsewhere in the Newsletter readers will find details of the Community Council's submission to the Co. Council regarding the proposed development of Carton estate. The Labour Party endorses the Community Council's position on the understanding that the guarantees regarding public access and the strict limitation on residential development on the estate are completely adhered to.

In addition, we would expect that Kildare Co. Council will use the development levies, associated with the development, in the Maynooth area. There are a number of projects that the Branch believe should receive such funding. The Dunboyne Road at Blacklion should be developed to become the main road from Maynooth to Dunboyne thereby eliminating this traffic from Convent Road which is totally unsuitable for such traffic. The levies should also be used to pave the footpaths in Main St., Maynooth in a similar way to the pilot scheme in Convent Road.

As stated at the outset, the Labour Party in Maynooth favours public ownership of Carton Demesne and regrets the fact that the Government has failed to appreciate the tremendous benefits to the whole eastern region that such a development would bring. Given the Government's position we believe that the Gleneagles proposal can be the basis for a balanced development of Carton which can, at the same time, bring much needed investment and jobs to the Maynooth area.

Budget For The Rich

The recent FF / PD Coalition budget has been hailed as a great giveaway for the PAYE sector and a great reform of the taxation system. Nothing could be further from the truth. The stark facts of the matter are that someone earning £60,000 per year will gain nearly £60 a week while those on low wages of under £6,000 a year less than £1 per week. When VAT increases are taken into consideration many families struggling on low incomes will be worse off because of this budget. Social welfare recipients remain trapped in poverty because of this budget while those on over £30,000 per year are laughing all the way to the bank. The real basis of tax reform would be to increase the basic tax allowances and tax bands so that those on low wages escape the tax net altogether and workers only pay tax at the higher rates when they reach high levels of pay.

Fianna Fail and the PDs nailed their colours to the mast in this budget and defined themselves as parties committed to maintaining the gross inequalities in our society.

Local Matters

Following representations from residents in the area, Deputy Stagg has brought the very poor condition of Blacklion Road to the attention of the Co. Council and has asked that repair work be carried out as a matter of urgency.

The issue of our footpaths in Maynooth has again been raised at the Co. Council by Deputy Stagg who has been acting on behalf of the Community Council on this matter. Deputy Stagg has asked the Co. Council to provide signs on Kildare Bridge (over the River Rye at Carton, Maynooth). This bridge is particularly treacherous as it is impossible to see oncoming traffic as the bridge is approached.

FINE GAEL NOTES

Good Luck Charlie!

As we say our goodbyes and best wishes for a happy retirement to Charles Haughey, we offer our congratulations to that popular Kildare T.D., Charlie Mc Creevy on his appointment as Minister for Social Welfare. We are sure that he will be undaunted by the thought that his decisions and performances will have a direct effect on the lives of the 18% of our work force who are unemployed, of whom over 50% are under 35 years of age and more than 25% are under 25 years of age. We trust that he will continue to display that independence of thought and action and openness to new ideas which has brought him to prominence over the years and that he will persuade his Taoiseach and cabinet colleagues to accept the Fine Gael proposal for a National Jobs Forum, composed of representatives of all parties and the social partners, to tackle this national scandal.

He might also have a word with the new Minister for Education, Mr. Brennan, to see if he has any ideas on how to resolve the problems posed by the threatened closure of St. Wolstan's Girls School in Celbridge. Hopefully he will be more positive than his predecessor, Mr. Davoren, who informed Bernard Durkan, when he raised the matter in the Dail recently, that his department was considering what steps must be taken. Something more definite might have been expected since the Holy Faith Sisters have only undertaken to keep the school open for another five years. This means that the girls enroling in the next year or so cannot be sure of finishing their secondary education at the school. Mr. Mc Creevy might also have a word with the new Minister for Health about the availability of geriatric beds in

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the northern end of the county. While the former Minister Mrs. O'Rourke informed Bernard Durkan that she was satisfied that there were adequate geriatric beds in Kildare, she failed to recognise that these are concentrated in the southern end of the county, in Athy and the Curragh. Meanwhile, there are inadequate subvented beds in the private nursing homes operating in the north of the county. The problem is compounded by the fact that Kildare patients are denied access to geriatric beds in Dublin Hospitals.

Great Gas

When Bernard Durkan campaigned and eventually succeeded in getting the I.D.A. to purchase the land at Collinstown for an industrial site he could not have foreseen the effect it would have on the area. First there was the Intel factory and the hundreds of jobs it is providing and now we can confirm that An Bord Gais will be extending its natural gas pipeline to the factory this year. Once the pipeline is in place the Bord will be considering the extension of the supply to other businesses and homes in the surrounding area. So Bernard's foresight is not alone providing jobs in the area but also offers the prospect of a clean environmentally friendly form of heating for our homes.

WORKERS' PARTY NOTES

Special Help Needed for the Homeless

Under Section 10 of the 1988 Housing Act, local authorities may seek special funding from the Environment Minister to provide assistance for homeless people. Kildare County Council has never applied for funds under this scheme. In other words, there is no special provision for the homeless in the county.

This was highlighted recently when a family which had its house burned down was sent to stay in hostels in Dublin.* This family ended up being split between two hostels. Councillor Catherine Murphy believes that the County Council should have a specific policy in this area, and has put down a motion to this effect.

Catherine Murphy believes that the extent of the problem can easily be underestimated, as there are many cases of families sharing houses in extremely crowded conditions. Families which have to move in with relatives in this way are really homeless, and need special assistance. The problem, of course, has become much worse due to the virtual elimination of local authority house building by successive governments over the last decade.

GENDER AUDIT SOUGHT

If you call to the Kildare County Council offices in Naas, the chances are that the public receptionist you meet will be a woman. However, if you then meet the County Manager, Engineer or Finance Officer, you can be sure that they will all be men. This is not to say that all these people do not have the highest qualifications for the job. The problem is that women in Ireland do not tend to obtain similar qualifications. And even if they do, the chances are that if they apply for a job, all those on the interview board will be men.

In order to highlight this situation, Councillor Catherine

Murphy has requested the County Council to conduct a "gender audit" of its own staff. She wants to find out not only the overall division between men and women, but how different types and level of work are divided between them. If, as she suspects, most women are found in the least skilled jobs, she will be asking the council to take special note of gender imbalances in filling future vacancies. Watch this space!

DAIL BUDGET PROTEST

Kildare County Council agreed to conduct a special protest outside the Dail on Budget Day to highlight the low level of funding the county gets from central government. A very colourful and effective event took place. However, a majority of councillors failed to show up. Essentially, the event was boycotted by the two main political parties. So, the next time a Fine Gael or Fianna Fail councillor comes to your door, ask them where they were on Budget Day.

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Norah and Philip Mc Dermott

Reading this month's column will come as a total shock to Norah and Phil as they were completely unaware that it was being compiled. It was recently their 25th wedding aniversary and the Newsletter decided to surprise them with this profile. As Norah works in the Newsletter offices, this feature had to be compiled under a great deal of secrecy and a lot of cloak-and-dagger activity! Thanks to all who gave photos, information and anecdotes and who kept quiet about it for a month!

Norah and Philip Mc Dermott now live in Leixlip, having previously lived in Kellystown, Maynooth. They are both firmly involved in Maynooth life, serving on a host of local organisations and clubs for the past twelve years. As most people know, Norah's involvement in voluntary organisations has been well documented over the past year by the regional and national media when two significant things happened to her. The first of these was the culmination of seven years of action on her behalf: she won her case against the state in the European courts when, along with Mrs Anne Cotter from Dublin, she campaigned for the equal treatment of married women in the payment of unemployment benefit. Norah's second claim to recent fame is the result of her being nominated as one of ten Persons of the Year for Kildare and winning an award as such last year.

Both Norah and Philip work in Maynooth and both are supervisors. Philip oversees work on the Royal Canal Amenity Group project while Norah manages S.E.S. workers in the Community Council/Newsletter offices on Main Street. They became involved in community organisations in 1979 when their oldest daughter, Anna Marie, was 13. There weren't very many activities for teenagers and young children in Maynooth then so the Mc Dermotts, along with other interested parents, founded the Athletic Club and were instrumental in bringing Community Games to the Maynooth area. Since then, they have between them been involved in the Citizen's Information Centre, the Summer Project organisation, the I.C.A., the Community Council, the Maynooth Newsletter, the R.C.A.G., Community Games (at regional and national level), Athletic Club, youth clubs, the Planning and Development Committee and various national organisations such as the National Cultural and Athletic Association of Ireland (of which Norah is International Secretary). Of their three children, Tanya is the youngest and is still at school while the only son, Darren, is currently working in London.



Norah and Phil on their wedding day in 1966.

Philip was born in Monaghan and moved to Celbridge with his family when he was still very young. He has one sister and a small, closely knit family group. It therefore took him years to get used to the fact that Norah came attatched to six brothers and sisters, various lodgers, umpteen inlaws and outlaws and assorted cats and dogs! Her family had always kept lodgers so there were always people coming and going through the house at a startling rate. Norah's large family come from Maynooth where she went to the convent school, winning a scholarship in sixth class to attend St Wolstan's Secondary School in Celbridge. From there she joined the Civil Service, working in the Department of Education. Her responsibilities included paying the wages for all the teachers in Dublin and Cork: half of her work had to be conducted through Irish as the Cork teachers all taught through the medium and in gaelscoileanna. Philip meanwhile was busily engaged at home in Celbridge and working on the Bog of Allen (work he had been doing since he was eleven).

The couple met by accident in a flurry of snow in 1961 at the bottom of a hill near the Ryevale in Leixlip! It was an icy, cold winter's day when Norah was 17 and sliding down the hill on a tray with her friends. She came a cropper at the bottom of it and a young, dashing 16 year old plucked her out of the mound of snow into which she'd crashed. Her gallant knight was to become her

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'toy boy' husband five years later. After their marriage they moved to London where Philip worked with Heinz. Anna Marie was born in London and when she was a year and a half they moved back home to Kellystown.

Both Norah and Phil were hugely interested in rally driving (as anyone who has ever sat in a car with them will testify!!) and when their children were younger they spent Sundays travelling to Mondello to watch the racing. When they were courting they both drove mopeds and they travelled all over the country on these.

In her wilder days Norah and a gang of friends spent week-ends going to dances all over the locality. This was no mean feat as many of the dances were six or seven miles away. However, they had an ingenious method of getting there with only two bicycles between six or eight young women. Two of them would cycle along for a mile, leave the bicycles on the side of the road and walk on. When the main group came to the bicycles two more would take them, cycle a mile, leave them and walk on. Eventually both the bicycles and the women got to the dance but not without some small difficulties. For example, cycling while wearing your dancing outfit was absolute hell as the huge black skirts had to be gathered up and at the same time you had to prevent the wind from doing as little damage as possible to your new hairdo. Often, sorry specimens arrived at the dances but nevertheless they greatly enjoyed themselves.



Attending one of the many functions on their agenda last year.

Ferocious religious fervour used regularly break out amongst the young women in Maynooth when Norah was a teenager it seems. When the mission came or when benediction was taking place on Monday nights the older teenagers took unusual care to be in attendance for as many nights as was possible. We have since learned that this behaviour had more to do with the fact that the 'boys' would also be in attendance than it had to do with the fear of God: many a snatched conversation and a forcible impression was made outside the gates after the service and with the shortage of dances, this often happened to be the only venue where one could dress to impress!

Philip was heavily involved in sport as a youth. He has many Kildare and Leinster medals in hammer throwing, discus and the shot. Many people will attest to the fact that when it comes to playing the harmonica Phil can make the flagstones want to dance! Last year during the Community Festival he entertained about thirty people outside the Roost after the pubs closed in a rare musical treat from wich no-one wanted to leave.

Probably one of the best known couples in Maynooth and undoubtedly one of the most loved, Philip and Norah Mc Dermott have continued to add to the improvement of the town's social, recreational and environmental life since they first became involved in it. We wish them continued health and happiness for another twenty five years (at least) of successful marriage and spirited community involvement.

MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

1st Team

League fixtures for the year are now at hand. They are as follows:-

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Sunday	1/3/92	Caragh (away)
Sunday	15/3/92	Milltown (away)
Sunday	22/3/92	Grange (home)
Sunday	29/3/92	St. Laurences (away)
Tuesday	21/4/92	Robertstown (home)
Sunday	26/4/92	Rathangan (away)
Tuesday	5/5/92	Rathcoffey (home)
Tuesday	19/5/92	Castlemitchell (away)
Tuesday	9/6/92	Monasterevan (home)
Tuesday	13/6/92	St. Kevins (home)
Tuesday	7 <i>[</i> 7/92	Kill (home)
Tuesday	28/7/92	Eadestown (home)
Tuesday	18/8/92	Castledermot (away)

Some really attractive fixtures in prospect including visits by Monasterevan, Grange, St. Kevin's and Eadestown. Our season wouldn't be complete either without our usual quota of trips to the south of the county. This time not alone do we have to travel to Castledermot but also to Castlemitchell and St. Laurences. All in all a lot to look forward to and a lot for players to prepare for.

Games to date:-

(1) The season got off to a start (less than auspicious) on February 2nd with a challenge against Kilcloon.

Results: Kilcloon 1.8pts Maynooth 8pts

Scorers: James Gilligan 3 pts; Killian Fagan 2pts; Michael Madden, Joey Edwards and Liam O'Toole 1pt each.

Best for Maynooth: Aidan Burke, Mick Kelly, Paul Stynes, Pascal Ennis, Killian Fagan, Joe Conway and James Gilligan.

Best Player: Mick Kelly.

2. Straffan Tournament:

Maynooth 6 pts Ardclough 5 pts

Scorers: James Gilligan 2pts; Joey Riordan 2 pts; Killian Fagan and Fergus Devereaux 1 pt each.

Best for Maynooth: Molloy, Dunne (E), Conway, Ennis, O'Neill, Fagan, O'Toole (L) and Gilligan.

Best Player: Killian Fagan.

Training for senior players continues each Tuesday and Thursday night at 8 p.m. (sharp). New players are more than welcome.

Underage Football:

The underage leagues for 10's and 12's will not start until March. In the meantime the teams for the year are being sorted out each Saturday morning from 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. at the Moyglare Road Grounds.

In regard to Underage football in the club all members will be interested to read the following extracts from the Kildare G.A.A. Supporters Club Annual Report 1992 - it refers to the Football Summer Camp organised by the Supporters Club and the Kildare County Board which took place in July 1991.

"Despite the on-going developments to their club facilities (which are near completion) this week was a memorable success. The players showed tremendous interest and keenness in the course and this was very encouraging and they demonstrated that they had improved considerably by the end of the course".

The above extract will revive fond memories for our young players of the 1991 Summer Camp which was attended by, among others, Martin Lynch, Kildare's midfielder who later went on to capture an All-Star Award.

The following were elected to Sub Committee's:

Bar & Social committee - Chairman, F. Devereux, Secretary, T. Fay, J. Lawlor, D. O'Hurley, M. Caden, P. Kearney. Finance & Development - S. Nevin, R. O'Malley, O. Geoghegan, P. Carr, M. Stynes.

Sports & Ground's - K. Connolly, P. Carr, J. Nevin, A. Killorgan, B. O'Farrell, E. Dunne, D. Madden.

300 Club Draw: January result:

£100 - Irene Kearney, £50 - Tony Flood, £20 - Jack Farrell, 4 prizes of £5 each - Seamus Mee, Una Ryan, Sonny Kearns, Kit Edwards.

The following were elected as selector's for our under age teams 1992 -

Football:

U/16 - P. Nevin, B. O'Farrell, M. Gillick, J. O'Rourke. U/14 - A. M. Meally, F. McCarrick. U/14 B - P. Nevin, B. O'Farrell, K. Fagan. U/10, U/11, U/12, U/13 - K. Connolly, D. McDermott, O. Geoghegan, P. Sweeney, J. O'Rourke, J. Fleming, P. Ennis.

Hurling:

Hurling Teams for 1992, U/10, U/12, U/13, U/14, U/16 and the selector's are M. Gleeson, P. Nevin, M. Gillick, B. Gunian, P. Commerford, K. Diggins, T. McMullarkey, L. Lacey, M. Keogh, P. Sweeney, J. Travers, S. Cummins. Training for Hurling Team's every Saturday morning from 10.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. at the Moyglare Road Grounds. The Minor football league has started on going to press. We had no dates for this League. The following are the fixtures for the minor league: home to Leixlip, away to Monasterevan, home to Rathangan, away to Suncroft, away to Moorfield, away to John Devoys, home to Castlemitchell, home to St. Laurence, away to Balyna, home to O' Plunketts. The minor league started on Sunday 23rd February.

MAYNOOTH BADMINTON CLUB

As mentioned in the February issue, the club organised free open nights during January and February. The response to this promotion proved very successful and we are more than happy with the quality of new players which have now joined the club.

As a result of this, we are now entering three mixed and one Ladies League teams in the forthcoming Tallaght League. The qualifying stages have now been reached in the Dublin League and congratulations are in order to the 1st team on reaching the quarter finals. This fixture takes place in Baldoyle Badminton Centre on Wednesday 19th February at 6.30 p.m. Success follows success and the 1st Team have also qualified to the 2nd round of the Cup competition. This match will take place on Friday 21st February against Guinness B.C.

Congratulations are also in order to our Ladies League Team who were runners up in their section in the Dublin League.

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MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

The third term began on 22nd February with a free swim. There will be swimming each Saturday except for Easter Saturday 18th April, and Saturday 30th May, (Whit weekend). Community Games swim date has yet to be announced. There will be a family swim on April 25th. The junior gala is planned for June 6th and the senior gala for June 13th. We finished the year with a family swim on June 20th. No buses will run on family swim days, namely April 25th and June 20th. As there have been few pool closures this year, this term will run for fifteen weeks. As a result of this there will be an additional charge of £5 per child for the extra 5 weeks. The new fees are as follows; 1st child - £28, 2nd child - £51, 3rd child - £74. Incorporated in this term, we have included two family swims and one free swim. The committee request that fees should be paid by 14th March.

Once again Maynooth Swimming Club will be taking part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We invite all 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 10.30am on the morning of the parade on Maynooth Park Green. We look forward to seeing you all there. Please note that competition is confined to members only.

Sheila Fleming P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

Following the Christmas fixture close-down the season has now got back into full swing again. With the exception of our schoolgirls team our other teams have fulfilled a number of fixtures since the break.

Our first team continue to make progress in the Dalton Cup but show poor League form. Our second team are showing very consistent League form and are well in for top honours in their division.

Our U/13 schoolboys are just behind the leaders in their division and are also in the 2nd round of the U/13 cup. Our U/11 team are finding it tough in their division but in their first season of competitive football this was to be expected. However, with the bulk of the panel eligible to compete at U/11 again next season, this season's experience should stand them in good stead.

The U/15 schoolgirls team have now completed their league programme and did exceptionally well to finish runners-up, only failing to force a play off with Drogheda by one point. They now await the commencement of their Shield competition and with the same dedication and a little more luck may reap the benefit of their efforts.

Results

Premier Division

Maynooth Town 2 Grangewoodbine 3

We have only ourselves to blame for this defeat as too many defensive errors led to our own undoing. Having conceded the opening score as early as the 1st minute we fought back to get an equaliser from Gerry Quinn. We once again gave away a silly 2nd goal but pulled ourselves off the floor once more to grab our second equaliser from Sean Moore.

We seemed to be in for at least a share of the points but a deflected shot late in the game was to prove costly. Ger Thompson had an excellent game for Maynooth and got

good support from Gerry Quinn and Bobby Barry.

Dalton Cup

Mollovia E.C.

Molloys F.C. 3 Maynooth Town 7
Maynooth payed the year for this good win early and scored

Maynooth paved the way for this good win early and scored in the 3rd minute. Fergal Barton was in good form on the right wing and sent a stream of good crosses into the centre for an eager forward line. This was by no means a one sided game as Molloys proved to be dangerous on the break and proved that fact by scoring three good goals. Our defence had to be vigilant throughout and got through a good mornings work. This win puts us into the 1/4 finals and a repeat performance should give us a good chance of qualifying for the semi-final. Our goals were scored by Martin Curtis (2), Gerry Quinn (2), Robbie Moran (1), Mark Shaw (1) and Bob O'Reilly (1).

Fergal Barton, Paul McCourt and Bob O'Reilly were our stars in this game.

Division 3 Private Grds.

Maynooth Town 4 Ballymun Celtic 1

Our second team maintained their drive for League Honours with this good win over Ballymun Celtic. We dominated the 1st half with Philip Doyle controlling the midfield. The Ballymun defence was kept under pressure for most of the game and it was only an inspired performance by their keeper which saved them from a heavier defeat. Our own keeper Barry Desmond was not to be outshone by his opposite number and produced a brilliant penalty save when Ballymun threatened to get back into the game. Two goals by Noel Dempsey and one each from John Geoghegan and Philip Doyle kept the pressure on league leaders Caragh Celtic

Maynooth Town 2 Sacred Heart F.C. 1

This was a thriller between two very well matched sides. Maynooth can take heart from this gutsy performance because Sacred Heart had set out to keep a point late in the game when reverting to a defensive style of play. Maynooth conceded a penalty midway through the 1st half but fought back to grab the equaliser through a Gerry Treacy free kick which was deflected to the net by an under pressure Sacred Heart defender. The second half developed into a dour midfield battle and our own midfield combination had to be at their best to break even. John Geoghegan was in inspired form in this sector. Barry Desmond was once again in top form in goal and set a shining example to his team mates. With time ticking away Martin McTiernan secured two points for us when sending a 25 yds. free kick all the way to the Sacred Heart net. The final whistle sounded shortly after and the jubilation in Maynooth's dressing room was matched only by the disappointment in the visitors camp. Apart from



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those mentioned Noel Dempsey and Robbie Moran played well for Maynooth.

Schoolboys

U/13 League

Maynooth Town 3 W.S.A.F. 3

This game was totally dictated by a very strong wind. Maynooth had the benefit in the 1st half and took a 3 nil interval lead with goals from Darren Naughton (1) and Eamon Gallagher (2). W.S.A.F. got on top with wind assistance in the 2nd half and got their equaliser just before full time when it looked as if we would hold out for a win. Darren Naughton, Martin Byrne and Pearse Ryan battled hard for Maynooth.

U/11 League

Maynooth Town 0 Newlands Celtic 2
We battled hard in this game but with little reward and can feel unlucky not to have scored ourselves. The much bigger visitors did not overawe our own lads who showed great courage in fighting to the very end. Davitt O'Neill, Andy Madden and Colm Cahill were our best players in this game.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend good wishes to Maynooth G.A.A. Club on the opening of their new complex at Moyglare Road and wish them many fruitful years in the future.

Ladies Soccer

Following their excellent showing in the league, the entire Maynooth Panel were invited to take part in trials to select the North-Eastern League team to compete against other Leagues. Those trials took place in Drogheda on Sunday 16th February with further trials taking place at the same venue on Sunday March 7th, after which is expected that the League team will be announced. We would hope to gain a number places on the team which would be a tribute to Frances Kearney who manages the local girls and has instilled a great deal in skill and confidence into our own team. Local girls taking part in the trials are:

A. Mooney, A. Lyons, L. Conway, J. Smith, L. Hughes, C. Thompson, S. Thompson, T. Kearney, L. Newman, M. Flood, P. Purcell, P. O'Shea, M. Gillick, V. Breslin, I. Kearney, L. Kearney, O. Cahill.

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The club has two training sessions per week, with a beginners' class held at the St. John of God pool in Celbridge and advanced sessions held at the Kings Hospital, Palmerstown. At the moment the club has 42 members, which is the maximum which the club can take due to its need for a lot of space in the pool for manoeuvrering. The instructors are Michael Byrne, Mary McKay and the chief instructor is Anna Byrne. In order to become proficient at synchronised swimming a person needs a lot of dedication, since it may take a number of years before a person is able to swim in a competition. There are a number of grades, ranging from preliminary to grade 6 with a person being eligible to compete in international competition once they have reached grade 3. A number of swimmers in the Heron have reached that grade, which usually takes 5 or 6 years to achieve. The club follows a set programme for the year and usually undertake a number of displays and demonstrations to encourage the growth of synchronised swimming.



The swimmers come form a wide area and not just the Celbridge vicinity. There are swimmers from Maynooth, Leixlip, Lucan and even further afield. It is a very healthy pursuit and is recommended for people who suffer from aathma, since swimming strengthens the lungs and helps people to control their breathing.

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College Notes

College team win Freshers Gaelic Football Championship for first time. The first year gaelic football team trained by Mr Kevin Tunney pulled away from Waterford RTC in extra time. Maynooth displayed great spirit in fighting back from a 5 point deficit to pound Waterford RTC by 7 points. The final score was 4-18 to 1-17. Best for Maynooth were Brendan Kiely, Ger Holland and Andy Coyne. The chairperson of the football club paid tribute to the great spirit of the Freshers in responding to the promptings of their trainer, who gave a lot of time and effort to moulding the team into a very successful unit.

In the Gaelic Football inter-varsity competition, the Sigerson Cup, Maynooth got off to a great start by defeating U.C.D. in a toughly fought match which was marred by the incompetence of the referee and an unsavoury off the ball incident which led to Maynooth full back, Sean O'Sullivan being hospitalised. Among the best players for Maynooth who were trained by Malachy McCann, were Conor Martin, Con Moynalin, Sean O'Sullivan, Glen Ryan, Frank Doherty and Kevin Tunney. Maynooth's next game in the Sigerson will be against St Marys Teacher Training College in Belfast.



College Freshers Team win All - Ireland Championship. Trainer K. Tunney standing on left.

Other College Sports

The college hurling team recently defeated the University of Ulster Coleraine in the first round of the Fitzgibbon cup. The camogie team were knocked out of the Ashbourne cup by Coleraine in a match played in Belfast. They were down by 4 points.

Maynooth recently hosted the inter-varsity road relay race. The mens event was won by U.C.C. and the womens event by U.C.D. A good day was had by all although Maynooth were somewhat unlucky to come only 5th in both races. We wish Frank Mulligan a quick recovery from his recent unfortunate injury received from the boot of a Kerry man during a recent football match and hope that he will soon be back to full fitness.

Results of Photo Competition

RESULT OF PHOTO COMPETITION

The winner of the photo competition was Josephine Moore, "Greenvilla", Straffan Road, Maynooth.

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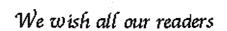
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Greenfield Residents Association - A.G.M. 3rd March, ICA Hall 8.00p.m.

Separated Persons Group - Meetings will take place on Tuesday nights 9.15 in Caulfields.

Planning and Development Group - Meeting 27th February in Post Primary School.

Submissions date for Community Council nominations. Monday March 23rd.

Irish Guide Dogs Association - meeting in Caulfields - Tuesday 23rd March - date for National Dog Walk.

Dinner Dance/Past Pupils of Maynooth Post Primary School April 10th.

Post Primary - Bingo - Parish Hall - Sunday 22nd March. American Tea Party - Friday 22nd May - The County Club, Dunshaughlin, Maynooth Post Primary School.

Card Game - Kean's Kilcloon - Friday 27th March at 9.00 Race Night - 4th April - O'Keeffes Pub, Kilcock, 9.00 in aid of Scoile Ui Riada Gaescoil, Kilcock.

Steam Train - 14th & 15th June - Harbour.

Public Information Day - St. Raphaels' - Thursday, 5th March 10.00am - 12 noon and 1.30pm - 3.00.

St. Mary's Boys National School - Friday 10th of April at 8.30, Race Night in G.A.A. Hall, Moyglare Road.

Auction - New G.A.A. Club - Moyglare Road - Saturday 7th March 8.30pm in aid of Parish Funds.

Old Peoples' Committee - Easter Party - April 12th Post Primary School.

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Mrs. P. Burke, Convent View, and her sister Mai Hughes, Convent Road on the death of their brother, Paddy Hughes, in England.

Mrs. M. Feeney, Celbridge Road, on the death of her brother, Steve Faherty, in America.

Brother, sisters, brothers-in-law, sister-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and large circle of friends of the late Breige (Breda) Marrow (nee Geraghty) Donadae, late Main Street, Maynooth.

Relatives, god-daughter, Mary T. and devoted friends of the late Margaret Geraghty, Main Street, Maynooth.

The family of the late Anne Connolly, 350 Greenfield, Maynooth, wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with them in their sad bereavement. Those who sent mass cards, letters of sympathy, wreaths and floral tributes, those who attended removal of remains, mass and funeral. A special word of thanks to Mrs. Dillion and staff of Larchfield Park Nursing Home.

Maynooth Branch of the Labour Party, students and brothers from High Park, Drumcondra, Dublin; also her grandson, Fr. Peter Dowling, S.S.S., who concelebrated mass with Fr. Supple P.P., Fr. Cogan C.C., Fr. Nevin and priests from D'Olier Street, Dublin; all our friends and neighbours and the local gardai. We trust you will accept this as a small token of our appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the mass will be offered for your intentions.

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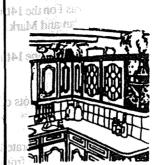
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Happy Birthday to Anne-marie Thompson on the 6th March from the office staff.

Happy Belated Birthday to John Walsh who celebrated his 21st birthday on the 24th February. Lots of love from Nuala and all his friends.

Happy Birthday to triplets, Paráig, Ciarán and Séan Rocliffe, Elm Road, Dannycarney, Dublin, who celebrate their 1st birthday on March 23rd. With lots of love from the McGovern family and Tracey family in Greenfield also from Joan and Tom in London.

Happy 18th birthday to Darren Holmwood on 20th March. Love from Cinti.

Happy 18th Birthday to Salome Heuston on 21st March. Love from Jackie.

Happy birthday to Mark on 6th March. Lots of love from Jackie

Happy birthday Gerry Coyne, Dunboyne Road, February

Happy birthday Lorna and Grainne Burke, Newtown, age 10 on March 2nd.

Happy birthday Jason O'Brien, Highfield, Kilcock aged 3 on March 8th.

Happy birthday Nicola O'Brien, 18 on April 7th.

Happy birthday Joanne O'Brien, 20 on March 13th.

Happy birthday Mark O'Brien, Newtown, 21 on March 22nd

Happy birthday Susan O'Brien, Highfield, Kilcock, 8 on March 22nd.

Happy birthday Sinead Cummins, 10 on March 25th.

Happy birthday Eddie Quinn, Greenfield, 20 on March 29th.

Happy birthday Mrs. P. Quinn, March 17th.

Happy birthday Tom Richardson, Mariaville, March 14th.

Happy birthday Sharon Halligan, Greenfield, 12 on March 26th.

Happy birthday Gerard McTernan, Carravilla, Greenfield, 16 on March 4th.

Correction:

"Last months Newsletter"

Birthday greetings to Sharon Kiernan, The Coppins, Celbridge age 1 January 30th. Best wishes from Mammy, Daddy and brother Willie. Correct name is Shawn not Sharon.

Happy Birthday to Karen Kavanagh who was 12 on the 5th of March. From Mam, Dad, Jan, Neil, Declan, Mark and Jennifer.

Happy Birthday to Jennifer Kavanagh who was 1 on the 14th of March. From Mam, Dad, Jan, Neil, Declan and Mark.

Happy Birthday to Jennifer Kavanagh who was 1 on the 14th of March from Karen.

Happy 18th Birthday to Becky on the 1st of March, lots of love Jackie and Cinti.

Happy belated birthday to Jennifer Reilly who celebrated her birthday on the 16th of February. Lots of Love from family and friends.

Birthday Greetings to Manus Mc Carron, Greenfield on February 15th. Best wishes from all the family, also his daughter Yvonne age 6 on February 27th. Best wishes from Daddy, Mammy, brothers, sisters and Nana.

Happy Birthday to Rozalia, who is 11 on the 9th of March. Lots of love from family and friends.

A very Happy Birthday to Ned Murphy, Donadea, who is 21 and a bit on the 8th of March. Lots of love from the family.

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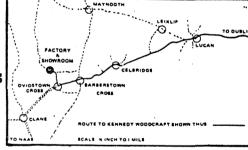
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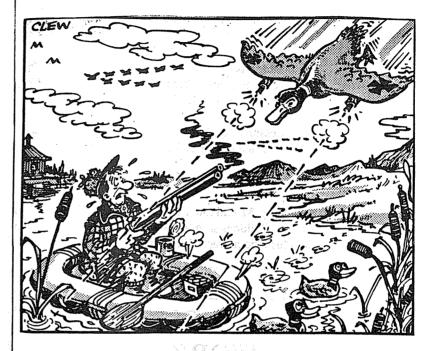
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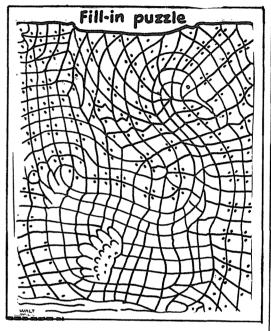
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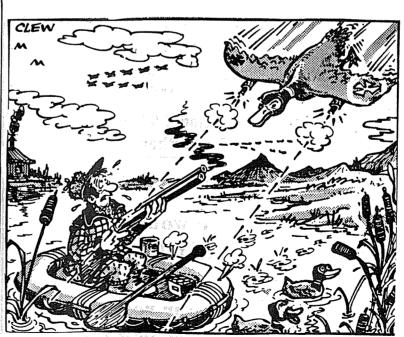
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