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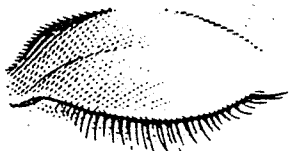
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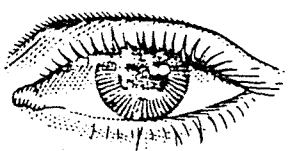
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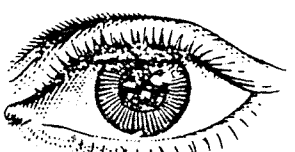
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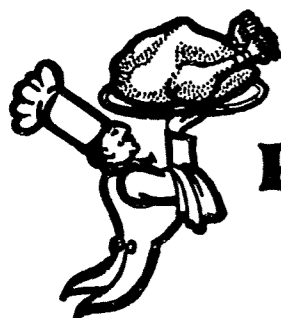
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**Letter to our Readers:** This is just a note to remind you all that the **Newsletter** exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any new organisations or indeed from individuals with something to say or suggest. We hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

*Yours sincerely*

*Community Council & Newsletter Staff*

## Editorial

### Maynooth - the College and the Village

Next year Maynooth College celebrates its bicentenary. Plans are already in place within the College to celebrate its two hundredth birthday in a variety of ways including publications, exhibitions and conferences. The relationship between the College and the village, also going back two centuries, is also worth celebrating and it is to be hoped that the 'powers that be' - the College authorities, the Community Council, the County Council - can find some way to mark the historic links between the College and the local community.

Both College and village have grown rapidly in the last twenty years and many would say that the signs of wear and tear are there for all to be seen as far as the village is concerned. Traffic congestion and broken footpaths enhance neither the image of the College or the village. The by-pass represents a great opportunity for Maynooth to re-establish itself as an attractive and pleasant place in which to live. The Planning and Development Committee of the Community Council have put forward some excellent ideas to the Co. Council as to how the general appearance of the Main St. might be improved. Perhaps, with the backing of the College, the Co. Council might be persuaded to act on these proposals and then both College and village would have something to celebrate in 1995.

### Thank You

Due to pressure of work, Kay McKeogh, our long-standing Chairperson of the Editorial Board of the **Newsletter**, has tendered her resignation. The last few years on the Editorial Board have witnessed a high rate of comings and goings and Kay has been the one stalwart in all the change. Only those who have worked on the Editorial with Kay will know the extent of time and effort she contributed in making the **Newsletter** the successful community publication it is today. Apart from chairing Editorial meetings, Kay was a regular seller of the **Newsletter** outside the church on Sunday mornings and a prolific contributor of articles. So, thanks Kay. But we still hope to see the occasional missive from Rail Park

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
Having noted with interest your snide remarks regarding Kildare G.A.A. in your features column over the last few issues, I must protest in the strongest possible terms the derogatory remarks by an obviously unqualified critic.

The daily press has constantly degraded the Lillies, and may be justified in doing so in order to keep a high profile on the Dubs, who have used on-going changes in their attitudes to the game, thus gaining extra press coverage from a biased Dublin based media.

The Maynooth Newsletter typifies the thinking of the people of Maynooth as regards the boundary between the Capital and the rest of the country. Come on Maynooth, are ye Dubs or Kildare people?

T. McGovern.

Dear Editor,  
May I avail of your Newsletter to finally, emphatically and free from interruption (Mr Hendrick please note), describe the origin of the word "barbecue". The word "barbecue" is in fact a derivative of the ancient Irish word "barb-a-cue", the "barbacue" being a weapon used by a tribe of cannibals who resided in an area that became known as Meath (meat hyphen "h" or the area where meat of the human variety was consumed).

The weapon itself was constructed by wrapping several layers of barbed wire around a snooker cue (barbed wire and a crude form of snooker being two of the tribes more laudable inventions).

It is believed that on returning from a particularly successful hunt, a member of the tribe had occasion to leave his weapon rather close to the fire. It was subsequently discovered that the toasted flesh embedded on the weapon was of a succulence far superior to their usual boil-in-the-pot and so the "barbecue" was born. This I am afraid, is the rather gruesome origin of the word "barbeque".

Brendan Togher

Dear Editor,  
I would just like to say a few words about the up-keep of the Parish Hall. It is a disgrace. There are a lot of clubs who rent out the hall, and some who rent it out during the day. These clubs bring other clubs from all over Dublin and in some cases from other parts of Ireland. It is only natural that they have to use the toilets. They are filthy, never any toilet paper and the sinks and the toilets you just can't use. It is a bad reflection on Maynooth. Through the year nearly all the visitors complain about the dirt of the hall and the smell and the dirt of the toilets. Surely, with the money they (the hall committee) take in they could give someone in this community a part-time cleaning job. Everybody complains about "The Thing" in the Square, the inside is cleaner than the Parish Hall.

Name with Editor.

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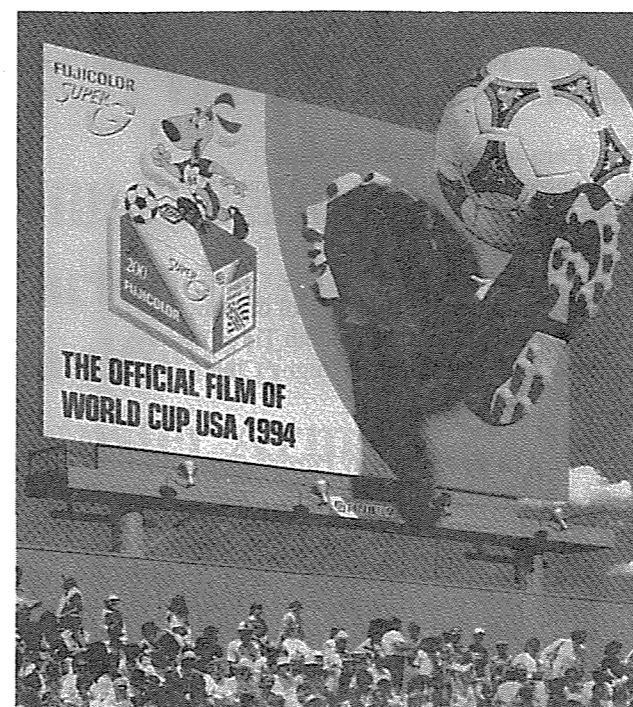
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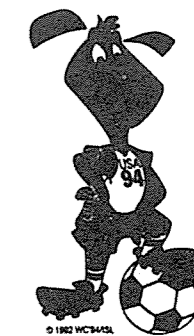
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## Community Council Notes

The Annual General Meeting of Maynooth Community Council will take place on Monday, April 11th at 8.00 p.m. All councillors are urged to attend.

The Community Council would like to extend its gratitude to Kay Mc Keogh who has retired as editor of the **Newsletter**. Kay has been one of those unsung voluntary workers on the **Newsletter** for the past seven years. We hope that it may be possible when the pressure of work declines, that she may be able to return to the editorial board.

Thank you Kay.

### HARBOUR FIELD

For your information the use of the Harbour Field at the moment is as follows:

Mon - Wed - Thurs - Fri - 3.30 p.m. - 5 p.m. - School Boys.  
Saturday mornings - Soccer Club U10 Boys  
Saturday Afternoons - G.A.A. 2 p.m.  
Tues. & Thurs. 6 - 7.30 p.m. Girls Soccer.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 1994

I think that everyone will agree that with 51 different groups taking part, the Parade was a great success. On behalf of the Parade Committee I would like to thank all those who helped us in any way. In particular I would like to thank the following:- Our major sponsors:- Caulfields, Lee Mallaghan, The Leinster Arms and Willie Kiernan. Also, all the other businesses who contributed to ensure we were not at a financial loss.

- Mattie Callaghan for providing the reviewing stand.
- Leo Bean and Ollie Bright for decorating the stand.
- The Flower Club, Fionan Hardiman and The Flower Pot for their flower decorations.
- Willie Kiernan for again providing and installing the public address system.
- Paddy Desmond our Master of Ceremonies.
- Our 30 Guests on the reviewing stand.
- Bernard Durkan T.D. for being guest speaker.
- Mrs Sheila Smith for the power supply for the Public Address.
- Sergeant Joe Canny and the Gardaí for their co-operation.
- Emmet Stagg, Minister of State, Department of the Environment for his help in getting the Army Band.
- Maynooth Tae Kwon Do School for their display of the Korean Art of Self Defence.
- Owen Byrne, our Mayor for leading the Parade, with Charlie O'Neill and his carriage.
- All the stewards who performed their tasks so professionally.
- Quinnsworth for the use of the car park.
- Pat Travers of the Parish Hall Committee for providing the chairs and steps for the reviewing stand.
- The Leinster Arms for providing tea and sandwiches for our guests.
- Eddy Sherry for cleaning the Main Street.
- Patricia Condron and George for the crash barriers.
- Freda Kelleher and the rest of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for giving the Maynooth Community something of which to be proud.

- The participants without whom there would be no Parade and the general public for showing up in such great numbers.
- The Residents of Greenfield Estate for their continued co-operation.
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- c) Best Band: St. Mary's Brass & Reed
- d) Best Marchers: O.N.E.
- e) Best Costumes: Keeble School of Dancing
- f) Most Topical Float: Maynooth Tidy Towns
- g) Funniest Float: Barnhall Rugby Club.

John Mc Ginley

Secretary, St Patrick's Day Parade Committee.



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### MAYNOOTH POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### Appeal to Past-Parents and Past-Pupils:

I would make a fervent appeal to all of our past parents and pupils to help us now by buying or selling a ticket in our Monster Draw. I doubt if there is any family that has not benefitted in some way as a result of attending Maynooth Post-Primary School.

Over the years the staff has given many extra hours of free tuition particularly in the lead up to the Leaving Certificate. We have brought our students hill-walking, day trips and week-end trips around Ireland, we have been abroad with every 5th year group and followed it the year after by organising a Debs Dance. In between 1st year and L.C. year we have trained footballers, debaters, basketballers, golfers, the list is endless. Visits to the Theatres in Dublin have been a feature for every student who attended this school. As a staff we have never counted the cost in terms of time and energy and have always given willingly and freely. Now we ask you as either a past-parent or a past-pupil of the school to invest £100 in the school that served you so well. At the same time you have the opportunity to win one of many valuable prizes on offer. Buy your ticket now by instalment or outright purchase and help us continue to provide for our present and future students.

Thomas Ashe.

### BAND BULLETIN

The month of March has always been one of the busiest for the band and this year was no exception. The St. Patrick's Day Parade in Maynooth and the International Band Festival in Limerick are two of the major dates on the band's calendar.

We were once again given the privilege of leading our home-town parade. There was a larger than usual number of band members fielded for the parade, with many of the younger members taking part in the parade for the first time. We played well during the parade, for which the rain managed to hold off, and won the prize for best band.

On Sunday, 20th March, we made our annual trip to Limerick. There was glorious sunshine throughout the march which made it that much more enjoyable. Although we played very well, we failed to win any prizes this year. After the parade in Limerick, we went to Nenagh for dinner, following a brief stay in a public house. After dinner, we continued to down those bottles of 7-Up (schea, right), while having a singsong, before the bus left for Maynooth.

A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all.

Watch this space for more news on the band next month.

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Sunday 17th April / Morning Prayer  
Sunday 24th April / Eucharist

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##### 2. Drug Cost Subsidisation Scheme

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Under this scheme John will still be paying out £96 per month. If he or the other members of the family pay any prescriptions they can include the £86 above in a claim for the Drug Refund Scheme.

##### 3. Tax Relief

John can claim tax relief on the costs of drugs which will not be covered by the Health Board schemes above, less the first £100 for the whole family, or less £50 if he is only claiming for one person i.e. the child's expenses. He will need to fill in the form Med. 1 at the end of the tax year, and send it with receipts to the tax office.

### MAYNOOTH C.I.C. TABLE QUIZ

The Table Quiz held in Caulfields in March was a great success. Our thanks to all who attended and to Caulfields for providing the premises, to Willie Kiernan for the P.A., to Brendan Tracy, M.C. on the night and to Damien O'Dowd who provided the questions. Our thanks also to the following sponsors - Glenkerrin Homes, Allied Irish Bank, Maynooth, Maynooth Office Supplies, Jim's Shoe Repairs, Maynooth Students' Union, Brady's Pub, The Leinster Arms, The Sports Locker and the Ulster Bank and to the following who provided the Raffle Prizes: - Caulfield's Lounge, Roost Bar, The Mill Wine Cellar, Ann Carey "Cameo" and Keely's Corner. Also, to all who turned out on the night to help.



Enjoying the Quiz: Philip McDermott,  
Maureen Donnelly, Patricia Condron,  
Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, Norah McDermott  
and Gerry Donnelly

The outright winners were the Royal Canal team of Declan O'Connor, Brian O'Malley, John McGarry and Ben Daly.

Well done to all concerned.

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### MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES

Our president, Imelda Delaney, welcomed all the ladies to the March guild meeting which was held in the I.C.A. Hall on Thursday 3rd March. Imelda urged the members to try to come to our guild meetings on time.

#### Easter Card Competition

Our guild competition for a 'Bi-lingual Easter Card' was very well supported and the standard was very high. In 3rd place was Mary O'Gorman's card and in 2nd place was Rosemary Hanley's entry. The winning card was made by Jo O'Connell and her card will now go forward to County level of this Bórd na Gaeilge and Kildare Federation sponsored competition. We are very grateful to Ms. Janet McLoughlin for coming along to judge this competition.

#### Make and Model

Ladies, you are reminded that the Kildare Make and Model competition will be held in Tougher's Function Rooms, Naas, on Tuesday, 19th April, at 8.00 p.m. Admission is £3 for adults and £1 for children. The Kildare heat of the National Make and Model competition will be held on the same night. So even if you are not participating in the competition, why not come along and give your support to our guild members who are competing. We wish Mary O'Gorman, County Crafts Promoter, who is the organiser of this event, every success.

#### Children's Competition

The I.C.A. National Crafts Committee has launched a competition for the children of I.C.A. members and non-members. In the 6-8 years section the child has to make a soft toy and in the 9-12 years section he or she has to make a puppet. Perhaps some children in our local schools may be interested in entering this competition. Closing date is 1st May and further details can be obtained by phoning 6286668.

#### Collections

I.C.A. members collected £150 at the Church Gate on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th February for the Arthritis Foundation of Ireland. Thank you to everyone who supported this collection.

Our members were out again collecting outside Quinnsdown on 25th March for Daffodil Day.

#### Activities

Crafts are on as usual in the I.C.A. Hall on Monday nights at 8.00 p.m.

Badminton is on in the Parish Hall each Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10.45 a.m. New members are always welcome to come along to either or both of these activities.

Mary O'Gorman is looking for I.C.A. ladies to help her with a 'Crafts Display' in Naas Library from 17th to 28th May. See Mary for more details.

#### Pitch and Putt

Kildare Federation hopes to organise a four week training programme for those members interested in Pitch and Putt. Anyone interested in attending this Pitch and Putt Union of Ireland training programme should contact May Haren.

#### An Grianán

There are some vacancies (due to cancellations) in An Grianán, from now until the end of the year. See Helen Doyle for more information.

#### Guest Speaker

Mr. Tony Adderley, Horticultural Adviser with St. John of God, very kindly attended our March Meeting. He spoke on such topics as lawn care, choice of trees, bedding plants and plants for containers. Many thanks to Tony for such an informative talk.

#### Next Meeting

Our next guild meeting will take place in the I.C.A. Hall on Thursday 7th April at 8.00 p.m. The competition on that night will be a Bi-Lingual Quiz. Our guest speaker will be Ms. Caroline Lane, our C.D.A. New members are always welcome to attend our guild meetings.

*Connie Harpur, P.R.O.*

### MAYNOOTH ACCORDION BAND

We would like to thank all those who helped out with our float on St. Patrick's Day, Gerard McMyler for the float, Norah McDermott for the use of seats and all who decorated the float in any way. Thanks also to the G.A.A. Club for inviting us to play there in the afternoon and for providing us with refreshments afterwards. To our teacher Mr John Mitchell and our band members for playing so well. Thanks to everyone.

New members welcomed any Wednesday night in the Boys' School starting at 5 o'clock. For info. - contact: Rita - 6289095 or Ann 6289736.

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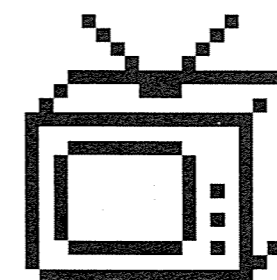
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#### Loads of Enthusiasm and Loyal Support at Schools' Table Quiz

On Friday evening, 25 February, Loftus Hall in Maynooth College was packed with about 160 - 9 to 12-year-old boys and girls, their parents and teachers. They had gathered together after weeks of preparation to participate in the Table Quiz run by our local Credit Union.

#### A Committee for the Job!

This year the work of organising the Quiz for the Credit Union was done by a committee, consisting of **Michael O'Riordan, Education Officer**, along with **John Butler, Betty Costigan, Matt Doran and Ken Loane** and meeting on Sunday mornings for a month before the competition took place. The staffs of both the Boys' and Girls' Primary Schools were invited to enter up to 18 teams of four members each from the 3 senior classes.

#### Girls ahead of the Competition

The teachers involved report that having the Quiz as a focus was useful educationally. Eager to compete, the children become enthusiastic and this motivation helps them to learn, and it showed on the night. When all questions had been put by **Quizmaster Betty Costigan**, the two leading teams from each class (fourth, fifth and sixth) were awarded winners and runners-up prizes respectively. The over-all winners and runners-up emerged after a tie-break between the two highest-scoring teams which were four girls from 5th class and four boys from 6th class. The girls won.

#### Winner Alright!

The members of the winning team were: **Suzanne Butler, Ciadhra Duignan, Joie Fay and Lorraine Whelan** from Mrs Duignan's class in the Girls' Primary School. Congratulations and Good Luck in the next round! The runners-up were **David Campbell, Brendan Keogh, Aidan McCarron and Rory McKeivitt** from Mr Pat O'Connor's class in the Boys' Primary School. Well done, lads!

#### League, Chapter and Local Levels

This Table Quiz was run on a national level by the Irish League of Credit Unions. On the same week-end, in other communities all around the country, similar scenes to the one in Loftus Hall were taking place. Children under 12 were tackling the same questions in the same order. The winners from each of these local competitions will go forward to compete with other teams from the same Credit Union area, or Chapter.

#### On to the Next Round!

Our Credit Union belongs with 21 other local Credit Unions in Chapter 25. This chapter covers the geographical area from Inchicore on the east to Kilcock on the west, and from Blanchardstown on the north to Saggart on the south. The Chapter 25 Final will be held on Thursday, 24 March in Palmerstown National School at 8 pm. It will be all over by the time you read this and we will bring you the results next month.

#### Credit Union Education

The Irish League sees the Table Quiz as part of its education programme, making children aware of the existence of the Credit Union and how it works. The League supplied the plaques for the winning school and for the individual members of the winning team. They also provided the holdalls and pencil-cases distributed to the runners-up. The cash prizes for the winners and refreshments for all the children were supplied by our local Credit Union.

#### Thanks All Round

Our thanks go especially to the children for all their hard work and good spirit; then to their teachers who enabled them to participate to the best of their ability; to their parents who were supportive at home and on the night; and to the members of our organising committee. Well done all!

*Emer McDermott, P.R.O.*



Credit Union overall winners from 5th Class: Suzanne Butler, Ciadhra Duignan, Joie Fay and Lorraine Whelan with their teacher Mrs. Duignan.

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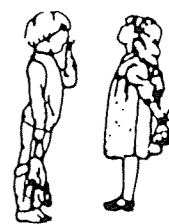
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# ST. PATRICK'S

## ST PATRICK'S DAY I

*The kiddies wake that day at eight.  
Get up get dressed they can't be late.  
They hop and shout and hip hooray.  
The 17th, it's Paddy's Day.  
For some this day means dressing up  
For others just an excuse to sup.  
For all in all it means charade.  
A chance to march in the Parade.*



• Rugby player taking part in St. Patrick's Day Parade (15)



• Freda Kelleher, Chairperson St. Patrick's Day Committee, making the final call before the Parade.

## II

*To Maynooth the crowds all tend to flock  
From Celbridge, Leixlip, and Kilcock.  
People come from far and near  
To watch the floats, to wave and cheer.  
Once the furore has all died down  
The crowd all walk back to the town.  
The parade is over, but the day is young,  
To all the pubs the people throng.  
For the rest of the day it's pints galore  
As our Nation's boozers celebrate some more.  
The motto for this National Day  
Is to celebrate, come what may.*



• John McGinley-Secretary Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Matt Callaghan-Tidy Towns, Eoin Byrne-Lord Mayor, Senan Griffin-Chairman Maynooth Community Council, Fionán Hardiman and Richard Farrell-Tidy Towns.

# DAY PARADE



• St. Mary's Brass Reed Band (3)



• Lord Mayor, Owen Byrne travelling in style (1)



• Visitors on the Reviewing Stand (24)

## Clubs, Organisations, Societies

### MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

April 19th is the date for our Spring Show this year. Theme - "The Year of the Family." Venue:- Divine Word Hostel, Moyglare Road.

All levels are catered for in the many classes and we urge flower-arrangers to enter at least one arrangement. Gardeners, there are six classes in plant section. Enquiries/entries to Mrs Joan Reynolds - Phone 8204800 or Mrs Felicity Satchwell - Phone 6286240. Entry fee - 30p per class. Staging 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on the 19th. The judge this year is Mrs Ann Janson. Competitions will be judged in accordance with the N.A.F.A.S. schedule of definitions - Eighth Edition. Show open to public that evening from 7.30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Another important event in the club in April is the Day School, on the 8th. Nuala Hegarty is once again our expert tutor. This year's subject will be Mods, Abstracts and Interpretations. There are a few places left in Day-School. If interested contact Joan or Felicity now.

*Moirá Baxter*  
P.R.O.

### MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

Our A.G.M. took place on Tuesday, March 1st in the Health Centre. The Chairperson, Josephine Moore opened the meeting with a vote of sympathy to our assistant secretary, Joan Lennon on the death of her husband Louis, and also to the families of the late Lily Coogan and Kathleen Tracey, R.I.P.

In her report she thanked the committee for their hard work and dedication in the past year, and all those who gave such tremendous support, either fiscal or physical, to our committee in all endeavours.

Reflecting on 1993, (European Year of Older People) she hoped the inroads made, and the changing attitudes which occurred would continue to manifest themselves in the years ahead, and discrimination because of age in our society, would eventually fade into the annals of History. She felt 1994 being the 'Year of the Family' would be an excellent opportunity to put into practice the 1993 theme, which was 'Solidarity between Generations'.

The Secretary, Patsy O'Rafferty, in her report gave a comprehensive account of the year's events, with emphasis on the launch of our book "Recollections". This venture, she said proved to be very successful.

The Treasurer, Catherine Mulready, in her financial report, produced a satisfactory statement of accounts. The Chairperson took this opportunity to thank Eugene O'Reilly F.C.A., who has been keeping our books in order for many years, for his efficiency and attention to detail in this regard.

The meeting was attended by Mr. John Leech, administrator for the Eastern Health Board, who paid tribute to the committee for our work down through the years, and in particular the back up service given to the recently established Mobile Day Hospital. The committee thanked him for his continued interest in our work, and for his attendance at the meeting.

The elections then took place and the outgoing officers were returned unopposed. The committee for the coming year is as follows:- Josephine Moore (Chairperson), Brigid Tierney (Vice Chairperson), Patsy O'Rafferty (Secretary), Joan Lennon (Assistant Treasurer), Lynne Whittaker, Maurice O'Toole, Lily O'Riordan, Pat Nolan, Betty Moore, Kathleen McAtamney, Georgina Mulready, Ita Loughnane, Aileen Dunne, Helen Doyle, Imelda Delaney and Agnes Boyd.

Our Annual collection took place from March 10th until 13th and realized the grand total £1,207.50. Many thanks to all who contributed, either at the supermarket, at the church or in the pubs. Your generosity is very much appreciated. A special word of thanks to the publicans who allowed us invade their premises and to the customers for their courtesy and tolerance. Thank you also to Mason, Owen and Lyon for their permission to collect at the supermarket and to Ollie Bright for his help and co-operation in this regard.

Our Easter Party will be held in S.V.D. House, Moyglare Road on Sunday April 10th and we look forward to seeing all our friends there, complete with Easter Bonnets.

Finally, congratulations to the **Newsletter** on their 200th edition. Long may it continue as it provides an important voice for our community. Well done to all concerned.

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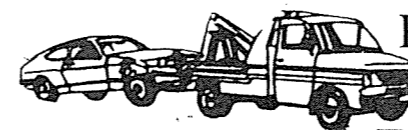
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### MAYNOOTH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

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Avril will be mounting another exhibition soon on handmade dolls house furniture - from 24th March to 7th April.

We have added many more new titles to stock, in both the childrens and adults section, including many blockbusters and detective novels for the latter!

It's springtime, and the grass is getting greener, lambs are playing, trees are budding, and it's time for the Black Tulips to blossom again. Any child interested in becoming a Black Tulip, please enrol at Maynooth Library. There are only a limited number of places.

More details will be given in next month's issue.

*Margaret Walshe Gannon*

### MAYNOOTH SUMMER PROJECT

Thank you all, for your generosity on our flag days. It was a great success and it shows that the children and parents of Maynooth are still interested in the project. Hopefully in the next issue of the *Newsletter*, we will feature a short history of the project, especially for all recent new comers to the area.

**"Happy Easter!"**

*P.R.O. Margaret Loane*

### MAYNOOTH/KILCOCK NO-NAME CLUB

On the night of Saturday, the 12th of March, a group of hosts/hostesses from the Maynooth/Kilcock No-Name Club, accompanied by committee members, travelled to Tullow, Co. Carlow to support one of our hostesses, Jenny Rhattigan, who was competing in the Regional final of the "Host/Hostess of the Year" contest.

Jenny, a fifth year student in Scoil Dara, Kilcock, had qualified in the local and then the Kildare heat of the final. The contest consisted of a private interview, and then on stage, questions, a three minute soap box and a party piece.

Despite a marvellous performance by Jenny, she was unsuccessful in her bid to go forward to the National final, in Waterford, in April. We congratulate Jenny on representing our club so ably, especially as it is the club's first time to participate in such a contest since its recent formation. A disco

ensued, hosted by the Tullow No-Name club and an enjoyable night was had by all.

The club's next disco will take place on Saturday, 16th of April, so avoid disappointment, buy your tickets early.

*Mary Carroll  
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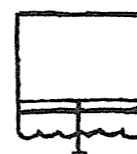


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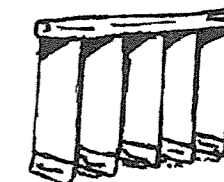
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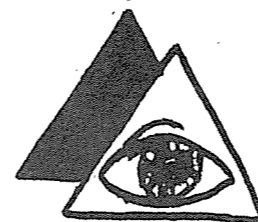
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#### Works Update

Work is continuing at a steady pace and work on a new wall to the left of the harbour. Foreman Kevin Breslin tells me that they are still in dire need of building stone so once again I appeal to anyone who may be about to, or already have demolished old walls or buildings to consider giving some of the stone to this worthwhile project. We will arrange collection. If you can help, then please ring the under signed at (01) 6286372. Some tidying up has also been carried out on the banks as well.

#### Thanks

The chairman and committee would like to extend sincere thanks to the Office of Public Works for all their assistance in the past few weeks. It was much appreciated. Indeed we thank them for the unfailing help which they have given down through the years.

#### Good Wishes

One of our most staunch members, Mr Gerry McGlinchey has recently come home from hospital after a series of operations. We hope that he will make a good recovery and take this opportunity to extend good wishes to his wife Marion also, who has coped so well during Gerry's illness.

#### A.G.M.

Details of the date and venue for our A.G.M. will be announced in the next issue and we would encourage anyone with an interest in the canal to attend. Members of the new canoe club will also be welcome as will members of the angling club. In fact members of any clubs using this wonderful facility can come along.

#### Congratulations

We congratulate the **Newsletter** management and staff on the publication of their two hundredth edition of their fine publication. While the publication is getting on in years its wonderful office supervisor is still young - at heart anyway!

#### Maynooth Fair

Maynooth Fair will take place at St. Mary's Parish Hall on Sunday 17th April from 11-6 p.m. There will be a number of outside units also. It's a great opportunity for local businesses to market their products and services in a highly populated catchment area at a cost that is less than the average advert.

In common with many other voluntary groups our finances are low. A successful Maynooth Fair will put us on course to complete our projected work. We are very grateful to Fr. Supple and the committee of the Parish Hall for their kind support. Telephone 6286043 for any enquiry about the availability of sale space at the Maynooth Fair.

Bring your old stamped covers and old postcards along for a free valuation. Hopefully we will have an antiques stand but at this stage cannot guarantee this. See you there and remember the date and place.

We have provisionally booked the steam train for the Maynooth - Enfield return run for Sunday 29th May. It's a great experience. Don't miss out or leave it too late. You will be able to buy your tickets at the Maynooth Fair.

The "What's On" column in "The Irish Times" is exhorting people to visit the restored Royal Canal Harbour at Maynooth. Take time off for a quick stroll and see the super work being done by the current S.E.S Staff.

*Slán go Foill go Bealtaine*  
**Gerry Fitzpatrick.**  
**P.R.O.**

### SCOUT NEWS

#### Beavers

In our last article we said it was hoped that the Beavers would still be up and running by the time this came to press. Well I am delighted to say that this is the case. We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who rallied around under the direction of Henry Flynn to ensure that the Beavers are still a very active part of the unit.

#### Scouts

Last time we put pen to paper we were in the process of organising various activities. The first one came to fruition on Feb. 27. Twenty Scouts/Venturers set forth for Dalkey Quarry for a day's Rock climbing and absailing. This was carried out under the protective eye of John Murphy a Confidence Training Instructor in the Defence Forces and several members of the Glen of Imaal Mountain Rescue Team. A good day was had by everybody and all have vowed to return for another go at a future date: March 17th had a good turnout for the St. Patrick's Day parade (Thank God for sunshine). After the parade parents were invited down to the Scout Den to see thirteen new scouts being invested. Then came the best part, when tea, sandwiches, cakes and biscuits were enjoyed by all. Next on the Agenda is the Regional Campcraft Competition on April 8th to 10th where we will have two teams representing Maynooth. More of that will be in the next issue.

#### Venturers

This being the new section of the unit we think it has finally come of age. On March 17th there were twelve Venturers and three Leaders invested. We understand that the Leaders do not have the best material to work with and we wish them the best of Luck for the future.

Yours in Scouting

*Cathal Gaffney ASL*

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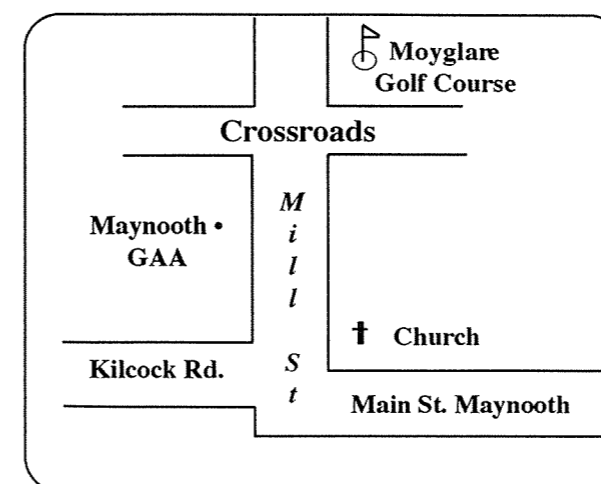
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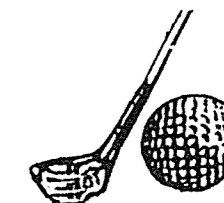
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### MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

First of all congratulations to Mattie Callaghan and team who put together the Gerry Mulcahy Butchers - Tidy Towns Float for St. Patrick's Day with the Snooker Theme of Maynooth Potting your litter. This float won the most topical section in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Many thanks to Gerry Mulcahy Butchers, Greenfield Shopping Centre for his sponsorship and continued support of our Committee.

Our A.G.M. brought changes to the Committee. We welcome Bob Reilly as Chairman and also Theresa Caffrey as Secretary and Brigid Corkery as Assistant Secretary who will liaise with the Schools on Tidy Town matters. Mary and Richard Farrell as Treasurer and P.R.O. respectively.

Tributes were paid to outgoing Chairman Fionan Hardiman for all his hard work and ideas and encouragement over the last number of years.

Finally, we plan to present the 1993 awards for Maynooth Tidy Estate/Area and Best Shop Fronts at Planning and Development Race Nights in April. Details elsewhere in the **Newsletter**.

See you there.

*Richard Farrell*  
*P.R.O. Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee*

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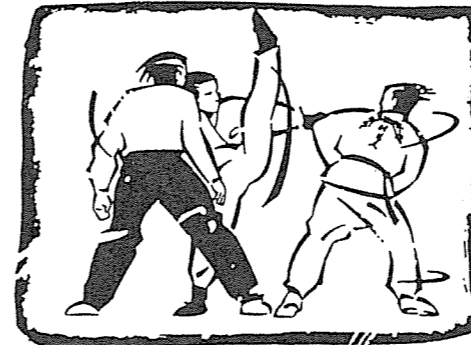
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Next month we will have full details of our Committee elected and plans for coming year. Annual subscription of ten pounds with usual concessions to widows, unwaged, will be collected during April/May.

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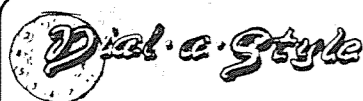
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### A TINY GRAVE FOR AN UNUSUAL BURIAL

On Thursday 10th March, at about 12.15 p.m., the baby's body which was found in the canal on 9th February, was laid to rest. The tiny white coffin with its brass fittings was lowered into the grave after the prayers led by Fr. Boylan, chaplain to the Post-Primary School.

#### A Handful of Witnesses

There was a handful of people present to witness this event: Sergeant Joe Canny and several if not all of the Gardai from the station; three men in navy who may have been the local ambulance crews; the gravedigger and a young man in a leather jacket who helped him to lower the coffin into the ground; a woman who lives nearby and her 2 year old daughter; and myself and a friend who had come to visit that morning.

#### At Rest - At Last

I was delighted that this infant's mortal remains had drawn so many witnesses to her going into the earth which will hold her now forever. Her spirit is not there, of course. I would like to think that is with those to whom she belongs, in private. And just as she has been laid to rest in the presence of some members of the community, I hope that her family will be at peace in their anonymity in whatever community they belong to.

#### Does the Community Want to Make a Gesture?

Is there any way in which our community could give concrete expression to its acceptance of this child into its midst? Perhaps we could provide a modest marker for her grave? How would we organise ourselves to do whatever seemed desirable? Think it over and get in touch through the **Newsletter** at the Community Council Offices on the Main Street.

*Emer McDermott*

### ALCOHOL ABUSE

I once read a piece of graffiti which I found to be quite profound, it read as follows "Reality is for people who cannot cope with drugs or alcohol".

Unfortunately today with the pressures of living in a competitive world which often lacks compassion many are turning to chemicals as a prop to help them to cope and make sense of their world.

The main drugs of abuse are Alcohol (by far the most abused), Marijuana, Heroin and a variety of opiates and sedatives.

For the purpose of this article I will deal with alcohol abuse. There is no nutritional value in alcohol. We use or abuse alcohol and are attracted to this substance because it is a mind altering drug. We often hear people say "A couple of drinks help me to relax". Alcohol is a depressant. If you like, alcohol puts our emotions into slow motion. We continue to use alcohol because it is satisfying some need, not a physical but a psychological need within us. But remember we are dealing

with a highly addictive and toxic chemical and dependency on (this drug) alcohol is always a danger.

Somebody once wrote into a radio programme with this enquiry "Can alcohol remove stains from paintwork?". Back came the reply "Yes alcohol can remove stains from paintwork, it can also remove your home, your job, your sanity, your peace of mind, your integrity, your liver, your life". Need I say anymore?

The Royal College of Surgeons recommend safe drinking as 1 Unit ( $\frac{1}{2}$  Pint) per hour i.e. half pint per hour, or one glass of wine. Please note a "small one" is equal to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  units so one small one every hour and a half!

You may not know this but there are 36 centres in Dublin and surrounding areas dealing with helping people come clean from addiction and over ten thousand recovering from alcohol dependency or addiction.

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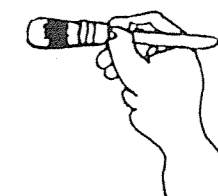
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## THE SLIGHTLY ALTERNATIVE HISTORY OF MAYNOOTH AND SOME OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD ... Continued

With the kind permission of the editor, probably the finest example of the species personas gullibleous, me, myself and my underlings within Maynooth's version of the Kama Sutra, the **Newsletter** have been allowed to broaden the remit of our historical researchers beyond the petty and the parochial to broaden more profound national concerns. For that, thank you!

- 11?? This begins the nation's long voyage into the heart of doctrines containing much oppression, slavery, cultural imperialism and 700 years of exploitation.
- 1180 Normans try to escape. Hampered by the horrific nature of the roads they are forced to stay and become uncrowned kings of Ireland, terrorise the natives, etc., etc.
- 13?? Bi-centenary of 700 years of oppression, etc., etc., celebrated.
- 1417 First American tourists arrive in Maynooth Céilidh Dances, Bord Fáilte. A great national heritage, happy peasants and Michael D. Higgins invented.
- 14?? The natives disguised as Spanish sailors. After a circuitous and puzzling journey owing to the purchase of a map by the Government Publications Office, subsequent authors of "There is a Better Way" and the National Plan 1994-1999. They discover a new land called America.
- 1500 Willy Healy arrives in Maynooth after ejection from Star Trek Enterprise for disorderly behaviour.
- 1501 Roost, Brady's, Leinster Arms, Caulfields and several off-licences established.
- 1535 Kildare win a match in the Leinster Championship. A town celebrates but would this be the case of the contents of an old prophecy were known.
- 1535 Literary critic in **Maynooth Newsletter** criticises the poetry of Henry VIII calling it the juvenile drivel of an ego-manical tyrant.
- 1535 Literary critic sacked.
- 1535 Henry VIII declares war.
- 1535 Critic points out correctness of analysis and notes the presence of a whispering campaign against him.
- 1535 Locals lynch critic. The end of this pleasant tradition is to be deplored. Many have suggested that it is one of these traditions that should never have been lost and should be revived particularly for Irish Times columnists.
- 1535 Garret Og dies of shock at news of Kildare success in first round of Leinster Championship.
- 1535 A busy year! Skeffington lands in Ireland with the objective of razing the countryside, massacring the peasants, etc., etc. It is only possible to measure such deplorable bloody scenes in modern terms by imagining the fate of the Kildare football team at the first round of the Leinster Championship in June.

In a brilliant strategic move Silken Thomas retreats behind the impenetrable barrier of potholes on the Celbridge Road. Convinced that these allied to the traffic jam on the Dublin to Galway road has rendered the castle impregnable he abandons himself to a summer of vice and debauchery, the contents of which we will not reveal but retain for our own perusal.

In an equally brilliant tactical move Skeffington secures an EC grant of eight billion ... oops! ... 7.8 billion ... er ... 7.2 ... em, actually ... 6.5 billion ... well more like 2.7 billion but if you multiply it by three it looks and sounds like 8.1 billion ... Hold it, who added in all those zeros? Is that 800,000 or 8 billion???

Well, to make a long story short, armed with £87.50 in structural funds a JCB, three lorries of tar, 10 SES workers, seven shovels and 4,000 County Council workers to divert traffic in a long, arduous campaign the potholes are filled. The foreman, a Mr. Flynn, is rewarded with a holiday in Europe and is not heard of again and Skeffington advances on Maynooth.

Peasants take to the hills. In the absence of these many hide in potholes on the Moyglare Road. Some still live there today and are known affectionately as the little people or fairies.

Skeffington attracts garrison. However, as an unfortunate consequence of the government's new policy of bilingualism instead of gunpowder the besiegers receive a delivery of itching powder and stink bombs (c.f. the *Beano* for what these are).

Skeffington bravely continues the attack with these technologically rudimentary weapons. Normally these would suffice to drive the garrison out. However, owing to an unfortunate mishap of history as the garrison consists of a group trip of bachelors to Lisdoonvarna (Club 70-85) the various canisters of itching powder fail to disturb the quality of their lives whilst the stink bombs come in useful as shaving lotion.

In yet another brilliant tactical move Skeffington lobs a television and video into the castle. In a strategy later to be copied by US Intelligence (witty little paradox there) he attaches to this a specially designed TV aerial which allows the defenders to receive specially chosen programmes from RTE 1 and Network 2 and UK Gold.

The morale of the defenders is sapped by a week of highlights from the Mike Murphy Show, Trom Agus Eadtrom, Extra-Extra, the whole collection of Shake-n-Vac ads in 3D and T. na G. Repeats of George and Mildred, Terry and June, a series on the musical highlights of the Bee Gees and the Bay City Rollers further saps morale.

A little-known series, Arthur Murphy, on existentialist poetry (letters welcome) proves particularly gruelling and when the garrison is threatened with two days of wall-to-wall highlights from the RTE comedy "Leave it to Mrs. O'Brien" the dam breaks and the garrison flee howling into the consoling arms of the British troops. They are led away gently to a home for the bewildered. The rebellion of Silken Thomas is over.

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- 1536 In a sad epilogue a **Newsletter** editorial complains about the effect of the Geraldine rebellion (manoeuvres, etc.) on Maynooth's chances of winning the Tidy Towns Competition. The editorial notes: "Why, oh why, don't invading armies clean up after themselves. Maynooth after a battle is an appalling sight. Flowerbeds trampled, arms, legs, heads, etc., scattered all round the place. Will Deputy Skeffington realise that the litter-bins are here to be used?" A letter of protest is sent to the Deputy.
- 1536 Very shortly afterwards the **Newsletter** Editorial Team are beheaded and hung by the heels for lovers of profound literature to scream obscenities at. Perhaps those days weren't so bad after all.
- 1537 Contents of an old prophecy revealed Maynooth is to be razed every time Kildare win a football match in the Leinster Championship. The town has flourished since.

### C.I.E. AIM FOR COMFORT

Improving your comfort on the train is C.I.E.'s aim with their forthcoming new shuttle carriages.

All you Celbridge dwellers can jump in the air if you commute to work, as south-bound trains from Hueston will now be stopping at Hazelhatch. The trains terminating at Maynooth from Connolly will now consist of a two carriage shuttle service bringing more comfort to the commuter (we hope).

According to Mr. Paul Slowey from C.I.E.'s Public Relations Office, these changes are set provisionally for May 16th. I asked him whether services would be increased to which he said no. The reason for this, he explained, is that only one line exists between Clonsilla and Maynooth. Putting down an extra line may take quite a bit of time so increased services look like they'll be a long time coming.

However, the stop at Hazelhatch and the improved comfort on the Maynooth line will be looked forward to by commuters to and from Dublin.

### EYE, HEAR

#### Gaelic, Games for Life?

During the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Maynooth while marching with the G.A.A. section, one Tommy Fay, PRO, gave out stickers which said, "Gaelic; a game for life".

One member of the public studied his sticker and realised that for him his career ended when he was dropped from the Junior B team. However, when he took off after the bould Tommy, trying to get further clarification, he found that Tommy had made a clean getaway.

Later this disgruntled member confronted Tommy saying, "My Gaelic career was stopped in its tracks". "Well", says Tommy, "Your Gaelic career was stopped before it ever started."

### GARDA TALK

#### Victims of Crime

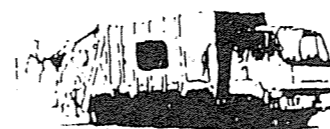
Most of you reading this article will at some time in your life have known somebody who has been the victim of crime and who have been particularly distressed by the experience. Victims of serious assaults, burglary, bag snatching and other forms of lawlessness and deviant behaviour suffer high levels of trauma and distress. We the Gardai come face to face with such individuals in the course of our daily duties. However, because of the various commitments of other duties we do not have sufficient time to deal at a person-to-person level with such victims. Compassion, sensitivity and sympathy often compel a Garda to stay and chat to a victim and try and reassure them. However, several other calls and duties are waiting to be attended to by the member.

The main function of the Gardai in a crime situation is to try and find out who committed the crime, apprehend the offender and bring him/her to justice. Due to pressure of work and time the Garda assistance to victims of crime is limited. It does not come easy to a member of the Force to rush away from the house of a young mother with a family, which has been burgled. A burglary often means that the Christmas presents are all stolen; a mugging can mean that all the money an elderly person has for a week's food is gone.

In the more recent past officialdom have been taking the cause and plight of crime victims more and more into consideration. There is now in place an Organisation known as the "Irish Association For Victim Support", 29/30 Dame Street, Dublin 2 - Telephone (01) 6798673. This association has a panel of trained volunteers who have undergone an extensive counselling training course and they can assist crime victims in a variety of ways. They can offer advice on insurance claims and compensation applications and further will provide information and answer questions on Garda procedures and court practices. In a nutshell they help to unravel the components of a plethora of legal bureaucratic terminology. More important, however, those counsellors by their attention will greatly assist in healing the psychological damage caused to the victim by reassuring the person and talking them through their experience and listening to them in a patient, caring and humane manner. Accordingly, the victim can share his/her ordeal with someone suitably trained; an adviser who will sit and listen to repeated tellings of what actually happened. This exercise may be conducted over interminable cups of tea as the counsellor patiently offers the appropriate support desirable. Further expansion of this wonderful scheme is ongoing and branches have been opened in several areas. One such office services the Courts at Church Street, Dublin 7 - Telephone: (01) 8722050. Any further information can be obtained from your friendly local Garda station. The service is in place so please avail of it if you are unfortunate to become the victim of a crime.

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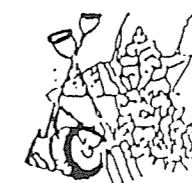
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## Features

### St. Patrick's Day Parade

It was yet again another marvellous day all round. The Gardai wish to extend their sincere thanks to everyone concerned for the all round whole hearted support and co-operation with traffic diversions and stewards. We are delighted to report that the parade passed incident free. Through your columns we convey our thanks to the Gardai at Celbridge, Clane and Naas for their assistance.

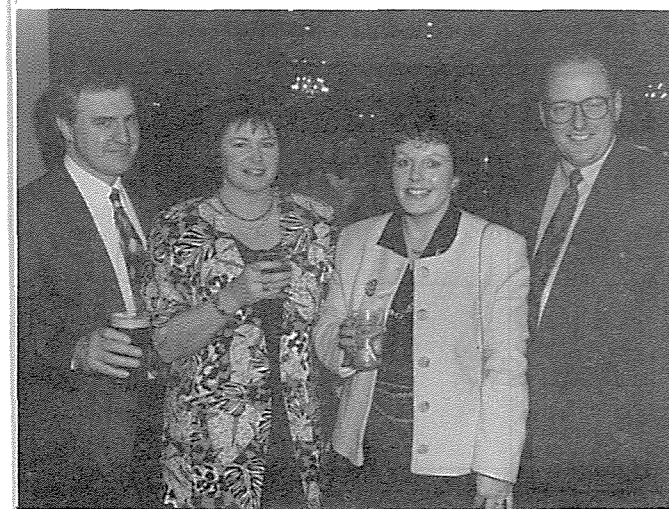
### Annual Garda Dance Dinner

Our Annual Dance took place on Friday, 4th March again at the Setanta House Hotel, Celbridge. As in former years we again had a full house of almost 350 patrons. Such a large attendance from all sections of the Community surely symbolises the excellent relationship between the Garda Síochána and the people of Maynooth. May it long continue. Music was provided by The Aces 2 and many danced until the small hours of the morning. We express our sincere thanks to all who provided "spots" for the occasion, which greatly contributed to the enjoyment of the night. We look forward to another great night next year. Any suggestions for improving the event would be welcomed.

### Body of Unidentified Infant

Despite exhaustive Garda enquiries to date, the mother of the unidentified infant found at the Royal Canal, Maynooth, on the 9th February last has not been identified. The remains were buried at Laraghbryan Cemetery, Maynooth, on Thursday, 10th March, after a religious service performed by Father David Boylan. We again as in previous editions reassure the mother or any confidante on her behalf that any contact will be treated with the strictest sensitivity and compassion. Any communication may be made to Maynooth Garda Station, telephone no: (01) 6286234 or the Garda confidential number, 1 800 589589.

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### GREYHOUND RACING

Greyhound racing is an exciting sport of grace and style. We all recall that there were greyhounds around in the time of the legendary Cuchulann. While we cannot say with certainty that Cuchulann ever came to Maynooth, we definitely have our share of legendary greyhound keepers. Men such as Denis O'Sullivan, Ned Noone, Pat Harty, Jim Ryan, Benny Ryan, Serveir Nolan, Paddy Nolan, Mick Scanlon, Paddy Hendricks, Noel and Phil Brady all have a keen interest and life long involvement in the sport.

Kerryman, Denis O'Sullivan, now living in Moyglare is a very astute and successful trainer-owner. His grandfather kept greyhounds going back to the 1850's. Denis now keeps a couple of greyhounds as a hobby and pastime.

### Classic Wins

He has won three classics between 1987 and 1990. He won the Goodward Cup at Walingston in London in 1987, with Ardent Opinion. This was followed by winning the Produce Stakes in 1990 with Adraville Bridge, (called after his home Townland in Kerry). This same dog won the Kantoher Irish Laurels in Cork, breaking the track record in the final. Adraville Bridge also won the Dundalk International English-Irish Challenge on the 15th August 1990. This is one of the most prestigious stakes in Irish Greyhound racing. This dog was voted No. 1 Supreme Racing Greyhound of 1990. After this Denis took a break from dogs in the following years. This year he has made a come-back by winning the Mullally Cup in Newbridge.

### Training

It takes an awful lot of time and effort to get a dog ready for racing. One must get up at 6 a.m. and take the dogs out for a walk before giving them breakfast. A greyhound needs to be taken out up to five times per day. This involves an average walk of three miles per day. You can take them out for numerous short walks and then for one of around two and a half miles. They have to be galloped every second day. However, Denis doesn't want to give all his secrets away to the local lads.

### Cost Involved

Greyhounds are very delicate animals. They must be kept warm and at the right weight. They consume a high protein diet, comprising of beef and chicken with vitamins A and E. It can cost anything up to £1500 (punts) to get a greyhound ready for racing, from the pup stage until he goes on the track. Then there is the cost of transportation all over Ireland. You can only run a dog once a week.

Paddy Harty has had great success in recent years as the trainer of Noel and Phil Bradys' dogs such as Wishful Highway. He still has some surprises in his kennels waiting to be unleashed. Jim Ryan's dogs are called Matrons and he is also involved in training. Ned Noone won a major stake in Dublin with Dunadee Slave. Denis is certain that this is a mighty greyhound and one to look out for in 1994.

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### Charity

On the 15th October 1993 the greyhound owners of Maynooth ran a very successful fund raising event in Harolds Cross, for the Girls Primary School in Maynooth. Overall they raised £4500 (punts) for the upkeep of the school.

So forget about Glenroe, Maynooth has its "Dinny", Fr. Supple and the Rector, now all we need is a greyhound called the "Bishop of Kerry" and a bit of skulduggery to go with it.

*Willie Healy*

### LEIXLIP RESOURCE CENTRE

The Leixlip District Resource Centre for the Unemployed was established in 1989 to serve the needs of those out of gainful employment and their dependants. It began its work in the Public Library building at the top of the Captain's Hill. Later it moved into offices on the Main Street over French Estates where it developed to a point that larger premises were required.

The Local District Support Committee, with the support of the County Board, decided to lease new well-appointed premises at 21 Main Street, which was formally opened on 21st February 1994, by the Minister for State at the Department of Social Welfare, Ms. Joan Burton, T.D. The additional space provided enables the staff to offer a wider range of services at a location in the very centre of Leixlip. It is hoped that the many who use the Centre find it beneficial. It is primarily the users' centre.

The Leixlip Resource centre, with its outreach Clinics in Celbridge and in Maynooth, is part of a network of Resource Centres and Clinics throughout the County Kildare catchment area. It is recognised and supported by I.C.T.U. and FAS. The other Co. Kildare Resource centres include Droichead Nua, Athy and Naas with outreach Clinics in Suncroft, Kilcullen, Clane, Rathangan and Ballylinan.

The main funding for the running of all Centres comes from the F.A.S./I.C.T.U. grant and money given by voluntary contributions, Kildare County Council and V.E.C. Grants, special support functions and local collections, raffles and draws. The staffing of Centres and clinics is done by members on SES Schemes, recruited from among the unemployed themselves.

Among the services offered at the Leixlip Resource Centre, are information in relation to the following: -

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5. Emigration/Immigration.

7. The availability of outside professional services.
8. Schemes administered by Statutory Bodies.
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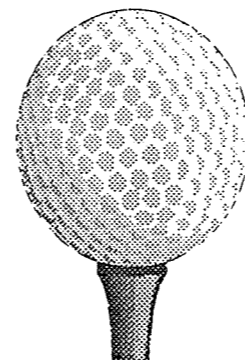
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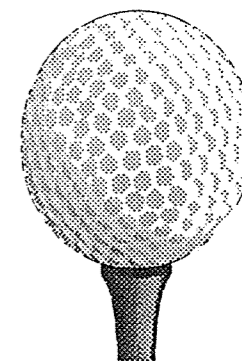
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## LUCKY STREAK FOR MAYNOOTH WOMAN

The Winning Streak programme from the National Lottery on Saturday February 26th brought joy to Ann Carmel Begley of Pound Lane, Maynooth.

Ann (known as Carmel by most Maynoothians) was at the bingo that night and didn't win a thing, vowing that she'd never go to bingo again. Her husband, Larry, wasn't even watching the programme but was taking a shower when the phone started ringing and ringing. With water dripping all over the place, he had to leave the warmth of the shower to answer it. It was Betty, their daughter, who rang to give the good news.

When Ann Carmel arrived back from her bingo Larry was eagerly awaiting her. She told him she hadn't won a thing and felt her husband was going a bit loopy when he kept on saying that she had won. But eventually when he got round to telling her that she had won £1,000 on the Winning Streak programme she couldn't believe her luck. Ann had sent in the three stars thinking she hadn't a chance of winning, like any of us I suppose. She mentioned, however, that she had put her apron on the wrong way around that day and was about to change it but for Larry's superstitious words: "leave it the way it is, it might bring you luck!" So now you know what to do to win £1,000 !!

The phone was on the go all night, even her daughter Nora rang from England with good wishes and congratulations. It's certainly good to see someone we know winning something. Let's hope more people from Maynooth come up trumps in the future. Our best wishes to Ann and Larry - may they spend their thousand well!



Ready to celebrate their big win are Ann Carmel and Larry Begley

## MAYNOOTH A PROFILE 1994

As well as seeking your views on local issues the Newsletter sought a broader profile of what the town saw as important national issues. Maynooth is in many ways the Basildon of Irish politics. Its population mix means that it acts as a very important indicator of national trends. The survey cited seven national issues and asked for your views on their importance.

### What Maynooth perceives as the dominant National Issues.

- 1) Unemployment 47%
- 2) Peace 40%
- 3) Crime 5%
- 4) Emigration 3%
- 5) Divorce/Abortion 2% each
- 6) Europe 1%

### Unemployment The Problem

Interestingly, unlike local issues where after unemployment no one particular issue stood out, two issues dominated the consciousness of the people of the town. Not surprisingly, given the results of the survey on local issues, unemployment was seen as the most important national issue by 47% of correspondents. 17% more than those who saw it as the most important local issue.

### Sinn Fein: Maynooth Wants Peace

What was both significant and welcoming was the importance placed by the population on peace in the North. A massive 40% of participants saw this as the most important national issue indicating the success of the Joint Declaration in bringing the North of Ireland to the top of the political agenda.

### Crime and Emigration

Given these figures, it is not surprising that none of the rest of the issues cited in the questionnaire scored highly. Surprisingly, given the concern indicated by participants about crime as a local problem only 5% saw it as the most important national issue. This figure is slightly misleading however as over 36% saw it as one of the three most important national issues. Such is also the pattern with emigration which scored poorly in terms of past preferences but heavily in terms of being one of the three most important problems facing Irish society.

### Maynooth Says 'So What'? to Europe

European Union was seen by the least amount of correspondents as an important issue. Only one per cent of the poll saw it as an issue and most nominated it 6th or 7th in their list of concerns.

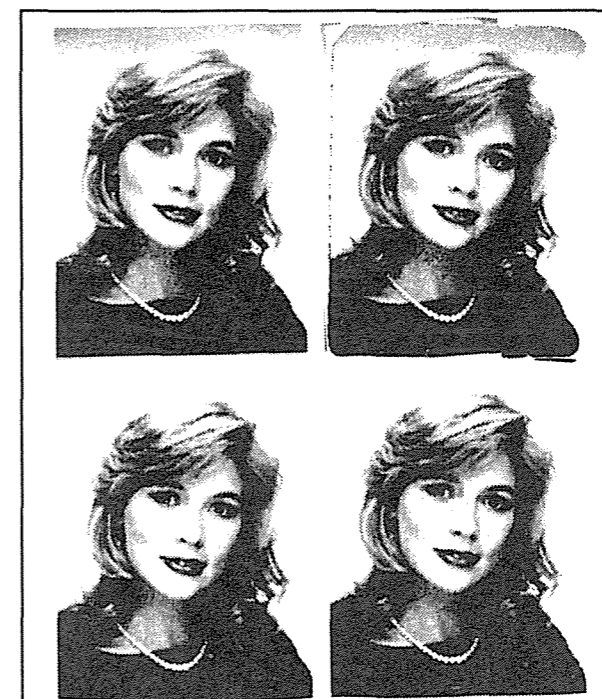
### Social Issues

Surprisingly, given its profile, Maynooth did not perceive issues such as divorce and abortion as being of great importance. Only 2% saw either as being 'the issue' of Irish politics. This may be influenced by the belief that these represent issues where the battle has already been won, unlike the North of Ireland and the economy.

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Certainly the town was not conservative on these issues. 60% favoured the provision of a limited form of divorce. Interestingly, the extremes of a liberal divorce regime or no divorce at all commanded an equally low level of support at 13% apiece.

### Divorce and Abortion: Irish Solutions to Irish Problems?

These results indicated that whilst Maynooth is significantly more liberal on this issue than Ireland as a whole, the town would prefer a middle of the road approach to the divorce question.

This is also confirmed by the approach favoured on the abortion question. Again, extremes were repeated with over 70% opposing the unlimited provision of abortion. However, 70% also believed that where the mother's life was in danger, abortion should be allowed. Similarly, 69% believed the Government should legislate to provide information on abortion with only 23% opposing. A strong element of liberalism was also indicated in the town's attitude to Section 31 with 66% supporting the Government's decision to revoke. Significantly, the figure of 20% who opposed this was well below the national average.

Despite the obvious desire for peace in the North, the general consensus was that the Taoiseach was whistling against the wind if he believed this would occur soon. 13% believed that peace could be achieved within a year, 49% cited a decade as representing a more realistic time-frame. Over 28% believed that peace would never occur, a sobering figure, whilst one Sinn Féin supporter cited the progressive view that peace was a possibility if "the Brits were driven into the sea".

### A Plague On All Your Houses

Maynooth represents dangerous political territory for all the major political parties. A high level of dissatisfaction exists. Only 28% were satisfied with the Government with 54% dissatisfied. This is well above the national average. The discontent of the town is also clear in the level of satisfaction accorded political leaders. Poor John Bruton is even more unpopular than Kildare County Council with a mere 9% satisfaction rating. Dick Spring limps in well behind his national rating with 29% satisfied. Mary Harney's support is satisfactory at 27% as is Prionsias De Rossa (20%). Albert Reynolds, buoyed by the Peace Process, scores best of a dismal lot at 35%. Interestingly, many FF/Labour supporters expressed satisfaction with both leaders indicating that coalition is working at a local level.

### More Wails From Mount Street

The voting intentions of the local population provide more dismal news for FF and FG. The high level of voter discontent is indicated by the numbers who would not vote if an election was held to-morrow, 35%, and the high level of support indicated for fringe parties.

### Party Support (Revised Figures)

- 1) Labour 34%
- 2) Fianna Fáil 25%
- 3) Fine Gael 12%
- 4) Progressive Democrats 11%
- 5) Sinn Féin/Greens 9% each

Amongst the 65% of the population who indicated a clear voting intention, some trends are immediately obvious. The PDs polled well at 11%. Support for FG is very poor at 12%. This figure may be slightly misleading given the personal vote of Bernard Durkan. Support for FF at 25% is at half the national average. Maynooth's perception as a Labour town and the importance of the Stagg factor is indicated by the high level of support for Labour, over three times the national average. This indicates that should the Boundary Commission change Kildare into two three-seaters, a second Labour seat in North Kildare is on. The Greens also poll exceptionally well at 9% as unfortunately do SF at 9%.

The failure by Democratic Left to achieve even one 1st preference despite relative satisfaction with the performance of Prionsias de Rossa is surprising. It may indicate that the Democratic Left still suffers from a recognition defect, and their potential support is probably higher than indicated in this poll.

The poll represents good news for the Government parties with almost 60% electoral support. However, for FG and FF it will cause some serious angst at local level anyway.

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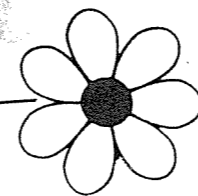
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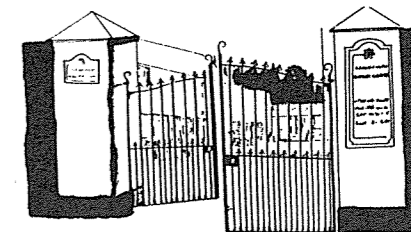
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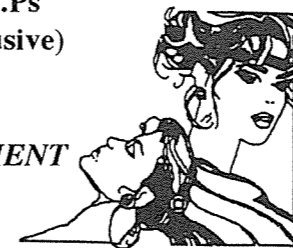
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## PROFILE ON GERRY BRADY'S AUCTIONEERING

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### Mortgages, Insurance, Valuations.

Brady's offers a range of services besides having an Auctioneers. Being agents for Irish Permanent Building Society they can organise mortgages, they do general insurance and they also offer a valuation service.

### The New By-Pass

On the subject of the new By-Pass, Gerry feels that it will make Maynooth a pleasant place to do business in. It should create an increase in the turnover of houses as Maynooth will become a more attractive place to live in. That, combined with improvements in the Main Street, such as footpaths and public lighting should make a big improvement in Maynooth's general appeal.



### Political History

On a more personal note, Gerry has a political history to his credit, the highlight of which was undoubtedly getting elected to the Dáil in 1982. While he enjoyed this time immensely, he has no immediate anxiety to go back. He wants to concentrate on his business and his career as a County Councillor for the moment. Gerry's concern at the moment is the re-inforcing of local government which is necessary to provide facilities for local people, particularly in North Kildare where there has been a population explosion.

### A Local Man

Brady's mainly deal with residential properties old and new while also dealing with commercial businesses. A local man himself, living in Clane, Gerry knows the area well and has built up a very successful business in his seventeen years operating in Maynooth.

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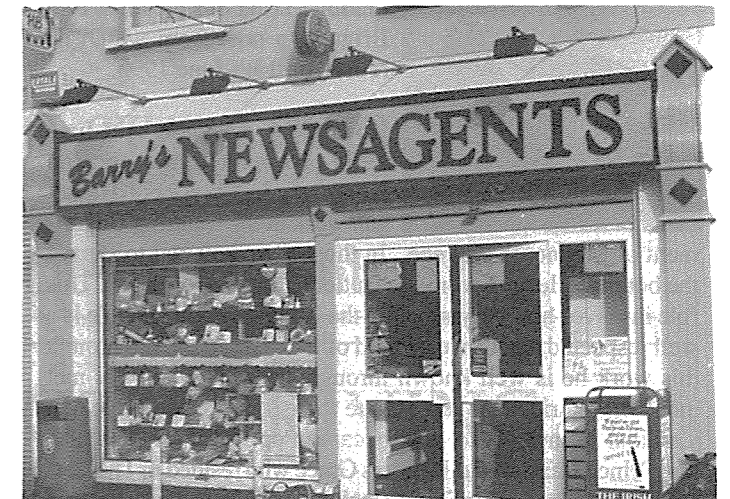
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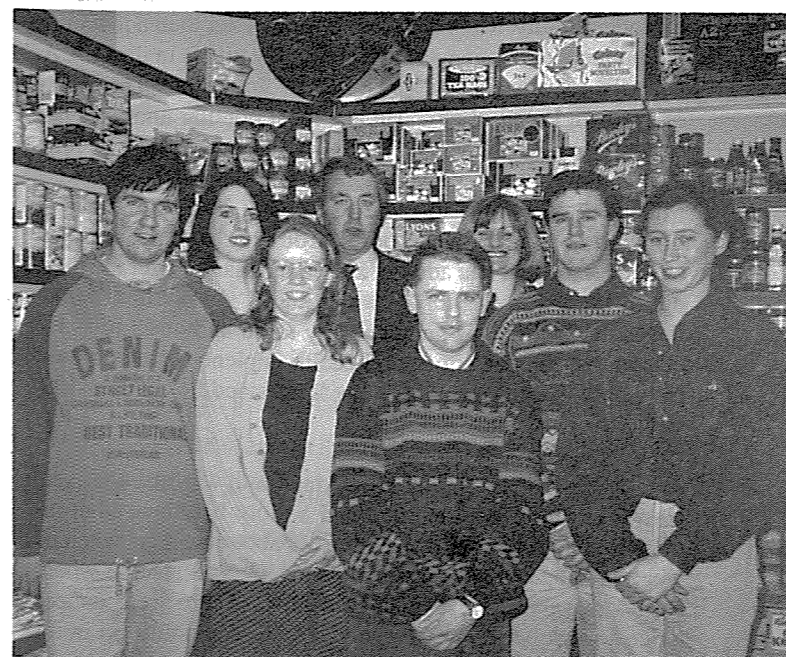
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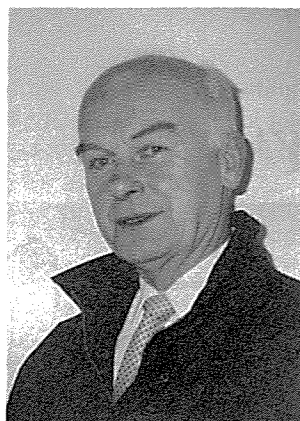
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## MUINTIR MAIGH NUAD



### MICHAEL RIORDAN

Michael Riordan is a popular local man who needs no introduction to the people of Maynooth. He is better known as the former Station Master of Maynooth Fire Brigade, a post from which he retired on 13th June 1993.

He came to Maynooth in June 1954 from a place called Kildorrery in Co. Cork. He began work in the Catering Department of Maynooth College. In those days you had to start at the bottom. He now works as Butler to the resident staff. This role involves him very much in the life of the college. He is a well respected and trusted friend of the college staff. Through this work he is well known throughout Ireland and has met many dignitaries who have come to visit the college. He met Cardinal Montini who later became Pope Paul VI. He also met Prince Rainier and Princess Grace who resided in The Carton Estate for a month. During their stay they attended mass and breakfast in the college.

Michael married local girl, Lilly Dempsey in 1965. They have four daughters Mary, Ann, Trina, and Shelly and a son Joseph and a grandchild Siobhan.

Michael got another calling to serve his community when he joined the local Fire Service in 1969. There wasn't much activity then. The equipment was very basic, an open fire tender with trailer. He became a Fire Brigade driver in 1971.

### Tragic Circumstances

Over the years he has come across some tragic circumstances. Among the most vivid was the fire in Straffan, fifteen years ago, where three lives were lost. Then eight years ago in Kilcock, children perished in a blaze at School Street. This was a harrowing experience for the local and dedicated fire officers. When attending first mass on the following morning he recalls seeing his fellow officers looking tired and exhausted with blackened skin. Another fire in a caravan at Kilcock saw the loss of two young lives. In the early days there used to be hay fires, where damp and improperly stored hay would heat and self combust. This also resulted in the loss of life.

### Became Stationmaster

Michael became Station Master in 1983. He oversaw many improvements in the service from then on. Equipment and technical knowledge improved and with his colleagues he began to up-date Maynooth Fire Station. At that time all they had was an Asbestos roofed shed and an office. There were no toilets or showering facilities. It was cold and damp and they often went to fires with condensation hanging out of their clothes. These primitive conditions led to low morale among the firemen.

### The Fightback

Michael and his Sub-Officer, Lenny Murphy attended evening classes in Dublin for two years. Their aim was to continue the

advancement of Maynooth Fire Station. He ended up with a fire Engineering Certificate. This was a big undertaking for a man who hadn't been to school for nearly thirty years. It involved conversion from P.S.I. to the Metric System.

### A Fierce Undertaking

In December 1985, out of sheer desperation, Michael made a submission to the Chief Fire Officer of Kildare County Council. This included his own formula and state of the art proposals for progress. This was a fierce undertaking and they had to fight their corner all the way to keep their facilities at the level they should be at. He had some bruising battles with officialdom. They got negative responses because they were breaking with tradition by creating their own formula. Up to now it was unheard of for employees to have a say in the running of their station. They showed great courage and always knew that their cause was justified and could not be denied. They had a proven record as A1 firemen. Michael is most grateful for the support and reassurance of all the local councillors.

### New Station

Their efforts were fruitful and the building of the New Fire Station commenced in September 1988 and was completed in March 1989. It was officially opened in May 1990. The new building comprised of: three Fire Bays, a Station Master's Office; a Classroom and kitchen; showers and toilet facilities; a Master Bay and first class central heating with insulated twin roofing. They have every facility possible. Among their new equipment was a C.I.V. (Chemical Intervention Vehicle), carrying all the equipment for the Road Traffic Accidents and chemical accidents. This new Fire Station is a monument to Michael's efforts and that of his colleagues and is a great asset to the whole community.

### Own Formula

Since his retirement from the Fire services in June 1993 Michael is busier than ever. He continues to work away in Maynooth College. He has had a life long involvement in the G.A.A. and is presently the Chairman of the Bar and Social Committee of Maynooth G.A.A. Club. This takes up a lot of his spare time and he is also a Director of Maynooth Credit Union. As he socialises with a large circle of friends and his extended family, Michael likes nothing better than a few pints of Guinness and a sing-song. On Sunday nights in the G.A.A. Club the crowds go wild when he gets up to sing "The Banks of my own Lovely Lee". He is a most popular and often requested singer.

Michael has his own formula for living. His philosophy of life is to be kind to everybody. "You have to have the right attitude to people" he added. He claims that you get the most out of life by having a positive attitude. On politics, he believes that politicians genuinely try to do an honest job. He claims that the secret of good health is plenty of hard work. He would like to see more Whist Drives and Poker Classics.

### Cosmopolitan

As a young man he recalls when Maynooth was just a village. Now it is more cosmopolitan and a more healthier environment to live in. He fondly reminisces about the days when he went dancing in the Leinster Hall, which was located where Billies and the Snooker Club are now. There were dances twice a week between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. You could get in for six shillings which was a lot of money then. Pictures were continued

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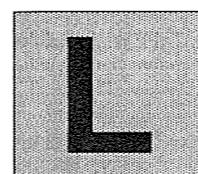
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## Features

shown in the Convent Laundry. There were socials in the C.Y.M.S. (Geraldine Hall). For two shilling you could go dancing to Gabriel Flood and his band.

In 1994 he wants to see Maynooth win the Junior A Championship and Kildare to win the Leinster Championship. It would be even more special if Kildare and Cork met in the All-Ireland Final. He is on his way to the U.S.A. to see Ireland win the World Cup. His big year will be 1995 when Maynooth College celebrates its Bicentenary. Then this rare honest and decent man who spans the community, sporting and college life of Maynooth will be in his element. He definitely has the right formula.

### NEW LOOK SERVICE STATION FOR MAYNOOTH

The new look Maxol Service Station opened in Greenfield with its emphasis on service to the public.

The new owner, Peter O'Connor took over the premises on 21st December 1993 which previously was held by Maynooth Autos.

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However, one of the main additions to the station is its Convenience Shop which opened for business on 19th February. And convenience is really an appropriate name judging from their opening hours which are Monday to Friday, 7.30 - 11.00, Saturdays 8.00 - 11.00 and Sunday 8.30 to 10.00. They stock everything from general provisions to newspapers, greeting cards to flowers, ice-creams for those hot days, cigarettes and all your car accessories. But let us not forget their deli counter, which has all your light lunch snacks including sandwiches and rolls made to order.

All in all this Maxol Service Station will be a great asset to the community and with its friendly and efficient staff we wish them every success.



Convenience Shop at Maxol

### POST PRIMARY PUPILS ASSIST "AISLING HOUSE"

Pupils from Maynooth's Post Primary school have taken a great interest in the work of Aisling house, the resident houses on Greenfield lane for residents from St. Lomans.

A rota system has been set up from a group of the pupils to go horse riding with the residents on Fridays to Greenhills Stud. This assistance from the community is badly needed by the staff as each of the residents, with their various learning difficulties, need a number of helpers to ensure their safety.

I recently took off with them one morning with three of the residents - Louis Carraig, Alan Dowling and Maurice Carey. The workers, David Carroll, Alan Kelly and Berney Sharpy were much appreciative of the assistance of Susan Ryan, Niamh Lysaght, Sean Bennett and Ian Conlon from the Post-Primary, who ended up being a great asset. Ian Conlon, with his height was of particular help in positioning the three residents on the horses.

This is just one of the activities offered by the workers of Aisling House to their residents as a means of stimulation.

It's great to see Community Housing schemes being built around the country as an alternative to the institutional type of setting we have been accustomed to in the past. The residents can lead a more fulfilling life in the community, by being able to do simple things like shopping for themselves.

All in all, I experienced a rich community involvement in the life of these people which I hope will continue in the future.

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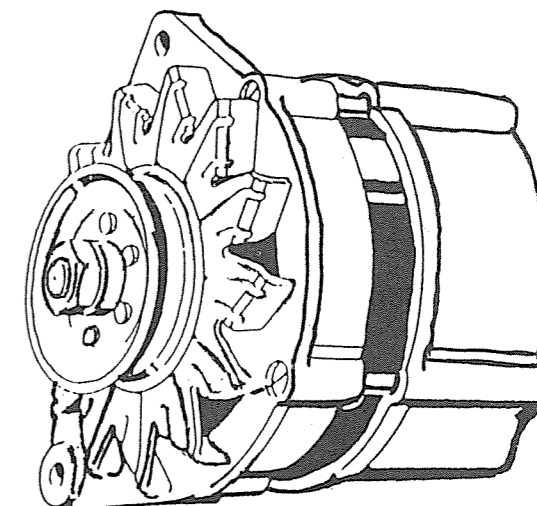
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## GARDENING HINTS

The good news is that the traditional sunshine and showers of April, and rising temperature, bring the garden to life with a vengeance; the bad news is that time is at a premium and there is a lot of work to be done!

### Garden Design - The Cost of Making a Garden

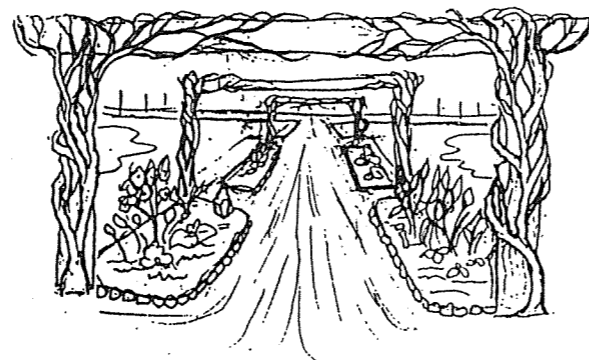
Last month we discussed redesigning your garden, taking into account nearby shrubs, trees and plants in neighbouring gardens and the surrounding countryside. This month we will look at the next important item in Garden Design is estimating the cost of the whole operation.

How much a garden will cost to make depends on many factors, but its size, its nature, whether it is being made from scratch or redesigned from an existing one and how much work you are prepared to do yourself, are probably the principal points. If, for example, you cast your own paving stones in concrete and raise plants from seeds or from cuttings given by friends instead of buying them already established, you could cut down the expense considerably. There are many gardens which have been cultivated in this way with great success - hydrangea, skimmia, ivy (Hedera helix 'Goldheart'), honeysuckle, scrambled egg plant (limnanthes) and lavatera are just some of the plants that can be grown successfully from cuttings.



Flower Garden

At last there is some life and colour to the garden with a really blazing display being given by the bulbs, which have been growing away below the soil surface all through the winter and will have poked through in some places, and now burst out of their protective sheaths to unfold in a rainbow of colour. A garden in



spring without daffodils is unthinkable - those shining yellow trumpets really do lift the spirits. If you do not have sufficient colour in your garden, make a mental note from what is seen in gardens that you admire, to order in time for planting in autumn; one of the arts of good gardening is to think ahead for next year.

All the annuals can be sown out of doors this month, and those that are best sown now and not earlier, can go in, nasturiums, aster and zinnia, border plants can still be put out, pansies, sweet peas, gladioli and antirrhinums can be put in their flowering positions, and annuals pricked out last month in the greenhouse can be put out and gradually hardened off.

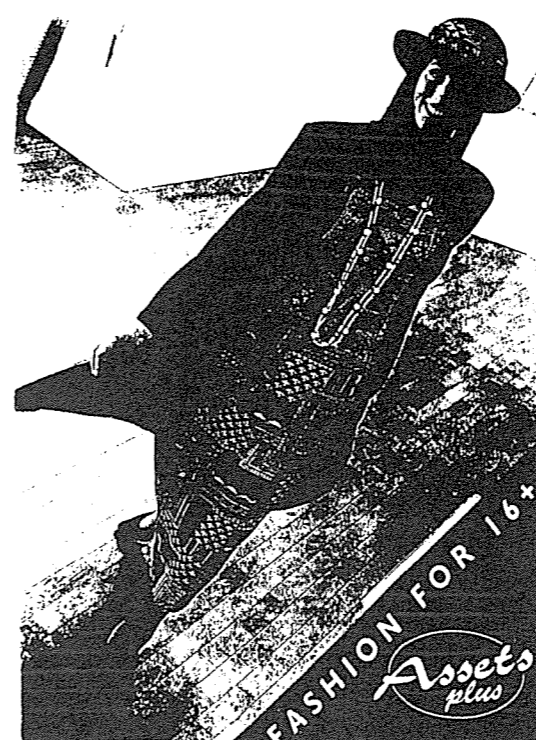
Weed control is a priority, either by hoeing, forking and hand removal, mulching or chemical treatment - although the use of chemicals in the garden is something to be avoided as much as possible, having regard to the environment, birds and animals.

### Vegetable Garden

The vegetable seeds sown last month in heat, such as celery, cucumber, marrow, aubergine and peppers, will need pricking out or potting. Runner beans can be sown inside for May planting out of doors and cropping in very early July, the dwarf runners can be cloched and brought on for June cropping. Outdoor vegetable sowing can safely include autumn cabbage, maincrop carrots, lettuce, Brussels sprouts, peas, radish, savoy, spinach beet, beetroot, broccoli, cauliflower, globe artichoke and all the herbs, including parsley at the end of the month, unless it is warmer than usual (here's hoping!).

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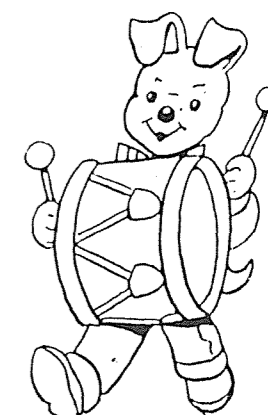
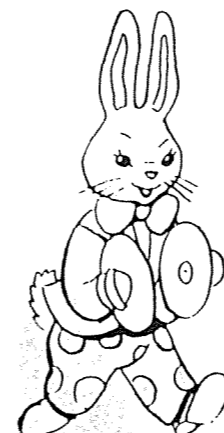
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• Keable School in the Patrick's Day Parade. (22)



• Something to smile about in the Patrick's Day Parade (6)

# DAY PARADE



• Freda Kelleher presenting Matt Callaghan with his prize for the most topical float.  
Also in the picture Senan Griffin, Norah Mc Dermott, Margaret Nolan, Bernard Durkan and Richard Farrell



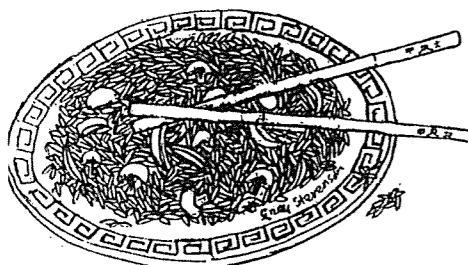
• Little People eagerly await the Parade. (8)



• Narragamore Pipe Band. (20)

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### Mushroom Fried Rice

Preparation: 20 minutes; cooking: 20-25 minutes

275g/10 oz easy-cook long grain rice  
1 tbsp oil  
2 tsp sesame oil  
1 Garlic Clove, peeled and crushed  
1 onion, peeled and finely chopped  
1 red pepper, seeded and thinly sliced  
100g/4oz. mushrooms, wiped and halved  
100g/4oz. shiitake mushrooms, wiped and halved  
1 egg, size 3, beaten  
Chopped spring onion to garnish  
Chilli sauce to serve (optional)

#### Method

1. Cook the rice in a large pan of boiling salted water for 10 minutes until just tender. Drain well.
2. Heat both oils in a wok or frying pan until sizzling and stir-fry the garlic and onion for 2-3 minutes. Add the red pepper and the mushrooms and stir-fry for 2-3 minutes.
3. Stir in the rice then quickly stir in the beaten egg. Stir-fry for 5 minutes until the rice is piping hot and the egg is cooked. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper, garnish with chopped spring onion and serve with chilli sauce, if liked.

Serves Four Cal per serving 347

Tips You can use any combination of vegetables for this dish. Try spring onion, carrots and broccoli, or celery with canned bamboo shoots and water chestnuts.

### LEMON SOUFFLE

1 Packet lemon jelly  
1/4 pint boiling water  
1 oz castor sugar

Juice and rind of one lemon  
1 large tin of evaporated milk (14.5 oz or 410 grammes) previously chilled in fridge

#### Method

1. Dissolve jelly in boiling water in a large bowl.
2. Add sugar, lemon juice and finely grated rind of lemon. Leave until just beginning to set.
3. Pour chilled evaporated milk into a cold bowl.
4. Whip until soft peaks form.
5. Fold the milk (whipped) into jelly mixture or beat together with a beater.
6. Decorate with whipped cream, if desired. (May also be used to fill pastries or sponge flan cases)

### Avocado with Tangy Bacon and Mushroom Cream

Serves 4

3 rashers streaky bacon, finely sliced,  
15 ml (1 tablespoon) Walnut Oil  
25g (1oz) baby button mushrooms, sliced  
1 slice brown bread, crusts removed and cut into tiny cubes  
1 small can evaporated milk chilled overnight  
Grated rind of 1 lemon  
30ml (2 tablespoons) White Wine Vinegar  
Salt and Black pepper  
2 ripe avocados.

#### To serve:

Crisp lettuce and lemon wedges.

Fry bacon until crisp, add walnut oil and mushrooms and stir fry for 2 mins. Lift from the oil. Cool on kitchen paper. Add bread cubes to remaining oil and cook until golden. Drain. Turn cream into a small bowl, pour off the whey. Fold in lemon rind, vinegar and most of the bacon mixture. Season. Halve avocados, remove stones. Spoon cream mixture into the four hollows. Serve immediately on lettuce, sprinkled with the croutons and remaining bacon mixture, accompanied with lemon wedges.

### ICED CHOCOLATE CAKE

Serves 8

Prep: 20 mins

Cook: 30-35 mins

This delicious moist cake is even better if cooked the day before.

#### Sponge

6 oz/175 g butter  
4 oz/125 g castor sugar  
2 tbsp/30 ml golden syrup  
1/4 pt/150 ml milk  
6 oz/175 g plain flour  
2 oz/50 gr cocoa powder  
1 tsp/5 ml baking powder  
1 tsp/5 ml bicarbonate of soda

#### Icing

8 oz/225 g caster sugar  
3 oz/75 g butter  
6 oz/170 g can condensed milk  
1 oz/25 g plain chocolate  
2 oz/50 g cocoa powder  
2 x 7 in/18 cm round sandwich tins

- Preheat the oven to Mark 4/350°F/180°C.

Grease the sandwich tins. Melt butter, sugar and syrup together in a pan over a gentle heat and stir until dissolved. Add milk to pan, stir then leave to cool slightly. Sieve the flour, cocoa, bicarbonate of soda and baking powder into the pan and beat well.

- Pour mixture into tins and bake in centre of oven for 30-35 minutes. Remove the two halves of the cake from the tins and leave them to cool.
- For icing, place all ingredients in a pan with 3 tbsp/45 ml of water. Heat gently until sugar dissolves. Bring to the boil and simmer for two minutes, stirring occasionally. Leave to cool for about 30 minutes to thicken.
- Sandwich cake halves together with half the icing. Spread remaining icing over top and sides of the cake with palette knife. Leave the iced cake to set.

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Programme for April 1994

Tuesday 19th April

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Time: 8 p.m.

Saturday 23rd April

Tour of Dublin Zoo led by Zoo Bird Keeper

Meet: Dublin Zoo Main Entrance, Phoenix Park.

Time: 10 a.m.

(Note : Zoo entrance fee will be payable)

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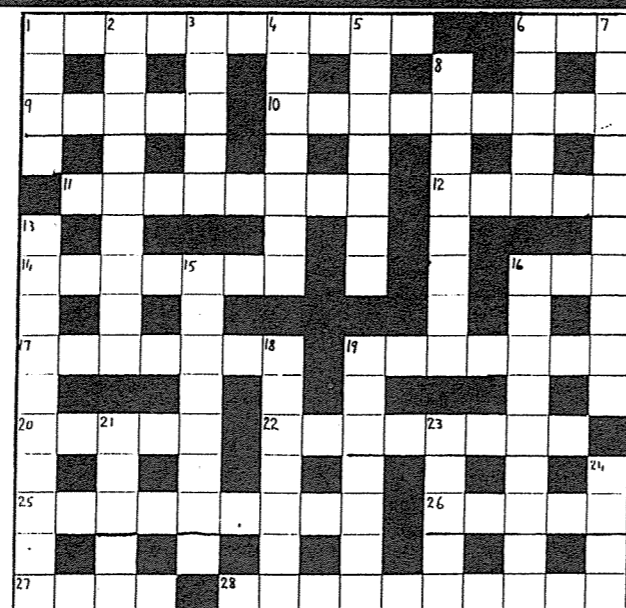
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Clues Across:

1. Resolves to put off the explosives(10)
6. Electrical unit perhaps, used by the meteorologist (3)
9. Rotary piece of music (5)
10. The new steel iris is used to disinfect (9)
11. Trap lice, maybe, with a very small fragment (8)
12. The rest around the south may have a lock of hair (7)
14. E.T. is a Virgo?.... He must be afraid of these! (7)
16. The ship loses it's stern and becomes reptilian (3)
17. See in the month/See,...What a cynic! (7)
19. Crosby takes in the tree; He's involved in the punch-up (7)
20. Grab the note, maybe, to see the vessel (5)
22. Ape, perhaps, the birds birds (8)
25. An invitation from the social golfer, we hear (4,2,3)
26. 'E' gets a Rolls Royce; or is it all just a mistake (5)
27. Two parties in a row?.... This bird is dead! (4)
28. Gives out the usual excuses about the plated suit (10)

Clues Down:

1. Short lived Traditionalist turns to the train (4)
2. Latin seat could tease one ! (9)
3. OO! The street where Cassidy drinks? (5)
4. Members in religious orders may be pests (7)
5. Always a mountainous establishment (7)
6. The puzzle sounds corny (5)
7. Mobs of reporters who take you on board (5,5)
8. The girl becomes a victim of motorway pressure (8)
13. War criminal with Miss Peep in the card is vital for this game!(5,5)
15. Smack the girl as well, we see, up to the present (8)
16. The queen inside fluttered her eyelashes in a narrow minded fashion (9)

18. Karl gets his main whites right ! (7)
19. The answer is obviously cheeky!! (7)
21. Crazy male duck gathered the grass (5)
23. Open the cricket period before tea (5)
24. Sir, I turned into a flower (4)

Solutions to Crossword No 76

Across: 1.Fascinates 6.Aha 9. Shape 10.Organises  
11. Spotting 12.Attic 14. Oversee 16. Tea 17.Tussles  
19. Panache 20. Nylon 22. Reigning 25. Nerveless  
26. Bacon 27. Seem 28. Class bully  
Down: 1.Fish 2. Sharpness 3. Inert 4. Agonise 5. Engages  
6. Asset 7. Associates 8. Invasion 13. Continents  
15. Silences 16. Technical 18. Surreal 19. Priests  
21. Large 23. Nabob 24. Only.

Winner of Crossword No 76 (£5 Prize).  
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# G.A.A. NOTES

Lotto Result - 20/2/94 - Numbers: 3-7-14-18, No Winner  
Jackpot £1060 - 5 x £10. Liam Leacy, Mary Flanagan, Patricia Bermingham, Aiden Killoran, Bernie Leacy.

Lotto Result - 27/2/94 - Numbers: 8-18-21-24, No Winner  
Jackpot £1120 - 5 x £10. Frank Buckley, Mick O'Riordan, Patricia Conroy, Tom Murray, 6289729 c/o PJ.

Lotto Result - 6/3/94 - Numbers: 6-11-21-24, No Winner  
Jackpot £1200 - 5 x £10. Agnes Gallagher, Frank Bannon, Sam Feeney, Mary Bresnan, Sean Darcy.

Lotto Result - 13/3/94 - Numbers: 1-9-22-24, No Winner  
Jackpot £1260 - 5 x £10. Danny Casey(Jnr), Patsy Treacy, Jim Gilton, Jimmy Dempsey, Sandra Moore.

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Camogie All girls interested in playing Camogie should contact any of the following: Teresa Mc Dermot, Patricia Mc Cann, Margaret Dowd.

Ladies Gaelic Football. All girls interested in playing should contact Mick Gillick, John Nevin. Training has started on Saturdays in Moyglare Road field.

Senior Football League Div. 2. On Sunday 3rd April we have a local derby match v Rathcoffey. Hope you all can come out and support us.

We would like to welcome our new Irish Officer Colm O'Cearuil to our club.

## 1st Team

With training in full swing since February 1st and challenge games against Celbridge and St. Mary's, Granard together with the Winter League Play-off against Confey under their belts the 1st Team look forward, with relish, to a very demanding League campaign. This campaign, which kicks off against 1993 Senior Championship Semi-Finalist Ballyteague, promises to be every bit as competitive and drama- filled (remember the nail-biting finishes to the Monasterevan and St. Kevin's games) as last season's, featuring, as it does, fixtures against Senior teams Athy and Monasterevan and Intermediate sides Ballymore, Grange, Kill, Castlemitchell, Castledermot, Rathcoffey and Caragh. When you throw in outings against very tough Junior opposition in Milltown, Two Mile House and Straffan it will be obvious that points will be very difficult to secure. This is Maynooth's third year in Division 2 however - they were somewhat unlucky not to gain promotion to Division 1 last year - and the valuable experience gained should ensure that they again give a very good account of themselves.

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## Sports News

### 1994 Results to date

- 1) Celbridge 2.12 Maynooth 1.8
- 2) Maynooth 3.7 Confey 3.5
- 3) Maynooth 1.10 St. Mary's, Granard 1.10

This game deserves special mention being St. Mary's first fixture against the Home side in recent times. An absorbing tussle it turned out to be with both sides overcoming a "pudding" of a pitch to serve up an entertaining hour's football. Maynooth had the better of the 1st Half exchanges with David Mahony, Joey Riordan and Johnny Nevin particularly prominent and seemed set for victory. St. Mary's gradually forced their way back into the game however and spurred on by a dynamic performance by centre half forward Mc Govern they deservedly gained a share of the spoils.

Apart from Mahony, Riordan and Johnny Nevin Maynooth's best players were Noone, Kelly, Stynes and Ennis.

**Scorers** - Riordan 4 pts; Molloy 1 goal; Johnny Nevin 2 pts; Ennis, L O'Toole, Edwards and Derek Fleming 1 pt each.

#### Leading Scorers - (after 3 Games)

- (1) Liam O'Toole 2.3 (9)
- (2) Joey Riordan 1.4 (7)
- (3) Mick Nevin 1.3 (6)

### U/11 and U/13 Football A division

Round 1 - 28/3/94

Maynooth v Carbury  
Leixlip v Naas

Celbridge v Kilcock

Round 2 - 18/4/94

Celbridge v Maynooth  
Naas v Carbury  
Kilcock v Leixlip

Round 3 - 2/5/94

Naas v Celbridge  
Maynooth v Kilcock  
Carbury v Leixlip

Round 4 - 16/5/94

Kilcock v Carbury  
Leixlip v Celbridge  
Maynooth v Naas

Round 5 - 6/6/94

Carbury v Celbridge  
Naas v Kilcock  
Leixlip v Maynooth

### Senior Football League Div.2

Ballyteague 3-9 v Maynooth 0-8

Maynooth started this game in a very determined mood and completely dominated the first 15 minutes, but had only one point to show - their forwards failing badly to take their scores.

After this Ballyteague took control and lead at half time by 1-6 to 2 pts. The second half started good again for Maynooth and there scored a couple of points but Ballyteague finished the better. Maynooth gave away a couple of soft goals' in this game. Only for this the game would have been a lot closer.

**Maynooth Scores** : Paul Garvey 4 points ; Killian Fagan 2 points ; Mick Nevin 1 point ; Sean Molloy 1 point . Also to play well Pascal Ennis, Joe Conway, David Mahoney and Joey Nevin.

Maynooths next game in senior league is on Easter Sunday with a home fixture with Rathcoffey. A game not to be missed.

We would like to Thank Pat Nevin, Mick Caden and Tommy Fay for making our St. Patrick's Day float look the best. Also, all the Hurlers, footballers for walking with float.

### MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

Training continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays in G.A.A. field from 7p.m. until 8p.m. Indoor competition in Nenagh on March 12th and 13th for Seniors and Vets. and on March 26th and 27th for juveniles. Good luck to all our athletes. Results in next month's edition.

### MAYNOOTH BADMINTON CLUB

I would like to congratulate the third mix team for making it to the play-offs. They did their best on the night the opposition won out. But not to worry there is always next year. I would like to wish everyone in the club a Happy Easter and the best of luck for the Tallaght League.

*Phil McLoughlin*  
*Secretary*

### MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY NOTES

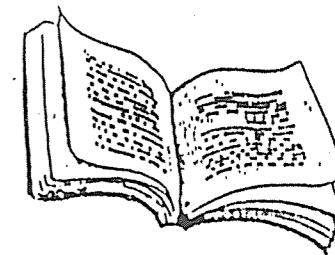
The above Society had their 1st outing of 1994 to Athy Golf Club on 19th March. The outing generously sponsored by Noel Brady Clock House Bar and Lounge, Main Street was played in ideal conditions on a superb course as the scores below indicate.

#### Outing Results

Venue: Athy Golf Club  
Date: Saturday March 19th

**1st Overall** - W. Moore 44 pts.

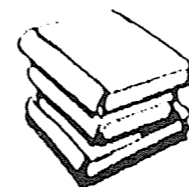
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2nd - B. Carthy 39 pts.  
3rd - B. Dempsey 37 (Back 6)

## Class 3

1st - P. Dunne 38 pts.  
2nd - N. Brady 37(Back 9)  
3rd - O. Byrne 37 pts.

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Back 9 - K. O'Brien 20 pts.  
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## Maynooth golf society 1994 fixtures

### Venue

Athy.19th March 9.00 11.30 - Noel Brady, Clock House  
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Castlecomer 13th August 10.00 - 12.00.- Willie Moore, Captain's Prize.  
Edenderry 24th Sept 11.00 - 1.00 John Carey President's Prize  
Killeen 29th Oct. 11.00 - 12.30 Pat Dunne.

## MAYNOOTH PITCH & PUTT

With the exception of one line I was tempted to put the notes from the March Issue back into the current **Newsletter**. As you will have gathered we did not open on the 17th as promised. I could go on about the weather causing the delay but I have sworn not to mention the weather again this year unless we get a heat wave. If anybody has any influence over the weather, could they please use it to rid us of this incessant rain.

By the time you are reading this article the pitch and putt should be open for play. We intend to re-open on the Friday of the Easter weekend and we will run the special offer of a round of pitch and putt on opening day for a pound (£1).

We are looking forward to seeing many of our customers during the early days of April.

**Tony Bean.**

## MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

Once again we had very many participants, 39 in all taking part in the St. Patrick's Day parade. All the costumes were excellent and a credit to the parents and children who were so well behaved on the day.

Our sincere thanks to our sponsors Barton's, also a big thank you to Antoinette Crosbie, Colm Nelson and Martin McInerney who were forced into acting judges on the day and their choice of winners were as follows :

£10 prize winners : "Irish Shamrock" Niamh Byrne. "St. Patrick" Kathy Kelleher. "Moving House" Aine Flatley.

£5 prize winners : "Leprechaun" Barry Keenan. "Mummies Boy" Thomas Flatley. "St. Patrick's Mummy" Sarah Baxter. "Computer" Jennifer Dooley.

Our third term continues until Saturday April 23rd. There will be no swim on Easter Saturday, April 2nd. There will be a family swim on Saturday April 9th for junior members only, no buses will be provided on that day.

Our A.G.M. will be coming up soon, remember its in your children's interest that at least one parent from each family attends this meeting, as the club can only survive with the help of as many parents as possible. We need your continued support. We, the committee wish all our members a very happy Easter.

**Claire O'Rourke**  
**Margaret O'Neill**  
**P.R.O.**

## MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

### Some Match Results to date

**Conway Cup**  
**Maynooth Town 4 / St. Vincents 2**

Maynooth caused the shock of the round by eliminating last year's winners St. Vincents.

A very workmanlike Maynooth side took control early in the game and were good value for their win.

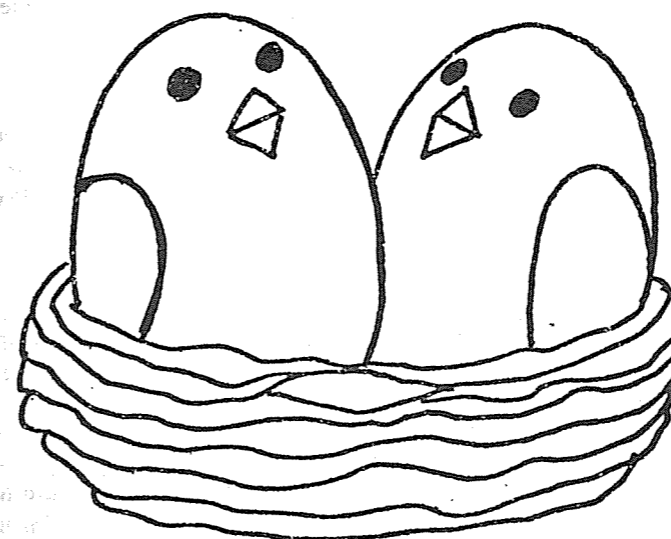
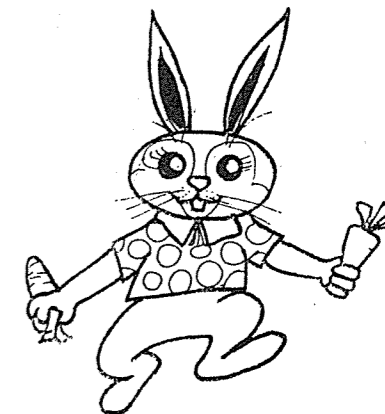
St. Vincents kept fighting to the end in an effort to hold onto their crown but Maynooth would not be denied and put on a very brave performance to deny the holders.

Killian Fagan with two goals and further goals by Michael Kelly and Barry Farrell contributed to an excellent win. A solid all round performance in which everyone played a big part.

**Conway Cup**  
**Maynooth Town 4 / Cuffe Celtic 2 (After extra time)**  
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## Children's Corner



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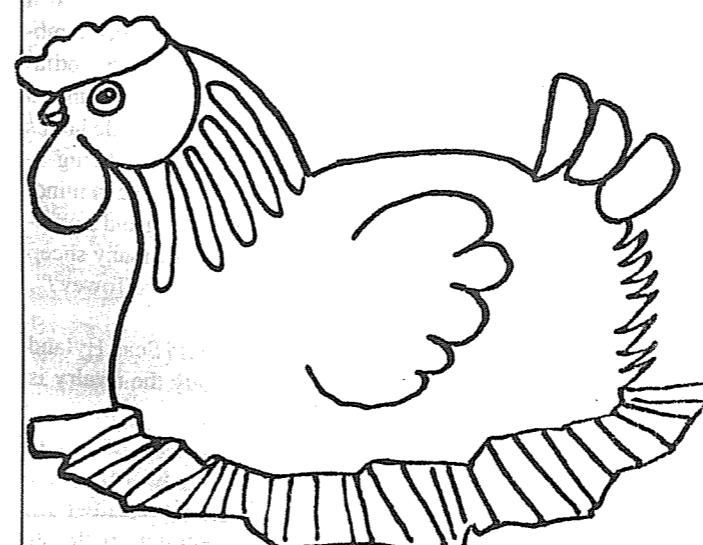


## WINNERS OF MARCH COLOURING COMPETITION

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1st	David Finlay 10 Moyglare Meadows Maynooth	1st	Laura Boland Laragh Maynooth
2nd	Seán McAllister 186 Kingsbry Maynooth	2nd	Lorraine Bambrick 42 Maynooth Park Maynooth
3rd	Vanessa Waldron 564 O'Neill Park Maynooth	3rd	Debbie McGovern 820 Greenfield Maynooth



## Sports News

Maynooth looked to be dead and buried when trailing by two goals with six minutes remaining. A Robert Thompson penalty following a push on Killian Fagan with six minutes to go gave Maynooth a chance to pull the game out of the fire. It seemed too little too late with time running out and the supporters heading home with time almost up when Michael Murphy crossed home for Killian Fagan to head home a dramatic equaliser.

John Murray put Maynooth in front in the first period of extra time and Killian Fagan made sure of our passage to the next round with his second goal of the game before the end. An excellent result in which Killian Fagan took the honours closely followed by Johnny Thompson

### Division 3 Private Grounds . St. Vincents 0 / Maynooth Town 2

Maynooth proved that the cup result against St. Vincents was no fluke by travelling to Cabra to beard the lion in his own den. Maynooth adapted to the heavy conditions much better than Vincents and a goal in each half proved decisive. Michael Murphy proved the star with both goals of contrasting style. The first was a fierce ground shot from the angle of the penalty area following a good midfield move in which Mickey Kelly provided the final telling pass.

The telling factor came in the second half when Michael Murphy saw the keeper off his line and accurately beat him with a shot of total accuracy which took the pressure off Maynooth who went on to play delightful football without scoring any more goals. David Faherty was excellent in goal with Mick Faherty lending good support.

### Div. 3 - Private Grounds. Maynooth Town 2 / Ballymun 1

Maynooth made hard work of taking both points in this hard uncompromising game which had plenty of endeavour but little good football due to a gale force wind. A Robert Thompson penalty and a second goal by Killian Fagan cancelled out a lone Ballymun goal. David Cusker and Derek Dolan were best for Maynooth.

### U/15 Schoolboys League Maynooth Town 1 / Drogheda Boys 0

Eamon Gallagher got the all important goal in this hard fought game in which Drogheda put up a hard fight before succumbing to a strong Maynooth team who still retain thoughts of the league title.

### U/15 League Maynooth Town 3 / Tymon Bawn 3

In a game totally dominated by the strong wind Maynooth did well to come back from a three goal deficit at half-time to snatch a share of the points. Three second half goals ( by Fran Larkin 1, and Eamon Gallagher 2 )were enough to keep us on course for a qualifying place in the Paul McGrath Cup.

### U/10 Paisley Deering Cup Maynooth Town 0 / St. Marks 2

In a tight cup game St. Marks shaded the issue in a rip roaring game. The greater inexperience of St. Marks was the telling factor in a game where Maynooth matched their opponents in every other aspect of the game. Michael Geraghty performed heroics in goal and had good support from Dean Conway and Simon Fagan. Our U/12 and U/15 teams have yet to make their reappearance following the recent bad spell of weather but hopefully will be in action soon.

A sincere word of thanks to Noel Brady, Clock House for his generous donation towards our schoolboys group for the recent trip to Old Trafford.

**Late Flash !** Congratulations to the organisers of the Club Float which took Best Club entrant in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Thanks also to Arthur Guinness for providing the float which helped us take our first prize in the parade.

More credits in the next issue.

## TUG - O - WAR REPORT

This is the time of year when young men's hearts turn to thoughts of love of tug-o-war. Already lads are rummaging in closets looking for their old steel-capped boots. They will polish them up and have them ready for the commencement of training any day now. Sean Hyland will be testing the ground and watching the sky to see if the omens are good. This will start the build-up to the summer festival.

Already there is talk that George Gallagher and his men will be held up because his sheep, who have not yet finished lambing, still occupy his training shed. Sean Hyland, the Godfather of tug-o-war, who leads the opposing team, speaking in Corleone tones, said, "Shur you couldn't put those little lambs out into the cold, just to make way for a herd of buffalo tug-o-war men!! He denied that he had any ulterior motive in mind. Nicholas Donovan, the Lion, is to be seen stamping and stomping every time the topic is raised. He said "How many sheep would you have to put out to make way for Jimmy Towey?"

George Gallagher in response said "What would Sean Hyland know about the mechanics of sheep?" Already the rivalry is under way.

*Willie Healy*

## Political Party Notes

### DEMOCRATIC LEFT NOTES

#### Leixlip Candidates Named

Democratic Left will have three candidates in the elections to Leixlip Town Commission, scheduled for next June. Outgoing Commissioners Sean Purcell and Councillor Catherine Murphy will be joined on the ticket by Gerry McDonagh, an electrician from River Forest estate. Gerry is Public Relations Officer for River Forest Residents Association and is deeply involved in the affairs of Leixlip United F.C.

Both Sean Purcell and Catherine Murphy were elected on the first count in the inaugural elections to Leixlip Town Commission in 1988 and have consolidated their support bases through a record of dedicated and effective work. Democratic Left are confident that Gerry McDonagh will build on this base and secure a third seat for the party in June.

#### Toll Road Threat

There is now a very real possibility that tolls will be levied on the new Maynooth By-Pass road when it is opened in 1995. The recently published National Development Plan, covering the period 1994-99, provides for up to £100 millions being raised from toll charges. As tolls can only be effectively collected on motorway-standard roads, and as there are so few of these in the country anyway, it seems certain that the Maynooth By-Pass will be targeted.

Attempts to impose tolls in the Dublin area were stymied by political opposition from Dublin County Council. However, in yet another blow to local democracy in Ireland, responsibility for main national roads were transferred from local authorities to the National Road Authority at the beginning of this year. It is this unaccountable body which will have responsibility for levying tolls, as stated in the National Plan.

Tolls on urban motorways are an inequitable and inefficient imposition on motorists who already pay among the highest taxes on cars and petrol in Europe, and for which they get moonscape-style "roads" in return. Toll charges are the same for the driver of the Mini and the Rolls Royce. When levied in urban areas, they encourage commuters to stick to the existing inadequate roads, thus maintaining congestion and environmental degradation.

The government department responsible for tolls is the Department of the Environment. The Minister of State in that department, Emmet Stagg, is already on record as saying that the minimum annual charge to commuters using the Maynooth By-Pass will be £300 when tolls are introduced. How many will be prepared to pay this when there are free alternatives available?

We in Maynooth have been looking forward for a decade to the profound improvement in our local environment which we believed the by-pass would bring. Democratic Left will do all in its power to ensure that this dream will be finally realised.

#### By-pass Access Road

Speaking of the By-Pass, Councillor Catherine Murphy has been informed by the County Engineer that it is "envisaged" that work on upgrading the Straffan Road link will begin next "Summer" and that it will take 15 months to complete. How-

ever, the same letter acknowledges that the documents in question have yet to receive the approval of the aforementioned National Roads Authority, and tenders have not yet been sought for the work.

We know from long experience that such official projections are always over-optimistic, so we can take it that no work will begin at least until the Autumn. This means that it will be completed, at the earliest, in the Spring of 1996 - a year after the by-pass itself is scheduled to open. This is a wonderful example of Planning and Co-ordination, "Irish-style". The County Council and the Department of the Environment have had over ten years to prepare this project, yet they could not even come near getting these two phases of the project finished at the same time.

The results can be easily visualised. The huge - and growing - volume of pedestrians which use the Straffan Road will have to contend with a massive increase in vehicular traffic, particularly heavy vehicles, on totally inadequate footpaths with atrocious public lighting. Meanwhile, the whole place will be a mess of mud, rubble and heavy machinery. It is quite clear that a chaotic and highly dangerous situation is inevitable. Catherine Murphy will continue to press for the earliest possible start to the work, but no matter how soon it starts now, it will already be too late.



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### LABOUR PARTY NOTES

#### Greenfield Bollards

The views of any objectors to the closing off of Greenfield Lane were scheduled to be heard in mid March and a decision on the matter was scheduled for the Council meeting of 28th March. So, by the time you are reading this, the matter should be finally resolved.

#### Rockfield Lodge

Cllr. John McGinley has advised that the builder has applied for Planning Permission to have the pedestrian link between site numbers 63 and 134 closed off in line with the wishes of the Residents of the area.

#### Natural Gas For Maynooth & Celbridge

Minister Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have been advised that the question of the provision of Natural Gas for Maynooth & Celbridge is still under active consideration. A major investment is involved and Minister Stagg and Cllr. McGinley will continue to press Bórd Gais on this matter.

#### Motorway/ Straffan Road / The Square

Cllr. McGinley has been advised that the Motorway is due to open in Spring '95.

However work on the Straffan Road will not be completed until Autumn '95. The major reasons for the delay was difficulties with C.I.E. over Mullen Bridge which resulted in a High Court case.

The contractor will be starting in June of this year and it is the contractors duty to schedule the work. Cllr. McGinley will be encouraging the contractor to start in the Square with the demolition of the Thing.

#### Maynooth Employment Office

Arising from representations by Minister Stagg concerning the delay in processing claims at Maynooth Employment Exchange, Minister of State Joan Bruton has advised that the Parent office of Maynooth Exchange will be transferred within the next two months from Gardiner Street to Ballyfermot. It is expected that this will alleviate the problem of delay currently experienced by claimants at Maynooth. We will keep this matter under review.



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## Birthdays

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Birthday wishes to Ashling and Stacey McMechan, Celbridge, who celebrate their 11th birthday on April 17th. Best wishes. Love, Mum and Yvonne.

Birthday Greetings : Ted Connolly, Greenfield, April 14th. Gearóid MacTeighernain, Sráid Parson, April 18th. Eric Quinn, Greenfield, April 19th. Mary Traynor, Greenfield, April 19th. Pat Burke, Newtown, April 14th. Mrs. L. McTernan, Highfield, Kilcock, April 6th. Declan Leigh, Meadowbrook, April 16th. Patsy Leahy, Greenfield, March 17th. Eilish Ferguson, Cedar Park, Leixlip, March 19th.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Johnny and Betty Kelly on their 40th Anniversary. Best wishes from all the Kelly family.

Congratulations to Claire McTernan on getting such a good exam result. Claire will be starting as a student Doctor in St. James's Hospital, Dublin, in May. Good Luck from Nannie, Granddad, parents and brother, Gerard.

Congratulations to Aiveen Lennon on the occasion of her 21st Birthday on Saturday, March 19th. From Claire McTernan.

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The daughter, son, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends of the late James (Jim) Mooney, Manor Court, wish to sincerely thank all who sympathised with us in our recent bereavement; those who attended the removal of the remains, Mass and funeral, sent Mass cards and floral tributes. A special word of thanks to Fr. Supple, Fr. Cogan, the priests from the College and the nursing staff in Beaumont Hospital. A sincere thanks to all our friends who helped in any way. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

#### Boys' National School Parents' Committee

Would like to thank all those who supported our recent fund raising night.

P.R.O.

### SYMPATHY

We wish to extend sympathy to the brother, relatives and friends of Elizabeth (Lily) Coogan, O'Neill Park, Maynooth.

To the daughter, grandchildren, relatives and friends of Catherine Tracey, Main Street, Maynooth.

To the husband, son, daughter, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends of Ellen (Nellie) Nolan, Maynooth.

To the sons, daughters-in-law and family of the late Elizabeth Donovan, formerly of 356 Greenfield, Maynooth, we extend sympathy.

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