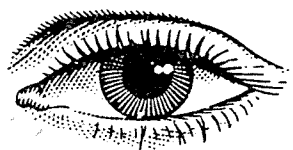


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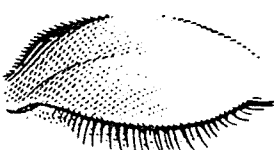
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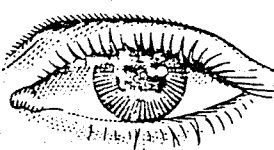
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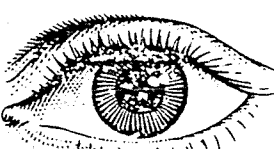
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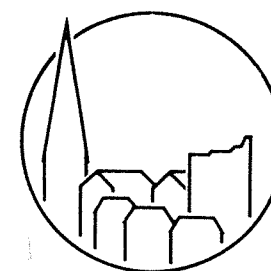
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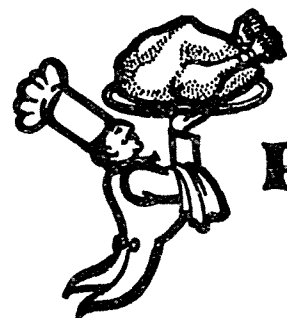


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Letter to our Readers: This is just a note to remind you all that the Newsletter exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any new organisations or indeed from individuals with something 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

GREENFIELD BOLLARDS

The campaign to install bollards on the Greenfield Lane has intensified and a certain bitterness of tone has crept in. The Newsletter deplores this. Surely we are sufficiently grown-up as a town to settle our differences amicably without insidious references to boycotting. The words and actions of certain politicians have not been overly impressive either.

The Greenfield Action Group has a right to agitate for the safety of their children. However those who oppose these bollards no matter how few or many, also have the right to object if they feel these bollards are objectionable in any way. There is more than one individual opposed to these bollards and their views should be heard also. That is the essence of what constitutes a democratic society, the projection of the views of minorities as well as majorities.

Surely it is not too late for some form of compromise to be reached if all groups involved are willing. The proposed public enquiry would surely represent the most suitable forum for debate and perhaps all sides should restrain their views until this takes place. Above all this is a problem which should be solved reasonably through discussion, debate and compromise, not threats and mudslinging. Perhaps our politicians could also help by speeding up the commencement of this inquiry to as soon a date as possible.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have watched with great interest the work being done to transform the old Presentation Convent into modern apartments. However, in recent days my interest in the development has been taken by the changes to the boundary wall along Convent Road. I was aware that changes were due to take place to this wall in relation to its existing location and height. It is very disappointing to see that the developer has opted to replace this existing stone wall with a modern plastered type one.

It is sad to see the loss of this stone wall as it was in a high profile location and especially so as there are efforts afoot in the town to retain and replace the old stone walls which are very much part of the character of the townscape. The replacement of an existing stone wall by a plastered type wall is an inappropriate contribution to the town's character and would seem to reflect an insensitivity by the developers in harmonising their work into the existing environment. I feel it is also an indictment of our planners that they would not specify and ensure the retention/replacement of these features "in the interest of visual amenity".

Apart from this gripe the apartments building itself is a pleasant looking structure and credit is due to the developer in using a name for the apartments that reflects and is sensitive to the history of the original building, something not seen too often in modern developments.

*Yours sincerely,
Tony Bean.*

Dear Editor,

You may be aware that a group of people with learning difficulties have moved to a Housing Estate from residential care in St. Loman's Hospital. Five detached houses are now the homes for twenty two young men and women at Newtown Grove, Maynooth. The relocation took place over twelve months ago.

We, of the Parents Association, are delighted and proud of the area our sons and daughters are living in. We hope you will accept and integrate them into your society and community.

As this is a pilot project run by the Eastern Health Board, the way we treat and care for mentally-handicapped people in Ireland will depend a great deal on the success of "Aisling House" Newtown Grove, Maynooth.

The Parents' Association has bought a mobile home in Co. Wexford for week-end breaks and summer holidays for the residents - purchased and maintained two mini-buses, one of which needs replacing this year.

Because of the small amount of residents the parents in our Association are numerically small and it is increasingly difficult to maintain the high standard that is required to keep our residents mobile and on the road. It is important that we have good transport to carry them back and forward to swimming, horse-riding, bowling, picnics, tours, etc, which are an integral part of their education.

For this to happen we need your support, by giving financially, by sponsorship, by considering "Aisling House" as your charity when running events or indeed of your time. It is important to state at this juncture that all monies go directly to enhancing the lives of the residents.

If you require any more information please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the Committee Officers named below. At present our meetings are held in St. Loman's Hospital, Palmerstown. Our next two meetings will be held on **Wednesday March 16th** and **Wednesday May 18th at 8pm sharp**. You are cordially invited to attend. We will endeavour to answer any questions you may have on the subject.

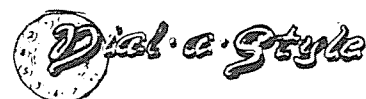
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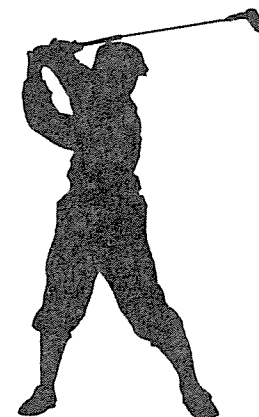
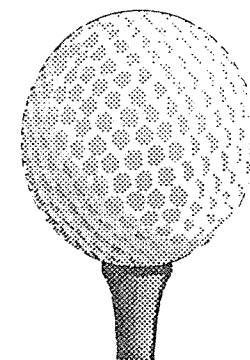
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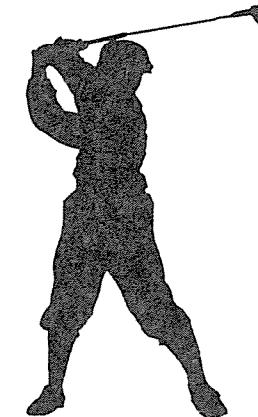
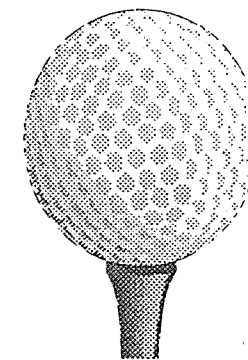
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The Planning and Development Committee are planning a Race Night to raise enough money to support a Tidy Town Social Employment Scheme. This will require a significant amount of money for PRSI etc.

It is planned to have the Race Night on the 21st April. We would ask all those who are asked to sponsor to give generously. We want to get the town looking good, and improve our marks in the Tidy Towns. A lot of good work has been done and a lot more needs to be done. Any suggestions from the public would be welcomed.

There is still no move in the Geraldine Hall being taken over by the Community Council. Further communications will be made to try and advance the situation, so that before the Bicentenary of the college the Geraldine Hall will be upgraded to its former glory in the town of Maynooth.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade is the biggest Parade in Leinster outside Dublin.

We would like to invite any marching bands or businesses interested in our Parade to take part.

The Maynooth Parade is quite a spectacle and we hope all our readers come to the Parade.

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

Our A.G.M. takes place on the 1st. March at 8 o'clock in the Maynooth Post Primary School.

All are welcome to hear our plans for the coming year.

We look forward to meeting all our friends during the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Finally, we offer our deepest sympathy to Joan Lennon and the rest of the Lennon family on the death of our friend and former committee member Louis. He will be greatly missed by us all.

Richard Farrell.
Secretary, P.R.O.

A. C. O. A.

A. C. O. A. stands for Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional families. We meet every Wednesday night to share our feelings relating to our family or life situations. Most of us are from families that did not function or work properly i.e. we lost the benefit of one or both of our parents through alcoholism, violence, separation death etc.

This has given us all similar experiences which enables us to understand how each one of us feel, and to help each of us to cope. The group's philosophy is one of patience and trust. We do not allow for interruption or opinions when someone is sharing. This avoids the fear we had as children of expressing how we felt and creates a safe and loving environment. We do not heal our problem all on our own, however, we do so with the guidance of our higher power, be it God, nature or whatever spiritual influence the individual may have.

Through the fellowship we experience we grow as individuals and learn to walk the road to a more content happier life, gradually taking "one day at a time".

If you find it hard to cope or if your family is making life difficult for you, come and share at our meetings, which are held every Wednesday night at 8.p.m in the Salesian Hostel. Ask for David or Michael of A.C.O.A. Confidentiality assured.

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BAND BULLETIN

Traditionally February is a very low key month in the Band but we had two very worthwhile events last month which are worth mentioning, our Annual General Meeting and the opening of the new Convent Apartments.

Annual General Meeting

Our A.G.M. this year was exceptionally well attended and it is interesting to see once again that the majority of those at the meeting were under twenty one. One notable exception to this was the presence of our Joint Honorary President, Mr. Phil Brady, whom we were delighted to have with us. Older members of the Band will remember that Phil was our Chairman for many, many years and helped in many ways to keep it going during the lean years. It is very encouraging to see such an interest from the younger age group and slowly but surely they are beginning to take an active part in the running of the Band's affairs. As I said last month, this is the 40th Anniversary of the formation of the Boys' Band and we hope that this year will be a launching pad for a further 40 years and more for the Band.

The meeting elected the following Committee to govern for 1994:

Hon. Presidents:	Rev. Fr. O'Higgins
	Phil Brady
Chairman:	Micheal Dempsey
Vice-Chairman:	Cliff Murphy
Secretary:	Elaine Bean
Asst. Secretary:	David Mulready
Treasurer:	Paddy Boyd
Asst. Treasurer:	Stephen Mc Carron
Committee:	Kevin Boyd
	Niamh Sheehan
	Mick Hyland
	Peter Brazil
	Colm Carroll
	Denise Mc Carron

Convent Apartments

No sooner had we spoken last month about the Nuns and their new house than out of the blue came a belated invitation to play at the unveiling of the new Convent Apartments to the public. With our long connections with the Convent I suppose it was entirely appropriate that we should be there on this occasion and although the weather did it's best to thwart the builders and detract from the opening, I'm sure that with the benefit of lots of sunshine and a little bit of growth, the apartments will be one of the most attractive areas in the town and will do a great deal to improve the appearance of the Convent Road area. It's also nice to see that the main convent building is looking better than ever, something I'm sure that will satisfy the older residents of Maynooth who will remember all too well the happy days spent with the nuns in the Convent School.

Band Reunion

We have had a very positive response to our suggestion for a 40th Anniversary Reunion this year and we hope to have further news of this in our next **BULLETIN**. It is amazing just how many people have been involved with the Band throughout the 40 years and you never know, some of them may even decide to come back to us after this get together.

St. Patrick's Day & Limerick

March in Maynooth can mean only one thing - The St. Patrick's Day Parade - and this year we are looking forward once again to the biggest event of the year in the town. Since last year some of our junior members have graduated to the Senior Band and I'm sure it will be a special day for them. Let's hope that the weather is kind to us this year for the sake of all the participants in the Parade, particularly the younger ones. On the Sunday after St. Patrick's Day we undertake our Annual Trip to Limerick where this year we will be defending our title as best Irish Brass and Reed Band in the Parade. Win, lose, or draw we will, as usual, be making this a very enjoyable day out with a stop along the way back for a meal, "refreshments" and maybe a bit of a sing song somewhere. We look forward to this day each year and I'm sure there will be just as much "craic" as in other years. Hopefully we will be reporting another victory in next month's **BULLETIN**.

That about winds up the news for this month, see you all again in April.

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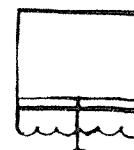
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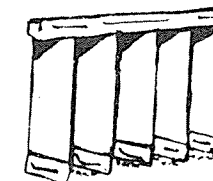
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General Increase

- 3% in all Social Welfare and Health Board weekly payments from July.
- Additional increase of 3% to bring **short-term payments** up to the priority rate recommended by the Commission on Social Welfare. All payment rates will now be at or above the priority rate.
- Further increase of £2.10 in Unemployment, Disability and Injury Benefits, bringing these rates from £55.60 to £61.00 (an overall increase of 9.7%).

Survivor's Contributory Pension

A new **Widower's Contributory Pension** (similar to the existing Widow's Pension) will be introduced from October. Rates of payment and PRSI conditions will be the same as the Widow's Pension. Newly widowed men and women will receive the pension for the first year. Thereafter, the pension will continue to be payable to widowed people with incomes up to £12,000. The requirement in relation to income will not apply at pension age (66 years). Reduced pensions will be payable up to £16,000.

NB: All existing widows will keep their entitlements.

Child Benefit

The higher rate of Child Benefit will be increased to £25 from September and will apply to the third and subsequent child(ren) in a family.

Family Income Supplement

Income limits will increase by £10 (an increased payment of £6 per week for families).

Carer's Allowance

- Carers can have means of up to £6 per week and qualify for the full Carer's Allowance.
- New earnings disregard of £100 per week where there is a working spouse.

Unemployment Payments

- The minimum Unemployment Assistance payment for people living at home will increase to £10 from July.
- The personal rate of Unemployment Benefit goes up by £5.40 to £61.00.
- Pay-Related Benefit will not be payable to new claimants from July.

Pension Improvements

- A single Child Dependant rate of £15.20 will be payable for all qualified children to people getting Old Age Contributory, Retirement or Invalidity Pension. The rate for third and subsequent children will be increased by 18.75% to the new rate of £15.20.
- On the death of an adult dependant the pensioner will continue to receive the adult dependant allowance for a further six weeks.

Extra Benefits (Free Schemes)

- A pensioner previously living alone will retain the Free Telephone Rental Allowance where s/he is being cared for by a person in receipt of a Carer's Allowance.
- Pensioners aged 75 or over can retain the Free Telephone Rental Allowance even no longer living alone.
- Widows aged 60 to 65 can retain their late husband's entitlement to Free Schemes provided they satisfy the qualifying conditions (*other than the age condition*).
- Extension of Free Electricity Allowance to include Night-Saver Units.

Maternity Benefit

- The minimum rate will increase from £65.00 to £74.20 per week.
- The Disability Benefit rate will be paid if higher than the Maternity rate.
- The full child dependant allowance will be payable to the spouse where s/he is receiving a social welfare payment.

Adoptive Benefit

New Scheme of Adoptive Benefit similar to Maternity Benefit to be introduced, payable for 10 weeks from the date of the adoption.

Support for Voluntary and Community Groups

- An extra £2.5 million for Community and Voluntary Organisations, Women's Groups, Development Courses for men and projects to tackle Moneylending.
- Respite Care Fund to continue this year with £500,000 allocated.

Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI)

- Employer's PRSI will be reduced to 9% for workers with earnings up to £173.00 per week. Where earnings exceed this amount, a rate of 12.2% will continue to apply on all earnings up to £496.00 (equivalent to an annual ceiling of £25,800).
- The ceiling for Employee's PRSI will increase to £20,900.
- The minimum earnings for insurability will increase from £25 to £30 per week.

Adjustment of 1992 Measures

- The Substantial Loss of Employment rule will be amended for casual workers.
- The redundancy payment limit at which people may be disqualified from Unemployment Benefit for up to 9 weeks will be increased from £12,000 to £15,000.
- Treatment Benefits ceiling to increase to £35,000 per annum from April (£70,000 in the case of a dependent spouse).

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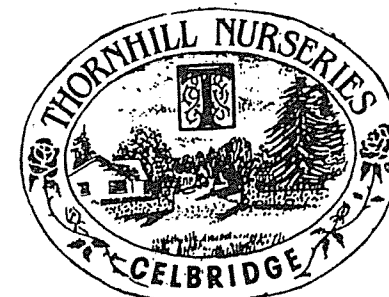
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Maynooth Old Peoples Committee

Our annual collection will take place from the 10th-13th of March this year and we trust we can rely on the usual generosity of all our patrons and friends.

Our A.G.M. was adjourned until March 1st owing to the untimely death of a much loved and valued member of our committee, Rose Bean. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this very sad time, and we extend to them our heartfelt sympathy and support.

Rose will be remembered by all who knew her for her loyalty and dedication in everything she did. She was part of many organisations in Maynooth, and she touched the lives of many people. Rose served our committee well, for almost seventeen years, right up until last November, when her illness began to curtail her activity, but she never lost interest in our work. I can say with conviction, that our committee is all the richer for her membership.

Each of you will have your own memories, or your own story to tell, but I would like to share my thoughts with you as I bid a fond farewell to an old friend.

"Rose"

We met in our Parish Church
Back in 1963
When a group of us joined the choir
Including you and me.

Like many lasting friendships
At first we didn't gel
But as we practised in the evenings
We got to know each other well.

There was Monica, Paddy, Niall and Jo
All invited to your home
At anytime of day or night
We were welcome in Ballygoran.

You joined the "Old People's Committee"
With energy to share
You rarely missed a party
You danced with marvellous flair.

Some years ago I was asked to join
The Church "Society for the Altar"
And when told, my partner, would be you
Of course I didn't falter.

We would dust around the Altar rails
And then arrange the flowers
We knew we had a winning team
We worked side by side for hours.

And then there came the parting
How I wished that you could stay
Your leaving was difficult to understand
And so too is God's way.

After thirty years of ups and downs
We made it to the end
And you have gained your rightful place
But I have lost a friend.

You know we'll often think of you
We'll often speak your name
And although your world is peaceful now
Ours, won't be the same.

To know you was a privilege Rose
As a friend you were the best
And our consolation is in knowing
That in peace with God you rest.

Go ndéaneamh Dia trócaire ar do ainm.

Josephine Moore

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

It is that time of year again when Community Games are upon us. We wish to thank all those who helped and participated in the past. Community Games cater for children whose ages range from under 6 to under 16 on 31st July 1994.

The programme of events is as follows: -

Art, Handball, Swimming, Athletics, Hardcourt Tennis, Table Tennis, Badminton, Hockey, Variety, Basketball, Hurling, Camogie, Judo, Volleyball, Modelling Project, Chess, Pitch & Putt, Choir, Quiz, Cycling, Draughts, Rounders, Gaelic Football, Rugby, Gymnastics, Soccer.

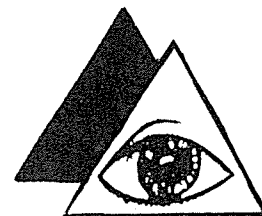
Over the next few months watch out for posters, notices and Newsletter items regarding the Community Games. We would like to see as many children as possible taking part this year. Any adults interested in helping the Committee with their work please contact Maynooth Community Council 6285922. Remember this is the year of the family so let's make it a special one with Community Games.

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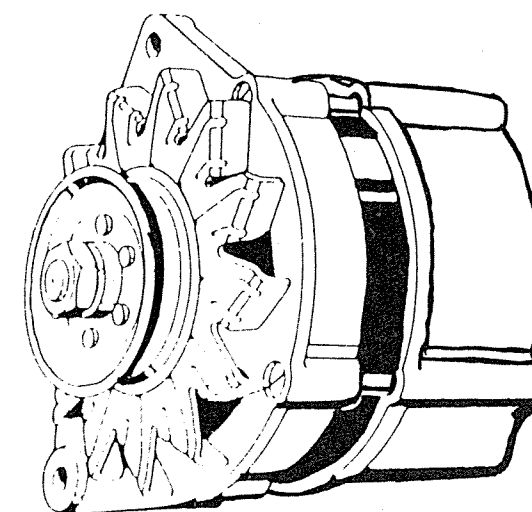
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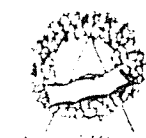
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MAYNOOTH CREDIT UNION NOTES

Justifying the Members' Confidence

The members of our local Credit Union trust the voluntary staff and members of the Board with their hard-earned money. There are several structures in place to oversee the proper handling of that money. I am impressed with the thoroughness of this protective aspect of the operation of the Credit Union myself and think that readers might like to know more about it, too.

The Auditor's Report for the AGM

In the January edition, I mentioned in passing that the Auditor, Mr. Denis Maguire, was present at our AGM in November. Each year, as is normal in many legally-constituted organisations, he inspects the books and accounts of the Credit Union and because the Members of the Board have been doing their job properly, he is able to report to the ordinary Members attending the AGM, that all the monies entrusted to the Credit Union are properly accounted for.

Under the Scrutiny of the League

Another Major Annual Financial Event is the inspection by the Field Officer from the Headquarters of the Irish League of Credit Unions, of which our Credit Union is a member. On the 11th January this year, Mr. Brian Douglas visited our offices at the Harbour, inspected all the books and found that the Credit Union was performing satisfactorily.

On-going Supervision

Three Supervisors are elected at the AGM. This year they are **Paddy Arthurs, John McQuaid and John Butler**. The supervisors have a kind of watch-dog function. They attend the offices at least once a week, not according to any set routine and monitor all the business activities of the Credit Union. They inspect the financial and all other records monthly, they examine all the books and oversee the working of each Committee.

They ensure that we operate in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Irish League of Credit Unions and that we avoid any practices that go against them. Supervisors serve for a term of one year, and can stand for re-election.

Emer McDermott P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH I.C.A. NOTES.

Well if the snow was responsible for the low attendance at the January meeting, it was the storm that affected the attendance at our February meeting. Ladies had to brave driving rain and gale force winds to get to the monthly guild meeting on Thursday 3rd February.

Competitions

Ladies there is still time to get the pens or typewriters out in order to participate in the inter-federation essay competition which is entitled 'The I.C.A. Down Through the Years'. Further details are available from Betty Moore.

Bord na Gaeilge and the Kildare Federation have joined forces to bring us a competition for a 'Bi-lingual Easter Card'. The card would be 8" x 6" and be of original design and wording. The winning card from each guild will go forward to county level. This, therefore, will be the guild competition at our March meetings. Viva, our Timire, has details of this competition. Viva also, would like to know if any members are interested in applying for the Silver Fainne.

The Kildare Federation Make and Model competition will take place on 19th April, in Toughers Function Rooms, Naas at 8.00 p.m. Please take note that the Children's Section this year is for sewing or knitting, and you can make the garment for your own child or grandchild.

The National Make and Model competition (Kildare heat) will be held in Toughers on the same night. The theme for that competition is 'An Outfit Suitable for Ladies Day at the races'. Further information can be obtained from Nell McLoughlin, our Crafts Promoter.

Activities

Craft nights are on, as usual, in the I.C.A. Hall on Mondays at 8.00p.m. Some ladies are making lovely fabric placemats, while others are doing cross stitch pictures, trapunta cushions, rug making and tweed pictures.

Badminton is on in the Parish Hall each Tuesday and Thursday at 10.45 a.m.

Marion Souhan, our Arts Promoter, hopes to form a Drama Group at the March guild meeting, so that we can compete in the I.C.A. one act play competition, planned for the Autumn.

The members of Kildare I.C.A. golfing Society are reminded that there will be an Open Day in Cill Dara Golf Club on 28th March. Tee off is at 11.00 a.m.

Federation Meeting.

The next federation meeting will take place in Rathmore on Thursday 24th March at 8.00p.m. All I.C.A. members are welcome to attend.

Nitromors Competition Winner

Our President, Imelda Delaney, presented Mary Flynn with a certificate from Kildare Federation to mark her win at County level in the Nitromors Furniture Restoration competition last year. You will recall that Mary went on to National level and did exceptionally well, being awarded second place overall.

This year's final of the Nitromors competition will be held in late Spring, but as yet no date has been set for the County final.

Raffle and competition

The raffle results were - 1st J. Grant, 2nd and 3rd M. Halton.

The competition results were - 1st M. Halton, 2nd M. Flynn and 3rd J. Grant.

The Competition for the March meeting, as I've mentioned above, will be for a 'Bi-lingual Easter Card'. Continued

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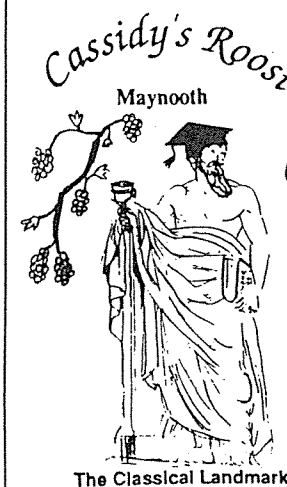


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Stena Sealink

We were very grateful to Mr. Michael Burns from Stena Sealink who braved the bad weather to attend our February meeting. He gave a talk and slide show on the many trips offered by his company.

Maynooth Annual show

On 10th February an ad hoc committee of Maynooth I.C.A. was formed, as is usual each year, to undertake the organisation of the Maynooth Annual Show. This year Marion Souhan is the chairperson, Irene Matthews is treasurer and once again I've got the job of secretary. Our next meeting will be on the 10th March in the I.C.A. Hall at 8.30p.m. We would love to see some more I.C.A. members at this meeting.

This year we are without the services of Mrs. Margaret Gee, R.I.P. Margaret contributed enormously to the Show's success each year and this year she will be sadly missed.

Next Meeting

Our next guild meeting will take place in the I.C.A. Hall on Thursday 3rd March at 8.00 p.m. We hope to be able to have a gardening expert as our guest speaker at this meeting.

Connie Harpur,
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH MORTALITY SOCIETY

The postponed A.G.M. has been re-scheduled for Sunday, March 6th, in Band Hall at 3 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

P. Nolan, Secretary.

MAYNOOTH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Just a reminder to people that adults may now borrow five items per person, and children may borrow three. The lending period has been increased to three weeks.

Other changes that have taken place with regards to charges - you'll all be glad to know that the 10p charge per book is gone and in its place is an annual registration charge of £5 per year per adult or £10 per year per family, or £2 per year per senior citizen and £1 per year per child.

Some new books that have been added to stock include the following:-

Fiction Titles:

Jeffrey Archer - Honour Among Thieves
Margaret Atwood - The Handmaids Tale
James Herbert - The Magic Cottage
Robert Ludlum - The Scorpio Illusion

Some Non-Fiction include:

R.F. Foster - Modern Ireland 1600-1972
Louise Hay - You Can Heal Your Life
John B. Keane - Year Of The Hiker

Some classical C.D.'s have also been added to stock ranging from Bartok to Beethoven, Schubert and Tchaikovsky.

Many more new adult and children's books will be added to stock over the next few months, so watch this space for details!

Margaret Walshe-Gannon

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Works Up Date

Work is continuing at the Harbour and with the bank now removed between the Harbour and the Harbour-field, this area has now been tidied up. As with last month's issue, we again appeal to anyone demolishing old buildings or walls to contact us and we will arrange to remove the rubble, as building stone is urgently required to continue the walls in the Harbour area.

200th Celebrations

The Royal Canal is 200 years old this year, having been completed in 1794, and there will be many celebrations throughout the year, which will include a Monster International Boat Rally from Dublin (Blanchardstown) to Mullingar. Local celebrations in this context will be announced later.

Maynooth Fair which was to have taken place at the Parish Hall on Sunday 27th March (the Sunday before Easter Sunday) is now cancelled due to the hall being double booked.

We will advertise the new date for the Fair in the near future.

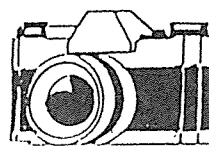
There will be many stands selling services and products. There are a limited number of spaces left. Each space costs only £30 which is great value. A big turnout is expected. To book a space send £30 to Royal Canal Amenity Group, 35, Greenfield drive, Maynooth (Telephone: 6286043) but do so immediately to avoid disappointment.

There will be a number of telephone card/stamp/postcard/coin dealers in attendance. Telephone card collecting is one of the fastest growing hobbies in Ireland. Marion Finucane recently featured this hobby on 'Live Line' on Wednesday 16th February and interviewed Michael Giffney who will have a stand at Maynooth Fair. A limited edition telephone card which was on sale at the Stamp and Coin Fair at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham last year for £3.50 now will cost you £75. British collectors are keen to buy the Tina Turner cards which were a limited edition in Ireland in 1993. See you there and remember the date!

We regret to say that the Royal Canal Rally set for 22nd, 25th and 26th April has been cancelled until further notice, due to incomplete work being carried out by Iamróid Éireann at Amien Street.

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SCOUT NEWS

Plans are being made on many fronts at this time of year:- plans for the Scout Summer Camp this year in Boyle, Co. Roscommon in early July, plans for Cub Camp Venue not yet decided, plans for Venturer Expedition, and of course, nearer home, there is the St. Patrick's Day Parade. So Scouts, check your uniforms, flags etc. and be ready for another Parade.

February 13th saw the very successful National Scout Quiz held in Maynooth. Over 500 Scouts, Leaders and Supporters attended and engaged a very full day's activities. Winners were from Cork.

At the time of writing this we appear to be near to getting the Brownie colony back in action. Hopefully as you read this they will be up and running.

Finally, on behalf of all the Scouts, Cubs, Venturers, Leaders and hopefully, Brownies, let me congratulate the Newsletter on 200 successful issues.

*Tony Muldowney,
Unit Leader.*

ST. MARYS BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL MAYNOOTH PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The Committee Members would like to take this opportunity to thank all for their support, in anticipation of the forthcoming social night, Friday 4th March 1994 at the New Students' Union Bar, Maynooth College - it promises to be a great night! Tickets still available.

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GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The only item this month is our A.G.M. in the New Arts Block, St. Patrick's College. On Monday, 7th March, at 8.30 p.m. We ask members to please support this very important meeting.

*Richard Farrell,
P.R.O.*

LYREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

This month's notes are dominated by two topics, one a very, very old problem while the other is something very new and totally different.

Ramps

The old problem is that familiar thing called a RAMP and I'm sorry to report that, in the words of John Major, it's 'Back to Basics'. We have been informed by the County Council that there has been one objection to the locating of ramps along the lanes. Despite much persistence they have yet to tell us who has objected or from what area the objection has come but they have said that the objector has suggested an alternative to ramps which, to me at least, would leave the Lane looking very much on the lines of an obstacle course. Maybe this objector is hoping to delay a decision on the ramps until the By-Pass has been completed in the hope that they will be found unnecessary. The experience of our residents in the past is that motorists are passing the no-entry signs even when the Main Street is NOT BUSY and there is no doubt whatsoever that they will continue to do so when the By-Pass is completed. Remember traffic will still be coming from the Dunboyne Road en route to Kilcock and a large number of cars will still be travelling between the Convent School and the Boys/post Primary Schools every morning and afternoon during the School Year. Last month yet again there was a further accident at the old telephone exchange caused by a car coming through the no entry sign at the Carpet Shop. Fortunately there were no serious injuries but it is going to take a fatal accident to make the Gardai and the County Council sit up once and for all and take action to solve the problem. The ramps are a clear case of a serious problem remaining unsolved for YEARS because of RED TAPE. Can we get something done NOW BEFORE SOMEBODY DIES.

Broken Windows

The second problem is of a more local but just as serious nature. Last month several windows in houses in the Green were broken, a number of houses had near misses and a milkman barely escaped serious injury all from GOLF BALLS played from somewhere in the area, but not, I hasten to add, from the Pitch and Putt Course. The understandably angry injured residents contacted the Gardai who visited houses in the area but were unable to locate the offenders. We hope that the guilty party has now had time to consider the seriousness of this action and how close it came to causing serious bodily injury to the milkman or anyone else in the vicinity. It's hard to imagine that in an area which has its own park and is surrounded

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by acres of wide open spaces that any person would be stupid enough to play with what is effectively a highly dangerous weapon in a residential area. Let's hope that the offender/s has/have a conscience and that we do not see a repeat of this insane conduct ever again.

We hope to have happier news to report in the next Newsletter.

MEADOWBROOK NEWS

We would like to welcome all new residents particularly those now arrived in the Close.

At this stage all residents should have paid their subs for 1993. We will shortly be collecting the £10 subscription for 1994.

Development News:

Since June 1993 the committee has been pressing the developer Lark Developments Ltd., to address a long list of problems such as lighting, completion of green areas and landscaping. While we now have roads and lighting we are still anxious to ensure that all remaining work be completed immediately. At present the sorry state of the stream is of great concern for reasons of safety and unsightliness.

Proposed Link Road:

Many residents are still very concerned about the proposed link road. The primary concerns are:

- that the road will divide the estate in two,
- traffic volume
- safety.

The Committee is continuing to pursue this issue.

Planning Permission for Public House:

The committee received confirmation from the County Council that the planning permission for a public house in the estate has not been granted.

Social Events:

As part of our promotion of the social life of our residents and following the success of our barbeque held during the summer, a tablequiz was held in the G.A.A. Club on 18th December at 8 p.m. A great evening was had by all and many thanks to our quiz master Carol Hoare, the G.A.A. Club and all those who supported us. A special word of thanks to the following who so kindly donated our prizes: Billy McCrory Fuel Merchant; Greg Kenny Fuel Merchant; Katies Flowers; Newtown Stores; The Flowerpot; James Smith Butchers; Maynooth Bookshop; Glenkerrin Homes and Helens Hair Affair.

Neighbourhood Watch:

Following our meeting with the Crime Prevention Detective (Naas), local Gardaí and residents on 18th November we now have Neighbourhood Watch up and running.

Our thanks to all concerned.

Features

THE SLIGHTLY "ALTERNATIVE" HISTORY OF MAYNOOTH FROM THE START OF THE WORLD TO ITS END (IN THE DISTANT FUTURE).

20,000 BC Back in the deep dim distant past before job-sharing and equality legislation, God made the world.

19,999 BC In a moment of temporary insanity after a night on the beer God creates Man.

19,998 BC Adam & Eve are cast out of the Garden of Eden into a strange desolate land. They call it Maynooth or in ancient Hebrew Place of Lamentable Roads.

19,994 BC They emigrate after four years on the dole and two SES schemes.

10,000 BC A vast meteorite lands on Maynooth killing all dinosaurs although some are preserved for use as Kelloggs cornflakes tokens and agents of the imperialistic U.S. Audio-Visual industry. Councillor Noah who survives, complains about pothole caused by meteor on Celbridge road and flooding caused by meteorite. County Manager promises to look into matter.

9,999 BC A vast flood engulfs the world after a burst water-main on the Celbridge Road. Fortuitously Noah is stranded on the last bus out to Maynooth (the 67A) (with a shower of animals) and the world is saved.

9,998 BC Owing to excessive production of fridges a hole is created in the ozone layer and the water melts away. World returns to normal with the exception of some flooding on the Celbridge road.

9,995 BC County Manager replies to Councillor Noah noting that he is still looking into the matter and promising resolution of the matter soon.

5,000 BC Ditto - Didn't they live long in 'dem days.

1,000 BC Fionn MacCumhail takes over Kildare football team.

999 BC In a shock result Kildare crash out of the first round of the Leinster Football Championship.

998 BC Ditto

997 BC Ditto

996 BC to 1994 AD - Same

600 BC Fionn sacked. Seamus Aldridge re-elected as Co. Secretary/Treasurer

599 BC Romans invade Ireland. However the combination of Maynooth roads and weather force them to retreat.

598 BC Romans decide to conquer Europe, Asia, Africa etc instead of Ireland.

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Features

300 BC In a blistering attack the Labour Party accuse Fine Gael of imposing compulsory cattle-raiding by stealth on the people of Maynooth. Fine Gael responds by noting that cattle raids are necessary for the upkeep of the Fianna, Tuatha de Danann and Firbolgs all of whom represent a burden on the state but also an important potential tourist attraction. Fianna Fáil claims we have had enough of invaders over the last 2,000 years. The country can't cope with these invasions and some of them are just going to have to emigrate.

295 BC Buggy Horan arrives at Maynooth having thumbed from Ballina.

294 BC Kavanaghs Mill starts.

250 BC Kildare take on the Fór Mor in the first round of the Leinster Championship. In the infamous battle of Moy Tuna (translated as tunnell from the old Irish) ten thousand of the Kildare team are kicked to death by spears, swords, hatchets etc. Co. Secretary Seamus Aldridge protests to Croke Park who promises an enquiry into the match. 2386 AD inquiry reports suspending all participants for six months.

249 BC to 595 AD Nuthin' happens.

595 AD Poitín invented.

596-599 AD No-one remembers what happened.

600 AD Ghenghis Khan invades Ireland. Halted by the Maynooth roads and weather the Mongol hordes retreat and lay waste half Europe. Some survivors set up a branch of the Fine Gael party.

601 AD Seamus Aldridge re-elected Secretary/Treasurer. St. Patrick appointed manager of the Kildare football team. He is quoted as saying "After saving Ireland from vice, idolatry and paganism I need a challenge."

602 AD In a shock result Kildare etc. etc. St. Patrick resigns in favour of the easier task of temperance reform in Ireland.

602 AD to 1013 Nuthin' happens.

1013 Brian Boru takes over Kildare Football team. In an interview he is quoted as saying "After conquering all of Ireland etc. etc. I need a challenge."

1014 In a shock result ... blah blah blah.

Seamus Aldridge ... blah blah blah ... demands an inquiry into the famous tent incident. "They've been getting away with this since the battle of Moy Tuna", he fumes. G.A.A. promises immediate action.

11? After a sex scandal in Westminster involving a chariot and a lay-by Maurice Fitzgerald is exiled to Maynooth. His first words on arrival are "We will improve this bus service." This slogan was later borrowed by Mussolini who swept to power in Italy in the 1920s. This connection between Maynooth and the rise of European fascism is not well known.

GARDA TALK

Opening hours of Maynooth Garda Station

The opening hours of Maynooth Garda Station are as follows:
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Outside these hours the Gardai are on patrol. Should you need to contact the Gardai you may telephone Naas station at (045) 97333, or in the case of an emergency dial 999. A communication system "The Green Man" is located to the right of the front door of the station. Outside normal hours, you may use the Green Man to contact Naas station.

Junior Warden Patrol:

You may have seen these young men carrying out their duties at the Boys' National School on the Moyglare Road. Their task is to stop traffic, and ensure that younger children cross the road safely. It is an excellent scheme which deserves the goodwill and co-operation of all concerned. If you are a motorist, please obey the signs and be patient. At the Girls' National School the "Lollipop" lady is there with similar duties.

Crime

A sincere thank you to those concerned citizens who take the time to contact the Gardai when they witness acts of crime, vandalism, suspicious vehicles etc. Indeed some of these phone calls resulted in the arrest and conviction of criminals. The old saying "It's not my problem" is long gone. It is a problem for everybody. Surely we all desire less crime, and a better society to live in. Play your part. If you observe a crime tell the Gardai. The confidential freephone number is: 1800 589 589.

Fraud:

Again we remind our readers on how to prevent this type of crime:

Involving cheques:

- 1 Do not keep your cheque book and card together - if lost, report at once to your bank.
- 2 Cross all cheques written.
- 3 Be cautious of strangers who are name droppers. e.g. "Fr. O'Brien the P.P. said you would change the cheque for me."
- 4 Be suspicious of customers who are indignant at requests for identification.
- 5 Be wary of cheques drawn on a bank outside this country. Should it turn out to be a dud, there is no easy remedy.
- 6 Be aware of juveniles cashing cheques, they are not legally liable for their debts.
- 7 Do not accept a cheque which shows signs of change..... have the issuer write a fresh cheque.
- 8 Keep in mind that in accepting a cheque which is post dated or cheques over a month old you are taking a chance.
- 9 Don't let the client hurry you in accepting a cheque, take all the time you need, and get answers to all your questions.
- 10 Be aware of cheques presented over bank holiday wee end, or other busy times.
- 11 Stop and think, if somebody asks to cash a cheque for a sum larger than what is required to cover the transaction.
- 12 Have all employees initial cheques cashed by them, and lodge all cheques promptly.

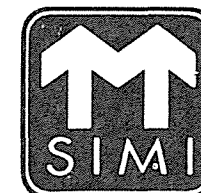
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Be aware of the pending inconvenience and please obey the Gardai and the Stewards. Above all bring along all the family and enjoy the day.

New Arrival - Garda Austin Cleere

We welcome to Maynooth Garda Austin Cleere who arrived to us from the Garda Training College, Templemore on 18th. February, 1994. A noted intercounty hurler he hails from the famed nursery of this artistic sport, County Kilkenny. On behalf of the Community we extend to him a generous C  ad M  ile F  ilte and wish him every success and contentment during his period of service among the people of Maynooth.

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HOMELESS

In the dark dismal porch the rain seems to be aiming to hit the weak, pervious cardboard house. Inside, hoping to find some kind of warmth and shelter, lies a young teenage girl, curled up like a hedgehog. The young girl opens her eyes, trying to adjust to the darkness around her, where the outline of objects are misty and blurred. The wind cuts through the cardboard like a sharp kitchen knife, piercing through her skin and weak bones. Christine grips the sleeves of her thin cotton jumper trying to conserve any body heat she has. She tightens her bones and her back begins to ache. Her teeth are constantly rattling. Christine picks herself up from the wet cardboard which is now lying in a small river of rainwater. The rain-drops drip continuously down from the rooftop.

Christine thought she had found a reasonable squat for the night. However, now it was time to move on. Weary of life, she curses the wind which blew the rain in the direction of her small cardboard shelter in a shop porch. Everything in the world seems to be against her, even the forces of nature, which is exposing her weak body to its harsh winter conditions. Wandering slowly, aimlessly down the dark, badly lit Dublin street, rain pelts down on her head. Christine's red hair drips cold water down her back. There is no need to run for shelter, where could she run to? She is already wet and is oblivious to its constant pelting now. Looking up to the clear dark navy sky she watches the stars twinkle.

Tears swell up in Christine's eyes and the stars seem to be blurred. She remembers those unforgettable nights alone looking up into the night sky, wishing she was looking at them from somewhere else, somewhere happier, where maybe she could see them dance beside the full perfect moon. Christine was somewhere else now. But she was not happier, she was trapped, confined to the streets where there seemed to be no way out for anyone like her. Nowhere or no-one to go to, she feels alone and isolated. She has been exposed to the badness the world has to offer and has not seen happy times, wishing to avoid the bright lights of nightclubs, the ramblings of drunk people and couples holding each other closely.

She travels the dark empty streets. Spotting a place that seems to be dry she sits herself down. Shivering uncontrollably she wonders if she will be able to get a reasonable night's sleep. For Christine, dreaming is her only consolation in life. Sleep is the death of each day and with each day she hopes for an escape. Wishing for a world which could be kind to her and she in return would be kind to it. Her breathing is slow and quite relaxed as she seems to doze off. Beautiful thoughts and dreams swirl around her head. A peaceful night for Christine as she escapes reality for just a few hours. In the morning things probably won't be different. Christine has no hope for the future, no-one to help her find hope. Alone in the world sleep is her only comfort. She is not just trapped by the streets, she is in fact trapped in herself and she cannot find any way out.

Georgina Sherlock

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY

Mathematical Olympiad

Morven Duffy continues to progress in the training programme for the International Mathematical Olympiad 1994. Originally over a hundred students were selected on the basis of their grade in Maths in the Junior Certificate 1993. This group has been reduced to 36 and Morven is among them. We wish her well in the next round.

Camogie

Our Junior camogie team were narrowly beaten in the Kildare county final by a good Clane team. The girls contested every ball right up to the final whistle and with a bit of luck on their side the result would have gone the other way. Nonetheless, well done to the team, the parents who supported them and their trainers John Nevin and Maire Mannion.

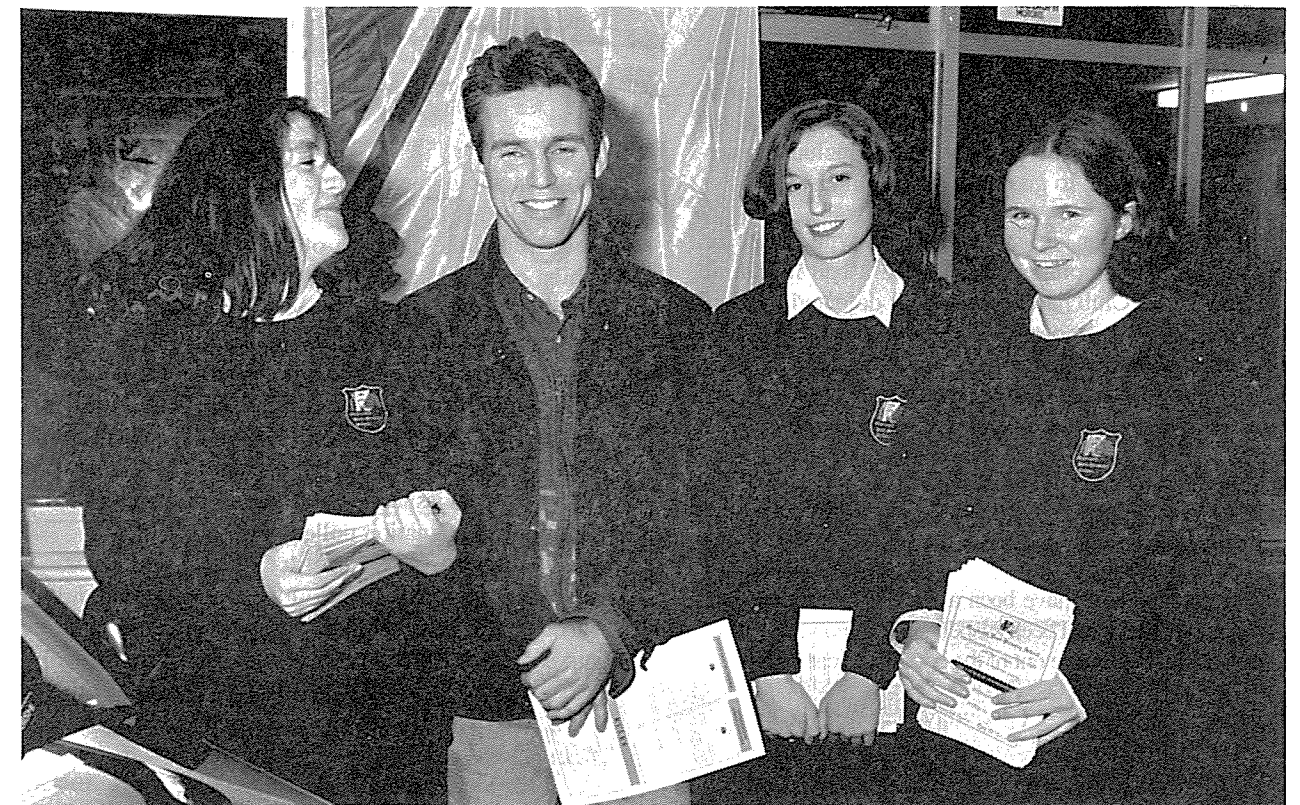
The Monster Draw

The Monster Draw got off to a flying start with a large crowd in attendance in the Gym. It was a very enjoyable

and unusual evening. Ray D'Arcy proved very popular and entertaining as well as the St. Mary's band which kept the audience entertained throughout. Our student Sandra Brady and her father further entertained the crowd with a selection of ballads. After the festivities the parents and friends enjoyed refreshments.

Tickets

Now that the fun is over we have to get down to the business of buying and selling the tickets. Again I appeal to our present parents and students, to all of our past-pupils to rally around us now and support us in this project. Many, many students and parents have had the benefit of the academic and extra curricular programmes offered by this school over the years and we now ask to give something back in return. Your contribution will have a lasting beneficial influence on future groups of students as well as the chance to win substantial prizes. Buy a ticket now and in doing so support your Local Post-Primary School.



• Ray D'Arcy chatting with Finola Griffin, Meadhbh Flood, Lorraine Downey, at the launching of Maynooth Post - Primary Monster Draw.

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LOCAL RALLY CHAMPIONS IN TITLE CHASE

As the 1993/94 National Navigation Rally Championship enters its final stages Maynooth rally driver, Ted Gaffney, is just two points behind the series leader with two rounds remaining. Having been runner-up on a number of occasions in the past along with Navigator Don Foley, Ted is hoping this will be his year and is quietly optimistic that he can take his first National title when the Championship ends in March. Don has an uphill struggle in the Navigators section having had to miss the opening round but is determined to fight it out to the end. In the Hella East Coast Championship he is currently lying in second place, three points behind, with three rounds remaining and he is hoping to extend his record of three Championship titles.

LOOKING BACK. THE NEWSLETTER IN '69 and '79

To mark its 200th edition Maynooth went delving into the archives, some time around the writing of the Book of Kells or the Old Testament to find out what was troubling the minds of the writers of the earliest issues.

We found the earliest issues focussed on concerns still held by many today. In April 1969 Maynooth had decided to enter the Tidy Towns Competition. The writer informs us that this involves nothing difficult or drastic. Our response today can only be "Ah bliss was that dawn" when harsh experience had not destroyed innocence.

Sinners of the parish were beginning to tremble for the arrival of the missionaries. Fr. Mullaghy and Fr. Clear was imminent. The second Quarterly Draw for the Swimming Pool, Where? What? When? had just occurred and winners included a certain Fr. M. Ledwith soon to go on to greater things.

Maynooth had just been defeated by Dunboyne in the Fr. Michael Cleary Talent competition, indeed a bad month all round for the Youth Club had been heavily defeated by Coill Dubh in a debate. On a more positive note the Table Tennis Club was prospering in Division IV of the Kildare League and in those days of total football the soccer club was fast becoming the Holland of the Leinster Junior League.

November 1979 concentrated mostly on the Pope's visit. The ICA appears to have been a dangerous place at this time for six reporters sent to investigate them had disappeared.

The GAA Club appears to have been a place of interest also. It denied in an article that it had been suspended for two years. "Will some one of yiz get the referee out of the boot of dat car please."

It was a great time to be alive. A holiday in Portugal cost £85, a weekend in New York £135, roughly the cost of a pint of Harp and twenty Major today. Similarly the women in the advertisement for Ryan & Tyrell Datsun Cars were extremely attractive and much more interesting than the car. None of this in today's duller politically correct times!

Thanks are owed to G. McTernan who supplied copies of those earlier Newsletters.

MAYNOOTH 1993 - A PROFILE

This month marks the 200th edition of the Newsletter. During these sixteen years the nature and scale of the Newsletter and the town it serves have changed radically.

What sort of a town is Maynooth? Is it a college town or a dormitory town? Does it have its own identity or is it just becoming part of the Dublin suburban sprawl? To mark its 200th edition the Newsletter questioned a cross-section of Maynoothonians to discover what their views were on local and national issues and out of this to evolve some clue as to the identity of the town.

You chose nine issues which you say as being the most important problems affecting your town. These were in order of importance

1. Unemployment -	32%
2. Crime -	16%
3. Youth Amenities -	13%
4. Roads -	13%
5. Drugs -	10%
6. Local Charges -	10%
7. Litter -	4%
8. Town Commission Status -	1%
9. Historic Town Status -	1%

The results confirm much that is already known, buck some national trends and provide a salutary smack in the face for certain institutions.

Several important themes emerged from this question. Unemployment in the locality, unsurprising given the high rate of unemployment in the town, emerged as the dominant concern.

After unemployment, crime was seen as the second most significant local problem. Significantly a high proportion of those polled cited the question of drugs as another major concern whilst great importance was also placed on the necessity for adequate local facilities for young people.

The numbers who cited roads and litter as major local issues were not as high as expected. Only 10% saw local charges as an important local issue and 13% in the case of roads. Neo-phyte politicians will also be disappointed. The two most directly political issues, town commission status and tourist/historic town designation polled poorly.

Dominant concerns therefore were socio-economic ones, in particular the effects of unemployment, crime and drugs. The survey also indicates that local concerns are broadly in line with national ones.

Crime

Crime was a major factor in Maynooth life. 49% of those interviewed saw crime as a problem in Maynooth as against 46% who didn't. These fears indicate that the demand for a full-time police presence is justified. Robbery was the greatest fear by 55%, whilst 20% cited the threat of rape. This surely says something about the nature of our town and is also an indictment of the poor standard of public lighting around

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Maynooth. A further 12% feared assault whilst a timorous 2% cited murder as their greatest fear. One also cited the threat of child-abuse.

Despite these fears the Gardai received a resounding vote of confidence, 67% were satisfied with their performance as against 28% dissatisfied. A total of 57% believed they did not receive adequate resources. Interestingly, those who were most dissatisfied with the performances of the Gardai believed the Gardai already possessed sufficient resources.

Thing Must Go

The campaign to get rid of 'the Thing' was also justified by the survey. It is believed Hollywood intend to make a film about this soon. 77% want it to go, a hardy 3% believe it should stay, whilst a puzzled 20% asked, "What is 'the thing'".

Students and Residents Associations

Relations between the town and college students have sometimes been fractious. However in the survey a majority felt that students were not disruptive, 57%, as against 39% who felt they were. Significantly 41% of those surveyed felt that residents' associations were often difficult.

Community Council

The Community Council received a strong vote of confidence although many felt it was irrelevant to their lives. 57% believed the Community Council was relevant to their lives whilst 68% believed it was doing a good job. It is important to note that whilst 38% saw it as irrelevant to their lives only 20% believed it was performing badly. This implies an attitude of benevolent neutrality towards the Council by many who although unaffected by its activities still felt it was doing a good job. Surprisingly few knew the name of the Chairperson.

Kildare Co. Council Gets Order of the Boot.

Kildare Co. Council received a resounding vote of No Confidence, 79% were dissatisfied with its performances, a negative ratio of 6:1 a truly shocking statistic, indicating that the new County Manager and many of his officials would be well advised to reform their attitudes.

Water Charges

As noted, the issue of water-charges is no longer the burning issue that it was. As expected a majority of people are opposed 51%, but a significant minority 36%, supported these charges with 13% indifferent. The response to the question on Unemployment - 68% saw it as a major local problem as against 7% who didn't - also confirms the views expressed in Question 1 in which a substantial majority that unemployment was the most serious local issue.

Drugs/Aids A Problem?

58% of replies saw drugs as a major local problem as opposed to 38% who didn't. Interestingly these figures were reversed on the issue of AID'S. Only 35% saw it as a problem with 53% saying "No". This can be seen as indicating either a dangerous level of complacency or that the AID's scare is over.

A Popular Newsletter!

Finally some good news for the overworked, under-un-paid Newsletter editorial team, always criticised and rarely commended. Whilst 17% of the community, Philistines all, have never read it, 21% do occasionally read it whilst a stunning 43% recognising its innovative brilliance, crusading journalism, etc. etc. etc. read the **Newsletter** regularly. Hurrah! Hurrah!

The survey indicates a town with very definite views and concerns. Although the low interest indicated in Town Commission status may disappoint some, the case for Urban District Council status and the devolution of powers from Kildare County Council to Maynooth is justified by the relative satisfaction felt towards the Community Council and the bankruptcy of the status of Kildare County Council.

The survey found that Maynooth shares many concerns with the rest of Irish society at a local level. The great bete noirs are unemployment, crime and drugs whilst a strong demand exists for improved facilities for the young. It also indicates a town in many ways dissatisfied with the services provided it by central government.

Next month: Maynooth and National Issues.

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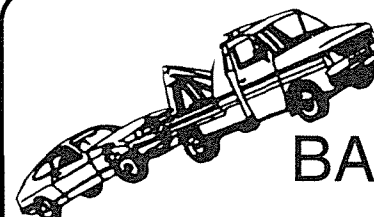


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MAYNOOTH WINNER IN I.E.S. COMPETITION

Maynooth had a local winner in the I.E.S. Ltd. sponsored essay competition in the Liffey Champion, Jason Newton, aged 11, from 37 Rail Park, Maynooth. Jason is a pupil in St. Mary's Boys' National School and what makes his achievement so poignant is that he was in the 11 to 13 years category, obviously competing with his peers.

Jason's essay was called "The Best Gift" and it was certainly his gift at writing that ensured his success in the competition.

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The other aspect is that I will observe the children quietly when they work with jigsaws and other educative toys in order to respond to their specific needs. (For example if a boy shows interest in learning and sorting colours, I will make sure that the work he chooses challenges his interest. If a girl shows interest in letters and numbers I will provide her with material that will stimulate her).

We plan our day or even days around one project, which is naturally in tune with the children's interest. So if it snows we will talk, have a story, sing and be creative about snow. It could be the seasons, different professions, a new baby, the dentist, or like here in Rockfield building, diggers etc. Learning about nature will be a very important part. We will sing a little prayer to God every day for creating these things for us so that we may use them well and treat them with respect.

We have band and a piano. Every now and then we might dance or introduce the children to a musical instrument since I believe that children naturally love music.

Pre reading and writing skills are important for children who are preparing for primary school. My goal is not to teach them

how to read and write but to make the children ready. It is like somebody who wants to hang-glide. They will first do all the physical exercises to become familiar with them, building up their confidence through this.

They learn all about the space they are going to fly in and how to master it until they nearly can't wait to make that first jump. Children grow physically, emotionally and intellectually towards the moment that they will read and write letters and words. They also all have their own pace. Many have fun activities can help them:

I might ask the children to go home today and look for an object which starts with the letter B and bring it in the next day. They will all talk to the group on their chosen object.

If you like more information on want to enrol your child into THE LINK UP feel free to phone at 6285603 or to call in.

I finish with emphasising to interested parents that all of these activities will take place in a peaceful, caring and stimulating atmosphere. It is the only way a child can grow to it's full potential. This is why I like to keep in close contact with the parents.

STREET TALK

New Ventures in Maynooth

This month's Street Talk welcomes some new ventures to Maynooth

Maynooth Laundry Shop

Maynooth Laundry Shop (formerly Kleen Jeans) has been taken over by Bernard Doran and Ruth Doran since 1st February 1994. While the shop is under new management, the same staff have been kept on.

Situated at Greenfield Shopping Centre, this business offers a much needed service to the people of the area, with a student discount available on production of a student card (see the advertisement in this issue). The opening hours are 8.00 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday inclusive and while the laundry must be dropped in and collected personally at present, a collection and delivery service is due shortly. Another proposal being put into action is an ironing service which would be a hot favourite for many customers.

We wish the Dorans and their staff the best of luck in their new venture.

Jean's Foodstore

Jean's Foodstore opened on 1st November, 1993, at the entrance to Moyglare Village. The proprietor is Jean Leonard and the shop opens at very convenient times: 7.30 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. The shop serves as a Newsagents/Grocers, while also selling fuel and gas. This has the potential to be a successful convenience store and is well located on the outskirts of Maynooth, in an area not previously serviced with these facilities.

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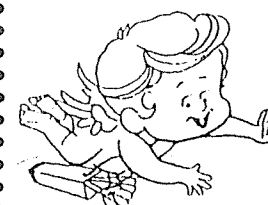
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The Mill Wine Cellar

The Mill Wine Cellar opened on 9th December, 1993, in Mill Street, Maynooth, just in time for Christmas. The owner, Michael Tennyson, has arranged a free draw for his customers. This draw is on the last day of every month and to qualify, one must spend a minimum of £5 in the shop. The prize is a choice of the following:- A European Inter-Rail ticket, a weekend for two in London or a purchase to the value of £200 in The Mill Wine Cellar.

Special discounts are offered for large orders, with a sale and return basis for special occasions. For those organising a wine party, free glasses are provided for this occasion (to be returned after use of course).

The opening hours for the Mill Wine Cellar are 10.30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. Monday to Saturday and pub hours on Sunday until 9.30. We wish Michael Tennyson the best of luck with his new business.

Knits and Bits

Lisa Cullen, a first year student in Maynooth College, got the brainwave to open a shop orientated towards young people's fashions. Aptly named, Knits and Bits it opened at the end of January 1994 and is situated beside Travel Options in Maynooth town. The shop stocks jumpers, jackets, tee-shirts, skirts and tops. For the young at heart there is also a selection of jewellery.

Opening times are at odd hours to suit young people who may be either at school or college. However, it does open till 8.30 each night. The items are keenly priced to suit everybody's pocket.

Good luck to Lisa in her enterprising new venture.

UPROAR IN THE HOUSE

Maynooth has long had the pleasure of the presence of one Joseph Faherty, (since 1954 in fact). Joe is alright apart from a few outbursts of "Connemara Irish" which he occasionally uses to bamboozle the natives. His accent is so pronounced that even people who know some Irish cannot understand him. He even denounced the "local brogue" which he claims he had to learn.

All was going well until recently a discussion on plants arose in a local drinking house, when someone mentioned a Eucalyptus Tree. Well the over enthusiastic Irish speaker embraced this name as an Irish word.

The wise and ever cunning Larry McEvoy knew he had him. Larry said, "Shur thats a Greek word the plural of which is Eucalypti". Well it brought tears to many eyes to hear Larry speak Greek.

Even Donal Finnan nicknamed "The Bomb" was outbombed. There was uproar in the House and only when An Ceann Comhairle Danny Fitzpatrick intervened ten minutes later, did normal drinking resume.

THE O'MUSSOLINI CHRONICLES

Continuing our journey into the surreal world of local politics which the words of that great statesman/orator, Edmund Burke, "the sublime and the ridiculous" most aptly adhere to, it is both our pleasure and our public duty (of course!) to offer you more revelations from what will be in future referred to as "The O' Mussolini M.C.C Chronicles." After reading these are to be placed into a time capsule for use some centuries later when the aliens invade, as one good look into this mentality will convince the most dastardly army of invaders to retreat post-haste.

Dear Albert,

Why do you not write to me anymore? I suppose you have your snot up in the air now what with meeting with various European leaders, how is de Gaulle anyways and that fella Dick Spring whispering Ethics into your ear like Milton's Satan in the Garden of Eden. Ah yes, Eden, what was it now the poet said,

Bliss was that time, when Donie Cassidy would have been assured a Euro nomination
And Ned Brennan the Ministry of Gaeltacht,
Arts and Culture

Ah yes the rhyming couplet, first sign of great poetry and often the last.

Ethics, the closest that fella ever came to ethics was athletics.

Well Albert, I know where the skeletons are buried and I know how the dog-food business was started. I might as well tell you I've had offers too. Fine Gael are nosing around me like a dog after. . . . Now lads no sex please, this might appear on RTE.

But anyway I did the business for ye and the moment my hat went into the ring the FG lads gathered back around Bruton like ? (here the writing becomes illegible. .) around a handkerchief. But as you yourself said, they're not ready for my talents and abilities yet.

Any chance of that old Euro nomination. When is Johnny Logan going to retire anyway? Its not fair. I can dress just as well as some of those Turkish and Norwegian entries. Although still independent I will sell my soul to anyone, and will. You know I love Europe, a land so reminiscent of the old testament Israel, swimming in honey, milk, beef, whoops! sorry! and grants. Ah the sweet melodious timbre of that word no, not word for it goes beyond language into song, music, art.

Speaking of grants, Albert, we are training the brother's dog at the moment. Any chance of a higher education grant? I know its only a dog but shure it's all learning.

Everything is grand down here. They say a rising tide lifts all boats and that's surely time. Economic growth up, unemployment up, crime up, the thirty two pints I had last night . . . Well look I'd better go now Albert and remember *Continued*

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BETWEEN THE ADS AND THE OSCARS

A VERY SAD STORY

It was not the first mention on the radio that day of the finding of the baby's body in the canal - our canal. My first reaction had been a sinking feeling: "Oh, no, not another one." And then, I had to take in that it had happened here, up the road, within yards, possibly, of my own house. Now coping with that was different. It wasn't at quite so safe a distance, in someone else's community, but right here in my own. I really had to think about this and give it more attention than another, similar event in the national news. And I didn't think I would be able to be as detached as I might be if this infant's body had been found in some other part of the country.

Troubling Questions

What happened? We may never know. The little girl was stillborn. How long before that had she died? For how long did her mother know that her child's spirit had departed, depriving her of the possibility of knowing the little person she had expected to meet face to face at the end of her nine months of pregnancy? Or did she realise this at all? Had it been a secret pregnancy, full of worry, misery or dread, and was the birth just a final horrible episode? Where is this mother now, and how is she?

Concern, not Curiosity

One of the things I decided early on was that I don't need to know who this woman or girl is. In other words, I feel more concerned than curious. But I would dearly like to be reassured that she is getting the care and attention that I as a human being, a woman, a mother, and a member of this community where her daughter's body was found, would want her to have. And I feel confident that I speak for many other people when I say this.

A Community that Copes - most of the time.

I feel this confidence because I know that our community includes many families who have had to deal with problem pregnancies. And, after the initial shock and upset, they have, each in their own way, come to terms with the arrival of their child or grandchild. Because this woman gave birth unassisted, we may assume that she did not believe that that possibility existed for her. She may have been right, at the time, or she may have been mistaken.

The Help that is Available

She must not have known that there was anybody who would listen to and support her. What kind of life does this suggest, irrespective of her pregnancy and the birth and death of her child? What does this tell us about our community, always presuming that this mother was one of its members? These and other questions prompted me to contact some of the people involved in a voluntary or paid capacity in the caring work that goes on in our town and parish. What follows may help to prevent tragedies like this one from happening in the future by letting people know who is willing to help and by encouraging any other individual who is experiencing a crisis to make contact before they get to the point where they feel it is impossible to do so.

How to Respond?

What could any of us do if this woman confided in us? Well, first of all we could be very aware of the trust she placed in us and preserving that trust should be the first priority. She would need to receive understanding and compassion and not judgement. She would need to be heard and not necessarily advised. What information and support she needed would become clear. And we could seek out that information for her or with her, right here, in our own community.

Sources of Help

Norah McDermott thinks it is dreadful that someone went through a birth on her own. She understands that a person can get into a terrible panic, and lose sight of the fact that there are people available who are willing to help. She can understand that a girl might not want to tell her family about a pregnancy. It is important that everybody knows that by simply phoning the Community Council or Citizen's Information Centre (numbers given below) they can get information about organisations and individuals who are available and willing to help. This information can be obtained anonymously. "Nothing is so drastic that somebody can't help," says Norah. It may be that, sometimes, a person's experience makes it hard for them to realise that.

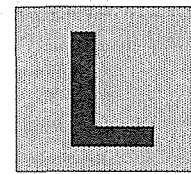
***Norah McDermott, Supervisor/Administrator, Maynooth Community Council. Telephone (01) 628 5922 - office hours.**

Frances McCloskey was on holiday when I contacted our local Citizen's Information Centre. I spoke to Noeleen Edmonds who told me that the office is staffed by a rota of volunteers and SES workers between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm on weekdays. This staff of 10 women and 5 men is on hand to provide a completely non-judgemental information service. Again, this help can be obtained by a phone call and callers do not have to identify themselves.

Frances McCloskey, Supervisor, Citizen's Information Centre, Telephone (01) 628 5477 - office hours.

Nurse Kathleen Campbell described a great range of services when I phoned the Health Centre at the Harbour. By phoning the Centre, a person can gain access to all the services provided by the Eastern Health Board: Community Welfare Officers, Social Workers, Psychologists and Public Health Nurse.

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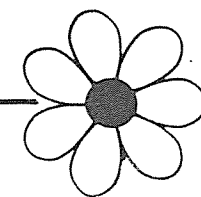
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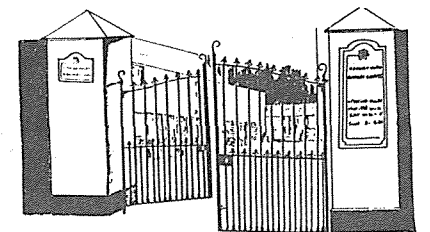
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Nurse Campbell says her first concern now would be for the mother's health. To encourage a person in crisis to make contact sooner rather than later, she would urge people to recognise that when they are in crisis they need to talk to someone who is competent to help. Neither herself nor the other staff at the Centre is likely to be shocked by anyone's predicament. While to the person who is in it, the crisis is new, the experienced helper will have learned a lot that can help to resolve it. The old adage that two heads are better than one is true in this respect, she thinks. Apart from the possibility of gaining new information, describing the problem so that someone else can understand it often leaves the way forward clear.

As for the risk of revealing a situation in all its details, Nurse suggests that, often, a person can start by asking a question rather than telling their whole story. This can feel like a safer way to broach a subject and one that she is happy to co-operate with.

***Nurse Kathleen Campbell, Public Health Nurse, Maynooth Health Centre, The Harbour, Telephone (01) 628 5415**

***Eastern Heath Board, Naas, Telephone (045) 76001.**

Denis Clohessy, Welfare Officer in the Students' Union, Maynooth College, told me that he thought the student community had been shocked by the finding of the baby's body and what it implied. It shattered people's illusion, probably shared by a lot of us, the people in the Greater Dublin area know about all the support that is available and that they are able to gain access to it. If approached, the Student Welfare Office, which includes a Women's Rights Officer, Aine Corrigan, offers 100% confidentiality, counselling and support and practical help, if necessary.

***Denis Clohessy, Welfare Officer and Aine Corrigan, Women's Rights Officer, Students' Union, Maynooth College, Telephone (01) 628 6035.**

Sergeant Canny said his first concern was for the psychological and medical welfare of the mother. These can best be served, he is convinced, by doing all that is possible to allay her anxieties. In tones full of compassion, the Sergeant voiced his conviction that talking to someone who responds sensitively would be an important part of the healing process for the woman who bore the baby.

The gardai have put a procedure in place to respond, if called upon. It is designed to ensure that any caller will find an attentive ear at the station. If the person would prefer to talk to a ban-garda, that will not be a problem. The gardai are ready to make referrals to appropriate helping agencies within or beyond the local community. Again, an anonymous contact will enable the caller to check facts, establish contact and possibly tap into these resources.

***Sergeant Canny, Maynooth Garda Station, Telephone (01) 628 6234**

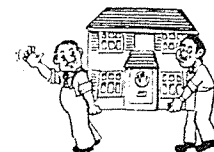
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Imelda Delaney representing the local ICA guild says her heart goes out to the mother of the baby. She really feels for her and is confident that any of the guild's members would respond in confidentiality with kindness and understanding, if approached. This non-sectarian, non-political organisation employs a counsellor in Head Office, available daily 9.30 am to 5 pm on week-days.

***Imelda Delaney, President, Maynooth Guild ICA, Telephone (01) 628 6341.**

These six individuals were the ones I managed to contact in the time between deciding to write and the copy-date deadline. It is not the complete catalogue.

Emer McDermott



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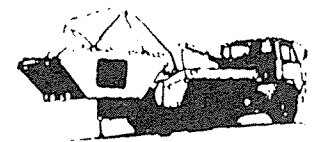
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Entertainment was provided by the Maynooth St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band, along with local musician Noel Brady with his daughter Sandra.

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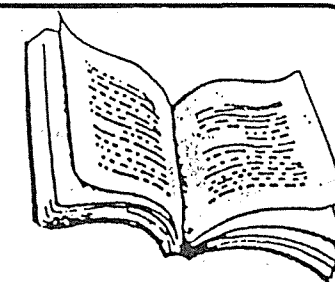
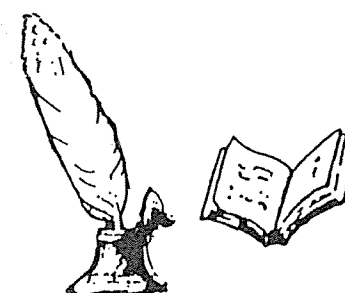
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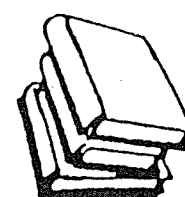
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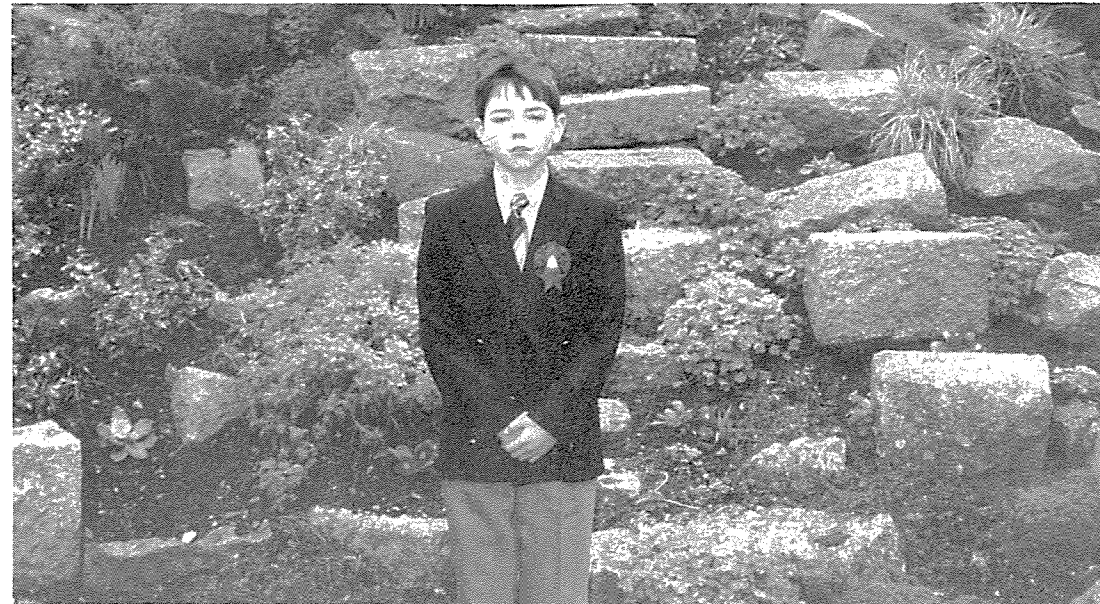
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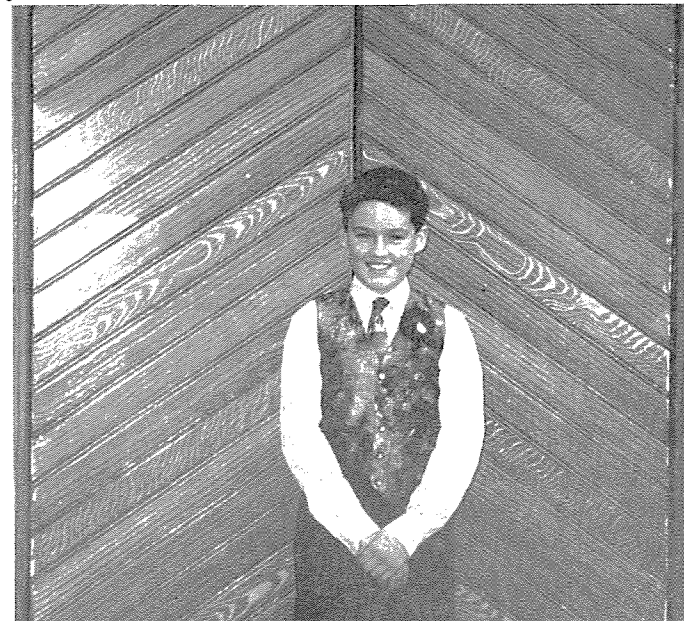
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LOVERS BY BRIAN FRIEL

The Roseian Players second production this month was the 'Winners' part of Brian Friel's 'Lovers' which took place on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th February in the College.

The play holds one of the main themes of much of Friel's work, i.e. the splitting of the Irish family unit and the struggles therein.

Billy McGee did an excellent job of directing his cast and crew. He brought over the strong emotions that Friel had in mind. The two narrators played by Patrick Downey and Ann O'Brien brought over a sense of doom and gloom in their monotone feelingless voices. This had a great impact and contrasted the vibrance and bounce of Emma Colohon who played Mags, and Cormac Quinn who played Joe. Their acting was superb, especially that of Emma Colohon whose mixed emotions came through at all times during the play. Her professionalism could have made the audience laugh or cry through relevant parts of the play. The realism of both Cormac and Emma kept the audience interested.

The College Drama Society have done a great job in their productions this year and this one was no exception. Well done and good luck for the future.

PLAY REVIEWS :

Conquest Of The South Pole :

Manfred Karges' play "Conquest Of The South Pole" was produced by The Roscian Players (Maynooth College Drama Society), on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th of February. I sat in my seat to read on the programme cover : "The theatre must start to take its audiences seriously: It must stop telling them stories they can understand "(a quote by Howard Barker). This certainly set the atmosphere for the play which was one of images in short scenes depicting four unemployed men's journey towards their goal, the South Pole, which symbolised a better existence for them.

Carol-Anne McNamara, the director of the play, had a hard task at getting over to the audience the play's cryptic message. In saying this her experience shone through in the way she directed her cast and crew.

Dara Clear, the main character (Slupianik) played a blinder. His experience showed in the way he commanded the slick character who was to control the rest of the characters. The main female role, La Braukmann, played by Ann-Marie Sheridan, was played with great conviction and emotion. She was the only one to stand up to Slupianiks dominating role even though at the end of the play she did end up having a baby by him.

The three other unemployed men, Buscher (Shane Crossan), Seiffert (Padraig Lewis) and Braukmann (Ian O'Malley) did a great job also in their portrayal of the unemployment dilemma. Of these, Ian O'Malley stood out in his gripping approach to his 'dream' scene'.

The other characters also played a great role in bringing across Karges difficult message. A special mention should also go to Eamon Hayes for his portrayal of 'Frankie Boy' who, having very little to say in the play, made his presence felt at all times. At the end of the play this simple-minded character was the only one who achieved his goal.

All in all it, was quite a difficult play to understand and my concentration was needed throughout. Well done to cast and crew! I look forward to your next production.

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Next thing the publicans got cute,
Why let the state take all the loot,
So in they came with the boot.

But as they made our rockets light,
Do you think we'd all unite,
No we gave up without a fight.

So now we rarely see the pub,
Although we've cut back on the grub,
And all collection boxes snub.

Sure it's a national disgrace,
To think we once set the pace,
now can no longer hold our place,
As a pint consuming race.

Tommy Campbell,
Graiguepottle, Donadea.

FILM REVIEWS

Cliffhanger (15)

An exciting new release directed by Renny Warlin (who also directed Die Hard 2) Sylvester Stallone is Gae Walker, a mountain rescuer. Forced back onto the deadly peaks as a rescuer, he is up against ruthless criminals and the game is now about rescuing himself and his friends. This film is packed with breathless scenery and spectacular effects. Well worth watching!

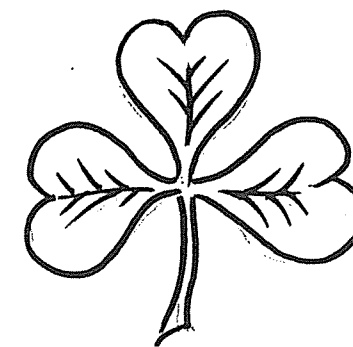
Passenger 57 (15)

Finally the world's most dangerous hijacker has been captured. Charles Rane (Bruce Payne) is being brought by plane to trial. Confident that he will escape, he finds he has competition from Passenger 57 (John Cutter) on board. A top antiterrorist he

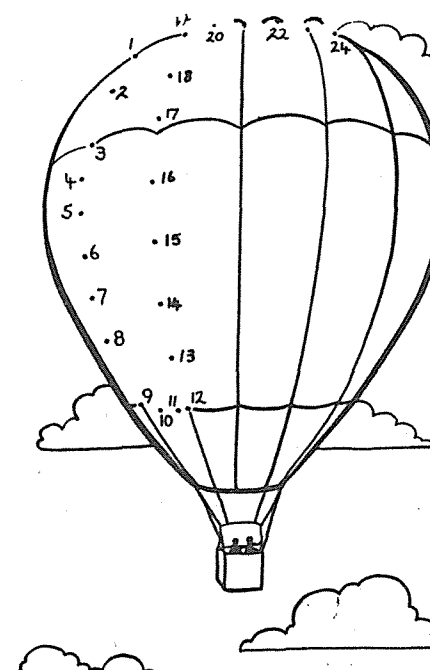
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alone can match Rane's intelligence and strength. The two men battle it out in the air and on the ground throughout the film. An action packed film but quite predictable.

Alive (15)

A controversial but true story which has intrigued thousands. This film journeys back to an October afternoon 1972. An aeroplane carrying a team of young rugby players crashes in the Andes. The survivors waited hoping in vain to be rescued. The search is called off and the survivors fight to stay alive battling against the sub-zero degrees for weeks. Three brave men leave the wreckage to find help. A wonderful film, full of human determination.

Georgina Sherlock

VIDEO REVIEW

It's going to be hard to get your hands on "The Firm" (15), due for release on 25th March. Among the stars are Tom Cruise, Gene Hackman, Ed Harris and Holly Hunter. The Firm based on the novel by John Grisham is very commercial and slick, following Mitch Mc Deere (Tom Cruise) a hot-shot law graduate who turns down offers from top New York law firms to practice in a small New England firm. It turns out these upright solicitors are laundering money for the mob and Mitch, with the F.B.I. leaning on him, has to come up with a plan that will get him out of the web he's caught in and stay alive at the same time. Although the movie has its dull moments with a hefty running time of nearly two and a half hours, it still gets my vote for the best video release for this month.

"Dennis" (PG) release date 18th March, the story of the child menace that will delight younger viewers and adults alike. Other family films worthy of a rental are "The Secret Garden" (U) 25th March, this enchanted drama is very well done and makes for a great Sunday afternoon film for all the family. Also "Champions" (PG) release date 22nd March, is a comedy about the underdogs (being a boys' ice hockey team) trying to get it together under the watchful eye of their new trainer (played by Emilio Estevez).

"Sleepless in Seattle" (PG) March 29th. This film was a huge box-office hit but for the life of me I don't know why?. Although it's a (PG) cert. it's an adult romance story that children just wouldn't be interested in. The movie is a light hearted quaint love story about there being the perfect match for everyone somewhere out there, the trick is finding that someone special. As Sleepless in Seattle is not a bit taxing on the brain it would be ideal after a hard day's work when you want to relax in front of the fire.

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HOW ABOUT A CARD DRIVE?

Where are all the card players in Maynooth? I can't understand how a country town doesn't have Whist drives and 45 (30,25) Drives running. The only time I get to play a game of cards is when I get home to Wexford where there is some kind of card drive every night of the week in the surrounding villages.

Please..... please, could interested card players come forward and be counted, even if it only starts with house games. You can contact me, John McLoughlin, 55 Cluain Aoibhinn, Maynooth.

DELICIOUSLY SIMPLE

Malted Fruit Loaf

175g/6 oz soft light brown sugar
175g/6 oz butter, softened
2 tbsp malt extract (see Tips below)
3 eggs, size 3, lightly beaten
75g/3 oz plain flour
75 g/ 3 oz wholemeal self-raising flour
1 tsp ground cinnamon
225g/8 oz dried mixed fruit
2 tsp caster sugar for dusting
Spiced butter to serve (See Tips below)

Method: Pre-heat the oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas Mark 4 Grease a 900g/2lb loaf tin and base-line with grease-proof paper.

Put the brown bread, butter and malt extract in a large bowl and beat well until pale and fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs, 1 tbsp at a time.

Sift together the flours and cinnamon and fold into the creamed mixture (making sure any bran remaining in the sieve from the wholemeal flour is also tipped into the bowl).

Gently fold in the dried fruit and spoon the mixture into the prepared tin.

Bake in the preheated oven for 1 hour 10 minutes until a skewer inserted into the middle of the cake comes out clean. Cover the top of the cake with foil if it browns too quickly.

Leave to cool in the tin for 5 minutes then turn out on to a wire rack and allow to cool completely.

Serve sliced, and spread with spiced butter, if liked.

Makes 12 slices.

Tips: Malt extract is a dark syrup available in jars from most health food shops. It gives a moistness and deliciously malty flavour to cakes.

To make spiced butter to serve with the fruit loaf, beat 1/2 tsp ground mixed spice into 75g/3 oz. butter. Continued

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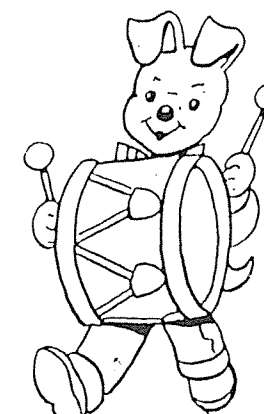
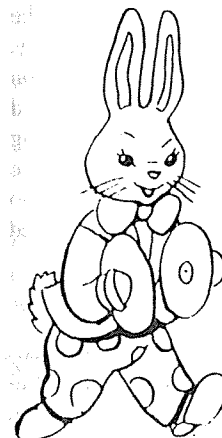
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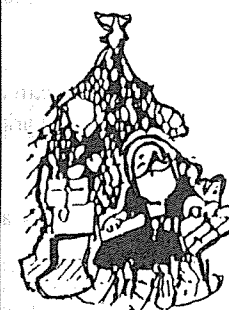
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Freeze for up to 2 months. Thaw at room Temperature for 4-5 hours.

GARDENING HINTS

MARCH - IN LIKE A LION - OUT LIKE A LAMB.

Spring arrives officially this month, on the 21st, and by then the garden will be well on the way to a new season. Now is the time to take a critical look at your garden and consider perhaps making some changes.

The Environment and Garden Design

If you have the time, inclination and the money to consider making major changes, it is worth remembering that the beauty of most gardens can be considerably enhanced by the surrounding shrubs and trees, so it is very important to study these when planning your new garden, or improving your existing one.

In a small garden the amount of planning is necessarily limited: there is generally not space to include all the varying types of trees and shrubs you would like but it is quite possible that a neighbouring garden will already contain many of them. When designing or redesigning your garden, therefore, study the neighbouring trees, plants and shrubs as it is often possible to link these with your own plantings (only visually of course!) so that they appear part of one design. This is a device used by professional designers to make a garden appear more extensive.

In some instances it is also worthwhile recording the general nature of the surrounding countryside. Greater harmony will be achieved by planting chalk-loving plants in a garden if situated in the midst of a chalky area; Heathers, Rhododendrons and other acid-soil-lovers will fit happily into a garden which is surrounded by moorlands.

Next month we will look at the cost of designing or redesigning your garden and ways to reduce same.

In the meantime, back to your existing garden:

Flower Garden

Rose pruning will now be in full swing; clematis pruning started last month should be finished by the middle of this one. Evergreens can be planted this month, watered in well at the time of planting and put in when the soil is moist (this should be no problem following all the heavy rain over the last few weeks). If in a windy position give a temporary shelter of sacking, or polythene while they establish, as wind is one of the main causes of browning of foliage, particularly conifers.

Lawns can be given a spring clean, by first raking (provided there is no moss), then topping with *razor-sharp* mower blades, and following with spiking and the first feed. Where there is moss, spring is a good time to treat it with lawn sand, but a more long-lasting remedy is to improve the soil drainage or plant food content, so that the grass always grows strong.

Lots of hardy annuals can be grown out of doors, but do not be tempted too early in the month, and in cold gardens next month will be soon enough. Three or four very warm, sunny days often occur in March, deceiving one into thinking summer is on the way, but are followed by cold wet weather, when seeds rot in the ground.

The corms and tubers started into growth last month in the greenhouse will be ready for potting; dahlias can have cuttings taken from them. Rooted chrysanthemum and carnation cuttings will need potting in 3-in. pots; pelargoniums rooted from autumn cuttings will be growing and may need potting on. All sorts of pot plants can be turned out of their pots, the old compost removed, and replaced with fresh, or if they do not like root disturbance, the top 1½ inches can be scraped off and replaced with a topdressing.

Vegetable Garden

Parsnip can be sown in early March; it is very hardy and needs a good long season to develop. Most of the rest of the vegetables, summer spinach, broccoli, sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, early carrots, leeks, onions, lettuce, peas and radish can be sown outside early this month. Celery, celeriac, cucumbers, melons and tomatoes can be sown in heat indoors.

IRISH WILDBIRD CONSERVANCY

Liffey Valley Branch - Programme for March 1994

Tuesday 15th March 1994

Video presentation on the "Birds of Ecuador and the Galapagos", introduced by Bob Strickland, Liffey Valley Branch Secretary, who has recently returned from a bird watching trip to South America.

Venue: Spa Hotel, Lucan, Co. Dublin, Time 8 p.m.

Saturday 19th March 1994

Outing to the Phoenix Park, for woodland birds and a visit to Ashtown Castle Visitor's Centre.

Meet at Ashtown Castle Visitor Centre Car Park at 10.30 a.m., walking shoes advisable. Centre signposted off Phoenix Park Main Road.

Note: Car parking is free at Ashtown Castle but there is a charge for entering the centre.

All activities are free and open to the general public. Further information from the Irish Wildbird Conservancy Ruttledge House, 8 Longford Place, Monkstown, Co. Dublin. Tel. 2804322.

Maynooth Flower and Garden Club

It's that time of the year again to get back into the garden and do some work. With this in mind, the club have asked Marie Sheehan to come to Maynooth on March 15th, and give a talk on all aspects of gardening. This should be a most enjoyable and interesting evening, as Marie Sheehan is an expert. We expect everyone to be full of ideas and enthusiasm at the end

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of the evening. Venue as usual is Divine Word Hostel, Moyglare Road, at 8 p.m. and non-members always most welcome.

On St. Patrick's Day, club members will be busy decorating the reviewing stand for the Parade.

To support and help the fund-raising efforts in the Post Primary School, there is a coffee morning on March 26th, at Felicity Satchwell's house from 10 am.-4pm. Any donations of cakes, jams, plants, flowers, etc., will be most welcome so do come along on the 26th for a coffee and chat, with the opportunity of buying something interesting, or a treat for tea.

Please keep in mind our annual Spring Show, which will take place on April 19th. Full details at the March meeting and in April Newsletter.

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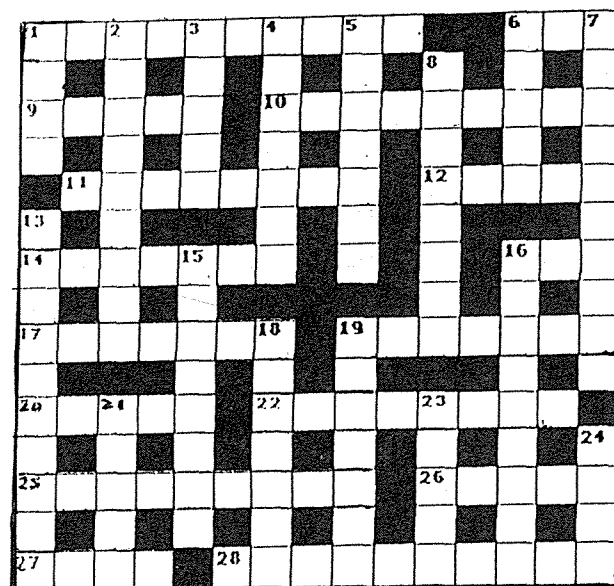
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Crosswords

CROSSWORD NO. 76



Entries before 5.00p.m.18th March 1994

Name: _____

Address: _____

Across

1. If you tag on to the octets, we hear, it's mesmeric! (10)
6. Discover the examination! (3)
9. Phase out the design (5)
10. Manages one Social Employment Scheme at the end of the Keyboard (9)
11. Changing the puma to a leopard? (8)
12. A tee totaller, I see, in the upper room (5)
14. Adams partner rose to supervise (7)
16. Beverage for a Boston party? (3)
17. In France you might see the men in fights with the secret service. (7)
19. In Japan a cheerleader has style! (7)
20. Lynn gets nothing for the material (5)
22. Ginger in the present monarchs cooking (8)
25. Veers about in Len's unfeeling state (9)
26. To cheat on a university graduate would be rasher (5)
27. It would appear that James Bond needs an appointment to do this! (4)
28. The kid who victimises social status (5,5)

Down

1. Out of water it has a chip on its shoulder (4)
2. Pointed to the Lough (9)
3. Not moving but great gas! (5)
4. Silver on your eyes can worry (7)
5. English times holds your attention (7)
6. A small donkey may make a profit (5)
7. In court, I toss a case to colleagues (10)
8. Savin' the small particle may cause a battle (8)
13. New tin cents on the atlas (10)
15. Lambs noises? (8)
16. Northern tea in the chalice may become too scientific (9)
18. Certainly Lar, its avont garde! (7)
19. Can the sins of the fathers be forgiven by them? (7)

21. Huge glare! (5)
23. Ban Bo from seeing the Indian ruler (5)
24. May be the lonely Orbison fan (4)

Solution to Crossword No. 75

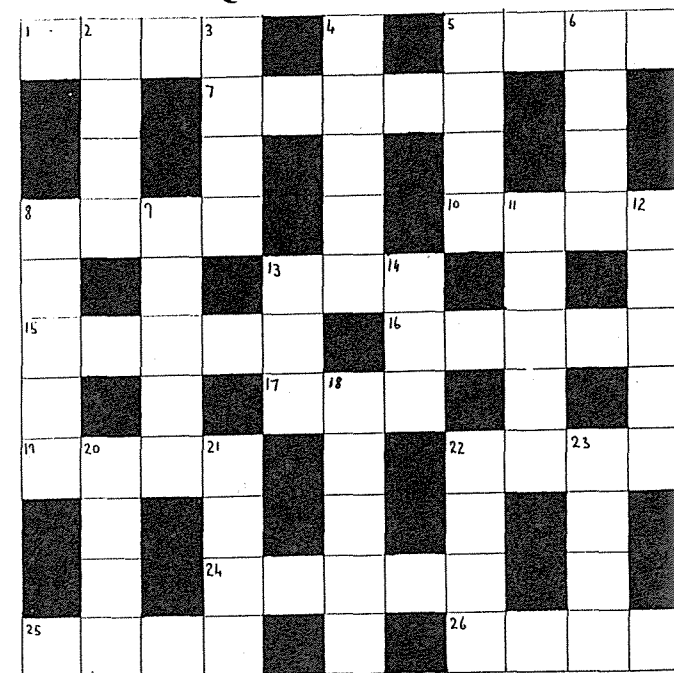
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Down: 1. Iron 2. Preferred 3. Trace 4. Example 5. Courser 6. Hence 7. Everywhere 8. Adverted 13. Specialist 15. Unnerved 16. Stitchers 18. Elation 19. Mourner 21. Taffy 23. Thing 24. It is.

Winner of Crossword No. 75:

Oliver Durack, Carton, Maynooth

TEA BREAK QUICKIE



Across:

- 1) One of a pair (4)
- 5) Just one time (4)
- 7) Scene of a famous battle (5)
- 8) Unemployed (4)
- 10) Dash (4)
- 13) Old unit of length (3)
- 15) Italian river (5)
- 16) Geriatric berry? (5)
- 17) Mature (3)
- 19) Small stream (4)
- 22) Net (4)
- 24) Musically slowly (5)
- 25) Cart (4)
- 26) Refuse (4)

Down:

- 2) Hospital dormitory (4)
- 3) The back of the neck (4)
- 4) Man made waterway (5)
- 5) Exude (4)
- 6) Caribbean island (4)
- 8) Bury (5)
- 9) Defame falsely (5)
- 11) Gatekeeper's house (5)
- 12) Compass point (5)
- 13) Period (3)
- 14) Sheltered side on ship (3)
- 18) Style (5)
- 20) Mister Novello (4)
- 21) Flower (4)
- 22) State of mind (4)
- 23) Rotate (4)

Sports News

GAA NOTES

Ladies' Football

Our Club is starting a Ladies' Football team. We hope to field under 14, under 16, under 18 and Junior this year. Anyone wishing to help out can do so by contacting Mick Gillick or John Nevin. We are holding a training session on Saturday 5th March in Moyglare Road field at 2.00 p.m. To all ladies you are welcome to attend.

Referees

Our Club are looking for referees for our under age games. Any players interested please contact our secretary Noel Farrelly, Rail Park, Maynooth.

Camogie

Our Club is forming a camogie team this year and all girls interested should contact Robby Molloy or any member of our committee. Further notice in next issue of Newsletter.

Hurling and Football

Skills training for under age players 8 years to 13 years will be held every Saturday morning from 5th March at the Salesian College playing fields. Hurling 10.15 a.m. to 11.30 a.m., Football 11.30-1.00 p.m. New players welcome, children playing hurling must wear helmets. We also like to welcome older players to come along and help out in training our under age teams. Please meet at Greenfield Shopping Centre (Sean Donovan's shop) for transport to the Salesian College.

Under 14 Football Team Manager - Mick Gillick

Under 16 Football Team Manager - John O'Rourke

Anyone who would like to help out our under 14 and under 16 can do so by contacting any member of our Club.

Lotto Result - 23-1-94 Numbers 1-4-18-19 No Winner

Jackpot £800 5x£10 Pauline Kerines, Anthony Byrne, Peter Nevin, Seamus Cummins, Des Mathews.

Lotto Result - 30-1-94 Numbers - 1-8-14 -22 No Winner

Jackpot £860 5 x £10 M Corrigan, M. Fitzpatrick, M. Hall, Lorraine Dempsey, Mrs Gilligan.

Lotto Result - 6-2-94 Numbers 5-8-11-23 No Winner

Jackpot £920 5x £10 Cha Farrelly, Mona Byrne, Conor Saults, Tommy Hopkins, Harry Flood.

Lotto Result - 13-2-94 Numbers 1-4-8-16 No Winner

Jackpot £1,000 5 x £10 Connie Harpur, Seamus Grundy, Dowling family, M.C. Dempsey, Kathleen Nevin.

Junior Football Fixtures - 1994

Monday 11th April Maynooth V Leixlip Home 7-15
Monday 18th April Maynooth V Confey Away 7-15
Monday 25th April Maynooth V Ellistown Away 7-15
Tuesday 3th May Maynooth V Kilcock Home 7-15
Monday 9th May Maynooth V Ardclough Away 7-15
Monday 16th May Maynooth V Naas Home 8.00
Monday 23rd May Maynooth V Straffan Home 8.00

Monday 30th May Maynooth V Rathcoffey Away 8.00
Tuesday 7th June Maynooth V St Kevins Home 8.00
Monday 13th June Maynooth V Robertstown Home 8.00
Monday 20th June Maynooth V Clogherinkoe Home 8.00
Monday 27th June Maynooth V Caragh Away 8.00
Monday 4th July Maynooth V Cappagh Away 8.00

Senior Football League Div 2 Fixtures 1994

Sunday 6th March Maynooth V Ballymore Home 3.00 p.m.
Sunday 20th March Maynooth V Ballyteague Away 3.00 p.m.
Sunday 3rd April Maynooth V Rathcoffey Home 3.00 p.m.
Tuesday 12th April Maynooth V Straffan Away 7.00 p.m.
Sunday 17th April Maynooth V Monastrevin Home 3.00 p.m.
Tuesday 26th April Maynooth V Caragh Home 7.00 p.m.
Tuesday 10th May Maynooth V Kill Home 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 17th May Maynooth V Athy Home 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 31st May Maynooth V Castledermot Away 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 21st June Maynooth V Milltown Away 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 28th June Maynooth V Grange Away 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 5th July Maynooth V Castlemitchel Away 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday 19th July Maynooth V Two-Mile-House Away 7.30 p.m.

Minor Football League Fixtures - 1994

Sunday 13th March Maynooth V Moorefield Away 11.30a.m.
Sunday 27th March Maynooth V Athy Home 11.30a.m.
Sunday 10th April Maynooth V Suncroft Away 11.30a.m.
Sunday 24th April Maynooth V Sallins Home 11.30a.m.
Sunday 8th May Maynooth V Round Towers Home 11.30a.m.
Thursday 30th June Maynooth V Na Fianna Away 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 14th July Maynooth V Kilcullen Home 7.30 p.m.

G.A.A. Club Results

Senior Football Winter League (Play off) Saturday 19th February 1994. **Maynooth 3-7, Confey 3-5.**

Mick Nevin was Maynooth's hero in this Winter League match play off. Mick playing at centre field had a personal tally of 1 goal and 3 points in the first half. All his scores coming from play. Confey having played with the wind in the first half led at 2-3 to 2-0 at half-time. The second half started with Killian Fagan and Mick Nevin at centre field taking control and giving their forwards plenty of the ball. It was Mick Nevin's goal after 45 mins. that set Maynooth on the road to Victory.

Best for Maynooth: Apart from Mick Nevin (Man of the Match), K. Fagan, P. Ennis, J. Riordan, B. Killeen, J. Nevin, L. O'Toole, P. Stynes : Maynooth Scores, M. Nevin 1-3, L.O'Toole 1-1, J. Riordan 1 goal, J. Edwards 2 pts., P. Garvey 1 pt.

Set Dancing Classes

Take place every Tuesday and Thursday in clubhouse from 9.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.
Instructor Brendan O'Grady. All welcome.

Aerobic Classes

Aerobic classes take place every Monday and Wednesday in the Clubhouse from 8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.
Instructor Grainne Farrelly. All welcome.

MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB

Results of Kildare "B" Cross Country Championship on 12/12/93.

Boys U.9 (3rd) Enda Diggins, (5th) Daniel Adderley, (9th) Gary Connellan, (15th) Fergal Molloy. They were also first team home.

Girls U.11 (1st) Pearl Byrne

Boys U.11 (12th) Cillian Carr

Girls U.13 (7th) Niamh Moriarty

Boys U.15 (1st) Kevin Cunningham

Boys U.17 (1st) Christopher Byrne

Kildare Senior

Ladies (2nd) Majella Geraghty

Mens (2nd) John Campbell, (4th) Liam McNamee, (11th) David Jolley, (14th) Aiden Sinnott.
Second team home.

All Ireland Cross Country at Killinaule Co. Tipperary on 19/12/93

Boys U.11 (6th) David Campbell (on County Team 3rd)

Boys U.9 (18th) Philip Campbell, (70th) David Adderley

Boys U.12 (26th) Conor Diggins

Boys U.10 (73rd) Cillian Carr, (85th) Sean Moriarty

Girls U.12 (64th) Niamh Moriarty

Over 45 All Ireland Cross Country

(2nd) Liam McNamee
(18th) David Jolley

(Well done to all our athletes.)

Indoor Multi Events in Nenagh 15/1/94

Three of our athletes had their first taste of indoor competition and performed very well.

Boys U.13 (2nd) David Campbell, (8th) Conor Diggins, (12th) Karl Ennis.

Training continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 until 8 at G.A.A. football field. (New Members Welcome)

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

Activities on the playing field have been at a virtual standstill now since last November. The first and second teams have made progress in both the Sheeran and Conway cups with a particularly outstanding display by the second team who defeated last year's winners, St. Vincents.

Full report of all matches in next issue.

We are busy preparing some Cross Channel trips at the moment.

First trip is in early March to see Man. Utd. play Chelsea at Old Trafford.

We have a trip to Anfield in April to see Liverpool v Newcastle Utd. and the third trip is to Parkhead, Glasgow, to see Celtic play. The exact date for this trip has yet to be finalised.

Hopefully the weather will have relented by next issue and we can resume our full match reports.

Maynooth Pitch and Putt Notes

The Pitch and Putt course is due to reopen on the afternoon of the 17th, March, which should give us just about enough time to clear up after the parade. We are busy at the moment getting the course ready and we are hoping that this coming year will be a better one weather-wise than last year. To start off the new season we are having a special opening day where you can play a round for "one pound". This year should also see more competitions and one day events and we hope to see more local groups making use of the course. Special rates will apply to groups and clubs using the course, if possible they should contact us in advance to make arrangements.

Our prices for this year remain unchanged from last year, details of which are elsewhere in our ad., in the **Newsletter**. We would ask all players to familiarise themselves with the course rules and to obey them at all times as they are there for your safety, and to ensure your game is as enjoyable as possible. We would particularly like to bring to the attention of parents that children under the age of 10 are not covered by insurance to play and we would prefer not to have to refuse youngsters as it embarrasses and offends both parties.

Unfortunately due to the run of weather during the last season much work and development that we had planned for the course was put aside. However this year we hope to be able to get back on track and by the year's end there should be some changes in place.

We wish all our customers a happy St. Patrick's Day and look forward to seeing you all on the day.

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Tá muintir Maigh Nuad chun tosaigh maidin le chur chun cinne na Gaeilge. Faoi scéim Comhairle Chontáe Chill Dara in aonacht le Bhord na Gaeilge bhuaigh Joe agus Carmel Buckley duais specialta dá bharr a ainm a bheith i nGaeilge thar a siopa sa phríomráid agus a niarrachtaí ar son na Gaeilge i measc lucht-gnó Maigh Nuad. Bhuaigh coiste Glór na nGael seic do £250 dá bharr a obair go háitiúil agus chur cabhair leo a obair a neartú as seo amach.

Maynooth's contribution to the promotion of Irish language and culture was recognised at a function organised recently by Kildare County Council and Bord na Gaeilge. Joe and Carmel Buckley won a special prize for their shopfront as Gaeilge and the cúpla focail used by Joe on occasions. Maynooth Committee of Glór na nGael received a prize of £250 in recognition of their work in Maynooth and to help them expand their work in the future. Onór mór do muintir Maigh Nuad agus comhghairdeachas chuig an pobail uile.



• Carmel and Joe Buckley receiving their prize from Seán Ó Fearáil

Political Party Notes

FINE GAEL NOTES

Budgetgrudgery:

There seems to be an attitude in this government which dictates that any improvement people make in their circumstances should be taken from them in some way or other. It is this attitude which decides that after years of saving and sacrifice people who have provided their own houses should be penalised through a Residential Property Tax. But even that did not satisfy the begrudgers. If you are lucky enough to have a son or daughter or maybe two working and living at home then you should be penalised for that also. The constitutional position of the family as the basic unit of our society, to be protected and nurtured by the government, appears to have been kicked out the windows.

Assurances that the changes in the thresholds are once off must be greeted with a healthy scepticism when one remembers that Fianna Fail abolished Motor Tax in 1977 and replaced it with a Vehicle Registration Tax at a nominal £10 p.a. which has grown to the £150 - £200 + we pay today. The Labour Party's assurances must also be taken with a grain of salt as their 1988 policy document envisaged property tax on all homes valued £25,000 or over. One must also bear in mind the personal assurances given by Mr. Spring before the last election that a government of which he was part would not introduce property tax, or reduce mortgage and VHI allowances.

But the begrudgery did not stop at people with their own homes. It extended to widows on contributory pensions paid for by them and their spouses over the years. The principle that you get what you pay for is, apparently, no longer valid. And in a final act of meanness they took back the fall in the price of petrol just in case motorists would lose the run of themselves.

We can only hope that Christmas presents, Confirmation and Communion money escape their attention.

Litter and Footpaths

Following representations made by Bernard Durkan on behalf of the Tidy Towns committee the County Engineer has undertaken to investigate, at the earliest possible date, the need to provide extra staff and litter bins in Maynooth to deal with litter collection and upgrading of the footpath on Main St. It is to be hoped that his investigations will be speedy and result in positive action.

Maynooth Castle

Bernard Durkan has been informed by the Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht that Maynooth Castle had been included on the provisional list of projects to be funded from structural Funds between 1994-1999. While the Minister has indicated that he will be considering a commencement date shortly, his colleague in the Dept. of Finance, Mr Noel Dempsey, would appear to have other ideas. He has informed Bernard Durkin that the Commissioners of Public Works will be undertaking a detailed architectural and archaeological assessment of the Castle in 1994. When this assessment and any necessary archaeological excavation are completed, development options will be formulated and agreed with the Dept. of Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht. We trust that the restoration of Maynooth Castle does not become a victim of the "Co-operation" displayed by these Depts., in locating and building interpretive centres around the country.

Restoration of St Mary's Church of Ireland

Mr Michael D Higgins, Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht, has informed Bernard Durkan T.D. that the National Heritage Council will not make funds available to the Church of Ireland Restoration Committee until they have a much greater percentage of its own funding in place. It would appear to be a case of money being available only if you have sufficient already.

Exporting the Problem

Mr Brian Lenihan's comment some years ago that we couldn't all expect to live on this island, took on a new significance recently with the news that FAS are to undertake SES schemes abroad. The first of these schemes is based in France and involves unemployed people from Westmeath. Apparently the hope is that after six to twelve months these people will obtain employment in France and remain there. From the government's point of view this will have two benefits (a) a reduction in the live register and (b) an increase in "tourist" numbers when these exportees return home for holidays.

Does this development mean, that a year into the life of this government, they have thrown their hat at the job creation programme.

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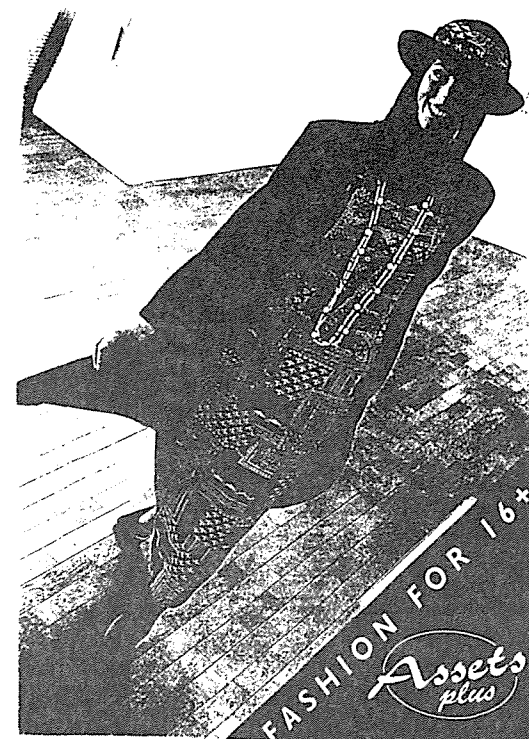
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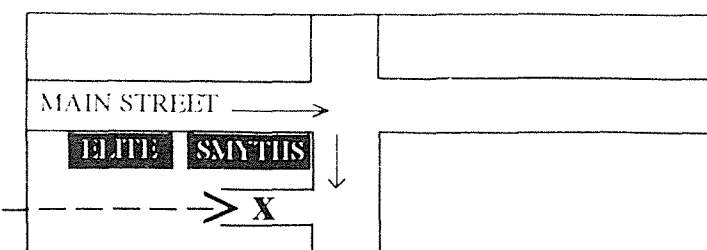
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Political Party Notes

MAYNOOTH LABOUR NOTES

Moyglare Village

By the time you are reading this, the topping of the roads in Moyglare Village should have taken place. Cllr. John McGinley is pleased to have been of assistance to the hard working Residents Association.

Bollards in Greenfield

The County Council were scheduled to hear the views of the objectors in mid February to allow the monthly meeting of the Council to make a final decision at its meeting on the 28th February. We would like to thank the Residents for their patience in this long drawn out matter.

Branch A.G.M.

Officers elected for the coming year are :

John McGinley - Chairperson
Gerry Durack - Vice Chair
Willie Saults - Secretary
David Moynan - Treasurer
Christina Saults - P.R.O.

St. Mary's Church of Ireland

Following representations by Cllr. John McGinley the flood lights at the Church have been repaired.

Greenfield Estate

Councillor John McGinley has sought replacement kerbside trees for those that have been vandalised or just died over the years.

Phase 3 Greenfield

Minister of State, Emmet Stagg, T.D., has written to the Council requesting that funds from the Road Block Grants 1994 be made available so that the necessary work to the laneway serving the back entrance to house no's 826 to 837 and the 700's can be carried out without further delay.

Following representations made by Minister of State, Emmet Stagg, T.D., regarding the problem of flooding caused by blocked storm drains, the County Engineer has agreed to investigate same at an early date.

Traffic at Entrance to Presentation Convent School

Following representations made by Minister of State, Emmet Stagg, T.D., to the Garda Superintendent, Naas, the Minister has been assured that the matter is receiving immediate attention and that recommendations have been made to Kildare County Council concerning traffic management in Maynooth and the Minister is presently pursuing the matter with the County Engineer.

Maynooth Post Primary School

Minister of State, Emmet Stagg, T.D., is pleased to advise that his colleague the Minister for Education, Niamh Bhreathnach, T.D., has sanctioned funding for the extension required to Maynooth Post Primary School.

The estimated cost of the project is £260,000 covering a floor area of 540 square metres. The extension comprises four additional classrooms, toilet block and utility room.

The Minister's Building and Planning Unit are meeting with the school authorities to consider the position concerning the General Purpose Area which is to be built along with the approved extension and the Minister of State will support the school in this regard.

The long awaited extension will relieve pressure for both the staff and pupils of the school and the Parents' Association and the staff members are to be congratulated.

Labour Advice Service

Minister of State, Emmet Stagg, T.D. continues to be available to the people of Maynooth every Saturday at 4.00 p.m. in Caulfields (Private Meeting Room) and his colleague, Cllr. John McGinley is also available every Thursday at 8.00 p.m. at the same venue.

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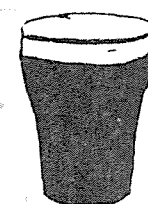
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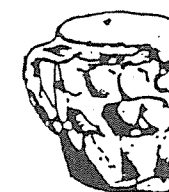
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Birthdays, Congratulations

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Simone this month, from Guess Who.

Sean Smyth, 148 Rockfield Gardens, age 28 on January 31st. Love from Daddy and Mammy and from all your friends in Maynooth.

Christopher Hayes, Carton Court, February 14th. Best wishes from Mary Devine and family and friends.

John Hearn, Greenfield, March 23rd. Best wishes, Daddy, Mammy, family and friends. Good luck to John's sister, who goes to England on March 16th. - From her family and friends.

Gerard McTernan, Curraville, Greenfield, 17 on March 4th. Best wishes, Daddy, Mammy, sister Clare, Grannies and Grandad and all your friends.

Lorna and Gráinne Burke, Newtown, 12 on March 2nd.

Jason O'Brien, Highfield, Kilcock, 5 on March 8th.

Nicola O'Brien, Newtown, April 7th.

Joanne O'Brien, Newtown, March 13th.

Mark O'Brien, Newtown, March 22nd.

Sinead Cummins, 12 on March 25th.

Susan O'Brien, Highfield, Kilcock, 10 on March 22nd.

Eddie Quinn, Greenfield, March 19th.

Mrs P. Quinn, Greenfield, March 17th.

Tom Richardson, Mariville, March 14th.

Sharon Halligan, Greenfield, 14 on March 26th.

Happy Birthday to Conor Bean, "Nuada", Dunboyne Road, Maynooth who will celebrate his 3rd birthday on the 4th March - love from his Daddy, Mammy, Aisling and Brian, also his Grandparents.

Ann Marie Burke, Newtown, age 15 on 21st February - best wishes from Daddy, Mammie and brother Shane.

Belated birthday greetings to John Perry who was 10 on the 25th February. Happy birthday to Jessica Perry who will be 7 on the 14th March - with lots of love from Mam and Dad, twins, Bridget, Mary, John and Tina.

The **Newsletter** would like to thank the people who continuously send in their Birthday Wishes, Good Luck Greetings and Congratulations every month. Well done!!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Michael and Dianne Walshe U.S.A. on the birth of a baby boy. Michael was formerly from The Green, Maynooth, also congratulations to the Grandparents and all the family - Mr. & Mrs Walshe, The Green, Maynooth.

Patrick and Colette Burke, Newtown who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary, February 19th. A party for family and host of friends was held in the Springfield Hotel and finishing in the early hours in their home to celebrate this happy occasion. A wonderful time was had by all.

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Acknowledgements, Sympathies

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of the late Rose Bean wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with us in our recent bereavement and sent flowers, cards and messages of condolence. A special word of thanks to our neighbours who helped and supported us during Rose's illness; to Dr. Cowhey, Nurse Campbell, Bridget, Emer, Mary, Fr. Supple and Fr. Cogan. We would also like to thank Fine Gael and the Old People's committee for the guard of honour and Mrs. McCormack for singing at the funeral Mass. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

The wife and family of the late Louis Lennon, Station House, Maynooth, wish to thank sincerely and profoundly everybody who helped and supported them in any way through Louis' illness and departure. A special word of thanks to the SMA Fathers, who celebrated the funeral Mass and provided a place for family and friends to meet afterwards. Louis' presence in the Maynooth community will be remembered by all..

O'RIORDAN - The parents and sisters of the late Donal O'Riordan, Dangan, Summerhill, Co. Meath, wish to thank most sincerely those who sympathised, sent Mass cards, floral tributes, those who called, telephoned and those who attended removal of remains, Mass and funeral. A special word of thanks to all the priests who attended, also the teachers and pupils of Maynooth schools. A sincere thanks to all the friends and neighbours who helped in any way. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Dominic Nugent, Barrogstown, Maynooth, would like to thank everybody who sympathised with him recently on the death of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nugent, The Grove, Navan, and late of Ross, Tara.

The Healy family, Rail Park, of the late Thomas Healy, Moyne, Co. Longford, wish to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement; those who attended the removal, sent Mass cards and floral tributes, including friends, neighbours, work colleagues and members of The Middleshop and Brady's, The Clockhouse, tug-o'-war clubs. Your kindness and support is greatly appreciated. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

SYMPATHIES

Husband, daughters, son, daughter-in-law, grandson, mother, sisters, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends of Rose Bean, Rye View, Maynooth.

Wife, daughters, sons, mother, brothers, sister, mother-in-law, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, S.M.A. Fathers, relatives and his many friends of Louis Lennon, Station House, Maynooth, and Knock, Co. Mayo.

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ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

This month is not a time to relax and take things in your stride. Focus yourself on achieving your personal ambitions this month. Although Aries is the first sign in the zodiac they always tend to put themselves last where loved ones are concerned. Destiny holds the colour red and the number 9.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

Where friends are concerned be careful what you say, and how you say it, chances are they may push it back in your face. You may be moving house, be cautious where Estate Agents are concerned. It appears you will be making a big decision soon, which may involve making a break with your past. I suggest you don't let your heart rule your head because if you do destiny awaits you.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 20

This is a month to expect big changes at work and finances are beginning to change for you. This month will be full of promise, not to mention intrigue and romance. However, people are not always what they seem. remember there is much to learn. Wisdom lies in what you've learned. Destiny leaves single red rose and number 20

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 22

This is a splendid month, your luck is in for a change. You have lots to look forward to, travel wise. Unfortunately avoid going by sea, it may be bumpy. You may have news of a job of some kind but beware of any major upheavels. A good time for buying a new car. Destiny sees colour red.

GEMINI

MAY 21 - JUNE 20

Where the Gemini is concerned it is a good month for sorting out household accounts and bills. And where holidays are on the cards it looks like you are about to share one with your Virgo friend, just what you've been waiting for. So I suggest you get that case out and be ready. Destiny sees the letter t and 4.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 20

This month holds special meaning for you but it may not be all it seems. But do not dread all the things to come. You need to watch out where health is concerned as you will have no one to blame but yourself. There is news of a birth, you will be thrilled. Destiny sees blue.

CANCER

JUNE 21 - JULY 21

So go with the flow if you're a live seeker be a bit more adventurous. Where money matters are concerned you're in for a treat, maybe your luck has changed. You will hear from someone overseas regarding an invitation of some kind. I suggest you accept and have some fun for a change. You deserve it. Destiny brings you to the sun.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 21 - JANUARY 19

It looks like your lucky month, Capricorn because nothing can go wrong in that department. Someone sends you a letter waiting for a reply. This month you should wear the colour green as it will reveal your true image. Destiny sees you looking through a window.

LEO

JULY 21 - AUGUST 21

There may be family matters worrying you this month, try not to worry too much, they may sort themselves out. A loved one is going away. You both know its for the best. Where work's concerned you tend to let others get the better of you, after all they're just doing a job. Destiny brings you news of promotion, lucky number 10.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

Go out and treat yourself to cheer away the winter blues, it may spark up a new relationship. You may even be changing your job, if so now is a good time. Aquarians are fun loving people so this is what you've been waiting for. If you're waiting on a phone call, it brings good news. Lucky number 1.

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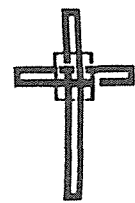
AUGUST 22 - SEPTEMBER 22

You may be visiting someone in hospital of the opposite sex. Where spending is concerned you need to tighten your belt or you could get in to financial difficulties this month. There may be three letters arriving soon, one good news, one money and the other bad news. The order they arrive in is not clear. lucky number 6

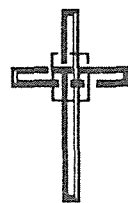
PISCES

FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 21

Now is not a good time to be on your own, as you need your friends and loved ones around you this month. This is also the time to stay with the new love that you have found in the past eight months. With February out of the way, now is the time to make that complete commitment to the one you love. Your destiny is your lover awaits you.



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