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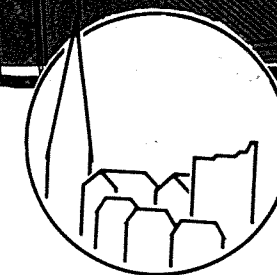
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Letter to our Readers: This is just a note to remind you all that the **Newsletter** exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any new organisations or indeed from individuals with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

January will be an important month in determining the future of Maynooth. In the coming weeks our local councillors will be giving further consideration to the five year development plan for the town and what emerges will determine the shape of Maynooth into the next century.

The first thing to be said is that this is one of the few opportunities for the ordinary citizens of Maynooth to have a major say in the future of their town.

Whatever your views, whether in favour of rezoning existing agricultural land to residential, or, alternatively, retaining the existing boundaries of the urban area, you should make your views known to our councillors whose ultimate decisions will no doubt reflect the will of the people. Details of the plans will shortly be on display in Maynooth Library.

Maynooth's population now stands at just 7,000. There is sufficient land already rezoned to bring that up to 14,000 so, it may seem entirely reasonable to suggest that none of the 500 acres for which rezoning is being sought this time around should be granted.

Money from development levies should be used to fund amenities for Maynooth. The other side of the argument states that there is an acute need for amenity land in the town - playing fields, parks, etc. - and that such land can, realistically, only be acquired as part of the rezoning package. And there the debate stands. Now is the time to make your views known.

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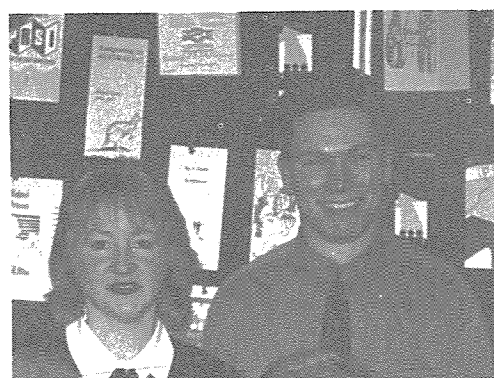
Citizen's Information Centre

Maynooth Community Council launched The Citizen's Information Centres new service on Monday 12th December at their premises on Main Street (above Kehoe's).

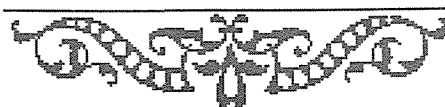
A new Community Employment Scheme is now running the C.I.C. along with some volunteers. Breda Gormally has been appointed supervisor and she now has 10 workers. This scheme will provide a full time information service in Maynooth and out-reach services in Leixlip, Celbridge, Kilcock and Maynooth College.

Attending the launch were Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, Senan Griffin, Patricia Condron and Dominic Nyland, Maynooth Community Council Executive, Sally Keogh, National Social Service Board, Breda Gormally Supervisor on the Community Employment Scheme, volunteers and scheme workers.

The Community Council wish Breda and her staff and volunteers great success in the future. We also express our thanks to the N.S.S.B. for their continued support.



Enjoying the launch Breda Cunningham and Paul Bolger



Maynooth Community Council
and Newsletter wish
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At the C.I.C. launch: standing Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin and Dominic Nyland.
Seated Breda Gormally, Norma Browne, Mary Leech and Noreen Curran



Standing Senan Griffin and Patricia Condron. Seated Rita Sheehan, Deirdre Cusker, Paul Bolger and Geraldine Hennessy



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Survivor's Contributory Pension

Survivor's Contributory Pension is a social insurance payment which gives both widows and widowers the same contributory pension entitlements. It is not means-tested, and therefore entitlement is not affected by other income you might have such as earnings, an occupational pension or a pension from your late spouse's employment.

If you are a widow/widower with dependent children and you do not qualify for a Survivor's Contributory Pension, you should apply for a Lone Parent's Allowance. If you are a widow and do not have dependent children and you do not qualify for a Survivor's Contributory Pension, you should apply for a Widow's Non-Contributory Pension.

(1) How to Qualify

You will qualify if:

- you are widowed - **and**
- you are not cohabiting (that is, living with someone as husband and wife) - **and**
- you satisfy the PRSI contribution conditions - **or** your late spouse was getting either a Retirement Pension or an Old Age Contributory Pension which included an adult dependent allowance for you or would have included such an increase but for the fact that you were getting an Old Age Non-Contributory Pension, Blind Person's Pension or a Carer's Allowance in your own right.

(2) PRSI Contribution Conditions

A Survivor's Contributory Pension may be based on EITHER your own or your late spouse's PRSI record. The two PRSI records cannot be combined for this purpose.

Whichever record is being used must have:

1. 156 weeks PRSI paid to the date pension age was reached or to the date your spouse died, if earlier - **and**
2. **Condition A:** either an average of 39 weeks PRSI paid or credited over the 3 or 5 tax years (whichever is more beneficial) before reaching pension age (currently age 66) or before your spouse died, if earlier - **or**

Condition B: for a minimum pension a yearly average of 24 weeks PRSI paid or credited since starting work up to the end of the tax year before reaching pension age or the date your spouse died if earlier (A yearly average of 48 weeks PRSI is required for the **maximum** pension).

PRSI contribution classes A, E, H and S count. Classes B, C and D paid by permanent Civil and Public Servants also count.

Social insurance contributions paid and credited under the Widows and Orphans Pension Acts 1935 to 1952 may also be used.

Special Partial Pension

If you or your spouse paid PRSI contributions early in your career(s) and then came back into social insurance on 1 April 1974 (when the *earnings limit* for paying social insurance was abolished) and the contribution average is too low to qualify you for a standard pension, you may qualify for a partial Survivor's Pension based on a reduced average. However, this average must be at least 5 PRSI contributions a year.

(3) Does social insurance outside Ireland count?

Your or your spouse's insurance record in other countries covered by EC Regulation or countries with which Ireland has a Bilateral Social Security Agreement can be used to qualify you for a pro-rata pension.

Countries covered by EC Regulations:

Austria,	Iceland,	Sweden
Belgium	Ireland	the Netherlands
Denmark	Italy	the United Kingdom
Finland	Luxembourg	(excluding the Channel
France	Norway	Islands and the Isle of Man)
Germany	Portugal	Liechtenstein from
Greece	Spain	a later date

Countries with which Ireland has a Bilateral Social Security Agreement:

Australia	New Zealand	Québec
Austria	the United States	
Canada	of America	

A pension may also be payable by the other country where either of you worked. If so, it would be decided and paid by that country.

(4) Can you get another social welfare payment as well as a Survivor's Contributory Pension?

You can only receive one social welfare payment at a time except in the following circumstances:

It is possible to get half the personal rate of Unemployment, Disability, Occupational Injury or Maternity Benefit, for a limited period in addition to the Survivor's Contributory Pension.

If you are getting an Invalidity Pension and you satisfy the conditions for a Survivor's Contributory Pension, you may receive half the personal rate of Disability Benefit to which you are entitled, for a limited period, instead of Invalidity Pension. This is paid in addition to the Survivor's Contributory Pension.

NOTE: Survivor's Contributory Pension is not paid in addition to Retirement/Old Age Contributory Pension.

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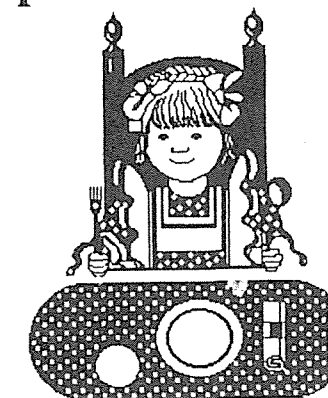
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(5) How Much Can You Get?

Your payment is made up of a personal rate for yourself and extra amounts for your child dependants. Additional weekly allowances are payable if you are:

- aged 66 or over and living alone
or
- aged 80 or over.

The rates of Survivor's Contributory Pension are shown in the *Rates of Payment booklet - SW 19*.

Your pension is not affected by any other income you may have whether from employment or another source.

(6) Who is a Child Dependant?

A child up to age 18, who is living with you, is your dependant. A child aged between 18 and 21 continues to be your dependant if s/he is in full-time education by day at a recognised school or college.

(7) How payment is made

Survivor's Contributory Pension can be paid:

- directly into your Bank, Building Society or **An Post** Saving Account - this is known as **DIRECT PAYMENT** - and payment is made 4 weeks in arrears to any of the financial institutions listed below;
- or
- by a book of **PAYABLE ORDERS** which can be cashed weekly at a chosen Post Office.

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- a Pension Savings Account with An Post
- a Current or Deposit Savings Account (NOT a mortgage account) with any of the following **Banks**:

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- an account (not a mortgage account) with any of the following **Building Societies**:

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Irish Nationwide Building Society
Irish Permanent Building Society

(8) If you are going Abroad

Survivor's Contributory Pension can be paid abroad. If you intend going abroad to live, you should continue to cash your pension until the Friday before you leave.

Then return your book to:
Pension Service Office
College Road
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with details of your new address.

If you are being paid by Direct Payment you should notify the Pension Services Office **at least 4 weeks** before going abroad.

(9) How long payment lasts

Survivor's Contributory Pension is paid as long as you remain a widow/widower. The pension stops, however, if you remarry or live with someone as husband and wife.

(10) What other benefits are available?

If you qualify for a Survivor's Contributory Pension you may be entitled to:

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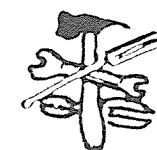
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- Electricity/Natural Gas/Bottled Gas Refill Allowance
- Television Licence
- Telephone Rental Allowance.

If you are **aged 60 to 65** (inclusive) and your late spouse was getting any of the extra benefits listed above at the time of his/her death you may qualify for these benefits on application.

For further information on these extra benefits contact:

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DEATH GRANT

A Death Grant may also be payable on either your own or your late spouse's PRSI record. Further information and claim forms are available from your local Social Welfare Office or from:

Death Grant Section

Social Welfare Services Office
Government Buildings
Ballinalee Road
Longford
Telephone : Longford (043) 45211 Dublin (01) 8748444

DEATH BENEFIT under the Occupational Injuries Benefits Scheme

There is also a separate pension available if your spouse died

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Injury Benefit Section

Social Welfare Services Office
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(11) What happens when you reach pension age?

If you have an insurance record and have paid PRSI at Class A, E, or H, you may qualify for a Retirement Pension at age 65 or an Old Age Contributory Pension at age 66 at a higher rate than your Survivor's Contributory Pension.

If you have been paying PRSI at Class S as a self-employed person, you may qualify for an Old Age Contributory Pension at age 66.

Old Age Contributory/Retirement Pension however cannot be paid with a Survivor's Contributory Pension. You should apply 3 months **before** your 65th or 66th birthday whichever is appropriate.

(12) When and how to apply for Survivor's Contributory Pension

You should apply within 3 months of your spouse's death. A delay in making a claim may result in some loss of pension. You can get a claim form SCP 1 from your local Social Welfare Office, Post Office or from:

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Telephone: Sligo (071) 69800 Dublin (01) 8748444

FULLY completed claim forms should be sent to the above address. **Widowed people whether resident in the State or abroad can apply.**

NOTE: You should enclose the following certificates with your claim form (photocopies are not acceptable):

- Your Birth Certificate and Marriage Certificate.
- Your late spouse's Birth Certificate and Death Certificate.

If you are claiming for dependent children and are not getting Child Benefit for them, you must enclose their Birth Certificates.

Certificates for pension purposes are available from the Superintendent Registrar of Births in your area at a reduced charge. If you are unable to get any of the required certificates immediately, you should send in your claim with a note stating that the certificate(s) will be sent in as soon as possible.

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I.C.A. NOTES

Maynooth I.C.A. ended the year on a high note with the Guild's success during the recent drama festival and at the December Guild meeting our president, Imelda Delaney, congratulated all the ladies involved in the drama. Imelda thanked Mr. Peadar Haren for his help with transporting the props. The drama group performed the play again on 11 December at the Old Folks Party and the group hopes to also stage the play in the New Year. I hope to have more details of this in the next Newsletter.

At the December meeting Imelda extended the sympathy of the Guild to Mrs. Betty Farrell and her family on the death of her husband. May he rest in peace.

Crafts

Crafts are on in the I.C.A. Hall each Wednesday from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and every Monday night, starting at 8.00 p.m. Before Christmas the ladies were very busy making Christmas decorations and I'm sure Mary O'Gorman will have lots of new craft ideas for 1995. This is also the time to plan ahead for this year's Make and Model competition. With all the sales in full swing why not buy the wool or material you need for your '95 creation'?

Badminton

Marion Souhan, Sports Officer, tells me that the numbers attending the badminton declined during the few weeks before Christmas. She is hopeful, however, that all the sports ladies will be back in the New Year. New members are always welcome. Just come along to the Parish Hall on Tuesday or Thursday at around 10.45 a.m. and Marion will be delighted to see you.

An Grianán

January is traditionally the month when people start thinking about booking their 'sun holiday'. However, if you can't afford the two weeks in the Costa del Sol, don't despair. You can have a 4 night break in Costa del Grianán for just over £100. The price includes full board and excellent tuition. While sunny weather can't be guaranteed you are sure to enjoy the warm atmosphere in An Grianán, which in English means 'The Sunny Place'. The College is open to non members. So if you want to bring a friend who is not in the I.C.A., don't worry, they will be very welcome. Men are also welcome to attend at An Grianán. There is a wide selection of courses to choose from and anyone interested can contact Helen Doyle. Do book early, as courses fill up very fast.

Kildare Week is on 26-30 June and includes courses in Art, Health and Fitness, Set Dancing, Tweed Pictures, Flower Arranging and Macrame.

Federation Meeting

A meeting of Kildare Federation of the I.C.A. was held in The Curragh on Saturday, 3 December. The main points of interest arising from this meeting are as follows:-

1. Golf Outing to Kildare Golf Club on 17 January
2. Irish/English Quiz at Guilds before 20 February
3. Italian Night in Superquinn, Naas, on 17 January

4. Trip to Edinburgh on 3 - 5 March, cost £160
5. National I.C.A. Day on 25 April - 85th Anniversary
6. Next Federation meeting is on 22 March in Kill

Our Federation President, Mrs. Nellie Dillon, is off to New Zealand at the end of January to attend the ACWW conference.

We wish Nellie bon voyage and look forward to hearing all about the trip on her return.

Next Meeting

Our first meeting of 1995 will be held in our Hall on Thursday, 5 January, at 8.00 p.m. The competition on that night will be for 'A Slice of Christmas Cake'. Finally, I would like to wish all our members and friends a 'Very Happy New Year'.

Connie Harpur,
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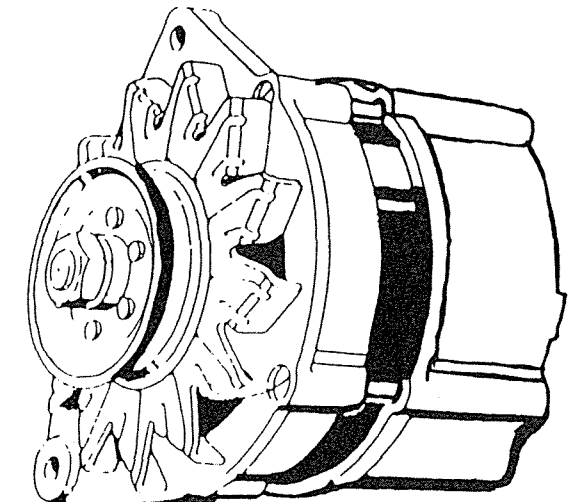
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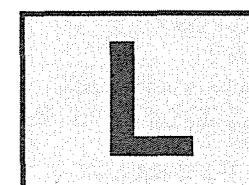
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Thank you to all the members who went to the A.G.M. The following are the Directors for the 1994-1995 year.

Bridgin Breslin, Siobhan Byrne, Betty Costigan, Matt Dolan, Patrick Harney, Ann Higgins, Sheila Kevitt, Ken Loane, Mary McInerney, Micheal O'Riordan and Micheal Mooney.

Our Supervisors are John Butler, Patrick Arthurs and John McQuaid. Mary McInerney was elected Chairperson at our board meeting, Ken Loane is our treasurer and Betty Costigan is our new secretary.

At our A.G.M. the Board of Directors were happy to report another year of growth both in savings and in new members.

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Our children's party was a great success. Thank you to all the mothers who participated. A special thank you to Santa from all the children.

Our New Year's resolution is to continue to grow and where possible improve. If you have any ideas or suggestions we would love to hear from you. Or if you would like to come along any Wednesday, 10-12 noon, to the M.A.D.E. Centre on the Moyglare Road, all are welcome.

Remember, we would appreciate any donations of toys, push trikes, etc., you might no longer need.

*Diann McCann,
P.R.O.*

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP

Christmas Raffle

Our annual raffle took place at The Roost on Monday, 19th December. The raffle was well supported again with many sales on the night. Sincere thanks to the following supporters: The Roost - Travel Options - Top of the Crop - Gerry Mulcahy Butchers - Caulfields - Geraldine Arms - Elite Confectionery - Centra Maynooth - The Mill Wine Cellar - Moviemaster - Keely's Corner - Maynooth Gardai.

Maynooth Harbour

Some of you may have noticed that the harbour area has been extensively tarmacaded and footpaths built. The harbour area will serve as a car park for the railway station for the next year or so until the new road and bridge network are fully in place. By agreement between the various contractors and authorities the harbour area was brought up to the present high quality in return for the concession as a car park, and will then revert to full canal-division control.

The Community Employment Scheme

Work continues on schedule which was helped by the dry weather during November. The scheme employs the permitted maximum of 30 people which is fully administered from Maynooth while employing a small number of staff at different canal locations outside of Maynooth.

Kevin Breslin

Kevin, from Maynooth, has been the supervisor since August, 1993. He is now taking up a position abroad and we tender our thanks for his excellent supervisorship during that time, and our best wishes in his new position in Germany. Kevin followed the high standards established by our first supervisor, Philip McDermott and oversaw the growth of an expanded workforce.

The New Supervisor

A full page advertisement appeared in the December Newsletter. The conditions for applying for the position are very

wide and a written application by way of a letter should be sent to our Secretary - Declan O'Connor - at 35, Greenfield Drive, Maynooth - to arrive not later than Wednesday, 4th January, 1995. Applicants will later attend for an interview. The new supervisor will take over when the scheme resumes after the winter break on the 22nd January next. If you feel that you meet the conditions (or you know someone who does and would be interested) simply send a letter by post or hand stating so. There is no need to send a detailed C.V.

The Committee

We welcome Roddy Walsh and Norah McDermott who were recently co-opted to the Committee.

New Members

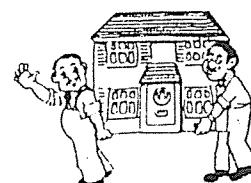
The 1994 Budget changes in regulations almost immediately took financial pressures off voluntary groups including ours. Quite simply it relaxed fund raising pressures. In our case we could now afford to apply for approval for a scheme that could employ up to 30 people. If you are interested in the environment generally please think about an informal chat with us about joining the group. It won't compare with bungee-jumping but gives the same cool satisfaction. On a serious level give us a try and 'phone the Community Council Office or The Newsletter at 6285922 - for contact phone numbers or names and addresses.

Miss Royal Canal 1995/Fashion Show

It's in February and it's in Setanta Hotel, Celbridge. We'll need contestants and we're relying on you, dearly-beloved readers and supporters, to seek and find for us. This event is going to brighten up the dark winter, and the prizes are good, worthwhile ones.

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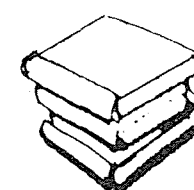
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Bicentenary Carol Service



On the night of the 14th of December, in the splendid setting of the College chapel the three College choirs combined to celebrate Christmas and to launch the bicentenary of the College celebrations.

Her Excellency The President and His Eminence Cardinal Daly were in attendance at the service. After the processional hymn the choral society sang 'Joy to the World' to the accompaniment of Timpani and Brass. The College's new President Rt. Revd. Monsignor Matthew O'Donnell, then introduced the proceedings, welcoming the President, Cardinal and all present. Not only did the ceremony celebrate Christmas but it also began the festivities marking the bicentenary. The rest of the programme was interspersed with congregational choral society and chapel choir hymns, and readings from Isaiah and psalms. The third reading 'Oíche Nollag' was beautifully spoken in Irish, followed by the choral societies 'Don oíche úd i mBeithil' a traditional air arranged by the Music Department's Professor Gerard Gillen.

Following a blessing by His Eminence, Cardinal Daly the complete choir and congregation sang a triumphant version of 'Hark! the Herald - Angels sing'. At a reception held afterwards the President spoke of the connection past presidents have enjoyed with St. Patrick's. De Valera taught there and Hillary often attended services - a connection she was pleased to continue. The occasion was more than a celebration of the bicentenary or Christmas, she said, it was a symbol of the link between the past and the future of the College. The Cardinal spoke of the Collage's past contributions to Ireland, contributions which were more than the physical establishment of the College - it was an intellectual and spiritual impulse, an influence he's sure would continue into future generations.



*Her Excellency, President Mary Robinson
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MICHAEL MEALLY - BORN TO FLY

It's not everyone who gets to do what they want to do in life but that is exactly what happened for young nineteen year old Michael Meally of Rail Park, when he was presented with his wings and Commissioned as an officer of the Air Corps, at a passing-out ceremony held at Baldonnell Aerodrome on November 7th last. The respective presentations were made by the Minister for Defence, David Andrews and Brigadier General Cranfield. Present at the joint ceremonies were Michael's parents Michael Senior and Delma, and family.

Interview Process

For young Michael it was a dream come true. From an early age he was always aware of aircraft flying over his neighbourhood. From the age of eight or nine years he began to read about aeroplanes. He collected models and did projects on them in 4th and 5th year with Miss Breslin and Mr. O'Connell at Maynooth Boys' National School. This acquired knowledge was invaluable in the series of interviews which he had to undergo to get on the wings course. Out of nine hundred applicants only eight were chosen. While attending the Salesian College, Celbridge, Michael approached his Career Guidance Counsellor, Mr. O'Dowd, to ascertain what subjects it would be best to concentrate on for his Leaving Certificate with a view to doing the pilot course. On advice he concentrated on Geography, Physics, French and Accountancy. The interview process, under the auspices of PARC, began in May '92 before Michael sat for his Leaving Certificate. He was called back for further interviews which included a general interview, technical interview, psychological interview and aptitude test.

After being selected Michael reported to Baldonnell on Sept. 28th '92. From there he was posted to the Cadet School at the Curragh Camp for nine months. This course was very tough and physical and included basic military and weapons training. This was the first year of this particular course and his instructors were looking for junior leaders who were a combination of an officer and a pilot. They had the further aim of instilling discipline and confidence into the cadets.



L.R. Second Lieutenant Michael Meally, Michael Meally Sr., Delma Meally and Garda Commissioner Patrick Culligan

Wings Course

The wings course began at Baldonnell in July '93. As Michael had no flying experience he faced this stage of the course with intrepidation. He was literally thrown in at the deep end and began flying under the supervision of an instructor pilot. After 20 hours flying time he went solo. He was looking forward to this as it was the first big hurdle he had to overcome. One of his eight fellow cadets, the first female selected, did not reach solo standard. From then on the flying got more advanced and included navigation, aerobatics and instrument flying. During this phase, due to engine failure, one of the cadets crashed into Corkagh Park, Clondalkin and was very lucky to walk away alive from the wreck.

Risks

Michael was well aware of the risks and part of his course included emergency procedures where he learned the drill of immediate actions in a crisis. A survival exercise took place at Dun-Laoghaire Harbour. Here he had to jump off a ship into the cold sea waters and inflate his life vest and life raft. He also had to swim 100m to the pick up point. This was another hurdle for Michael as he did not know how to swim. However he improved his swimming skills rapidly.

The first plane Michael flew was the Siai Marchetti Warrior, a high performance piston engine trainer, which is recognisable with its dark green colour with orange tips. He trained with this plane for 150 hours before moving on to the twin engined Fouga Jet Trainer, which was bigger and faster. This plane can reach speeds of 500mph or eight times the speed of sound (0.8 Mach). You have to be able to think up to ten miles ahead of the aircraft. This requires good mental agility and airmanship. It also involves listening, watching and reading instruments. It also involves flying at tremendous speed. After 200 hours flying time Michael qualified for his wings.

Bright Future

Michael is now based in Gormanstown and flying with ACOS (Army Co-Operation Squadron). He is converting onto the Reims Rocket Aircraft. Over the next two years he will be offered the choice of flying helicopter or fixed wing aircraft i.e. military flying. The future is bright for this young pilot as the Air Corps continue to expand its level of operations. On December 5th last they took delivery of the first new CASA maritime patrol aircraft for work in the field of fishery protection, prevention of drug smuggling, pollution control, search and rescue.

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Right Choice

The enormity of Michael's achievement can be judged when you consider he had to beat qualified pilots and university graduates to get on this course. He is so delighted with his choice of career, as no two flights are the same. He finds military flying to be a most exciting experience due to aerobatics and formation flying. He is very close to his remaining four colleagues who have survived the course. They know each other inside-out and have shared experiences that they cannot relate to anyone else. Michael who played Gaelic Football and Basketball was banned from playing physical contact sport during his intensive training.



Instructor Captain John Mulvanny with Michael.
(Airplane: Siai Marchetti SF 260 Warrior).

Advice

Michael feels if you really want something bad enough, stick to it and you'll get there. Hopefuls can read up on flying in the many Air Corps magazines available. He believes that if you can show a genuine interest you'll be more than welcome. Of course height, eyesight, hearing, medical fitness and stamina are important. Michael feels very lucky and finds life to be very exciting in his new career. We all join in wishing him every success in the years to come.

1995 PREDICTIONS

January

The year starts off on a bad note. The government collapses. In a Hotpress interview Dick Spring says that he has three pieces of toast with his breakfast every morning. John Bruton admits in the Dáil that Dick told him that he had only two pieces. Pat Rabbitte offers to eat the extra slice. For no apparent reason everyone calls on the new Attorney General to resign but he refuses. Eventually, a General Election is called with the following result: Fianna Fáil 12 seats, Fine Gael 9, Labour 7, PDs 3, DL 2, Independents 133. Still in a state of confusion Fianna Fail offers to form a government. The Independents attempt to form a government but can't agree on where to hold exploratory talks. There are calls to bring back the death penalty and hang the lot of them.

February

Christy Moore is eventually elected Taoiseach, moves the Dáil to The Curragh. In his first budget the new Minister for Finance, Willie O'Reilly, a former cornerboy from Newbridge,

abolishes all tax on drink and increases headage payments for sheep to £1,000 a head. A plague of sheep rustling breaks out all over the country and the UN are called in to restore order. In sport, Chinese athletes break all records in the Asian Games. The new world record in the men's high jump is measured at 137feet 3inches but the athlete is injured when struck by a low flying aircraft when setting the record. Recovering in hospital he gives birth to triplets.

March

Maynooth's St. Patrick's Day Parade is a resounding success. The Taoiseach, Christy Moore, dispenses with the usual speeches and gives a rousing rendition of Lisdoonvarna from the back of a truck at the top of Main St. By now the impact of the bypass is making itself felt in the town. Maynooth Town under 11s play their matches in Main St. on Saturday mornings.

April

On April Fool's Day Christy Moore calls a snap general election. Three days before polling Fianna Fáil claim that de Valera has risen from the dead on Easter Sunday morning (April 16th). Immediately, Fine Gael claim that Michael Collins has also risen from the dead and a few days later James Connolly is seen drinking in a pub in Stoneybatter with Dick Spring. All three appear on "Questions and Answers" and promise to increase the old age pension to £500 a week. The campaign turns out to be 'lifeless' but out of a total electorate of 2.2 million, over 17 million votes are cast. Charles Stewart Parnell (FG) tops the poll in Wicklow and in a closely fought contest in Kerry Daniel O'Connell (FG) pips Dick Spring for the last seat. Wolfe Tone (PD) sweeps the boards in Dublin 4. Among other significant victories are "Red" Hugh O'Neill (SF) in Donegal North East, Robert Emmett (Lab) in Dublin Central and Pádraig Pearse (FF) in Dublin North. The shock losers are Archbishop John Charles McQuaid (Youth Defence) in Dublin North East, Oliver Cromwell (DUP) in Louth and Brian Boru (FF) in Clare.

May

For some reason none of the elected TDs show up in the Dail and Mary Robinson has to run the country all by herself.

June

Ireland is hit by a heatwave but the next day it's raining as usual.

July

As part of the 'peace process' a 12th of July march is held in Maynooth. Gerry Adams addresses the crowd in the Field (Harbour) and condemns Articles 2 and 3 of the Constitution. Ian Paisley, the new professor of Dogmatic Theology in Maynooth College, attempts to interrupt Adams by singing "A Nation Once Again".

August

Everyone goes on holiday.

September

There is a major shock in the All-Ireland final when Linfield beat Galway by 2-14 to 0-15 in William of Orange Park (formerly Croke Park). Harry Whelehan is brought back to

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referee the match but he loses the ball in the dressing room. Kick off is delayed for 4 hours. Peter Robinson, the new president of the GAA, eventually does the honours. After the match the winning captain Nobby Clegg receives the Cup from Conor Cruise O'Brien, who breaks into a party political speech calling for a United Ireland. Men in white coats bundle him away in an ambulance and not before time.

October

A new academic year starts in Maynooth College with 493 girls studying for the priesthood. Astronomers are puzzled by a strange blue hue around the moon.

November

Mary Robinson forgets to inform herself about a key government meeting and is forced to resign in disgrace. Yet another general election is called and Fine Gael, Labour and Democratic Left form a rainbow coalition with John Bruton as Taoiseach.

December

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Volunteers needed for 1995. Contact Shay.



Organisers

L-R: Shay O'Reilly - O.N.E, Frank Conlon - Labour Party, Chris O'Reilly - Fire Brigade, Minister Stagg - Labour Party, Larry O'Brien - O.N.E., Joe O'Rourke - Fire Brigade. **Absent:** Tony Mooney - Fire Brigade, Mike Hyland, Rita and Mary O'Reilly, Ann Mooney, Seamus O'Reilly.

GARDA TALK JANUARY 1995

A special word of thanks to motorists who took that special effort to organise a non drinker to drive home over the Christmas period. The new road traffic act 1994, concerning drink driving took effect in early December. New limits were introduced, with increased penalties. Fines of up to £1000, and or imprisonment, together with disqualification from holding a driving licence for two years, are some of the penalties. It makes sense, to leave the car if you are going for a jar. It must be stressed to motorists that this legislation will be enforced all year round.

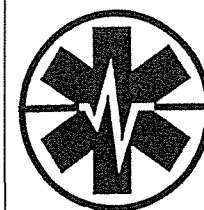
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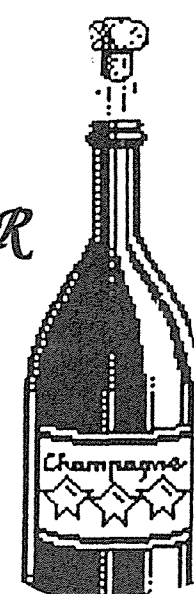
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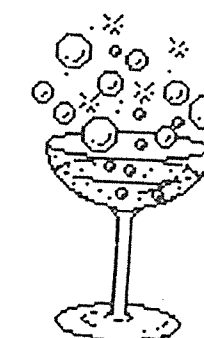
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From now and into the New Year there will be a special campaign by the gardai in conjunction with the National Road Safety Council for safer driving.

As Sergeant Peter Carney of Maynooth Garda Station pointed out, "it is a drive to educate the public into driving with safety in mind".

Over the Christmas and into the New Year "Rolling Check Points" (5 minutes in one street then 5 minutes in another street and so on) will take place.

The motoring public are being well warned. They have a serious obligation to enforce the Traffic Code. The purpose being to save lives. It is hoped that these special check points which are on-going, will detect breakers of the Road Traffic Act, of speeding, dangerous driving and drunken driving.

In conjunction with the Maynooth Gardai the Divisional Traffic Unit from Naas will be operating regularly in the area.

New Motorway

The new Leixlip, Maynooth, Kilcock Bypass will open on 19th December and all the normal Traffic legislation applies such as no hitching, no jogging, no cycling etc. So whilst it will be a welcome relief for motorists the gardai would urge all drivers to drive sensibly and safely.

Road Traffic Act 1994

This deals principally with drunk driving. There is a reduction in the maximum permissible alcohol level to drive in a public place. Anyone now convicted will face disqualification and endorsements and specimens may be taken in hospitals of drivers in all traffic accidents.

First Offence : disqualification for 2 years and resit test.
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and subsequent] : disqualification for 4 years and resit test

This is not a legal interpretation of the Act. Anyone wishing for a legal interpretation of the Act should contact their solicitor.

Alcohol level in the blood has been reduced from 100ml to 80ml per 100ml of blood.

Alcohol level in urine reduced from 135ml to 107ml.

Under the new Road Traffic Act those convicted will face fines not exceeding £1,000 and 6 months' jail sentence or both. Further, under Section 49 (drunk driving) and Section 50 (in charge of a vehicle whilst drunk) a convicted person will be ordered to pay costs and expenses incurred.

Under a sub-section of Section 49, drunk driving includes alcohol, drugs and any combination of drugs and alcohol.

FIRST AID

Eight people were presented with occupational first aid certificates by "Heartbeat" in St. Patrick's College on the 1st December. Garrett Skerritt, who gave the weekly course in the College since the 6th October, told us that the award was a "Recognised Qualification throughout Europe by the Health and Safety Authority". "First aid comes into everyday life - it's a great asset", added Garrett.

"Heartbeat" was set up to provide first aid training to suit the customer - meaning times, venues and costs to suit those attending. They provide a range of courses from basic first aid to cardiac care and all of them can be held on site in offices or workplace. In fact he once gave a course in a factory during the staff's night shift.

The elements of the recent course included wounds, burns/scalds, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, fractures and poisons. It concerns itself with first aid at several levels - with children, at home, etc., with an overall aim of providing a practical, workable knowledge of first aid.

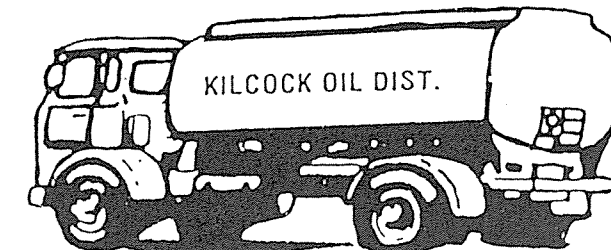


Fr. Frank Dultig with recipients of certificates for First Aid
Fr. Frank Dultig, presenting the certificates, recalled how as a first year student in the college a first aider was a useful addition on the rugby pitch. He congratulated all those involved, encouraging them to go on to higher grades. Kathleen McNutt, Newtown Court, told me that it was always something she wanted to do, with a small child she felt it was important to know how to cope with an emergency. She found Garrett very good, excellent at his business, a good communicator and very friendly, adding, "I certainly would recommend it".

"Heartbeat" will be beginning a new course early in '95 and looks forward to teaching more Maynooth people the invaluable skills of first aid. "Thousands of people are injured each year", says Garrett, "much of which could have been avoided by skilled first aiders". Look out for notices around the town of times and venues of the next course.

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NOTES FROM NAMIBIA

There were very few black faces among the hundreds of passengers on the British Airways flight from Heathrow to Johannesburg. There were plenty of Afrikaans-speaking whites and there were people from other parts of the world like ourselves and the American missionaries and their three children who would be flying on to Gabarone, capital of Botswana. We would have liked to fly direct to Windhoek with Air Namibia, but bookings on flights to Africa last September were heavy, and we had to accept what was available.

Windhoek International Airport is as small as Shannon used to be years ago. The carousel in the arrival's hall delivered all seven pieces of our luggage promptly. The customs officer took one look at it piled high on two trolleys and called her boss. When he arrived, looking grave in his navy uniform, complete with peaked hat, I felt for a moment that we were in for a hard time. However, when we explained, with the help of my husband's colleague from the Ministry, that all it contained were personal effects we would be using during our two-year stint in this country, there was no problem. As long as we had no goods intended for sale, he was happy to wave us through, hoping we would enjoy our stay.

We have since heard many times the local saying that people cry twice when they come to Namibia: Once when they leave home to come here and again when they leave the country. Well, the Stiff Upper Lip got me dry-eyed through the first, and ask me about the second the next time you see me.

The heat at two o'clock on an afternoon in mid-September made me swelter in the sweat-suit that had been ideal for the flight. It was a nice warming-up after the summer of '94 in Ireland: Two trips to the beach, one of them in April when the day looked warm and the other in August when it was only slightly better. We're warmed through here now, there's no cold left in the bones. On the contrary, it's too hot some days between 10 am and 4 pm, and the nights are beginning to feel uncomfortable without a fan. I'm feeling a bit concerned about what it's going to be like in the height of the Namibian Summer.

Anyway, back to the day we arrived. The airport is a long way outside the city, which is surrounded by hills. Summer is the wet season, so the rains haven't arrived yet and, apart from gardens that are watered, vegetation is dried up and brown. People watch the sky eagerly for clouds that suggest rain is on the way, and have mostly been disappointed in Windhoek. This makes a change from Kildare, as you can imagine.

We also glimpsed some wildlife that told us we had left the Emerald Isle. Yellow weaver birds - I'll tell you more about them in a later piece - and their nests were plentiful in bare-branched trees along the route. We also saw a troop of black baboons crossing the grass margin. And I'm not sure if it was on this trip we saw a pair of foraging warthogs, scurrying along, tails in the air.

It reminded me of Dorothy when she realised that the Land of Oz wasn't Kansas, only I wasn't dreaming.

How different have we found life in Namibia to what we were used to in Ireland? Very. For one thing, everyone gets up, if not at the crack of dawn, then very soon after. There is a good reason for this: to take advantage of the cool part of the day. The school and work days start at 8 am, for the most part. Our daughter goes to a school where classes start at 7.25 am and end at 1.15 pm. Shops tend to open at 8.30 am. The work day ends at 5 pm, with an hour for lunch. Because Windhoek is a small and manageable city, those who drive to work go home for lunch.

My husband says that a traffic jam in Windhoek is having to wait for a second change of traffic lights. I don't know if he made this up, or if it's another local saying. In the morning, twice at lunch-time and again at 5pm, in order to keep the commuter traffic moving smoothly, the traffic police do point duty at all the busiest intersections in the city. I had a tendency at first either to become mesmerised by their stylised gestures or to forget to look out for the stop signal. Now I tend to find myself giving an appreciative wave when I get the go-ahead. Sometimes, their role is only to manipulate the traffic lights from the control box.

Transport would have been a real problem for us in the first weeks until we got our car, if the Ministry hadn't made a car available to us. There are shops around the corner: a small supermarket and an off-licence, which is called a bottle store in English - as opposed to Afrikaans. There will be more on the subject of language in a later edition. Within walking distance - about as far as Quinnsworth is from Rail Park - there is a good shopping centre, where, now that we are reasonably well set-up, we can buy most of what we need. However, in the beginning, when we had to buy everything from spoons to spaghetti and pots to pillows, we had to go to the city centre, which is 7 or 8 miles away.

There is no bus service, as we in Ireland understand it, in Windhoek. In fact, I have seen very few buses. I understand that the city does run a service designed to enable workers to travel from Katutura and Khomasdal, where they live, to the areas where they are employed. Under apartheid, black people were only permitted to live in these areas, except when they occupied the outside or servant's room in their employer's house. The amount of space they were allowed in both was strictly limited and this feature reminds me of some of the restrictions imposed on some of our own ancestors under Penal Laws.

So it is very hard to get around in Windhoek without your own transport. For example, at the moment, it would be hard for us to get our daughter to school in the morning, even though her school is quite close by. When the new road opens, it might be more feasible to walk or let her cycle, but it would be an unusual thing for white people to do. We wouldn't be able to get the shopping home very easily, either. Cycling would be a difficult option, because the city is quite hilly. I haven't seen any streets as steep as the one in Ballyshannon, but at this altitude, physical effort leads to rapid fatigue in the unfit, such as myself. One doesn't see many cyclists in this city.

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STREET-TALK

After seven years of serving Kilcock, David Gildea has opened an optician's, named Optometrist, on the Main Street in Maynooth. After having received a considerable amount of custom from the town for years, he felt the need was sufficient to make the move. "Increased advertising by the large opticians has made people more aware of the options available to them", says Mr. Gildea.

He is offering a range of services and products. His sister-in-law Valerie specialises in children's eye-testing. Contact lenses start at an all-in price of £55, something he hopes will attract the student trade. Glaucoma, a condition which may cause blindness in the over-50s may be treated after detection. Tell-tale signs include diminished vision and seeing a halo around lights. Glaucoma screening is available in the Optometrist.

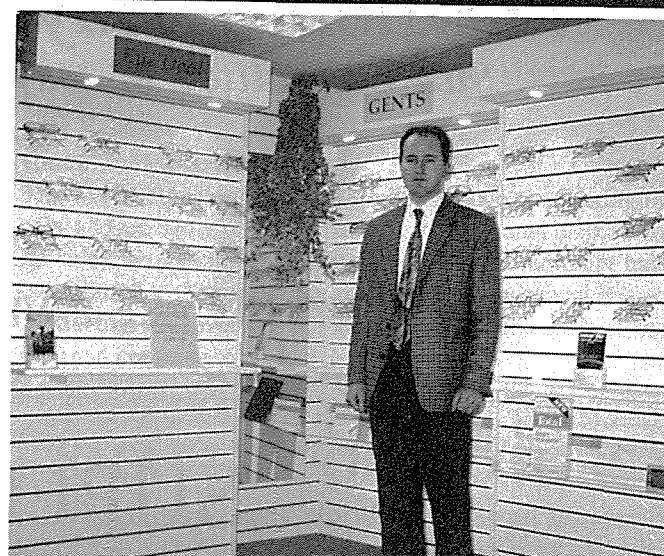
"V.D.U. strain is becoming more common", explains Mr. Gildea. Although the effects are not instantly noticeable, the continual glare, contrast and flicker from computer screens causes headaches and strained or tired eyes. Usually light lenses with a U.V. filter are sufficient to correct the problem. A wide range of frames starting at £49.50 (lenses and frame) are in stock. David Gildea also does house tests when necessary. We wish him every luck in his new enterprise!



A selection of appliances on sale in the new Gas Showrooms

With the arrival of gas in Maynooth Des O'Sullivan has opened the "Gas Showrooms" beside The Caddyshack on the Main Street. The shop is a natural continuation of his Rathmines Gas Showrooms and stocks a wide range of real-flame gas fires, cookers and ranges. Mr. O'Sullivan, from Mulhussey, Maynooth, has his daughter Deirdre and his son Seamus, who lives in College Park, working in the shop. Hopefully, the mild start to the winter won't distract people from installing the latest in hassle-free gas fires and cookers.

All of those travelling by train will have noticed the new shop on the station platform. Primarily a newsagents, they also serve coffee, tea and sandwiches. Alan Bradley, from Cluain Aoibhinn, operates the shop with the help of family members. His sister, Eileen, told us that they are very pleased at how things have gone so far — "people are satisfied and the service is efficient". The trade heading towards the College is particularly good. In the cold December mornings coffee and tea for those heading to Dublin is much appreciated. Currently they are expanding their range of services — if customers ask for something new they'll try to stock it.



David Gildea in his new premises in Maynooth

SUBMISSION TO FORUM FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

As readers of **Newsletter** may already be aware, Maynooth Miscarriages of Justice Group recently decided to make a submission to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation at Dublin Castle. This committee is comprised of Mary Cullen, Hilda Mooney, Eamon O'Ciosáin and Michael Quinn. This submission will be carried in three instalments in the **Newsletter** commencing with the following extract from the document.

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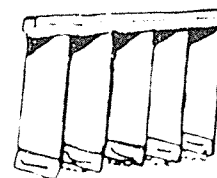
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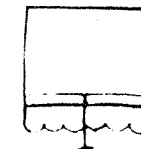
The Maynooth Peace, Reconciliation and Justice Group recently evolved out of the Maynooth Miscarriages of Justice Group which was originally established in 1989 as the Winchester Three Support Group. When that miscarriage of justice case was resolved, we continued our work on similar cases including the Birmingham Six, Judith Ward, RUC Four and the Ballymurphy Seven.

As a result of our interest in this area and based on our conviction that justice and equality are essential requisites in other fields such as employment, community affairs, education, etc., we now believe that the peace process in general and the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation in particular offer a practical opportunity to help bring about meaningful change in both parts of Ireland. We trust that this document will be included

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in the considerations of the Forum and we look forward to the opportunity of making a verbal presentation to the Forum in some more detail. We would also be delighted to welcome the Forum to Maynooth: as a university town, Maynooth has ample facilities for hosting a session of the Forum, which is engaged in the auspicious project of bringing about permanent and genuine peace and reconciliation in our country.

Justice and Civil Rights

We are concerned about emergency legislation connected with a perceived threat from political subversives in both the Republic and Northern Ireland, and with some provisions of the general criminal law in the Republic.

1 Republic of Ireland

The Republic has been effectively in a perpetual state of emergency since the passing of the Emergency Powers Act of 1939. The most recent piece of legislation, the Emergency Powers Act 1976, was brought into force for 12 months. It then expired but can be invoked again by ministerial order.

This act allows a member of the Garda Síochána without warrant to stop, search, question and arrest any person whom he suspects 'with reasonable cause' to have committed, to be committing, or to be about to commit an offence under the Offences Against the State Act 1939. A person so arrested may be detained for 48 hours and, on the authority of a chief superintendent, for a further five days.

Section 30 of the Offences Against the State Act 1972 allows arrest and detention for 48 hours for questioning, and for trial in the Special Criminal Court with no jury.

These acts threaten the civil liberties and human rights of suspects even when their use is confined to political and paramilitary offences. They also impinge on the liberties of the public at large, and lawyers concerned with civil rights argue that a state which feels unable to trust its own citizens to exercise that citizenship as jurors has real problems of credibility. Further, the Offences Against the State Act is regularly used for non-political and non-paramilitary offences, thus extending the permitted detention period from a 2-20 hours maximum to 48 hours. This constitutes an additional threat to civil liberties and human rights.

Even though Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act was repealed in December 1993, its existence for so many years needs to be noted as a major infringement on the civil right of free speech and freedom of information which affected the entire population.

In the area of criminal legislation, Section 4 of the Criminal Justice Act 1984 allows detention for questioning for 12-24 hours. This is also used to harass political activists, often where no actual offence is suspected.

The Public Order Act 1993 is also not 'emergency' legislation but it curtails the right of citizens to publicly proclaim their dissent and views, and in spirit and possible application it is closely linked to the principles and practice associated with the former.

2 Northern Ireland

'Emergency' legislation

The Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) allows for 7 days detention of suspects. This has been held to be in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights, but the British Government derogated from it on the grounds of 'public emergency'. The fact that threequarters of those people held under the PTA are released without charges raises grave suspicions about how the Act is used. The main 'holding centre' for these detainees, at Castlereagh, has been and is the subject of continued allegations of ill-treatment of detainees. The latter may also be denied access to a solicitor for up to 48 hours, and may be deprived of the right to have their family or friends informed of their arrest for a similar period. Those who are eventually charged may be tried in the one-judge, juryless Diplock courts, where the test for admissibility of confession evidence has been lowered to allow statements not otherwise admissible to be accepted. Exclusion orders, a very harsh sentence of internal exile can be served even on acquitted persons, and those so excluded are not allowed to know the grounds for the order and so find it almost impossible to contest them successfully.

The Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 effectively removed the common law right to silence of suspects and accused persons by allowing the court to draw deductions from silence. The right to silence has over many centuries been regarded as an integral part of the common law assumption of innocence unless proven guilty.

The U.K. Media Ban of 1988 was lifted in September 1994 after the IRA ceasefire.

The similarity between the relevant legislation in each state is striking. They share the same thrust towards reducing protections for the human rights of suspects, towards limiting the civil rights and exercise of citizenship of the population at large, and towards suppressing the public expression of dissent by citizens which is an essential feature of a democratic society.

We have always believed that these acts are prejudicial to democracy and, in the new context of a ceasefire by paramilitaries on both sides with the consequent imperative to build structures which can ensure lasting peace and justice, we urge their immediate and complete removal. We ask the Forum to press for this.

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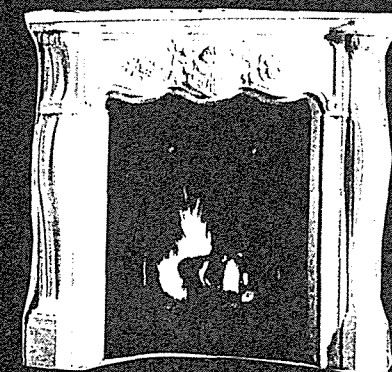
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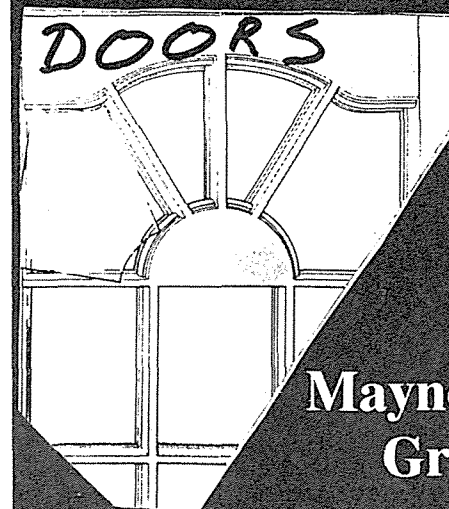
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Maynooth History

After many hours, months and even years of research and writing, Maynooth Community Council launched its history of Maynooth "Cannonballs and Croziers" in St. Patrick's College Maynooth on Friday 16th December. This book, with text by local historian John Drennan, outlines the history of Maynooth from the earliest times to the present.

Maynooth Community Council would like to thank all those who worked over the years on the book, in particular:

John Drennan	Research and text
Vincent Doyle	Paintings
Greg Stevenson	Illustrations
Neil Armstrong	Photographs

Research: Carol Ann Reaper, Lorraine Tracy, Imelda Guiney. **Workers on Community Employment Scheme:** Mary Dwyer, Jane McNulty, Susan Byrne, David Brilly, Patrick Caulfield, Clare Donahoe, Pius Kelly, Sandy Nolan and Ann Wakeman. Supervisor/Administrator Norah Mc Dermott and Freda Kelleher.

Sub-Communications Committee: Patricia Condon, Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, Dominic Nyland, Tom McMullon and Margaret Murphy.

Fás: Una Richie and Pearse Connolly.

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•Presentation of Painting to Mrs McDonald - Cowanstown Stud. L-R Mrs McDonald, Patricia Condon, Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin and Dominic Nyland



•Presentation of Painting to Sonia Rogers- Airlie Stud by Senan Griffing

Maynooth History



Dr. Seamus Smith, Master, Maynooth College at the launch of Maynooth History



John Drennan being presented with Maynooth College History by Dr. Seamus Smith



Don Nichol A.I.B. being presented with a Painting of the Canal by Patricia Condon



*Louise Jolley and Greg Stevenson
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*Dr. Seamus Smith presenting
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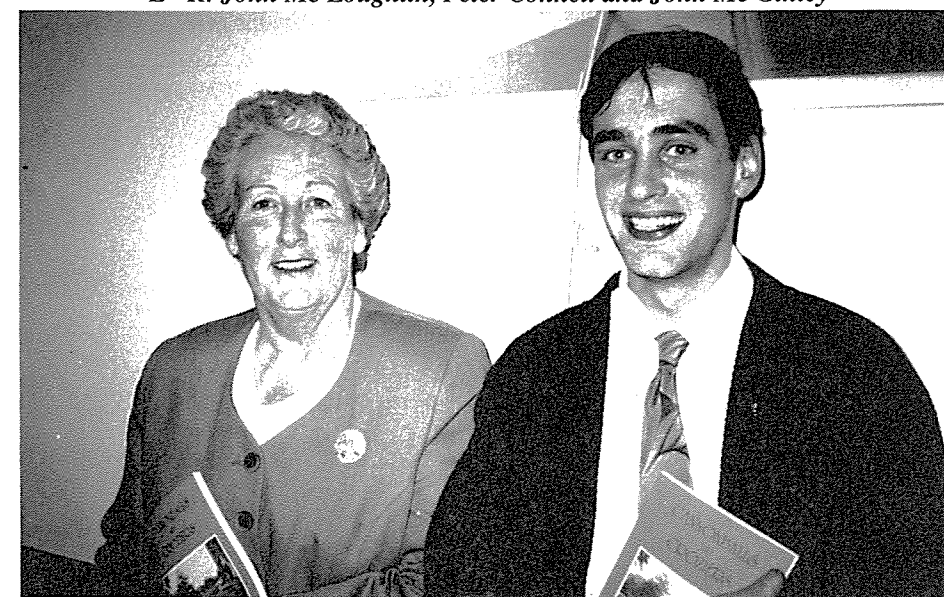
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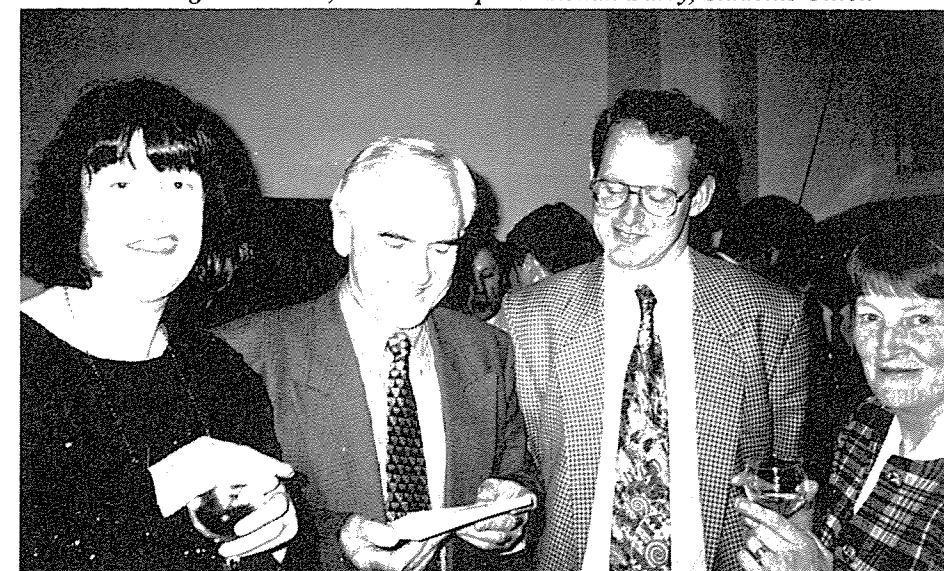
*At the launch of Maynooth History
L - R: Clare Donohue, Anne Wakeman,
Jane McNulty and Eileen Dunne*



*Enjoying the launch
L - R: John Mc Loughlin, Peter Connell and John Mc Ginley*



*With copies of the History secured and enjoying the launch
are Margaret Kirwin, Student Shop and Ronan Barry, Students Union*



*Concentrating on the history are
L - R: Patricia Condron, Lee Mallaghan, Michael Barry and Lynne Whittaker*

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POST PRIMARY MONSTER DRAW

The post primary school wasn't the only winner in the recent Monster Draw held in the school. Principal Tom Ashe, holding the cheque book on behalf of the organising committee, gave out around £35,000 in prizes in the second phase of the very successful draw.

Pat Halley, outgoing chairman of the Maynooth Post Primary Parent's Association, reminded everyone of the format. The draw was limited to 2,000 tickets - sold for £100 each. Selecting the numbers were students Mary Crome - Summerhill, Elizabeth Whittaker - Dunboyne Road, Joseph Larkin - Kilcloone and Jamie Lawlor - Lawrence's Avenue. Checking and supervising the procedure was Garda Tom Milner and Dominic Nyland.

Fr. David Boylan began with a draw for promoters who sold 5 or more tickets. Winners of £25 were Michael Dillane, W. Coughlan, K. Dempsey, J. Hoare, M. Hutton, F. Crowe, Peter McTernan and Sean Ashe.



The excitement mounted as the numbers for category D were selected. Winning tickets were bought by Paul Lucas, Patrick Macken, Liam Dunbar, Joe Devine, Ms. Amanda Brady, "Ciotog" c/o Pat O'Brien, Gerard Gallery, Liz and Keith Thomas... (£200 each); Donald Wederfort, Tony and Mary Bean, Tony Barrett, Hilary O'Carroll & Co... (£300 each); Edward Gallagher, Seamus O'Flaherty, Fergus & David Crowe... (£400 each) and Geraldine House, Martin Raymund, Roches gang... (£500 each). The top three were won by Marie O'Sullivan (£1,000), Barbara Tracey (21" t.v., video and camcorder) and the first prize of a Mitsubishi Colt car was won by 'Paraig & Crew'.

After the break students Elaine Fleming and Lisa Graham drew numbers for promoters who sold ten tickets or multiples of ten. Winners were; K. O'Leary, M. Dunworth, S. Griffin, P. Hickey, and S. Manus... (£25 each). The principle Mr. Tom Ashe won the third prize of £50 to much applause. Second prize was W. Coughlan - £100. The winner of the weekend for two was Patty Bermingham. Then began the final draw of the evening - Category C. Winners of £200 each were Seamus Redmond, Eileen O'Rourke, Niall Cummins, Claire

O'Connor, Ignatious/Nicola/Sylvia Conlon, B.O.M. Scoil Dara - Kilcock, John McCormack, Tom Horan and Mary O'Connor. The £300 prizes went to Ger Warren and Denis Delaney, Katherine and John Murphy, the staff yard 2 Ballygoran Stud and Eilish O'Brien. £500 each went to Brendan Glass and Lucan Boy's National School. £600 to Bernadette Scally and Mr. J. Nevin Class 4 (93/94). £1,000 went to N. McKeivitt. Third prize of a 21" t.v., video and camcorder went to Pat and Michelle Farrell. Second prize of £2,000 went to Mr. Sean Martin. The first prize of a Mitsubishi Lancer went to Mary Dillon and Patricia Bermingham.

Mr. Ashe thanked all those who bought and sold tickets saying the £100,000 plus raised was equivalent to 20 years of tea party promotions. Finally he thanked the 'two whips' who brought everyone into line and encouraged all those involved Willie Coughlan and Senan Griffin... "Without their determination and planning none of this would have happened". By their applause it seemed everyone more than agreed - even Mr. Ashe with his, by now, much lighter wallet, seemed as pleased as everyone else.



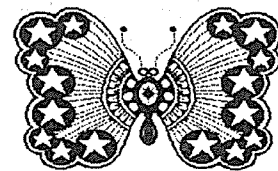
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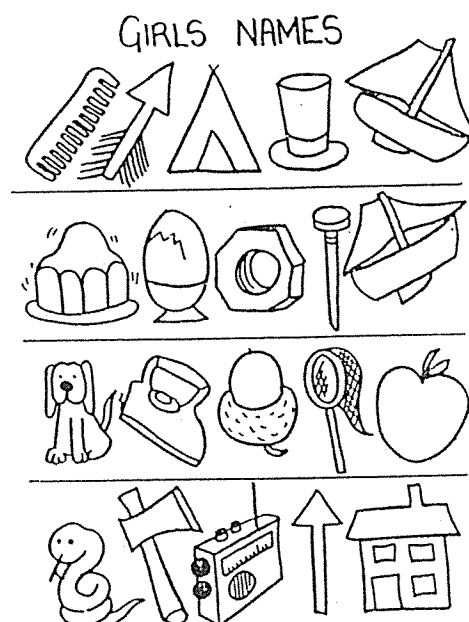
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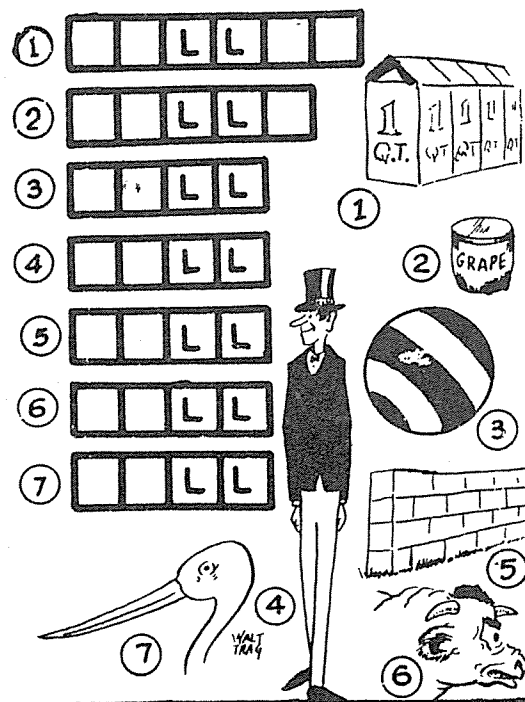
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THE SPORTING YEAR

In June, 1994, World Cup fever gripped the nation and Maynooth. Normally sensible people went around wearing silly colours and gathered in local hostels to shout at the TVs. Mothers and children went berserk in the sittingrooms every time Ireland scored, which wasn't often. Locals who went to the USA for the finals included Micheál and Lily Riordan, Mona Byrne and son Tony, Ray Grehan, Martin Brady, Prionnsias Breathnach, whom we saw on TV, and Mr. and Mrs. Declan Foley. They all enjoyed the experience. Come to think of it, the entire government disappeared on urgent business to America, leaving poor Brian Cowen minding the country and so busy that he forgot he had shares in Arcon.

My now vague recollections of the event are as follows: Ireland had a famous victory over Italy in the first game, then something terrible happened in the second against Mexico. Everyone wanted the players to get more water. Jack Charlton had an argument with an official who had a blue jacket and a yellow hat and ended up a "Jack in the box". Nothing much happened against Norway, then Holland came flying down the wings where we had forgotten to put a bush in the gap and we were finished. Then Jack wasn't coming back, then he was and when he came home only a relatively few turned up to see him and that was that.

G.A.A.

Maynooth G.A.A. Club enjoyed a good year's success and have plenty to build on for the next year. The Junior A squad got off to a good start when they broke the psychological barrier by beating Sallins in the first round of the championship. They then drew with Ardclough, won the replay and beat Kilcullen to assure themselves a place in the final against Two Mile House.

Locals thronged to Newbridge on Sunday, September 4th, to see their team put up a brave battle against the more experienced and physically stronger Two Mile House side. Maynooth were unlucky when, at a critical stage and just three points adrift, a perfectly legitimate Kilian Fagan goal was disallowed. The squad was comprised of Eamon Sheeran, Mick Noone, Mick Nevin (Capt.), Joe Conway, Mick Kelly, Paul Stynes, David Mahony, Kilian Fagan, John Nevin, Joey Nevin, Pascal Ennis, Paul Garvey, Ken Killoran, Joe Edwards and Joey Riordan. This young squad are likely to win the competition outright this year.

Maynooth won the Junior Football League, beating Leixlip 1-13 to 1-5. This victory was thanks to excellent midfield work by Fergus Devereux and Danny Casey Jnr. and accurate free taking by Derek Murray.

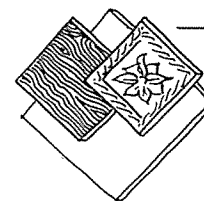
The Junior B team also won the Cappagh Football tournament on 9/10/94. This team also made it to the championship final where they were beaten by Milltown 1-7 to 2-12.

Junior Hurling breakthrough

The best was yet to come and it did when Maynooth won the Kildare Junior Hurling Championship; their first win since O'Shea, Paula O'Shea and Joanne Smith.

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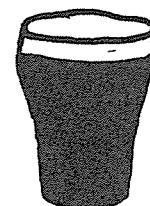
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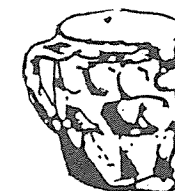
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Sports

1966. They beat Clane 1-13 to 0-3. Mick Nevin was Man of the Match. The retired Tom Coffey returned to the fray to play a pivotal role in the team's success. Mentors Pat Nevin, Roddy Molloy and Ciaran Diggins celebrated in style. Offaly captain Brian Whelehan honoured the club by making the presentation to the winners on the night of December 3rd at the Clubhouse.

Soccer

Maynooth Town AFC celebrated their 25th anniversary this year with great success at Schoolboy level, which gives them hope for the future. The U/15 team became League Champions after beating St. Joseph's Boys 2-1 in a thriller mainly thanks to a Martin Byrne penalty. Their triumphant march through the town was a spectacle to behold. The squad comprised of Niall Naughton, Pat Carroll, Dave Coghlan, Darren Naughton, Declan Buckley, Alan Parle, Alan Nugent, Eoin Gahan, Martin Byrne, Donncha McCarrick, Eamon Gallagher, Aidan O'Brien, Francis Larkin, Niall Byrne, John Canny, Freddie Clarke and David Tivinan. Team mentors were Michael Murphy and Frank McCarrick.

Further honours

The club was further honoured with the schoolboys' selection of Eamon Gallagher and Darren Naughton to represent Kildare at an international soccer tournament in Louisville, Kentucky, USA, between July 26th and 30th.

Ladies' Success

The ladies' team trained by Francis Kearney won the Dublin Women's League Intermediate Division by beating Coldane 9-0. This same team also won the Intermediate Shield by beating Mountview 5-1. The squad was comprised of Ginny Breslin, Geraldine Breslin, Shelly Breslin, Maeve Flood, Marie Grehan, Leanne Hughes, Irene Kearney, Laura Kearney, Tracy Kearney, Emma Kilduff, Ann Lyons, Antoinette Mooney, Karen Mulhern, Clair McCarrick, Leah Newman, Bríd AnnThe Joe Murphy Memorial Cup was won by "the Lads". Best for the winners were the Flood brothers, Tom Fay, Pat Hawkins and Anthony Smith.

The U/11 team won the O'Leary Cup with the help of goals from David Harpur, Thos. McGovern and Dean Conway. Mentors are Tony McMahon and Eugene O'Neill.

The highlight of the 25th Anniversary celebrations was a successful social held in the Student Union complex, which was attended by official representatives from the various leagues. Paul McCourt got a special long service award.

Athletics

Maynooth Athletic Club continued to enjoy substantial county, provincial and national success. Philip Campbell Boys' U/10 won a Kildare gold medal in 60m. He went on to win the Leinster and National title in the High Jump. David Campbell U/12 won gold in Kildare in 600m., Long Jump and tied with Patrick King in the 300m. David won the provincial title in High Jump and Long Jump. He also won All-Ireland gold Medals in these events and added gold in the 60m. and 200m. hurdles to his worthy collection. He won national bronze in the 300m.

Patrick O'Rourke won silver in the Leinster 60m. race. Declan O'Rourke U/14 won national titles in the 100m. and 300m. Hurdles. His team finished second in county relay finals. Patrick O'Rourke U/11 won national silver in 60m. Karl Ennis U/13 won a national title in the walk. Patrick King U/12 took All-Ireland silver in 100m. and 300m. Mary O'Sullivan won three Kildare gold medals in the 100m., 300m. and 600m. She went on to win a national silver medal in the 300m. John Campbell Senior Men won County Gold in 1,500m. He recently won the Kildare 8,000m. Cross-Country title. Sarah Cummane won Kildare gold in 100m. and 300m. She won a Leinster silver in the 300m. David Jolley, John O'Rourke, John Campbell and Michael Gleeson won the Kildare Vets 4x100m. relay. In total the club won 14 All-Ireland medals this year. Dave Jolley participated in New York Marathon on November 6th.

Community Games

Around 200 children participated in the games this year. Elaine Fleming won an award for best overall competitor. The Ennis family were the most successful family. The winners went on to the County Finals where Maynooth enjoyed some success.

Mary O'Sullivan won County gold in 100m. Boys' U/17 relay team won bronze medals. They were John O'Shea, Mark Buckley, Alan Nugent, Declan O'Rourke. Sub: Eoin Nevin. Emma Higgins won silver in Gymnastics. The Volleyball and Pitch and Putt teams also won silver medals.

Tug-O-War

The senior team festival winners were: Larry McEvoy, Donal Finnan, Mark McEvoy, Peter Domigan, Mark McEvoy, Frank Kilrane, Martin Murray, Seamie Ryan and Willie Healy. Helen Finnan's team won the women's section. The Hitchin' Post Cup was won by Brady's; George Gallagher, Ml. O'Rourke, Anthony Mooney (Capt), Donal Finnan, Raymond Leavey, Tom Ward, Willie Healy, Liam Fitzharris.

Pitch and Putt

The Community Festival Tournament at Dunboyne Road was won by Trevor Cassidy with Jonathan Flynn, 2nd. Tom and Tony Bean were busy with competitions all summer. At U/16 level Michael Flynn is showing great promise.

SRugby

The North Kildare club has employed a New Zealand coach to supervise the training of the various age groups.

Boxing

New York based professional boxer Jimmy McMahon from Mulhussey, Maynooth, returned to the ring after a nine-month lay-off due to injury. On June 28th he beat American boxer Billy McCrea. Then on August 26th he was highly praised for his points victory over top-rated Bobby Heath in New York. Jimmy, who was making his way up the rankings and who had fifteen successive victories as a professional, regrettably had to retire from the sport for medical reasons. Many locals who are aware of his stature and achievements wish him well in whatever new venture he pursues.

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Sports

Post Primary Sport

The Senior Boys' Football Team won the Kildare Post Primary Schools final when they beat St. Pauls, Monasterevan 3-4 to 0-10. The Senior Girls' Football Team also won the County Championship and the Intel Cup. The Tennis Team reached the final of the Leinster Plate. The Post Primary School has successfully negotiated with St. Patrick's College to gain access to a basketball court for training. This will pay dividends in the future.

Volleyball

Miriam Gormally from Carton Court was a member of the national team representing Ireland at an International Club Tournament held in Belgium recently. The team won a special Fair Play Award.

Golf

Maynooth Golf Club ran a number of successful events throughout the year. Last year's Captain was William Moore. Outing to Athy March 19th Over-all winner W. Moore
At Midleton May 27th Over-all winner Liam Farrelly
Athlone July 2nd Over-all winner Sam Feeney
Christmas outing Over-all winner Gerard Coulton

Tae Kwon Do

Cian McGinley 1st Dan is now in training to represent Ireland in the up coming European Championship. Maynooth Tae Kwon Do instructor Gerard McClelland has been promoted to level of 4th Dan instructor.

Badminton

The ladies' team got to the semi-finals of the Tallaght League. They are: Phil McLoughlin, Ann Kinsella, Carol Hoare and Roseanne Grehan.

Swimming

Maynooth Swimming Club ran successful Junior and Senior summer galas. Many of its younger members won medals in the Maynooth Community Games.

Community Festival Soccer

The festival soccer tournament organised by John McGinley was a great success. The Dream Machine team won 4-3 on penalties due to superb saves by Barry Desmond.

Cycling

Pat Carr of Rockfield partook in a 200 mile sponsored cycle in aid of the Ann Sullivan foundation. The cycle began in Dublin, on Friday, 30th September, and passed through Athlone before returning to Dublin via Monaghan. Pat and his colleagues raised a substantial sum of money for the cause.

On Sunday, October 16th, a sponsored cycle took place organised by Maynooth Boys' National School. A large group of children participated in and enjoyed the event.

Gymnastics

This sport has existed in Maynooth for the past ten years. Young Emma Higgins won a silver medal in the Kildare County Finals of the Community Games.

MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB

The Club's Second Term is now in progress. The Committee are currently taking names for the waiting list, names to include date of birth of child and address and contact number can be given to any member of the Committee. The Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all its members, their families and the **Newsletter** staff a very happy New Year.

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MAYNOOTH G.A.A.**U.13 League Carbury 19/11/94
Maynooth 6-8 V Carbury 1-3**

Maynooth travelled to Carbury for the last league match of the season and scored a good win over the home side. Carbury had a good opening quarter and were unlucky on a number of occasions as Maynooth goalkeeper John Fagan had to make a number of important saves. However, as the game wore on, Maynooth got on top and ran out easy winners in the end.

Scorers: K. Ennis, 0-4; T. Halton, 1-2; P. Kinsella, 1-1; D. Campbell, 1-0; C. O'Malley, 1-0; A. McCarron, 1-0; B. Doyle, 1-0; S. Lennon, 0-1.

D. Carr, C. Diggins, P. O'Sullivan, D. Lawler, S. Devereux, P. King and M. Kavanagh also played well.

**North Kildare League U.11's (19-11-'94)
Confey 2-7 V Maynooth 1-4**

In the last game of the league Maynooth never settled in the first-half, trailing 1-7 to 1-1 at half-time.

However, in the second half they played a lot better with the Confey keeper making several good saves to deny Maynooth a last league win.

Team

P. Campbell, K. Carr, P. O'Rourke, A. Molloy, P. Sheehan, G. Quinn, K. Cannon, M. Sweeney, D. Adderley, A. Sweeney, P. Ennis, S. Curran, E. Holmes, B. Downey, J. O'Neill. **Subs:** S. Healy, S. O'Malley, D. Comerford, F. O'Donaghue, F. Gorman.

**Minor Hurling League Semi-Final played in Ardclough on
Saturday 19th November '94.****Maynooth 0-8 V Clane 2-3pts.**

Clane playing with the wind in the first half failed to prevent Maynooth from jumping into the driver's seat and by half time Maynooth led by 5 pts to 2 pts. S. Brennan and M. Nugent had Maynooth 2 pts ahead after five minutes, but Clane drew level after 20 mins, but points by S. Brennan (2pts) and J. Rossiton (1pt), had Maynooth ahead at half-time. The second half started with S. Brennan getting Maynooth 6 pts, Clane got back with a point before Clane struck for lethal goals in the 50th and 55th minute. In the 59th minute S. Brennan got a point to leave one point in it but despite desperate efforts on their part Maynooth hurlers could not recover to snatch the equalising score, although S. Brennan went close in extra time.

Maynooth Scorers:- S. Brennan, 5 pts; M. Nugent, 1 pt; J. Rossitor, 1 pt.

Also to play well:- S. Griffin, R. Murphy, T. Farrell, G. Lyons, M. Bennett.

1st Round draw for Junior 'A' and 'B' Football Championship for 1995, Maynooth play Cappagh in both championships: All other draws will be in next issue of **Newsletter**.

We would like to thank everyone who turned out for the Hurling Presentation Night and wish our hurlers best wishes for 1995 and hope they can bring home another championship.

We would like to thank everyone who attended our Annual Dinner Dance on Friday 9th December in Club House. A good night was had by all.

**Under 21 Football Championship Final played in
Allenwood on Saturday, 3rd December, '94.****Maynooth 1-4 V Kilcullen 2-8pts.**

Maynooth lost their third football championship final in 1994, first our Junior 'A' lost to Two-Mile-House, our Junior 'B' lost to Milltown and now our Under 21 lost to Kilcullen. Hopefully in 1995 we will have better luck.

Our under 21 team playing with the wind in first half failed to take their scores and by half-time were behind by Kilcullen 1-3 to Maynooth 1-1. The second half was much the same. It was only in the last 5 mins that Maynooth started to play but at this stage it was too late and Kilcullen came out good winners.

Best Maynooth: D. Mahoney, 1 goal; D. Fleming, 2pts; P. Garvey, 2 pts; G. Horn, M. Noone, K. Killoran, H. Purcell, T. Fay, E. Lyons.

Lotto Results:- 20/11/94 - Jackpot £650: Numbers: 13-16-24 - No Winner. Turkey - Joyce O'Reilly, Ham - Mrs. Scanlon, Whiskey - Tony Byrne.

Lotto Results:- 27/11/94 - Jackpot £700: Numbers: 1-4-28 - No Winner. Turkey - Mrs. Mullarkey, Ham - Kevin Connolly, Whiskey - Jim Moore.

Lotto Results:- 4/12/94 - Jackpot £750: Numbers: 9-16-30 - No Winner. Turkey - Anthony Byrne, Ham - Pat Flaherty, Whiskey - The Daly Game.

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Tug-O-War Report

To welcome in 1995, we are holding a special, confined, Winter tournament, for men, at the Hitchin' Post, Leixlip, on Sunday, 8th January, at the early time of 11.30 a.m. So come along and join the action.

After the event we will hold the first A.G.M. of the club, with election of officers for the year ahead. Anyone interested in becoming involved is welcome to attend.

If the weather is bad the meeting will still go ahead as planned. Who knows what will happen, maybe even a coup d'état?

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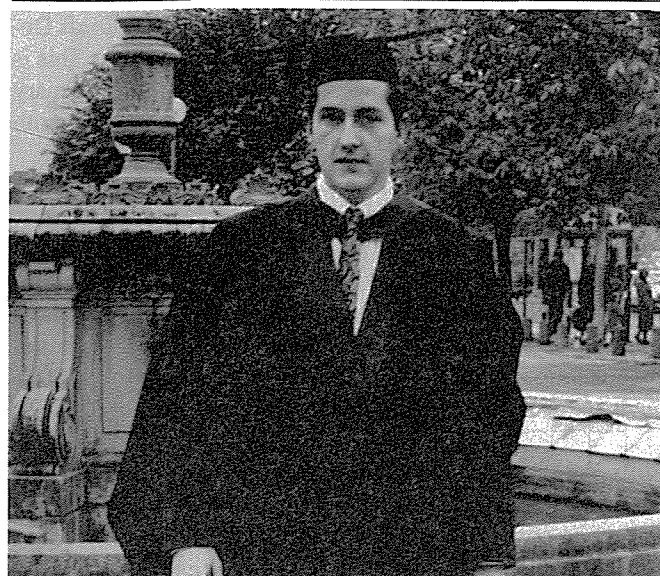
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Love, Mam, Dad, Aisling, Shane and Dara. XXXX



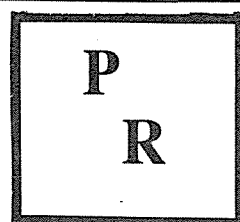
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Michael J. Duffy on obtaining the HND in Marine Eng. and Electronics. Michael is now with P+O Cruises and sets off shortly for a three and a half month 'working' world cruise. Well done Michael.

SYMPATHIES

Sincere sympathy to the wife, daughters, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, great-grandchild, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of John Farrell, Mariaville Lodge, Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

Sincere sympathy to the brothers, sisters, brother-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends of James (Gerry) McDermott, Carton Court, Maynooth and Daingean, Co. Offaly.



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