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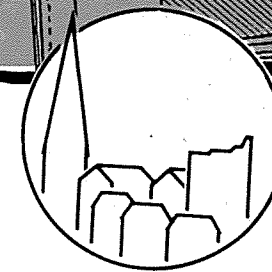
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Community Council & Newsletter Staff

Editorial

The production of "Oliver" by the Post-Primary School amply illustrates the immense fund of talent in the area. This production involved long hours of work and effort by many background people from the director to the set organisers, set constructors, the band, accompanists, prompters and stage crew. Almost seventy teenagers took part on stage and produced an excellent show. It was so popular with the people of Maynooth that an extra show was necessary on the Sunday night of the run.

Taking part in such a show encourages both talent and the ability to work together as a group. Mr. Tom Ashe, principal of the Post-Primary School, must be congratulated on his encouragement of, and work for the production.

The numbers who took part and the success of the show demonstrates the desire by both participants and audience for shows of this nature in the area.

Maynooth has a long tradition of such productions and perhaps it is time for this tradition to be more publicly displayed.

If you are interested in drama or musical production please get in touch with The Community Council Office — 6285922 — it will thus be possible to build up a list of interested persons with a view to forming a group in the area.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
BLOOD TRANSFUSION BOARD

I wish to thank the people of Maynooth for their generous response to our appeal for Donations on Monday 20th February. You have helped Someone!

*Alan Stafford,
Local Organiser*

Dear Editor,

Your correspondent P. Kelly in his book review on Vincent Doyle stated that Vinny attended the "old" national school. In fact, the school that he attended is still the national school, although it has been extended over the years. The "old" school was originally the parish church, later on the boys' school and now the band hall. Vinny's father Jim and probably his grandfather, the "Maker" Doyle, would have attended there as school-boys under the tutorage of Neddy Browne and Jack Keyes.

Your correspondent also states that Vinny went to the Tech "as there was no second level education in Maynooth at that time". Slightly wide of the mark again! As another born in 1953 I attended the Secondary Top School, as did Vinny's eldest brother. One of the more senior teachers (sorry, Joey!) in the National School sat and passed his Leaving Cert. there years before the lads of '53 bade farewell to P.C.O'C. and moved up the corridor to the Rab. Love him or loathe him, the Rab had brought secondary education to Maynooth long before the government introduced "free" second-level education.

Nonetheless, I enjoyed the article which pipped last week's Leinster Leader's spread on the same subject. Vinny of course is best described by the title of one of his earlier paintings, "A Flower Among Them All".

Patrick A. Farrell

Dear Editor,

Maynooth is going through many changes at the moment and these are welcome and necessary. However, I have heard of another development that is both unwelcome and unnecessary. I refer to the recent closure of Kids Kottage. My connections with this enterprise are nil except to be living in the same town as Ger Scanlan.

It seems to me from what I know of the case to be a typical bureaucratic reaction to enterprise and entrepreneurship that Ms Scanlan is now out of business. The demise of her business will be felt by the many working parents using her service. It will be felt by the many children minded by Kids Kottage and it will be felt by the staff of Kids Kottage.

I can empathise with Ms Scanlan and her staff in their frustration at having coaxed their business into a reputable and responsible position only to find that for very little reason they are now unemployed and their dreams are a nightmare. What will become of these people? Will they join the dole queue? Will they try another venture or will they have to move out of the town to work? I don't know the answer to this problem but I deplore the bureaucracy that suppresses the spark of enterprise in this town and puts people out of their own employment without any alternative proposed to them. Ms Scanlan

should have realized that in this country honesty and responsibility are not honoured virtues but rather the mechanisms by which you can be knocked down and deflated. The only hand that reaches out to Ms Scanlan and her staff is the one that takes your taxes, your work, your enthusiasm and eventually your soul.

The people connected with Kids Kottage from all sides have my sympathy but that won't put them back in business. I only hope that the people of Maynooth wake up to the fact that they are Maynooth and that Maynooth should decry the decisions that take services and employment from our community.

Every best wish to Ger Scanlan and her staff for the future.

Tony Bean.

Dear Editor,

I was surprised to hear that Maynooth Community Council had written to the Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare Co. Council opposing the rezoning of any further land in the Maynooth area. I would be interested to know on whose behalf this letter was written as it seems to reflect a narrow ideological view of development and developers rather than those of the people of Maynooth as expressed at a public meeting organised by the Maynooth Branch of Fine Gael on Wednesday 8th February.

At that meeting, attended by some 50 people only two opposed rezoning while the remainder favoured rezoning in return for sizeable areas of sports/amenity land. Similar views were expressed by an even larger attendance at a public meeting organised by Maynooth G.A.A. to which all local councillors were invited but from which the Labour Councillors chose to absent themselves.

It is obvious to anyone who is in tune with what is happening in Maynooth that the immediate provision of sizeable areas of land for sports and leisure is essential for the orderly development of the town. It is naive to suggest that this can be done by zoning land for amenity as the land would still have to be purchased and developed, assuming the owner was willing to sell under those circumstances. There is also the possibility of the council being sued for the difference in value between amenity and development land. Past experience shows that designation by Kildare County Council of areas for amenity purposes is more a pious aspiration than a positive decision.

It appears therefore that the only way in which sufficient land can be provided for amenity purposes is by obtaining the transfer of land from those seeking rezoning to some central body or trust who could then lease it to, or vest it in, the clubs, schools, etc. Ideally, these areas should act as buffers between existing and future developments.

This redrafting of the development plan is the first time in 10 years and last time this century that our councillors will have an opportunity to correct the errors of the past and provide land for amenities. I appeal to them to put aside their ideological differences and act in consort for the benefit of present and future generations in Maynooth.

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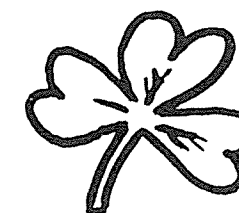


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Letters to the Editor

Finally, may I suggest that in the interest of those much-vaunted twin virtues of openness and transparency, you publish the text of the letter sent by the Community Council to the Celbridge Area Committee.

Yours faithfully,
Fionan L. Hardiman

Dear Editor,

As some of your readers may be aware, "Kids Kottage" day Nursery in Old Greenfield, which has been established for six years, will be forced to close their doors for the last time on Thursday, 16th March.

Kildare County Council refused planning permission for this service to continue and An Bord Pleanála agreed with them. Why? Because we were operating in a residential area — where else are nurseries supposed to go? Not only did the residents in Old Greenfield not object, they put together a submission on our behalf to An Bord Pleanála, which they took no notice of.

Now over 50 children will be uprooted from the caring, stimulating and friendly atmosphere which has prevailed in Kids Kottage for the past six years. Six professional childcare workers are out of work and will now have to sign on and, while younger children are facilitated in Maynooth, there is no other adequate after-school service available in the area. Kids Kottage catered for 16 after-school children alone and also catered for children with special needs and in 1992 won a special award in the Liga Creche of the Year in recognition of its standards and services.

None of this, however, is important to the planners either in Kildare or Dublin. This decision will lead other nurseries into a no-win situation and hence childcare facilities in Maynooth will dwindle, unless people start tackling their local Councilors. When I went for help I was told: "Keep your head down and hope for the best".

The fault does not entirely fall to the County Council. Until the 1992 Children's Act is made law and Childcare goes on the political agenda professional childcare in this country will continue to fall prey to the absence of legislation. The politicians and councillors are paying lip service to working parents — it has to change.

I would like to thank all the parents who used our service over the years, the residents in Old Greenfield who always looked out for us and to all the staff who worked in Kids Kottage over the years. Finally, to all our children who I hope will always have happy memories of their early years in Kids Kottage. GOOD BYE.

Thank you,
Ger Scanlon,
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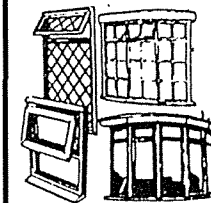
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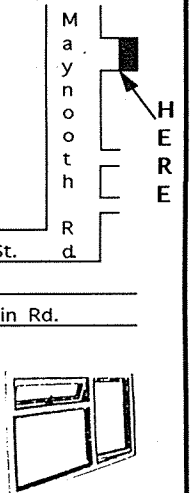
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Community Council Notes

In response to Mr. Hardiman's letter to the Editor, we now publish the letter to Kildare County Council as requested.

Dear Secretary,

At a meeting of the Community Council on the 14th November it was agreed that there was sufficient rezoning already in the area of Maynooth and that the additional 6,000 people who are envisaged as living here in the near future is as much of an increase as the existing community can take. The facilities available to the youth, and indeed to the adults, of the area are sparse enough already, it is inconceivable that further development could be envisaged.

Therefore, in view of the forthcoming meeting on rezoning we wish to state categorically that the Community Council are opposed to any further rezoning of land for housing within the area of the Maynooth Development Plan. Our wishes have already been outlined in the plan offered to the Council by our Planning and Development committee. We hope sincerely that our wishes will be taken into serious consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE

At the time of writing final arrangements are being put in place for the Tidy Towns FAS Scheme. In the next issue we will outline details of the work planned for the coming year. Please watch out for our float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Richard Farrell, P.R.O.

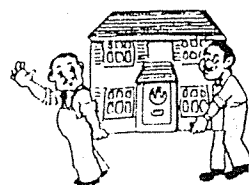
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT NOTES

At the time of going to print the long awaited meeting of the County Councillors to discuss the Draft Development plan has still not taken place. So much speculation as to the outcome of this meeting abounds that the sooner that something concrete is decided the better.

Our contribution to this plan has been stated, printed and reiterated many times. We do not imagine our submission will be taken on board in full but we do expect that our representation on sensible development balanced with the greater need for a large amenity area for all the people of Maynooth. We have emphasised this to our local representatives and will continue to do so on behalf of the "Residents of Maynooth".

It is good to report that reconstruction of the Blacklion Road is well under way and this should bring relief to both drivers and local residents in the area. Combined with these works will be a restoration of the gateway area of the Carton Walk at the Blacklion Road end. New railings, gates and stone wing walls as well as a paved entrance area will greatly enhance a much neglected area.

Finally, if you have been interested enough to read this far in our notes can we ask that you go one step further and come along to our Planning and Development meetings. Our brief is no greater than trying to ensure that Maynooth and its' development is a reflection of the wishes of the residents of the town and not that of some remote planner or bureaucrat. Your views are as important as anybody else's and your voice adds strength to ours. Never before has so much been happening in this town and so the opportunity to influence these changes is at hand. We need your support and ideas for everyone to benefit in the most productive manner possible.



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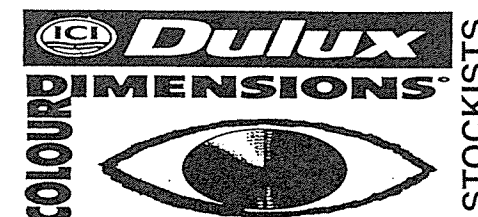
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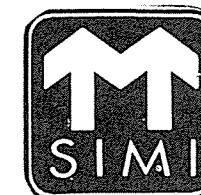
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Ms. Audrey Haugh, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

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Ms. Freda Rooney, Sligo.

6th Prize: £100.00 of Sealink Travel Vouchers.
Mr. Anthony Lynch, Tallaght, Dublin.

Thanks to everyone who took part in the raffle - better luck in 1995! The Alzheimer Society wishes to acknowledge the generous sponsors of this years raffle - all prizes were kindly donated.

BAND BULLETIN

February is normally one of our quietest months but I'm glad to report that we have a good deal to talk about this month so we will get down to business straight away.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM last month was very well attended and the general discussion covered many topics and suggested improvements within the Band. The officers elected shows only one change from 1994 with our outgoing Hon. Secretary Elaine Bean opting to take a break from the job for personal reasons. She is not entirely lost to us however as she agreed to help Paddy Boyd take care of the financial side of the Band. Elaine has been succeeded by Peter Brazil who, in his "youth" did a very successful stint as Secretary so he has a reputation to live up to. We are very happy to see some new young faces on the committee this year and I hope they will bring with them fresh ideas, a lot of enthusiasm and a will to bring new (and not so new) people in to the band.

The full committee is as follows:

Hon. Presidents: Fr. Fergus O'Higgins, Phil Brady
Chairman: Michael Dempsey
Vice-Chairman: Cliff Murphy
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Asst. Secretary: David Mulready
Treasurer: Paddy Boyd
Asst. Treasurer: Elaine Bean

Committee: Mick Dempsey, Kevin Boyd, Denise McCarron, Sarah Alcorn, Deidre Stynes, Tom Clarke, Eoin Maher, Mark McCarron, Cathal Lennon.

Reunion Dance

Saturday 11th February was a night to remember for present and past members, relatives and friends of the band. We had an absolutely fabulous time and at the end of the night the only words to be heard were "we hope you run a dinner dance next year". We were delighted to see so many ex-members there and their memories must have been jogged by the "Photos from the Past" which lined the walls, thanks to a lot of work from Elaine Bean. They certainly "jogged the memory" of some people who could barely recognise themselves. What's another year, eh! Special presentations to mark the occasion were made to Presidents Phil Brady and Fr. O'Higgins (accepted in his absence by Father Supple) and also to five of the current members who were part of the original Boys' Band in 1955. These were Mick Dempsey, Michael Dempsey, Paddy Boyd, Cliff Murphy and Mick Murphy. Forty years is a long time to remain with any organisation and they certainly deserved their tribute.

Sponsorship

The surprise of the night was the presentation of a very generous cheque for Sponsorship to the Band by Paddy Boyd on behalf of Maynooth Office Supplies. The Company, which was set up 10 years ago by Paddy, joined the Codex group of Companies eighteen months ago but is very much committed to remaining an important part of the community in Maynooth. When sponsorship was being considered it seemed appropriate that with the Boyd Family's long connection with both the Band and the Company, that St. Mary's Band should be the obvious choice. Needless to say the Band are extremely pleased with this generous offer and we hope to promote the Company to the best of our ability throughout the year in return.

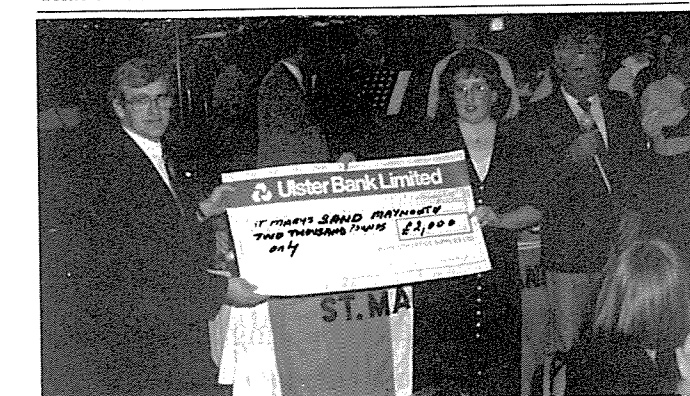
March

The month of March is synonymous with Parades and we look forward to our own Parade on St. Patrick's Day and our annual trip to Limerick for the International Marching Band Competitions and hopefully we will return with honours from both of these events. Keep an eye for the results in the next BULLETIN.

1995 Engagements

Already our Diary for this year is filling up so we would ask that if you need the Band for a parade or any other function this year please contact us early. It's never too early to book as we already have engagements as far ahead as the end of August. All bookings should be addressed to our Hon. Secretary Peter Brazil at Kealstown, Ladychapel, Maynooth. Tel. 6286878.

That's about all the news until next month.



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P. Brady

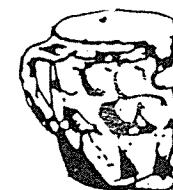
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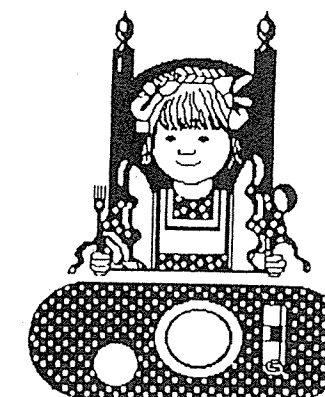


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MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Maynooth National School Parents' Association would like to thank all those who supported our fund-raising night on 17th February and made it, once again, such an enjoyable and fun-filled event. We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all those who made their confirmation.

P.R.O.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL (CMAC)

A Special Collection will be held at all Masses on Sunday, 19th February 1995, to support the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council (CMAC). There will be no Share collection on that day.

CMAC provides a range of services in support of Marriage and the Family. Centres are located at:

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Please show your support for marriage and family life by contributing as generously as you can to this special collection for CMAC.

CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRE

BUDGET '95 SOCIAL WELFARE

General Increases

An increase of 2.5% on all social welfare and health board weekly payments across the board. These increases, normally paid in the end of July each year, are to be brought forward by six weeks to mid-June '95.

Families

• **Child Benefit:** An increase of £7 in the monthly Child Benefit payment for each child from September '95. The rate of Child Benefit for 1st and 2nd children goes from £20 to £27 and from £25 to £32 for 3rd and subsequent children.

Child Benefit to be paid up to age 19 years for those in full time education (currently stops at 18 years) and for those on FAS courses who are not getting an allowance.

• **Child Dependant Allowances:** No increase in payments (resources going to Child Benefit).

Extension of **Child Dependant Allowances up to the age of 22** for those in full time education in the case of long term payments.

• **Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance:** To be increased from £35 to £40 for children in Primary and from £50 to £55 for children in Secondary School.

Lone Parents

• It is intended to remove the concept of desertion as a condition for qualifying for payments and it is proposed to amalgamate Deserted Wife's Benefit and Lone Parents Allowance into a new uniform scheme. This will not be means tested as such but will involve the gradual withdrawal of payment over a specified income range.

Carer's Allowance

• The Scheme is to be widened to include carers of non-social welfare pensioners who are over 66 years of age e.g. those getting an Occupational Pension.

• The existing disregard of spouse's earnings up to £100 is to be increased to £150 per week and will also apply to other income.

Homemakers and Old Age Pensions

• This scheme applies to people who have left insurable employment to care for children or incapacitated people in the home. The age of children being cared for goes up from 6 to 12 years.

Maternity Benefit

• Increases in the minimum and maximum payments to £75.70 and £162.80 respectively.

Unemployed

• The Board & Lodging assessment for Unemployment Assistance to apply only to those living with their parents.

• The minimum amount of Unemployment Assistance payable to those living with parents who have board and lodging assessed against them is to be increased from £10 to £25.

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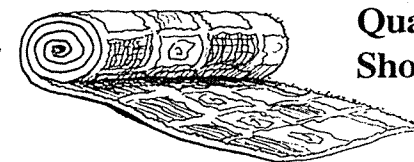
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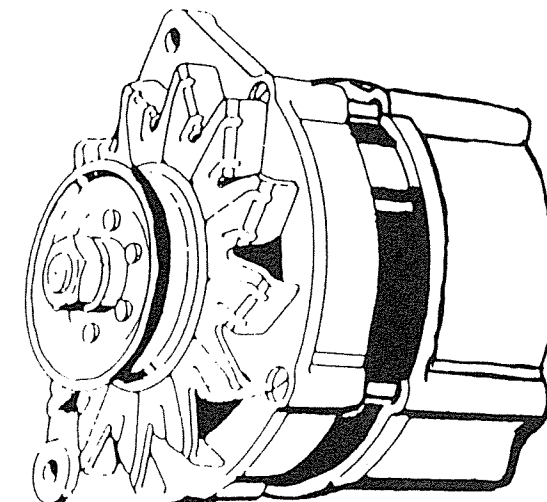
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- **Free Travel:** Free cross border journeys for all pensioners north and south of the border.
- **Free Colour TV Licences:** to be extended to all social welfare pensioners currently getting the electricity allowance.
- **Free Travel Companion Pass:** to be given to existing pass holders from July '95 who are being cared for by a person getting the Carer's Allowance.
- Means disregard for Fuel Allowance up from £5 to £10.

Employment Support Initiatives

- Improvements in the Back to Work Allowance — the age requirement is being reduced to 21 and the period on the Live Register being reduced from 12 to 6 months for those going into self employment only.

PRSI

- New £50 per week PRSI free allowance for Class A and H contributors (£10 a week for those paying modified PRSI i.e. Classes B,C and D) and £520 per year for self employed.
- The ceiling for employee's and self employed PRSI increased from £20,900 to £21,500.
- The ceiling for employer's PRSI remains unchanged at £25,800.
- Employer's PRSI-income ceiling for the lower 9% rate raised from £9,000 (£173 per week) to £12,000 (£231 per week).
- £9,000 (£173 per week) threshold for liability for Health and Employment Levy is being indexed to £9,250 (£178 per week).
- Employer's PRSI Exemption Scheme to be extended for further 2 years and will include young people under age 23 being taken on in their first job who meet the conditions of the scheme.

Employment Support Measures

- PRSI Exemption Scheme extended.
- Improvements in Back to Work Allowance Scheme (BTWAS).
- 3,500 new places on Community Employment Programme.
- Enhanced role for locally based Jobs Facilitators.

Taxation

- Personal Allowances increased.
- Tax Bands widened.
- Further reductions on reliefs-mortgage interest, VHI and Covenants.
- New Allowance for service charges paid.
- Tax reduced on UB/DB payments.

Housing

- Tax relief to be available to people in private rented accommodation. Relief of £500 to single people, £750 for widowed, £1,000 for married couples to be set. Relief for over 55's will remain as it is now.
- An allowance of up to £150 at 27% rate to be allowed for local authority charges. Charges paid now will get relief in the 96/97 tax year.
- Residential Property Tax payable on dwellings of £94,000 or more value, income threshold at £29,500 and the tax will be payable at a flat rate of 1.5%.

Education

- Phased abolition of fees.
- HEA Grant Scheme extended.
- Changes to Deeds of Covenant.

Fees

It is proposed to phase out fees for third level undergraduate students in publicly funded colleges. This phasing out will take place over a two year period; 1995-6 and 1996-7. It is proposed to abolish fees for Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) courses.

Provision will be made for tax relief to be afforded on fees paid to private colleges in respect of approved courses. This relief will be introduced for the academic year 1996-7.

Deeds of Covenant

All deeds of covenant will be subjected to the restrictions that presently apply - child covenants. This will entail the application of a 5% income limit. It is proposed to abolish tax relief on covenanting to minor children other than incapacitated children. These changes will apply to new Covenants taken out on or after February 8th 1995 and to existing Covenants from April 6th 1995.

Maintenance Grants

It is proposed that maintenance grants under the Higher Education Grants Scheme will be extended to approved courses being followed by Irish students abroad. This will take effect from the academic year 1996-7.

Further information on any of the above, available at **Citizens Information Centre.**

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COMMUNITY GAMES A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the Community Games Committee was held in G.A.A. hall on Wednesday 8th February. The committee elected are as follows:

President - Pierce Breslin
Chairperson - Marie Gleeson
Vice-Chairperson - Eilish O'Malley
Treasurer - Madeline Stynes
Secretary - Fiona O'Connor
P.R.O. - Owen Corry

The games' events ranging from athletics, chess, gymnastics, swimming, quizzes to variety shows, are for under 16/17's and will be held in early April. Many dates have yet to be finalised, following the County Board meeting in Newbridge. Also provisional arrangement have been made for a flag-week, the members collecting both door to door and on the Main street, around the end of April. The committee have also been sponsored with new sweat shirts by the Credit Union, to be worn in the St. Patrick's day parade.

Marie Gleeson explained that 'The main idea is to get parents to participate also'. We've had a great response from kids and I'm delighted to be part of such a hard working committee' she said. Fiona O'Connor, secretary, has been involved with the games for many years, now at a committee level and previously as Manager and Producer of variety shows. Dates as follows, some later to be confirmed:

25th March — Art, Post Primary school 10 - 1 pm
6th April — Gymnastics - evening
14-16th April — Chess
20th April — Swimming - Stewarts Hospital

Other events such as Badminton, Rugby and Pitch 'n' Putt have to be confirmed. The first year Roddy Molloy of the G.A.A. Hurling team has trained a Camogie team, so we'll be looking forward to their first competition.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on the 8th March. We'll be providing more details then.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Fiona O'Connor on 6285922.

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I.C.A. NOTES

The coming months are going to be very busy for the members of Maynooth ICA. At our February meeting we were given details of lots of competitions and a few collections which are coming up in the spring.

Competitions:

Make and Model Competition

Well, ladies, I've given you good notice of this competition, so you should all be busy sewing, knitting, etc. I have just got confirmation of the theme for the National Make and Model event. The theme, which is slightly different to what was in last month's **Newsletter**, is "A spring outfit suitable for afternoon tea at Aras an Uachtaráin". The Kildare heat of this competition will take place sometime before 14 April. The county Make and Model will probably be held after Easter, according to Mrs. Eileen Beatson, Federation Crafts Promoter.

Spring/Summer Inter Federation Competition

This competition is for photography. It is an open competition. The maximum size of the photo should be 5" x 7" unmounted. One entry only per person with entry fee of £3.00 to T. Mooney by May guild meeting. So, ladies, you have plenty of time to get snapping.

Baumann Cup for Art

This is a competition for all the budding artists in our association. The title of the work is "Flower Show" and the maximum size is 12" x 18", unframed. Entry fee is £3.00 and entries have to be with National Contest Secretary by 30th April. For more details check notice board in ICA Hall.

Baumann Shield for Music

This will again be awarded for solo singing this year. Competitors will be asked to sing one verse and chorus of a song of their choice. There is no entry fee and entries will be taken on the day of the competition in the Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone, on 26th March.

Hurley Waltzing Competition

The final of this competition will take place in the Hodson Bay on the same day as the singing competition. The Kildare heat will probably be held in mid March, but as yet I have no date or venue.

Bi-Lingual Quiz

At our February Guild meeting we had a bi-lingual quiz to decide which team would represent us at Federation level of this competition. The winners on the night were: U. Forde, A. Broughan, M. Flynn and yours truly. The Federation round of this quiz will be held sometime in March, but no date as yet.

Collections for Charity

You will probably have noticed our members outside the church on 18th and 19th February collecting for The Arthritis Foundation of Ireland. We would like to thank all who supported this collection. The total collected will be printed in the next **Newsletter**. We will be out collecting again on Friday, 24 March, for Daffodil Day. This collection is in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. Please support this worthy cause.

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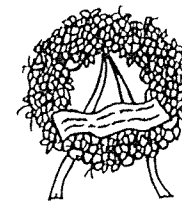
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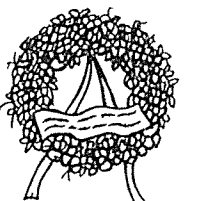
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Celbridge/Maynooth Drama Event

Celbridge and Maynooth ICA drama groups are getting together to provide us with a night of drama on Thursday, 9 March, in Scoil na Mainistreach, Celbridge. The two one-act plays to be staged will be "Slander" and "The Red Haired Galley Boy". A good night's entertainment is guaranteed. The show will start at 8.00 p.m. and all are welcome. Admission is £2.50 at the door or tickets can be booked from any ICA member in Celbridge or Maynooth. Tea will be served at the interval, cost 50p.

Superquinn Night Out.

Over twenty ladies from our Guild were among the large ICA attendance at an International Night at Superquinn, Naas, on Monday, 30 January. Ellis O'Malley gave us a full report on what seemed to have been a great night out. The ladies willingly tasted the pizzas, cold meats, breads, etc., offered by Superquinn. The French and Italian wines flowed freely and entertainment was provided by the multi-talented Superquinn staff. Well done Superquinn.

Activities

Badminton is going well in the Parish Hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, according to Marion. Crafts are in the ICA Hall on Wednesday mornings and Monday nights. New members welcome.

Next Meeting

The next Federation meeting is on 22 March in Kill. All members welcome to attend. Our next meeting will be on 2 March at 8.00 p.m. The competition on that night will be a "St. Patrick's Day Badge", made by your own two hands, of course! I was delighted to see another new face at our February meeting. If anyone else is interested in joining our Guild, why not come along to our March meeting.

Connie Harpur, PRO.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

March Meeting

This will take place on Tuesday 21st at 8p.m. in the Divine Word Hostel. There will be a "Garden Talk" given by Finola Reid. The competition theme is "An Exhibit in a tea pot". This is for all classes A, B and C and the space is 24". The plant competition is 3-daffodils same or mixed. All are welcome. Admission for non members is £3.

April Meeting

This will be our Annual Spring Show. All details will be in the next Newsletter.

Toni Read PRO.

MAYNOOTH CREDIT UNION

It's never too early to start saving. That's an old but true saying. To encourage young savers the Maynooth Credit Union have dropped the membership fee for children joining. Whether its for a holiday or to help with their school books, give children the pride of saving for what they want.

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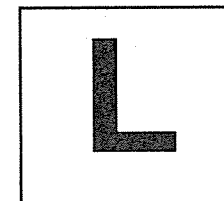
THE MAYNOOTH KILCOCK NO NAME CLUB

First Birthday of Maynooth Kilcock No Name Club.

On Saturday night the 21st January 1995 we celebrated our first birthday with our biggest group of teenagers ever at our usual venue at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. The celebrity for the night was Ray Darcy of R.T.E. who was compere for our Blind Date for the night. There were eight contestants and two sets of couples received two special prizes. The first spent their date bowling in Palmerstown and the second lucky couple spent their date in Donatello's Restaurant in Maynooth. When Blind Date was finished Ray took to the table tops where he took over as D.J. for the night and went down a treat where he gave away some stickers and tee-shirts to the teenagers.

We have come a long way in one year but it is not without the hard work and the strength of our hard working committee. There is a number of people who have made this all possible for us and without their help we would not have been so successful. St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, we wish to extend a special thanks for making all their facilities available to us. The management and staff of the Students Union Complex. The A.I.B. Maynooth. Our forty two host and hostesses who have worked so hard together to run the events. At present we are preparing for the Host and Hostess of the year event, after a night of interviewing we got two winners out of a very close contest, they are: Ann Gildea, Scoil Dara, Kilcock and Conor Newman of Maynooth school. On Monday night 20th February 1995 we travelled to Rathcoole for the first heat. We are at present finalising our events for the coming months. We hope

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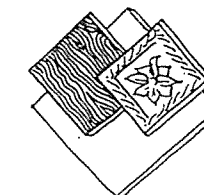
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to take part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, complete our issuing of our own special I.D. cards and all are looking forward to our weekend away in April to the Corrib Hotel in Galway for the national awards - that is but some of our activities for the coming months.

On a personal note I would like to thank everybody else who has helped in any way and also our teenagers for coming, keep up the attendance. Our next disco is on the 25th February 1995 at the usual venue.

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MAYNOOTH OLD PEOPLES' COMMITTEE

Our A.G.M. took place on Feb. 7th in the Health Centre. The Chairperson Josephine Moore welcomed everyone to the meeting. In her address she thanked the committee for their hard work and dedication through the year. She also thanked the business people, organisations and the community in general for their huge contribution and support, without which the work of the committee would be very difficult indeed.

The Secretary Patsy O' Rafferty, gave a comprehensive account of the years events, with recommendations where appropriate. The Chairperson thanked her for her attention to detail.

The Treasurer Catherine Mulready in her financial report produced a detailed statement of accounts to the satisfaction of all.

The Chairperson took this opportunity to thank Catherine for her competent book-keeping right through the year. A special word of thanks was expressed to Eugene O'Reilly who audits our books annually and for his generosity in this regard.

The committee welcomed the return of Phyl Donovan to the "fold", after an absence of several years, and the arrival of a new member Mary Simon.

The election of officers then took place and the committee for the coming year is as follows. Josephine Moore (Chairperson) Patricia Nolan, (Vice Chairperson), Patsy O'Rafferty (Secretary), Joan Lennon (Asst. Secretary), Catherine Mulready (Treasurer), Patricia Cusker (Asst. Treasurer), Brigid Tierney, Marie O'Toole, Lily O'Riordan, Betty Moore, Kathleen McAtamney, Georgina Mulready, Ita Loughnane, Aileen Dunne, Helen Doyle, Imelda Delaney, Agnes Boyd, Phyl Donovan, Mary Simon and Lynne Whittaker.

Our annual collection this year will take place from the 9th - 12th of March, and I trust we can rely on the usual generosity, that is the hallmark of our community. Speaking of generosity, many thanks to Fr. Boylan and Mr. Ashe for their complimentary tickets given to our senior citizens for their superb production of "Oliver". Congratulations to all those young people who performed brilliantly, both on and off stage. They did their school, community and themselves proud.

We held our Valentine's Party on Sunday Feb. 19th in the Post Primary School. We were joined by our friends from Leixlip, who contributed well to the enjoyment of the evening. We began with Mass, celebrated by Fr. John Dunne. In his homily he reminded us of the true meaning of love, before the advent of "king-sized cards".

During our entertainment, we had a competition for the most romantic couple. Who ever said romance is for the very young, has never seen Jimmy Toole and Eileen Kelly in action. They danced away with the bouquet, chocolates and Whiskey Liquor. Congratulations to them and all who won spot prizes.

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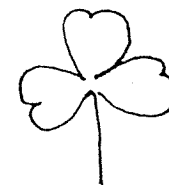
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I take this opportunity to thank Carol in the Flower Pot for the beautifully presented flowers and chocolates.

Finally I must end on a sad note, in which we extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Waldron. Mary was a much loved and valued member of our club, and will be sadly missed
"May she rest in peace".

MAYNOOTH/KILCOCK LIONS CLUB

The Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club once again rise to the challenge, this time in support of the major fund-raising drive by the directors of the Hole-in-the-Wall Gang Camp.

In 1988 Paul Newman founded the Hole-in-the-Wall Gang Camp in Connecticut U.S.A. which every year allows 800 children with Cancer and Blood Disorders to enjoy a fortnight in the woods with excellent but unintrusive Medical Supervision. Barretstown Castle on 500 acres of Wooded Park Land is owned by the people of Ireland and was made available by the Irish Government to create the European Camp where children from all the countries of Europe will come and enjoy the facilities.

As in Connecticut and while at the Barretstown Gang Camp, the children will swim in the heated pool and fish in the lake; ride ponies through the woods and camp overnight on an island; do pottery, woodworking, other arts and crafts, music and drama and many other activities, all supervised by a qualified staff. A special feature at the European Camp will be outdoor activities on the farm and castle grounds, as well as storytelling, music and puppetry that reflect the different cultural backgrounds of the children attending the Camp.

The Board of Directors at Barretstown have committed themselves to raise £5 million for the construction of these facilities and the Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club will play no small part in helping to achieve this goal. Lion members Shane Moore and John Kearns who are keen cyclists have spent the winter months in preparation for the enormous undertaking, of cycling coast to coast across America in an effort to raise funds for the Barretstown project. This amazing challenge has been organised by our Past President Lion James Kelly who has been in touch with Lion Clubs all across America to help with accommodation for the lads and fund raising functions at each stage of this Marathon Cycle.

The Ceremonial start on the 9th of March from Barretstown Castle to Dublin Airport via the Mansion House to meet with fellow cyclist John Gormley, Lord Mayor of Dublin. They will carry his greetings for St. Patrick's Day to the Lord Mayor of San Francisco as they fly out from Dublin to the West Coast of America. This formal cycle begins just two days later on the 19th March with Stage No. 1 from San Francisco to Oakley. Paul Newman will present a Certificate of Appreciation to each Lions Club who raise \$1,000 or more, it being the cost of sending a Child to stay at Barretstown Castle.

Leaving Oakley Lions Shane and John immediately face the daunting task of climbing the Sierra Nevada Mountains, cycling through five mountain passes all 7,000 plus above sea level, many that may be impassable with freezing snow and blizzards at this time of year, all this before reaching their first rest period in Carson City.

Descending onto the plains of the Great Nevada Basin, Lions Shane and John, on occasions cycling up to 100 miles per day, will cross the Great Salt Lake Desert with temperatures soaring well over 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Their journey will take them across the plains of Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South New York, Connecticut before reaching their goal. Having completed some 3,500 miles they will arrive at Oakbrook, "The Worlds Lions Club International Headquarters" to a hero's welcome. Finally a visit to Ashfort where Paul Newman set up the first Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in 1988, then on to New York for a well earned rest before flying home to Dublin to a Civic Reception at Barretstown.

On Saturday, the 4th March, 1995, at 8.00 in the Moyglare Manor Hotel a press conference/reception and meal will be hosted by the Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club to wish Lions Shane and John "Bon Voyage".

You can help by supporting the occasion on the night. Tickets will be available at the door at £10 each. The entire project will be recorded on video, starting with the reception on Saturday, the 4th March, with their departure from Barretstown on the 9th, their cycle across the continent of America and finally their arrival home.

This video will be released in the early autumn and the proceeds from same will further help to enhance the facilities at Barretstown Gang Camp.

May we wish them well.

Lion - C.H. Lyons.
PRO Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club

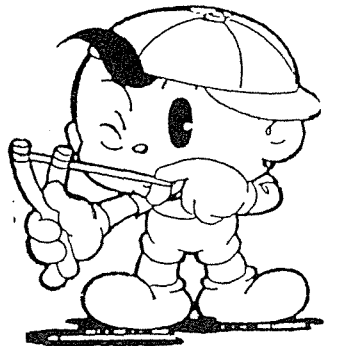
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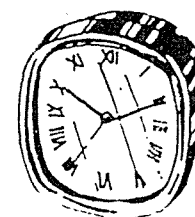
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EYE HEAR

The Rise and Rise of John Drennan.

Newsletter editorial member John Drennan has made the breakthrough that many people only dream about, he has become a leading columnist with the top selling Sunday Independent Newspaper. Many life long journalists can only aspire to reaching such dizzy heights.

John, who has graduated with an MA in History from Maynooth College has achieved a lot for his young years. He has written the popular and much celebrated local history, "Cannonballs and Croziers", which is presently selling well in the shops. At the end of this month his book "The Secret Dole Diaries of Sean Armstrong" is due to go on sale. This much awaited book will be scrutinized closely by many locals. John, a witty and humorous writer commenting on his new found success said "I can now enjoy a life of vice and debauchery at last". Everyone is delighted with the success of this popular young man. More anon.

Hanniffy Elected to Y.F.G. National Executive.

At the recent Young Fine Gael National Conference held in U.C.D., local girl Brid Hanniffy of Kingsbry has been elected on the first count to the National Executive of Young Fine Gael. Brid, daughter of Vincent and Ann Marie, who studies Economics and Politics is also the P.R.O. of the U.C.D. branch, which is the biggest in the country. This articulate young woman is hoping to have some influence on the decision making process of the larger F.G. organisation and I am sure we will hear a lot more from her in the future.

Blotto About Lotto.

Some locals are getting blotto and doing the lotto in Bradys the Clock House. This syndicate which is supposed to be comprised of around 32 members has had, in the recent past, a large turn-over of participants and nearly half the town has been involved at one stage or another. In this regard if the jackpot is won it could give rise to a very interesting legal scenario. This fact has been exercising the mind of Nicholas Donovan. Meanwhile Donal Finnan says one thing and Mac (Jim McDermott) says something else. Larry McEvoy is left clutching a stub of numbers which has "cancelled" written on it and is wondering where it came from. All in all it makes for very interesting listening and debate. All local solicitors would do well to drop in for a pint.

CHRISTMAS CAB ASSAULT IGNORED

Mr. Dennis Behan, Painestown, Donadea, a driver for the past five years with MCL Cabs, is still waiting for gardai to investigate an assault on him on St. Stephen's Night.

After picking up six guests, four men and two women, from a party in Celbridge, Mr. Behan drove the group towards The Square in Tallaght. Around Templeogue they began to claim he was taking them the wrong way. At the basketball arena a man from the rear of the coach grabbed the steering wheel while the front passenger suddenly pulled the handbrake. They then attempted to take the keys of the vehicle. Mr. Behan

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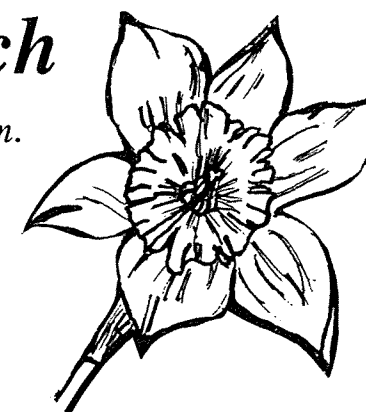
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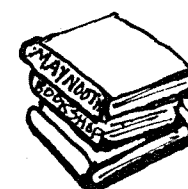


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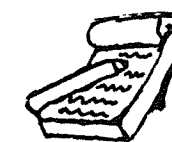
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stopped the bus when one of the girls claimed to be feeling sick. Once outside one of them rugby-tackled him as another head-butted him. He sustained a broken jaw and lacerations to the right eye and forehead.

After receiving medical attention, involving a metal plate in his jaw, Mr. Behan went to Tallaght gardaí on January 6th to make a statement. "Firstly I was told to come back another day as no-one was around to take my statement", he complained. "After objecting to this I was asked to wait for half an hour. Finally the garda at reception took down my details." Mr. Behan's case, the gardaí initially told him, should be dealt with by the Templeogue station. Next he was referred to the Tallaght station and then to the Celbridge gardaí. "I was being told that each station was the correct one to deal with the assault," he said. Eventually he was told that they "might be in touch in a week or a month". "Since then, six or seven weeks ago, I've heard nothing from the gardaí at all."

As a small farmer with young children, Dennis being out of work for the past two months has affected his family badly.

With the plate in his jaw, farming work isn't possible in cold weather and he has incurred large medical bills as well as the loss of income. Although by nature he is reluctant to complain, he feels he has no option but to press the gardaí to take some action on the assault. "I feel my case has been both passed around and passed over. After seven weeks, nothing seems to be done," he said. "Perhaps if my case gets wider attention someone in the gardaí might make a move to prosecute these people and bring some justice into the situation."

CAB THIEF

Cab Thief 'Takes a Cab'

Eugene O'Shea of M.C.L. Cabs had further difficulties around the Christmas. On New Year's Eve night an unknown man who was without a return ticket from the Hitchin' Post stole the waiting mini-bus. The next day the bus was found parked on the Dublin end of Main Street. "We're trying to piece it all together," said Eugene, "but it seems that after he 'borrowed' the bus in Leixlip and left it in Maynooth, he came into the office and paid one of our drivers to take him home to Kilcock. It's still under investigation as to who he was, but it's left us eager to find out who this fellow was who took a bus to 'take a cab'."

BREAK AWAY

Solving A Holiday Problem

Short breaks and holidays are important for both children and parents, and even more important when a child in the family has a mental handicap.

BREAK AWAY is a scheme which offers short breaks OR holidays to children with mental handicap. It involves "host families" in the community taking the child with mental handicap into their own home for breaks. Many "host families" have found the experience of sharing the care of a child with

mental handicap to be a positive one for their families. In addition to this, it seems to encourage understanding and acceptance of mental handicap in their locality.

The scheme has been operating successfully since 1981. It has played an important part in creating an awareness of the special needs of children with mental handicap and this, in turn, helps to break down some of the barriers these children often face in their lives.

BREAK AWAY has many advantages, among them being....

- * It enables the family to have a break from the demands of caring and enables parents to spend time with their other children.
- * The child is given a new and enjoyable experience with the Break Away family.
- * The family who care for the child find it a rewarding experience.

To expand the scheme, social workers in mental handicap agencies are now recruiting new host families.

Host families participate in a short preparation course and will have opportunities to meet with the child and family prior to placement. Host families receive an expenses allowance.

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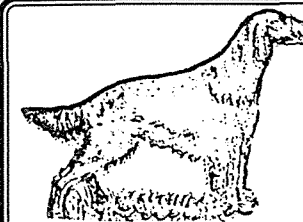
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MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY TRIP TO ARMAGH PLANETARIUM

On Tuesday, 6th of December, 1994, a party of sixty-one students from Maynooth Post Primary School visited the Armagh Planetarium. They travelled by bus and were accompanied by two teachers. The Planetarium had just had a new projector installed and also a new extension added, housing a number of experiments on light and astronomy. This puts the Armagh Planetarium among the most modern in Europe. Maynooth Post Primary School was the first school in the Republic to see the new extension and the trip was filmed by R.T.E. for inclusion in the programme Echo Island. At the time of writing this article, the transmission date for the programme was not known.

The bus left Maynooth at 9.10 am and arrived in Armagh at 11.40 am. R.T.E. cameramen were waiting for us at the Planetarium and commenced filming as we arrived. After a quick lunch, the students visited the new extension and were filmed as they participated in experiments there. From 12.30 pm till 1.30 pm they watched a demonstration of the new projector in "The Star Theatre" where they were also filmed. At this stage, four of the students agreed to a television interview with an astronomer from the Planetarium while the remainder of the

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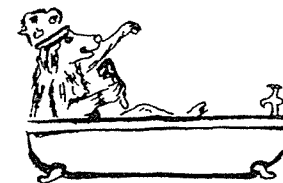


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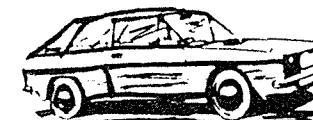
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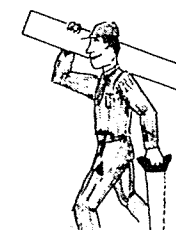
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students did some shopping in the town. We left Armagh at 4.00 pm and arrived back in Maynooth by 6.30 pm.

Maynooth Post Primary School can proudly boast of being the first school in the Province of Leinster to visit the Armagh Planetarium. Our trips began many years ago. Since then, other schools have followed suit. For educational purposes, a Planetarium is better than an Observatory. A Planetarium works independently of weather conditions or time of day. A visit to an Observatory is only of value during the darkness when stars are visible. The ideal months for viewing the sky are from November to February when darkness falls early. Unfortunately, our weather tends to be at its worst during these months and cloudy skies interfere with visibility. Another advantage of a Planetarium is that it can create artificial situations by showing conjugations of planets which are rarely visible. Time lapse experiments can be performed in which the behaviour of the solar system over a period of one year can be shown in the space of one minute. Such visits are both educational and entertaining and represent the nearest thing to practical experiments in astronomy. This is important, as the Junior Certificate has an optional section known as "Earth Science" which deals with astronomy. Visits to the Armagh Planetarium have now become an established tradition in Maynooth Post Primary School and will continue in the future.

Maynooth Post Primary School Under 16 Football

Maynooth Post Primary School beat Athlone Community School by 2-7 to 2-4 in the under 16 north Leinster quarter final. The match was played in Maynooth. With the aid of a strong breeze, Maynooth were 6 points ahead at half time. Athlone reduced the deficit but Maynooth held out for a fine victory. Outstanding players for Maynooth were Darren Naughton, Eamon Gallagher, Niall Byrne and Ronan Donnelly in goal. This team will now advance to the semi final where they will meet Rathangan Vocational School.

Maynooth Team: N. Byrne, R. Donnelly, P. Watters, J. Ryan, F. Kirwan, D. Coughlan, M. O'Reilly, E. Gallagher, E. Guha, D. Naughton, K. Gannon, M. Byrne, J. O'Shea, V. Nevin, D. Buckley. Subs: E. Byrne, J. Reilly.

First Round Of Kildare Ladies Senior Football League

Maynooth Post Primary School beat Leixlip by 2-3 to 2-2 on the 28th of November 1994. On the 8th of December 1994 they also beat Kilcock convincingly. This will now see Maynooth Post Primary School through to the next round where they will play against Clane early in the new year.

Maynooth Team: L. Kearney, T. Kearney, U. Burke, P. Burke, C. Tolan, M. Maguire, S. Healy, P. Purchell, A.M. Snee, A. Fahy, M. Flood, V. Breslin, E. Fahy, S. Weld, E. Mahony. Subs: B.A. O'Shea, K. Furlong.

Michael J. Walsh

COLLEGE NOTES

Reunion

Launched at a reception in the Bank of Ireland's House of Lords on Monday, 6th February, the St. Patrick's College reunion is predicted to be the biggest ever college graduate get-together in the history of the country. Chairperson of the committee, Marie Therese Kilmartin, presented graduate of the college, Senator Michael O'Kennedy, a complimentary ticket at the launch.

Tickets for the event which will take place on 22nd April are currently on sale at £35 for a full ticket and £20 for a day-only ticket. 2,500 graduates are expected to attend. The programme begins with a mass in the college chapel, celebrated by the president, Canon Mathew O'Donnell, at 12pm. From 2 p.m. graduates may enjoy guided tours of new developments on campus, lectures by well known members of staff, a Bicentenary debate and the much talked of song 200 representing 25 years of the annual song contest. Finbarr Wright, also a graduate, is expected to perform. To finish the night a Gala Ball will be held. Other members of the committee are Ronan Barry, Denis Leavy, Joanne Costello, Fergus Henegan and Catherine Fox. For further information contact the committee on 7083968.

The occasion also marks the launch of the Alumni Association — a graduate organisation which Ronan Barry believes will provide services for ex-Maynooth students — from contact networks and work experience to further reunions.

College Rag Week

Very few people can be unaware that St. Patrick's College Maynooth's Rag-week '95 was upon us.

On Monday 13th the King and Queen of Rag Week officially launched the proceedings by releasing balloons outside the Students' Union at 1 o'clock.

The week will not just be for mindless fun (we're told) but to raise money for the Alzheimers Society of Ireland. In this cause, the many clubs and societies will be trying to outwit each other both to entertain the student body and raise cash. Events such as a Blind Date Competition, a D.J. in the canteen and a "Slave Trade" all hope to help charity while providing fun.

A notable event on the weeks calender has been the Monday's "Fashion Show".

Lynda Phelan, co-ordinator and compere of the night told us: 'We wanted to create a fashion show with a difference'. Using major stores in Dublin and local shops — Dawson's and the Attic swop-shop — as well as designs from Limerick College of Art and Design and Keith Mongan's Golf Shop, Kilkenny, they intended to use as varied a mix as possible.

'We tried to stick to Irish-made designs, but it's difficult to get Irish Clothes on a student budget'.

"The show's intention was to be very dramatic, theatrical", said Lynda. "Themes such as violence and drugs play a large part of it". She had one model posing in leather boxer shorts

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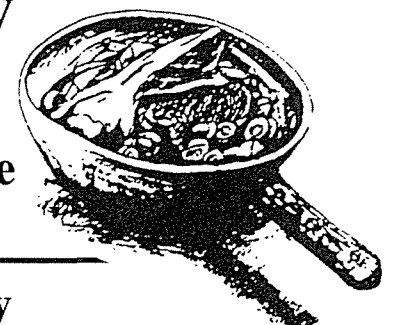


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with a gun, to the sounds of a Pulp Fiction-style track. "The overall idea was to create a fashion show which was as creative as possible, incorporating students' ideas, a message they themselves want to tell," she said. With the idea in mind, "you have to see it to believe it", Lynda is sending a full recording of the event to "Head to Toe".

Also images of the show are being put on the internet, giving it instant world-wide viewing potential.

It seems that no-one will be left unaware that Maynooth Rag-week '95 was upon us!

Bus Eireann/Fitzgibbon Cup

The Fitzgibbon Cup has been one of the highlights of the GAA hurling calendar since its inception in 1909. This year St. Patricks College, Maynooth have the honour of hosting the event as part of its ongoing Bi-centenary celebrations.

Colm Hogan (27) a Seminarian in the College is vice-chairperson of the Cup Committee. Coming from a Tipperary hurling background involving his father, chairman of the GAA in North Tipperary, and a brother, who plays in goals for Tipperary. Colm is joined on the Fitzgibbon Cup Committee by Fr. Liam Ryan (chairperson), Olan Rynn (secretary), Donal Flynn (treasurer), Michael Moynihan (pro) and some ten committee members. Between them they've not only secured the event for Maynooth, they've also gained a generous deal of sponsorship from Bus Eireann, something for which Colm wishes to express his gratitude. A final coup for the Committee is gaining RTE's coverage for the semi-finals and finals.

Fixtures are as follows:

Saturday, 4th March/Sunday, 5th March, semi-finals in Clane:
Winner Group 1 v Winner Group 2
Winner Group 3 v Winner Group 4.

We'll keep you notified on all results from these matches.

GARDA TALK

St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Again this year we look forward to a highly successful parade in Maynooth free from major traffic problems that characterised past events. A gentle word to parents please to keep a watchful eye on the younger ones, they tend to wander, with the excitement of the day.

Please obey Gardai and stewards, their concern is your safety.

Dinner Dance.

Our dance will take place on 3rd March at the Setanta House Hotel, Celbridge. A limited number of tickets are still available. An excellent night is assured. Thank you to all our patrons for their kind support.

I.D. Card Scheme.

On 6th May 1993, Maynooth Gardai together with local publicans launched I.D. card scheme for persons aged 18 and over.

Frequently we hear about the initial stages of such initiatives but what happens after? Well in this instance, I am delighted to say that almost two years later, over 390 I.D. cards have been issued. Continued thanks to all involved in this project.

Neighbourhood Watch.

A special appeal to residents of new estates in Maynooth, and in particular Rockfield. Would any residents who would like a neighbourhood watch scheme established, contact the Garda station in the first instance. It is an excellent scheme that brings residents closer in co-ordinating increased awareness in Crime prevention.....Over to you.....

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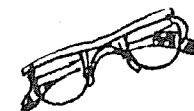
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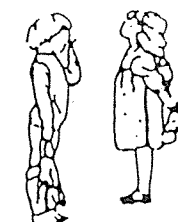
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Submission to the forum for Peace & Reconciliation

The Maynooth miscarriages of Justice Group presented a written submission to the Forum for Peace & Reconciliation at Dublin Castle. The Newsletter serialised the submission in the January and February issues and the following is the final segment.

LANGUAGE, CULTURE, SPORT, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Given the need for reconciliation and genuine pluralism as guarantees of peace, and the need to build structures and channels for establishing a lasting peace and building on it, we suggest some measures in the fields of culture and community affairs. In all the following recommendations, it should be noted that the development of understanding, the empowerment of disadvantaged communities and groups, and differentiated structures are fundamental.

1. THE LANGUAGES OF IRELAND

In the context of a revision of the constitution of Eire, whether it be as a step towards a final settlement or as part of that settlement, care should be taken to ensure equality of status and cultivation of the various languages spoken throughout the island.

(1A) Status of languages

The Irish (Gaelic) language should be given equal status with English in the Constitution and its present status as "first" official language be revised. This equal status should be put into effect and guaranteed in a comprehensive Bill of Language Rights defining co-officiality in the fields of administration, the courts, the education system and other official bodies. Such a Language Bill should be enacted both in Northern Ireland and in the Republic. This is being proposed in order that every citizen shall have access to Irish and English, in every age group and wherever that person may be (in Kerry or in Ballymena).

(1B) Promotion of Ulster dialects

(1) That proper recognition be given to the particular linguistic heritage of Ulster through a statute-based cultural heritage scheme. This would be available especially in Ulster, in the form of introductory courses in schools, inclusion of Ulster/Scots dialect in school syllabi, and in both Northern Ireland

and the Republic through modules offered in 3rd level colleges and teacher training. In the Republic this should lead within a very short time to the inclusion of Ulster/Scots heritage in Irish Studies courses in primary and secondary schools.

(2) Parity of status for the Ulster dialect of Irish with the other dialects: this implies the correction of the current gross imbalance in teacher posts, teaching materials and representation in the media of the Republic. The situation within Northern Ireland in this particular respect is reasonably satisfactory.

2. ARTS AND THE MEDIA

(2A) Community Arts

In order to further the empowerment and improve the skills of disadvantaged urban and rural communities, decentralised community arts support should be given to local arts groups (i.e. amateur theatre/performing arts, writers circles, art groups and classes). Small local arts centres and "pocket theatres" should be encouraged and assisted where they exist, and started up in other areas. All this activity would be a worthy recipient of funding from the various international/cross Border funds. These local structures could be further encouraged to set up networks for mutual benefit with groups from across the Border on both sides.

(2B) Community Media

In order to strengthen local identity, and to increase community morale, self-perception and disseminate skills in the community, support should be provided for initiatives in the media. Current examples include community radio stations, community cable networks, local magazines and neighbourhood newspaper. Initiatives such as Shankill local radio which broadcast during the Summer of 1994 should be extended and made into more long-term projects. A cross-community dimension to such activities could be encouraged.

The results of such initiatives are to provide training in media skills for the community, and young people can especially benefit from this; a skills base would be built up in the community which would have effects on prospects for employment in a range of fields; awareness could be built up through such activity and exchanges with other such groups.

The importance of acknowledging local identities as part of a new society could play a significant role in improving relations between various sections in both Northern Ireland and the Republic, in increasing interplay between groups and leading to a cross-fertilisation of ideas and views.

(2C) Training institutions

A media training institute funded internationally should be set up to provide training in radio, television and electronic media for members of disadvantaged communities and minorities.

(2D) Media initiatives

The limited co-operation between the state and private media sectors in Northern Ireland and the Republic should be increased. This is a particularly urgent question with regard to increasing mutual understanding. Link-ups between BBC and RTE or other smaller stations have already happened, but should be greatly developed. International and EU funds should be used to this effect. Joint programmes and link-ups could take place in the main State media, in the independent radio sector, in Irish language television and radio, and in the print media.

3. EDUCATION

(3A) Pluralism in education

In the interests of a pluralistic society and the maximum freedom of choice for various groups, support should be increased for (a) minority schools, (b) interdenominational schools and (c) non-denominational/secular schools.

Perhaps most importantly, education should be pluralistic in the age dimension. Community-based courses, cultural awareness and courses for specific skills should be available to all and especially to disadvantaged communities, where "second chance" education is often lacking.

(3B) Curriculum change to reflect new realities

Programmes for mutual understanding in schools to be extended to schools throughout Northern Ireland and the Republic. Input into these programmes should be broadly based. The teaching of history is particularly sensitive in this respect, and should reflect a genuine pluralism rather than a pandering to perceived images.

4. SPORTS

(4A) Facilities and exchanges

International funds should be applied in particular to creating and developing sports facilities in disadvantaged communities where State neglect in both parts of Ireland have been manifest in this area of activity. The social and professional benefits of such developments hardly need to be pointed out here.

In the interests of furthering understanding, an office should be set up and funded under international auspices to set up links and exchanges between clubs from both parts of Ireland, and to provide assistance with contacts/networks, travel funding etc.

(4B) Structural changes

Many sporting bodies are organised on an all-Ireland basis and already play an important role in bringing people together within the North and between North and South, with perhaps the IRFU and the GAA best supported. We look forward to the day when the GAA will drop its prohibition on members of the RUC and other security forces within the context of the reform of policing structures and practices. Such a development will assist the peace and reconciliation process in a meaningful way.

The two soccer authorities, the IFA and the FAI, can also assist the process by resuming cross-border contacts and tournaments and beginning a process with the longer term aims of an all-Ireland national league and international team.

5. COMMUNITY POLICING AND POLICING IN GENERAL

The question of policing in general is central to a permanent resolution of conflict in Ireland. A situation has now been arrived at where the police forces of both parts of the island are alienated from large sectors of the community. This must be remedied within a short period of time if harmonious co-existence is to be realised.

The following steps should be taken as a matter of urgency:

- (a) the establishment of a ceasefire-monitoring body to deal with problems arising in policing (NB this applies equally to Nationalist and Unionist areas in Northern Ireland). Independent ombudsmen dealing with police matters should be legislated for on both sides of the Border.
- (b) a wide-ranging debate should be initiated on the question of policing, the reform or abolishment of current structures, lessons drawn from similar situations (e.g. South Africa). New types or models of policing should be included and planned for.
- (c) among the new aspects of policing, the move towards an unarmed police force should be given priority in Northern Ireland, as a permanently peaceful situation makes an armed police corps unnecessary. Indeed, the continuing existence and visibility of armed police may eventually become an irritant in the peace process.

6. COMMUNITY LINKS

We note the historical links between the mayorships of Dublin and Belfast and urge closer co-operation between local authorities. 'Lower' levels of these authorities such as Town Commissioners, Community Councils and community organisations should also be encouraged in this process. We suggest the 'twinning' of towns, residential areas, youth clubs, etc. As with the sports exchange body, we propose the creation of Community Links offices on both sides of the Border with sufficient resources.

ACRA, the national body for residents associations could have an important role to play in this process through exploring common problems i.e. changes in funding for local authorities, resulting in ever increasing rates in Northern Ireland and service charges in the Republic.

CONCLUSION

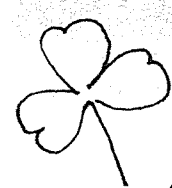
We believe that the above proposals if implemented will accelerate the process of reconciliation in Ireland on the basis of justice and empowerment at all levels in society.

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Seachtain na Gaeilge will begin on a national and local level from the 10th-17th March. All the local voluntary organisations involved in promoting the Irish Language and culture request that 'Muintir Mhaigh Nuad' make a special effort to use their 'cúpla focail', 'Dia dhuit', 'Dia is Mhuire dhuit' nó 'Go raibh maith agat' during 'Seachtain na Gaeilge' and especially on St. Patrick's Day.

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Mourners Upset by Flood

Last month, due to above-average rainfall for the time of year, many parts of the country suffered flooding, which is regarded as the worst seen in living memory. There was some flooding around Maynooth, notably on the College farm and on the Dunboyne Road. Many of the terrible roads around the town were dotted by large puddles which resulted in pedestrians being continually splashed by passing motorists.

Climb a wall

However, it was the flood at Laraghbryan, on the Cemetery Avenue, that caused most disgruntlement and annoyance to local residents. Local man Kevin Connolly was astounded to see the avenue completely blocked to pedestrians by a very large pool of water. At a recent funeral he witnessed mourners having to turn back and to climb a wall to gain access to the cemetery. He told the *Newsletter*, "It is totally unacceptable in this day and age that mourners and the bereaved should have to face a situation like this."

Kevin was most concerned about the distress this would cause to people at a very sensitive time in their lives. Community Council Office Supervisor Norah McDermott also spoke of the embarrassment she felt at witnessing this occurrence. Councillor John McGinley was contacted, after which some work was carried out at the scene. Since so many locals regularly visit the graveyard and as the Ryan family also live up this road, it is vital that this well-known and recurring flood flashpoint is sorted out once and for all.

New job to come on stream at Post Office

Following suggestions by locals that queues appeared to be getting longer at Maynooth Post Office, since its relocation to the Main Street, the ever pleasant and efficient Post Master, Eoin Donovan, explained the situation to the *Newsletter*.

According to Eoin the post office remains open during lunch hour and this places extra demands on staffing. This is a facility that he does not have to provide. However, it is being used by a lot more people than expected. Eoin added: "The unemployment payments which were transferred to us recently are having a certain impact on the counter." Eoin explained: "At the moment the two of us working on the counter are stretched to our limit but there is still not enough business for three." However, Eoin has plans to employ a third counter hand towards the end of the summer months. He noted that the post office is gradually getting busier in line with the growth of the town.

Busy days

On Mondays and Wednesdays there is unemployment payments. Thursdays and Fridays are pension days. Tuesdays and the remainder of the week on which Children's Allowances are paid are always busy. Saturday mornings are the quietest times to call.

Eoin also suggested that there is no need to queue for postage stamps as they are available at the shop counter and indeed are obtainable in many shops around the town. There is no doubt that Eoin and his colleagues are determined to provide as good and efficient a service to his customers as is possible.

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### Horse attack

Very recently, two of Maynooth's few and cherished amenities, namely the Harbour Field and the canal bank (Leixlip side) were under severe threat from horse-inflicted surface damage.

One horse owner was training a horse over a number of days in the Harbour Field, where there was a danger that damage would be done to the pitch surface. An approach was made to the persons involved and thankfully this activity has since ceased. If continued, real problems would arise when the ground hardens in the summer months and youngsters could run the risk of twisting their ankles on the rough surface.

### Canal bank ploughed up

Around this time in a separate development and in no way connected with the above, people began to notice surface damage caused by horses on the canal bank Leixlip side. Then it was noted that part of the fence at Pike's Bridge had been removed. It was now evident that strange activity was afoot - Maynooth was undergoing a horse-attack.

Mathew Kennedy, chairman of the Royal Canal Amenity Group was promptly contacted and the speed at which he went into action to rectify the situation is to be admired by all. Both he and his colleagues immediately replaced the fence at Pike's Bridge. Then they put in place a barrier where the ditch on the canal bank was breached and where the problems appear to have originated from. According to Matt if anyone interferes with this barrier they will be deemed to have committed an offence.

### Not tolerated

Matt is quick to emphasise "that the people of Maynooth gave money very generously for the restoration of this canal bank walkway, which is in fact a linear park and is primarily intended for pedestrian use". Both the local committee and the O.P.W. are dedicated to maintaining it and will not tolerate any private enterprise using public property and damaging it. Damaged surfaces have in the past given rise to legal claims.

### Impassable

At the moment the canal bank is practically impassable by a walker and Matt and his colleagues intend rolling the torn-up surface before it hardens. There is presently a fifty mile long linear park between Dublin and Mullingar and similar problems have been encountered in other areas.

### Access Restricted

Due to the work being carried out on the new bridge access by pedestrians to the Leixlip side of the canal is restricted. The contractors are reluctant to let any members of the public pass through their site for insurance reasons. Apparently it will be late summer before access will be restored.

Finally with the growing health consciousness and interest in walking, there is no doubt that the community is fully behind Matt and his fellow committee members in their efforts to preserve this scenic and beneficial amenity. They are to be congratulated for their endeavours.

### MUINTIR MA NUAD Senan Griffin Profile



Co-opted as the Fine Gael candidate in the Kildrough Inn, Celbridge, on January 10th, local teacher Senan Griffin replaces Minister Bernard Durkan as a local Kildare County Councillor at the end of the month. "I felt that I should give a go at representing the people of Maynooth in the way that Bernard Durkan has done," he explained. He feels that it was particularly rewarding to follow Mr. Durkan because he had recently been made a Minister.

Born in Doonbeg, West Clare, Senan's primary education was in Kilrush. Later he worked as a carpenter while attending night classes in Bolton Street, Dublin, for three years. He briefly began his teaching in Belmullet, Co. Mayo, before joining St. Conleth's in Newbridge for three years. He's taught woodwork and technical drawing in Maynooth Post Primary since 1972. With his wife, Mary (Lohan), a native of Co. Galway, he lives with their three children in Ballygoran, on the outskirts of the town.

Senan takes up the office keenly aware of both other Councillors' past records and his own long-term goals: "I'm thinking of Maynooth not in the short term but in 20 years from now. The future of the town is something we're creating today." In this regard he focuses on Maynooth's development and social problems, elements which he ultimately sees as bound together.

### Collective involvement prevents crime

Senan is very concerned about the provision of facilities and amenity land for team sports in Maynooth. "Any team sport is good for the youth. Collective involvement is collective responsibility," he believes. He says that individual recreation is slightly different from a community event. "There's more satisfaction and benefit in getting 20 people to work to a system than one person achieving a goal single-mindedly." This philosophy linking community activity to community responsibility he has learnt first hand. His involvement with politics, beginning in 1977, in ways replaced his footballing career — during which he won six county medals with Clare. Currently he trains 2/3 teams each year in the Post Primary School and he has also managed the county vocational team for three years, taking them to the Leinster final, something he stresses he was never alone in doing. "With the rapidly-growing population in Maynooth, petty crimes are no doubt on the increase," he believes. "Possibly drugs are the next major worry. There's an onus on parents to take a pro-active role in knowing their children's social habits, not just leaving things to the Gardai or waiting until things get out of hand."

### Cohesive collective goals

On the controversial issue of rezoning Senan believes that there is a need for compromise and bargaining with developers to get the badly-needed amenity land for the people of Maynooth

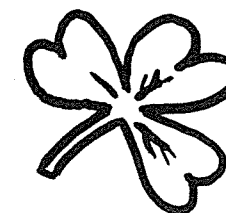
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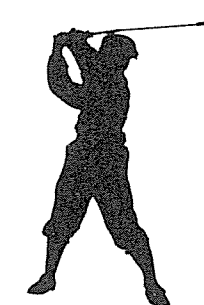
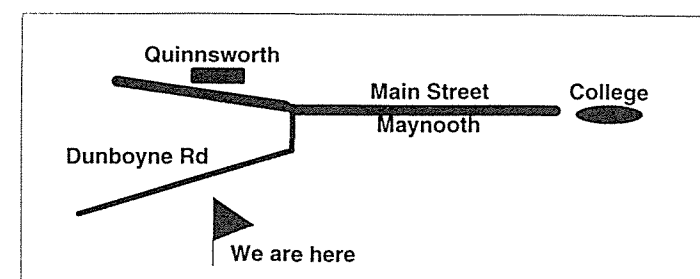
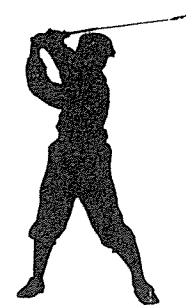
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so that deeper social problems may be avoided. But he believes it's not just a "single-minded" or solitary endeavour. All areas of the community are called upon by Senan to take an active role, not just on the big issues like land zoning but on a local level. The redevelopment of the Main Street, the awaited extension of the secondary school, the Blacklion ring road and the terrible condition of the county roads are just some of the topics he looks forward to tackling.

"A prosperous future for Maynooth is something we all hope to continue building. With an impressive record in local and political affairs standing to him it seems Senan Griffin will be a Councillor helping to build such a vibrant future for Maynooth.

### NOTES FROM NAMIBIA

The people sitting outside the semi-circular stone wall were silent. A man on the raised platform at one end had set up a telescope and once darkness fell, scanned the night sky. Most, however, reserved their attention for the activity around the water-hole. The first to come was a solitary elephant. In the quiet, they could hear his long refreshing draughts. His thirst slaked, he dawdled for a while; turned, swaying, to watch the watchers and browse the scraggy thorn trees that stood in the dry landscape. It didn't look like very succulent fare, but this was October, well into the dry season and the whole of the Etosha National Game Park in northern Namibia seemed to be cloaked in a layer of white dust.

A busy cheep-cheep-cheep sound announced the arrival of some guinea fowl. They darted in from the right, drank hastily and left, looking for all the world like guilty gate-crashers. A long quiet silence followed. The smells of evening barbecue or braai, as it is called in southern Africa, wafted over from the thatched rondavels that circle the viewing area.

As the shadows darkened, every now and then one seemed to come to life and move. This usually turned out to be a jackal. These seemed to be the uneasiest drinkers of all: they moved shiftily about, ever alert, ears swivelling to catch sounds, drank hastily and slunk away into the darkness. We saw some later, prowling in similar stealthy fashion among the buildings of the rest camp, going to scavenge around the braai sites and dust-bins. We were warned to avoid contact with these animals because they carry rabies.

"Rhino!" an excited whisper on the far right, and the first of these creatures was dimly visible on the horizon, straight ahead. Three or four more would follow during the evening, among them a cow and her calf. Usually it was the deep clinking sound of moving stones that announced the arrival of these heavy creatures: the stony terrain made a silent approach impossible for them.

The elephants, arriving later in a group, were surprisingly dainty. The sound of the moving elephants was not rung from the landscape, but it was more like an aura made up of the puff of their breathing and the friction of their pads in contact with the ground: a living sound.

When the female led in her herd of fewer than twenty younger females and calves, a solitary rhino and a cow and her calf had already occupied positions to the left and right, respectively. Mama elephant went purposefully towards Mama rhino, who then removed herself and her calf to a position on the middle of the far bank of the watering hole. Satisfied, the elephant chief came to drink more or less opposite the rhinos' new position. All proceeded peacefully for some time. Some of the younger elephants were frisky and one of the older ones always seemed to be on the alert, turning watchfully outwards from the pool. Then, there was less drinking and the herd just seemed to be mostly standing about, resting and being affectionate to one another. Some had wandered off a little to browse.

The matriarch seemed to take exception to the solitary male rhino. She headed over and seemed to be trying to run him from the scene. A lone elephant had arrived in the wake of the herd. When Mama had dealt with the rhino, she greeted this fellow, standing heads close and touching him with her trunk. It was saddening to read later a reference to the destructiveness of elephants.

Watching the giraffes drink was an education. These tall creatures, who sashay gracefully across the plains and browse serenely on the higher branches of trees, have a hard time of it at the water-trough. The whole operation has to be carefully coordinated. They move their forelegs carefully forward and to right and left, as a photographer places two feet of a tripod. Then they lower their long necks to bring their heads down to the surface of the water and keep them there until they have quenched their thirst. Returning to upright is very tricky. In a complicated kind of lurch, the head is jerked back up towards its normally high position at the same time as the feet are brought back in under the shoulders. It's quite a lumbering manoeuvre. The giraffe must be most vulnerable to attack at the water-hole.

The thought of doom brings the memory of vultures, seen circling at a distance from our car, next day, as we made our way sightseeing at the various watering holes between the Halali and Namutoni rest-camps. The first time, we couldn't get near enough to see what dead animal was providing lunch for these scavengers. Farther on, however, we were luckier. Beneath the soaring birds, by a water-hole, lay a very high dead elephant. Another unlovely corpse was being feasted upon on the farther bank. Had they fallen prey to the big cats or died victims of anthrax, which is rife in the elephant population? Either way, it's all part of life in the wild.

Much as I enjoyed all these animals I set my heart on seeing at least one big cat. On the last day of the trip, I was prepared for disappointment. We pulled up behind two or three other cars at our last planned stop. The woman in the vehicle in front pointed. The colour was bleached from the scene by the intense sunlight, rocks, trees and water approximating a scintillating greyness. A first glance did not immediately pick out the indolent forms under the scrawny trees. Resting in the shade, conserving their energy for the hunt in the cool of the evening, were a male and several females. The hush of the human viewers was matched by the caution of the zebra and other hoofed animals who kept a respectful distance.

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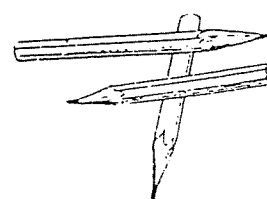
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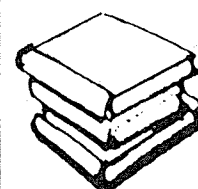
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## Features

When my husband was first invited to do some training in Namibia, at the beginning of 1994, I had everything to learn about this country, which lies on the Tropic of Capricorn and is nearly ten times the size of Ireland. Let's start with the easier part: location. Most people can probably find the Republic South Africa (RSA) on a map of the world, at the end of this huge continent that faces out over miles of ocean towards the glaciers of Antarctica. To the north-west, on the south-west coast of the continent, south of Angola and west of Botswana, lies the Republic of Namibia.

The capital, Windhoek, lies amongst the hills of the central plateau, about a mile above sea-level. The western coast is largely desert - the red sands of the Namib, and the great Kalahari desert lies between Namibia and Botswana. Through Walvis Bay, one of the best deep-sea ports on the west coast of Africa, Namibia has direct shipping links with the outside world. The country is rich in minerals, including uranium, copper and diamonds.

Namibia, like Ireland, has had a colonial past, but one that is more recent than our own. Known until 1968 as South West Africa (SWA), it was the last colony in Africa until it held its first democratic elections, supervised by the UN, in 1989. Its Constitution was drawn up and the country declared an independent democratic republic in 1990.

The longest-established Africans in this area are the Khoi, or San people who still follow a nomadic, hunter-gatherer existence in the Kalahari area of the north-east. The largest group, Ovambo peoples, were traditionally farmers who occupied the northern areas, including parts of southern Angola. The traditional Damara lands are in a region towards the north-west, and those of the Namas towards the south. Both of these peoples speak languages that use a series of click-sounds. The Herero lands lay south of the San; and the Rehobothers dwelt between where Windhoek is now, and the Namas. All of these peoples and other smaller groups have had shared and parallel histories before and after the coming of Europeans to this area. They sometimes lived in co-operative peace with each other and at other times were in conflict over land and water rights.

The first Europeans to land on these shores, about 500 years ago, were Portuguese explorers trying to find a sea-route to the East (ie China). In the seventeenth century Dutch explorers from south of the Orange river were probably the first Europeans to actually meet people who lived here. It was in the late eighteenth century that white traders began to move into the area, again from the south, as well as some missionaries and explorers.

In the 1830s, the German colonisation of the area began with the settlement of Luderitz, on the southern coast. The German colonists used force and a policy of divide-and-conquer in order to establish control over what eventually became known as German South West Africa. British traders established a town at Walvis Bay, and in 1876 Britain annexed the area. It was returned to Namibia by South Africa only last March, to great rejoicing. The first German Commissioner was the father of the ill-famed Nazi War Minister, Herman Goring. It was when Goring Senior had to retreat to Walvis

Bay, before a Herero chief of the time, that the first troops were sent from Germany to support the German colonists, in 1888.

The strong measures taken after this to subdue the African peoples living in Namibia eventually provoked resistance, especially by the Herero, Nama and Damara peoples, between 1904 and 1907. By 1906, almost 80% of the Herero population (about 70,000 people) had been killed. Still more were imprisoned or fled. Although the numbers were smaller, the same fate was dealt to the Namas.

During the First World War, South Africa, at the request of Britain, invaded through the ports and took over Windhoek. South Africa took over the administration of South West Africa on its behalf, under the League of Nations, in 1921. Thus Namibia became, to all intents and purposes, a fifth South African province, undergoing further settlement, this time by white Afrikaaners, both from RSA and Angola. By 1937, practically all the fertile land had been taken over and the majority black population displaced onto reserves of poor land. Many of those who resisted these changes paid with their lives. The apartheid policies for which south Africa has been infamous were pursued also in Namibia.

The Namibians did not simply accept what was being dealt out to them. They organised, mostly in trade unions at first, and many of these had the achievement of national independence as one of their aims. In 1960, one of these became the South West African People's Organisation (SWAPO), led by Sam Nujoma, who went on to become the country's first democratically-elected president, after almost 30 years of liberation struggle.


A prominent Irishman played a distinguished part in the process of transformation from colony to free democracy. Namibia was, for a time, the only country in the world to be directly under the jurisdiction of the United Nations. It was Nobel Peace Prize winner, Sean MacBride SC, who represented that body here at that time.

The UNTAG force that supervised the country's first fully-democratic elections in 1989, included a number of Irish policemen. It was one of these officers who briefed my husband and myself, on behalf of the Agency for Personal Service Overseas (APSO), before we left Dublin last September.

It is possible to see many parallels between the history of Namibia and that of our own country. Clarifying exactly what these are, might provide subjects for many an interesting thesis.

*Emer McDermott, Windhoek.*

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## Features

### TELECOM EIREANN "DESIGN A CALL-CARD COMPETITION"

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The theme of Peter's entry was based on St. Patrick's College Maynooth's bi-centenary and he had hoped Telecom Eireann might have used his entry to coincide with this auspicious occasion.

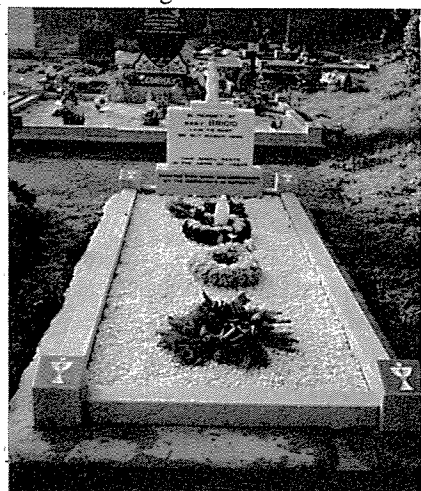
Peter himself is a keen Call-Card collector and up to recently had over 2,000 Call-Cards in his collection.

To Peter, we in Maynooth Newsletter say, well done. You are a credit to your family, your school and Maynooth. Congratulations.

*Leo Armstrong.*

### THE FINAL CHAPTER

Little Baby Bridgid was laid to rest on the 10th March 1994. Almost one year later, with the assistance of a number of people the Baby's grave is completed, with a well finished job by Frank Walsh. This job could not be completed without the financial assistance of a number of contributors. Some wish to remain anonymous, but there was one particular contribution which really touched me. The adults and children of College Green, Maynooth who did carol singing and gave me their money are also to be congratulated.



I would wish to thank all the other people who contributed and I will thank them personally myself. I also would like to thank the staff of the Community Council Offices for their assistance through the Newsletter, my colleagues in the No Name Club, and the people who wrote in to me with ideas. Last of all I would ask the people of the area if they are in the cemetery to spare a thought for Baby Bridgid.

May she rest in Peace.

*Martin Caine.*

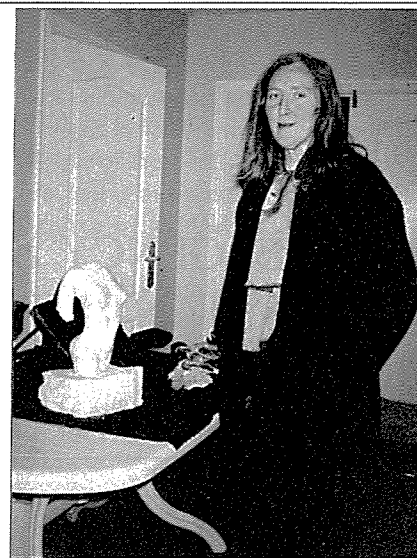
## Art & Music

### FRANCES McCORMACK

After banding together a few friends, Mary Ferris from Kill and Doreen Kimberly from Navan - to name but two, local sculptor Frances Mc Cormack held what she believes to be the first sculpture exhibition in Maynooth on the 21st-22nd of January last. Primarily sponsored by Quinnsnorth, in particular she wishes to thank Mr. James Hugh who provided cheese, wine and glasses. The exhibition received a very warm response.

Displaying 47 pieces in all, mainly in Bronze and Plaster, Frances was pleased at the enthusiasm expressed by visitors. "Two budding 15 year old Artists even brought in plaster work of their own to see what we thought", she reflects. The general impression was that there's not only a hunger for exhibitions of the type held last month - there's also a wealth of talent locally which is also looking for venues. Local artist and sculptor Greg Stevenson has been described as one of the "up and coming" of these new talents.

"If the facilities were available, both to create and display, I'd say the sky's the limit, as far as creativity is concerned", she said. "At the moment I have to share a studio, and travel to Dublin for casting Bronze - unfortunately the facilities there aren't great". Ideally Frances would love a locally based studio if the right place was available. As for venues she imagines the prohibitive costs of hiring professionally equipped display sites, prevents a much larger group of Artists emerging. Perhaps if a hotel/venue was willing to accept a nominal fee and/or a percentage of the sales made - this catch 22 situation might be broken. At the moment all roads lead to Dublin in terms of creative facilities and display venues. It seems a pity that our growing and especially our young community are without the opportunity to enjoy and share in such events due to lack of facilities. Perhaps under the influence of local artists such as Frances Mc Cormack things may be changing for the better.



*Frances McCormack*

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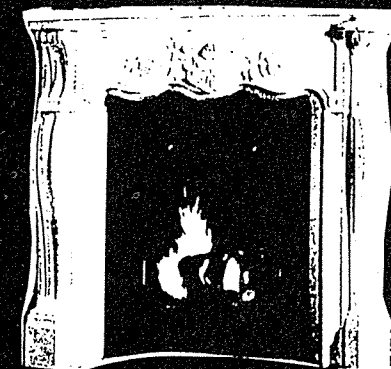
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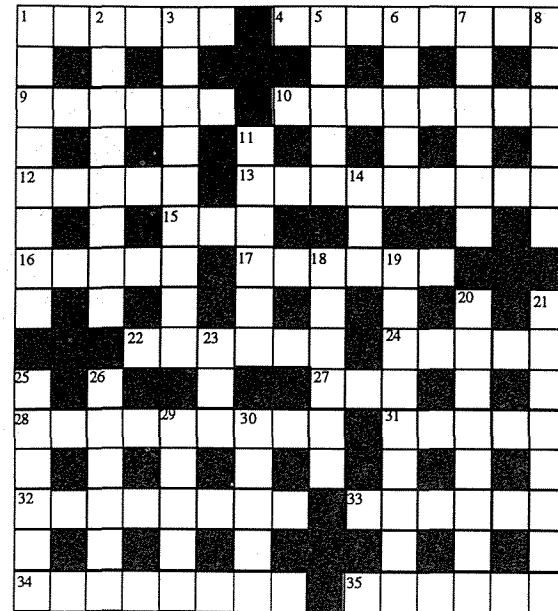


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**Across:**

- 1 Not the winner but goes very fast (6)  
 4 Does not do choruses (8)  
 9 A perpetrator may do with an offence what a general may do with his troops (6)  
 10 This procurement has alternating current and finally Mr. Capone (8)  
 12 Way to defeat east (5)  
 13 The chest muscle for the graph maid! (9)  
 15 Non-verbal agreement for no large amount (3)  
 16 Vacate the short avenue finally (5)  
 17 Unpleasant sound when the female redskin gets a thousand (6)  
 22 "..... what your country can do for you" (Kennedy) (3,3); or, like this, could tie you up! (2,4)  
 24 Crosscountry runner (5)  
 27 Consumed at a point (3)  
 28 Famous subtractor of adders, we're told!(2,7)  
 31 Used to say "Hello, Commie"! (5)  
 32 Studies carefully former African despot on points (8)  
 33 Leave quickly when you have no more remaining (3, 3)  
 34 Grappling types you may see in a ring (8)  
 35 All seeps away when these lads are not at home (6)

**Down:**

- 1 See Curly held firmly! (8)  
 2 "Commun" little Albert is there for everyone! (8)

- 3 The simplicity of having gullibility (9)  
 5 Formerly of that American intelligence agency (2-3)  
 6 Uneven and may sound canine (5)  
 7 Incursion which is off the footpath (6)  
 8 A girl and her French friend get some high-seasoned sausage (6)  
 11 Sure thing may be a strange lad! (4-2)  
 14 Looks round and green and little to eat (3)  
 18 Achieve understanding and bring aloft? (6)  
 19 Storage area for a conflict point with a place to live (9)  
 20 Additional to main meaning may be above the sound (8)  
 21 Is earlier than romantic appointments (8)  
 23 A rare French drink, somewhat a kin (3)  
 25 Insist upon being a bit silly to begin (6)  
 26 Gets zero rates when one does this (6)  
 29 A test for the "beak" (5)  
 30 Where the flea may be when told off (2,3)

**Solution to Crossword 87**

**Across:** 1, Relive; 4, Rainbows; 9, L-Abel-S; 10, Sprinter; 12, Baron (barren); 13, Christian; 15, Tar; 16, Cacti; 17, Ank-Les; 22, S-ever-S; 24, Pippa; 27, Syl; 28, Utterance; 31, Aitch; 32, Trump-ET-s; 33, Unbend; 34, Re-enters; 35, Prises.

**Down:** 1, Roll back; 2, Liberace; 3, Valentine; 5, As per; 6, Nails; 7, Obtain; 8, Spring; 11, Scrape; 14, Ill; 18, Kisses; 19, Explainer; 20, Spotless; 21, Rawhides; 23, Via; 25, Butter; 26, Attune; 29, Repot; 30, Not-ER.

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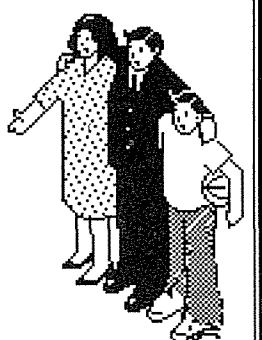
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his go button has been hit  
and he's champing at the bit.  
Why? this vision from afar  
has just walked into the Roost bar,  
And this lady from Toulouse is  
churning X's vital juices.  
Yes it can be said for sure,  
X's thoughts are most impure.

Now we must restrain our friend  
from plunging in at the deep end!  
But what can we say or do  
to stop him landing in a stew?  
"X, although she may be French  
the lady's just another wench".  
"X, this thing will work out bad  
you're old enough to be her dad".  
But he say's "I'll take my chance  
Good luck lads, I'll write from France!"

Tommy Cambell  
Graiguepottle

### OLIVER

"A great all-school experience" is how teacher Cathleen O'Leary describes the Post Primary School's current production of "Oliver". The show ran from Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th in the Parish Hall. Tickets were £4 per adult and £2 for children/concession. Producer, Fr. David Boylan, was making the show as perfect as possible up until the dress rehearsal on Sunday 14th. With the assistance of Claire Murphy, Brieda Flaherty and a cast of seventy they aimed to give Maynooth a musical night out to remember. The music was provided by the Senior Band Artane.


The idea for the musical came from the transition year students, the first such year to operate in the school. Without a full-time music teacher at the school such a venture has proved difficult in previous years. The aim was to provide an "out of class" experience. However, the enthusiasm for the production quickly caught on throughout pupils and staff. Almost 170 people were involved at every level from leading roles, stage hands, construction, wardrobes and sets . . . even parts of the cover design of the programme were done by the students. Thus "Oliver" was really an all-school musical experience for those lucky enough to attend . . . for those who couldn't get tickets there's no use in pleading to Tom Ashe for extra musical nights out "please sir can we have some more".



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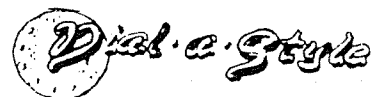
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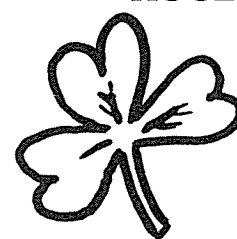
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**1.- Curried Beans:** Warm a large can of curried beans, spoon into spud and sprinkle over 1tbsp (15ml) each of chopped green pepper and onion.

Cals: 218 per spud.

**2.- Provencal:** Fry 1 deseeded and sliced red pepper and 1 sliced onion in 1tbsp (15ml) oil. Divide 8oz (225g) garlic and herb soft cheese between spuds and top with peppers and onion.

Cals: 359 per spud.

**3.- Pizza Style:** Divide 8oz (225g) warmed tomato pasta sauce between 4 potatoes. Add 8oz (225g) sliced pepperoni and 4 halved olives. Sprinkle over 4oz (100g) grated mozzarella and 2oz (50g) grated Parmesan. Grill for 3 mins.

Cals: 465 per spud.

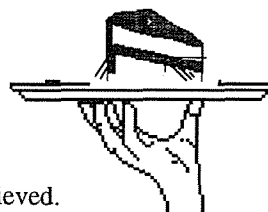
**4.- Tex Mex:** Divide ¼ shredded iceberg lettuce between 4 spuds. Add 8oz (225g) chopped cooked chicken. Peel and slice 1 avocado, place over chicken. Spoon on 4tbsp (60ml) soured cream and 4tbsp (60ml) fresh chopped chives.

Cals: 270 per spud.

**5.- Swiss Style:** Divide 6oz (150g) grated Gruyère cheese between 4 spuds, spoon over 4tbsp (60ml) thousand island dressing and 6oz (150g) thin ham. Fry 1 red onion in 1tbsp (15ml) oil for garnish.

Cals: 465 per spud.

### Lemon Butter Cake



#### Ingredients:

100g (4oz) butter

100g (4oz) caster sugar

2 (size 3) eggs

Grated rind of 1 lemon

100g (4oz) self-raising flour, sieved.

Pinch of salt

#### Filling:

60ml (4tbsp) lemon curd.

#### Topping:

50g (2oz) butter

175g (6oz) icing sugar sieved, lemon juice.

1.- Set oven 170°C, 325°F (mark 3). Grease and line two 18cm (7in) sandwich tins.

2.- Beat together butter and sugar, beat in eggs and rind.

Fold in flour and salt.

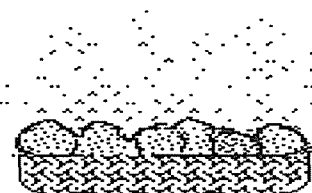
3.- Put in tins, bake for 30-35 min.

4.- When cool, sandwich with curd.

5.- Topping: soften butter, stir in sugar and enough lemon juice to give a spreading consistency.

6.- Spread topping over cake and swirl.

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### Irish Pork Casserole



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#### Ingredients:

2 lb/one kg shoulder of pork, trimmed of surplus fat and diced, one tablespoonful of oil, one onion, finely chopped, 3 leeks, trimmed and sliced, 2 carrots, pared and chopped, 14oz/400g tin tomatoes, one tablespoonful clear honey, ¼ teaspoonful ground ginger, pinch of mixed spice, dash of Worcestershire sauce, salt and freshly ground black pepper.

#### Method

Heat the oil in a flameproof casserole, add the diced pork, turn over as it cooks so that it browns evenly, lift out on to a plate before adding more meat. When all the pork has been browned, lower the heat slightly and put in the onion, leeks and carrot. Stir gently over a moderate heat until slightly softened. Add the tomato juice and the tomatoes, the honey, spices, Worcester sauce and seasoning. Bring to boiling point, add the pork. Cover the casserole, leave to simmer gently for 60-70 mins, or until the pork is tender. Stir the casserole to make sure it is not cooking too quickly or becoming too thick and sticking to the casserole. Some water can be added if necessary. Taste and add seasoning if needed.

Note.- If preferred, omit the ginger and spice and use a bouquet garni instead, or one teaspoonful of mixed herbs. Other vegetables can be added - one or two small courgettes, thickly sliced, ½ green or yellow pepper. Served with creamed potatoes or freshly cooked small pasta.



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### Elusive Springs

In parts of Ireland, Spring traditionally begins on St. Brigid's Day, February 1st but according to an old proverb, it is not Spring until you can plant your foot upon twelve daisies! But this criterion is only one of many would-be harbingers of that elusive season.

For meteorologists, the first day of Spring is March 1st. They base their seasons on the cycle of the average temperature throughout the year - with the three coldest calendar months being Winter, the three warmest Summer, and Spring and Autumn filling in the gaps. Astronomers regard Spring as beginning at the vernal equinox in March and ending at the summer solstice in June

#### Shrubs, Border Plants and Roses

So Spring arrives officially this month and by the end of March the garden will be well on the way to a new season. The earliest shrubs will have started to bloom, Mahonia japonica with its bright yellow spikes of strong scented flowers, the mezereon (Daphne mezereum), equally strongly scented but purplish-pink in flower, camellias, and japonica. These and other shrubs can be given a fertilizer dressing this month, watered in if the soil is dry; and so, too, can herbaceous perennials, making the dressing relatively high in potash content if flowering is not all it might be.

Division of the border plants can also be undertaken successfully. Rose pruning will 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. 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. Moisture vapour is literally blown off the surface of the leaf, and the roots do not replace this until they take hold of the soil. If dry weather follows planting, spraying overhead with a drenching spray of clear water once or twice a day will do much to mitigate the effects of desiccation.

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 on 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 in. can be scraped off and replaced with a topdressing.

#### Herb Garden

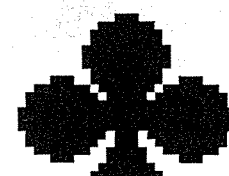
In some parts of the country it is possible to sow seeds of herbs out of doors this month, but if the garden is a chilly one or the soil heavy, it is better to sow in the greenhouse. Parsley is always said to be slow to germinate, but in warm soil it comes up just as quickly as the other herbs, and an out-of-doors sowing of it in April will produce more plants in the long run than a March one. Dill, coriander, sorrel, chives, sage, sweet marjoram and summer savory all germinate easily.

#### Lawns

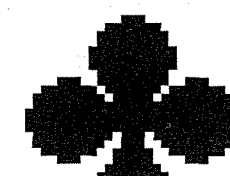
Lawns can be given a spring clean, by first raking (provided there is no moss), then topping with razor-sharp mower blades, and following with spiking and the first feed. Where there is moss, spring is a good time to treat it with lawn sand, but a more long-lasting remedy is to improve the soil drainage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

#### Vegetable Garden

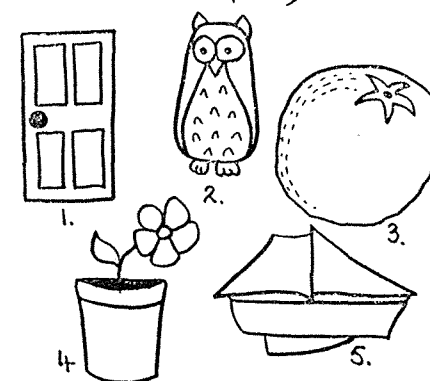
Parsnip can be sown in early March; it is very hardy and needs a good long season to develop. Most of the rest of the vegetables, summer cauliflower, early carrots, leeks, onions, lettuce, peas, radish and spinach beet can be sown outside later this month. Celery, celeriac, cucumbers, melons and more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



## Children's Corner



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**3rd:**  
Niall Corcoran  
7 Woodlands  
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# **H. B. DENNIS/ALMC TRYOUT RALLY 21ST JANUARY 1995 FORTUNE FAVOURS THE BRAVE**

On Saturday, 21st January, the Hella Championship regulars assembled at The Boyne Valley Hotel, Drogheda, for round 5 of the Hella/ECCO Navigation Rally Championship, a 90 mile run through north County Meath, hosted by Aer Lingus MC. With much of the route covered by treacherous and in many places unpredictable patches of ice, Brian Flanagan/Don Foley gave a display of skilful and often courageous driving to bring the Carwatch Auto Alarms Nissan Micra home 10 minutes clear of the field. Robert Dancey/Vincent Fagan, in the Chevette, found the timing too tight for the prevailing conditions and dropped odd minutes throughout the night to take second. Just 1 minute behind came the unwieldy Peugeot 405 of Monaghan Semi-Experts, Bosco McGorman/Noel Hall. They had been neck and neck with the eventual runners-up right up to the last section through Townley Hall but they took the wrong option here and dropped 1 minute to the Chevette crew.

Joint Clerks of the Course Paul Webb and Eoin McDunphy, debuting in the roles, put together a well thought out format of Plot and Bash, Regularity, and pre-Plot which kept the Navigators busy whilst their drivers struggled to stay on "terra firma".

Winston Whyte/Alan Nairn decided to err on the side of caution in the conditions, feeling that discretion was the better part of valour, and brought the venerable RS2000 home 4th. and 3rd in the Experts Class. An encouraging 5th. went to the Sunbeam of Richard O'Mahony/Doug Corrie. Richard also found a distinct lack of traction in the Sunbeam and he and Doug were eventually forced to indulge in some cut and run through the last four sections in order to stay within lateness.

Number 1 seeds Trevor Farrell/Harry Bleakley decided to brave the conditions in a Fiesta 1.8 Diesel. They were running steadily in 3rd overall up to TP18 but missed TP19 at Stifyans Cross and then booked in early to TP20 which resulted in their dropping back to 6th and 3rd Expert.

In the Novice Class Ian Elliott/Rachel Cullivan found themselves progressively dropping time as the night wore on. Down 16m by the time they reached the halfway Control at Aclare House they decided to skip TP16 but still could not pull back any of their accumulated lateness and decided to skip the final string of Plot and Bash and cut straight to the finish Control. They were nevertheless pleased to take their 3rd class win of the season and 7th overall to move themselves into a slender 1 point lead in the class.

Dermot Hassett, accompanied by Stephen O'Neill on this occasion, indulged in some judicious skipping when they like Elliott/Cullivan, found that they were 20m late booking into the halfway Control and had to skip the following 4TPs before rejoining at TP20. They were nevertheless pleased with their 2nd in the Novice Class and 8th overall.

With brother Enda otherwise engaged for the evening Matt Hume called upon the services of Peter Murphy to guide him around in the Avenger. Their troubles started early on when they took the long way round into TP4 at Rossnaree House and dropped 5m. It wasn't long before they found themselves on maximum lateness and began skipping from TP10. Things did not improve in the second half and they finished 9th overall and 4th Experts. Third in the Novice Class went to the Volvo 340 of Damien Walsh/Derek McGrath. They had a disastrous first half but recovered after the halfway Control to drop just 20m of their total 232m on the run home.

The Historic Class was won once again by the father and son team of Robert and Stephen Bolton. Stephen confessed to getting it all wrong on the Regularity and though this section was eventually scrubbed it did result in them running perilously close to maximum lateness in their later stages and they too were forced to skip. They are nevertheless enjoying the opportunity to get in the practice for the more serious Retrospective events.

The award for the most observant crew on the event must go to Malcolm Day/Brian Cleary. Thinking that the erratic handling of their Fiat 127 was being caused by a deflating tyre they pulled over between TP2 and TP3 to attempt a change. As Malcolm alighted to do the necessary he promptly fell to the ground announcing incredulously "it's f\*\*\*\*\* icy!".

Despite the conditions the event produced just two retirements. A change of car to the ex-Mervyn Miller Peugeot 205 GTi, unfortunately did not bring a change of fortunes for the luckless Mervyn Dunn/Rory Dooley. They broke a fan belt after just 10 miles and with no spare or suitable alternative, Rory apparently wasn't wearing tights on this occasion! they were forced to make for home. Also in terminable difficulties very early on was the Sunbeam of Noel Devlin/Deirdre Grogan. Their back axle cried enough after just two miles and they were out.

Paul Webb and Eoin McDunphy put a considerable amount of work into this their first event and with changes having to be made on the day because the severe weather made some sections impassable, in a Discovery!, they coped extremely well under the pressure and more than merited the praise of all concerned.

## **Results:**

1. B. Flanagan/D. Foley 3m, 2. R. Dancey/V. Fagan 13m, 3. B. McGorman/N. Hall 14m, 4. W. Whyte/A. Nairn 33m, 5. R. O'Mahony/D. Corrie 77m, 6. T. Farrell/H. Bleakley 104m, 7. I Elliott/R. Cullivan 118m, 8. D. Hassett/S. O'Neill 127m, 9. M. Hume/P. Murphy 153m, 10. D. Walsh/D. McGrath 232m, 11. T. Gilchrist/A. Binley 265m, 12. G. Brown/G. Burke 285m, 13. M. Day/B. Cleary 300m. **Historics:** R. Bolton/S. Bolton 169m.

*Don Foley,  
Championship Registrar.*

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**Secretary :-** Gerry McTernan; **Treasurer:-** Sean Tracey;

**Committee -** W. Moore, R. Delamere, T. Flatley, K. O'Brien, B. Dempsey, O. Byrne, P. Foy, J. Moore, M. Scanlon, G. Coulton, S. O'Connell.

The above Officers and Committee were elected at our 15th A.G.M. which took place in the local G.A.A. hall on Sunday 12th February.

## **Fixture List For 1995**

| Date           | Venue                          | Tee Times                       |
|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 4th March      | Athy                           | 11.30 - 1.00                    |
| 8th April      | Tullamore                      | 10.30 - 12.30                   |
| 5th / 6th May  | Prince of Wales, Athlone       |                                 |
|                | playing Glasson / Mount Temple | 12.00 - 1.00                    |
| 10th June      | Athlone                        | 11.30 - 1.00                    |
| July           | Edenderry                      | To be confirmed                 |
| 26th August    | Portarlinton                   | 9.00 - 10.30 Captain's Prize    |
| 23rd September | Highfield                      | 11.30 - 1.00                    |
| 21st October   | Trim                           | 10.30 - 12.00 President's Prize |



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Membership is £15 single and £20 for a family. This allows £1 off every aerobics session (normally £3.50) and gives access to Badminton and other facilities. Gym membership, including professional advice and training is £100 per year (with membership) or £60 for 6 months or £40 for three months.

## MAYNOOTH G.A.A. NOTES

**Under 21 Football Tournament:** Maynooth 4 goals 3pts V Kilcock 8pts.

Played in Kilcock on Sunday 15th January at 11.30 a.m.

Under bad conditions this turned out to be a good game of football. Maynooth playing with the wind in first half were first to score a point by Paul Garvey then after 15 minutes Maynooth got their first goal by Eddie Mitchell. After 20 minutes a further point by Paul Garvey and then a goal by David Mahoney and just on the half time Eddie Mitchell got his second goal to leave the half time score Maynooth 3-2pts to Kilcock 2pts.

Kilcock playing with the wind were on top in the early stages of the second half but Maynooth killed off their challenge with a goal by Hugh Purcell midway through the second half. With the aid of some good goalkeeping by David Cusker, Maynooth held out for a good win:

Maynooth Scorers:- Eddie Mitchell 2-1pts, Hugh Purcell 1 goal, David Mahoney 1 goal, Paul Garvey 2pts. Also to play well, David Cusker, Mickey Noone, Ken Killoran, P. Guinan and Peter Burke.

**U 21 Football Tournament:** Maynooth 10pts V Dunboyne 3-7pts.

Played in Maynooth on Sunday 22nd January at 11.30 a.m. Playing in bad conditions Maynooth did not deserve to lose this game. It was lost because of very bad finishing by our forwards. The first half was played in great spirit and after 15 minutes Maynooth lead by 3pts to 1pt, Maynooth's points coming from Paul Garvey 2pts and Paul Flood 1pt. Dunboyne struck back and scored 2 goals and 2pts before half time Maynooth defence were badly at fault for both goals to leave the half time score Dunboyne 2-4pts to Maynooth's 3 points. The second half started with Maynooth playing with a slight breeze and were on top but could not take their scores. Maynooth tried hard to cut the Dunboyne lead but for some bad shooting and good defence by Dunboyne held Maynooth at bay. Dunboyne broke down the field and got their third goal, this knocked the heart out of Maynooth: Try as they did they could not get the scores.

Maynooth Scorers:- Paul Garvey 6pts, Paul Flood 1pt, Hugh Purcell 1pt, Mark Nugent 1pt, Derick Flemming 1pt. Also to play well Mickey Noone, Peter Burke, David Mahoney and Thomas Fay.

**Under 21 Football Tournament - Sunday 5th Feb. in Maynooth at 11.30 a.m.**

**Maynooth 2-8pts. V Confey 1-9pts.**

This match started with Confey playing with a strong wind in first half and they took their chances and by half time were in front by Confey 1-7pts to Maynooth 1pt Paul Garvey getting Maynooth's point from a free. The second half started well for Maynooth scoring 4pts without reply then Maynooth were given a penalty and David Mahoney scored from the spot after 15 minutes. Maynooth drew level in the 20th minute but Confey broke down the field to score a point. Maynooth fought back to draw level then in the last minute Confey scored a point from a free. From the kick-out a long ball into the Confey goal found Mark Nugent who scored a great goal to give Maynooth a good two points win.

Maynooth's Scorers:- Paul Garvey 5pts, David Mahoney 1 goal, Mark Nugent 1 goal, Ken Killoran 1pt, Ronan Quinn 1pt, Paul Flood 1pt. Also to play well. Eamonn Dunne, Mickey Noone, Thomas Farrell and Eddie Mitchell.

**Under 21 Football Tournament:- Maynooth 5pts V Leixlip 5pts. Played in Leixlip on Sunday 12th February at 11.30 a.m.**

Played in very bad conditions this turned out to be a fair result. Leixlip playing with the wind in the first half were on top but some good defending by Maynooth defence held Leixlip to 4pts to 1pt at half time. Maynooth in this half missed a penalty after 5 minutes.

The second half saw scores hard to come by and it took Maynooth 15 minutes to get their first point of the second half. A point by Paul Garvey, further points by Hugh Nevin and Ken Killoran left the sides level with five minutes to go. At this stage Leixlip got their only point of the second half. With one minute to go Maynooth through Paul Garvey got a point to leave the sides level.

Best for Maynooth were:- Paul Garvey 3 pts, Hugh Nevin 1pt, Ken Killoran 1pt, Mickey Noone, Eamonn Dunne, David Mahoney, Thomas Farrell and Stephen Noonan.

**Lotto Result-15/01/1995,** Jackpot £1,200: Numbers 5-16-19. No Winner.

5 x £10. Mickey Noone, Carol Curtis, Kathleen Bennett, Brian Curtis, Irene Dunne.

**Lotto Result-22/1/1995,** Jackpot £1,300: Numbers 9-21-24. No Winner.

5 x £10. Lorraine Dempsey, Eric Doyle, Mary Travers, Mrs. M. French, Bert Carrutters.

**Lotto Result-29/1/1995,** Jackpot £1,400: Numbers 8-14-21. No Winner.

5 x £10. Mrs. Slevin, Jude Donnelly, Shay Tyrell, Jimmy Dempsey, Collett Colts.

**Lotto Result-5/2/1995,** Jackpot £1,500: Numbers 1-5-15. No Winner.

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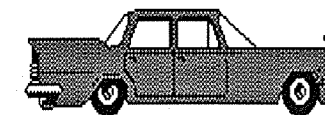


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**Lotto Result-12/2/1995**, Jackpot £1,600: Numbers 1-3-16. Congratulations must go to Mrs. Mary Lysart, 2 Maynooth Park, on winning our Lotto this week.

### **Ardclough Football Tournament Final for the John Farrell Cup on Sunday 12th February 1995.**

**Maynooth 4-2 points V Ardclough 6 points.**

Maynooth playing against a strong breeze in first half were on level terms at half time Maynooth 1-2pts V Ardclough 5pts. Maynooth playing with breeze in the second half were on top but it took Maynooth 15 minutes to get their first score of the second half. A goal by J. Riordan and further goals by Johnny Nevin and Paul Garvey Maynooth came out easy winners. Best for Maynooth were;- Paul Garvey 1-2pts, S. Molloy 1 goal, J. Riordan 1 goal, J. Nevin 1 goal. Also to play well K. Fagan, P. Ennis and J. O'Toole.

### **Maynooth G.A.A. Club Golfing Society-Outings for 1995**

Date:- Saturday 25th March Club:- Kilcock Tee Time:- 9.00a.m. - 10.00a.m.

Date:- Saturday 6th March Club:- Highfield Tee Time:- 12.30p.m. to 1.30p.m.

Date:- Saturday 10th June (Captains Prize) Club:- Mount Temple Tee Time:- 10.00a.m. to 11.30a.m.

Date:- Friday 23 June (Golf Classic in aid of pitch development)

Club:- Kilcock All Day - Time Sheet (Last Card 4p.m.)

Date:- Saturday 9th September (President's Prize) Club:- Edenderry Tee Time:- 9.30a.m. to 10.30a.m.

Christmas Turkey outing to be arranged for October or November.

All prize giving will be held in the G.A.A. Club at 10.30 p.m. on night of outing.

To win Captain's Prize a player must have played in one other outing.

To win President's Prize a player must have played in two other outings.

The following were elected to look after teams in 1995.

Junior A team:- K. Connolly (Manager), P. Nevin, M. Gillick, N. Farrelly.

Junior B team:- M. Donnolly (Manager), M. Murtagh, P. Nevin, M. Riordan.

Junior C team:- G. Connellan (Manager), M. Doran, M. Gahan.

Under 21 team:- J. Edwards (Manager), T. Fay, K. Connolly.

Under 18 teams:- P. Ennis (Manager), F. Devereux, J. Nevin, Joey Nevin L. O'Toole.

Under 16 team:- M. Gillick (Manager), M. McCarron, A.N. Other.

Under 14 team:- D. McDermott (Manager), J. O'Rourke, A.N. Other.

Under 9's and 13's Saturday morning training resumes on February 18th at Moyglare Road.

Under 11's and 13's will definitely be competing in the North Kildare League with a strong possibility of under 9's and 15's also taking part; D. McDermott, J. O'Rourke, P. Curran, Johnny

Nevin, Thomas Farrell and P. Ennis will assist on Saturday mornings. Further help is needed however.

Our first two matches in Senior Football League Division 2 for 1995 are Sunday 12th March, Maynooth V Castledermot in St. Mary's Park at 3.00p.m., Sunday 26th March, Maynooth V Grange in St. Mary's Park at 3.00p.m. Come along and give our teams your support in 1995. More fixtures in next issue of Newsletter,

### **Tommy Fay PRO**



*At Maynooth Hurling Club Dance in Club Hours, L-R: Phil Brady, Jimmy Treacy, Jimmy McLoughlin, Josie Murphy, Phil Burke, with the McCarthy Cup won by Offaly in 1994 All Ireland Hurling Final*

### **MAYNOOTH ATHLETIC CLUB**

Eight athletes from the club took part in the indoor championships in Nenagh on the 4th and 5th of February and came away with a total of seven medals. David Campbell showed once again what a fine athlete he is by winning three gold and one silver. Karl Ennis took gold in the 2k. walk, while Patrick O'Rourke in the 60 metres sprint and Martin Cunningham in the 1500 metres took bronze medals respectively.

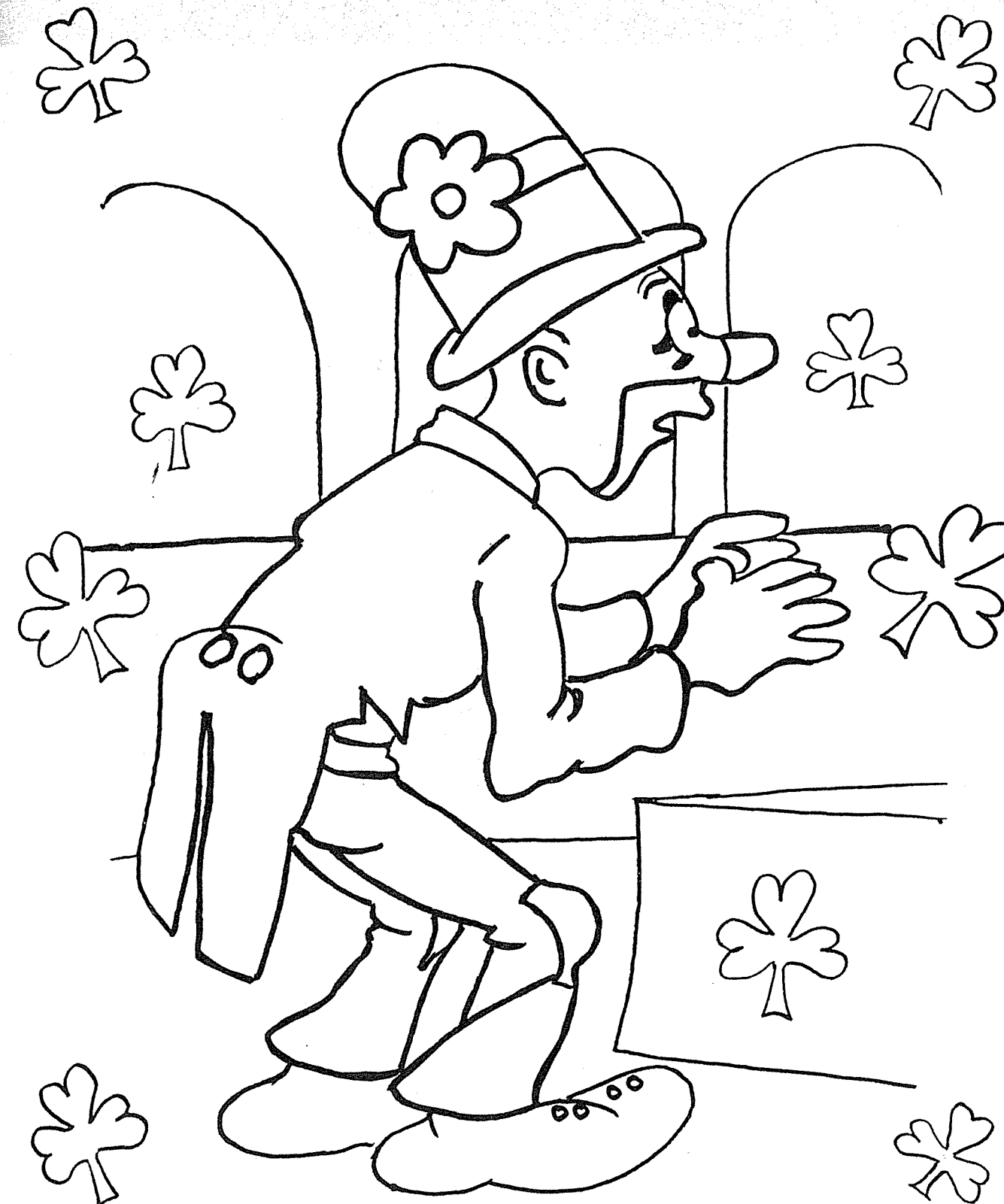
Declan O'Rourke although failing to get among the medals ran a fine 300 metres race and was only beaten on the line into fourth place. Sarah Commene despite her lack of fitness finished fourth in her heat. Conor Diggins (1,000 metres) and Patrick King (600 metres) both tried hard, but found the pace too hot.

David Campbell's events were:-

Long Jump (1st.) High Jump (1st.) 600m. (1st.) 300m. (2nd.)

### **MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB**

We are now into our third term this year and would like to welcome all new members who have just joined us. We wish our members who have moved on, the best of luck in the future.  
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ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ORIGINAL WORK OF ENTRANTS.

This category of the colouring competition is for 4-12 year olds.  
Closing date for receipt of entries is Monday 20th March. 1995, by 5 p.m.

## Sports

Please remember all fees to be paid by 11th March.

Don't forget our fancy dress for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. (Members Only) Prizes for the most topical outfits. More information at a later date. So get your thinking caps on.

*Margaret O'Neil PRO.*  
*Claire O'Rourke PRO.*

### MAYNOOTH PITCH AND PUTT

The inevitable weather took its toll on playing days in the early part of this year. However, underfoot conditions were not as bad as last year due to a number of drainage jobs during '94. We expect this improvement to continue through '95. As we did not officially close this year we hope at the time of going to press that the course will be open and in play.

This year we expect to run Sunday morning competitions. These events will be outside any other events running and will be open to all players.

Prices for the coming year will change slightly from March. The prices will be as follows:

WEEKDAYS: £2.00. With Hire £2.50  
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UNDER 16's: £1.50

As can be seen these prices are the same as last year with the exclusion of the split weekday rate. We hope these prices will be seen as offering good value to our customers. This will be the third year that our prices have remained at this level.

Finally on a more general note with the slight hysteria that prevails since rezoning maps have come on view I wish to allay fears that the Pitch & Putt is "for sale". Certainly rounds of Pitch & Putt are to be bought but that's about the extent of it.

Looking forward to seeing you all during the year.

### TUG-O-WAR REPORT

There is a hymn which begins with the lines: "Bright builder of the heavenly poles eternal light of faithful souls".

These fine words may not exactly be about tug-o-war, but we'll claim them anyway. Tug-o-war has a spiritual dimension where there is struggle and pain and you have to dig deep into your reserves to attain the elation of victory. As the days get longer men begin to think about heading towards the poles and I'm not talking about the north and south poles.

With training due to commence in April we are on the lookout for new members. Anyone interested can enquire in Bradys The Clock House.

#### Training

In general training is not too severe initially with plenty of breaks for pipe smoking and story telling. The better the story

the longer the break. All you need to become a tug-o-war man is a pair of steel-capped boots, which cost around £50 and can be purchased in Army Bargains, St. Mary's Street. These will last for years. Following the success of the 'Big Eight' team in the late 70's Maynooth has become a strong base for tug-o-war. Regrettably not all our members are interested in training. If we get our act together we could return to the glory days - it's up to you.

*Willie Healy.*

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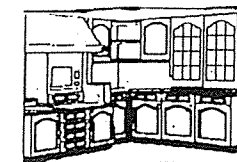
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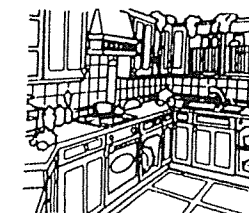


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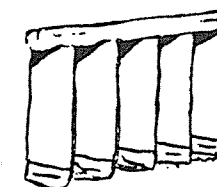
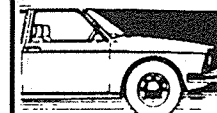
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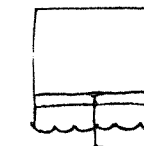
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## Political Party Notes

### DEMOCRATIC LEFT NOTES

The Maynooth Draft Development Plan was finally agreed by the Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council in February and will now go before the full Council in March. It will then be put on public display in Maynooth Public Library for a three-month period from the beginning of April. Any individual or group may make a submission on the plan in this period. All submissions received will then be considered by the Area Committee and the full Council and the revised plan will then go on display for a further period of at least two months. This extension to the normal one-month period was agreed at the proposal of Cllr. Catherine Murphy, who pointed out that major revisions were made to the Draft Plan at this stage in the case of Leixlip and argued that community groups needed more time to organise against changes which they felt did not agree with the Community's interests.

We will be keeping the Maynooth Community informed on developments. In the meantime, Catherine Murphy is available to discuss the Draft Plan at 46 Leixlip Park, Leixlip (Tel: 6244903).

### MAYNOOTH LABOUR PARTY NOTES

#### Maynooth Development Plan.

The Celbridge Area Committee of Kildare County Council will meet on 20th February with a view to finalising the draft plan. This will then go to the full Council for approval at it's meeting on 27th March. The draft plan will then be put on display locally for 3 months in order to give the public a say in the future development of the town.

#### Completion of Kingsbry Estate.

Cllr. John McGinley has tabled the following motion for the Celbridge area Committee meeting on 3rd March.

"In view of the inordinate delay in the release of the bond from the Insurance Corporation of Ireland that Kildare County Council proceed immediately with the work necessary to take Kingsbry Estate, Maynooth, in charge and that alternative funding be used while awaiting the release of the bond".

#### Pedestrian Walkway between College Green and Beaufield.

At its meeting on the 26th January the Celbridge Area Committee agreed to Cllr. John McGinley's proposal that monies be allocated from the 1995 Discretionary Grants to provide a footpath, lighting and suitable walls at this location.

#### Rockfield Lodge Pedestrian walk

At its meeting on the 26th January the Celbridge Area Committee agreed to Cllr. John McGinley's proposal that this pedestrian walk be closed off through the use of a section 76 closure. This motion will go to the full Council for approval at its meeting on the 27th of March.

#### Greenfields, Maynooth.

Cllr. John McGinley has tabled the following motions for the Celbridge Area meeting on 3rd March.

1. "That three public lights be erected on the back lane of Phase 2 Greenfields".

2. "That funds be allocated out of the 1995 Discretionary funds to drain and resurface the back lane at Phase 2 Greenfields. (A botched job was carried out here by the Council three years ago)".

#### Land for Council Housing.

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the County Manager to buy land in Maynooth for Council housing as a matter of urgency. The Council own no suitable land in Maynooth for housing at present.

#### Straffan Road.

Minister of State, Emmet Stagg, T.D., and Cllr. John McGinley have asked the county engineer to carry out major repairs on the roads between Mullen Bridge and Celbridge Road Junction. This road is now in a dangerous condition as a result of the Gas pipe laying and the construction work. Emmet Stagg, T.D., has also been in contact with Bord Gais Eireann concerning this matter.

#### The Square, Maynooth.

Following discussions with the County architect, Cllr. John McGinley has agreed that the Council's plans for the Square are more in keeping with history than those proposed by the Office of Public Works consultant. The Council's plan comprises of one tree lined road to Main Street. Brady's side is closed off. A small fountain replaces the toilet block and between the fountain and Larine House there is a pergola on lime stone walls, 3.8 m high. The rest of the square has interlocking paving with seating outside Brady's and with trees strategically placed.

In order to facilitate a major pipe laying, as part of the Straffan Road project, it is probable that the Toilet Block will be demolished by the time you read this and not a moment too soon.

#### Taghadoe to Ladychapel.

Arising from complaints concerning the condition of the road from Taghadoe Cross to Ladychapel Emmet Stagg, T.D. has been in contact with the County Engineer. The County Engineer has promised urgent repairs at this location.

#### St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Minister of State, Emmet Stagg, T.D., has made strong representations to the Minister for defence, Hugh Coveney, T.D., concerning Army Band representation in Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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## Birthdays

Happy 40th Birthday to Tricia, from Annette and Orla. Thanks for everything.

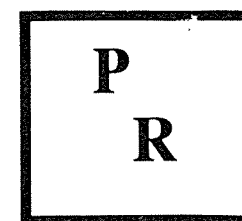
Happy belated 10th Birthday to Michael O'Malley, love from Elaine O'Carroll.

Happy Birthday to Dara Folan, on the 18th March, love and kisses Mam and Dad, Aisling, Shane and Sarah.

Happy Birthday to Conor Bean at Nuada, Dunboyne Rd, Maynooth, who celebrates his fourth birthday on March 4th. Love from Daddy, Mammy, Aisling, Brian and his grandparents.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Anne and Brian McAuliffe, of 10 Rockfield Rise, Maynooth, on the birth of their daughter Laura Marie. Love and best wishes from the McAtamney and McAuliffe families.



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## Sympathies

Sisters, Stepmother, Brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grandnephews, relations and friends of Elizabeth (Lizzie) Carney, late Main Street, Maynooth.

Daughter also Michael and Noel, relatives and friends of Josephine Nolan (nee Tynan), Greenfield, Maynooth.

Mrs Betty Fay, O'Neill Park, on the death of her mother Mary Connolly (nee Kelly), St. Bridgets Terrace, Robertstown.

### OBITUARY

On 31st January, the death took place of Jack Connolly, in his 85th year.

Jack, or Fiddy as he was affectionately known, was born in Dillon's Row, son of Tom and Kate Connolly. He attended the convent and the boys' school (the present band room). After a short spell working in the college, he began his apprenticeship as a baker in Ballinamore in Leitrim. An accomplished Gaelic footballer, he played for Leitrim while resident there.

On his return to his home town, he took up employment with Kelly's of Kilcock. He played for the Crom Abu's and won many medals with Maynooth, notably the Leinster Leader Cup and the Intermediate. He later captained the team.

Unfortunately a serious knee injury, although operable nowadays, would prematurely finish his playing career. Following two years incapacitation his injury left him with his distinctive straight leg.

A master baker, he joined Boland's Mill in Dublin, where he worked until his retirement at 70 years of age. Pre-deceased 17 years ago by his wife Martha Tracey, he is survived by his sisters Anne, Breda and Monica, and brothers Adam and Kevin, and his darling girl Mena. He will be missed by his friends and relations alike.

His funeral to Laraghbryan was attended by some of his old team-mates who draped the coffin with the Crom Abu jersey. His prowess at the game is best summed up by the accolade "He was a sweet footballer".

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of the late Ellen O'Brien, Kilcock would like to thank everyone who sympathised with them in so many ways at the time of their bereavement. Their kindness is very much appreciated and will always be remembered. We will be having Mass offered for all your intentions.

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