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MAGAZINE SECTION This Section contains Mrs. Sheila Whittle's dissertation on "Waiting" while daughter Yvonne who has long been promising a contribution writes on a topical subject - Witches! A reader all the way from Drumcondra was the first to respond to our request for a "Down Memory Lane" contribution and should awaken nostalgic thoughts in older readers (perhaps set the young ones thinking too!). "Verrucas" is a follow-up to our September note on foot infections (thank you, Mrs. Walsh). There is a 3-in-1 Competition for the under-14s. Finally, a pen picture of Dr. Noël Murphy, Chairman of the Community Association's Ad Hoc Committee.

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SOCCER NEWS

The football season is now in full swing once again and with three teams in the field at under 12, 13, and 14 the St. Pius X Club is looking forward to a successful season. Already the results have been encouraging with both the under 13 and 14 sides through to the Semi-Finals of the first competition to be run off.

RESULTS TO DATE

Under 12

Drew with Larkview 2-2
Beat Greenfield Pk. 4-2
Lost to Baldoyle 2-5
Beat O.L.O.R. 4-0
Lost to Herberton 1-7

Under 13

Beat Walkinstown 9-0
Beat St. Vincents 9-0
Beat Greenhills 6-0
Drew with Dominic Savio 0-0
Lost to St. Patricks. 2-4

Under 14

Beat Walkinstown 4-2
Beat St. Josephs 12-1
Beat Saggart 3-2
Beat Bl. Ferrini 6-2
Lost to Saggart 1-2

Early next year the club will undertake an ambitious project when the three teams will be taken on a day trip to Manchester to see a First Division English League Match. Further details will be published in the next issue of the Telegraph.

Templeogue Parents' Association invite the parents and guardians of the district to a Dinner at 9 pm Sat. 11th November in The Four Courts Hotel, to mark the Fourth National Council of Parents' Associations Congress. (There is a limited number of tickets at £1.85 each, including the entertainment after the dinner; bookings may be made with the Templeogue Telegraph Tel.909128).

CONGRESS ON SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER FROM 2.30 P.M. TO 6.00 P.M. IN THE HALL AT ST.PIUS X NATIONAL SCHOOLS. Enquiries to any of the officers of the Templeogue Parents' Assoc.

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EXPANSION AND NEW HOUSES

The residents of Cypress and the surrounding areas have been very fortunate in as much as they have been able to live and rear their children in an area which, until recently, was quite rural in character. We had on our very doorsteps trees, rivers and open spaces which must have been the envy of very many other communities. The countryside was, in a manner of speaking, on our very thresholds and added much to the beauty of the area and indeed enhanced the appearance of our dwellings. However, the present new spate of building was bound to catch up on us eventually, as indeed it has. This development is not in itself a bad thing, provided that the existing amenities are preserved or improved and that the standard of housing being built will conform to the standard already established. There are two building schemes at present and one is already started.

The first consists of upwards of a hundred houses by Mr. O'Loughlin. About a dozen are almost completed. There will be a linking road from Cypress Garth which will join on to the existing Templeville Drive and will have a large open space together with pedestrian access to Cypress Park.

The other scheme and the one which is causing some concern, particularly to the residents of Cypress Grove South, is a development of several hundred houses by Messrs. Crampton for the area between Cypress Grove South and Wellington Lane. The residents of Cypress Lawn/Cypress Grove South were unanimous in their opposition to the use of their roads for access to the development and a meeting protesting against this was held under the auspices of the Cypress Grove Residents' Association on the 16th August last. The development is to be undertaken in two phases: Firstly, the houses adjacent to Cypress Grove South and secondly, the development which would border on Wellington Lane. It was suggested to Messrs. Crampton that the second development should be undertaken firstly as this would involve the provision of roads which could be used for access to the initially planned section, thus offering an alternative to access through Cypress Grove South. In a reply from Cramptons on the 30th August they regretted that they could not start on stage 2 of the plan rather than on stage 1 for the reasons that a small part of the site was not yet in their possession and the delay which would be involved in completing the purchase and getting planning permission could well be longer than getting the full permission which they

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hoped to get on stage 1.

There the case rests for the moment but the request of the Association has the effect of delaying a decision on the application for some months. A similar instance may very well arise for the residents of Cypress Grove North if the land adjoining them should become available for building purposes. But that is another day's work!

TEMPLEOGUE LADIES' CLUB

Report by Moira McKeivitt
Hon. Secretary

Our October meeting held in St. Pius X National Schools, Templeogue, was a very interesting and enjoyable one. Mr. Eric Peters helped to put us all on the right road to health. He had such a wonderful way with him, it sounded very easy! Those of us who need rejuvenating should take a leaf out of his book!

FEDERATION CONCERT. Thursday/Friday, Oct. 26th/27th.
Tickets for Concert can be obtained at A.O.H. Hall, 31 Parnell Square, Price 25 pence.

OUTING TO B.I.M. NOVEMBER, 14th.
Please bring 25 pence to next meeting which takes place on Wednesday 1st November.

CHRISTMAS DINNER, WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER.
A reminder to bring along your Dinner money (£2) in an envelope with your name and address to next meeting. Your co-operation will help the members of the Committee greatly.

OLD FOLKS CLUB, CHURCH STREET.
Names of those ladies interested in helping in the above Club should be given to Mrs. Cassidy, Telephone No. 341619.

The President and members of the Committee are very gratified with the results of the 'Circular'. There are, however, a few who did not, as yet, hand in their envelope with 50 pence. Kindly remember to do so. Any member of the Committee will be pleased to accept same.

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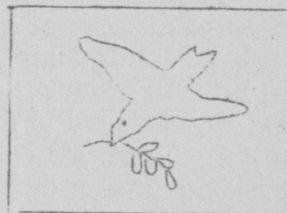
NOVEMBER MEETING, WEDNESDAY 1st.

There will be a very interesting Lecture given by the Old Dublin Society. It was encouraging to see all the members come so early for the October meeting. We can expect the same turn out in November, D.V. Bringing your own cup has helped the Committee to get tidied up more quickly.

We can look forward to lots of activities in the new hall in the near future. Hope to see you all on Wednesday, 1st November.

INTERCESSION FOR PEACE

"That's the first ecumenical service that I've ever attended", remarked the lady beside me as the final hymn ended. I expect her remark was true of the majority of the people who had assembled in the grounds of Terenure College for the inter-denominational 'Intercession for Peace' gathering on Sunday 1st October, 1972. Members from the five parishes of Rathgar, Terenure, Templeogue, Crumlin and Rathfarnham and their clergy were represented.



The ceremony consisted of five scripture readings and prayers read by the clergy of the different churches. Members of the laity read 'intercession prayers' and the whole assembly prayed for peace together, in silence, and using St. Francis' prayer, St. Patrick's prayer and Psalm 84. When the concluding hymn was sung and the Lord's Prayer said, a blessing was given by all the officiating ministers.

We hope that in the future, with God's help, we all have the moral courage to bear witness to Christ in our country and foster peace, each in his own individual sphere.

GRAMOPHONE CIRCLE

Would anyone interested in the formation of a local Gramophone Circle, with the object of holding monthly -or more frequent recitals of symphonic, operatic and instrumental music in members' homes, please contact Mr.J.Walsh, Tel.907085

LEGION OF MARY

Work Obligation

High and respected authorities in the church have said on countless occasions that the Legion of Mary has been given to the People of God by Divine Providence, to meet the special need of the times. If this was true before the Second Vatican Council, it is truer than ever after it. Examine the spirit and the constitution of the Legion of Mary and the documents of the Council, especially those concerned with the Apostolate of the Laity, and the influence of the church in the modern world and you will see that the Legion fits into the practical ideals stated by the Fathers of the Council as the hand into the glove.

The Legion is not an organisation for the doing of any one special type of work, but is primarily for the development of Catholic zeal and spirit, which of course can be applied to the doing of any work desired, or of local need. The work must be substantial and genuinely apostolic. The Legion calls for work according to the capacity of each member. At the bottom of all really fruitful work must be a readiness to give oneself entirely. Without this readiness one's service has no substance. If that readiness exists it will be fruitful of immense things.

Among the many works undertaken in the Parish of St. Pius X, Templeogue are:-

Visitation of Cheeverstown Home. Children under twelve years whose parents for one reason or another cannot care for them are looked after here.

Visitation of sick parishioners in various hospitals.

Entertaining Spanish au pair girls. They enjoy being invited to spend an evening with an Irish family.

Visitation of old, lonely and sick parishioners in their homes.

Recruiting for day retreats.

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New members would be most welcome as many other works could be undertaken if sufficient help was available (enquiries to Moira Doyle, 79 Templeville Road. Tel. 900309).



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ST. PIUS X PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Report by Mrs. M. Ryan
Hon. Secretary

It has been decided by the Committee to dispense with the Annual Collection for heating and cleaning the school. New forms of fund raising are being investigated. It is hoped that some new ideas will come from parents during discussion at the A.G.M., which has been fixed provisionally for 6th November, 1972. We will endeavour to circularise every family with children in the school, but if you are overlooked please consider this notice as an invitation to come along. We are anxious that at least one parent from each family attend this meeting, if possible.

If there is someone in your area, whom you consider suitable as your representative on the Committee and willing to go forward, would you please contact the Secretary at this number - 900301.

Swimming: The present session, Sunday, 6 - 7 p.m. ends on 29th October with a Gala for children participating. New session starts Sunday, November 5th, 6 - 7 p.m. in Terenure College. A small number of vacancies still available; names and fees to reach Mrs. Ryan, 88 Templeville Drive, Phone No. 900301, without delay (not, please, on Gala night, 29th Oct.)

A word of thanks to the Principals and teachers of the school for the valuable class meetings that have taken place this past month.

COLLEGE & WAINSFORT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Committee meetings have resumed after the holiday period. Matters for immediate consideration will be the new Community Council proposals and their general implications for the Association. The general state of Wainsfort Road is still a cause for great concern especially the need for pedestrian crossings, proper lighting and restoration of the surface.

Suggestions from residents are always very welcome, especially on the matter of social activities. Contact the Hon. Secretary, V.P. RYNNE, 30 COLLEGE DRIVE or any Committee member.

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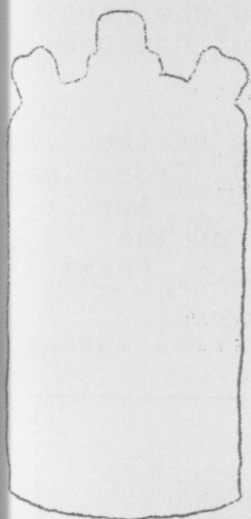
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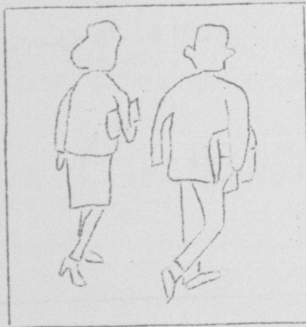
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PIONEER NEWS



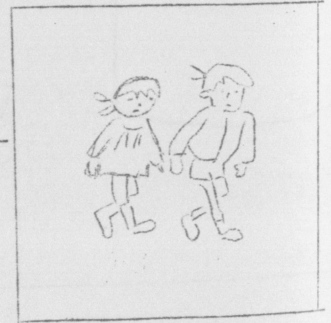
The Pioneer Association (Central Office) has announced a new movement RAY - Renewal and Youth - to promote abstinence among young people. Through RAY, young people from 14 years, while practising abstinence, will receive instruction and information about alcohol, its use, abuse and abstinence, with a view to enabling them to arrive at informed and responsible decisions about drinking. RAY will be an extension of the work of the Pioneer Association, and will cater for young people who wish to abstain from alcoholic drinks until adulthood, but not necessarily for life.

Your local Council will still enrol Juvenile members of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association (up to 14 years), Probationers (14 to 16 years) and Pioneers (16 years and over). Applications should be made in person at St. Pius X Church on the Second Sunday of the month between 10.15 and 11.15 a.m. (Next receptions take place on Sunday 12 November)



TEMPLEOGUE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Templeogue Parents' Association, which was formed five years ago, and was instrumental in 1970 in forming the National Council of Parents' Associations, has this year been honoured by



the National Council in being asked to be hosts in Templeogue to the Annual Congress. Previous Congresses have been held in Galway, Cobh and Newcastlewest. The date for the function is Sunday 12 November and the venue the Hall attached to St. Pius X Schools. Local parents will be very welcome to attend the Congress 2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Representatives from Associations in the provinces are expected to attend. On the previous night (Sat. 11 Nov.) the Congress Dinner will be held in the Four Courts Hotel 9 p.m. to 1.00 a.m., tickets £1.85 per person (enquiries about bookings to any of the officers of the Templeogue Parents' Association or to the Templeogue Telegraph Tel. 909128). Again, local parents who have supported the activities of the Association are cordially invited to attend this Dinner.

HALLOWE'EN CONCERT The Parents' Association Hallowe'en Concert for Children will be held this year on Friday 3 November in Terenure College Hall, commencing at 8.00 p.m. Admission children 2p and parents 5p. Minerals and crisps etc. will be on sale after the concert. Those who wish to perform should send their names, addresses and details of their concert item to 74 Templeville Drive as far as possible in advance. PLEASE NOTE ONLY CHILDREN WHO ARE ACCOMPANIED BY PARENTS WILL BE ADMITTED.

TEMPLEOGUE G.A.A.

After a most successful Under-13 streets' league, played earlier this year, it was decided to form, and affiliate to the Dublin Co. Board, an Under-11 football team. To date the displays of the team have been most encouraging and it is confidently expected that at the conclusion of the present 16-match league, the Templeogue boys will be very near the top. Matches are played on a home-and-away basis and the next home match in Bushy Park will be on October 28th. Joint team managers, Sean Mahon and Bill Kelly, say that the enthusiasm of the players is tremendous and predict that next year an Under-12 team will be competing.

Enquiries regarding the Club can be made from Hon. Secretary 17 Cypress Grove Road - Telephone 909458.

SALE OF WORK (Refugees from N.I.)

We wish to thank all who helped to make the Sale of Work in aid of Refugees from Northern Ireland which we ran in Wainsfort Grove on Friday 28th July last, a success.

We are pleased to say we collected £12.15 and we handed this to Brother Michael at the Augustinian House of Studies, Ballyboden, Dublin 14, where Northern Ireland refugees were accommodated during the Summer months.

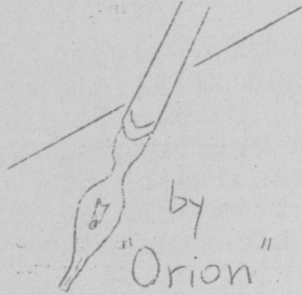
Signed: Mary Fleming,
Catherine Tyrrell,
Eve Baigel.

ST. PIUS X BRIDGE CLUB

A Bridge Club has recently been formed in the Parish and meets each Thursday at 7.30 p.m. in the St. Pius X School Hall. All are welcome.

Proceeds are in aid of the Parish debt.

Pen Picture



Dr. Noël Murphy, 98 Cypress Grove Road,
Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, Temple-
ogue Community Association.

One cannot but admire the tenacity with which Noël Murphy has been urging the advantages of a Community Council in Templeogue. One recalls particularly the heat of his defence of the concept from the Chair when hard questioning at a recent meeting seemed to indicate a good deal of scepticism, if not downright pessimism, about the whole project.

Noël would be the first to acknowledge that the Chair was not exactly the most suitable point from which to "put it across" that Templeogue must coordinate itself and be ready for the coming overhaul of the local government system, and that communications had gone somewhat awry prior to the last meeting.

As if really to scuttle the good ship "Community Council" there was a loose torpedo in Templeogue waters which took the shape of a rumour that Noël was not from the Templeogue area at all! A few facts may help to "defuse" that particular missile.

Noël lives with his parents in Cypress Grove Road. He has academic distinctions almost too numerous to mention. He graduated in Engineering from U.C.D. and has a Masters Degree and a Doctorate from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, where he was a Research Fellow. Currently he is lecturing in the Faculty of Engineering, U.C.D. As well as being a member of a number of American learned societies, Noël is a founder member and treasurer of the Biomedical Engineering Society of Ireland.

Noël is chairman of the Templeogue Branch of Fine Gael. This deserves a little paragraph of its own, because Noël is bound to be asked whether it bothered him that people might misunderstand his motives in taking such an active part in the formation of a community council. His reaction to this proposition resembles the benign indignation which Lord Longford displays when asked why he took it upon himself to set up an inquiry into pornography. The work needed to be done and Noël was one of a group who were prepared to tackle it. He is, however, concerned that in due time the people of Templeogue, particularly the representatives of existing organisations, should give a clear mandate for the community council. Politics are a non-issue.

Setting up a community council for Templeogue seems perhaps one of the trickiest exercises one could undertake in this community so well endowed with organisations. Everyone will wish Dr. Noël Murphy and his Ad Hoc Committee success in their efforts. For Noël perhaps one difficulty has been eliminated - the 750 families taking "Templeogue Telegraph" will know a little bit more about him!

"THE BIG WAIT"

by Sheila Whittle

Life is just one big wait, and I don't mean WEIGHT!

From the moment we are born, we are waiting for something to happen. At the beginning we wait for our mothers to take us up to feed us and change us, but as we grow older the waiting becomes so acute it is just like a disease.

From my own point of view, I seem to be spending a lot of my time just waiting. I get up in the morning, cook the breakfast for the family and then wait for them all to arrive one by one. By the time father comes down twenty minutes after the others, the tea is either cold or boiled and the porridge burnt. When he enquires why this is so, he doesn't have to wait long for an answer from me! One of these days I'll empty the porridge pot over his head, without waiting to think.....

Now sometimes I am full of enthusiasm about something and I long to stand up and really tell someone what I think of him or her - or give my views about things at school meetings. But something within me always says "Wait and see what happens" or "Wait and think about it before you say it". Result...the things I intend saying never get said. We foolish mothers wait outside the schools for our children on wet days, wait until everyone has had baths on Saturday before we take the plunge, wait to make sure everyone's plate is filled before we fill our own, wait until the children have got their school books, new coats, winter shoes etc., etc., before we can even think of getting a few rags for ourselves. We wait to be served in shops, wait for trains and buses (and speaking of buses, if you are unlucky enough to be depending on the 54A bus like me, you will think it is a mirage when it finally comes). We are always waiting for payday and anyone who says otherwise is a liar! I am writing this as I wait for the coal man to come. I have waited two days, but that's a mere nothing in this waiting game. And, of course, I must mention here I am continually paying into the pools and waiting patiently for a prize.

Now, when we visit a doctor, which we all have to do from time to time, the actual time spent with him or her is nothing in comparison with the time spent waiting. I have sat in doctors' waiting-rooms for up to two hours. Why we have to make appointments at all is beyond me. I suppose that's why waiting rooms are sometimes so comfortable and the magazines so enticing.

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But who can relax before seeing a doctor? I for one cannot, I'm always too tensed up. If there's not a deathly silence there, or people whispering, it's the other way around, with juicy descriptions being given by loud mouthed patients about operations, transfusions, accidents and ulcers. The dentists' waiting-rooms are not much better. Even if you are dying with a toothache and lying with your face pressed on his glossy magazines you can be sure of one thing: you'll have to wait. At the hairdresser's what happens? "Please take a seat" sounds nice and friendly, but after that comes the waiting to be shampooed, and waiting to be set.

Once I took the whole family to be x-rayed. We had an appointment, of course, but when we went in the door we heard those lovely well-known words "Wait here, please". We all sat on hard benches - no magazines here, and the walls were a dirty orange colour and the door into the "holy of holies" was beige. The one window was covered with thick wire mesh and on the walls were these notices "Do not smoke", and "Do not spit". Such a depressing waiting-room! We waited and waited and eventually we were called to another room in which we waited at least fifteen more minutes, while we could hear the clatter of cups and smell the delicious aroma of coffee coming through the chink of the door. The doctor only kept us in his office about five minutes and then we all trooped down a musty corridor to wait for the x-ray. We waited for the radiologist to appear (after her morning coffee, I presume) and then we were all told to "strip to our vests". I think this is awful. To have mothers, especially, stripping in front of the children. The x-ray only took a few seconds and then we were told we would have to wait for the results. That waiting was like an eternity. I wonder is there a disease called "waitopoxia"? - because if there is, I have it!

When we are at school we spend a lot of time waiting for the results of exams. That's the beginning of waitopoxia - the nerves start giving out before the results come out. Then we wait to see the effects of the results on our parents. When we finish school we go for interviews for jobs and wait to see will we get one. When we finally do get a job, we have to wait for years before we get decent wages. We wait for the right man to come along, wait for him to pop the question, wait to save enough money for a home, not to mention the wedding reception. After sending out the wedding invitations we wait to see what effect not having asked cousin So-and-so, or Auntie or Uncle So-and-so is going to have, then wait for the explosion which seems to happen before all weddings.

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We then wait and hope for perfect happiness after the big day. After that most of us wait nine long months before baby is born and for years afterwards we are waiting for one debt to be cleared before getting into another but, alas, we are forever in some kind of debt, and forever waiting for something wonderful to happen which never does. As I write these last few lines the whole family is waiting for their tea and for me to wait on them, as usual.

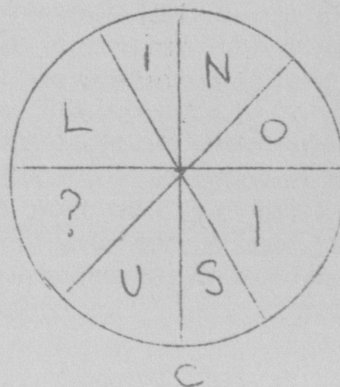
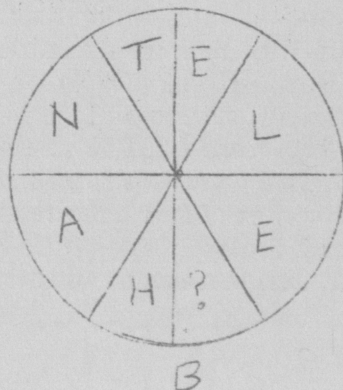
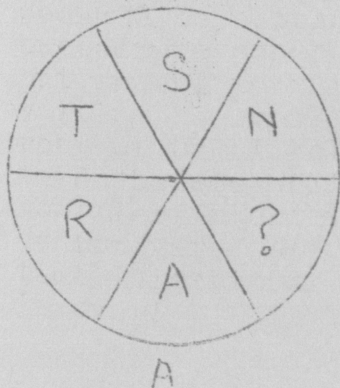
We have been told that the great powers are sitting on their nuclear weapons waiting for one to make the move that will put an end to this poor world of ours. And then will the waiting be over? Ah no! except for the chosen few. The rest of us, I believe, will have quite a bit of waiting to do before we finally see the Face of God. You know the most terrible thing about Hell must be that the waiting goes on forever and ever and ever, and if you are thinking it's time this bit of writing is ended.....cheer up, the waiting is over!

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We invite our Under-14 readers to send in solutions not later than Mon. 6 November to the three problems beneath. Please give name, address and date of birth with your solutions (age limit operates as on closing date). If you do not wish to cut this page of the Telegraph, write the diagrams on a separate sheet. Put your solution in a sealed envelope, and write COMPETITION across the top. A prize of 50p will be sent to the first three correct solutions to be opened. The Telegraph Office is c/o 74 Templeville Drive Terenure Dublin 6

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WITH A QUERY "?" BELOW.



DOWN MEMORY LANE

by Emily Grimley

Having read your very interesting "Templeogue Telegraph", the page "Down Memory Lane" set me thinking of the things of yesteryear. When one reaches the ripe old age of seventy years, there are many memories and the one I have chosen to write about is Christmas in a country house.

When I was a very young girl at the turn of the century I lived in a small town in the midlands and there is an awful lot of difference between then and now. We had not the luxuries of today, but we had a wonderful and happy time. We had a large kitchen, which we all had to help to decorate. The walls were lime washed with a squeeze of the blue-bag put into the lime to give it a better whiteness. The big dresser was scrubbed down, the row of copper jugs getting a special polish. The long lace curtains were starched till they nearly stood up by themselves (a box of starch was one old penny then). We got our holidays from school and went with other children to gather the holly and ivy of which there was an abundance everywhere. We vied with each other to get the branches with the red berries on it: the boys always seemed to get the most. Father put twine across the kitchen and on this we trailed the ivy. We tied the holly with red bows of paper. It was one or two old pennies for a big roll. We put the Crib on a corner of a shelf - we never heard of a Christmas tree! Mother and older sister told us we were getting ready for Little Jesus' birthday and everything must be shining.

We went on Christmas Eve to look at the shops which were lighted with candles and paraffin lamps. One shop, in particular, had a little man and woman nodding at each other and we would gaze spellbound at them for ages. When we came back Mother had the cake in the three-legged baker on the hob, the big coals of turf on the lid giving a great smell. The tall Christmas candle was lighted by the youngest of us and put in the window. Father would be asleep in an armchair and we were told "Someone gave him a drop of that bad old whiskey and we were not to waken him". We wondered how the whiskey could be bad when everything else was so good, but we soon learned!

Our hair was long then as now (I mean the girls, of course) and we had it washed in the soft rainwater from a barrell outside with a pinch of breadsoda put in it to give it a shine. The big parcel from the grocer came with sweets for us. These he put in white bags made by twisting the paper round his fingers. There were cloves and caraway seeds

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and fruit and lots of good things. It was a great parcel we thought. The best parlour lamp was lighted and a big turf fire put on and the copper jugs on the dresser had a fine sparkle. We were told we would get a toy in the morning if we were good. The cake was taken up but there was no icing on it, only a sprig of holly on the top. The Rosary said, we finally went to bed.

On Christmas morn the Mass was early as the fast for the older ones and our parents was from midnight. We girls got a doll, the boys a cart with the wheels made from the empty spools of thread (mother was a tailoress so we had loads of them). The boys gave our dolls a ride around the house in the carts and so we amused ourselves. As soon as the goose or turkey had been cooked and the dinner was over we went to the Church to see the Crib. It was so lovely with the big candles and lamps and there we would sit and just look at the Holy Family, exactly like a corner of Heaven, we thought. We came home to a lovely tea, the best cloth on the table and the best china out, the big plum pudding taken out of the cloth, the cake cut up and it was all so beautiful and peaceful. We were told to say grace and thank God we had so much. The postman was eagerly waited for. He had an American letter from an exile and anyone of my age reading this will know why it was so welcome. He got a piece of the cake and a glass of whiskey and we wondered why it did not put him asleep as it did our father on the day before. Even to this day when I see the beautiful cakes made by my daughters I think of it as "Little Jesus' Birthday Cake".

We had so little in those far-off days and yet we had a simplicity and a happiness that is hard to find nowadays.

VERRUCAE (Plantar Warts)

We are indebted to Mrs. D. Walsh of 12 Templeville Park for the following note on "Verrucae":

A slow but painless method of treatment is talcum powder with 3% paraformaldehyde (to be made up by the chemist at your request) dusted into the socks or stockings. These should be changed every day. The effect can be accelerated by wearing a nightsock with some of the powder in it. The warts usually disappear after about six weeks.

(Mrs. Walsh has tried this and says it works. She found the remedy in "Ailments and Remedies" published by "Which?")

THE WITCHES OF SALEM.

by Yvonne Whittle



Hallowe'en is in the air again and, once more it will be "the very witching time of night, when churchyards yawn and Hell itself breathes out contagion to the world". Witches will ride their broomsticks and children will dress in grotesque masks and for a few brief hours delight themselves in the figments of their imaginations. To the majority of people Hallowe'en is strictly "an affair for the kids". 20th century man is too sophisticated, wordly, sensible and scientifically minded to even contemplate a deeper and more sinister meaning. Yet man was not always so rational in his approach

towards "the forces of evil", as we shall see in the following story of one of the most sordid and hideous witch-hunts in history.

Witch-craft is as old as man yet it was not regarded as a dangerous practice until mediaeval times when the Church took up the cudgels against it. Witch-hunting then became a full-time occupation and, with the help of the book "The Hammer of Witchcraft", Christian witch-hunters between the 14th and 18th centuries weeded out, tortured and executed no fewer than 200,000 supposed witches. The Puritan settlers who colonised northern New England brought with them the superstitious beliefs of the mediaeval Church. Isolated from the moderating influences of European society, these pious Puritans quickly changed into religious fanatics.

It was generally believed that one could bargain with the devil to provoke either good or evil. In 1692, the tidy, smug little village of Salem, Massachusetts, was no exception to the rule. The story of the Salem witch-hunt centres principally around the twelve-year-old Abigail Williams and her nine-year-old cousin, Betty Parris. The two girls, starved of the natural affections which their devout Puritan guardians repressed, sought companionship with an enchanting coloured slave, the property of the Rev. Parris, Betty's father. The motherly slave, whose name was Tituba, was fond of the two children and amused them with tricks, spells and tales of voodoo, remembered from her childhood days in Barbados. Soon other little girls fell under the spell of

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the fascinating Tituba and it became increasingly difficult to keep the forbidden meetings a secret. The alluring glimpses of sinister voodoo practices that the ignorant coloured woman conjured up for the entertainment of the little girls began to frighten them. When one of them became hysterical the whole pathetic situation came to the ears of Rev. Parris. He dragged the unfortunate Tituba to an outhouse, stripped her, tied her up and beat her until, driven almost insane with pain, she finally admitted having practiced witchcraft in its most malignant form.

The girls, initially upset by the incident, soon became the centre of attraction. Revelling in their new and terrible power, they began to stage false performances of Satanic affliction. Panic swept through the countryside. The devil was in Salem!....and where there was one witch there must be more! There was no scarcity of victims. Sarah Good and Sarah Osburne, two local outcasts, were quickly rounded up and accused of covenanting with the devil. A special court was appointed and the preliminary hearings began. Sarah Good and Sarah Osburne denied practicing witchcraft and their denials were interrupted by the screams and wails of Abigail Williams and her friends. Tituba confessed to being guilty and for some inexplicable reason told her inquisitors that the devil had actually shown her a book in which the names of nine other witches were listed. The hunt began for the nine. Those unlucky enough to be on the wrong side of Abigail Williams found themselves accused. The unfortunate women, consumed by fear, sought in turn to save themselves by implicating others who were tortured until they admitted and confessed to having attended black masses, ridden on broomsticks and indulged in sexual relations with the devil. The wave of lunacy continued and soon the gaols were filled to capacity with supposed witches awaiting trial. In June 1692 the trials started. Nineteen of the accused were convicted and sentenced to death.

The executions dragged on throughout the summer but the sweet taste of success began to turn sour in the mouths of Abigail Williams and her companions when, swelled by their own power, they began to point the finger of accusation at members of the community renowned for their piety and respectability. The situation was clearly out of hand and it was time to call a halt! On the 12th October, 1692 a special court released all the prisoners. Strangely enough Tituba was not executed, but was released and bought by a new master.

The Salem witch-hunt, though strong in its repercussions,

did not annihilate witch-hunting nor for that matter did it destroy witchcraft. Witch-hunts continued until the end of the 18th century and as we all know witchcraft is as strong now as it ever was.

Source: "The History Makers"

PURPLE PASSAGE QUIZ

Below we give our October "Purple Passage". One of our readers submitted this as a piece of writing which made a deep impression on him. Who can identify the author? Solutions, please, on a post-card to Templeogue Telegraph, c/o 74 Templeville Drive. Name of the person to submit the first correct answer will be published.

If you would like us to quote your choice, do write and let readers share your literary high-light (and of course all can have a shot at identifying the writer).

Limit - approximately 400 words, please.

"Hardly had St. Patrick brought the Faith to Ireland when this people grasped its missionary vocation. From the seventh to the twelfth century, religious and monastic Ireland sent to the Continent of Europe its ceaseless swarms of travelling laymen and clerics, monks and bishops.

It is an amazing and a picturesque story, that of these heralds of the Faith, going out from this island of legend lashed by great winds and ocean spray. They crossed the "wild-headed sea", as one of their own chroniclers calls it, to speed on missionary adventure. They hastened to announce to others the good news they had just learned. Their example was contagious. From those young churches that sprang up at the heels of St. Patrick, the Celtic monks set out in incredible numbers. The chronicles tell the exploits of crews putting out to sea without oars, the better to go where the Will of God ordained. Coming from all parts, working in scattered groups, without concerted plan, these "peregrini" as they were called, criss-crossed Gaul, Germany, Italy, in all directions.

Columban incarnates them all.

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Possessed by that mystical longing for self-sacrifice and adventure which harassed the men of his race, he set sail with twelve companions and landed on the coast of Gaul. A kind of prophet of Israel come to life in the sixth century, as peremtory in his speech as an Isaias or a Jeremias, one on whose face (his biographer declares); "the force of God shone visibly". Such is the picture that a historian draws of him. At his call monasteries spring from the earth; Annegray, Luxeuil, Bobbio.....The abbeys born under his influence are estimated at two hundred.

Other Irish missionaries pursued a long and hard pilgrimage, alone or in small groups, carrying from shrine to shrine their suffering and their prayers.

When leaving their native land to go and evangelise other countries they vowed to God a "peregrinatio". They bound themselves to leave their land without hope of return; they went at random, led by God, urged by the desire of "peregrinatio propter nomen Domini" - a voluntary exile "for the name of the Lord". One ideal influenced them; to spread the Faith received from St. Patrick.

This spiritual invasion left a deep mark on our continental Christianity. Daniel-Rops writes: "In the dark ages of the West, Ireland became as it were, a new Palestine, a new cradle of the Faith." And this epic he terms "the Irish miracle".

Clue and Diary Note: A clue to the authorship of the above passage lies in the last paragraph. Also the author is especially associated with an Irish person whose biography he has written. The feast of St.Colambanus is on 23 November.

BLOOD BANK

Clinic being held at St.Mary's Rugby Football Club Hall, College Drive on Monday Oct.30th from 7.30 p.m.

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