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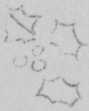

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## COMMUNICATION

From the earliest times man has been occupied with the problem of communication. The objective has been two-fold - on the one hand to improve the efficiency of the methods, on the other to reach the widest possible target.

In the beginning there were pictures - animals, for instance, drawn on cave walls or weapons depicted on ancient tombs. A great advantage with these signs was that they were easily understood. As people moved and formed new colonies, language differences raised barriers. This was especially the case in efforts to put across abstract philosophical ideas. Many ingenious solutions were developed. One of these was "rebus writing" - if for example one wished to write in English "belief" one made a sign representing a "bee" and another representing "leaf". The earliest alphabets developed from symbols, but only the consonants were written. The Romans perfected the alphabet which we use to-day, and even managed with typical efficiency at one stage to pare it down to 20 letters.

Our extensive use of signs even to-day (how many of those which you see daily on the roads can you remember?) illustrates the attraction of a written medium which will have an immediate impact on the widest possible range of people. The same quest has resulted in the development of the so-called international languages - Esperanto, Interlingua, Ido, Volapuk, Ro, Suma, to mention a few. Most people will scarcely have heard of them, much less know how to speak them.

The "Templeogue Telegraph" celebrates this month the first anniversary of its "resurrection". It has endeavoured to serve the cause of communication in our little part of South County Dublin. Nobody appointed it to this task, but having taken it on it has endeavoured to serve the best interests of the community. Circulation has more than doubled in the last year, and with new housing developments there is every hope that the 1973 target of 1,000 will be reached. But what has been its impact with those who buy it month after month? A former editor, Mr. Joe Fortune, put it bluntly in the issue of 30th May, 1971: "People were buying it all right, but it was not people's money we wanted. It was their interest, their participation....."

The "Telegraph" is primarily a medium for the communication of facts concerning what is happening in the area. No rate of circulation can beat that of rumour. Information must permeate the whole community like fresh air in a crowded hall. Secrecy separates people, common knowledge of a common purpose unites them. So to all you would-be contributors, club secretaries, poets and other scribes we would say: remember the words of Edward Fitzgerald - "...a few lines soon are better than a three-decker a month hence".

Cypress Boys' Club Function.

There is no doubt that one of the most enjoyable functions on the Social Calendar in the Cypress area is the Dinner Dance held on behalf of the Cypress Grove Boys' Club. This was proven once again, not indeed that any proof was really needed, on Friday, November 17th last when over two hundred people sat down to a sumptuous dinner followed by a very enjoyable dance held once again at the Downshire in Blessington. Everybody proceeded to have a whale of a time and the festivities continued unabated until after 2 a.m. by which time all of the many spot prizes had been disposed of and the raffle had taken place. The latter is always an outstanding feature of the night. After the dinner came the speeches. Mr. Tony Duffy, M.C. introduced the Chairman of the Boys' Club Committee, Mr. Christy Sharpe, who outlined the work being done by the Club and gave us an insight into its future developments. In this connection he mentioned the discussions which were taking place with Messrs. Crampton regarding new Club premises but these have not been finalised. He also congratulated the youth leaders on the work they were doing with the boys, with a special word of praise for Mr. Terry Knox whose team had reached the final of the shield for the under-fifteens Soccer.

Fathers Byrne and Lewis were present representing the White Fathers and the former in his speech thanked all those who had supported the occasion and promised every support from the White Fathers for the Club. He emphasised that while there had been misunderstandings in the past these had been overcome and their interest was in the youth of the area who were being catered for by the Club which was a very valuable amenity for the local boys and he congratulated the Committee of the Club on the work they were doing. Present also was Father G.F. Diffney, C.C. from Templeogue Parish who always honours the occasion most graciously.

The Ladies of the Altar Society of the White Fathers are holding a raffle for a home-made iced Christmas Cake and a Bottle of Whiskey on Sunday, 12th December. The cake is at present on display in the window of Griffin's Chemists, Cypress Park, where tickets are on sale at 5p each. The raffle is being held in conjunction with a cake sale on the same date in the White Fathers' House and support for this worthy cause is earnestly requested.

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## SOCCKER NEWS

Since the October issue of the Telegraph considerable progress has been made in the three grades in which the St. Pius X teams compete. Latest results are as follows:

### Under 12

Beat Greenhills 5-1  
Beat OLOR 8-0  
Lost to Villa Utd. 2-3  
Beat St. Kevin's 7-0  
Lost to St. Josephs 0-1  
Beat St. Martin's 5-0

### Under 13

Beat St. Michan's 5-1  
Drew Greenhills 2-2-  
Beat Walkinstown 10-0  
Beat Greenhills 8-2  
Lost to St. Pat's 2-7  
Beat Dominic Savio 10-1  
Beat St. Michan's 6-1

### Under 14

Beat St. Vincent's 2-0  
Beat Saggart 4-0  
Beat St. Agatha's 2-0  
Beat Donnybrook 5-2  
Beat Cyprus Grove 10-0  
Beat St. Luke's WO

The records of the three teams up to the 3rd December are

	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>
Under 12	11	6	4	1	40	21
Under 13	12	8	2	2	69	18
Under 14	11	10	1	-	49	11

On Sunday 10th December the Under 14 side played Bru Crumlin in the Shield Final the result in our favour being 4-1 giving the Club its first trophy of the season.

Arrangements have now been completed for the Club's trip to Manchester on the 19/20th January, 1973. A party of 51 (43 boys and 8 adults) will travel by boat to Liverpool on the evening of Friday, 19th January and thence by coach to Manchester where tours of both Manchester United's ground at Old Trafford and Manchester City's ground at Maine Road have been arranged. After lunch the party will attend the Manchester United V West Ham match for which stand tickets have been obtained. Having had an evening meal the group will then return by coach to Liverpool for the return journey to Dublin.

## LEGION OF MARY

The Senior and Junior Praesidia held a social 'get together' in the Committee Room on November 10th 1972. There was a large attendance from both branches. We were glad to welcome Muriel, who is recovering from an operation, and thank her for coming.

Whilst enjoying some 'home cooking', we appreciated Fr. Diffney's visit and thank him for enlivening the proceedings with his musical entertainment. We already know the amount of work our Junior Praesidium undertake in the Parish - what we didn't realise fully was their gaiety, exuberance and talent. With Ann and Jim on guitar, we enjoyed a varied ballad session where once again our junior members excelled. Our thanks, of course, to Fr. Buckley who, as usual, kept the ball rolling in his own inimitable way.

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## REMEMBERING A GREAT BISHOP

BISHOP REMBERT KOWALSKI, the exiled Bishop of Wuchang, China, passed to his heavenly reward on November 27th, 1970, at St. Michael Mission in Arizona on the Navajo Indian Reservation where he had retired.

Bishop Kowalski was a very unworldly, ascetical man. He introduced the Legion of Mary in China, a fact which alone should win him a place in Church annals. The Communists later used this fact to condemn him to prison, calling the Legion of Mary a "counter-revolutionary, reactionary agency."

When the Bishop was finally released he could not rest content until he had met Frank Duff, the co-founder of the Legion of Mary. This happened in Dublin, Ireland, on his way to attend Vatican II. At that time also, the Bishop made a personal pilgrimage to the grave of Edel Quinn, the Legion of Mary envoy who is buried in Nairobi, Africa, and whose cause for canonisation is now being promoted.

Born in Claumet, Mich. in 1884, young Rembert Kowalski joined the Franciscans at Cincinnati, O. The sun had not yet set on the day of his ordination in June 1911 when a telegram arrived bringing the sad news that his father had been killed in a mine disaster the previous day. The young priest's First Mass was a Mass of Requiem.

Fr. Rembert was assigned to the missions in New Mexico where

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he laboured for 15 years. These were the days before the automobile when travel by horseback between the missions was the rule. In 1925, Fr. Rembert volunteered for China. He was not to return until September of 1953 when the Communists released him from prison.

During his stay in China the Bishop had also spent 30 months in a Japanese concentration camp during the Second World War. After he was released, he was captured again, this time by the Chinese Communists, and spent 28 months in solitary confinement. (Excerpt from article by Fr. Cormac Antram, O.F.M. in THE WANDERER.)

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COMMUNITY - ADULT - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

At a special seminar in Our Lady's School, Templeogue, on Sunday, November, 19th at 3.30 p.m. a draft paper on Community Adult Religious Education was submitted for discussion.

The working group formed at the inaugural meeting some weeks ago presented this paper, and it formed the background for the agenda of this special seminar.

It was decided that an explanatory letter, followed by a questionnaire, be sent to each household in the parish to ascertain their views on the proposed objectives.

It is envisaged that an action plan will emerge at the next meeting in early February, 1973.

Fr. Liam Carey who initiated the project, returned from Manchester to attend the seminar.

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EVENING OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

A most heartening indication of the deeply felt wish for peace in our land was the huge turn-out at the evening of prayer for peace held on Thursday, 7th December, in St. Pius X Church. The proceedings opened with Mass, followed by the Rosary and Holy Hour and concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The entire vigil lasted approximately two hours. The organisers deserve the thanks of the community for the thought and effort which went into bringing the occasion to the notice of the entire district.



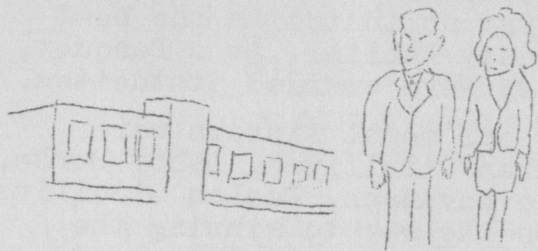
TEMPLEVILLE & FORTFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual Dinner Dance will be held in the South County Hotel on Friday, 16th February, 1973.

The present swimming session is going "full splash" in Terenure College Pool on Saturday afternoons.

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ST. PIUS X PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



The first meeting of the new committee was held on Tuesday, 5th December. A full discussion took place on objectives for the new year. Appointment of new officers was postponed until the next meeting on Tuesday, 9th January, 1973. We would be glad if all new committee members would attend this important meeting.

Members of new Committee.

Mrs. Nolan	College	Mrs. Farrell	Cypress Rd.
Mrs. Rymne	"	Mr. Cullen	Wainsfort
Mrs. O'Sullivan	Lavarna	Mrs. Walsh	"
Mr. Reynolds	Parkmore	Mr. Duggan	"
Mrs. Tonge	Templeogue	Mrs. Dunne	Templeville
Mr. Little	Cypress Grove	Mrs. O'Neill	"
Mr. White	" "	Mrs. McCauley	Fortfield
Mr. Lucas	Cypress Rd.	Mrs. Barlow	"
	Mrs. McGovern	Fortfield.	

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ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY.

A meeting, chaired by Dr. Mulvey, was held in St. Pius X School Hall on Friday, 24th November with a view to forming a local branch of the St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society. There was a good attendance at the meeting and it was decided that it would be desirable to have a branch in Templeogue Parish. Father Kingston very kindly agreed to act as spiritual director. Martin Barron, 99 Templeville Road was elected President of the branch; Philip Jones, 58 Springfield Avenue as treasurer and Mrs. Moira O'Brien, 48 Fortfield Park as Secretary. Ten people volunteered to act as promoters and other offers would be gratefully received. The next meeting of the Society will be held in St. Pius X School Hall on

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Friday 12th January, 1973 at 8.30 p.m. All are welcome.  
Further information may be had from the Secretary - Telephone  
900789

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TEMPLEOGUE ATHLETIC CLUB (B.L.O.E.)

Having completed our first year of Track and Field Events, our athletes have had a very successful season. This was highlighted by Carmel Higgins being nominated as the best young athlete of the year for County Dublin. At a Banquet, the star athletes from each county were awarded Statuettes.

In the All Ireland Championships our medal winners were Carmel Higgins, Rita Elliott, Karen O'Sullivan, Libby Burke, Denise Cowman, Pat Murray, Eugene Kavanagh, Declan O'Sullivan, Des Higgins and Paul O'Byrne. On the way to winning the Gold Medals a number of records were broken in the events by the girls and boys.

During the Dublin Championships our athletes won 25 medals and in the Inter Club Summer League, in which 18 clubs competed we were placed fourth.

We wish to congratulate all members on their performances during the year and even though many did not win medals, they gained valuable points in the Inter Club League and helped the Club to finish in a high position.

Our thanks to Templeogue College for facilities given to us during the year.

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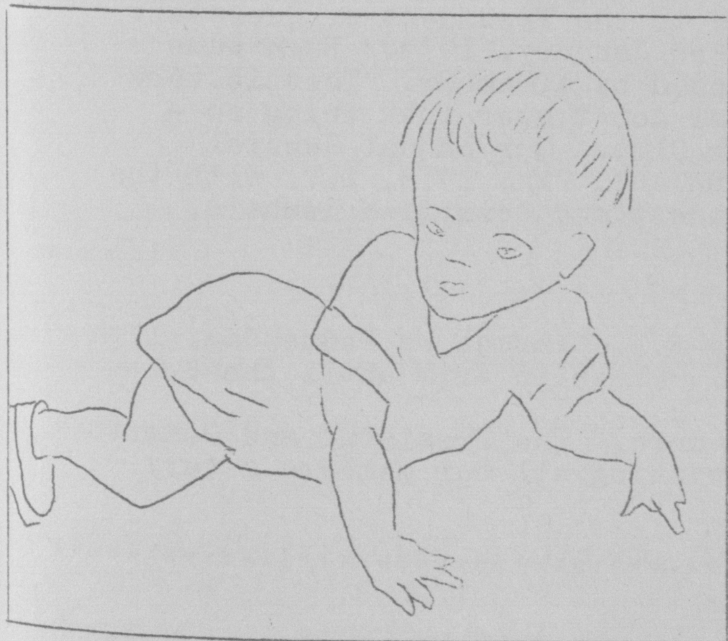
As it is rapidly approaching Christmas I should like to take this opportunity to appeal to all readers (adults and children alike) to consider the plight of the local itinerant families and to donate any old toys, books, comics, clothes etc. to make their Christmas more pleasant. We hope to distribute "Christmas Parcels" to all these families in the area on Christmas Eve or before.

(Mrs.) Lesley Stephens,  
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TEMPLEOGUE LADIES CLUB

Report by Moira McKevitt,  
Hon. Secretary.

Well, well, December 6th has come and gone and our Annual Christmas Dinner is over for another year. Yet, we have something to remember - everyone seemed to have enjoyed it thoroughly.

The food fare was excellent and the service good. Bella and her group added pleasure to the evening with nice music - it was a pity floor space was so limited for dancing. A big thank-you to the ladies who sang for us. The colourful frocks were well blended and the hair-do's great! The President, I'm sure is delighted with her Club.

JANUARY MEETING: 3rd January, 1973 at ASSEMBLY HALL,  
ST. PIUS X SCHOOL

We are pleased to announce that the Old Dublin Society are giving a Talk at this meeting - our first for 1973. It will be very interesting indeed, so please turn up in good numbers and don't forget your Cup.

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENCY FOR YEAR 1973/1974.

Nominations must be handed to the President or Secretary, IN WRITING, ON or BEFORE 3rd January, 1973. Each name must be proposed and seconded by a Member. This is very important, so ladies please don't over-look doing so - it is for the good of your Club. Our Annual General Meeting takes place on FEBRUARY, 7th, 1973, D.V. with the election of your new President and Committee members.

P.E.

Miss Jenkinson will resume P.E. Classes on Wednesday, 17th January, 1973 at 7.30 p.m. - keep in trim until then!

Christmas is upon us once more. The President and Committee take this opportunity of wishing all our members a very Holy and happy Christmas.

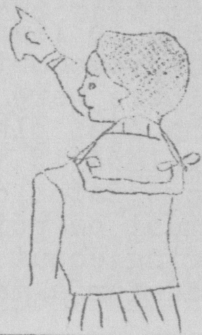
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TEMPLEOGUE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

As usual the Association have made a block booking of 100 front parterre seats at the Maureen Potter pantomime, Gaisty Theatre, matinee performance, Saturday, 27th January. Tickets price 60p. FRIDAY, 5TH JANUARY, 1973 IS THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR BOOKINGS WHICH MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY REMITTANCES to Mrs. Moira McKevitt, 4 Wainsfort Grove (Hon. Sec.)

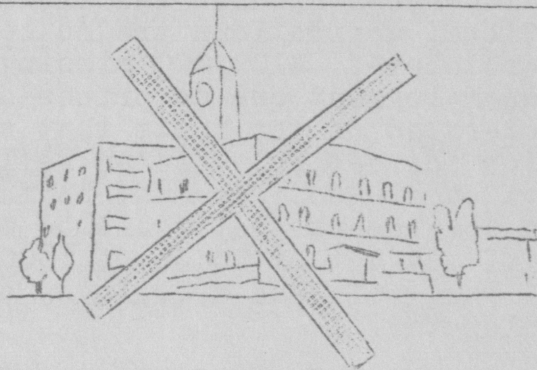
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The following report on their A.G.M. has been submitted by The Terenure Branch, Fine Gael:

At the Annual General Meeting of the Terenure Branch Fine Gael the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Chairman Barry J. Hardy (outgoing)

Vice-Chairman Sean Kelly (outgoing)

Secretary John O'Toole

Joint Treasurers Michael Feeney, Mrs. Barry O'Connor.

Delegates to Executive: Barry J. Hardy, Sean Kelly, John O'Toole, Michael Feeney and Gus O'Donovan.

The Chairman pointed out that all members of Fine Gael will have to get down to hard work to get the change of Government that is needed to make Ireland a better place to live in. Mr. Hardy also called for an increase and improvement in our Garda force and more efficient Courts for there were too many loop holes in the legal system, and the best plans in the world are of no use to the people of Ireland if they do not have justice, law and order. In the next Rates demands we would have staggering increases and it must be pointed out that only a Fine Gael Government can bring about a change in the system. Mr. Hardy also called for a membership drive.

John Esmonde S.C. said verbal excuses and explanations for failure to reach national aspirations are no longer to be explained away as heretofore. £100,000 missing from public funds, with rising unemployment and no prices-and-income policy, cannot be tolerated on the basis that single-party government is good for the nation. Fianna Fail propaganda would have us believe otherwise. We must be the only country in Europe that has a Government that would be more in keeping with the principles of the Act of Union of 1800 than those applicable to 1972. The graft and privileges of Taca for the few cannot be tolerated.

NOTE: Readers who may wish to attend the Branch Meetings are invited to apply to Mr. Barry Hardy at 12 Greenlea Park, Dublin 6.

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Many will have read a recent newspaper announcement about the serious illness of Mr. P.J. Burke, T.D. Mr. Burke took a very keen, one might almost say fatherly, interest in the new estates which sprang up in Templeogue in the last decade or so. Good wishes for his recovery have been voiced on all sides. His former local Cumann, the Thomas Loftus, has learned that Mr. Burk's condition is improving.

## A PARENT'S COMMENT ON THE NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The first inkling I had that primary school for our children was to be any different from what we parents had gone through ourselves, was when the coming changes were mentioned by the principal of our local school. It all sounded so new and exciting, we went away wildly enthusiastic. Funnily enough, when I got home and began explaining it to my husband, most of the ideas had evaporated. Only a few phrases, like "child-centred", "learning situations" and "group teaching" remained. This is perhaps a tribute to the principal's eloquence, if not to his powers of communication. At the time, to judge by the lack of questions, no one had any difficulty at all in following the ideas!

It seemed that my husband knew a great deal more than I did about what was happening, and he made it clear he did not agree with a large part of it. He ran a small business and he worked very hard. He was soon on to his favourite topic: the young people who came looking for jobs. They couldn't spell, they couldn't add, and worse still they did not stay long enough to learn either! Frank blamed it all on the schools - they neglected the basics and filled the young people's heads up with big ideas. "All right for the big outfits," Frank said. "They can afford computers and carry all the creative stuff, but what I want is people who are prepared to knuckle down until they know the job. Time enough then to start taking over the factory..." There was no point in talking further to Frank about anything that wasn't "Frank-centred"!

A few months later I was passing though the Arcade in Henry St. when a large orange-covered book in the Government Publications office caught my eye. It was the Primary School Curriculum, priced at £2. I bought a copy and that night settled down to unravel the mysteries of the primary education system. I must at once confess that Chapter I, which aimed to explain the aims, functions, structure and organisation of the system, was heavy going. There was actually nothing I could disagree with, but I found myself having to read several of the passages many times before I could get any kind of notion what they meant. For example, I learnt that "...the child's education should be an organic development and should not involve a significant change of method and matter for him in passing from one stage to the next, from one class to the next or from the primary to the post-primary school". Perhaps in a way it is unfair to pick out passages from a handbook which was obviously aimed at a readership already familiar with the various ideas described. There seemed to me, however, to be a need for an explanatory note for us poor parents!

Next I tried quizzing the children about what actually happened in class. The younger one was in Babies' and from the description most of the day was spent in pottering about and talking with teacher. The elder child is unfortunately a non-communicator but over several days I was able to build up a picture of the day's activities. At certain periods of the day the time-table seemed to be flexible as between subjects, with some movement around the classroom. A lot of attractive materials were used. Basically, however, the children still had their "places", talking was not encouraged and discipline in the way of marching in lines was a feature. I found it hard to make up my mind whether "modern" methods had in fact been introduced.

I was turning over in my mind the idea of having a chat with one of the class-teachers (not very easy as the principal insists that parents should come to the office before they can interview class-teachers) when suddenly I remembered Rosemary. This was a classmate of mine who had gone on for teaching and whom I met occasionally at a "girls' get-together". She was one of the rarer types - bursting with energy and absolutely dedicated. I recalled that history and geography were her strong points, and it now turned out that she was specialising in these subjects. Only now, she told me over the phone, laughing heartily at my perplexities, they call them Social and Environmental Studies. She reminded me how when we were going to school we tortured our brains trying to remember every king, battle and act of parliament from the time of the Firbolgs, yet when we left home we didn't know who built the local mansion house, when and why the oakwoods around it were planted, and why the gamekeeper was worried when he saw the first grey squirrels appearing in them. As Rosemary explained it, the children are now encouraged to tackle the local scene first, using local libraries and the available textbooks to get information, not neglecting of course to question parents and grandparents. By the time the kids moved on to post-primary school, they are quite used to the idea of using books and asking questions. Rosemary said she made a point of telling the parents at class-meetings what was happening, so that they wouldn't put the kids off. "That, in a nutshell, is what the new curriculum is all about," said Rosemary. "I'll drop over to you some evening and I'll show you some of the projects my girls have done".

I'm looking forward to Rosemary's visit, although I hope she won't lay it on for Frank. Poor Frank! I must warn him to take it easy. He's just taken on a new typist and she can't spell a word.....





SAINT OF THE MONTH (St. Nicholas, 6th December) is prettily and typically illustrated above by Marian Mollaghan, a young reader from 73 Templeville Drive.

St. Nicholas is, of course, more widely known to his friends as Santa Claus, a derivation developed in the U.S. of the Dutch "Sint Klaas".

St. Nicholas was bishop of Myra in Asia Minor during the 4th century. His association with Christmas appears to be founded on his extraordinary innocence even in earliest childhood and his later concern as a bishop with the relief of distress. His first care is said to have been to lead young people to sincere holiness and an earnestness in all duties. His message was that preaching loses its force when contradicted by example as when young people see their elders seeking only their own pleasure in flat contradiction of the gospel message.

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ST. NICHOLAS /Continuation

St. Nicholas appears over the ages to have fallen into all sorts of evil company and is - would you believe it?- the patron saint of highwaymen. This explains the reference in Shakespeare's Henry IV (Part 1, Act II, Sc. I) to the "St. Nicholas' clerks". To-day's commercial "highwaymen" exploit the "selling power" of St. Nicholas to the full, to the neglect very often of the original idea that the Christmas gifts were intended for the poor, rather than to indulge ourselves.

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37th DUBLIN C.B.S.I. - UNIT NEWS



The A.G.M. was held in the Committee Room of St. Pius X Church on Wednesday, 29th November, 1972. Fr. Kingston kindly deputised for Fr. Carey. Mr. Morris, Unit Leader, stressed the urgent need for a Scout Hall in the area. Fund raising activities for this purpose were discussed.

The committee for the coming year is:-

Chairman                      Mr. Eddie Guilmartin  
Treasurer                     Mr. Eddie McGennis  
Secretary                     Mrs. Imelda Loughman

Mr. Marty Morris, Mr. Eddie Graham, Mr. Tim Larkin, Mr. Jack O'Donoghue, Mr. Fergus Ryan, Mrs. Peig Guilmartin, Mrs. Peggy Kiernan, Mrs. Anna Murphy and Mrs. Evelyn O'Gallagher.

We wish to thank all those who gave items for our recent Jumble Sale.

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4. Go on, spoil yourself! Try a pipe-full of silage. Better than any ruddy tobacco.....
5. Babysoft Toilet Tissue -- stays stuck when others give up.
6. When your husband comes home tired after a hard day's work - warm him up with a Wilkinson's Sword - it makes all the difference.
7. Next time you are washing your hair try Vim, with the Clorex Bleach. Your friends won't recognise you.
8. If you are sitting on a big one - The Irish Permanent - it's time you did something about it! You need a Twilfit Corselette.
9. Use Drummond's Fly Killer on all your husband's pants. He will love you for it.
10. Me Mammy's Matterson's Peas in the disposable bags. They should be disposed of on sight.
11. Imagine the taste of ripe strawberries and country cream - that's all you can do when you buy Bird's Angel Delight.
12. If you have a sagging figure, use Odlum's Self Raising Flour. It lifts, separates and has separated many couples. How thrilling.
13. New Blue Daz, systematically removes all your clothes in one go - just in the soaking. Alarming - buy some tomorrow.
14. Be slim, trim and brimful of energy. Drink a pint of Castrol every day.
15. Give your family the holiday they deserve - in a Barna Henhouse.

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## TELECONFUSION

"DANA" rode "BLACK BEAUTY" down "CORONATION STREET" and on to the "CROSSROADS". Her "MISSION IMPOSSIBLE" was to "ENCOUNTER" "THE LIKES OF MIKE", so she called on "THE RIORDANS" who were "AG DEANAMH CEOIL" with "JOSIE & THE PUSSY CATS". "MY GOOD WOMAN", said Tom, there is a "NATION WIDE" "SPY FORCE" trying to find that "U.F.O." So she became an "ARMCHAIR TRAVELLER" and the "OUTLOOK" was bad. For "7 DAYS" herself and "THE PATHFINDERS" guided by "HALL'S PICTORIAL WEEKLY" travelled in "TOMORROWS WORLD". "THE VIRGINIAN", who had just returned from "A VOYAGE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA" told her that "A MAN CALLED IRONSIDE" might show her a "LANDMARK" at "MIDWEEK". There was a lot of "GUNSMOKE" when she reached a "DRIVE IN" run by "ROBIN HOOD", where "TOM AND JERRY" were taking a "GOLDEN SHOT" with a "CANNON" at "YOGI BEAR". "BLESS THIS HOUSE" was written above the door and "TOP OF THE POPS" was playing. She got no "NEWS" there so she went over to "MARCUS WELBY". In the waiting room were "NANNY AND THE PROFESSOR" and "MOTHER MAKES THREE". "MY WIFE NEXT DOOR" who thinks she is "THE QUEEN OF HEARTS" will do a "QUIZ AROUND THE CLOCK" said the doctor. But the "ODD COUPLE" never found each other. On the "LATE LATE SHOW" that night she saw "ANNA AND THE KING" were appearing in "WAR AND PEACE". "WEEKEND SPORT" was cancelled and "ELEPHANT BOY" had disrupted "MATCH OF THE DAY".

It would take "MASTERMIND" to figure out this story, so I will "SPIN OFF" and clear my mind "AMUIGH FAOIN SPEIR"!

Sheila Whittle

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COMPETITION RESULTS.

The words which every Astronaut should know: Earth, Venus, Pluto and Space. The first three correct solutions to be opened were from: 1. Desmond Bradley, 125 Fortfield Rd., 2. Philomena Searson, 93 Cypress Grove Road, and 3. Kieran Murphy, 5 Springfield Park. Each will receive 50p.

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

There it was on the bookstand, still claiming to be Ireland's No.1 magazine for boys, hiding behind a "Twinkle", and flanked on one side by a "Beezer" and the other by a "Bo-bo Bunny" - "Our Boys"! I handed over my 10p and hurried home to see how the colourfully covered Christmas Number 1972 compared with the issues of yesteryear.

I must at once confess a special interest, for did we not live almost on the same road as the "Our Boys" office? We never of course entered the sacred precincts, but often observed, as he took his constitutional, the dapper little Brother who acted as Editor.

To further strengthen our ties with "Ireland's No. 1 magazine for boys" and to instil in us an almost proprietorial interest in its fortunes, we never missed the opportunity of pointing out that our Headmaster was the brother - indeed, the identical twin brother - of the aforementioned Editor. Although the entry on the school staff list read Rev. Brother M.H. McCloskey, we boys knew him only as "Clucker" and I suspect he rather enjoyed the distinction of having a nick-name for he understood small boys as no one in his profession had ever done before. Once he told us that as he lay in his bed recovering from a serious illness he overheard two of the school boarders outside his bedroom door discussing the situation. "They say Clucker is very bad," said the first with a note of hope. "I heard he was dead," replied the other with a note of positive cheer. Whereupon the subject of the conversation opened the bedroom door to the discomfiture of the pair who were trying to settle themselves in a position suitable for viewing the corpse through the keyhole. Clucker regarded school as the first and original cold war, waged wherever civilisation set up the battlefield, namely the classroom. His teaching maxim was "The wise man is the one who knows a little about everything, and everything about one thing".

The character and philosophy of the second of the Twins we knew only through the pages of "Our Boys". The task before the Editor was an unenviable one - to wean our Irish boys from the undesirable foreign influence of such as the "Hotspur" and "Buzzer" and to furnish them with wholesome provender of Irish origin. How well they succeeded may be judged by the fact that from the imported magazines I cannot now recall a single item, whereas "Kitty the Hare" and Murphy, the eternal fourth-former with his companion, "The Rajah" are still clear as a bell in my mind.

"Kitty the Hare" I was happy to see is still going strong. But I must register a strong complaint - Murphy is missing!

"Orion"

I have just returned from a very pleasant and polished performance of "The King and I" by the pupils of Our Lady's School at Terenure College. It was obvious that keen attention had been given to the smallest detail of acting, singing, settings and costumes. The work behind the scenes must have been tremendous.

The principals were outstanding - in fact, one not only enjoyed their performance, but also that of each member of the cast from the tiniest tot to the ancients. Just as an orchestra can make such a wonderful backing for a solo singer - so too can a cast for solo performers. At no time were the wives, children, servants etc., caught out of tune. The use of mikes at the foot of the stage would have been a tremendous boost - but for schools the cost of these is prohibitive.

The play within: "Uncle Tom's Cabin", was a little gem, so graceful, so well balanced - enough to be rated a work of art in itself.

The settings were excellent throughout. Even the Carnival Scene complete with fiery dragon and demons came alive for us.

So good in fact was the general turn-out that we wished it could go on again and again. This surely is the highest compliment one could pay to any amateur production.

We look forward to their next venture - we hope to be entertained in the not too distant future by the husband-and-wife teams and the equally hardworking and capable community, staff, parents and pupils - to whom many thanks.

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The last "STOP"!

The whole community and especially the parents, teachers and children of St. Pius X Schools will have heard with deep regret about the passing of Mr. Philip Brady, the Templeville Road 'Lollypopman'. Mr. Brady was on duty right to the end. The school day for many children began with a cheery word from him. The mothers will have good reason to remember with gratitude his faithful service, (for he saved them the weary trek up and down to school) and the reassurance which his presence on the crossing gave them. May he rest in peace.

## PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - 1973

We are very happy to announce at the request of Mr.J.Whelan, who will be well known to many parishioners of St.Pius X, Templeogue, that he will be organising a pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1973. The following are the main details:

- 1 All will stay in the Hotel Astoria.
- 2 The special price is £48 per person. This includes air transportation Dublin/Lourdes/Dublin, coach transfer to hotel and return, full-board accommodation (5 nights), in-flight catering, hotel gratuities and taxes, walking tour of Lourdes, coach trip to Bartres and services of Joe Walsh Tours Rep. in Lourdes (the special price does not include wines, beverages, minerals, etc., optional insurance @ £2 per person, airport taxes Dublin/Lourdes @ £1.35 per person)
- 3 The pilgrimage departs from Dublin by special Aer Lingus Jet 25th September and returns also by Jet 30th September.
- 4 Father E.Buckley is Spiritual Director. Fathers John Ryan and Joe Drumgoole will also accompany the Pilgrimage.
- 5 Booking forms are available from Mr.J.Whelan, 28 Wainsfort Park (Phone 905155). Bookings, with deposit of £10, should be made as soon as possible. The deadline for bookings is early in the new year.

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### PARENT/TEACHER WORKSHOP (Templeogue Parents' Association - Curriculum for Primary Schools)

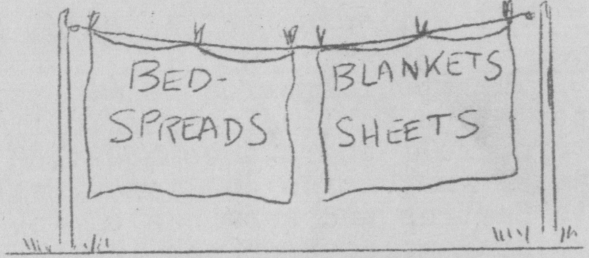
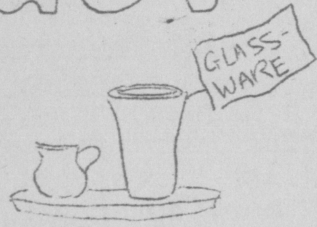
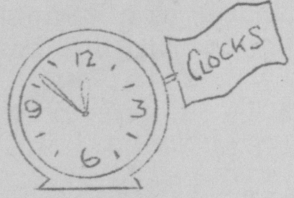
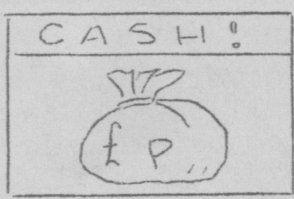
On 12 December a group of approximately 30 teachers and parents met to exchange views and experiences on the above subject. The text of a paper produced by one of the parents as a basis for discussion is given in this issue. This is really an amalgam of views expressed by a number of parents from various parts of the city. Due to pressure on space it is not possible to report in detail on the course of the discussions, but it is hoped in subsequent issues of the Telegraph to deal with some of the points raised.

The Association will be keeping in touch with the group with a view over the coming months to examining in greater depth some of the more interesting topics.

(See separate announcement regarding PANTOMIME BOOKINGS)

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