

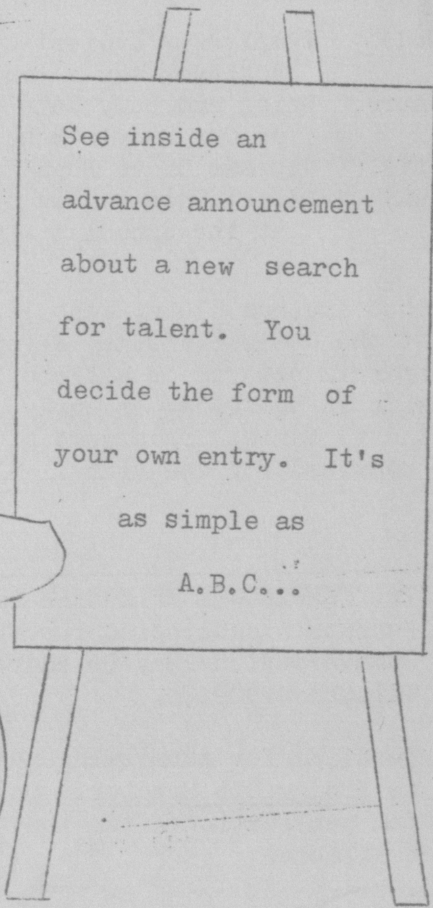
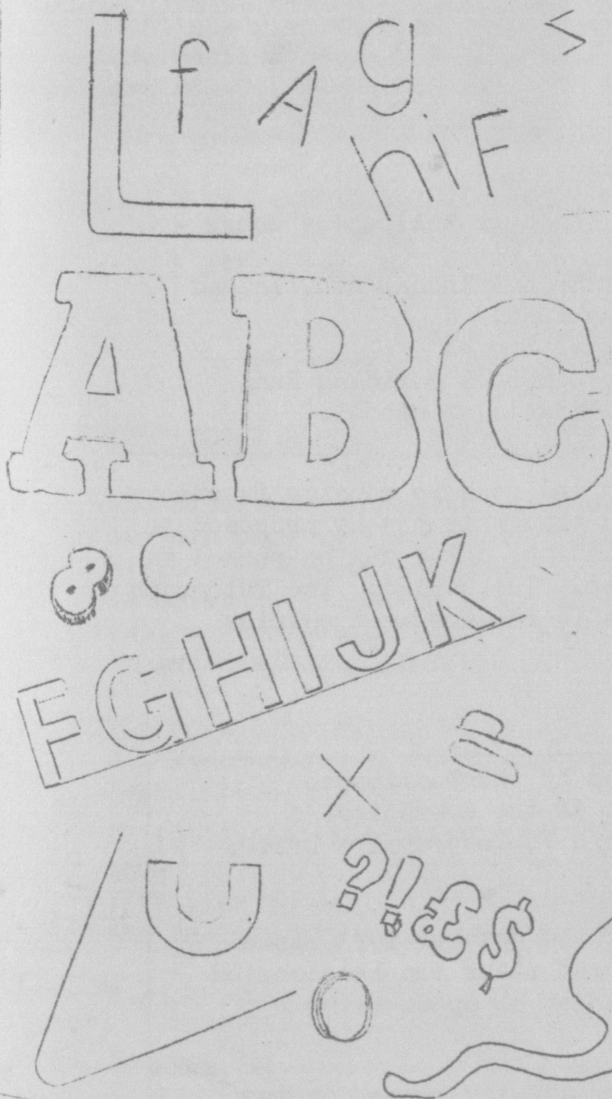
Templeogue Telegraph

"Don't be so
open-minded
that your
brains fall
out!"

Quoted by
Angela Macnamara
in the "Sunday
Press"

September 1973

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See inside an
advance announcement
about a new search
for talent. You
decide the form of
your own entry. It's
as simple as
A.B.C...

SWIMMING: Enquiries invited about class for adult beginners starting soon. Friday nights 10 - 11 p.m. Terenure College Ring Jim Farnan (Swimming Instructor)- 906903

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COMMUNITY DIARY

- Oct. 3 (Wed) Templeogue Ladies' Club meets (Kildare Wallpapers Demo. - husbands may attend at 9.15)
- Oct. 4 (Thur) Bring and Buy Sale (Mrs.J.Martin 8 Rathdown Ave. in aid of Our Lady's School Building Fund)
- Oct.12 (Fri) Cypress Grove Boys' Club - Dinner Social
- Oct.14 (Sun) Ballet Show in aid of Our Lady's School Building Fund at the school 3 - 5.30 p.m.. Tickets at school.

The Telegraph invites clubs, schools, churches and readers running functions to avail of the Community Diary Service. Even though it may be proposed to furnish separate reports or notices for publication, dates may be phoned in for inclusion in the Diary as early as possible. Tel.909128. The Telegraph will be glad to advise organisers of functions in advance what entries have been received for the Diary.

The TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH is published by the Templeogue Parents' Association for the benefit of the community. Communications may be addressed to c/o 74 Templeville Drive. Telephone 909128.

Deadline for submitting material for the October 1973 issue is Monday 8th October. Only very brief items can be accepted for publication after that date, subject to space being available.

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"TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES" for September 1973

The Telegraph resumes circulation after its "holiday hibernation". Like all hibernating creatures it emerges once more into the light of day somewhat thinner than usual and hungry - in our case for NEWS. No doubt the tidbits which will come our way in the next few weeks will fully restore the Telegraph's girth!

With this issue comes the possibility of paying for the Telegraph in advance. A circular already widely distributed has explained the procedure. You can either pay 50p in advance for 10 copies, or if you are eligible to become a member of the Templeogue Parents' Association for 1973-4 you can pay the membership fee of 50p and without further payment get your Telegraph up to June 1974.

Those associated with the production of the Telegraph are very grateful to those who in recent weeks expressed sentiments of encouragement to continue with the publication of our little community magazine (these expressions often tinged with surprise and dismay that July and August are non-Telegraph months).

Please do not leave it to the Telegraph itself to "make the running" as regards the kind of articles and news items you would like to see. It might do no harm to mention to the secretaries or committee members of local associations the advantages of publicising their activities.

TEMPLEOGUE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Executive wishes to say that owing to the small number of applications to take part in the Special Football Competitions it was not possible to stage this function during the Summer. It is proposed, however, at a later stage to get in touch with those who sent in application forms to explore the possibility of running a series of matches later on, subject to grounds being available.

The form beneath may be used by readers wishing to avail of the option mentioned above of obtaining the Templeogue Telegraph as members of the Association.

Detach along the dotted line

I/WE wish to apply for membership of the Templeogue Parents' Association and enclose 50p membership fee for 1973/4 (One fee covers both parents)

Signed

Address

HOW NOT TO WASH YOUR CANARY!

The canary-owner who felt that his pet might not stand up to a bath in ordinary water chose a very bad substitute in alcohol, for the poor bird immediately afterwards fell off its perch, and lay "prosperous" on the floor of its cage for several hours. There is unfortunately no record of experiments in giving alcohol-baths to ostriches or eagles, but one may suppose that the bulkier birds would have a better chance of surviving the treatment.

The point here illustrated is that that the larger the bulk of the creature concerned, the more diluted becomes any alcohol absorbed into its bloodstream after drinking. Thus a young, slightly-built person becomes drunk more easily than an older, stockier person, since in relation to total bulk the percentage of alcohol absorbed from any given volume of a beverage is greater. It's more than a theory of relativity - it is a well-established fact which young people should keep in mind when under social pressure to keep up with the pace-makers at the bar.

The substance which gives the "kick" to beers and spirits is chemically known as ethyl alcohol and is classified as a poison. Taken other than in minute quantities, ethyl alcohol affects that brain cells and damages other organs as well. It is now established that the body naturally manufactures alcohol in the course of a person's taking food. Body-alcohol is however rendered harmless by certain enzymes (little fellows which have become quite familiar to us through the advertising of modern detergents). When alcohol is taken in quantity the enzymes are overwhelmed and unable to deal with the load. The liver is especially vulnerable in this situation, and a serious disease known as cirrhosis is the outcome of prolonged use of alcohol.

This is one of a series of articles being contributed by the St.Pius X Centre, Pioneer Total Abstinence Association. Applications to join the Association may be made on the Second Sunday of each month (St.Pius X Church, 10.15 - 11.15 a.m.)

* **CROSSWORD:** Clues as follows:

DOWN: 1. Past of say

2. Belonging to them

3. Not mad

5. Lots

10. Opposite to lose

11. Opposite to young

12. All right

13. You play with it on
on a windy day

14. Short for Mammy

15. Act

ACROSS: 1. You find it
in a chimney

2. Speak

3. Sport in winter

4. Past of hide

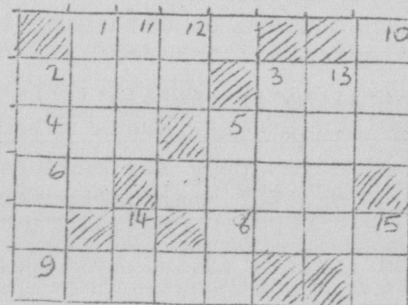
5. Chief

6. Short for Edward

7. Cannot

8. A want

9. Prepared



* We are very grateful to Paschal Scanlan of St.Pius X Schools for this crossword

G.A.A.NEWS. TEMPLEOGUE G.A.A.

After a very successful 1972/1973 season we have started our new season with high hopes of reaching "top of the league" with at least one of our two teams. This year we have an under 11 and under 12 entered in the South City League.

Ending up third in the league after starting from scratch with boys who had no training in Gaelic football was no mean feat. We were in competition with teams who are steeped in tradition.

Our street league this summer was won by Parkmore-Lavarna. Sets of medals were donated by Fr. Diffney and Dr. O'Sullivan. To both we express our deep appreciation and thanks. A word of thanks also to Fr. Grace of Terenure College for allowing the use of the college playing field for the entire competition.

We are having our A.G.M. on Friday Sept. 28th. 1973 in committee room St. Pius X Church and we would like to have as many "Fathers" as possible to attend.

CANA CONFERENCES.

People often remark that post-marriage courses are as important as pre-marriage ones. They say too that it is only after you are married that you fully understand the points and problems that are mentioned. Cana Conferences are a two-night course for husbands and wives together. On the first night Fr. Baggot, a Jesuit, under the title 'His View- Her View' talks on how a husband and wife can understand their own ideas and feelings as man and woman, break through mutual misunderstandings and resentments and really get in touch with each other as persons. On the second night he explains the present stage of the Church's teaching on married sexuality and deals with the conscience problems and concrete difficulties that so many couples experience at the moment.

Cana Conferences, from 8.00-9.45 p.m. are on the last 2 Fridays of each month from September to May. Fee £2.00 per couple for the whole course is paid on the opening night. Apply: College of Industrial Relations, Sandford Road. Ranelagh. Dublin 6. 972917.

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Questionnaire to Parents from St. Pius X Parents' Association

The Committee of the Parents' Association attached to St. Pius X National Schools hope for a full response to the circular which they have issued to parents querying patterns of attendance at primary school and proposed attendance at post-primary school by their children. This Committee has been working very hard surveying the problem which parents in the district have in finding places in second-level schools. When the data collected as a result of this questionnaire has been collated, it should make interesting reading.

POINTS FOR PARENTS

HEALTH: Parents who have ever had to call in a doctor urgently or get a sick child to hospital are not likely to forget the experience. It is probably now well known that many medical practitioners list a second telephone: this gives direct contact with a locum service for urgent calls when the doctor is away.

PERSONAL SAFETY: The danger to children on local main roads remains a constant nightmare to parents. This arises principally from speeding vehicles: you could bet a fiver to a penny that any traveller keeping a steady thirty miles an hour would be overtaken several times at any time of day or night on a single traverse of the Wainsfort/Cypress Grove Roads. As for the Templeogue Road, the wisdom of tolerating a 40 m.p.h. road (in practice working out at over 40) serving as an approach to two major schools and a public park must now be seriously in question. There seems to be a strong case for establishing a local Road Safety Association with a strong representation of parents. One of its first tasks might be to find out the norms by which the authorities fix the speed limits.

EDUCATION: The note in this column in the June issue has brought two letters from clerical management. These are published on another page. Hopefully, parents of the district will express their views. Meanwhile, at second level, many parents with children attending for the first time at post primary schools offering free education will be going to their first meetings with the school management. Perplexity about the basis for voluntary contributions towards liquidating school debts occasionally arises, a topic which is often introduced on these occasions. The idea is not regarded as incompatible with the scheme for the provision of free post primary education provided the collecting of offerings is carried out by representatives of the parents and it is also made quite clear that in making contributions parents are acting entirely of their own free will.

HOLIDAYS: Holidays are now but a memory for most parents - whether a happy one or one to be erased as quickly as possible from the mind, depends to a certain extent on how well organised the holiday-makers were. We got just one holiday contribution (from a Templeogue College schoolboy: we are publishing this) but we would like to hear from other families, particularly with useful suggestions, as per our invitation in the June issue. Make them as short and sweet as you like, as for example one mother's recipe for keeping down her family luggage to a single lorry-load: Divide your luggage into two categories (a) the things you are going to need and (b) the things you think you are going to need. Take half of the items in category (a) and leave all in category (b) behind.

RELIGION: Two little girls were overheard not far from Templeogue recently at the conclusion of a childish disagreement. "And you," said one, in a final, devastating piece of repartee, "you are not allowed into our church". Now who could have put that idea into a head of such tender years...?

CLERICAL MANAGEMENT AND POWER SHARING BY PARENTS AND MANAGERS

Father Gerald Diffney, 23 Wainsfort Grove, writes:

Enthusiastic admirer of the Templeogue Telegraph as I have always been, I was disappointed, to say the least of it, with your piece on the Clerical Managers.

The occasion was the announcement, by the Department, of new plans for power-sharing by the Parents and Managers. This announcement was followed immediately by a statement from Canon McCarthy welcoming the plans for power-sharing. This happy marriage of Parents and Managers should have been the occasion for great joy and back-slapping on all sides and, indeed, the wedding bells did ring throughout the Country. It is sad then that the only discordant note was sounded by the Templeogue Telegraph. The points you made against the Clerical Managers were not only debateable but it appears, to me, most unfortunate in their timing. The casual reader would certainly get the impression that the Managers had opposed the sharing of power which, of course, is the opposite of the case.

Like all the other Clerical Managers I know, I look forward to sharing power with the Parents. Unfortunately, I am afraid I will not be able to share the horse-work as well. When the drains get stuffed or the heating breaks down, there will be little point in trying to assemble the Parents representatives to get a bit of action. The frustrating job of finding someone prepared to do the work immediately will still be mine.

However, lest my reservation be misinterpreted, as was Canon McCarthy's, I must state, once again, that I look forward to co-operating with the Parents in the running of the School.

Father Leo Quinlan, Secretary, Catholic Clerical Managers' Association, Veritas House, 7/8 Lower Abbey St., Dublin 1, writes:

I am glad to see reference in your News Letter to the talk with the Secretary of the Department of Education to the Catholic Primary School Managers' A.G.M. at Athlone in June, and to his propositions about parent participation.

I regret that you interpreted Monsignor McCarthy's reply to a query about possible future implications as a reflection on parents. You must consider the possibility that those parents who wish to have positive religious values effectively promoted in the schools may, even if they are a majority and be represented in management, find themselves powerless to implement their wishes.

This kind of possibility, as well of course as the very attractive possibility of improving the individual parent's sense of participation in his child's school, has to be borne in mind by those now entrusted with management when reform is being worked out. To suggest that the priest is the enemy of the parents in this arduous development is not a helpful line of approach. I hope the parents of the school will see it not as parents or priests, but as both working together, with the teachers, serving the homes of the parish

LEGION OF MARY

A few good reasons why we should say the Rosary;

1. For World Peace and for our own country where terrible murders are taking place. The Rosary is powerful if the people will respond to "Our Lady's Message" from Lourdes and Fatima, where she stressed the "Saying of the Rosary".
2. A means of preservation; the time and opportunity of the family.
3. For courage in the hardships of Life.
4. As a ready and easy means of preserving the Faith.

It would hardly be possible for me to put into words how much Our Lady thinks of the Holy Rosary and how she prefers it to all other devotions.

(Ref. St. Louis de Montfort)

The Holy Rosary contains many mysteries of Jesus and Mary and since Faith is the only key which opens up these mysteries for us we must begin the rosary by saying the Creed, and the stronger our Faith is the more our own Rosary will have. Never will anyone be really able to understand the marvellous riches of sanctification which are contained in the prayers of the Holy Rosary.

Even if you suffer from dryness of soul, boredom and interior discouragement—we all do suffer at various times—never give up even the least bit of your Rosary.

A Little Cheerful Story

One day St. Gertrude had a vision of Our Lord counting gold coins. She summoned the courage to ask Him what He was doing. He answered "I am counting the Hail Marys that you have said; this is the money with which you can pay your way to Heaven".

DENIS KEANE R.I.P.

His many friends were shocked and saddened by the recent untimely death of Denis Keane of Templeville Avenue. Denis's courageous and cheerful approach to life evoked the admiration of all with whom he came in contact: it is hard to believe that a life so full of achievement and promise has been cut off in its prime. Those who knew Denis through local functions will miss his presence — particularly so those of us whom he joined at the Annual Dinner of the Templeville Residents' Association, an occasion at which he was a regular attendee. To his wife and family we extend our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

TOMAS LOFTUS CUMANN - FIANNA FAIL

"Ah, politics- sure they dont interest me- that crowd is either talking about the GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT or their own salaries- mé féin, that's what its all about", you sigh, as you read the heading on this piece. In fairness, it must be said that you are right- to some extent- there are bad politicians as in all fields of life. I am not inferring that the GNP, or TDs salaries, are only discussed by the bad politicians; of course not! But most people have a little picture in their minds eye of a politician - and its not a very pleasant little picture.

I believe that politicians, like students, are judged on the basis of the bad few that people see; and remember. The great majority of politicians are not in the mé féin brigade- just look at their cars (private cars, that is).

In the Tomas Loftus Cumann, as well as being involved at national and constituency level, we are also involved at a local level (in our case, The Wainsfort, College and Fortfield areas).

To be more blunt, we are working to try to improve OUR amenities- roads, lighting, green space. Our membership is wide- Trinity students to company directors.

At present we are endeavouring, by various means, to solve, or at least ease the traffic problems at the junction of Wainsfort Road and Drive. This matter is not only of importance to local residents, but also to those passing up and down Wainsfort Road.

You will of course know that our TD. RUAIRI BRUGHA, has been appointed 'shadow Minister' for Posts and Telegraphs. Deputy Brugha is a regular attender at our Cumman meetings, as are our other public representatives, including Deputy Sean Walsh. We meet once a month in Terenure College. You are welcome to come along, to air your views, and to see that politics at a community level DOES work.

For details of CUMMAN MEETINGS, and all other matters, write to me ALAN G. GRAHAM. 22 Templeville Road. Dublin 6.

PS. IF YOU ARE YOUNG, AND INTERESTED IN POLITICS, TRY US. As the man says, YOU ARE UNDER NO OBLIGATION; NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO SHINE

TEMPLEVILLE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Swimming Report by Claire O'Regan.

Yet another successful swimming session ended on Saturday 4th. July. A Gala was held to mark the occasion.

The following were awarded certificates:-

25 Metres Free Style

JOHN CARROLL
IAN BYRNE
FIONNULA O'MAHONY
LORRAINE RYAN
RICHARD BYRNE

50 Metres Free Style

FIONA FENNEL
RACHAEL FOGARTY
MARISE MAGUIRE
ELAINE MAGUIRE
SARAH MAGUIRE
BRIAN O'REGAN

ST. PIUS X.

On the afternoon of June 3rd, 1835 a group of parents and godparents came out of a whitewashed Church in a little village in RIESE, ITALY. After a Baptismal ceremony one of them carried a baby boy in her arms. Margherita Sanson, the child's mother, had chosen the name Guiseppe (Joseph) for her son - little realizing the full significance of her choice.

For as his patron had been guardian to the Word Made Flesh in the Village of Nazareth, one child was destined to become the guardian of the Mystical Body of Christ on the Chair of St. Peter for he was The future Pope Pius X. His parents were simple, pious, hardworking country folk - they had not a great deal of the goods of this world. Their wealth consisted of their profound faith which they handed down to their children.

Guiseppe Sarto attended the Elementary school in the village at an early age. He was a happy little fellow, and joined in all the school activities. He listened carefully to the Parish Priest when he explained the Catechism. Later when he became a Altar Boy, he was an example to the other boys turning up regularly to serve Mass.

As time went on Don Tito the parish priest realized that the boy had qualities quite unusual in a boy of his age. He received the Sacrament of Confirmation on September 1st, 1845. Day by day he served Mass and during the day he would visit the Church and spend some minutes in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Very often when alone with his Mother he would whisper in her ear " Mother I would very much like to be a Priest"

The Parish Priest persuaded his parents to allow Guiseppe to go forward to the Senior school at Castelfranco Veneto. The young man was ordained Priest on Sept. 18th. 1858. That unforgettable day was for Don Guiseppe Sarto the beginning of a life of Prayer & Penance. God ordained that he would be called to the chair of St. Peter, the 259th Vicar of Christ August 4th 1903.

TEMPLEVILLE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION. (continuation)

100 Metres Back Stroke

Michael Fennell
Eoin Ward
Joseph O'Dea
Leslie Fanning
Gemma Fanning
Clodagh O'Regan
Francais Dunne.

15 Metres Free Style.

Alison Fanning
Emer Fitzgerald
Kevin O'Neill
Ronan Fanning
Lucy O'Dea
Yvonne Kelly
L. Walsh
J. Walsh
Susan Birthistle.
Angela Enright
Dara Fennell
Brian Hanratty
Noel Ryan

The coming of September heralds the beginning of another school year. The little ones who have already had some days' initiation into the mysteries of school life march boldly forth (for the most part), watched over by an older brother or sister. The older ones now promoted to a higher class keep a wary eye for the ways and habits as yet unknown of the new teachers. The pattern is somewhat the same for the National School or Junior School leavers as they find themselves starting again, becoming the "small ones" again as they feel their way through the beginnings of College life. It is an anxious time for parents, especially those with a "Wee Hughie" who is the first of the line and therefore without the protection of older members of the family who can be called on as occasion arises.

This great educational monster which swallows up all our children in the morning, leaving our roads bare, and spews them forth again in the afternoon, is an amazing product of our times. The whole system is geared to the passing of exams and while it suits some there are many who would fare better if their natural aptitudes were taken into account from an earlier age, and would not have to spend so many years at subjects which do not suit them. It is interesting to speculate whether the present educational system will be persevered with in say thirty or forty years' time - or will we have a looser more adaptable one which will produce pupils with individual skills and learning instead of the present characterless ones?

So as you pack your children off to school, think of what is in store for them as they try to progress on the educational treadmill.

The CYPRESS GROVE BOYS' CLUB are holding their dinner social a little earlier this year. It will take place in the Downshire Arms Hotel, Blessington on Friday, 13th October next. Tickets, costing £2.75, obtainable from usual sources. Dinner at 9.30 p.m. sharp and dancing until 2 a.m. Patrons are assured of an excellent night's enjoyment.

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AGM WILL BE HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM ST PIUS X CHURCH
8.30^{PM} FRI. 28 SEP 73. ALL
INTERESTED IN GAELIC GAMES INVITED

Our Holiday in the South.....by Aidan Halligan (Templeogue College)

Farm-house holidays, in any part of Ireland, are occasions "once experienced never to be forgotten!" We took Dunmore East as our touring centre, and staying as we were in a seventeenth-century farm-house within easy access of all the famous beauty spots, there was never any danger of our becoming ennuied. Indeed, with the added attraction of a pony-trek after dinner each evening and the prospect of the continuation of the fine weather, our holidays like a riven of joy stretched before us.

On our first day we cruised around the district acquainting ourselves with the lie of the land. We included the much-heard-of holiday resort of Tramore, whose recreational facilities by way of amusements and the dodgems were given a mixed reception (that of our parents contrasted with that of the children). The beach, however, with its three-mile expanse of golden sand, was agreed by all to be splendid and on it we were to spend many enjoyable hours.

We also visited the famed City of Waterford, and saw some of its more famous edifices. Waterford is said to be richer in terms of remains of its ancient fortifications than any other Irish town, and on seeing the massive circular structure of Reginald's Tower at the end of the Quay, with walls ten feet - a remnant of Danish power - this statement is forcefully verified.

Just outside Waterford we visited the Waterford Glass factory, the birthplace of the world-famous Waterford Crystal, and were treated to a magnificent tour of its fascinating workings. Over the centuries little has changed in the way this crystal is made. It is still hand-cut, the primitive tools used for blowing and shaping being practically unchanged since glass-making began. The same raw materials - silica, red lead and potash - are mixed and from these are created these masterpieces of "fire and ice" each an individual creation which will never have another exactly like it.

Next we travelled to Clonmel, famous for its stout resistance against Cromwell in 1650. On another day we visited the towering white pillar on which is perched the "Metal Man" in Tramore: this is famed to have warned old-time sailors of the dangerous reefs thereabouts, with the mournful dirge:

"Keep off, good ship, keep off from me
For I'm the rock of misery

Our farm-house holiday was to have a second leg - at Kilgarvan in Co. Kerry - to which we set out with mixed feelings, slightly remorseful at leaving the stately old farm-house that had been "home" to us for a week, and full of eager anticipation for our stay in Co. Kerry. On reaching our destination, we got a homely welcome at a typical country farmhouse. After dinner we were treated to a pony-trekking tour of the area - one of magnificent scenery, with many tree-lined paths affording views of gorse-covered mountains and lovely lakes in the valleys. Our first trip was to Gougane Barra, the site of the first national forest park - an area of great natural beauty combining lake, mountain, forest and river with an interesting historic past. Here lies the remains of the monastery founded by St. Fin Barre in the fifth century. Nine cells still remain intact.

On the following day we set off for the world-famous Killarney. Here is Ireland's most outstanding scenery - a vista of wood and lakeland beauty:

continuation/

(Our Holiday in the South..Aidan Halligan)

like an artist's palette the area is splashed with all of nature's colours. On the 11,000 acre estate is the majestic structure of Muckross House build in 1843 and now a folk museum. Nearby lies the remains of Muckross Abbey, one of the best preserved ecclesiastic ruins in Ireland. It holds the graves of many prominent Kerry poets, such as Eoghan Rua O Suilleabhain and Piaras Feiriteir.

During subsequent days we visited Caherdaniel and Derrynane House, the home of Daniel O'Connell, the Liberator, who lived and worked there during his political life. Loveliest of all was our visit to Glengarrif, where on the edge of the sea, in the lap of the Cahra Mountains, it is one of the most beautifully situated villages in Ireland. The harbour is dotted with a hundred little inlets and guarded at the entrance by the lovely Garnish Island - a veritable wonderland with Grecian temples, of which an English writer once wrote: "No pen can give an idea of its magnificence".

As we ended our holiday, no better summing up could be given than my mother's remark when she wondered how any Irish person could spend their holidays abroad when such magnificnet beauty existed in their own country.

SEARCH FOR TALENT

Why not resolve now to try your hand at our new "Simple as ABC" search for talent. Our "target" in the main are school students between the ages of 12 and 18, although any of our readers young or old will be welcome to send entries. Here's what we have in mind:

The letters ABC represent the alphabet, the world of letters, a system of communication. Can you write interestingly on how the alphabet was developed, the use of letters in the modern world (what, for example, comes into your mind when you see SOS, UNESCO, U.N.C.L.E.?), the importance of written communication, not alone through letters but through signs and symbols?

Maybe you are not the literary type, but you may have very good at handwriting or at making letters, the kind of thing we so often admire when we see it framed and hung (from the simple HOME, SWEET HOME to a memorable verse of poetry tastefully transcribed).

In whatever direction your talents lie, we shall be inviting you to submit an entry. We are at present forming a panel of parents to consider the entries, and there will be prizes for various classes of entries. Suitable entries will be published in the Telegraph, or suitably displayed in the locality

FULL DETAILS ABOUT THE DEADLINE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE TELEGRAPH. MEANWHILE WE HOPE THAT MANY WILL NOT DELAY PREPARATIONS, BUT WILL FIND INSPIRATION TO BEGIN WORK AT ONCE.

We particularly beg of local Schools to encourage their pupils to submit work, and we shall be glad to acknowledge to the School concerned any work which its pupils submit.

ON THE SWIM SCENE

Family Swim Session, Terenure College (Fridays 7.- 8 p.m.) now fully booked:

The Templeogue Parents' Association, which runs this session, wishes to announce that all places have now been booked until the end of October, when bookings for the November-December-January quarter may be made. The Association is very grateful to the families who responded to the invitation to "pay-as-you-swim" during August, and regrets that it will be unable to continue this facility, at least for the present.

We are told that over the Summer one of our local lads, Patrick Mullally, 15 year old student of Templeogue College, won a river race over a mile and a quarter at Robertstown Festival. Congratulations, Patrick!

In January last we were writing about Paul Farnan who scored some fantastic successes in swimming competitions in 1972. Paul's winsome ways not surprisingly continue. We have space to mention but a few of the honours that have come his way already in 1973: Leinster Schoolboy Champion, Intermediate Under-16 in Butterfly and Freestyle, Irish Age Group Champ Butterfly, Back and Individual Medley, Leinster Senior Champ 100 m Butterfly and 200 m Butterfly and 1st in Butterfly in the Interprovincial. Paul has also gained representative honours as a student (Interschools Competitions at Cardiff and Catholic Students' Games at Vittel, France, where he was 2nd in the Butterfly and took 2 silver medals on squads) and at International level (Iceland). We just don't have space enough to set out the many placings which he has secured at various other events. That's really what one might call "pooling your resources". Nice work, Paul!

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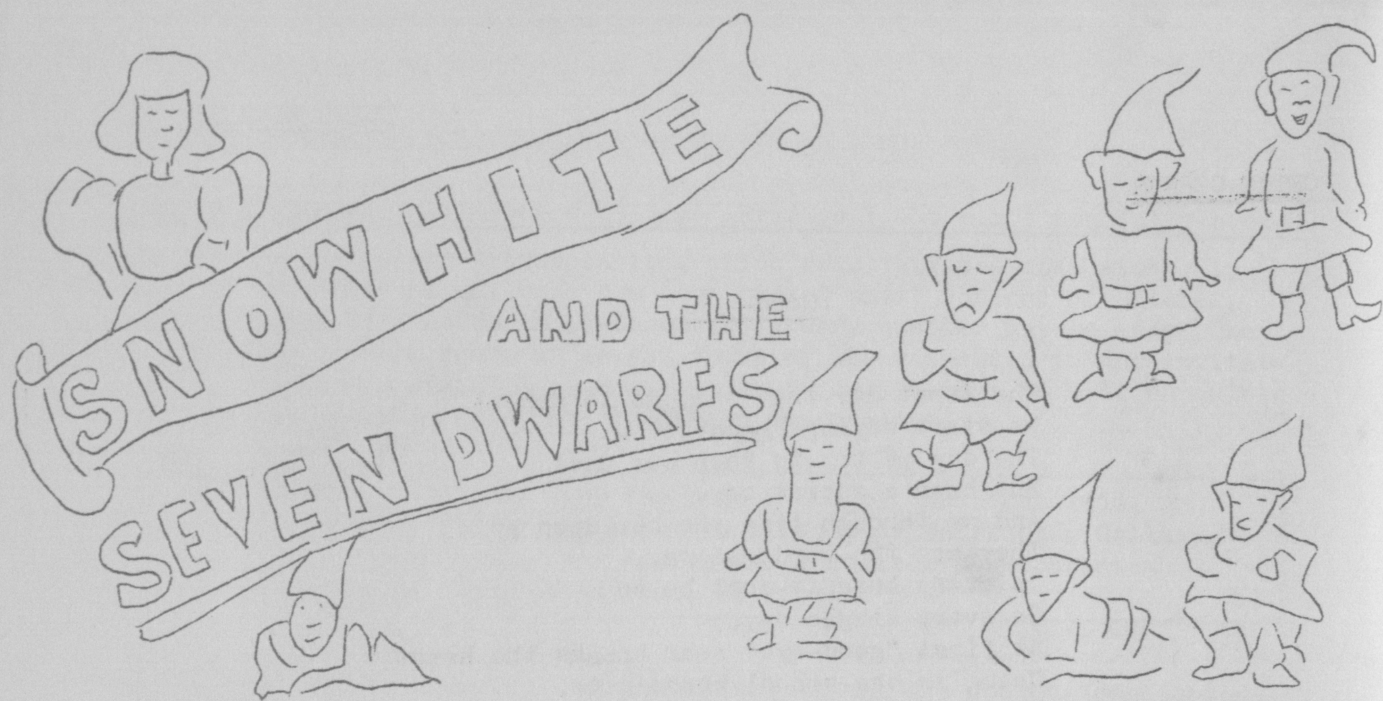
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POETRY CORNER

Good-bye

The first day that they go to school
We start saying "goodbye" -
The day we try to keep our cool
But have a secret cry.
And as through life the children go
They are the words we say,
In every home it must be so
On every single day.
At first "good-bye" near breaks the heart
Going in the school house gate.
Of course it's only just the start
There wont be long to wait
Before "goodbye" is shortened down
To "cheerio" or "bye".
As off they go by bus to town,
Perhaps some of us sigh:
But all too soon there comes the day
Of really saying "goodbye"
If he or she must go away
Oh! how the years go by.
We show a brave face as we say
"Goodbye" perhaps for years,
For this is just another day
For Mam to hide her tears,
Remembering that first school day
She held a hand so small.
And then her baby walked away,
She always will recall
The first "goodbye", the last "goodbye" and
many, many others,
The two sad words so often said
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