

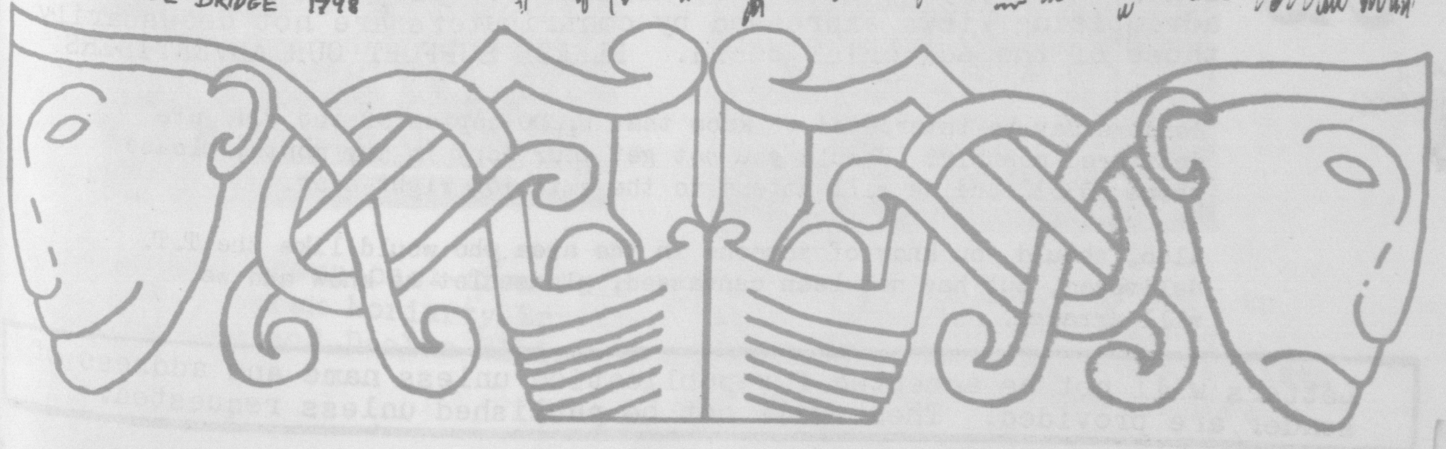
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Diary

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- Friday 2nd Family Mass 4.30 p.m. Our Lady's School
" " " 7.30 " " St.Pius X Church
- Saturday 3rd Dublin Orchestral Players Concert - Our Lady's School
- Sunday 4th Novena of Grace commences
- Monday 5th Our Lady's School - lecture 8p.m.
- Tuesday 6th Community Council meets 8p.m.
- Wednesday 7th Ladies Club - A.G.M. 8p.m.
- Friday 9th Whist Drive, Committee Room, St.Pius X Church 8.15p.m.
Our Lady's School, Group departs for Wembly Hockey International.
- Saturday 10th Novena of Grace - Closing Ceremony
- Sunday 11th Playmates & Tiny Tots Shows at Our Lady's 3.30p.m.
- Monday 12th Our Lady's School Lecture 8p.m.
St.Pius X School Management Boards meet 8.15p.m.
- Tuesday 13th St.Joseph's Young Priests' Society meeting 8p.m.
- Wednesday 14th Parish Liturgy Group meets 8p.m.
- Friday 16th Ladies Club Committee meeting
- Saturday 17th St. Patrick's Day
- Monday 19th Bank Holiday & St. Joseph's Day
- Friday 23rd Whist Drive, Committee Room, St. Pius X Church 8.15p.m.
- Monday 26th St. Pius X School Parents' Association Committee Meeting 8p.m.
- Saturday 31st T.C.Y.C. Film - "Roller Coaster" 8p.m.
- Every Wednesday Charismatic Prayer Meeting St.Pius X Church
- Every Thursday Bridge Club St.Pius X School Hall 7.30p.m.
- Every Friday " " Templeogue College
- Every Saturday Community Youth Club meets 8pm.

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TEMPLEOGUE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB

ERRILL FOX T.C.Y.C.

The club's table tennis team which was only formed over the Christmas is already on the road to success. The team, comprised of Declan Ellison, Derek Moriarty, David Lee, Larry Carey and subs Aiden Kelleher and Errill Fox, has already won its first five matches. These were against Dunboyne Co.Meath, St.Luke's Thomas St, St. Catherine's Coolock, and St.Gabriel's at home and away. The team will also be competing in the second round of the C.Y.C. league table tennis cup in the near future. Since the team is in its first year it has been placed in division nine of the C.Y.C. league but because of the teams high standard I am sure it will go much higher. Declan Ellison must be thanked for the marvellous results as he organises a training session every Saturday night at the youth club.

The club is also picking two five-a-side soccer teams for a friendly match against St.Gabriel's Youth Club. Both the soccer and the table tennis competitions among youth clubs are very important as they help the members of different youth clubs to get to know each other and it also gives members an interest in their club.

Unfortunately the membership of the T.C.Y.C. is now closed and in the near future only membership card holders will be permitted to enter. This may seem disappointing to many people but they must appreciate the fact that the club is still in its early stages and that it takes a much longer period for any sort of club to reach 100% standard.

Thanks must be extended to those parents of members and those committee members who give their time each Saturday night to supervise the youth club, but it would be greatly appreciated if any more parents could help. It would not be necessary that they attend every Saturday night, but only when they are free to do so.

Any further information regarding the club or its activities may be had by contacting the secretary - Declan Ellison
102 Templeville Rd.
Phone 907007

Note: The youth club would be very interested to hear from anyone with surplus indoor sports equipment for use in the club.



Table Tennis Champions: from left Larry Carey, Derek Moriarty, Errill Fox, David Lee and Declan Ellison



Club Committee Members: Left to Right: Catherine Lombard, Sue Kernan, Grainne Ryan, Declan Ellison, John Deegan, Frank McCann, Fergus McCauley



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Templeogue Ladies Club



R.Morris Secretary

St. Pius X School Hall took on a real Irish atmosphere for our February meeting which was a great success. Twenty-three ladies from Kilbarrack Ladies Club came to visit us and were greeted by our President to a background of Irish scenery and Irish Cheese Posters kindly presented by Bord Failte and Mr. Paddy James, Mitchelstown Creameries. Supper of brown scones, cheese (Mr.P.James), apple-tart and cream was served to all present. Mr.Richard Kissane on the accordion and Mrs.Betty McDonnell with her violin provided many Irish Airs and the music for our step dancer Mrs.Ethel Murphy. Entertainment from both clubs was provided, and we sang our way through the provinces of Ireland. Very Rev.Fr.Lee P.P. came to draw the winning ticket for a beautiful picture of Connemara presented by Mrs.Imelda Callan for the Parish Sale and a gift voucher for £5 presented by Sally and Martin, Hairdresser,Cypress Pk. The lucky winner was Mrs. Ann O'Malley,Wainsfort Road, and Mrs.Lily Duffy, Cypress Drive won the voucher. Very many thanks to Mrs. Callan and Sally & Martin. A letter from our Club member Mrs.M.Purcell asking if the club members would sponsor a child to Lourdes with the Dublin Diocesan Childrens Pilgrimage in April was read. As this is the year of the child the club members decided to do so. Subscriptions £1 to be brought to the March meeting as promised please. Mrs.I.Gogan, appealed for old curtains and heaters for the Drama, which is on March 8th, "The Mad Woman of Chailiot" Bus from shops for cast and supporters will be arranged.

MARCH 7th - A. G. M. NOMINATIONS TO NEAREST COMMITTEE
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Community Notes

By May O'Neill
P.R.O.

Hopes that St. Brigid would "turn the stone" to give us a real breath of Spring in February were sadly dashed, as we all know. Now it is really up to St. Patrick!!

Activities are on a low key at this time of writing. The A.G.M. of the Community Council was held on the 13th and a new Council was elected. A report of the meeting is published herewith. The poor attendance, despite the weather was disheartening and one wonders if those willing to work had the backing of the Community. However the Council will continue its endeavours and trust your support when needed. Continuing to support this magazine actively, by contributing material and of course reading it through, is the kind of support we require, and we thank you.

The whole month of March is the centre of the Lenten Season this year. So thinking in terms of one month only for "giving up" that "favourite" thing should help us on our way. The remainder will be easy.

The Novena of Grace will be held in St. Pius X Church from 4th to 10th of March inclusive, and will be given by Rev. Joseph Gill S.J. The series of lectures "Ministries in the local Church" continue in Our Lady's School on Mondays at 8p.m. and are given by Rev. M. Mulvihill C.S.Sp.

Good luck to the Ladies Club Drama Group and Choir who compete in the Annual Federation Competition this month. Club members are reminded that the Painting, Poetry and Photography Competitions are coming up soon, as well as the Impromptu Public Speaking Event. So, Ladies, Bi Ullamh.

Congratulations and every good wish to our Parish Curate Father Liam Carey, who is celebrating his Silver Jubilee Year. The first meeting of the newly elected Community Council will be in Our Lady's School at 8p.m. on March 6th next.

MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE COUNCIL

Ide Ryan	Templeville/Fortfield Res.
Fr. Fennell	O.Carm.
Sr. Bourne	R.C.E.
Fr. Mulloy	C.S. Sp.
V. Rev. Fr. Lee	P.P.
Rev. A. Wilson	C. of I.
Maura McKeivitt	Templeogue Ladies
Michael Brady	
Gerald McCarthy	
Mrs. Flaherty	Solos
John Deegan	College/Wainsfort Res.
Gerry Mullally	
Michael Sheehan	Templeogue Woods
Paddy Tonge	St. Pius X Parents Assocn.
Mai O'Neill	
Prof. R. Kernan	
Niall Purcell	
Sean Mahon	Sports
Betty O'Brien	
Tom Ladd	
Frank McCann)	Youth
Declan Ellison)	
Yvonne Kelly	Elderly Cttee.
S. Holt	
Sean Clarke	



Community Council Executive
Gerry McCarthy, Hon. Sec. Michael
Brady, Chairman, Maura McKeivitt
Minute Sec.

(new member)

Rev. A. Wilson explained that, owing to pressure of parochial duties, he could not attend meetings and it was agreed that he should appoint a representative.

It is a pity that so few attended the A.G.M. but at least there were 39 committed people there and, of course, there were others who could not be present. One reason for non-attendance was the fact that there were two other meetings on - St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society and a meeting in Templeogue College. There is a great need for co-ordination in this field. We need an Information Officer with whom groups can check when they are planning meetings. I hope that the Council will decide to appoint one and that, having done so, groups will consult him before they set their date.

The Community Council is what we make it. There is no boundary to its development if the members of the community have the will. It would be a great pity if we let the opportunity go through lack of interest.

The community, after all, is an extension of the family. Care and concern for one another can make it a vibrant community. What is important is the reaching out to one another in love. We don't have the problem of poverty in the accepted sense, but we have problems of loneliness - retired people living alone, retired couples whose families have been dispersed, widows with young families and widows whose families have left home, retired country people who have come to live in our area. There are also isolated instances where individuals need help of one kind or another.

In the not too distant future, most of the young generation will have moved away, due to marriage or jobs, and we will become an increasingly middle-aged community. We need to have a commitment now to developing a social community that will serve our needs.

We are living in a time of terrible violence which affects all our lives. The dragon's teeth of neglect and distrust sown in the past are now producing their dreadful harvest. Time is running out for our generation and we can't afford any sitting on the sidelines or on fences, twiddling our thumbs. But what can we do?, we ask! Not for all of us the spectacular involvement in great peace movements! Most of us must be content with the simple ordinary small acts of love - a gentle caring and concern for those around us - a determination to take an active part in creating the type of society in which we want to live. Love is a powerful force and in the end it is the only antidote to the violence in which we live. Little acts of love, sparking from one to another will end in a conflagration which will be invincible.

"Though I am different from you, we were born involved
in one another" Tao Ch'ien

RATHFARNHAM CHURCH

A thought for lent

In the Christian life there must be a sense of happiness and also a sense of discipline. The two qualities need each other. Happiness without discipline is a shallow thing. Discipline without happiness can be grim and unattractive.

It is significant that lent follows soon after Christmas. Christmas happiness is rooted in the historic fact that God came himself into our world. Lent following soon after is a reminder that to this happiness discipline must be added.

The story of the prodigal son is the story of a man who set out to gain happiness, while taking no account of discipline. Also tragic is the person who thinks that religion consists in the keeping of rules and regulations while taking no account of what God has done. The deep joy of easter awaits those who have accepted for themselves the happiness of Christmas and the self-discipline of lent.

Rev. Allen Wilson

Poetry Corner

WEATHER FORECAST

Storms, gale force eight,
Increasing;
Winds, south westerly
Strong to severe

Rain on the pane
Creaking trees
Disturbing sleep

A new day dawns
with a rosy hue.
Draw back the curtains,
The wreckage to view
Nothing stirs - - -
Not even a leaf,
Nor man, nor dog
Nor grass on the sod
Wondrous silence - - -

Be still and know
That I am God.

Doreen Rush



At Community Council A.G.M.
Mr. John Joly, Mrs. Kathleen Joly
and Miss Kathleen Ryan with
Mr. Mervyn Taylor.

DOES ANYONE CARE ?

Nella Allau

From the rere of the bus I watched the old woman struggle to lift her shopping trolley from beneath two baby buggies. She winced with frustration, possible pain, as her twisted arthritic hands failed to disengage the object. She turned and glanced appealingly at a young man seated adjacent to the rack, he did not respond, nor did the young mothers who had placed the obstacles over her trolley. Granted both had young children, but on the other hand on boarding the bus both had rather loudly demanded assistance from the conductor. The bus jolted at a traffic stop, I had to run the length of the vehicle to prevent the woman from falling over and also to recover her trolley. It seemed obvious now that every other individual on that crowded bus was oblivious to her distress.

Perhaps it was because of that incident, my observance of our treatment of senior citizens was sharper that particular day. I watched them being jostled at pedestrian crossings, because they were not nimble and fleet of foot. I watched them being harassed rudely in shops because of uncertainty over a purchase. There was an old gentleman from the country, standing at the foot of an escalator, obviously afraid to board the new fangled 'monstrosity', perhaps a kindly reassuring word was all he needed - he might even have enjoyed the experience. In a fishmongers, a pensioner asked for one mackerel, the assistant weighed and priced it and when it was reluctantly refused because of its price, and a smaller one requested, the pensioner was impatiently abused. I witnessed an old man courteously hold open a swing door for two young women to pass through, this kindly act was accepted without gratitude.

I saw them at the back of churches huddled beside the radiators, on park benches sometimes alone, sometimes in twos. On street corners, shifting uneasily from one foot to another, alone with their poverty, despair, their sense of uselessness. All these experiences etched on their empty faces and in their lackluster eyes. Victims of an uncaring society, who pretentiously believe itself to be Christian in its approach to humanity.

At what critical point does a son or daughter abandon a once loved mother or father, or even an unmarried aunt or uncle to isolation and loneliness? A mother or father who laughed and cried with them in all their ups and downs, who worked and worried, who wanted only the best for them, no matter what sacrifices had to be made. At what point does a bewildered widowed man or woman become too much a bore or a burden, not to warrant regular visitation? Is it when loneliness spurs them to indulge in constantly repeating memories of happier days spent with the now dead but still beloved partner? When perhaps that parent is hit by prolonged illness, and nursing becomes too much of a strain on virile young men and women, who consider Christian love and duty an encroachment on their pleasure?

The point at which a Dublin fireman, Willy Bermingham, was moved to take action on behalf of Dublin's lonely aged poor was when he was called to various hovels around the city to assist in the removal of eight dead old people in the space of three winter months. Undoubtedly hunger, cold, despair and dogged pride had killed these people. Willy Bermingham founded A.L.O.N.E. in February 1977, a rescue service for the aged. He now has 120 volunteers and between four to five hundred cases on his books. Willy believes this is only the tip of the iceberg in the city and country. Perhaps of all hardship cases in our society, poor old people are the most defenceless. They are not of the generation of demonstrations and marches and besides they are generally too ashamed of their poverty to draw attention to the harrowing circumstances of their lifestyle. And so they must suffer on in silence unless A.L.O.N.E. happens on their case. Nine times out of ten, cases are reported, very seldom the victims ask for help. The Samaritans likewise have difficulty reaching the old, again they are of a generation not conscious of the telephone, and are slow to use it in distress. The Samaritans are very anxious to get the message across to the lonely old, that human contact and help is available to them, just by overcoming their fear of the telephone and getting in touch with them.

Winter is the season most dreaded by the aged poor. Heating fuel so essential to their wellbeing and sometimes their survival, is exorbitantly expensive. It is a constant worry for them trying to provide for it from their small income. Free turf is available to them but it must be collected, a task which is impossible for some who are totally alone. So many just do without and wear their overcoats or stay in bed. A balanced diet is also an important factor in the maintenance of good health, but old people often dispense with the cooking of hot meals in order to save on gas or electricity. They make do with tea, bread and butter with an occasional innovation. Also shopping today is an impersonal and confusing affair for the old, in high supermarkets the buying of small quantities is often embarrassing and sometimes impossible.

The State can struggle to provide more material benefits for our senior citizens, what it cannot provide, no matter how hard it tries, is a caring community sensitive to the needs of others. In Ireland we sweep so much misery under the carpet, or hide it behind the walls and doors of Dickensian crumbling mental institutions. Why? Is poverty, old age or loneliness an infirmity?, a stigma? , a crime?, or is it just an imposition on youth?

Somewhere in the building of our more affluent society, we have lost the ability to stop, look and listen to the weaker members of society, to put aside the pressures involved in the attaining of material things and think just where the mad rat race is leading to. We have become de-sensitised to human emotion and misery. Crime stalks our streets, rape, murder, robbery are everyday occurrences. The old are forgotten, defenceless, bewildered. In the winter of their years, will you not stop, look and listen to their patient silence.

Cookery Corner

VEGETABLE STEAK ROLL

This menu shows you how to make a banquet out of midweek ingredients. The dish uses flank beef (equivalent to belly of pork or lap of lamb.) Make a complete meal of it by serving cooked mashed turnips or parsnips and potatoes. Since the oven is on anyway you might as well make the dessert in it. Eve's Pudding (stewed apple topped with a Madeira sponge) is usually baked in a slightly hotter oven - so just allow a little longer time and place near the top of the oven.

Ingredients

Flank steak - about 2-3 lbs

Stuffing: 4 oz. packet frozen mixed vegetables,
1 medium onion, chopped,
1 small green pepper,
1 slightly rounded teasp. of ground red pepper or cayenne pepper, salt,

Sauce: $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ pint beef stock,
1 celery stalk, chopped,
1 medium onion, chopped,
1 carrot chopped,
salt and pepper.

Method: Tell the butcher you want a piece of flank roughly 11" or 12" square - but the squared effect can be achieved by trimming. Discard all the seeds and the stalk from the green pepper. Combine all the stuffing ingredients in a bowl and season with the salt and the ground red pepper or the cayenne pepper; spread the stuffing mixture evenly over the steak, and then roll up like a Swiss roll - keeping it tight. Tie the roll securely with string about every two inches. Put the roll in a casserole and add the beef stock and the other "sauce" ingredients. Cover and cook in a moderate oven 350 or gas mark 4 for about 2 hours. Check occasionally and baste, if necessary. When roll is cooked, lift out onto a warm plate and let stand for a few minutes before carving. Serve the vegetable sauce from the casserole with the meat.

M. Dunne (Mrs)
142 Templeville Drive

TEMPLEVILLE & FORTFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Claire O'Regan Secretary

The following resolution was passed by A.C.R.A. "In view of the Government's failure to introduce its promised legislation to abolish existing residential ground rents, A.C.R.A. demands a referendum which will set a termination date not later than Jan. 1st 1980, at which time the fee simple shall be vested in the householder."

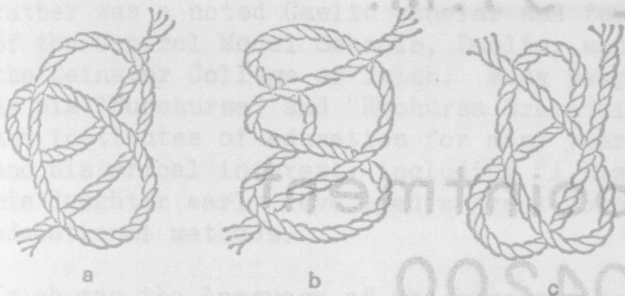
The referendum should be held on the same day as the European and Local Elections - June '79 or to coincide with the proposed Government referendum on adoption.

We are seeking the active support of our local T.D.'s for the above resolution. We hope that all the replies to our circular regarding the Telephone Kiosk, have found their way back to the committee members, if not please send them to the above.

The problem of large lorries parking overnight at the Fortfield Shopping area, is being looked into by Mr. O'Meara, Senior Engineer, Roads and also Garda Siochana Traffic Dept. Dublin Castle. The County Council have promised us to reinstate any failed grass edges in the Spring, also a few flower beds will be provided to the left of the Fortfield Shopping Area. Arrangements have also been made with the County Council Parks Dept. for replanting of broken trees on verges out side each house in the Templeville Area.



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SWIM SWAM BACK AGAIN, WELL SWUM SWAM,
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Know your Neighbour

By Claire Carty

Mrs. Maureen Gavan-Duffy needs no introduction to our readers as she has lived all her life in this area and through her association with Our Lady's School, she is well known to parents and pupils, past and present.

As a child she lived at Rathdown Park, Terenure, where her father, Brian MacGiolla Phadraig, lived up to the time of his death recently at the age of 90. She now lives at Fortfield Park, with her husband Colm. Her father was a noted Gaelic scholar and former Headmaster of the Central Model Schools, Dublin, and principal of the Leinster College of Irish. Many people will remember his name from their schooldays as his "Bunchursa" and "Rechursa Gramadai" have been standard works in secondary schools and institutes of education for many years. He published many other works of educational and historical interest, including "A History of Terenure". It is hardly surprising that his daughter early developed a great love of the Irish language and an interest in educational methods.

Irish was the language of the home and her first English was spoken at school. Because of her flair and knowledge of the disciplines of learning, gleaned from her home environment, this presented no obstacle to her advance in English.

Her first school was Scoil Bride, Earlsfort Terrace, which was under the guidance of Miss Louise Gavan-Duffy - who, of course, was aunt to her future husband. Her secondary education was at Scoil Caitriona, Eccles St., also an all-Irish school. She took an Honours degree in Irish and French at U.C.D. and retains wonderful memories of her French Professor there, Roger Chauvire, an exceptional man whose lectures were noted for the originality of his presentation. She later studied under him for her M.A. in French.

During her teaching career, which began at her old school Scoil Caitriona, she has taught mainly Irish and French, although she has occasionally taken English classes. In the '50s she edited a Leaving Certificate Anthology of French Poetry. She regrets that poetry is no longer an integral part of the curriculum for the Certificate Examinations in French.

Her association with Our Lady's School - where she has been Vice-Principal since 1972 - goes back to founding days just over 25 years ago. She has seen the numbers grow from that first 29 pupils to almost 600 on the register to-day and the building expand from some rooms in the original House to the magnificent modern school that stands there now. She has tremendous admiration for this small community of sisters who have accomplished so much in the development of two thriving educational establishments - the other being at Rathnew, Co. Wicklow - in a relatively short space of time. She recalls the administrative ability of the founder, Mother Horan, and the help and co-operation of the parents which set the school on the road to success.

She says she does not have time for the pursuit of hobbies or such but she reads a lot, entertains a little and loves a visit to the theatre whenever there is a good production. She first met her husband in the Green Room of the Abbey Theatre. He is the only son of the late Judge Gavan-Duffy and grandson of Sir Charles Gavan-Duffy. His father was a signatory of the Treaty and was our first Foreign Minister. Because of his father's duties abroad he has lived in several European countries for a period of time and received his secondary education in Belgium. After his father became a Judge and settled in Ireland they lived in Bushy Park Road. The house now belongs to the nuns of St. Peter Clare. He has recently retired from his position as Librarian of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland and Editor of the Society's Gazette. He is not idle, however, as he still lectures part-time in the Law Faculty at U.C.G.

The Gavan-Duffys like to visit the Continent, usually on their annual holiday. They particularly like to visit France and Belgium where she says they made friends with people who have been both surprised and flattered by her husband's exceptional facility with the French language, unusual in a foreigner.

Talking to Maureen Gavan-Duffy and seeing the pictures and photographs in her home is like seeing recent Irish History come alive. Her husband's family was involved with the political figures in the movement for Independence and her father with those associated with the language and cultural movement. Names which we read in the history books were household names to them. She remembers visits to her father from Douglas de hÍde and Eoin McNeill. She remembers her father-in-law as a man of great simplicity who listened to the opinions of others with sincere interest.

In case any of this would make Mrs. Gavan-Duffy sound like a stuffy academic or a career woman, I hasten to say that she strikes one as a thoroughly charming and feminine person with a flair for dress and one who really enjoys her periods of domesticity.

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TEMPLEOGUE COLLEGE BRIDGE CLUB - March '79

The Boland Trophy, presented by Mr. & Mrs. J. Boland, for award to the winners of the Club Championship Competition was won this year by Mr. J. R. Agnew and Miss B. Gannon. This was a popular win.

The Kenny Cup, presented by Mr. J. Kenny, who celebrated his 100th Birthday recently and still enjoys a game, is awarded to the Junior Competition Winners. This year the result was a tie between Dr. & Mrs. E. Hardiman and Miss M. Dunne and Mrs. R. Donnelly. Congratulations to all.

14/2/79

FINE GAEL - TEMPLEOGUE BRANCH

Well, these are exciting times in political circles and nearly every day we hear Euro Candidates announced.

Last night Fine Gael held its Dublin Euro Convention and, before a very large attendance of 700, selected the following candidates - Dr. Hugh Byrne T.D., Mr. Ritchie Ryan T.D. and Mrs. Nuala Fennell. Of course, these had to be ratified by the National Executive and, unfortunately, Dr. Hugh Byrne failed and in his place Mr. Maurice Manning, a U.C.D. Lecturer in Political Science, was selected.

Very shortly the conventions to select Local Government Candidates for the 7th June will be held and we look forward in confidence for your support. We are appealing at this time to all who are interested in our Party and our very worthy Leader to come along and support us as we need your help and, indeed, financial support. If you feel willing to help us, please contact me at 905571.

Our Annual General Meeting takes place on the 8th March in the White Fathers, Cypress Grove Road, at 8.30 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you.

STANLEY LAING, LOCAL ORGANIZER.

MANCHESTER OR MARS?

A flight in a plane - a flight to Mars - both were unheard of things for an eight-year-old boy, in the year of Our Lord 1950. I was one of the intrepid few who made such a journey and survived the experience.

I flew from Dublin to Manchester and from Manchester back again and made the return trip solo - almost solo - because on the journey back I brought with me one of the natives of that strange new world. He was a black and white English Bunny-rabbit and I took him to my leader - my patient and long suffering father.

In two steps I achieved a double-first and I broke Irish Law barging through Customs in hysterics when a patient officer informed me that such aliens as English bunny-rabbits could not be imported unless quarantined for six months - an eternity for any eight-year-old! I had my hysterics - the customs



officer relented - gave me my rabbit while pleading with my father "not to breathe a word of this outside" because "it is more than my job is worth".

My Uncle Joe and Aunt Elsie, home from York, decided to adopt me for the Summer. I was to fly with them to England, on holidays. Nobody believed me at school when I told them, except my best friend Owen Carroll, who had to be promised a post-card of York Minster, as proof for the unbelievers! The year was 1950 and no boy at my school had ever been in an aeroplane!

Dublin Airport was much smaller then. It had been designed a mere nine years previously and basically consisted of three areas. There was a large hall for registration in the centre and two rooms giving off to the right and left. The one on the left was for departing passengers, while the one on the right was for arrivals. We register for our flight and after an impatient "good bye" to my father, I went with my uncle and aunt into the Departure Lounge. Not even fathers were allowed accompany passengers into that Sanctum. I felt very important. Flying then was a leisurely business so we had to wait fifteen minutes before boarding. Uncle Joe asked if I would like a drink. My Aunt had gin and tonic and I had soda water and lime juice. I felt very important. The flight was announced and all twenty seven passengers proceeded to the Departure Gate - there was only one in those days. We were escorted to our D.C.3 fifty yards away on the apron.

Planes were very different then. The D.C.3 had two propellers, flew at the incredible speed of 124m.p.h. at the giddy height of 1,600 feet and made the journey from Dublin to Manchester in the breath-taking one hour and twenty minutes. I entered this space-ship but now feeling just a little nervous and was shown to my leather seat. Yes the seats were real leather - I remember the smell quite clearly. There was an isle dividing the two-by-two rows of seats. Uncle Joe and I sat on the left, with me nearest the window and aunt Elsie sat on the right. We fastened our safety belts. There was a wheezing sound, a loud bang, followed by a puff of smoke and the right-side propellor began to rotate, going faster and faster. There was another wheezing sound, another loud bang, a puff of smoke and the left-side propellor began to rotate. The noise got louder and louder and the plane began to shudder slightly as if contemplating the journey it was about to make. We began to move towards the runway. The plane came to a stop and waited. The engines in turn raced faster and faster and then together they turned over faster and faster. The noise grey louder and louder, the plane shuddered at every rivet. We began to move, slowly at first then faster and faster, the engines roaring. The tail rose in the air, we were no longer at a slope, but level - then very gently, land cattle and buildings seemed to drop away. We were in the air. I watched through the window. We could see farms and cattle and waves and ships all quite clear at 1,600 feet. England did not look very different except for the occasional red bus. We landed at Manchester - not a very pretty airport by Dublin standards, being a bare frugal conversion from second world war footing.

I shall pass over my months holiday except to record that my uncle bought me a rabbit, made a travelling box and inquired if I could take him back home with me. He was assured I could. Yes, my rabbit could certainly be taken out of Britain but could it be brought into Ireland? This question seems not to have occurred to anybody.

There was only one Aer Lingus plane on the apron at Manchester. Its registration letters were EI AFC and it was called the St. Enda. So the rabbit was duly dubbed "Enda" Enda was taken to the air-craft and I was placed in the charge of an official and escorted into the Departure Lounge. Not even favourite uncles were allowed accompany passengers into that sanctum. I felt very important. Being a child and travelling alone, I was taken on board before any of the other passengers and was greeted by a charming and beautiful air-hostess. "What's your name?" she asked. "Aiden". "Well my name is Peggy - would you like to see if your rabbit is comfortable before the others arrive?". "After take-off I'll take you to the bridge to meet the captain." She need have said no more. It was LOVE from that moment; I wonder where Peggy Cullen is now?

I left the plane at Dublin carrying Enda's travelling box and entered the Arrivals Lounge, there to claim my suit-case from Customs. "I'll take that, please". said an official looking man in uniform. "Why" asked I. "Your rabbit has to go into quarantine for six months" said he. "No he has not" said I, "my Uncle Joe told me so". I shall spare the reader the awful scene that followed. They say that Tiberius Caesar used to howl and bite, like a wolf, when in a rage. I don't remember the full details of my Tiberian. I do remember my grip of iron on the strap of Enda's travelling box, the arrival of my father, his patient though vain efforts to reason with me and my sitting beside him still clutching Enda's travelling box- complete with rabbit, as he drove me home while muttering highly coloured words to the effect of "what sort of a son have I reared? It was all very painful. I hope the customs officer did not lose his job. Enda lived happily ever after for another nine years - never to return to his native soil- after all, what self-respecting rabbit would submit himself to that kind of experience a second time?

I saw an advertisement recently, where the noise and the bumpiness of air-travel of the 50's was unfavourably compared with the whispered smoothness of the modern jet. I don't know. It seems very dull, by comparison, to me!

Aiden David Rogers
Our Lady's School
Templeogue.

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REFLECTION

We are human beings; people of flesh and blood and the only way we can come to know the love of God for us is within this context. For if people say to us "God loves you"; "It is in the Bible" and they are indifferent towards, or don't love us, these words would have as much meaning for us as saying "The square on the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares on the other two sides". Both statements would be true but neither would have meaning in a lived human context. On the other hand if we are truly loved - and where do any of us sense this if it isn't from its preconscious assimilation from our own mothers- we are disposed to responding to love. For this was the sense of caring and providence of God to the Old Testament Jewish mind - the goods of creation freely bestowed on mankind whether of life itself, the sunshine, the seasons, the land, the fruits of the earth, which inspired praise and thanksgiving. All things were bestowed freely and graciously and they were all things capable of being grasped as gifts even by the most unintelligent. There is no violence done to us. We are immersed in the things we can grasp and understand and it is up to us to make a free and gracious response. We have to get back to the sense of living in a milieu of love. This is what all creation is, a milieu of love. God loving and creating. Love bringing us forth from nothing. This is the heart of love. There is nothing we have that we have not received; our very being, our living awareness. And if we have received this gift of being, surely the Being who conferred it on us has it in abundance. And not only that he has it in abundance but that "He is", that the full meaning and origin of his own being is within himself. (This is an astounding thing to grasp by us who might never have been.) And there is a sense of this Being beyond ourselves within each one of us. And there is a primal instinct in every man to respond in some way to this Transcendent, this Being beyond man himself, beyond all else. This is the history of mankind as is another history running parallel with it, the history of brutality, oppression, exploitation and evil from which man appears incapable of extricating himself. Man wants to respond and to respond adequately but he is enmeshed and ensnared and just as the cause of his own being is outside himself so the solution to the problem of his condition is outside himself.

"Sole Judge of Truth in endless error hurled
The glory, jest and riddle of the world.

Man has been searching, seeking, worshipping he knows not what - "the unknown God" which Paul said he was going to make known. "God's first gift is Himself" as Karl Rahner said - "the self communication of the Absolute God to his creature". And this revelation at its peak, we find in human terms. God does us no violence. He does not shatter or terrify the fragility of our human condition. No he slips quietly and unobtrusively into our midst. It is only in the sense of "becoming little children" that we recognise him. "The world was made flesh". These are terms that we can understand. And this is God's greatest revelation to us - Jesus Christ. This is the man who was born of Mary, who grew up and played with other boys, who trod the roads of Galilee, who showed his love by his concern, his respect, his care for people. He was a man like us in all things but sin which is the one thing which keeps us from being truly human. This is the man who showed what it is to be human, that in fact we are our "brothers' keeper". And this message he lived out to finality in the greatest and most difficult gesture possible to any human being. In the words of Paul "He loved me and delivered himself for me". Now this is a love grasped and understood by the lowliest of us. We are caught by it. "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all things to myself". This is indeed the understood love; the love of someone sacrificing himself for me, the love, care and anxiety of a mother for her child. It is love in human terms, acting out love in the human context which brings us forth ultimately as children of God. This time, and in this context we have a large contribution to make in bringing ourselves forth freely from the womb of this human milieu in which we live. "Because you have been faithful over few things, I will place you over many".

And our true worth, our true state of maturity as sons of God is ultimately and freely going to be decided by ourselves within the human context. "I was hungry and you gave me to eat". So our gestation period is in a lived out loving committment (as was that of the source of our inspiration and our life, Jesus Christ) within the human milieu. And it is not in the sense of some vast project of love in which I am going to be involved in the future but it is the situation this very day - now We bring ourselves forth now for now is all we have. In our homes, our offices, places of work, in the streets, among our associates, casual acquaintances in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life.

Writer wishes to remain anonymous

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The Executive Committee of the Council was of the opinion that a survey should be made in the area to find out what activities might be of interest to the community and which would receive active support. To this end they had a questionnaire prepared for the A.G.M. which we reproduce here. If you would be interested in joining any of the Groups listed, drop a note to the T.T. at 37 Templeville Drive or phone 903630/906323, giving name and address and activity, and we will do the rest.

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| 1. Drama Circle | 2. Musical Appreciation Circle |
| 3. Chess Circle | 4. Community Care |
| 5. Environment | 6. Horticulture. |
| 7. Gramophone Circle | 8. Astronomy Circle |
| 9. Arts & Crafts | 10. Photographic & Cine Circle |
| 11. Annual Talent Compition | 12. Discussion Group. |

Letters to the Editor

Community Council - Annual Meeting

With the memory of this Meeting still fresh in our minds and, as I left it, I heard Mr. Niall Purcell say "not much stuff in for the Telegraph yet", so I decided I would put pen to paper and support the very hard working group.

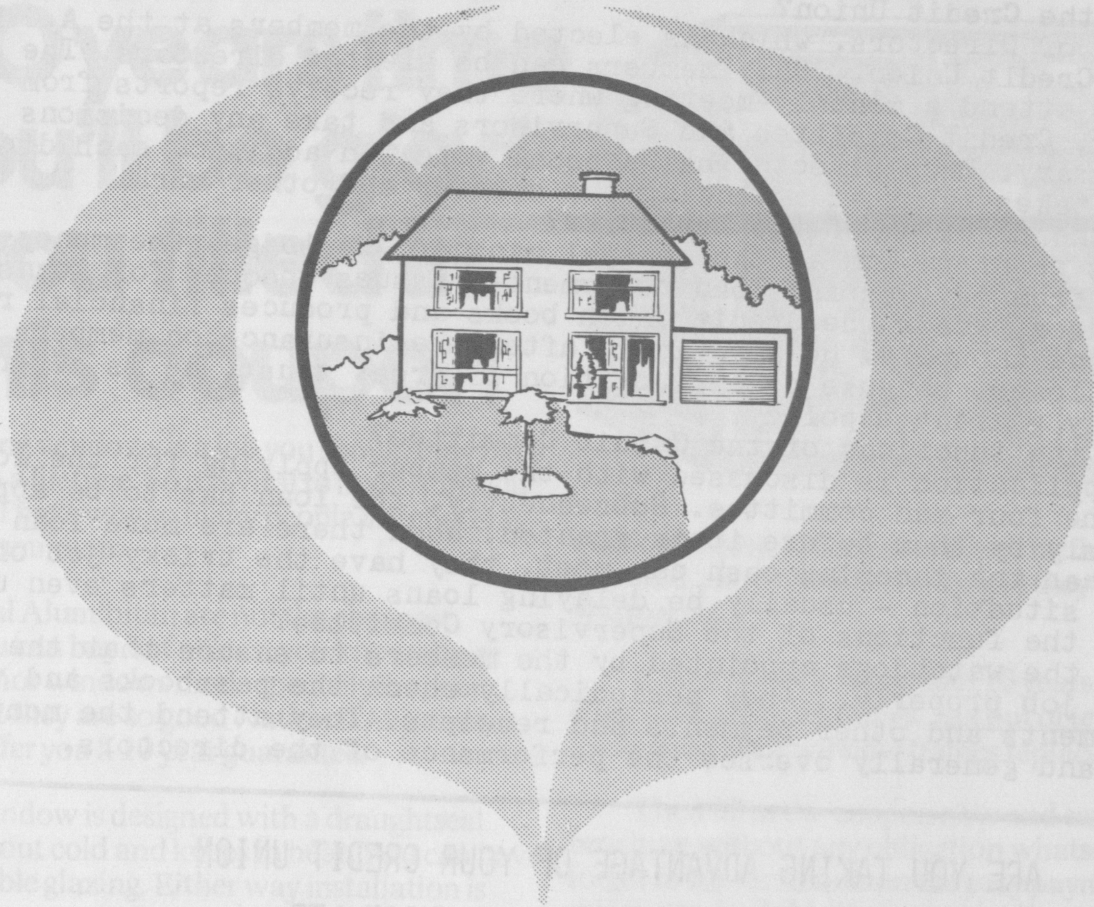
How very disappointed we all were to see such a small turn out in support of a very good Committee and a very able Chairman in Mr. Michael Brady. However, it was a pity that the Meeting clashed with the Templeogue Careers Meeting and more careful planning of the local Diary by the Council must be undertaken. Also in conversation with Father Lee he suggested the Meeting be held later on in the Spring - a very good idea.

I would also like to endorse what I said last night - that I feel the Council should be more representative and resident associations such as Rossmore, Glendown, Orwell, Ashfield and Cyress should now apply for membership. I also felt that the list of possible activities on display in the Hall should be reprinted in the Telegraph and this should get a very good response.

Here's wishing the Council every success and the full support of our Community.

STANLEY LAING.

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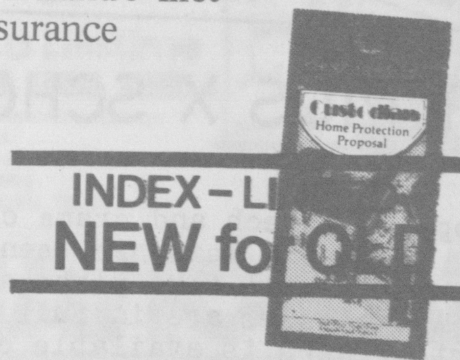
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QUESTION & ANSWER

Who runs the Credit Union?

The Board of Directors, which is elected by the members at the A.G.M., runs the Credit Union. Only members can be elected directors. The directors attend a monthly meeting where they receive reports from the Treasurer, Credit Committee and Supervisors and take any decisions that are necessary. Each director has a equal vote. In addition each director normally takes turns at attending the counter and other work.

What is the function of the Treasurer?

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What are the functions of the Credit Committee?

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What are the functions of the Supervisory Committee?

They are the watchdogs appointed by the members to ensure that the directors do their job properly. They periodically check the passbooks and vet all loan payments and other payments and receipts. They attend the monthly meeting and generally oversee the performance of the directors.

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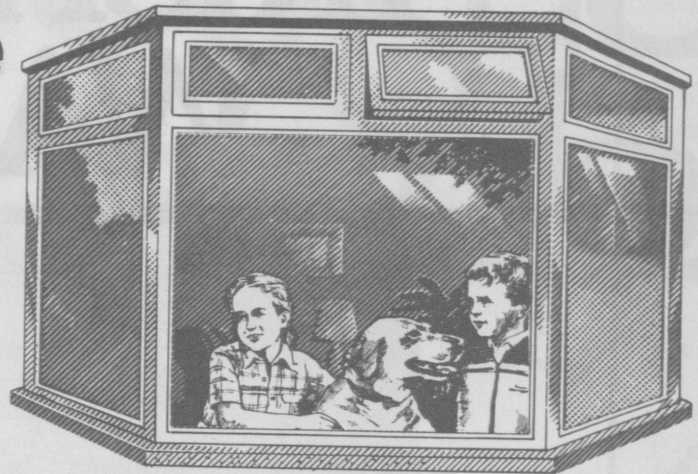
ST PIUS X SCHOOL PARENT'S ASSOCIATION

The popular speech and drama classes have resumed and all classes are now full. The Howth feis has been postponed until November. The Father Matthew feis will take place as usual at Easter.

The Art classes are in full swing and all classes are completely full. No further news is available on the swimming, but you will be kept informed. We wish to thank the parents for their support of the extra curricular classes.

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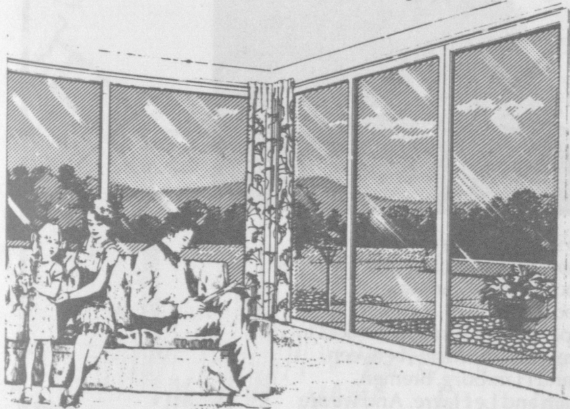
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