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#### DIARY

June	8	Thursday	Leaving Cert and Intermediate Cert Examinations commence.
	9	Friday	Whist Drive, Committee Room, St. Pius X Church.
	11	Sunday	National Children's Day.
	12	Monday	Committee Meeting -- St. Pius X Parents' Association.
	16	Friday	Coffee Morning in aid of 37th St. Pius X Unit C.B.S.I. in 137 Templeville Drive 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
	19	Monday	General Meeting of Parents' Association St. Pius X School Hall.
	26	Saturday	Attic Auction in aid of 37th Unit C.B.S.I. St. Pius X Troop, in St. Pius X School Hall 3 - 6 p.m.
	28	Wednesday	Concert by Speech and Drama Pupils, St. Pius X School Hall
	29	Thursday	" " " " " " " " " "
	30	Friday	6th Classes School Leavers' Party in St. Pius X School Hall 7.30 p.m.
July	3	Monday	End of School Year -- St. Pius X Schools.

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Magazine of the Templeogue Community Council, published on 2nd Tuesday of each month.

The views expressed by individual contributors do not necessarily reflect those of the Templeogue Community Council.

\*The Templeogue Telegraph takes its usual break in publication until after the Summer period. Readers will be notified in due course regarding arrangements for further publication. Meanwhile, enquiries may be directed to members of the Templeogue Community Council.

Dear Readers,

As this is the final issue of the Templeogue Telegraph for this present session I would like, as Editor, to take this opportunity to express my thanks to everybody concerned with the issue of the Templeogue Telegraph over the past ten months. This includes all the various associations who regularly submitted their reports, the individuals who gave their time and effort to writing poems, book critiques and letters. To all of you my very sincerest thanks.

I would like to say a very special "thank you" to Mary and Paddy Heneghan for their tremendous hard work in keeping the Templeogue Telegraph flag flying for so many years. Their help and understanding has been invaluable to me over the past year.

To you the readers, goes my gratitude for your interest, patience and support. Please keep it up when the new Templeogue Telegraph commences next autumn.

Finally may I wish the best of luck and success to the new Committee and at the same time thank all the members of the retiring committee for their great help.

Yours gratefully,

Editor.

#### TEMPLEOGUE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Two meetings of Council and Executive were held during the month of May and two new members were co-opted. These are Mrs. Betty O'Brien and Mr. Paul Tonge. Betty was a member of the original Working Committee from which the Council devolved and Paul represents the Templeogue Wood Residents' Association. We are happy to have their help.

A warm welcome was extended to representatives of the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts who were invited to attend as observers.

Our first Social event this year - a Dance - was held in St. Mary's R.F.C., on Saturday 20th May and was a great success. A very large attendance enjoyed dancing to the music of the McGuinness Group and a light supper was served to all. This was no mean feat and our thanks go to the lady members who prepared and served the savouries, and to the very lovely young ladies and pleasant young men, (all members of the Community Youth Club) who so willingly helped throughout. Congratulations to John Deegan, as Organiser, for a job well done. The Spot Prizes and Raffle prizes, many of which were donated with much courtesy by local shopowners, added greatly to the pleasure of the evening. We are grateful to all who contributed.

The Council warmly acknowledges a cheque for £10 received from the Templeogue Community Youth Club. This was made as a gesture of appreciation of the help they are receiving from all of us and was possible only as a result of the successful Cake Sale they held last April. We are grateful to them for this totally voluntary gesture on their part. It is most commendable and rewarding to us who strive to help and encourage them.

A Swimming Gala was held in Terenure College Pool on Sunday 21st May, and was very successfully organised by Mr. Sean Mahon and Mr. & Mrs. Jim Farnan. Once again we thank all who sponsored events and all who assisted at the Pool. Congratulations to all concerned.

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Help is sought by Mr. John Whittle for a group of young visitors travelling from Yugoslavia and arriving in Dublin on 24th July for a stay of approximately 12 days. A letter from Mr. Whittle is published in this issue and outlines the efforts required to make their visit a happy one. The Council is hopeful that readers will take interest and rally round Mr. Whittle and his colleagues who have undertaken the task of providing for a group of young people so deserving of our hospitality.

Once again our Community will be host to a large number of foreign students who will be staying for some weeks. We welcome them, and hope they and our young people will mingle together, so that they may all be aware of the need to share the amenities we have around us. We wish them a happy visit.

Community Games: Sean Mahon reports elsewhere in this issue. We congratulate all entrants on their efforts.

This is the last issue of our Magazine for the holiday period. We extend our best thanks to our contributors and subscribers. May they keep up the good work on our return. We thank, too, the members of the Boy Scouts and Community Youth Club who have volunteered to collate the magazine, thus leaving Council members free for other work. We shall be changing our format and starting with a new face after the holidays, D.V.

Meantime, our best wishes to dear Father Lee, our Parish Priest. We have heard he is patiently bearing-up within the confines of his convalescence. May he be fully recovered before the fray begins again.

May we all in this community have a really happy holiday.

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26 Springfield Road,  
Dublin 6.

Dear Editor,

Up to a few days ago we had a cat. His name was Rufus. Unlike most cats which can be pretty self-contained, he was a very affectionate animal - almost like a dog - which makes his loss harder to bear. He was the beloved of not only the family but of the children in our little cul-de-sac. Some of those children cried because some stupid callous person laid poison and did not bother to take precautions to protect animals. I know that some people in the area have been bothered by rats and have been laying poison. I also know that that benevolent body, the Dublin County and/or City Authorities, have been spraying a weed-killer that if walked on by cats or dogs can stick to their pads and if licked off can kill. Who licks its paws more often than a cat! Whoever you are I hope you never see a cat suffer as I have done - see him have to be put down because he is coughing up blood - never see the desperate look in his eyes as he looks at you expecting you to help him and knowing the only way you can do it is by having him killed. I hope you don't have to stand by and watch heartbreak in children's eyes as they see the result of your handiwork. May God forgive you.

What in the name of God are we doing to our environment when a harmless creature can't be allowed outside the door.

Again I say who killed my cat in such a beastly way!

Yours sincerely,

Betty O'Brien.

## ST. PIUS X SCHOOLS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION REPORT

### Tabletennis Competitions:

Well, the tabletennis champions for 1977/78 have finally been decided and what great competitions they proved to be. If I single out the girls' final for particular mention, I'm sure none of the other competitors will object. What a superb match this was, with fortunes swinging one way then the other in "nail biting" suspense. The skill, determination, tenacity and sportsmanship of both contestants deserves the highest praise. The final result was a win for Niamh Larkin over Romy Cullen 21-16, 17-21, 13-21, 21-20, 21-17.

Whilst the boys' final did not produce the same level of excitement we did, however, see some fine skillful and entertaining play from both competitors, with Sean Hayes the eventual winner over Niall Kelly 21-8, 21-17, 21-10. The Doherty Perpetual Challenge Cup (6th Class Girls) was presented to Niamh Larkin by Mrs. Doherty, Girls' School Principal, who also presented a plaque to the runner-up, Romy Cullen.

The losing semi-finalists, Aine O'Brien and Karen Sinclair both received medals and the losing quarter finalists, Antoinette Hannon, Isobel Hurley, Muriel Moroney and Audrey McGrane, each received a pen. Mrs. May O'Neill, the St. Pius X Schools Parents' Association Chairperson, presented the Association's Perpetual Challenge Cup (6th Class Boys) to Sean Hayes and a plaque to Niall Kelly. The runner-up medals were presented to both Paul Chew and Derek Murphy, losing semi-finalists. Michael Lynch, Mark Mullins and Kieran Burns as losing quarter finalists received a pen each.

Fr. D. Supple congratulated both winners and gave lavish praise to all the competitors for their keen and sporting participation.

It was nice to see Mr. M. Doherty the retired Principal of the boys' school looking so fit and well. He also congratulated the winners and all the children who took part in the competition.

Finally our thanks to everybody who helped to make this event a memorable one, the umpires, the score keepers, the ladies who prepared the refreshments, the fifth year boys from Templeogue College and of course the girls and boys who played in the competition with such zest and enthusiasm. May we take this opportunity to thank and congratulate you all, without your participation there would be no competition.

### Speech and Drama

There were twenty pupils entered for the Howth Feis. One was highly commended.

Six children entered for the Guildhall Examination in Speech and Drama.

One pupil took an examination in Oral Communication (London School of Music).

Some 25 children received certificates from the Leinster School of Music.

The concert will be held at the end of school term in the School Hall. Parents will be notified.

Parents and children, please note the following events will take place before the close of the school year.

1. Speech and Drama Concert.
2. Display of work from Art Classes.
3. Swimming Gala.
4. School Leavers' Party.

Since this is the last issue of the Templeogue Telegraph before the summer holidays may I take this opportunity to wish all our members a happy holiday.

### NOTICE

Found in vicinity of the bus stop at the junction of Templeogue Rd., and Springfield Road, last Christmas, a red ladies' purse containing a large sum of money. Owner may collect at St. Pius X Church Saorstey.

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Dublin 6.

Dear Reader,

The Diocese of Zagreb in Yugoslavia celebrated a special Marian Year in 1976, it was the privilege of the Templeogue Youth Group to be invited to join in the celebrations, and to become the first Pilgrims from Ireland to travel to that country. The invitation came from a group of young people, who had met a Youth Pilgrimage from Ireland in Rome during Holy Year, and it was accepted by us with great pleasure.

Much has been written about religious freedom enjoyed by the Catholics of Yugoslavia, less about the harassment which they have to endure. For instance when it became known that our Group were Pilgrims travelling to take part in religious celebrations, our bookings in the State controlled Youth Hostels were instantly cancelled, presenting us with a problem! The problem was solved by the help from the young Catholics, who accommodated us in their own homes, and in the Diocesan Seminary.

During our stay we were treated as honoured guests and we discovered that Ireland and Catholic Yugoslavia have much in common. The two countries have suffered for the Faith. The parents of the young people we met endured open persecution for their religion in the 1950s and while in Zagreb we placed a wreath on the tomb in the Cathedral of Cardinal Stepinec, who died in prison.

Our hosts expressed a wish to visit Ireland some day, and they have now secured permission to spend 12 days here during the summer. We feel honoured and feel sure that they can be assured of a very warm welcome from the people of Templeogue.

However, currency regulations in their country means that they will have very little spending money, but we feel certain that many families will receive them as guests into their homes. As the future of Catholics in Yugoslavia is very uncertain - some observers expect a complete new regime to take over on the death, or departure of Marshal Tito, this may be the only opportunity these young people will have to experience Irish hospitality.

If you are willing to accommodate any of our Yugoslav guests please see form below. The ideal arrangement would be to have them accommodated in pairs, but if you would be prepared to take even one of them, we will be pleased to hear from you.

Date of Arrival	:	Monday 24th July
Date of Departure	:	Friday 4th August
Number of Girls	:	27
Number of Boys	:	12
Ages	:	Between 14 and 23 Years

The Group will be under the care of a Jesuit Father from Zagreb and through correspondence with him a full schedule has been arranged for the duration of their stay.

It would be appreciated if you would return the form beneath whether or not you are in a position to help us.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN J. WHITTLE.

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I am/am not in a position to accommodate

.....Girls .....Boys

Name:.....

Address:.....

.....Phone No.....

YUGOSLAV VISIT (See Mr. Whittle's letter on previous page)

In order to raise funds to provide transport and other facilities for our guests it is proposed to hold a Cake Sale during June.

All donations of cakes will be gratefully received and your support is earnestly requested.

DATE: Sunday 18th June.

Venue: Committee Room St. Pius X Church.

Time: Beginning after Irish Mass (8.45) and continuing till after 12.30 Mass.

Please leave donations of cakes to 79 Templeville Road before the Cake Sale or to Committee Room on Sunday morning.

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TEMPLEOGUE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB

Dear Reader,

The response to the Templeogue Community Youth Club has been immense and applications continue to flow in. At the moment it would be impossible to cater for the number wishing to join so membership is limited to 50 at this time. However, the club leaders, Liz Dawson and Declan Ellison, together with the committee have agreed to admit another 25 members in September. These will be the first 25 who have sent application forms to Liz Dawson after the pre-summer membership closed. It is proposed to admit more members in numbers of 25 during the course of next year.

The number of activities continues to increase every week as members continue to bring up new games. At the moment, the main attraction is tabletennis and to cater for this, a competition has been started. There will be prizes for the winner and runner-up. To make things a little fairer, the losers of the first round in the competition will go through to their own losers' competition. As well as the many board games there are card games and darts which provide much amusement for those not up to the exceptional standard of tabletennis or not playing the game.

To give the committee a well deserved rest from their hard work the club has decided to take a Summer break from the 15th July to 19th August.

The committee are elected by the Club members. Therefore, to keep the members happy they will be allowed to have two elections this year. The next elections will be held in October.

Last Easter T.Y.G. invited us to a party, which we all enjoyed. Now our Club

TEMPLEOGUE G.A.A.

News Flash

Tony Harahoe, Captain of the famous "Dubs", will present the medals to winners and runners-up of our Summer League on Friday night 16th June, 8.00 p.m. in Terenure College grounds. We expect a great match and look forward to everybody's support.



TEMPLEOGUE YOUTH CLUB (Continued from previous page)

has decided to have another party and return the invitation. The date is Saturday 3rd June. It will commence at 8.00 p.m. and will end at 12.00 p.m. The party is strictly an all ticket affair. Therefore all Club members have been issued two tickets each so as to admit non-members. The doors will close at 10.00 p.m.

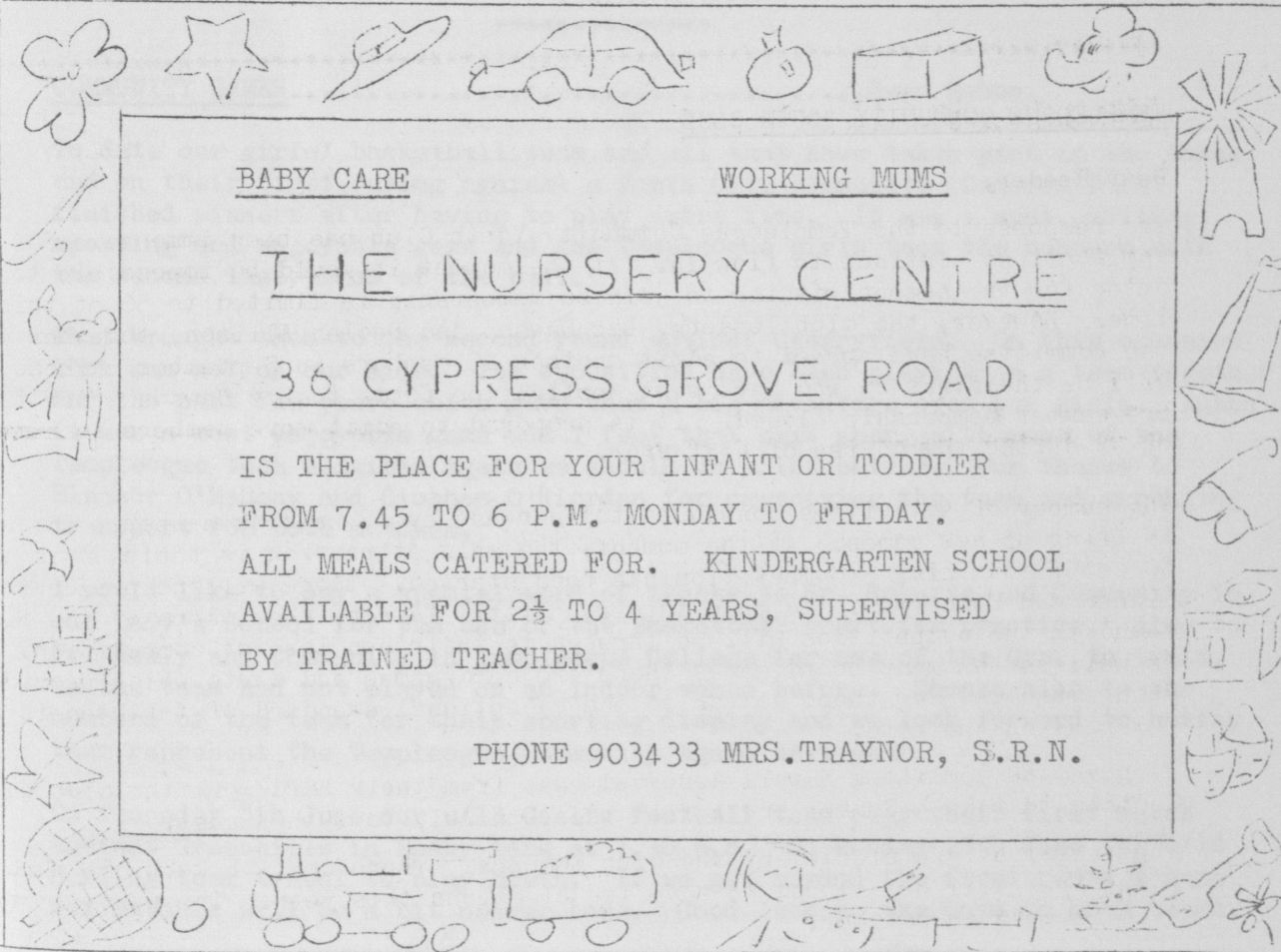
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The Club has also proposed to show a film in the summer. The film is "THE STING" starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford. It will be shown on Sunday 18th June at 8.00 p.m. in St. Pius X Hall. Admission is 40p and all are welcome.

Errill Fox, T.C.Y.C.

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This report was received by the Editor before 3rd June. It is understood that the party took place as planned and was very successful.



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New R.A.Y. Group in Our Lady's School\*

A report has been received - too late, unfortunately, for publication in full - that a new R.A.Y. (Renewal and Youth) Group has been started in Our Lady's School, Templeogue Road, and as a start to its activities plans to take a group of children to Dublin Zoo in late June. It is hoped to publish the full report, from Tracy O'Connor, the Chairperson, in the issue of the Telegraph immediately after the Summer recess.

\*The R.A.Y. Movement aims at helping young people to order their lives in a happy way with the help of self-control and moderation with alcohol.



TEMPLEOGUE G.A.A.

Our annual league is now well under way and to-date we have been very lucky with the weather. In spite of opposition on television there has been a full turn out of boys every night and the games have been played in ideal weather conditions.

It is hoped to have a member of the Dublin senior team present the medals on the night of the final, Friday June 16th.

A member of our under 13 football team has been chosen to travel to Liverpool with a South City selection. It is an honour for our club to have a player travelling with a team like this and we know that Kevin will uphold our good name both on and off the field. We wish him well and hope he has a pleasant trip.

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COMMUNITY GAMES.....Sean Mahon.

To date our girls' basketball team are all that have taken part in the Games and on their first outing against a North City community (Cameron Park) finished winners after having to play extra time. It was a most exciting, sporting and enjoyable game and the Templeogue girls took the honours with the second last throw of the ball.

That brought them to the second round against Cherryfield. On this occasion luck was not on our side. The opposition have been playing as a team together for the past few years which gave them a big advantage over our girls. Again it was a most enjoyable game and I feel that next year, with most of the Templeogue team eligible again we should do a lot better. Our thanks to Eleanor O'Mahony and Siobhan O'Riordan for organising the team and arranging transport for both matches.

I would like to say a special word of thanks to Sr. Robarts and Community in our Lady's School for the use of the Basketball court for practice. Also to Fr. Healy and Community in Templeogue College for use of the Gym. to train, as the team had not played on an indoor venue before. Thanks also to the members of the team for their sporting display and we look forward to having them represent the Templeogue Community again next year.

On Thursday 8th June our u/13 Gaelic football team play their first match against Greenhills in Bushy Park at 7.30 p.m. On Monday 12th June the u/14 hurling team travel to play Howth. If we get beyond the first round I hope our matches will be a bit nearer home. Good luck to the boys on both teams.

We held our Community Swimming Gala on Sunday 21st May in Terenure College Swimming Pool and it was a wonderful success. All those taking part enjoyed themselves and that includes the parents who took part in the family races which was won by the Sinclair Family.

The following is the team chosen to represent Templeogue at the Dublin Games on July 22nd and 23rd.

Girls

- Jill Fisher
- Jane Finlay
- Ann Healy
- Elaine Lowe
- Yvonne Fisher
- Angela Enright
- Aisling Comerford

Boys

- John Fisher
- Paul Vaughan
- David Towey
- Aiden Towey
- Peter Sinclair
- Derek McCann
- Fintan Mahon

Boys u/13 Relay Team: Aiden Towey, David Towey, Robert McCann, Ciaran Mahon and Dermot Claffey.

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COMMUNITY GAMES

/Continuation

Due to circumstances the swimming committee have decided not to enter a girls relay team.

The Gala would not have been the success it was if we did not have our sponsors. Our thanks to those who sponsored our event by subscribing £5 towards cost of medals. The Lowe Family, Cypress Grove Road; Gabriel Griffin, Cypress Park; Joe Kennedy, Fortfield Park; Aidan Wilson (Grocer) Greenlea Road; Templeogue Ladies' Club and St. Pius X N.S. Parents' Association. Thanks also to Fr. Brennan and Fr. O'Kelly, Terenure College for seating and amplification. Mrs. May O'Neill for looking after some nervous little girls. Chairman of our Community Council, Michael Brady, for presenting medals to winners. Mr. & Mrs. Jim Farnan, Frank McCann, Aiden Kearney and all the boys who helped in many other ways.

Members of the Templeogue Community must be reminded that if they enter the Community Games with any other area they will be disqualified along with the full team from that area. Unfortunately we had to disappoint some children in getting the football and hurling teams together but in fairness to the organising committee of the Community Games and other committees we must stick to the Rules of the Association. I hope other communities do the same.

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SOUTHERN CROSS ROUTE STUDY GROUP.

MEETING - TERENURE COLLEGE 25th MAY '78 .....Report by John J. Whittle,  
Chairman Templeville & Fortfield  
Residents' Association.

The following motion was put forward by Templeville and Fortfield Residents' Association: "That this association calls on the Southern Cross Route Study Group to abandon their low profile campaign in view of recent remarks made in Dail Eireann by Deputy Niall Andrews, and in view of the inaction on the part of the Government in implementing their pre-election commitment to immediately construct a high speed, limited access, single carriageway road, on the Southern Cross and Western Motorway alignments."

This meeting was very well attended by delegates from residents associations on the route from Ballyfermot to Mount Merrion. It was a very enthusiastic meeting and the problems due to heavy commercial traffic and juggernauts on this route, were discussed in detail. As a result of these discussions, two sub-committees are being formed, one to deal with publicity, and the other to co-ordinate and organise demonstrations. It was unanimously decided to call on people living on this route to stand up now and demand from the Government the provision of suitable roads, capable of taking the heavy duty commercial traffic that is coming in the near future. Unity and Action are what is needed to protect the lives, health and property of all residents on this route.

Another meeting is planned for Wednesday 14th June, at Terenure College, to which all interested in these problems are invited to attend. Experience has shown and proved that words, promises, letters, phone calls, consultations, representations and deputations are all time consuming and completely lacking in effect. Remember - the roads we live on are domestic byways, not European highways. Government take note.

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## HEATHER CUP 1978

This year's entry amounted to only 13 teams, the lowest since the competition started. It was also the first time for a team to be suspended. Rangers, the team in question, had 3 players over-age and the organisers had no choice but to remove them from the competition. Entry forms for the previous 3 years are held for reference so there was no way the boys involved were going to pull the wool over anyone's eyes.

While the standard was not quite up to previous years, nevertheless the boys enjoyed their football and the competition was keen and sporting. Preston, the early favourites, duly won out, after looking for a while in the final as though they would run away with the game, (at half time they led 4-0` Q.P.R. staged a remarkable second-half recovery putting the Preston defence under severe pressure and pulling back 3 goals, but the skills of Preston finally pulled them through, deserving winners by 6-3.

We were fortunate this year in having Irish International Mick Smyth of Bohemians to present the trophies.

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The St. Pius X Schools' Parents' Association would like to thank very sincerely Bernard Byrne and his helpers for the magnificent job he and they did in organising the Heather Cup.

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### TEMPLEVILLE AND FORTFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.....Report by Claire O'Regan

The Committee have been making representations to the Dublin County Council and Garda Siochana for provision of a box junction at the pedestrian signals on Templeville Road. We have just heard this has been agreed to.

The Committee had a meeting with the District Manager of Summerhill Garage C.I.E., Mr. T. D'Arcy, regarding the rerouting of the 54A bus off Templeville Drive, as we all know this route is not suitable. We have high hopes that it will be taken off the Drive in the near future.

We are awaiting the outcome of discussion by the Dublin City and County Manager with local authorities, who are reviewing the major road recommendations of the Dublin Transportation Study, an element of which is road development in the South County.

We are also pressing the Minister for the Environment, Mr. Sylvester Barrett, T.D. for the construction of the Southern Cross Route.

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### TEMPLEOGUE LADIES' CLUB.....Report by Rosa Morris, Hon. Secretary.

At our very successful June meeting we had a Cake Competition and Cake Sale to raise funds for a piano for the Club.

Fruit Cake Winner:	Mrs. Kitty Fitzgerald.	Victoria Sponge:	Mrs. Patsy Higgins.
Egg Sponge:	Mrs. Ena McGarry.	Tart:	Mrs. Yvonne Kelly.
Brown Bread:	Mrs. Ena Heffernan.	Small Varieties:	Mrs. Kitty Bowden.

Our day outing to New Ross was a day to remember. Wednesday 28th June at 6.15 p.m. we take off for Slane Castle. Buses from Fortfield Park (shops). Twelve members collected the magnificent sum of £122.50p for the Irish Cancer Society. Thanks to the ladies and all who contributed to this very worthy cause.

Junior Basket Ball commences Monday 12th June in Terenure College.

Happy holidays to all. See you September, D.V.

CREDIT UNION QUESTION & ANSWER (Continued from last month)...by Donal Kelly.

Is the interest on loans allowable for Income Tax purposes?

Provided the loan is expressed as being repayable over a period longer than one year, the interest is allowable for income tax purposes. On request, the Treasurer will issue a certificate for the amount of interest paid during the year and this will be accepted by the Revenue Commissioners.

What is covered by the free Life Assurance on Loans?

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The Credit Union pays the premium for this from the interest it receives.

How frequently do loan repayments have to be made?

This depends on what the borrower agrees with the Credit Committee. Usually repayments are at weekly, fortnightly or monthly intervals - whichever suits the borrower best.

How rigid are repayment terms?

Members who borrow are expected to live up to their promises by paying the amounts promised at the intervals promised.

Some members repay their loans faster than promised, either by paying a larger amount than promised each time or - more usually - by paying the agreed amount at the agreed intervals, but occasionally paying a larger amount. This saves the borrower interest and makes the money available for other loans more quickly. Generally if members are going for a fortnight's holidays they will pay three weeks' instalments before they go; or if they miss a week, they make up for it the following week.

Sometimes a member finds it impossible to live up to the agreed repayments - possible due to illness or unemployment or having to pay an unexpected bill. All the member has to do is to contact the Credit Committee and they will be only too glad to work out a method of repayment to suit the altered circumstances.

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by John McCann. at £3.50

Noel is a composite account of the living of Noel Coward, playwright, composer, lyricist, singer, actor, producer, director and wit.

Charles Castle the author has written the scenario of the life of Coward. The film is intended for world-wide television distribution and it is on this that the book has been modelled with the approval of Coward.

The publishers have listed together with Coward's reminiscences and observations the comments of a galaxy of theatrical folk such as Michael MacLiammoir, John Gielgud, Richard Burton, Michael Wilding, Anna Neagle, Lilli Palmer, David Niven, Yul Brenner, John Mills, Margaret Leighton, Joan Sutherland, Brian Aherne, Edith Evans, Maurice Chevalier and Gladys Cooper. Along with these, not always complimentary, remarks, there is a profusion of pictures, old playbills, cartoons, lyrics and scores. A goodly part of the volume is taken up with dialogue from his many successes.

Michael MacLiammoir played with Coward in a show called The Goldfish, a typical Christmas effort, when they were both ten years old. MacLiammoir says that Noel never fails to remind him that, although the pair were born in 1899, he is seven weeks and two days older than he. Michael can recall his first conversation with Coward. He says: "I was the soul of uncertainty and could never decide whether I wanted to be a painter, a farmer or a draper's assistant," because of seeing people at work in a drapers in The Arcade in Cork - magic to him.

MacLiammoir's uncertainty was in direct contrast to Noel who, when Michael asked what he wanted to be at the age of ten, had not the slightest hesitation in answering: "An actor, of course."

"He was extraordinarily secure," Michael goes on, "and I've always admired and loved him for the very limitations that I think are in his nature. He reminds me of a shining narrow road leading to a theatre with NOEL COWARD in letters of fire written across it, and he's never lost his way for a moment..... As a child he was abominable! As the mother and father of a very famous lady said to me lately: 'We love her very much but oh we dread her.' And we loved Noel very much in the early days of The Goldfish but Oh how we dreaded him."

Of course, as Castle remarks, MacLiammoir was not the only one to hold that opinion for even Coward, himself, has said that "I was a brazen little prodigy, over-pleased with myself and precocious to a degree."

Coward tells us that he was born in Teddington, a suburb of London through which the Thames flowed serenely, on the 16th December, 1899, without paying the faintest attention. His father Arthur Sabin Coward worked for a London music publisher and later as a piano salesman. He sang in the choir and there met Violet Veitch with whom he fell in love and married. They lost their first child of meningitis when he was six and Noel was born eighteen months later. They then left Teddington and went to cheaper accommodation in Surrey at a place called Sutton.

Like so many great men, Coward was to benefit most for encouragement in his later profession from the atmosphere of the home and he was from an early age to be literally steeped in theatre and music for with a father who not only sold pianos but played on the instrument competently and with both parents continuing to sing in the choir, in whatever district they lived, it can be readily seen that the normal routine of enjoyment in the home was the round the piano sing-song.

Then when Summer arrived, the seaside was the choice for holidays at Brighton, Broadstairs or Bognor where comedy and song and dance acts abounded. When later the family returned to a top flat in Prince of Wales Mansions in Battersea, the rent had to be offset by the taking in of a couple of lodgers who were good fellows and made the sing-song circle around the piano bigger.

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By that time, Noel was appearing in school concerts and attending ballet classes but was denied the privilege of singing in the choir because his voice was not considered good enough. By the time he was thirteen he had appeared in five productions and he was more attracted to the theatre than to school and the author says that after a matinee, young Noel in place of going home to study, would remain in the empty theatre, the only occupant of the stage on which he would dance and sing loudly.

When he was seventeen he was in D. W. Griffith's film Hearts of the World, starring Lillian Gish. Noel's part was that of a wheelbarrow pusher for which he got one pound per day. He was eighteen, when he played Helen Hayes's son in Wild Heath by Doroghy Brandon. This led to his being offered a leading part in The Saving Grace on which event he comments: "That was the real start of my name being known."

There are many diverse opinions on Coward expressed but all have admiration for his great courage in fighting the many obstacles the greatest of which was probably Tuberculosis which he had for three years before he was fifteen and which recurred just after his break through in The Saving Grace, for he was to spend a whole year in bed, before resuming the stiffest of all climbs of theatrical preferment.

A great part of this book also is the courage displayed by Coward's parents who, when the father lost his job of piano selling during the first World War, opened a lodging house where Violet Coward slaved.

Noel's theatrical career was so like so many about whom we have read, when many times what appeared to be the ultimate success was only to be followed by long spells of "resting" or having the prized manuscript thrown back.

The master's first great triumph was to come with The Vortex when he was twenty-five. Before that, in 1921, he had taken a trip to America with only the price of the single ticket, where no one rushed to take his plays but where he got the idea for his successful Hayfever. This is a most interesting book, a real present for theatrelovers.

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The following letter has been received from Councillor Mervyn Taylor, Chairman Dublin County Council, re New Box Junction at Templeville.

Dear Editor,

I am pleased to be able to inform your readers that following on my representations the County Council have agreed to provide a box junction on an experimental basis at the new pedestrian signals on Templeville Road/Fortfield Park.

I should be interested to hear from readers at a later date as to how the box junction is operating and if it is recommended that it be retained.

Yours sincerely,

Mervyn Taylor, M.C.C. Chairman,  
Dublin County Council.



Mr. Mervyn Taylor, M.C.C., Chairman of Dublin County Council writes:

I enclose programme of band performances to be provided by Dublin County Council during the summer which maybe of interest to your readers. You will note that the performances take place between 3.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. on the dates mentioned.

I would also like to remind your readers that the Castle and extensive grounds at Malahide Castle are now open to the public and are well worth a visit.

DUBLIN CO. COUNCIL'S PROGRAMME OF BAND PERFORMANCES FOR 1978

<u>BALBRIGGAN:</u> (Public Park at the beach)	Drogheda Brass Band Dublin Concert Band Ardee Military Band	July 2nd August 13th September 3rd
<u>SKERRIES:</u> (Public Park at harbour)	Raheny Accordion Band Post Office Workers' Union Band Ardee Military Band Post Office Workers' Union Band	June 4th August 6th August 27th September 3rd
<u>RUSH:</u> (Public Park at harbour)	Raheny Accordion Band Ardee Military Band Drogheda Brass Band	June 25th July 23rd August 27th
<u>SWORDS:</u> (The Green)	St. James Brass & Reed Band Breakaway Accordion Band Drogheda Brass Band	June 11th July 9th July 16th
<u>MALAHIDE:</u> (Public Park at Bissetts Strand)	Breakaway Accordion Band * Drogheda Brass & Reed Band Ardee Military Band * St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band	June 5th June 11th July 2nd August 27th
<u>LUCAN:</u> (Public Park)	Blanchardstown Brass Band Blanchardstown Brass Band Raheny Accordion Band	June 18th July 16th July 23rd
<u>BLANCHARDSTOWN:</u> (The Green, Coolmine Park)	Ardee Military Band Raheny Accordion Band Raheny Accordion Band	June 4th July 9th July 30th
<u>CLONDALKIN:</u> (Open space at Booth Road)	Raheny Accordion Band St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band Blanchardstown Band	June 5th July 2nd August 27th
<u>MARLEY PARK:</u> (Rathfarnham)	Raheny Accordion Band Raheny Accordion Band Raheny Accordion Band	June 11th June 25th September 3rd
<u>WALKINSTOWN:</u> (8 acres at Manor Estate)	St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band	June 18th

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