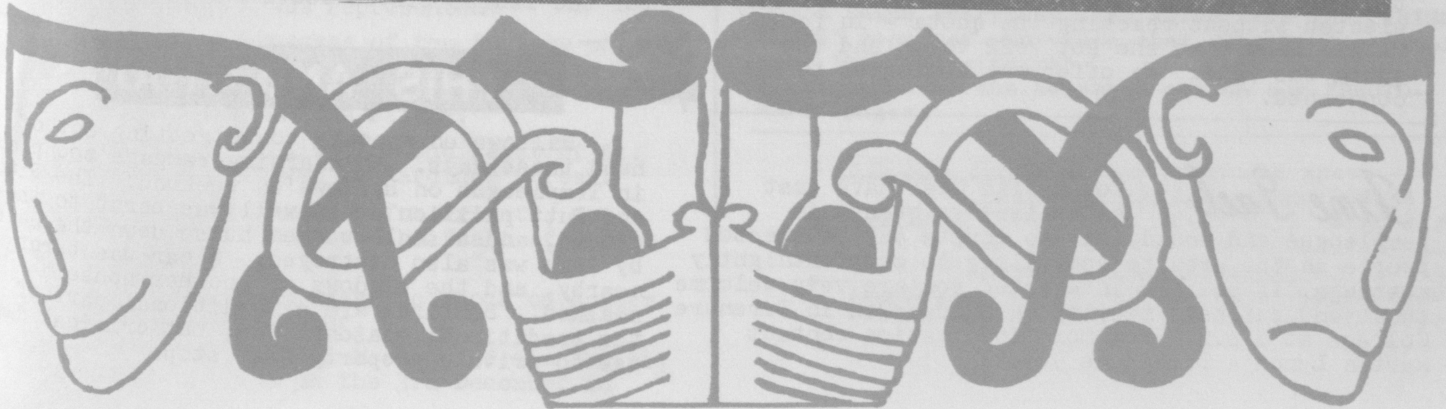
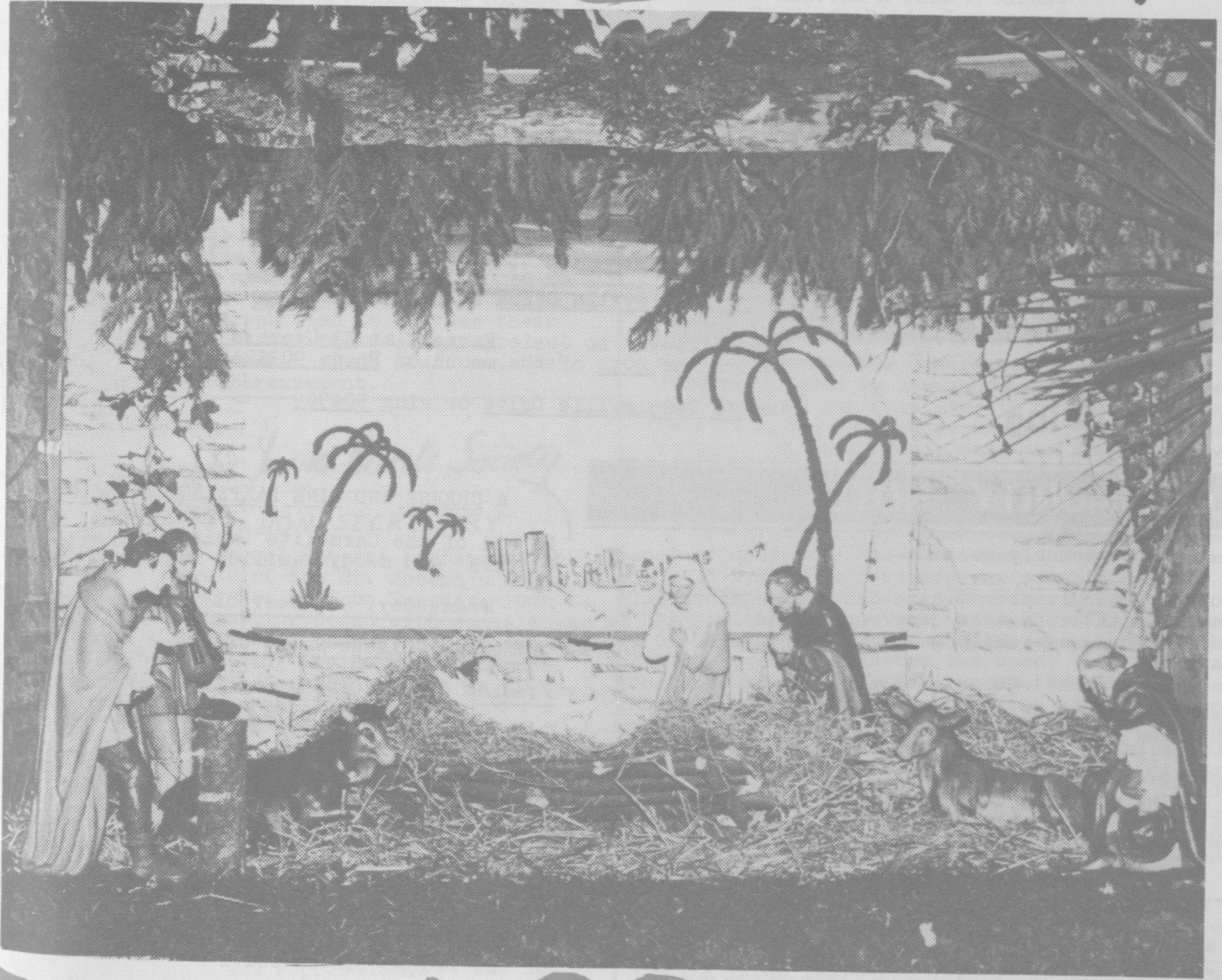


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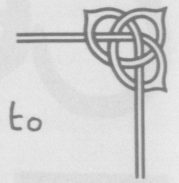


DIARY

- Tuesday 1st Community Council Meeting -Our Lady's School 8p.m.
- Wednesday 2nd Ladies Club Meeting 8 p.m.
- Thursday 3rd Ladies Club Annual Dinner Outing
- Friday 4th Dodder Vale Flower Group - Templeogue College 8.p.m.
- Saturday 5th Closing Date of Feile Bhríde Entries
- Sunday 6th Christmas Festival of Fashion & Fun - Our Lady's School 3 p.m.
- Monday 7th Young Fine Gael Meeting Committee Room Terenure College
also Jan 11th (for details ring Martin 905663)
- Wednesday 9th Liturgy Group monthly meeting 8 p.m. (Maire Doyle 900309)
Cheese & Wine & Auction for White Friar St. Penny Dinners at
Terenure Rugby Club 7.30 p.m.
- Friday 11th Whist Drive - Church Committee Room 8.15 p.m.
- Tuesday 15th St. Josephs Young Priest Society -White Fathers 8.0 p.m.
- Wednesday 16th Horticultural Society -Swop Shop -Our Ladys School 8 p.m.
- Monday 28th Solos & Friends Templeogue College 8 p.m.
- Thursday 31st Hour of Prayerful Meditation before Blessed Sacrament
(Liturgy Group) 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. St. Pius X Church.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Josie Farrell

At the monthly meeting of the Community Council a minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect to our fellow member Claire Carty. Her death left us all with a sense of deep regret and loss and to her husband and family we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Dublin County Council have announced a Variety Competition to be held in four areas of the county in early Spring. The title of the competition is "Cream of the County". The competition will be open to mixed groups to include male, female and youth. Those interested in joining should get in touch with me as soon as possible with a view to forming a group to participate in this event. My phone number is given below.

Our Political Correspondent has been sacked after his second error on the matter of the elections! He stated that Mary Harney was elected without reaching the quota - in fact, we all know that she got 7822 votes and the quota was 7234. We offer our apologies to all concerned.

Ed.

A CHEESE AND WINE PARTY AND AUCTION

In aid of the Carmelite (Whitefriar St.) 'Penny Dinners' and needy families will be held on

Wednesday, 9th Dec.'81 at

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THIS AND THAT

Hallowe'en appears to be getting out of hand these days. An alarming rampage took place in Templeogue on Hallowe'en weekend. The Pitch and Putt pavilion at Spawell was burnt to the ground, and a small wooden house down the nearby lane was also destroyed. A car was burnt nearby, and the windows of another house smashed. Bonfires are a traditional part of the traditional seasonal fun, but criminal damage to private property must stop.

Young Fine Gael

Young Fine Gael have just established a branch in Templeogue and would like to invite any interested people in the area to come along to our fortnightly meetings. If you are interested you are very welcome to attend our next meeting on Monday 7th in Terenure College at 8 p.m. For more information contact Martin Lynch - Telephone 905663



Claire Carty

The sudden death of Claire Carty has left Templeogue poorer, because we have lost a neighbour who was involved in so many community activities and who had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. She was a woman of talent and fine intellect as well as quiet charm.

As a pharmacist she was known to many through her work in the local Chemist shops, but she had many other interests which brought her in touch with people. She was a former President of the Templeogue Ladies Club and a member of their choir, public speaking and drama groups and of their bowling group. She had also been a member of committee of the Irish Federation of Women's Clubs and was a former Editor of their magazine.

When the Templeogue Community Council were setting up a committee in 1978 to produce the new Templeogue Telegraph we considered ourselves fortunate to have Claire's services as writer. We will miss her especially for her valuable contributions in the "Know Your Neighbour" series. In these she knew just what was needed and it will be difficult to replace her. The Editorial Board of the Templeogue Telegraph wish to express their deep sense of loss and their sincerest sympathy to Claire's husband Louis and the family on their bereavement.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

K. REYNOLDS. HON. SECRETARY

The ninth Annual General Meeting of the Templeogue Branch of the St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society was held on Tuesday, 10th November. The meeting began with concelebrated Mass in St. Pius X Church at 7.30 pm, the chief celebrant being Fr. S. Breen, Branch Chaplain. Other participants were Fr. Denis Ryan, O.C.S.O., Larkhill Parish, and Fr. Redmond, C.S.Sp., Templeogue College. Hymns were sung by the Parish Choir. There was a very good attendance at the meeting held in the Committee Room after the Mass.

The President, Mr. Aidan Folan, welcomed the priests, our guest speaker Fr. Denis Ryan, members from Executive and other branches.

The Secretary read her report which outlined the activities of the branch. The major events of the Society held during the year at which our branch was represented:

- (1) The Annual Congress of the Society which was held in Clonliffe College on the 25th and 26th April. The theme of the Congress was "Handing on the Faith".
- (2) The Annual Tridium for the feast of St. Joseph the Worker in Gardiner Street.
- (3) Mass of Intercession for Priests, in Clonliffe College on the feast of Christ the King.
- (4) Our Annual Pilgrimage to Knock on Rosary Sunday, 4th October.
- (5) The Annual General Meeting of the Society which was held on the 3rd December in

Loreto Convent, St. Stephen's Green, at which His Grace, the Most Rev. Dermot Ryan, D.D., Archbishop of Dublin, spoke.

During the year membership of the branch increased, and our contribution to Central Funds was £1,977, for which the Society was most grateful. The number of Students being assisted by the Society at present is 457.

Fr. Ryan in his address spoke of the great work the Society was doing for the priesthood. The Society centers around the Mass. It prays for vocations, students and priests and helps the spiritual formation of its members.

He said we should not hide our light under a bushel, but should make our Society better known and have a branch in every parish. He congratulated the Society on their stand for the Pro-Life Amendment Campaign.

Other speakers included Mr. Michael O'Connor, President of the Society and Dr. Enda Mulvey, General Secretary,

To all our promoters and subscribers we say a very special thank you. It is through your efforts that our branch continues to thrive.

Our meetings are held in the White Fathers on the second Tuesday of every month. Mass at 8p.m. New members are welcome

SPORT FOR ALL

Monday 26th October - Marathon Monday - will be long remembered by thousands of Dublin citizens who thronged the city streets to witness a great feat of human endurance. On that day, over 8000 runners, old and young, male and female, wives and husbands, from all walks of life left St. Stephen's Green and ran and ran and ran- for 26 miles plus!! At the same time a small group of physically handicapped competitors took part in a wheelchair Marathon over the same distance.

More than 7000 finished the course and many agreed that they would never have finished were it not for the cheers and encouragement of the spectators who cheered the hardy ones and coaxed the tired ones right up to the finishing line.

TEMPLEOGUE was well represented in the Marathon. From the Choir of St. Pius X Church I saw Joe O' Connor with only 2 miles to go taking it all in his stride. His finishing time was a very creditable 3 hours, 30 minutes. Father Maurice Cunningham of the White Fathers reached the line in 3 hours, 38 minutes. He was being Cheered on by Br. Alphonso and other members of the Community near the finish. Youthful Fiona Quinn of Our Lady's School also reached the finish as did Tom Mulready of Donville who was sporting a "St. Jude's" sweater.

But I think everybody will agree with the "IRISH TIMES" reporter who wrote that "The Dublin people were the real winners"

Photographs of the Marathon are on our "PHOTO-NEWS" pages.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Bunny Williams

Now that winter is really getting into its stride there is not very much one can do in the garden, apart from spending the odd half hour or so, when the weather is not too bad, clearing up leaves and doing the last tidying up of the season. Nevertheless the winter months can be put to good use for learning and I hope our members are finding our monthly meetings helpful in this respect.

Mrs. Mary Simpson, who holds a degree in Botany, and is well known in Irish horticultural circles, came to speak at our November meeting and her subject was "Basic Gardening", with particular emphasis on soil. She brought with her samples of the original untreated soil which was in her Foxrock garden, of the compost which she uses to improve her soil, and of the soil as it is at present in her garden after treatment. These samples really highlighted how important it is to treat your soil properly if you wish to get the best out of it. The final product looked for all the world like dark brown breadcrumbs, rich in nutrients, and one would know by feeling the texture that it would be ideal to work on and would certainly be ideal for growing plants. Mrs. Simpson is a great advocate of making your own compost, and she rightly contends that the good which is taken from the soil must be put back into it, and her opinion is that the best way to do this is by making your own compost. It is also an excellent way of disposing of garden refuse, grass cuttings, old newspapers, eggshells, vegetable peelings and the like. She also brought with her many specimens which she has growing in her own garden and at the end of the evening many members were given cuttings to take home. Mrs. Simpson also kindly brought some rooted cuttings of attractive plants which were included in the raffle at the interval.

We have had quite a good response for the Christmas outing which will take place on Sunday, 6th December. The bus will leave the Fortfield Shopping Centre at Fortfield Road at 1 o'clock and we shall go straight to Lawlor's Garden Centre in Durrow. Lawlors have assured us that they have one of the largest selections of potted plants at this time of the year, and we already know that they also have a huge selection of garden plants always in stock so there should be no lack of choice available both for those who wish to buy some Christmas gifts and those who just wish to purchase additional shrubs and plants for their gardens. Afterwards we shall have an evening meal in Woodview Guest House, which is only a mile from Durrow, and we expect to arrive back in Templeogue at about 9 p.m. The all-in cost will be £8.00. We hope it will be as enjoyable as our previous outings.

The Committee has received from a firm of Travel Agents details of week-long trips which are being organised from April to October 1982 to coincide with a massive Flower Show called "Floriade '82" being held in Amsterdam. This is a flower show which is held every ten years, and the last show in 1972 attracted more than four million visitors. The International Exhibition will be held in the south-eastern quarter of Amsterdam and will extend from 8th April to 10th October, spanning no less than three flowering seasons. It will be a unique opportunity to study Dutch know-how in plant cultivation. In addition to the horticultural side it will also provide many other attractions for young and old alike, not least of which will be an opportunity to explore Amsterdam itself. The trip is by road and sea, leaving Dublin on Sunday by ferry to Liverpool, arriving in Ostend on Monday, and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are spent in Amsterdam. Departing from Amsterdam on Friday travellers will arrive back in London on Saturday where you have the morning free for shopping or sightseeing, and then back by overnight ferry to Dublin, arriving on Sunday morning. The cost per person will be in the region of £160, and includes Bed/Breakfast throughout the trip. If more than 20 persons wished to travel the cost could work out cheaper. Full details of the trip can be obtained from the Committee and we shall discuss it further at our December meeting, which will be held on 16th December. If sufficient numbers are interested we can also arrange for a representative from the Travel Agents to come to one of our meetings for further discussion. It certainly seems like a good opportunity to combine a weeks holiday with the chance to see gardening at its best, as the Dutch are the acknowledged masters of horticulture.

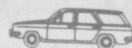
Our December meeting will feature our annual Swop Shop and we hope as many as possible will attend. We hope everyone will bring some cuttings, rooted or otherwise. Pot plants and plant divisions will also be welcome. If you take the trouble to label what you bring so much the better. However, please do come along and bring something - that will ensure a greater selection to bring home. Please remember to bring a plastic bag with you to make carrying easier. We shall also have some Christmas plants for our raffle.

Our congratulations go to Mr. & Mrs. Tom Donaghy of Fortfield Park, two of our staunch members who were successful in winning second prize in the recent Templeville and Fortfield Residents Association Garden competition.

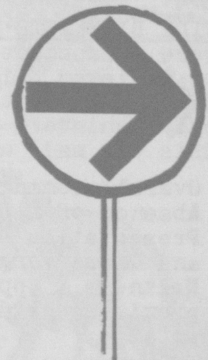
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Sean Ardagh

Progress on the estate has been slow during the past month. As mentioned in the last issue of the T.T., the letter sent to Dublin County Council asking them to issue proceedings against Crossspan has not yet been officially answered. In reply to a question by Deputy Sean Walsh at a meeting of the mid County District Committee of Dublin Co. Council on October 27th 1981, it was reported that "consideration will now be given to initiating Enforcement proceedings". It was also reported at that meeting that "the security for the development of this estate was supplied by the Construction Industry Federation". Our secretary, James Murtagh, has asked for official information from Dublin County Council by Dec. 4th, 1981.

Crossspan in a letter dated 30th October, 1981, to the Association stated that Howard Lane & Co. are preventing Crossspan from bringing the works to a satisfactory conclusion because Howard Lane & Co. are, in Crossspan's opinion, not completing their responsibilities on the estate. Crossspan have now entered into High Court proceedings with Messrs. Howard Lane & Co. and a summons was issued on that company on 13th October, 1981.

Notwithstanding the above, the residents feel that Crossspan have the ultimate responsibility to the residents to finish the estate and will request the Dublin County Council again to continue with enforcement proceedings. Some of the residents are nearly three years on the estate and the condition in which it is in after that length of time is deplorable.

Jim Murtagh has sent notices out to all residents concerning television reception. A nyone having trouble with their television reception should contact R.T.E. Relays as already circulated.

With regard to the traffic lights at the entrance to Glendown Estate, the Association have received a report from Deputy Sean Walsh stating that further counts on traffic are being undertaken which, when the results are available, will bw submitted to the Traffic Study Group for a recommendation. You probably noticed recently the huts at the entrance to Glendown. Hopefully traffic lights will be put in place shortly.

The Secretary of St. Mary's College Rugby Football Club has written to us in relation to the noise and litter on Friday nights. He states that he has brought the matter to the attention of the Dance Committee who will do everything in their power to eliminate this annoyance. He also stated that the Club would be pleased to offer the facilities of their Clubhouse to us for the holding of meetings. The Residents' Association are appreciative of this offer and will take the Club up on it.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held during the first week in December. All committee members will be informed of the time and place. Any ordinary member is more than welcome to attend. If interested, please contact James Murtagh at 22 or myself at 23. The date and venue will have been fixed by the time you read this.

We wish all residents and our community neighbours a peaceful and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Ashfield Residents' Association

Manus Durcan

ARBOUR DAY: Our main activity recently was on the occasion of our Arbour Day on Saturday, 7th November last. In contrast to last year, it turned out to be a fine pleasant autumn day, and was enjoyed by all involved. We were able to muster a "meitheal" of 10 men and 8 junior helpers - all of whom worked with great energy, digging holes and fixing the stakes for over 50 trees. Everyone agreed that the junior helpers were of great assistance, particularly with advice, which they gave at every opportunity!!

We planted 40 trees around the edge of the main green, and most of these were mountain ash trees - in keeping with the name "Ashfield". The remainder were planted on the roadside grass verges to replace broken or failed trees planted earlier.

This completes phase two of our planting programme as agreed at our A.G.M. in March last. Our next phase will involve the planting of flowering shrubs amongst the trees on the green.

TIDY DISTRICTS COMPETITION: Our results for 1981 were disappointingly down on last year's, when we achieved third place in our category with 75 marks. In spite of our best efforts we could only achieve a total marking of 66 for 1981. This was made up as follows:

	Max.	Awarded
Overall community effort	50	35
Absence of Litter	30	20
Presentation of Open Spaces and Grass Verges	10	5
Neatness & appearance of premises, gardens	10	6
Total	100	66

The judges commented that some roadside margins and gardens still needed more attention. It is obvious that an even tighter

approach will have to be adopted for 1982 onwards if we are to do well. After all, it should not present an impossible task if we all put our weight behind the effort.

RENUMBERING: The County Council has finally approved the renaming and re-numbering of Ashfield Road, Ashfield Close and Ashfield Park. Henceforth these roads will be known simply as "Ashfield", and a new set of house numbers has been allocated in place of the old site numbers. Each householder has been individually advised by the Council of the change. All Public Bodies have also been advised.

Appropriate road name-plates have been fixed in place at the entrances to Ashfield.

Householders should now affix the new correct numbers to their doors and at the same time not forget to advise all the usual bodies of the change, e.g. Insurance Companies, Bank, Building Society, E.S.B., R.T.E. Relays, Telephone Directory, Telephone Accounts, etc.

It will avoid unnecessary confusion if the new numbers are put in use as soon as possible.

CYPRESS GARTH: The recent effort to change the name to Ashfield Garth failed. A plebiscite was held by the County Council, but those voting in favour failed to achieve a majority of 4/7ths of the houses.

MANUS DURCAN
(Chairman)

P.S. We hope to have news on the taking in charge of the estate by the County Council in the next issue.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I was extremely disappointed to find no one at all turned up for the meeting organised by the Community Council on October 19th in St. Pius X school. Mr. Hilary Shannon of the Retirement Planning Council was presenting a highly interesting talk on "Planning for Retirement". This should have been of great value to all who are nearing retirement age of who have elderly relatives. His knowledge alone of the mysteries of the Social Services would have more than repaid the hour or so spend listening to him.

As Mr. Shannon is not easily available for meetings there would have to be a definite commitment of attendance before another such meeting could be arranged.

Yours, very disappointedly,
Hilary McCrae.

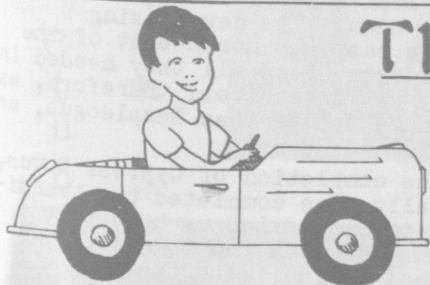
CHRISTMAS REVERIE

CLAIRE SHEEHAN

Cathy lived on Templeogue Road, and one Christmas Eve her mother sent her to Templeogue Village for sausages for tea. She had been up late the night before and being tired she sat on the wall for a minute as she put her purse in her bicycle basket.

Suddenly, the stars shone out brighter, lighting up a man and a woman dressed in very strange clothes, with a donkey. The man asked, as they came nearer, "Do you know of any place where we can stay the night? we are very tired."

"You could try the Templeogue Inn" she said. "We have tried there" he answered. "It is full because of the census." Census! Census! ah yes, she remembered; she had come to - to Templeogue? No it was Bethlehem, for the census. He looked down at her bicycle, which had turned into a donkey and said, "There is a stable over there, see, the one with the star (lamp post) over it. "Thank you" they said going over. She realised - though she did not know how she knew it, that they were Mary and Joseph. Who? How had she heard of them? She looked down at her donkey and it had changed back into a bicycle; the horses and carts became big cars flashing by and Bethlehem became Templeogue, as she awoke from her dream. Yes! dream! for it had been a dream and now she must hurry or the shops would be shut, and it would be bread and cheese for tea. Maybe with a little jam, if she was lucky.



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ASHFIELD ARBOUR DAY



Some of the junior helpers who turned out to give assistance and advice!!



from left, Cormac McCarthy, W. Leahy, Hubert Keely, Tom Garvey, Val Walsh, Hugh Mangan, Kurt Fuchsbauer, Tom Bolger & Manus Durcan.



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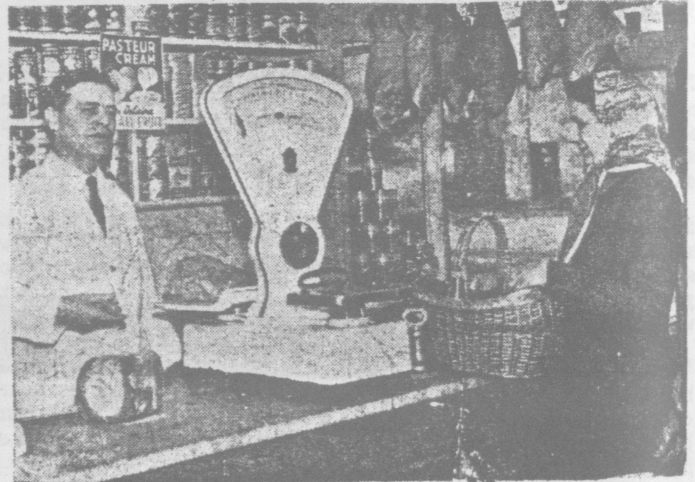
TEMPLEOGUE THIRTY YEARS AGO.

—THADDEUS C. BREEN

The biggest event in the entire history of Templeogue was the building of the suburban houses. From time immemorial the people of Templeogue had been a farming community, and when the village grew up it had been a country village. In the space of thirty years from 1930 to 1960, Templeogue became part of the city of Dublin. What does this mean to us as a community? Fifty years ago the average Templeogue resident lived and worked in the area and sought his recreation here as well. Today this is all changed. Most people work in the city centre or in some cases in the various industrial suburbs. For recreation also they go into town, or to cinemas or sports grounds in other suburban areas. It is only the housewives and school-children who spend most of their time in the area. It isn't so easy nowadays to feel a sense of local - a sense of belonging to the area. Yet we all need some sort of territory.

Our one link with the old Templeogue community is the village. It's not the oldest part of Templeogue, it grew up only within the last two hundred years. Still, even today it has a certain atmosphere about it - a collection of older buildings, a place where people gather, a market place. It is in a sense, a shopping centre, yet so different from the motorized frenzy of the crowded Rathfarnham Centre across the river. People live there, families who remember Templeogue before the big housing estates.

The Walshs still lived in Cypress Grove House, and, of course, there was no housing estate there. Nor was there any College or Wainsfort estate. Wainsfort House was the home of Fanagans, the undertakers. Fortfield Manor, still standing in Hyde Park was the premises of Goffs the bloodstock auctioneers. Springfield was still a farm, occupied by Miss Kavanagh, and Rose Hall was occupied by John Brooks. In the village there was a sub Post Office ("Kinsella P., sub-postmistress"), J. Fenelon, Family Grocer, J. Jordan, victualler, and the Templeogue Inn (C. A. Ryan). These were the only shops in the area. Greenlea estate was still being built, and the shops on Greenlea Road were only built in the following year. (in 1953 the occupants of these new shops were Mrs. D. Smith, newsagent, James P. O'Sullivan, greengrocer, Edna K. Swanton, pharmaceutical chemist, and Mrs. G. Butler, grocer.)



SHOPPING: John Fenlon, the village's newest grocer, has a smile for all his customers, including Mrs. Florrie Harris.



ABOVE: Groom John Ward takes Mr. Ussher's hunter through the village after a visit to the local forge.

If the village today is a link with old Templeogue, thirty years ago it was even more so. The photographs we reproduce this week will give us a glimpse of what life was like here in 1951.

To fill in the picture a bit more, I have glanced through the pages of Thom's Directory for that year. The only housing estates then built in the area were Lavarna, Greenlea/Parkmore (incomplete) and Fortfield. Templeville was farmland, and the house (still standing today) was the residence of R.W. Cobbe, and the Coubrough family lived in Templeogue Lodge, where Ashfield is today

Sports facilities consisted of the Templeogue Lawn Tennis Club in the village, and the Leinster Hockey Union grounds on Firhouse Road, and Spawell was still just a farm (owned as today by Kennedys). There were still no schools in the area, and Bushy Park House (now Our Lady's School) was the residence of Major Sir Robert de Vere Shaw, Bt. Transport was provided by the new buses, which had replaced the trams only three years previously.

The apparent lack of facilities didn't really matter very much. The new housing estates were in the east and north-east of the area, and the residents found all they needed in Terenure, but they saw themselves, therefore, as residents of Terenure rather than Templeogue, and of course many still do.

Soon, with the completion of Cypress Downs, the area will finally have completed the transition from country to city. Let us hope that local organisations, such as the Community Council and the Ladies Club, with the help of the Templeogue Telegraph, will continue to maintain and, indeed, strengthen a community spirit and a local pride which will save us from ever seeing ourselves as submerged in an anonymous mass of endless suburbia. Only with a knowledge of Templeogue's distinctive past can we appreciate this fully.

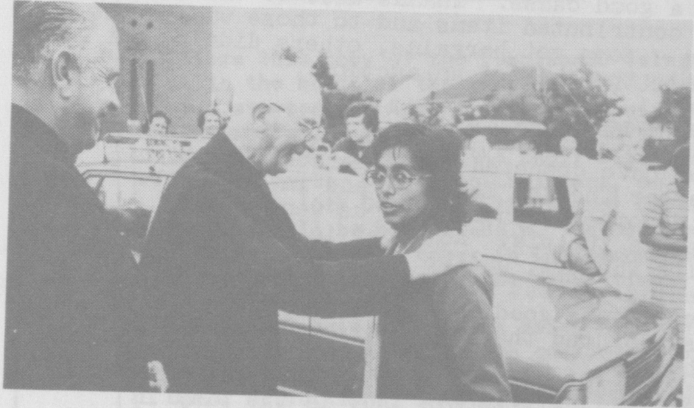
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PHOTO NEWS



Whist players at Committee Room
Mrs. Mary Kirby & Mr. Martin Barron
on left, local poetess Mrs. Betty
McDonnell and friends above.

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TEMPLEOGUE LADIES' CLUB

Nancy O'Connell



Since the last notes we have lost one of our most versatile members - Claire Carty who died unexpectedly on October 29th. She was a past President and also served on Committee. She was involved in nearly all Club activities - drama, debating, bowling and also acted as Club delegate to the Federation for some time and as "Know Your Neighbour" reporter in the Templeogue Telegraph. She was an example to us all as a really good club member and we will miss her. May she rest in peace. I would like to extend our sincere sympathy to her husband and family in their great loss.

We had a good attendance at the November meeting for the auction in aid of the Rehabilitation Institute. The goods donated were very varied and everything got a new owner in the end. Many members who made cakes for the Sunrose competition donated them to the auction, and wisely, the cakes like the good wine were left until last. Rosa did a great job as auctioneer, and so far we have got £480 for the Institute. This includes a few anonymous contributions, and there is still a few pounds to come, so it was a very successful evening for a good cause. Thanks also to the members who contributed items and to those who bought them - some got bargains, others didn't, but that's the luck of an auction.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Drama Group has been very busy recently. They have competed in Palmerstown, Dublin Amateur Theatre Festival and in Tallaght. On November 12th many of us went to see them in the play "Romance" in the Flayer-Wills Theatre, and we had a very enjoyable evening. Tomas McCana, the adjudicator, gave them a good critique, and we were a bit disappointed that they were only placed joint 4th with 79 marks, only 4 behind the winner. Kitty Keating got a certificate of merit for her acting as the old lady in the play in Palmerstown and in the Dublin Amateur Theatre Festival in Flayer-Wills. We are very happy about this. Congratulations Kitty.

Debating: The debating team has got a bye into the second round of the Federation Competition, so when this comes up no doubt they'll be looking for supporters, and we hope they will get plenty.

The Choir is rehearsing for the Mass for deceased members at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, November 30th, in St. Pius X Church, which will have taken place by the time you read this.

Flower arranging classes are going on every Thursday evening in a room in the school, and they have proved to be very popular. We are almost at the end of our 10-week course now, and they will probably be resumed in February.

The B.I.M. fish cookery competition at Club level was won by Eleanor O'Mahony, who now goes on to the next round. The recipe she used will be available later. This year we had seven entries and they all looked good. Mrs. Mary Devlin was the adjudicator.

Angela Brady got 1st Prize in the Sunrose Competition for a lovely Victoria sandwich, and Patricia Banks got 2nd for a harlequin ring cake. The prizes were recipe folders supplied by Kraft products.

Next Club meeting will be on Wednesday, December 2nd - the night before the Christmas Dinner in the Clarence. We hope to have a big attendance at both functions. Don't forget that the January meeting is on the SECOND Wednesday, January 13th - we'll be entertaining our visitors from Ennafort Club on that night.

An Art Competition has just been announced. The closing date is January 22nd, and the entry form will be in the Winter edition of the Federation Magazine. The prizes are: 1st prize £250, 2nd £100, 3rd £50, and ten prizes of £10 each. So all you artists get busy with the brushes over the next month or so.

I conclude by wishing all our members a Happy Christmas, and the best of everything in 1982.

Templeville & Fortfield Residents' Association



Imelda Loughman.



Our Annual Gardening Competition was judged during the Summer, and we now have another name, the third, for the Perpetual Trophy. Our sincere thanks again to Webbs, Templeogue for presenting it. Mr. & Mrs. Coubrough, 141 Fortfield Road, were the winners - many congratulations.

Judging the competition this year was a very difficult job, not only in numbers - 500 gardens stretching from Templeville Drive to the K.C.R., but also the vast number of equally good gardens. To quote our judge "So many equally good gardens it was very hard to decide on the winners. As picking the best garden out of approx. 500 different sized and different types of front garden is extremely difficult. We finally decided on 141 Fortfield Road as the garden that would have something interesting all the year through."

1st: Mr. & Mrs. Coubrough, 141 Fortfield Rd.
Judge's comments. Trees, shrubs, roses, well kept lawn, rock garden, colour all year round practically.

2nd: Mr. & Mrs. Donaghy, 36 Fortfield Park.
Judge's comments. Colourful smaller garden.

Joint 3rd: Mr. & Mrs. Doyle, 134 Templeville Dr.
Judge's comments. Small but very colourful garden when I saw it, but begonias in pots mostly responsible for colour.

Joint 3rd: Mr. & Mrs. Greene, 14 Templeville Pk.
Judge's comments. Small, shrubs, camelia in pot. Very good for such a small garden.

Joint 3rd: Mr. & Mrs. Bloomfield, 6 Hyde Pk.
Judge's comments. Good example of easy to keep front garden - very well laid out.

As we had only one prize for 3rd place, we drew a name out of a hat, and Mr. & Mrs.

Greene got the garden centre voucher.

The following gardens were highly commended:

Mr. & Mrs. Dick Ryan, 51 Templeville Dr.
Mr. & Mrs. Con Nolan, 114 Templeville Dr.

Unusual plants and shrubs:

Mr. & Mrs. Fearon, 81 Templeville Rd.

Colourful when asters are in bloom:

Mr. & Mrs. Ryan, 149 Fortfield Rd.

Our sincere thanks to our Judge, Mrs. Maura Fitzgerald, for her very hard and conscientious work put into this competition. The amount of walking alone deserves a special mention - many thanks Maura.

IMELDA LOUGHMAN.

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What path will I take
And how will I know
If I make a mistake?
The crossroads in life -
Which way to steer
The words on the signposts
Are not very clear
If one said "happiness"
And one said "woe"
I'd surely know
Which way to go
Day after endless day
On I must tread
Until at last I come
To the crossroads I dread
To make a decision
The courage I lack
For once on the road
There's no turning back

RS.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. JUDES.

Before this copy of the Templeogue Telegraph is in the hands of the readers, St. Judes will have started the Advent ceremonies with the celebration on the 1st Sunday in Advent of "O ANTIPHONS" in which the choir will play a leading part. Nearer to Christmas, on Wednesday 16th December, the annual Carol Service will be held at 8p.m. Carols and Midnight Mass will usher in Christmas Day and other Masses will be at the usual times.

The Annual Sale of Work is being held in the School Hall on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December, at 2.30p.m. each day, with all the usual attractions, including the Wheel of Fortune, Book Stall, Monster Raffle, Teas and SANTA CLAUS - HIMSELF!!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL:

Our Lady's School Christmas Festival of Fashion and Fun Sunday 6th December



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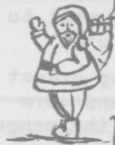
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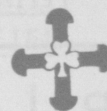
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37th UNIT (St. Pius X) C.B.S.I.



VENTURERS

Our Cake Sale, held in St. Pius X Church Committee Room on 8th November raised £85 towards our Building Fund. We wish to thank all who supported us and our only regret is that we did not have enough cakes to meet the demand! The raffle, on this occasion, was handed over to our newly formed Venturers who sold the tickets themselves to the tune of £84. Special thanks to our Committee Members who donated the prizes for the raffle - Mrs. R. Jones, Mrs. Mary Lombard, Mr. I. O'Kane and Mr. G. McCarthy. The prize winners were:

Christmas Cake -	Mr. Farrelly, Hazlebrook Dr.
Bottle Whiskey -	Mr. M. Brady, Greenlea Rd.
Bottle Sherry -	Mr. J. O'Driscoll, Fortfield Park.

The Unit Investiture will be held on Sunday, 6th December in St. Pius X Church at a special Mass at 3 p.m.

Our "300 Club" November draw will take place on Tuesday, 24th - results will be printed in next issue of T.T.

The venture group has been in existence for about eight weeks. So far our activities have included, hiking, canoeing and helping out with the scout troop. The number in the group so far is eight, namely,

Fergal Rynne - Chairman, Niall Rynne - Secretary
Padraig Lynch - Treasurer, Niall Kernan - P.R.O. & Activities Organiser
Kevin Ryan, Ciaran Byrnes, Ronan McGarry, Ian McGarry.

At the moment we are meeting in the 81st Venture Hall and we are very grateful for this as it provides a place where we can meet every Monday without interference. We are looking for new faces so if you are interested come to the meeting any Monday between 9.30 and 10.00p.m. In the future we hope to go on courses in Tighlin and to do karting.

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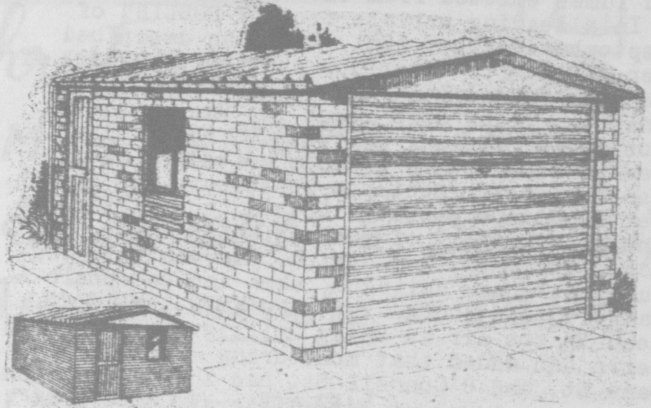
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PLUMBING THE DEPTHS

Most of us will know that the character of the MAD HATTER in "Alice in Wonderland" exemplifies the symptoms of mercury poisoning which was prevalent in the hat trade at that time. Plumb-crazy suggests a madness arising from lead (plumbum) poisoning. Certainly the nervous system is one of the main targets of this poison whether taken by mouth or inhaled in fumes emitted from car exhausts.

In a leading article from "IN DUBLIN" of September-October 1981, Liz Ryan described her efforts to establish whether the level of lead in Dublin's air was harmful and if so what was being done about it. She contacted hospitals, medical centres and the Public Health Departments without getting a satisfactory answer to these questions, she claims. Jervis Street Hospital Poison Centre told her that the symptoms of lead poisoning were "head-ache, insomnia, depression, convulsions, muscular atrophy, delirium, coma and encephalopathy." She quoted the "safe" EEC level of lead in the air as being 2 milligrams per cubic metre and added that monitoring stations in Dame St. and O'Connell St. had in 1976/77 found an average level of 1.48 milligrams over a 24 hour period rising to a peak of 2.9 milligrams at peak traffic periods. These figures incidentally are just a thousand times greater than the figure of 2 micrograms per cubic metre quoted as maximum permissible level in a report by the M.R.C. Toxicology Unit of St. Bartolomew's Hospital London (HMSO Publication £4.50) so evidently someone is not doing his sums properly.

To get some idea of what the "natural" concentration of lead in the body is and by how much it has increased with industrialization and private transport two different approaches have been used. The first was to compare the amount of lead in present day bones with that of Egyptian and Peruvian mummies because it is in the bones that lead is stored. It was found that there is 500 to 1,000 times more lead in bones today. The second approach was to examine the blood of people living in remote regions which have never been reached by cars. A group of American Scientists spent 18 days in a remote region of Nepal in the Himalayas and they analysed their own blood at the beginning and

end of their visit and well as sampling blood from 103 adults and children of that region. The concentration of lead in their own blood fell from a mean of 14.7 micrograms % to 10 micrograms %, while the average among the locals was only 3.4 micrograms%. The average level in blood from 107 New Yorkers for comparison was 15.2 micrograms%. So our blood contains at least 4 times as much lead as Nepalese. Most of the lead in the Nepalese blood must come from their food and the soil. In an isolated tribe of American Yanomama Indians blood lead levels were as low as 0.8 micrograms% the lowest yet reported.

Well you may ask, what do these figures mean in relation to health? Level at 80 ug% (microgram %) and higher among smelters and battery worker have been found to be associated with neurological symptoms and also a higher incidence of cancer. According to a World Health Organization Report on Lead in the Environment published in 1977 children with levels of lead of 40-80 ug % in the blood may show signs of brain damage. As this range begins at little more than twice the average level of an urban dweller there is a danger that people living near busy road may be close to that range. Present studies suggest that lead in the blood increases by 2 ug % for every microgram per cubic metre rise in lead content of the air.

In a study in El Paso Texas, lead levels of 40-80 ug % in blood was linked with diminished classroom performance and in another study in Boston carried out in 1979 the level of lead found in children's teeth was found to correlate with classroom performance.

Should we be concerned and is there anything that can be done about it? Well in the last generation there was probably as much lead in the blood but from a different source namely from water. When soft water runs through lead pipes as used to happen much is dissolved and ends up in the body. It is unlikely that our politicians will have the foresight to reduce the level of lead in petrol, which is higher in this country than in other countries. It is also unlikely, given the inertia of public opinion that there will be a significant lobby for such an enlightened step. As individuals motorists we can do two things to remedy the situation to some extent namely, 1. avoid having the car idling on the drive while waiting for someone or just warming it up 2. avoid using the car for journeys that can be walked conveniently.

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feile bhríde

Competitions will commence on Friday, 5th February and will be held, with kind permission, in Our Lady's School and Terenure College. Closing date for entries is Saturday, 5th December, 1981. Syllabus and Entry Forms are available in Schools and from May O'Neill, Feile Director, 155 Wainsfort Road, phone 903000 and Moire McKeivitt, Hon. Secretary, 4 Wainsfort Grove, phone 900340.

N.B. An addition to the Syllabus - Recorder Competitions may include entries for "Ensemble - own choice of two or more parts. Maximum playing time 5 minutes. All age groups." Teachers should use the same Competition Number as found within the Recorder section of the Syllabus.

This is the third Feile Bhríde. We appeal for help to maintain the success of the previous two years. Please contact us.

May O'Neill
Moira McKeivitt.

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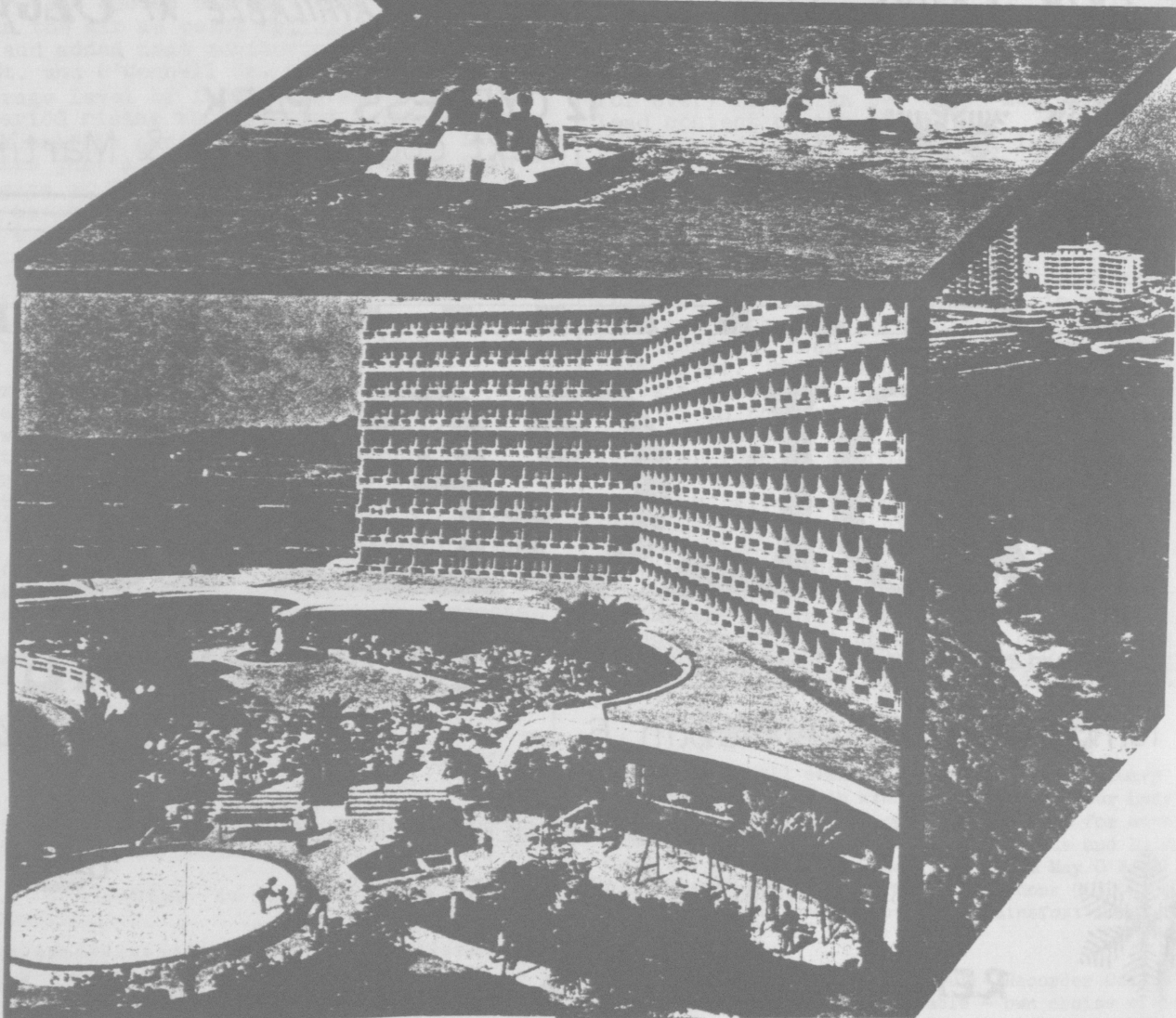
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