

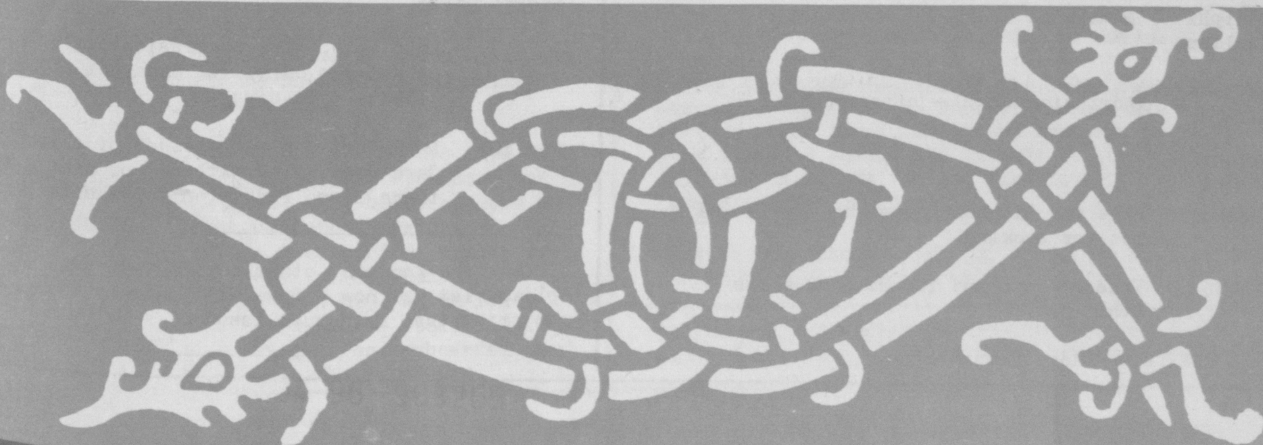
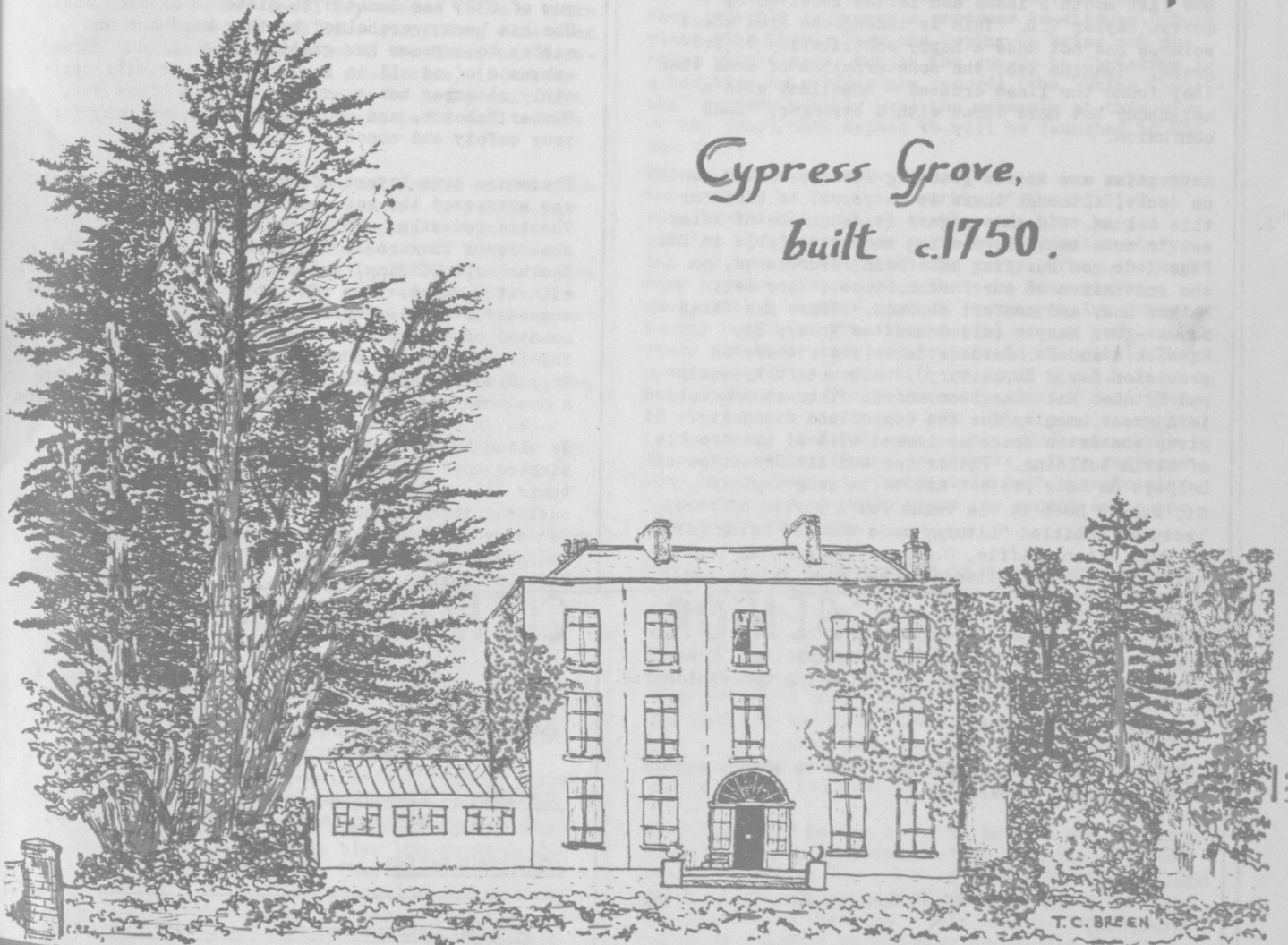
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Greetings to our subscribers for 1982/83, old and new, and thank you, not only for your financial support, but for the courtesy and friendliness shown to those of us who tread the path to your door. It has been a refreshing exercise in communication for all of us; for me it has been a pleasure, so thank you again.

Dare we hope some of you might consider writing an article of your choice: a letter to the Editor: a poem!

The past few weeks of Autumn have been settling-down time, evenings growing shorter and the weather kind enough except that when it rained - it poured and when it was windy we had a gale! This was the time when our telephones went out of order for over eight days for many but others have yet to have

theirs restored! The reason is the cables were flooded, effecting more than the Fortfield area - see last month's issue and letter received by mervyn Taylor T.D. This is indeed one area where science has not made a happy contribution to progress. Imagine too, the consternation of some when they found the lines crossed - sometimes with a neighbour but more times with a stranger. Such confusion.

Activities are in the planning for the coming months no doubt, although there is no report to hand for this column. In this regard it should be of interest to note that the meeting rooms available in St. Pius X Church Building have been refurbished, on the initiative of our Parish Priest, Very Rev. Father Lee, and comfort abounds. There are three rooms - St. Mary's (old Committee Room), St. Patrick's and St. Bernadette's (where there is provision for a Repository). A beautifully equipped Kitchen Unit has been added. This accommodation is a great amenity for the use of the community. It gives the extra space we lacked without the trouble of extra building. Father Lee and his Committee of helpers on this project are to be congratulated. St. Mary's Room is the venue for a series of three lectures entitled "Liturgy made Simple" being given by Rev. Elton Griffin, O.Carm. The opening lecture attracted a large attendance and when Father Lee

welcomed the gathering he spoke of his hopes to make the space in the Church Building an attractive meeting place for the people and now that so much had been achieved with these three rooms part of his dream had been realised. He then invited Father Griffin to pronounce a blessing on this community amenity and so it is the rooms are ready for use by the people. The remaining lectures in this series are on 2nd and 16th November.

St. Mary's Room was also the venue for a cake sale on Sunday, 17th October. It was organised by friends of Sister Joyce Robarts, R.C.E., past Principal of Our Lady's School, who has spent her time since then caring for the itinerant community and is now preparing to depart to establish a new mission in Peru, in the company of three other nuns of her Order. Many of her friends are parents of girls who had the benefit of her guidance while in School, and who wish to support her in this heroic venture. They wish to thank everyone who baked and bought a cake with such great generosity that the grand sum of £327 was donated to Sister's Mission Fund. She has been overwhelmed by this kindness and wishes to express her gratitude to all and a remembrance of us all in her prayers. We will certainly remember her in ours. May God bless you, Sister Robarts, and your companions, we pray for your safety and success.

There are some lovers of Drama within our Community who witnessed the sad event of the closing of a Theatre recently. The occasion was the "death" of the Beaver Theatre in Ballinteer, which left the Beaver Rep. Company, and other amateur Drama Groups, without a venue. Now that it is gone, after a most successful three-year span, quite a few people feel cheated of a convenient and pleasant evening out. Why it was closed is not quite clear but hopefully Mrs. Gladys Sheehan and the Rep. Company will find a new home and continue to delight their many patrons.

We close by extending heartiest congratulations and sincere good wishes to Paddy and Mary Heneghan on their Silver Jubilee. Paddy and Mary fostered and nurtured this magazine from the very beginning and for many years undertook the task of getting it out and about. May they have many more happy years. Rath De oraibh.

SENIOR

Did you know that Senior Citizens holding a Free Travel Card can avail of the following concessions?:-

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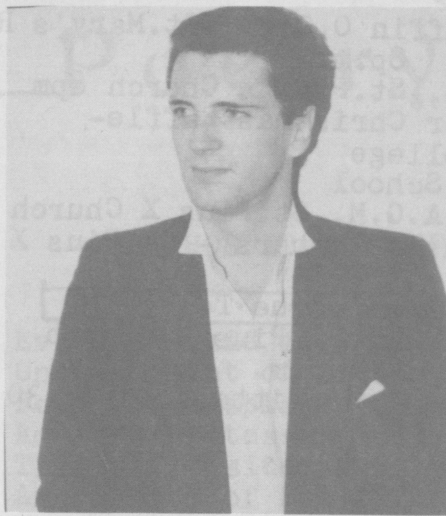
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If any one knows of other concessions available, please let us know and we will be only too pleased to print them in future issues.



A generation ago every small boy wanted to be a train driver when he grew up, but like everything else even small boys' ambitions change with the times and nowadays I would say that a large proportion, if asked, would say that they would like to be pop stars. Pat Dunne, of Templeville Drive, seems to be well on the way to reaching this goal.

The eldest son of Peter and Carmel Dunne, he was born in Bagenalstown, but the family moved to Dublin in 1965 and Pat's school days were spent initially in St. Pius School, and then he moved on to Templeogue College. After leaving school in 1977 he tried a few different jobs but eventually entered the Civil Service. Throughout his schooldays he was always interested in music although he did not study it as a subject. Whereas his parents' tastes were inclined towards classical music Pat, like all youngsters, was more interested in the pop scene of the day - he says that his memories of music in his early years seem to be a mixture of The Barber of Seville and The Beatles.

The first positive note of his musical career was struck when he got a present of a guitar for his sixteenth birthday. Despite the fact that he did not take music lessons he soon mastered the art of playing it, and the following year he got an electric guitar. Soon Pat and some of his friends, including one who had recently acquired a drum kit, got together and formed an impromptu group in school and after a lot of practice they made their first appearance at a school party. However, this group disbanded as the boys went their separate ways after leaving school.

In 1978 another school friend, Brian Coleman, suggested that they form another group comprising guitar, piano, drums and bass. They spent six months practising and at the end of this time the group called "Double Agent" was launched. They had a reasonable amount of success during the years 1978 to 1980 and on occasions played support for other groups appearing in and about Dublin. They humourously changed their name several times during this period - at one time appearing as The Kerrygold Showband, and on another occasion posing as a German group - but the eventual name of the group became "Pop Mechanics" (without an "h" in the middle).

Fortunately for his family and neighbours they were able to rehearse in a premises away from home during this time, and this involved many hours of hard work as most of them had day jobs and therefore the hard slogging had to be done in the evenings and at weekends. However, they eventually got their act together and with the following line-up, Pat on lead guitar and vocals, Brian on bass and vocals, Lester on drums and backing and Stephen on keyboards, they gradually began to break into the pop scene.

In 1981 they decided to hire a recording studio to cut a demonstration disc and they brought this to Polydor who were very interested and signed up the group for twelve months. The first record they brought out was "Soldier Boys" backed by "Feels like I'm alone again" and this got quite a lot of air play on both R.T.E. and on the commercial radio stations. Following this they took part in several "interviews" on radio and they also appeared on "Non-stop Pop" on Telefis Eireann - their latest T.V. appearance being on the latter programme again on 13th October when I was able to see the group in action. They certainly have a lot of talent and should go far in the pop world.

Pat composes most of the material (which is no mean feat as he neither reads nor writes music) but having got it together in his head he then gets together with the other members of the group and they make changes and rehearse it together. They have recently had another breakthrough as the Polydor organisation in England have shown an interest in their music and they recently sent over a producer to discuss future plans with them. They are hoping to bring out another record soon, but as the run-up to Christmas is a bad time to produce new records (the "White Christmas" variety usually have the monopoly at this time of the year) they expect it will be launched in the New Year.

Pat is very happy with the way things are going at the moment, he has the security of the Civil Service behind him, whilst at the same time he can indulge his passion for music in the most satisfying way by appearing with the group. They are kept busy appearing on average three to four nights a week, with a regular spot at the Baggot Inn every Sunday together with other varied venues such as Belfield and other late night spots in the city. They have appeared as supporting group at the R.D.S. when Roxy Music played there recently and Pat said that it was a great feeling to get such a good reception from a crowd of 5,000 each night. Understandably it is much more gratifying to play to a live audience when the response is immediately felt than to play in a studio or on radio where one cannot sense the audience's reaction.

Naturally Pat is interested in musical success and should the ultimate choice have to be made between being a "part-timer" and a full time musical career he feels that if the opportunity was big enough he would choose the music. He is quick to acknowledge that success could be difficult to handle, as has been proved so many times by pop personalities in the past few years, but he is level-headed enough to back up this statement by saying that every job in life presents problems and it is up to the individual to tackle and come to grips with them.

As a result of having two jobs he does not have too much spare time to indulge other pursuits, but he still finds time for a bit of occasional jogging and going to discos, where he is content to enjoy other peoples music. Because of his musical involvement he is seldom able to get away during his holidays but travel appeals to him and hopefully he will be able to indulge more in this in the future.

So far the other members of the Dunne family have not become involved in the musical world. His sister Corinna works for a well known Brewery, Olive has just finished school and intends to concentrate on studying marketing, whilst Liam is still studying at Templeogue College.

We wish Pop Mechanics lots of good luck in the future and hope that 1983 will bring them even wider success.

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- Tues. 2nd "Liturgy Made Simple" - Fr. Elton Griffin O.Carm. St. Mary's Room
 Wed. 3rd Ladies Club - St. Pius X School Hall 8p.m.
 Sun. 7th Video of Frank Duff - St. Mary's Room, St. Pius X Church 8pm
 Coffee Morning & Sale of Tickets for Christmas Raffle -
 Carmelite Church Fund - Terenure College
 Mon. 8th School Management Board - St. Pius X School
 Tues. 9th St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society A.G.M. St. Pius X Church
 Mon. 15th Ladies Club - Annual Mass for Deceased Members - St. Pius X
 Church 7.30 p.m.

Last Date for receipt of items for Templeogue Telegraph

- Tues. 16th "Liturgy Made Simple" - St. Mary's Room, St. Pius X Church
 Wed. 17th Horticultural Soc. - Our Lady's School - 8p.m.
 Fri. 19th Sale of Work for Terenure Old People's Committee 1030-7.30
 Sun. 28th One Day Retreat at Tallaght - ring 904988
 Whist Club 2nd & 4th Friday - St. Mary's Room
 Every Wed. Ladies Club - Old Time Dancing
 Tues. 30th Ladies Club outing to B.I.M.

December

- Sat. 4th Our Lady's School Christmas Fair
 Tues. 7th Ladies Club Christmas Dinner

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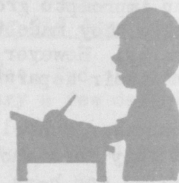
OUR COVER

This month's picture shows Cypress Grove, built about 1750. It had many occupants down through the years, the most illustrious being Dowager Countess of Clanbrassil, in the late 18th century. More recently it was owned by the Walsh sisters, who were lady gardeners. It is now owned by the White Fathers. The new interlace design at the bottom of the page is from a piece of animal bone carved by a Dublin craftsman of the Hiberno-Viking period. The illustration is taken from Motif-Pieces from Ireland (Stockholm, 1979), by Uaininn O'Meachra, p45.



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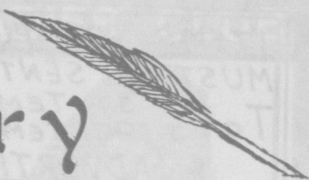
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Poetry

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THE HOSPITALITY OF THE TEMPLEOGUE LADIES

Everyone said it was a beautiful spread
On the night of the October meeting
Food was displayed where the tables were laid
And the hostesses looked after the seating
This was Visitor's Night and there was candlelight
And masses of beautiful flowers
When entertainment began it surely ran
For well over two and a half hours
First the Club's Own Troup formed a group
For their Old Time Dancing display
Their teacher was there to ensure that each pair
Kept the perfect rhythm and sway!
Next came the Choir in gorgeous attire
They chose Percy French for the night
Each at the start sang a solo part
"Are you right there Michael are you right?"
Our own sweet Contralto rushed home from Rialto
We were glad that she could come along
For we hoped that she might in the course of the night
Sing for us just "Love's Old Sweet Song"
A photographer rose and asked us to pose
As a gesture of true cordiality
The result of his labour on our visiting neighbours
Will be proof of the Club's hospitality.

Betty McDonnell

FAREWELL TO MY BABY

My baby's gone to school today
She's only four years old
I watched her as she walked away
My heart felt very cold.
She waved her little hand and then
In through the door went she
I felt a wave of sadness when
we parted, her and me.

As home along the road I came
I had a secret cry,
The house would never be the same
without her being close by.
I gather up the games and toys,
with which she played for years.
Farewell to baby days and joys
Once more I dry my tears.

And in the silence that surrounds,
I do things in a daze
I miss her chatter and the sounds,
that used to fill my days.
Sometimes I think I hear her call,
Or hear her cry once more.
Is that her footstep in the hall,
or on the bedroom floor?

But no, its only in my mind,
That these sounds come and go.
In time, I'm told, that I will find,
I will not miss her so.
Her need for me will pass away,
She'll change too, like the others.
But my last baby's gone today,
I've joined the lonely mothers.

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SHEILA WHITTLE.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Bunny Williams



October was a very busy month for the Society. We held our first outing of the current season on Sunday, October 10th, and it was very successful. Weatherwise it was extremely pleasant, which was very lucky for us considering the extremely bad weather which we had during the previous weeks. A full bus-load travelled to Moyvalley Garden Centre where we had a good choice of outdoor plants and shrubs. From there we went to Curryhills House Hotel in Prosperous for our evening meal which was most enjoyable.

On Wednesday 20th October we held our first A.G.M. and combined it with our annual Swop Shop. The attendance was quite outstanding. There were over sixty people there, many of them being new members.

At about 8.20 p.m. the A.G.M. got under way with the reading of the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports. Then after an address by our Chairman we got down to the serious business of electing a new Committee for the coming year. As is usual at meetings members were reluctant to come forward and volunteer, but persuasion overcame reluctance and a new committee of twelve was elected. They are as follows:

- Mr. Tom Donaghy Chairman
- Mrs. Margaret McGennis Vice Chairperson
- Mrs. Mary Dunne Secretary
- Mr. Charlie Ellison .. Treasurer
- Dr. Roddy Kernan
- Miss Gwenda Wratt
- Miss Eileen Purcell
- Mrs. Imelda Purcell
- Mrs. Alice Wall
- Mrs. Olive Mountaine
- Mr. John Bateman
- Mrs. Bunny Williams

Some members who for one reason or another were not prepared to commit themselves to a year on the committee very kindly offered to give help if needed during the year. This was a generous gesture which is appreciated by the committee and if the Society continues to expand at its present rate we may take them up on their promises.

When the more serious business had been dealt with we got down to the fun part of the evening - the Swop Shop. There was a staggering array of plants and cuttings, all very well presented and labelled. It was plain to see that the members had gone to a lot of trouble preparing these and great credit is due to them, particularly when one remembers that the few days before the meeting were not exactly ideal for venturing out into the garden. There was a marvellous choice ranging from attractive houseplants cacti, outdoor plants and fruit canes. It was a most enjoyable evening and proved that it is an excellent way to obtain new material for your garden.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th and our guest speaker will be Mrs. Maura Fitzgerald who is both a competent gardener and a well known flower arranger. Her talk will deal with growing garden plants which are particularly suitable for flower arranging and she will also give a short demonstration of arrangements which would be suitable for the Christmas season. We feel sure that this will appeal to many of our members and look forward to a large attendance on the 17th.

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This is our principal fund raising effort in the year for the work of this Club, which provides meals, subsidised holidays and social facilities for the elderly of the district, and we earnestly ask for your support. Donations of any kind - cakes, jams, groceries garden produce etc. will be most welcome.

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TEMPLEOGUE LADIES' CLUB

MARY KERNAN

We had a full house for our Autumn Evening on Wednesday, October 6th. Unfortunately we had not as many visitors as other years, but our Club members turned up in full force

The Hall looked bright and inviting-the tables set with white cloths and coloured serviettes, each having an arrangement of flowers and candles.

The President welcomed everybody, and then supper was served. After we had all enjoyed our supper, the entertainment began.



First of all we had some members of our Dancing Group, led by their teacher. They did three dances, and everybody was impressed with their grace and skill. Now, at last, we know what has been going on over in the classroom on Wednesday nights! Next came Rosa Morris - in costume - to tell us the sad saga of The Battery Hen. In the immortal words of Winston Churchill "Some chicken, some egg"! Josie Farrell followed, singing? to May Coen's guitar accompaniment? "Lanigan's Ball" and "The little shirt my Mother made for me". As will be seen from the photograph, they looked the part as well as sounding right. Their beautiful! sound owed everything to the mysterious activities of Sean Farrell behind the scenes.



Andreja Malirsh played her Concert Harp for us, and all who were present felt privileged to have heard her on the threshold of her promising career.

We had solo numbers from Eleanor O'Mahony and Betty O'Brien, and also from one of our guests - Eileen. After this, the Choir, with Kitty Bowden at the piano, gave us a medley of popular songs. We are used to hearing the choir singing as one voice, and it made a nice change to hear some of the component parts of the whole, as individual members sang different verses of some of the songs.

And then it was time to go home. Mrs. O'Leary, on behalf of the guests, thanked Treasa and her Committee. We all sang Auld Lang Syne and Amhran na Bhiann, and the Committee were left to tidy up and sort out and put away. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

A FEW DATES TO REMEMBER: Our Annual Mass for our Deceased Members will be held on Monday, November 15th, at 7.30 p.m. Our visit to B.I.M. is on Tuesday, 30th November.

Our Christmas Dinner is on Tuesday, 7th December, in the Summerhill Hotel, Ennis-kerry. Please bring your money (in an envelope with name and address on) to the November meeting.

ST. PIUS X ACOLYTES

Welcome to one and all. The summer months were packed with many events. This year's Annual Outing was held in Clongowes Wood College. The five days were full of activities. The programme was well drawn up and our thanks to Mr. Power. As always, there was a great selection of games, including soccer, tennis, basketball and many others. The quiz was organised by Gerry Clabby. All in all it was a great success.

Early in September the Forty Hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament took place. The all-night vigil was conducted by Fr. Eltin Griffin (Prior of Terenure College). The night was filled with prayer and under his guidance time flew. We pay a special thanks to Fr. Eltin for holding our interest throughout the evening. On Saturday the exposition again took place with also the Mass for the children and the Mass for the sick. On Sunday the exposition ended after 5.30 p.m. Mass. At each Mass that day the parishioners were blessed with the relic of St. Pius X.

A Novena was held in honour of St. Therese (The Little Flower). To conclude the Novena on 1st October, the blessing of roses took place.

During October, the best groups awards are presented by Rev. Fr. Lee P.P. This means that for quite a few of our altar servers the end of many years good service to God and the church. However, to replace the boys, twelve acolytes have been recruited. We wish the best of luck to these new altar boys. And possibly the past boys will help us out at ceremonies.

Finally, we would like to send our condolences to the family and friends of Michael Flynn (former Sacristan in St. Pius X Church). Acolytes past and present knew him as an efficient and hard-working man. We will be missed by everyone who came in contact with him. May he rest in peace.

Slan go foill
FINTAN MCKENNA; COLM RYAN; PETER HURLEY.

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Fr Eltim Griffin cuts the tape



News

Templeogue LADIES CLUB AUTUMN EVENING



↑
Andreja Malinsh
who played the
CONCERT HARP.



BABY SITTERS

A baby-sitter is a specialist, not a maid of all work and should not be expected to fill in her time with household chores while her charges are asleep. The sitter who is asked to wash dishes, for example, is within her rights to explain politely that she does not consider such extra service part of her job. Special arrangement can be made with a sitter, of course, but the employer who wants a sitter to do housework should offer to pay her extra.

The baby-sitter left in charge of a child and a house is in a position of extreme trust. Under no circumstances should she abuse that trust by exploring closet, peeking into drawers, trying on clothes or questioning a child in her care about intimate family matters and if she has any manners at all, she will not help herself to candy, raid the refrigerator or invite a friend to keep her company without specific permission. On the other hand, parents who have not forgotten their own teens will be properly sympathetic to the insatiable appetite of those years, and, in common compassion, provide enough snacks to sustain the sitter through the evening.

Much trouble and confusion can be avoided if the duties and privileges of a sitter are clearly explained to her charges, so that they are not inspired to give her a runaround, as a form of indoor sports, as soon as their parents leave. Under all circumstances, the employers should leave a telephone number at which they can be reached in an emergency or, if this is not possible, the number of a relative or neighbour who will be at home and prepared to respond if help is needed.

If the return of the parent is delayed much passed the agreed hour, they should not fail to telephone to a young sitter so that she, in turn, can let her own parents know she will be late.

The responsibility of the employers does not end with payment to a young sitter. They must make certain that she or he gets home safely. If the baby-sitter's parents are not standing by to pick her/him up, the employer should leave the young person to her door or watch carefully while she/he runs across road or lawn to her own house. The same consideration is due to an older baby-sitter - modified, of course according to her age, the neighbourhood and the hour

There are exceptions, but as a rule a baby-sitter is treated as a professional and is not tipped. A sitter who has been put to unexpected trouble or who has given service beyond the call of duty could be given a little extra money or a small gift.

R.S.

OUR LADY'S SCHOOL : 4th DECEMBER

Parent-members of the School Fund-Raising Committee and girls of the Senior School are planning the biggest Christmas Fair yet. You are advised to take note of the date - 4th December - so that you don't miss the bargains. Parents and classes 'adopt' stalls and the competition to set up the most attractive and lucrative stall will certainly mean that you will have a marvellous selection of goods to help you with your Christmas shopping. Be alert then!

Autumn's Parable - Learn the Autumn parable - Release the dying leaf, letting go old grievances, dead dreams and outworn grief, casting off preparing to recreate yourself anew.

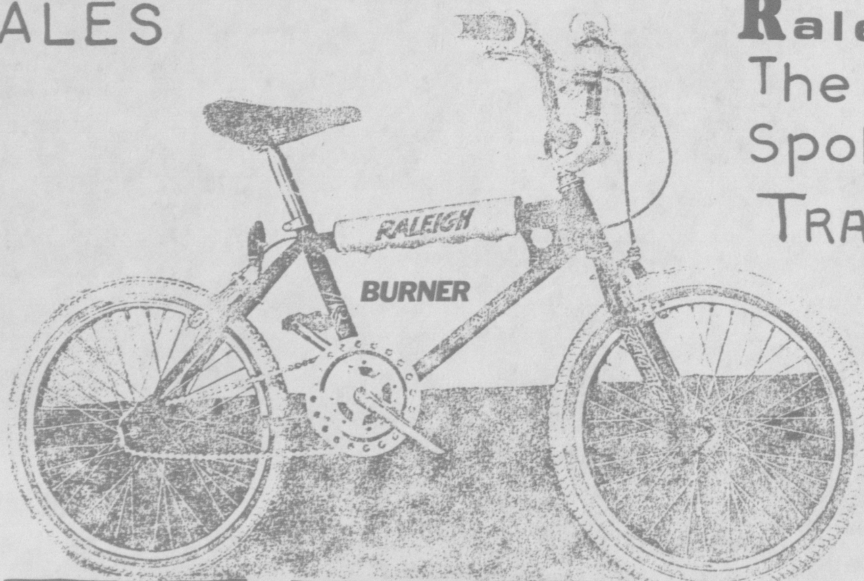
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- Overall Community Effort 25 marks out of 40
- Absence of Litter 15 marks out of 30
- Presentation of Open Spaces and Verges 4 marks out of 10
- Neatness and appearance of Premises and Gardens 5 marks out of 10
- Special Efforts 4 marks out of 10

Total: 53 marks out of 100

General Observations:

Some areas require much more attention. Litter control fairly good in certain areas.

Hedgerows quite attractive and some grass verges.

More combined community effort throughout the area required, as some areas presented a high standard, whilst others required considerably more attention.

In 1979 our Association got third prize in this competition with 79 marks out of 100. This means we are going down the scale instead of up. So we will have to make an all-out effort next year.

LITTER BINS. Two new bins have been provided at the Fortfield Shops after numerous letters and phone calls and a visit from the Litter Warden. We know they are not large enough, but it got to the stage where we were glad of anything. We point out again the success of the new litter laws depends on each person or resident playing a positive part in making it a success.

DANGER. On the Committee's annual visit to each household, they received many complaints regarding the parking of cars on grass margins and aprons of houses. We were asked to draw your attention to this potential hazard. Seemly, vision is impaired when a car is leaving a driveway, and a view of approaching traffic is not clear.

A lot of people may be unaware of this problem and the possible danger. So the Association is passing this message to you:

LEAVE VISIBILITY CLEAR AT ALL TIMES

PUBLIC LIGHTING. We are sorry that the new lights at Fortfield shops have not been switched on yet. Unfortunately, there has been a strike by general workers in the Public Lighting Section, totally immobilising repairs and new work. Work and any repairs will be carried out as soon as possible when staff resume work.

REZONING. The Association is very concerned with the rezoning of 15 acres of land at Brittas, Co. Dublin. This land was officially zoned as Top Amenity Area. Planning officials advised against development as there would be no water or sewerage services available. Even with the type of luxury houses proposed for this area, it would not be long before other developments appeared. So when the Draft Development Plan goes on show in November, we would encourage all residents to go and review the new rezonings for themselves. We as an association will be objecting to the Councillors' decision. *Claire O'Regan.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As one of a number of Councillors who did not take part in the pre-recorded RTE Programme on the Zoning in County Dublin, I would like to take this opportunity to state my views.

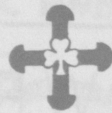
Firstly, I would like to say I take very seriously my Statutory obligation in the matter but realise the system has serious defects. A particular fault of the present Planning Legislation is that it requires Councillors to adjudicate on individual representations on a piecemeal basis and this has given rise to severe criticism. However, having realised this problem early on, I set out with two clear objectives of the Plan, to strengthen and increase the services to the three new towns of Tallaght, Clondalkin, and Blanchardstown.

I have been very conscious, indeed, of the severe criticisms levelled at County Councillors and the accusations of bribery and corruption, and I would like to state that, at no time, have I been offered, or, indeed, would I accept, a bribe from any Developer. I would also like to say, as far as I am concerned, there has been no co-ordinated plan by Fianna Fail and Fine Gael - that is not to say that groups of Councillors have not got together on local issues. It is important to realise that each submission has got to be considered in its local aspect but more importantly, the broad issue of orderly planning and the provision of essential services, has got to be kept foremost in mind. Having all these facts in mind, I feel I have been reasonably consistent in my approach to this Development Plan and have voted on the merits of each submission as it arose. However, I would like to assure the people of County Dublin, and in particular my Constituents in Mid County, that I am always available at my Information Centres every Saturday, as advertised locally, to listen to the views of the Public on any matter.

However, it is most important that the Public realise that they will have an opportunity in the coming weeks to view the Plan as the Re-Zonings go on Display, and I hope that the Public and Community Associations will seize this opportunity to object, if they so wish, in the strongest possible terms.

Councillor Stanley Laing, P.C.

Sunday Nov.7th is the second anniversary of the death of Frank Duff, and to mark the occasion a VIDEO in which he recalls some of the drama of the early days of the Legion of Mary will be screened in "St.Mary's Room St.Pius X Church at 8pm



37TH DUBLIN (ST.PIUS X) UNIT

The 37th held their Field Day on 3rd October, in the grounds of the White Fathers.

Prior to the big day, wood had to be cut, and brought down from the Forest, to make the model camp site, "aerial-run" and Flag Pole.

So much depended on the weather. We were in luck - the rain kept off for most of the day but we had to tidy up in a down-pour! However, we were delighted with this our first Field Day, which involved cubs, scouts, venturers and parents all together in one great effort. As a bonus to the whole day's activities we were successful in raising a most welcome £300 towards the Den Building Fund.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

It was probably the unforgettable concert, given by the Spice Island Singers, that drew my attention to the enclosed newspaper article. Many of us have school and reference books at home that could be of great use to the schoolchildren of the St. Kitts Island.

Postage is expensive, but the number of books that can be posted for £3.66 could not be purchased for that amount. A gift of money would not be as valuable, to the islanders as a gift of a parcel of books.

For those interested, postate rates, and details are as follows:-

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Bibliographic Caribbean call

POLITICAL tempers are reaching hurricane force on this tiny Caribbean island as it braces itself for independence from Britain next year after 360 years of colonial rule. And since the island's only library, housed in an old Georgian building, was burned down recently, with police suspecting politically-motivated arson, the children have been marooned without any books.

Fortunately for them an Englishman, Frank Sharman, who lives on St. Kitts — an island first discovered by Christopher Columbus on his second voyage — has fired off a distress call. Sharman wants people to send unwanted books, everything from "dictionaries to Dickens," by surface mail to St. Kitts. British government fund-

ST KITTS

Tim McGirk sends up a distress signal

ing for this island speck in the Leeward chain is so small that St. Kitts's few schools cannot afford to buy enough books. So before the fire they sent their students to the main library to finish off homework chores.

St. Kitts's Permanent Secretary, Sidney Osborne, the top-ranking civil servant who is administering the last days of British colonial rule, has welcomed Sharman's private appeal. Used books can be sent to Frank Sharman, the Book Appeal, PO Box 81, St. Kitts, the West Indies.

We must apologise for omitting "McGraths", Wainsfort Drive, when thanking newsagents for selling T.T. in June. They have always been most co-operative.

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ST. PIUS X SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting on Monday, October 4th was one of the best attended ever, and the incoming Committee has been given a number of things to examine and activities to provide. Perhaps the main topic was the aborted book scheme, by which books would have been bought in bulk by the school, and pupils would have paid a sum for their use. For various reasons, the scheme did not get going last year, but the Annual General Meeting indicated that there was wide support for such a scheme.

The Committee were able to report that, so far, suggestions that Pius children have difficulty getting into local secondary schools were without foundation. The new Willington school has also taken some of the pressure off the more traditional institutions.

There was also a debate over suggestions that the first class should leave school at 2 p.m. everyday, instead of 2.45 p.m. like the higher classes. However, there was majority agreement that some of the children in first class are very tired by 2.45 p.m., and that it would be no harm if they went home as early as the low and high baby classes.

There will, however, be consultation on the matter, and all parents will be notified in advance of any change proposed. There might be particular difficulties for children whose parents are working, or who live far away, perhaps in Tallaght. The interests of the children is the main factor being considered, however.

The meeting heard that table tennis has been ended temporarily. This activity, which among others is run by the association on

Saturday mornings, had no trained coach, and the tables might have been inadequate. A member of the committee is to examine the possibility of starting the scheme again.

The incoming committee will be considering the possibility of having French classes for the children outside school hours, and chess sessions, among other activities.

There is considerable annoyance about traffic congestion outside the school, and the incoming committee has been asked to discuss with the gardai and any other relevant authority how it might be improved.

CARS ARE FORBIDDEN FROM ENTERING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS, and the teachers have asked parents to keep to school rules on entrance points to classrooms, and such matters.

The committee thanked the teachers and Principals who attended the meeting and clarified a number of matters and the Principals noted their appreciation of the committee's co-operation during the year. Mr. O'Brien particularly thanked Mrs. Joan Scully who was Chairwoman for most of the year.

The incoming committee is (officers will be elected later)

Mildred Gleeson, Ann Kelly, Collette McLoone, Aidan Kelly, Eithne Flynn, Thomas Bolger, Maureen Galvin, Helena O'Toole, Elizabeth Cooley, Liam O'Connell, Michael Foley, Paul Murray, Bernadette Keane, Julie Boylan, Rosemary Redmond, Tom O'Reilly, Eithne McKeon, Eileen Hoey, Ruth Byrne, Jean Brady, Marie Fleming, Brian McCormack and Carol Lynch.

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MICHAEL SHEEHAN

One of the most rewarding jobs I ever had was that of gardener's help in a large house a few miles from the city suburbs.

It all happened during my summer school holidays, after Inter Cert., when one of my teachers asked me if I would like to spend a few weeks helping the gardener in a friend's house at a salary to be negotiated.

In due course one Monday morning at eight o'clock I presented myself at the side entrance of a large house in its own grounds. The cook, a well-built smiling woman, insisted that I have a "bite to eat" as she put it, before starting the onerous work that lay before me. The other staff were having breakfast so I joined them at the table. We were five in all: cook, parlour-maid, gardener, chauffeur and myself. After my second breakfast of the day, "HERSELF" appeared - she was never called anything else - and there was an immediate exodus from the kitchen (apart from cook and myself). "Herself" looked me over, said "I was a fine boy for my age" and handed me over to the gardener, Paddy, who brought me down to his shed at the bottom of the garden.

It didn't take me long to realise that Paddy didn't like work, and now that he had me, he would have more time for smoking, reading the paper, and an occasional session of "forty winks".

During the morning I mowed the grass, trimmed the edges, and was about to start the weeding when Cook called out "She's gone

to town". This was the signal for another visit to the kitchen for a cup of tea and scones. It was then I realised that it was only when "herself" was in residence that any work was done. During our eleven weeks we heard about Paddy's daughter in Toronto, Cook's husband, who was in the British Navy and the maid's boyfriend Jimmy, who was an usher in the Savoy Cinema.

Then followed another spell in the garden by which time "herself" had arrived home and was keeping her eye on Cook who was getting lunch ready. After the family had dined, we trooped into lunch which was most enjoyable. Cook really served excellent meals, and to this day I have a sneaking suspicion that she fed the staff with more concern than she did the family.

During the afternoon I cleared and weeded a flower bed while Paddy had his afternoon sleep. When he woke up he was rather narky and accused me of killing myself - "Take it easy" he said "or you'll run out of garden".

After a satisfying tea I left at 7 p.m., and this was to be the pattern for the 2 weeks that followed. I picked (and ate) fruit, trimmed hedges, tidied lawns, and when "herself" wasn't around, I helped the chauffeur to polish the car. And all the time my appetite got better and better!

At the end of my two weeks I got £4.0s.0d. from "herself" and before I left, Cook, who knew I had a sweet tooth, gave me a cherry cake - and a kiss on the cheek!

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