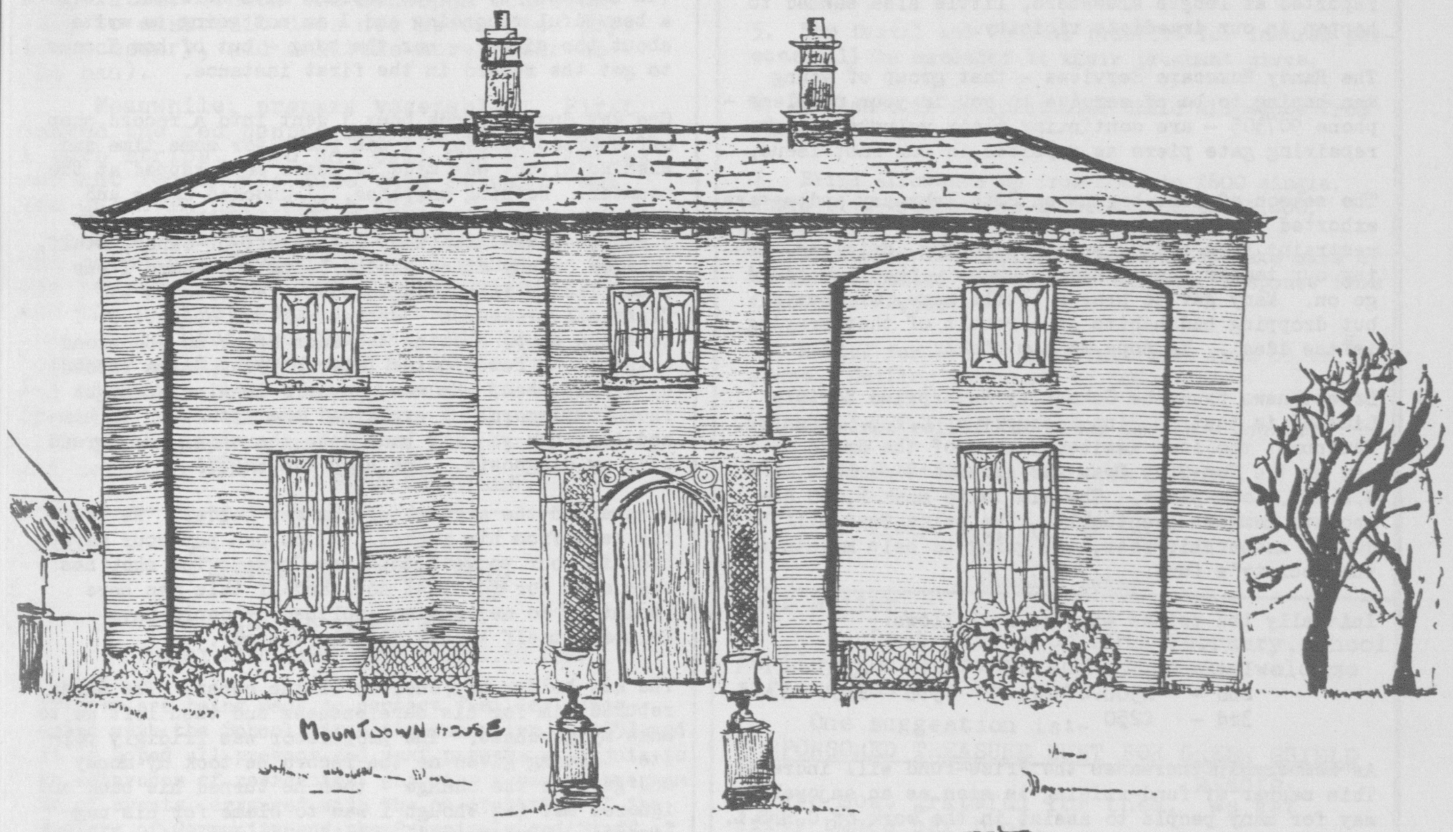


Templeogue Telegraph



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may o'neill

The cold weather of February was so intense, yet beautifully fine and sunny, many activities out of doors were abandoned because of heavy frost. Happily it did not arrive until after the Feile Bhríde weekend and even during that time we enjoyed 'pet days' of warm sunshine. So when the cold came we were really perished and many were laid low with heavy colds and flu. To compensate, as it were, for the misery of it all, we had the unusual spectacle of icicles hanging from great heights - clinging around fountains, even hanging almost instantly from dripping laundry hung out in hope of a drying session. Photographers had a wonderful time recording this unusual phenomenon for posterity, and I have had the pleasure of gazing at some myself - fascinated. Do try to see some of your friends' examples.

So except for our annual Feile Bhríde, which is reported at length elsewhere, little else seemed to happen in our immediate vicinity.

The Handy Homecare Services - that group of young men hoping to be of service to you in your problems - phone 907305 - are continuing their voluntary work repairing gate piers as reported in our last issue.

The season of Lent begins on 20th February and we are exhorted to do penance and/or undertake some form of restraint from eating sweets, smoking, drinking, losing our temper, using bad language - the list could go on. Many get to pray a little more, of course, but dropping bad habits as a result of that praying is the ideal. We hope to aim high!

Latest news from the Community Enterprise Society Limited is that on 21st February at C.E.S.L. Centre, Terenure, the long awaited launch of the drive to set up the Non-Stop Draw for Associate members of C.E.S.L. took place. The aim is to seek 5,000 associate members eventually. The prize-fund will be 60% of membership fees, 40% going to help maintain the Society's fund.

Initially the prizes will be as follows:-

1st - £1,000	4th - £150
2nd - £500	5th - £100
3rd - £250	

As membership increases the Prize-fund will increase. This manner of fund-raising is seen as an enjoyable way for many people to assist in the work of C.E.S.L. - whose prime aim is job creation. It will cost £5 per month to join the C.E.S.L. Continuous Monthly Draw, preferably payable by Standing Order, but, of course, cash, P.O. or cheque are acceptable. Make your own suitable arrangement when the C.E.S.L. representative calls on you. If the Draw does not appeal to you, then consider buying some shares in the Society for £10 each.

C.E.S.L. Centre on Rathfarnham Road is open for business since last month and the building of units is in an advance stage. Just now three businesses are operating there, viz: Sunshine Windows and Blinds (Roller blinds), Signs Unique - Patricia O'Neill (sign writer), Spectrum Graphic Systems - Darach O'Broin. These give employment to some ten persons now but more jobs will be created as more businesses are introduced. The date for the official opening of the Centre has yet to be announced.

It is to the credit of all who volunteered to help establish the Society just one year ago that early teething troubles and seeming insurmountable prob-

lems have been overcome and all is in order for the commencement of this most important Community venture. At least ten parishes within the catchment area of the Society are organising public meetings to explain the meaning of C.E.S.L. and how each Community can help itself with the unemployment problem. Watch for the date that is yours. Information can be had at C.E.S.L. Centre, Terenure, so call there or telephone 609855/966819.

There's gratitude for you!

One of the most popular programs on television for some time now has been "Top of the Pops". The younger generation raves about it and it would appear that the most important musical goings on are the compilation of charts. We hear about the Top Ten, the top 30, 50 etc., as the case may be. I must confess that, with one or two notable exceptions, pop music does nothing for me. - It certainly does not, as they say, "turn me on"!

I have my own top-ten of musical favourites and high on the list is "The Last Rose of Summer" sung (in English) by German Soprano Rita Streich. It's a beautiful recording and I am not going to write about the singer - nor the song - but of how I came to get the record in the first instance.

One day during lunch hour I went into a record shop off Grafton Street. I was there for some time and when no effort was made to serve me I rapped at the counter. Nothing happened. I knocked again and called out "Anybody there"? Still nothing. Then I realised that the shop was bereft of owner, staff, manager or any other living being and there I was like Aladdin in the magic cave - surrounded by Classical treasures - orchestral and operatic! I left the shop, closing the door after me and stood outside. A few minutes later a young Garda passed by on his beat. He was, I would imagine straight from Templemore! I explained the situation to him and together we went back into the shop. He agreed with my diagnosis. The shop WAS EMPTY!

We awaited the arrival of the key holder. He took his keys from his pocket. "You can put your keys back in your pocket" said the Garda, "The shop has been open for the last hour and if this man here (pointing to me) was so inclined he could have helped himself to anything he wanted".

The key-holder happened to be the owner. The Garda rebuked him for his carelessness and then left me to make my purchase. The proprietor was frigidly polite. Having given me the record he took my money and gave me the change - then he turned his back and ignored me! (as though I was to blame for his negligence.) "Excuse me", I said, "do you think I might have a bag for the record"? Without a word he handed me a bag and resumed his inactivity.

On the way down Grafton Street I met the Garda. "I see" he said eyeing the bag "you got your record - I suppose he gave you a few bob off". He did not! I replied and "what's more - I even had to ask him for the carrier bag". He gazed at me with astonishment. "Well", he said, "as they say in my part of the country - 'that beats Banagher!' - There's gratitude for you!"

Michael Sheehan.

SALE OF WORK

IN AID OF HANDICAPPED AUTISTIC CHILDREN
AT NO. 3 WHITEHALL ROAD ON SUNDAY, 24th
MARCH. 3 - 6 p.m. ADMISSION 25p (INCL.
COFFEE AND BISCUITS). DONATIONS GRATE-
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COOKERY CORNER

SPICY BEEF STIR-FRY. Serves 4.

350g/12 oz. Braising Steak, trimmed and cut into thin strips. (use frozen braising steak and cut it while still frozen); 2 teaspoons Worcestershire Sauce; Salt and freshly ground Black Pepper; 600ml/1 pint Water; 1 small Red or Green Pepper; 1 Beef Stock Cube; 250g/9oz. Courgettes; 1 small Onion; 1 tablespoon Vegetable Oil; Little Soy Sauce, Green Pepper and Onion Rings to garnish (optional).

Put the strips of braising steak into a bowl with the Worcestershire sauce and season to taste with salt and pepper. Stir well and leave to stand for 10 minutes. Pour the water into a saucepan, add the stock cube, then the meat.

Bring to the boil, stirring until the stock cube has dissolved, then lower the heat and simmer for about 1 hour or until the meat is tender and liquid has almost evaporated. (check the saucepan occasionally to ensure it does not become too dry. If necessary, add a little more water to the pan).

Meanwhile, prepare vegetables. First deseed the red pepper and cut into 2.5cm/1 inch strips. Top and tail the courgettes and cut lengthways into thin sticks. Cut the onion in half and slice.

Heat oil in a wok or frying pan, add the onion and fry for about 1 minute. Add red pepper and fry for further minute, then add the courgettes and stir well. Stir in the cooked beef and juices. Mix them together well, cover and allow to fry for 2-3 minutes, then add soy sauce to taste. Transfer to a warmed serving dish, garnish with green pepper and onion rings, if liked, and serve at once.

NORA GILLIGAN.

Family re-union day

AT OUR LADY'S SCHOOL
SUNDAY 24th MARCH 1985 FROM 2.30 P.M.

Efforts are being made to contact families associated with the School since its inception in 1953 and it is hoped all present and past parents will join in an afternoon of recreation, enjoying a varied programme of events, arranged with the co-operation of the Sisters of Community and the Principals and Staff of the Senior and Junior Schools.

Parents are invited to inspect an exhibition of work done by pupils in each School during the past year: enjoy a programme of music and song by past and present pupils, and a display of gymnastics and sports including a hockey tournament by present pupils and members of the Past Pupils Hockey Club. Refreshments will be available.

The Family Circle Draw will also take place. Families are invited to enrol in the Family Circle - the fee is £10 per annum, payable by cheque or Bankers' Order on or before 24th March. Further information from Mary McNamee 905226 or May O'Neill 903000.

CORRECTION :- In **ROUNABOUT** last month the St. Pius X bridge Club donation to the Ethiopia Fund should have read £170 and not £70.

Councillor Laing.

Residents - do you know your rights and entitlements in Social Welfare and from the recent Budget? The following might help you:-

1. A new Family Income Supplement for those in the Low Income bracket. This is intended for families with at least one parent in full-time employment. To be eligible your income must be fairly low-ranging from £95 with one child to £155 with five or more children.
2. Remember you don't have to be unemployed to get the Medical Card. However, each case is means-tested
3. Your Welfare Officer is always available at your local Health Centre to deal with special cases of hardship.
4. The House Grant for first time buyers is up 75% to £1,750. This will help to offset the effects of higher V.A.T.
5. The Dental and Optical benefits for insured persons will be extended to their pregnant wives.
6. Increase in incapacitated child allowance from £500 to £600.
7. Blind Allowance up from £500 to £600 single. Where both spouses are blind: £1,200 to £1,400.
8. Allowance for employing someone to take care of an incapacitated taxpayer or taxpayer's spouse from £2,000 to £2,500.
9. Relief for Rent:- Age limit down from 60 to 55 years. Ceiling increased by 50%.
10. Savings relief for older people - doubled.
11. Free Fuel Scheme - up from £4 to £5.

"Always available to help".

Stanley Laing.

Dear Editor,

As Lent starts on 20th February, school pupils, youth groups and clubs may welcome suggestions for Projects.

One suggestion is:-

A SPONSORED TREASURE HUNT FOR GREEN SHIELD STAMPS.

We are most grateful for them. We get fifty pence per book.

This goes into our "African Famine Appeal" Fund - as well as donations by sponsors.

Famine is far from over. Up to twenty countries in Africa have famine. Sudan, Chad and Sahel countries are suffering terribly.

So - "Green Shields to shield from Famine!"

Thank you, Dear Editor.

(Fr.) Eddie Brady, W.F.
Cypress Grove House, Templeogue.

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LENTEN EXERCISES

The annual Novena of Grace commences on Monday, 4th March in St. Pius X Church and continues to Tuesday 12th March. This year the Novena will be conducted by Rev. Thomas McDonnell, C.S.Sp., Chaplain to the National Re-habilitation Centre, Rochestown Avenue, Dublin.

music teachers

CLARINET LESSONS - Ciarán Holt
167 Wainsfort Road
(At Roundabout) phone 905824

PIANO TUITION - Beginners to
Intermediate. Colm O'Duffy
B.A. (Music & French).
Will call to house if nec-
essary. Phone: 909813.

GUITAR LESSONS - Phone 900184

Dermot Kelly Spinologist

Attends at
46 Fortfield Park
(Shopping Centre)

Every Saturday Afternoon
4pm to 7pm

Diary

- Fri. 1. Womens World Day of Prayer
Rathfarnham Cath.Church 8.30
- Mon. 4. Novena of Grace begins,
St. Pius X Church.
- Wed. 6. Ladies Club A. G. M.
- Thurs. 7. Templeogue Coll.Parents
Assoc. Fashion Show.
- Mon. 11. St. Pius X Schools' Manag-
ment Bds. meet.
- Tues. 12. Novena of Grace closes.
- Wed. 20. Horticultural Society.
- Sun. 24. Family Re-Union Day,
2.30 p.m.
- Mon. 25. Templeville & Fortfield
Res. Assoc. A.G.M. Tere-
nure Coll. 8.0. pm.
- Sat. 30. Confirmation Day, St.Pius
X Church.

Every Monday) Terenure College
) Past Pupils'
Every Thurs.) Badminton Club.
) Membership open to
) all.

TEMPLEOGUE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

March 12 - 8 p.m.

Our Lady' School

The Nursery

Mrs. TRAYNOR S.R.N.

Phone 903433

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feile bhride '85

Feile Bhride has become a fixed date in our Community calendar for the first week-end in February. This year the opening coincided with Saint Brigud's own feast-day, 1st February, and with her blessing, I am sure, followed through over the week-end to a successful closing Concert on 3rd February.

It is very pleasing to be able to record that 347 individual competitors, as well as 31 groups, including Choirs, participated in the Competitions. Adjudicators were loud in their praise at the standard achieved in all competitions, with the exception of Storytelling in English, where it is recommended that some advance practice and help could be offered to intending competitors. Then it must also be told that the number of entries for competitions in Irish leave much to be desired. The competition for conversation in Irish structured to encourage the 2nd level student has not yet been heard in the two years it is included in the syllabus, but it will be included again - in hope!

This year, the sixth Feile, we were honoured by the presentation of three new Trophies for award to the best overall competitor in the subject of their choice. We are indebted to the presenters for their generosity and greatly value this gesture of encouragement to competitors. The new Trophies are:-

Recorder Ensemble: Messrs. McCullough, Pigott & Co., well-known firm of suppliers for all things associated with music.

Oral Communication (English): Nora & Michael Doherty, esteemed Past Principals of St. Pius X National Schools.

Mime: Father Cullinane Memorial Trophy, presented by St. Patrick's National School, Ballyroan, to commemorate a much-loved School Chaplain.

These bring the total number of Trophies to eleven, and a list of winners is elsewhere in this issue.

Trophy Winners performed at the closing Concert in Terenure College Hall and all prize awards were presented then by the eminent Cellist, Aisling Drury-Byrne, a member of Radio Eireann Symphony Orchestra. We were very happy Aisling was able to be with us and a particularly warm welcome was given to her as a past pupil of Our Lady's School. A report on the Concert is elsewhere in this issue.

It is not possible to organise and then successfully manipulate large numbers of people without friends and help of the right kind. It is obvious then with so much success over the years that friends abound, and as Feile Director I wish to express once again my heartfelt thanks to all - those who contribute by donation towards expenses and those who spend hours helping at competitions or making teas and refreshments - for the days are long. This year we enjoyed peace of mind from security and equipment-moving problems because of the great help from the young men of Handy Homecare Services who voluntarily gave time and energy assisting everywhere over the week-end, and to whom we extend our gratitude and appreciation for a job well-done.

The whole project is not possible without venue and required facilities. These are most generously made available to us on each occasion. In the first instance by the Sisters of Our Lady's School, Templeogue Road. There it is the hundreds participate in competition in the friendly atmosphere of the lovely school and are greeted by Sister Bourne to whom we owe a mountain of gratitude for help in running the Feile. She is assisted by her Sisters in Community in the unenviable task of "front of house" manage-

ment directing everyone into the right stream, there by maintaining the order required for success. We know we would be in great disarray without their kind assistance. We thank them for giving their time to us.

We wish to acknowledge, most gratefully, the help we receive from the Carmelite Fathers in Terenure College - Rev. Father Murray, College Principal, and the Prior, Rev. E. Griffin. Father Griffin's interest in our efforts guides us, by his restriction of time to arranging the closing Concert in a manner which seems to be acceptable to all concerned - shortening the programme and finishing early. Yet the audience did hear the cream of the wonderful talent found within the Feile, and the prize-winners received their awards in a happy and relaxed manner. The staging of the Concert is all important and we are most fortunate to have the services, yet again, of Ellis Kelly as Stage Manager, Anne O'Driscoll as Commere, Albert Lawford on lights and to have sound equipment kindly supplied by Mr. Jim O'Doherty. Our official accompanist, Padraig O'Cunneagain, ever helpful and willing to share his wonderful gift with the performing students, completes the team that makes the busy week-end worth-while. Mile buiochas dhiibh go leir.

In this year, 1985, European Music Year and International Youth Year, we can be proud that so many of the youth in our Community are willing to involve themselves, with the help of parents and teachers, in communicating with us all by the spoken word and through music, song and drama. We pray they may long continue to do so. We pray we can continue to encourage and help them.

May O'Neill, Director

FEILE BHRIDE 1985 - PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS:-

1. Solo Singing in English: Ronan Kavanagh Cup - Rachel Talbot, Wesley College.
2. Solo Singing in Irish: Templeogue Community Council Trophy - Ruairi O'Neill, Terenure College.
3. Choral Verse-Speaking in Irish: Ritchie Ryan Shield - Scoil Naomh Padraig, Ballyroan.
4. Choral Verse-Speaking in English: Ever-Clear Shield - St. Patrick's G.N.S. Ballyroan.
5. Choral Singing: Jones Cup - St. Patrick's G.N.S. Ballyroan.
6. Solo Verse-Speaking (English): Mervyn Taylor Cup - Susan Weakliam, Our Lady's School.
7. Oral Communication (English): Nora & Michael O'Doherty Cup - Jeanne-Marie Rion, Our Lady's Sch.
8. Solo Verse-Speaking in Irish: Michael O'Leary Cup - Aisling Cullen, Our Lady's School.
9. Piano Solo: Laing Cup - Brendan Hogan, Terenure College.
10. Recorder Ensemble: McCullough Pigott & Co. Trophy - Sancta Maria College, Ballyroan (Mrs. O'Brien Tutor)
11. Mime: Father Cullinane Memorial Trophy - Our Lady's School, Inter. Group P2A.

THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Woman's World Day of Prayer takes place every year on the first Friday in March. All over the world on that day women of all denominations will be attending a service, using the same prayers and singing the same hymns.

Ballyroan, Ballyboden, Knocklyon, Rathfarnham and Templeogue parishes unite every year to pray together in one or other parish church. This year the five parishes will meet in the Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham, to pray for Peace and all women and girls are invited to these prayers in union with women all over the world.

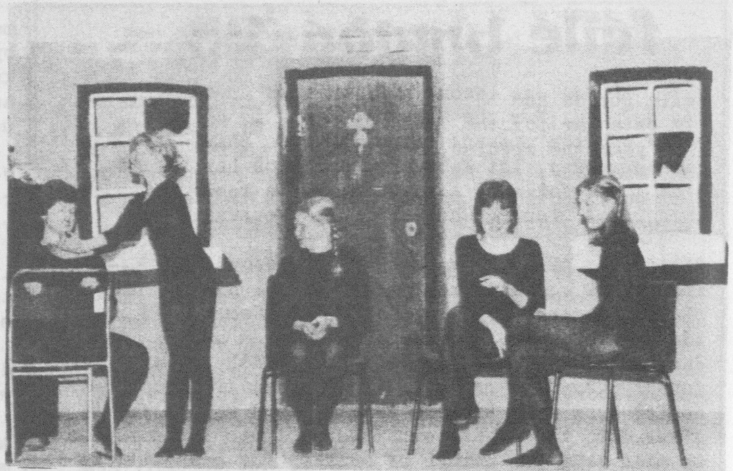
The date is Friday 1st March at 8.30 p.m. and the place - Rathfarnham Catholic Church.

féilé bhríde concert

The Feile Bhríde Trophy Winners Concert was held as usual in Terenure College Hall on the final day of the competitions and from the total of about 500 entries we had a splendid distillation of talent to entertain us on the occasion. The most notable feature of the night was the diversity or variety of the eleven items on the programme, which embraced solo singing, choir, verse-speaking, mime, recorder ensemble, piano and violin solos and oral communication, which was introduced for the first time last year. It was also the occasion for the presentation of prizes and trophies and this generated considerable excitement among our visitors from Ballyroan, who again appear to have swept the board in group events.

Last year I commented on the exciting way in which the Feile was developing in scope with addition of mime and oral communication, this year we had the violin class added but alas there was no competition for Bernadette Carey of Loreto, Rathfarnham, but she was invited to take part in the Concert and this was a bonus for us. Her phrasing and clarity of tone in Massenet's Meditation and in Sicilien were impressive for one so young and her selection of Irish tunes made it difficult for the audience to refrain from clapping and tapping their feet. Let's hope that next year she may have a challenger.

We had familiar faces and voices this year with Rachel Talbot (Ronan Kavanagh Cup) singing Schubert's Trout very confidently and melodically and Ruairi O'Neill (Templeogue Community Council Trophy) singing in Irish but without the benefit of the microphone, which was a pity. We also had an interesting new entry in Brendan Hogan, who played a Mozart Sonata and a piece by Debussy with great vitality and feeling. I had the pleasure the previous day of hearing him in the senior piano competition competing very keenly with his talented brother, whom he beat by a short head. He played less well on stage than in the competition but that was probably because he was distracted by chatter among young members of the audience. He received the Laing Trophy. (below)



It was good to see that Our Lady's School were the winners of the Fr. Cullinane Cup for an amusing and well performed mime concerning unmannerly behaviour in a restaurant. This Cup was presented by Scoil Naomh Pdraig, Ballyroan, so they reversed the trend of the latter to capture most of the prizes in the group competitions. Scoil Naomh Pdraig still managed to take the McCullagh Pigott Cup for their excellent recorder ensemble, the Ritchie Ryan Shield for choral verse-speaking in Irish and the Ever-Clear Perpetual Shield for verse-speaking in English. They certainly deserved these awards and their contribution to the concert was most enjoyable. Finally in the solo classes, Aisling Cullen, Susan Weakliam and Jeanne Marie Riou of Our Lady's School gave of their best in Irish and English Verse-speaking and Oral Communication respectively.

This year the Prize-giving was at the end of the concert and we had as our distinguished guest to present them, the principal cellist of the R.E. Symphony Orchestra, Aisling Drury-Byrne. The stage manager, Eilish Kelly worked wonders behind the scenes to keep the programme moving with hardly a pause and of course our compere Anne O'Driscoll had her usual splendid rapport with the younger members of the audience and put the performers very much at their ease. As in previous years Albert Lawford was responsible for lighting and Jim O'Doherty for sound and Pdraig O'Cuinneagain was the accompanist for all but one of the items. Congratulations May O'Neill and Moira McKeivitt for another successful Feile.



Ms. Kidney ↑ Barbara Bowden →



scout news

The local Scout Unit held its Annual Investiture on Sunday, 27th January, 1985.

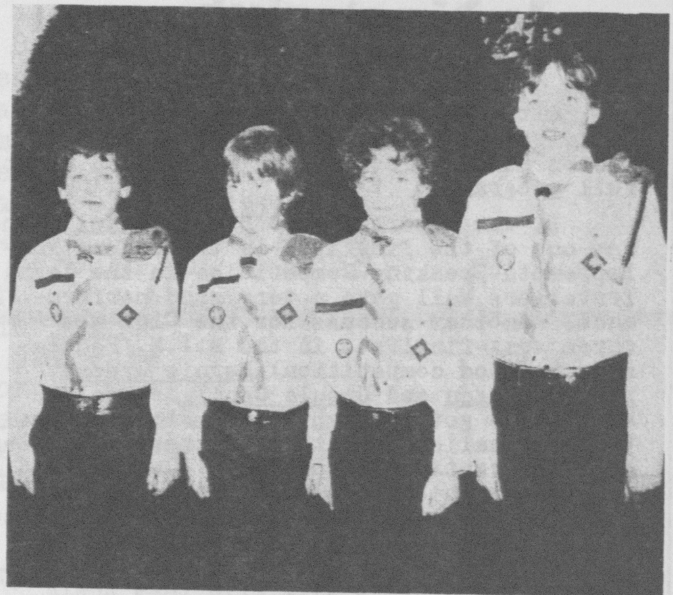
The ceremony took place in St. Pius X Church. There was a Mass which started at 3.0 p.m. and was said by Father Colleran.

The Cubs were first up to the altar to be invested, this was during Mass. They were presented with cap and neckerchief. Their parents were invited up to the altar to help with this task. The Scouts were next. They made their promises and duly received their neckerchiefs and berets. Last, but not least, were the Venture Scouts. They did not take very long as they are already invested and just renew their promises.

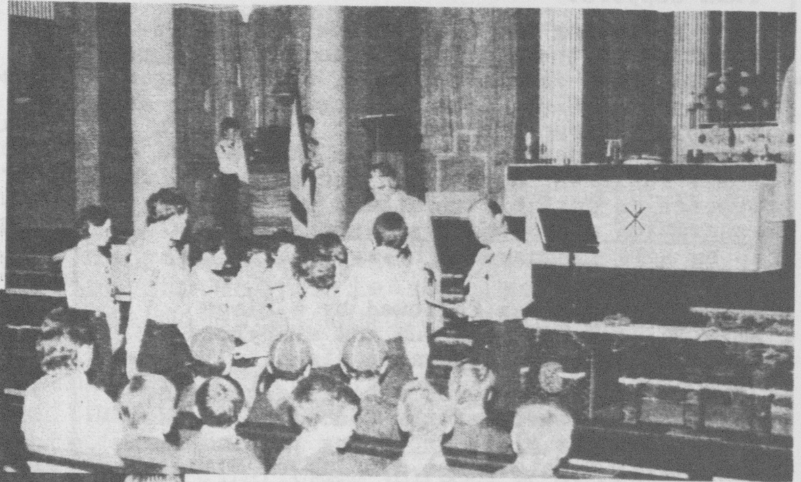
When Mass was over, the parents were invited back to St. Mary's Room for tea and biscuits and a chat with the leaders. The parents' committee provided the work force necessary.

The whole Unit then posed for photographs at the front of the Church.

The gathering broke up at about 5.0 p.m., and everyone went their separate ways.



L.to R. Paul O'Reilly, Matthew McPartlin, Mark Gunn & Eoin Cotter



L.to R. Niall Rynne, Niall Kernan, Morris McDonagh, Vivien Rynne Mairiad McMahon, Fergal Rynne and Seamus McAweeney.

Fr. Colleran officiating at investiture of scouts



templeogue ladies' club carmel dunne

Although 6th February was a cold and wet night we had quite a good number of ladies at our Club meeting and we had a very full programme.

It was reported that Breda Fennell, who was one of the finalists in the Federation Impromptu Speaking Competition in the Young Travellers Hall gave a very good performance. Another success for the Club was three semi-finalists in the B.I.M./Federation Seafood competition: Bernie Greene, Evelyn Deegan and Ursula Cahill. Evelyn and Bernie got through to the Finals. The twelve finalists had their dishes on display at the reception in the B.I.M. Centre, and looking at the dishes made the mouth water. The Drama Group will be giving a performance of the play 'EDWARD' in the Father Mathew Hall for the Federation Drama Competition. We hope the members will give them their full support.

Following the Club business a representative of the W.I.T.H. organisation, Women in the Home, in the person of Nora Gilligan visited the Club. She told us that they are a support group for women who choose as a priority to devote themselves to the care of their families. Nora asked for as many Club members as possible to attend the European Federation of Homemakers Association's A.G.M. to be held in Buswells Hotel at 2.30 p.m. on March 9th.

This talk was followed by a Bingo session. We had good fun and everybody seemed to have an enjoyable night.

We had a couple of outings during the month of February. Forty Club members were invited to the Miele Showrooms in Sandyford Industrial Estate. The display of Miele fitted kitchens and appliances, I'm sure, made many of the members long to refurbish their own kitchens. Sixty members of the Club attended the Cinderella Pantomime in the Olympia Theatre and the reports were that a good night was had by all.

LADIES! Our A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday, 6th March, so please let us have a good attendance. There will be four vacancies on the committee, so we hope there will be many nominations for these vacancies.

The Annual collection for the Dublin Diocesan Childrens' Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be collected at the A.G.M., so ladies bring some money along with you that night.

TEMPLEOGUE COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

RESULTS OF JANUARY DRAW:

1st	£100	Mrs. J. Sinclair 24 Templeville Drive.
2nd	£50	Mrs. Moore, Wainsfort Park.
3rd	£25	Mr. & Mrs. B. Dalton, 78 Dargle Woods.
4th	£25	Mr. & Mrs. J. Skehan, 80 Parkmore Drive.
5th	£25	Mrs. Foley, 8 The Manor, Cypress Downs.
6th	£25	Mrs. Hayden, 3 Glenmalure Park, S.C.Rd.

RESULTS OF FEBRUARY DRAW:

1st	£100	Michael Lynch, 82 Templeville Drive.
2nd	£50	Nuala Barron, Templeville Road.
3rd	£25	Mrs. Lawlor, 23 Beechfield Close.
4th	£25	Mrs. Little, 26 Cypress Grove South.
5th	£25	Lena Shaw, Dangan Park.
6th	£25	Mr. Darcy, 52 St. Columbas Road.

st. pius x parents' association

The poet Wordsworth once said "the child is the father of the man". The foundation of every society is the education of it's youth. My favourite definition of education is that it is an increase in ones sense of values. But values differ from person to person and from home to home, where many are picked up and internalised.

The important inputs of the parents in the education of their children begins in the formative years and persists right through second level. It is perhaps only right that attempts by many parents to get involved in the educational process should be at last given formal ratification by the Department of Education in their recognition of school parent associations. In fact, the Minister is to make it statutory that every National School is to have a parent association and that every parent who has a child at the school is automatically a member.

Three delegates from St. Pius X Parents Association have been elected to go forward to a regional meeting from where delegates would be elected to go forward to a national meeting at which members of the National Parents Council would be elected. How exactly this will be done remains to be seen. According to Par. 221 of the Programme for Action in Education 1984/87 "...parents will be facilitated in organising themselves into a Parent Council through which the views of parents may be expressed. The Department will consult with the Council, once established on a national basis, on matters relevant to educational development".

The sum of £800 (a donation to the school by the Parents' Association) was gratefully acknowledged by the Board of Management through the Principals and was immediately put to use in the purchase of new equipment.

The great success of the Feile Bride was acknowledged by an annual contribution by the officers of the association towards the expenses. The great abundance of local musical talent was remarked on.

Many of the parents who attended Fr. Lavelle's meeting in the school in January on drugs were delighted that they had done so and had found it invaluable as it gave them an insight into drug abuse and its consequences.

Notice will be given in the future, possibly in the final school term, of an AGM of parents to bring the constitution of the Association into line with the news forthcoming from the Department of Education concerning school parent associations. This meeting will not take place until the weather gets warmer and hopefully will be well attended. Yours on behalf of the Association
FRANK BURNS (P.R.O.).

AS ALWAYS WE ARE ENDEBTED
TO TOM GUNN FOR OUR PHOTOGRAPHS

POETRY CORNER

There is more to Austin Clarke Bridge than meets the eye
Which could easily be overlooked by a passer by
Down under the bridge is a straight walk through
Which brings the river into a much closer view
Leading down here are some nicely placed steps
If you wish to gaze into the fast rolling depths
No need to be nervous there's quite a strong piling
With a view of the rapids seen through the railing
The outlook here is both cheerful and bright
Illuminated overhead by electric light
Fluorescent bulbs beam down as you pass
Protected with panels of reinforced glass
The waters at this point just seem to stand still
It looks like a place where there once was a mill
All is peaceful and silent in the deep river bed
Except for the traffic rolling over your head
The birds are heard singing in the nearby trees
Sheltered as they are from every cold breeze!
One fact is quite certain and can't be denied
Austin Clarke was lucky when he chose here to reside.

Betty McDonnell.

A WOMAN'S OWN THOUGHTS

I think I must find,
a new interest -
Cooking, Painting, House
decoration,

or perhaps, I should learn
a language?
I won a prize once
for translation

I want to do new things;
Wait and see
You wont recognise
The bright new me.
There is so much to do
so much to learn -
Dancing, Home-brewing,
Something groovy?

But it's the end of the day
I am tired
I think
I'll watch Dallas.

RS.

SMAOINTE CARRAIGH

Ba Ghnath me ag siul le ciumhais na h-abhann,
Ar an mbainseach ur is an drucht go trom,
In aice na gcoillte, i gcoim an tsle,
Gan mhairg gan mhoill le soillse an lae,
Do ghealadh mo chroi nuair a chinn Loch
Greine;
An talamh an tir agus iaghar na speire
Ba thaithneamhach aoibhinn suidheamh na
sleibhte,
Ag bagairt a gcinn thar dhruim a ceile." -

Sin mar do chan an file Brian Merriman ag
tosnu an dhain iomraiteach Cuirt an Mhean Oiche,
Do spreag na linte sin me nuair a shruthlaig
siad isteach im aigne agus me ag suil imeasc
na gcrann, cois abha na Dothra, ibPairc na dTor
in lar mi Feabhra. Is minic me ag siul le
ciumhais na h-abhann san, ach an la sin -
agus ar feadh laetheanta ina dhiaidh sin-
bhi an "bhainseach" cois na coille sin,
cruaidh le duishioc, agus na sleibhte odheas
uaim ag bagairt a gcinn, a bhi gleigeal
le sneachta. Ach, ar mo shli abhaile do
chonnac gairdini, ina raibh an pluirin sneachta
- an blaithin alainn croga sin - ag gobadh
a gcinn de dhruim a cheile, rud a chuir bri
agus fuinneamh im chuisleanna, agus a bhog
mo chroi le smaointe gur ghairid duinn
Earrach Eireann.

"Sea" arsa mise lion féin "Is gearr uainn
gealas maidne, boithri boga agus grian
geal-ghaireach. Agus, an smaoinemh deireann-
ach a bhuail isteach im' aigne agus me ag
gabhail isteach sa tseipeal ar mo shli
abhaile, na, go raibh suil le Dia agam gur
gearr go mbeadh breis agus biseach mhor
ar phobal Aifrin na Gaeilge!

Padraig Ferritear.

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residents' association

Neighbourhood Watch. We would like to thank all those who, in co-operation with their neighbours, are keeping an eye on each others homes. This contributes considerably in preventing crime.

Knowing your neighbours' basic habits will help one recognise unusual or suspicious activities. We ask you to be interested, aware and suspicious. Report unusual behaviour to the Gardai 999, or Terenure Station 905417 or 900580.

Anything that seems even slightly out of place, or is occurring at an unusual time of the day could be a criminal activity, and should be noted, thus reducing the opportunity for crime.

In our consultations with Gardai they were impressed with our group's progress. Crime and vandalism affect every area, and Neighbourhood Watch is a new concept designed to provide more security and better crime prevention.

The success of the scheme depends on the support and co-operation of all residents. So we appeal to you to keep up your vigilance, and we will achieve a greater quality of life in our community.

We hear from the Department of the Environment that the Government is embarking on a programme to strengthen the system of local government and to extend its funct-

ions affecting the welfare of local communities. Within the city boundary it is proposed to create three new county councils based on Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown, Tallaght/Clondalkin and Blanchardstown/Fingal. A metropolitan council for the Dublin area will be elected by the four local authorities with co-ordinating functions in the areas of planning, roads, housing, water and sewage.

A.G.M. The Annual General Meeting of the Association will take place on Monday, 25th March, 1985 in Terenure College at 8 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

We would like to draw attention to the following:

Rule 21 of our Constitution: "No person who is not a fully paid-up member shall be entitled to be present or to vote at any meeting of the Association, or to sign any requisition calling a meeting, provided always that a member who is unable to attend a General Meeting may nominate in writing a member of his or her household to attend and vote in his or her stead".

This will be the 30th A.G.M. which means the Association is 31 years in operation. Being fully active since its foundation. It has been affiliated for many years to A.C.N.A.. The objects of the Association are to safeguard the common interests of the members and to foster a sense of civic spirit.

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horticultural society

At our February meeting Mrs. Beatrice Dixon was the guest speaker. She lives on Terenure Road East, just a few doors away from the Allied Irish Bank, and I am sure that many of our members (particularly those who travel on top of the 15 Bus) are familiar with her garden which is a riot of colour in the summer. Her talk was of a general nature but throughout it was laced with helpful hints. She is a charming person, with a good sense of humour, who has spent a lifetime gardening and in the course of those years has built up a wealth of knowledge and good gardening sense.

During her talk she said that all gardeners should develop a "skip mentality" - we were all totally bemused not knowing what she was talking about. It turned out that Mrs. Dixon is convinced that waste skips (used when house alterations or garden clearance is being done) are invariably full of "treasures" which can be retrieved and re-used. Among her acquisitions were some life-lasting plant labels which she had made from a discarded venetian blind, an old zinc bucket which she used to restrain the roots of mint, old clay pots which can be used as crocks when planting, and old plastic containers which can be cut and used successfully as miniature cloches. Her ingenuity was amazing and lots of her tips will come in useful during the coming months. For instance did you know that a quick way to get peat moss wet is to add a few drops of washing-up liquid to the water.

However when it came to gardening Mrs. Dixon is a

true professional as her slides illustrated so well. They were all taken in her own garden during the past few years and whilst she has now lost half the front garden, due to having a drive-in made, what remains is still tastefully laid out. Some few years ago her garden won the Best Garden Award in the Rathgar Hort. Soc. Her back garden also contained some beautiful plants. Mrs. Dixon has grown many shrubs as standards, for instance forsythia which is more often seen as a sprawling overgrown bush. A lot of work is involved before the standard emerges but from her slides the end result seemed well worth the effort. She also showed some azaleas (in pots) which have lasted for many years and they were exquisite specimens - some of them carried as many as 40/50 blooms!

Mrs. Dixon had brought many specimens of cuttings and garden equipment with her and she kindly donated them for the raffle at the end of the evening. Our Chairman thanked her for her informative and highly entertaining talk which was very well received by our members.

Our next meeting will be on 20th March. We were hoping to get a showing of the National Gardens Association film of the Prizewinners' Gardens but owing to heavy booking of the film we were unable to get a firm date. Hopefully we shall be able to have a showing of this in the near future and we feel sure it would be a popular evening with both our members and friends. We shall keep you advised.

know your neighbour



When Tom Donaghy retired from his post as Assistant Secretary, Faculty of Agriculture in U.C.D. in March 1979 he had the rare distinction of having completed fifty years service with the College. This is a unique record and is unlikely to be repeated by present-day administrators. Indeed his association with the College goes back further as prior to taking up a position as Chief Clerical Officer he had been a student there from 1925, and in fact his Degree in Commerce was conferred soon after joining the staff.

It was just about that time that a full Faculty of Agriculture was established in U.C.D. and it acquired the Albert Agricultural College to help with its work of practical instruction of students and its experimental work. Tom lived in Sandymount at that time and travelling to work at the Albert College, which was then considered to be "out in the country" on the north side of Dublin, was quite a journey. He recalls that he used to get a tram to the Holy Faith Convent at the top of Washerwoman's Hill, and from there he walked nearly a mile up to the College on the old country road. In those years there were very few houses in the area and Griffith Avenue had not even been built.

Following his marriage to Kay (who came from Clashbee, Co. Cork) just forty years ago they first went to live in Drumcondra, but five years later they decided to move to their present house in Fortfield Park. At that time the Faculty had plans to acquire a farm near Newlands Cross and the move to the south side seemed a logical one. In the event the College had a change of heart in the matter and as a result Tom had to continue commuting to work on the north side until his retirement in 1979.

Throughout his career in U.C.D. he took a great interest in sport, and in particular Soccer. Todd Andrews and his brother Paddy were still playing for College when Tom commenced playing and he was pleased that while he was playing the team won a few Collingwood Cups. He played rugby with Lansdowne and was captain of the 2nd XV during the years 1937/8. He enjoyed golf and tennis also but modestly says that he was only a moderate performer at either game.

During the years since his retirement Tom has been very active in local affairs. He has been involved with Probus, an association of retired professional business people, which was originally started in the area by Joe Kennedy of Fortfield Park, and although membership at its inception was only eleven its numbers have now risen to thirty. They meet for an hour on Tuesday mornings and enjoy a social get-together over

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coffee. Despite the fact that the association is restricted to males only they also have 6/10 outings a year and their partners are invited to these. Tom was Secretary of the association up to 18 months ago. Bridge is a game they both enjoy and Tom has been both President and Treasurer of St. Pius X Bridge Club. They share an interest in Art and regularly visit Art Galleries. They were particularly appreciative of the recent exhibition of paintings by Sir John Lavery. In the area of charity work both Tom and Kay have been involved with Meals on Wheels in the Gardiner Street district.

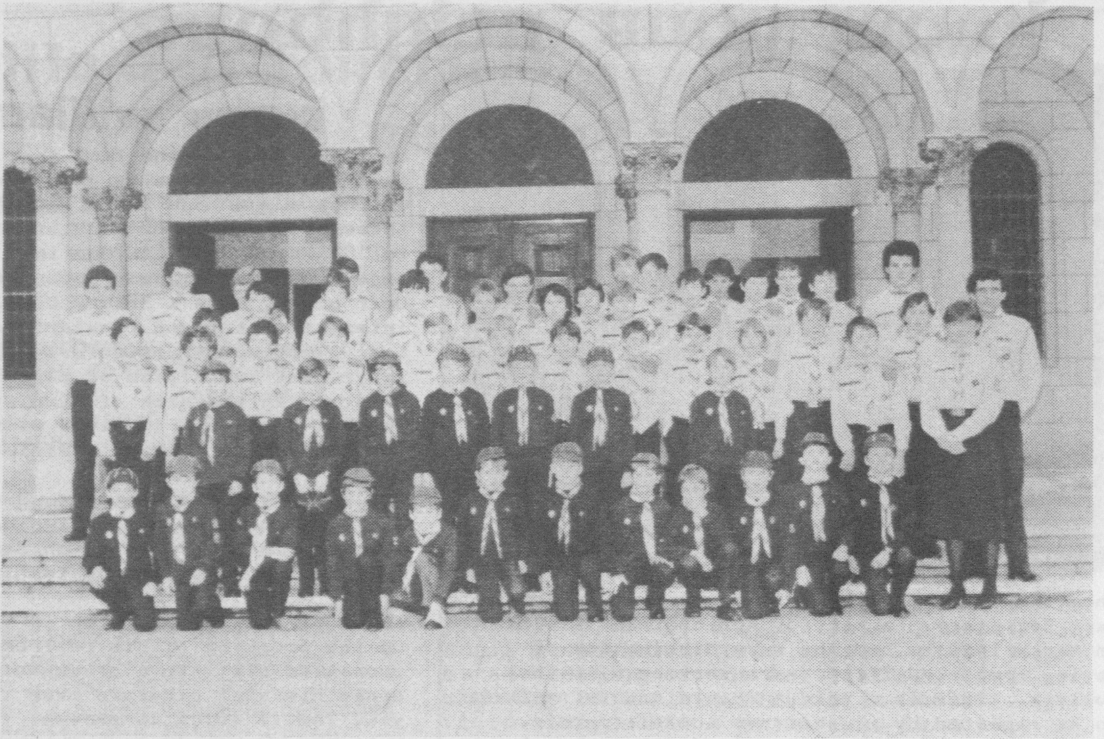
The Donaghys have two sons, Paddy and Thomas who are both solicitors, and two daughters - Mary who lectures in Law in the High School of Commerce, and Caroline who is a doctor in Cork.

A lot of Tom's spare time is spent in the garden. On the occasion of his retirement his family presented him with a greenhouse and this has afforded him much pleasure over the years. Mind you, Tom is quick to protest that Kay is a much better gardener than he is, but I feel that in this, as in so many other aspects of their life, they form a good partnership and enjoy doing things together. In last year's Garden Competition they got a "highly commended" for their front garden but their back garden is really a joy to behold. One eye-catching feature of this is the ornamental balustrade which Tom made some years ago to separate the flower section from the fruit and vegetables. It is a testament to how painstaking he can be when he undertakes a job. Tom has been Chairman of the Templeogue Horticultural Society for the past two years and during that time has displayed his remarkable flair for organisation, in particular in the staging of the two successful Flower Shows. On the subject of his gardening prowess Tom produced the following lines by Ogden Nash which he feels sum up his efforts, but of course he is again being extremely modest.

Say not Eve needed Adam's pardon
For their eviction from the Garden;
I only hope some power divine
Gets round to ousting me from mine.
On bended knee, perspiring clammy,
I scrape the soil to feed my family,
Untaught, unteachable, undramatic,
A figure sorry and sciatic.
I brood as patiently as Buddha,
Nothing comes up the way it shudda.
My beets have botts, my kale has hives,
There's something crawly in my chives,
And jeering insects think it cute
To swallow my spray and spit out my fruit.
My garden will never make me famous,
I'm a horticultural ignoramus.

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