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COUNCILS TO MEET

Co.Council Officials V T.C.C.



NO PUB FOR RAHEEN

The Springfield/Raheen Residents Associations had an interesting victory in the High Court during the week. The case of the application for a pub in the area was firmly squashed by Justice Butler who said he knew the area well. As had been the case in Kilnamanagh in the last few years, the decision depended on whether the pub site was under or over the statutory mile from the nearest pub. Obviously the getting of a public licence would make the land quite valuable, but on this occasion, as in Kilnamanagh a public right of way had been closed which should not have been. The learned Judge confirmed that no ad hoc committee of the County Council could decide to dispense with a public right of way which the old Fortunestown Lane had been but which was now being built on. The Justice Butler even suggested that an injunction to prevent the County Council from closing this stretch of lane would be successful.

A deputation from our Tallaght Community Council is to meet members of the County Council Community Affairs Officers in Mr Byrne's Office in 5 Gardner Row at 10 am on Thursday, 29th May next. This is the first such meeting in recent times, and the secretary, Mr Michael O'Sullivan hopes to raise all relevant problems at that meeting. Among the things he wishes to see discussed are the erection of pavillions and dressing rooms on the playing pitches of Tallaght. This is in accordance with standard practice, whereby the County Council gives recognition to local community councils.

TOWN CENTRE

The demand for a public inquiry into the Town Centre is also expected to feature among the thorny questions which Mr O'Sullivan feels the County Council officers cannot ignore. Jim Higgins, Chairman of TCC assures me that the Public Inquiry into the Tallaght Town Centre is definitely on, and the details will shortly be published. He says that we can expect to see models and maps and drawings displayed locally. The main points of contention are the public house and lounge which is part of phase one of this new development. Members of the TCC with whom I have spoken feel that social amenities ought to be part of the phase one development and not left to later phases.

This forth-coming meeting with the Dublin County Council Community Affairs Officers may receive bureaucratic treatment and the agenda may be confined to old problems. However, Mr. O'Sullivan feels that times have changed now and that all major problems of Tallaght ought to be aired and answered by the County Council at this stage. Examples of problems needing immediate attention are the fire station for the twenty five thousand houses in Tallaght. TCC wants funds and offices from the central exchequer to carry out its community function. The TCC would settle for use of the County Council Information Centre on Main Street Tallaght for their meetings and office needs.

More general problems which may not be raised with the Community Affairs people are the nampot dumping application at Brittas and the expeditious completion of all access roads in Tallaght. Mr O'Sullivan lists the following as important matters needing County Council attention; The immediate enactment of New Bye Laws for housing estates to prevent parking of heavy lorries and articulated vehicles roadside trading by vendors of any commodities of whatever nature. Erection of speed limit signs in estates

As this important meeting is on Thursday next, we can expect to have our report in the Friday issue of this newspaper.



PLANNING PERMISSIONS BEGIN THIS WEEK

This week we begin our publication of planning applications, decisions and appeals as circularised by the Planning Department.

We believe that it is of general interest that all Tallaght applications, decisions and appeals be included. The rules are:

(1) Prior to the making of a planning application, the applicant shall publish notice of his intention in a

newspaper circulating in the district or by the erection of a notice on the land. The notice in the paper must state the name of the applicant, the location of the land and the nature of the development.

(2) Plans, drawings and maps accompanying the application shall be duplicated and shall show clearly buildings, roads, boundaries and other features in the vicinity.

(3) Applicants are notified of receipt of application and a list is published each week.

(3) Where a planning application is received

by a planning authority, the following shall, during the specified period, be available for public inspection during office hours at the offices of the planning authority -

(a) The application and any plans, drawings, maps and particulars accompanying it,

(a) any further particulars, plans drawings or maps submitted by the applicant in relation to the application and study submitted in pursuance of environmental study.

Public inspection continues until the application or any

appeal is determined and where any permission or approval is granted, a further period of five years.

Notice of every planning application shall be published and displayed in the planning office for a period of not less than four weeks in a position convenient for public inspection during normal office hours.

(5) Where any person or body has submitted representations or objections in writing to a planning authority in relation to a planning application, the planning authority shall

within seven days of making a decision on the application, notify such person or body of the said decision or publish notice thereof in a newspaper circulating in the district.

(6) An appeal against the decision may be made to the Minister for the Environment within twenty-one days beginning on the date of the decision.

(The applicant who has been refused permission has one month to appeal from the date of receipt by him of the notification of refusal.

RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

6/5/80	857	T. Carey Ltd	Greenhills Rd.	Manufacture/warehousing
7/5/80	861	Dr. S. Healion	80 Knocklyon Rd.	Ext. for use as dental surgery
7/5/80	863	P. Horan	16 Alderwood Pk	New entrance & Garage
8/5/80	871	F. White	17 Ard Macha.	Incl. adj. land in garden
8/5/80	872	Lyon Ind. Estates	Ballymount Great	Indust. Develop. & Recreat.
9/5/80	877	Killeshandra Dev.	Green Acres, Firhouse Rd	Revised house types
9/5/80	879	P.C. Henderson Ltd	Cookstown Ind. Est.	Factory, Offices
8/5/80	285	Stoneware Jackson Lt	Belgard Rd	Pottery Studio
8/5/80	651	H. Donnan	31 Knockmore Green	Garage and extension

Appeals notified to an Bord Pleanála

only one of local interest;

PA/613/80 TA 148 Scholarstown Rd 338 houses/C. O'Brien against refusal of permission

Decisions to GRANT PERMISSION IN RESPECT OF DEVELOPMENTS

Unit 500 Western Ind Est. Fox & Geese, Naas Rd. Ind./Warehousing offices/Chloride Shires Ltd Ballymorefinn, Tallaght Dwelling house/M.A. Rossney (7/5/80) TA 672
 Unit 5 Cookstown Ind. Estate. Sub-station/Crantford Properties Ltd (7.5.80) TA 728
 Tallaght By-Pass Balrothery Three underground petrol storage tanks (9/5/80) TA 468
 Kingswood Heights, Clondalkin Parish Church/Very Rev. P. Mulvey (8/5/80) TA 496

Decisions to GRANT PERMISSION for DOMESTIC EXTENSIONS at the following locations

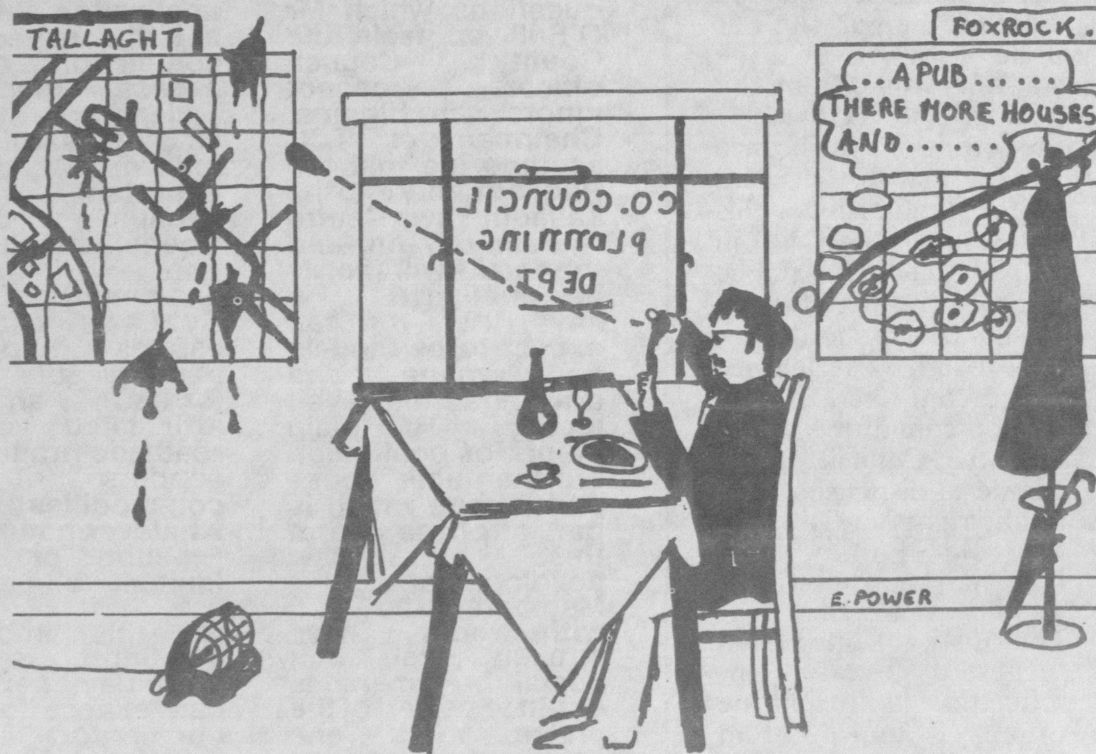
7 Monalee Woods, Firhouse (25/4/80) TB 258
 9 Rossmore Lawns, Wellington Lane (25/4/80) TB 268
 24 Rossmore Drive, Wellington lane (29/4/80) TB 267
 202 Carriglea, Firhouse Road (29/4/80) TB 317
 1 Alderwood Rise, Tallaght (29/4/80) TB 354
 35 Fernwood Park, Springfield (29/5/80) TB 355
 140 Glenvara Park, Firhouse (29/4/80) TB 370
 38 Westpark Estate, Tallaght (29/4/80) TB 389
 23 Homelawn Drive, Tallaght (30/4/80) TB 408
 467 Millbrook Lawns, Tallaght (30/4/80) TB 409
 131 St. Maclruan's Park, Tallaght (30/4/80) TB 416
 126 Millbrook lawns, Tallaght (1/5/80) TB 403
 9 Bawnville Road, Tallaght (1/5/80) TB 422
 7 Bawnville Road, Tallaght (1/5/80) TB 423
 32 Ashgrove Tallaght (1.5.80) TB 441
 148 Balrothery, Tallaght (1/5/80) TB 454
 11 Tymon Heights, Firhouse Road (1/5/80) TB 457
 1405 Kilnamanagh, Tallaght (8/5/80) TB 304
 63 Seskin View Road, Tallaght (8/5/80) TB 305
 14 Homelawn Road, Tallaght (8/5/80) TB 309
 78 Coolamber Park, Knocklyon (8.5.80) TB 310
 64 Monalea Woods, Firhouse Road (8.5.80) TB 382

Lyon Ind. Est.

Application

Studied

on page four



Apology to Beaver & Fairlane (for implying staff reductions)

As the headline suggests, we must apologise to these two companies for implying that they were part of the present day recession which involves firms letting staff go. We were mistaken on this count. We are grateful to both firms for being so lenient on us. And we wish them continued success. We did in writing apologise to Mr. Maher, shop steward at Beaver. We caused the workers needless concern. That letter we reproduce here and of course we endorse its sentiments.

Mr. Bill Cullen, Managing Director of Fairlane wrote to us during the week to correct us. In his letter he pays credit to his staff of young hard working people. I feel that I can best do justice to Mr. Cullen by reproducing his letter on this page also. I am grateful to both these new companies for taking my error with tolerance. I can only express my embarrassment.

On the question of redundancies, the general theme of staff letting people go seems to be substantiated in small ways. We have been talking on this topic a lot during the week, and it seems that the haulage industry is one of the first to suffer when products are not selling well, as at present. The construction industry is always mentioned as a barometre of the economy, but nowadays with large fleets of lorries and articulated vehicles the haulage industry can be used as a gauge of good or bad times. My impression on this score is that there are bad times at present.



A recent photograph of Bill Cullen, Managing Director of Fairlane with Paddy Hayes, Managing Director of Ford Motor Company in Ireland and Brendan Hession who is Bill Cullen's partner in Fairlane



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WPC/GAE

May 20, 1980

The Editor
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Re: Page 3 Headline in Current Edition

Dear Sir,

We have received commiserations from friends who have read your newspaper and were of the impression that Fairlane is in difficulties and are making staff redundancies.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that although the motor trade has had lean times over the past 12 months Fairlane is alive and thriving. Only last week we ran the enclosed advertisement in the national dailies and I have started three new employees as a result. We only opened for business on the Greenhills Road in September 1978 and it is very difficult for a new company to make profits in its early years. However, in the past 18 months we have established ourselves in the top ten of the Ford Dealer network in Ireland, selling almost 1,000 new Fords in 1979. Our turnover this year will be in excess of six million pounds and we have 62 people on our payroll at present.

This is a good performance by any standards and great credit is due to the staff of young, hard working people who have made Fairlane a household name in Tallaght. Many of our staff live in the greater Tallaght area and we are justifiably proud of our contribution to the community and its environment.

The many comments we have received on your article reflects the successful circulation of your newspaper and we wish you every success in the future. If I can be of help in any way please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Cullen

BILL CULLEN
MANAGING DIRECTOR

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Co. Dublin
19th May 1980

Mr. Maher,
Shop Steward,
Beaver Engineering,
Greenhills Road,
Tallaght.

LETTER OF APOLOGY

Dear Mr Maher,

Re: Our paper publication on Beaver

I received a phone call from your Managing Director Mr. Alec Morton and from yourself, Mr Maher, asking where I got this information. I am prepared personally to take on the responsibility for this wrongful implication of redundancies at Beaver, without revealing my source. My informant is not a member of your company or a union, rather a social working person. He mentioned ~~Beaver~~ as an example and the other two companies mentioned in the paper. It is not good to mention the names of companies in a paper article even though the main article on redundancies deserved public knowledge. For that reason I implied that the redundancies took place in that area of ground between the Beaver complex (which I felt was related to the Sisk organisation behind it) and the Motor Company. There are many companies in that area, and I have to apologise to you for mentioning Beaver. While my informant seemed more sure about another company, he only mentioned Beaver as a third. Obviously we are wrong.

PLEASE TELL YOUR FELLOW WORKERS THAT I AM SORRY FOR CAUSING THEM NEEDLESS WORRY ABOUT THEIR JOBS.

I WILL PUBLISH IN FULL ON SAME PAGE IN YOUR WORKS IF YOU WISH THE BETTER POSITION ABOUT BEAVER. I AM SATISFIED THAT THERE IS NO INTENTION OF REDUNDANCIES AT BEAVER. I WISH YOU GREAT SUCCESS AND WORK UNTIL RETIREMENT AT 65 or so.

You must appreciate my point that when 300 were let go in one lot at HB it was big news. But when several firms let people go it is not news. Since the week end, I have heard of another 30 or so being let go elsewhere, but you are scaring me out of making mention of it, even though it is significant.

I wish you well and not evil.

Your sincerely,

Arthur Downer/ Editor

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

by
COUNCILLOR CHRIS FLOOD

Residential Ground Rents;

In 1978, the 'Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents/no.2) Act was enacted. This provided for the acquisition of the Fee Simple in land and thus enabled householders to buy out their Ground Rent.

Broadly put, therefore, any householder who is currently subject to the payment of annual ground rent — and often as much as £25 per year — can buy out their ground rent by paying approximately seven times its annual value to the landlord. Legal fees for this should not exceed £17.

The reason for having to pay approximately seven times its annual value to the landlord is based on the current interest yields on Government Securities. Put another way, if the landlord invested about £175 in Government Securities, the gross annual interest he would obtain on his investment would be equal to £25 or so...one years ground rent in our example.

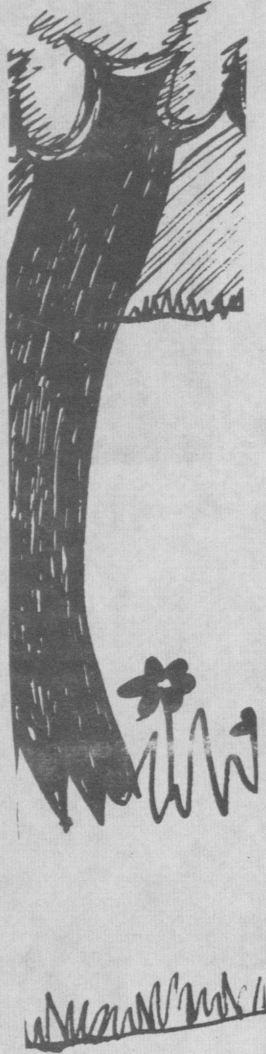
It should be pointed out that this Act gives the householder the RIGHT to buy out the ground rent at the financial terms outlined above.

The creation of any new Residential Ground Rents has been abolished since 16th May 1978. The Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents/no.2) Act 1978 came into force on 1st August 1978 and will remain in force for FIVE YEARS ONLY.

Copies of the Act are available from the Government Publications Sale Office, GPO Arcade, Henry Street, Dublin 1 and are priced at 60 pence.

P+T COMMENCE WORK IN KILNAMANAGH.

There will be good cheer in Kilnamanagh this year, because the Department of Posts and Telegraphs have put their special task force to work on cable laying in the Tamarisk area of Kilnamanagh. This special task force was set up recently for the purpose of providing telephone lines for new housing estates. They have been working on smaller housing estates, but the Kilnamanagh project is the first major involvement of this new P+T team of workers. The work commenced last Monday and vans were seen in the Tamarisk View area. On closer inspection, men were seen in the man holes working on the underground cables. They expect that this year will see the end of their work on the cables. This does not mean that phones will appear from nowhere. The actual installation of individual phones is the work of officials and civil servants, so a forecast cannot be



Green belt between Clondalkin and Tallaght at risk

The planning application listed on page two of this newspaper, is worth deeper study. It could easily result in industry replacing the little green belt left between the Ballymount Lane and naas Road and Belgard Road. The land involved in this Lyon Planning Application covers over 100 acres. Ninety four of these will be essentially industrial. The remaining 17 acres will be recreational or open space use. The developer goes to great pains to highlight the fact that there will be a club house, all weather pitch and other pitches. The land is zoned agricultural and amenity at present. Now in this time of re-zoning, the Lyon development company is attempting to get a re-zoning job done according to the 1976 Act. The company's main interest is an industrial estate costing £20 million. The profit and loss account of the company should be very healthy if the re-zoning is carried out. The loss will be the 17 acres of amenity land given free to the local community. The profit will be the difference in value between industrial zoned land and agriculturally zoned land (less some special levy). The effect on the local community of the rezoning to industrial use, is the further loss of green belt land.

Councillor Chris Flood points out that the local residents of both Kilnamanagh and Kingswood Heights are strongly opposed to this planning application being approved. He notes that these large scale planning applications are always well presented. This one begins saying 'we are providing free of charge 17 acres for recreational and open space'. Nowhere did the word industrial development appear in their letter on the matter. There is only negative implication that the remaining 94 acres will not be for recreational and open space use. The community loose out to a great extent, while the land is converted into factory use. True enough the population is large and employment is to be encouraged in these areas. But we get nervous when we are given carrots before our noses.

The County Council has made the following road a public road. From its junction with Old Blessington Road, northwards for 5 metres to meet that part which runs eastwards for 30 metres to the end of its turning bay outside site number 255 also westwards for 30 metres to the end of its turning bay outside site number 248. I hope the people in the area are able to follow this notice from the Council.

ACRA VIEW OF GROUND RENTS

During the week the Evening Press (Tuesday, 20th May) reported the case of a Mr. Edward Crean, a tenant in a house valued at £38,000 and the landlord became the owner following an ejection notice. In an out-of-court settlement, Mr Crean paid £1,500 in order to redeem his house. Mr. O'Toole of ACRA was discussing the case, and stressed that that case had started long before the 1978 Act. He went on to say that anybody who received an ejection notice or demand of any kind was totally safe. The point being that since the Act, no one can be evicted for non-payment of ground rent. Whether we could say that effectively ground rent payments can never be enforced remains to be tested in the Courts.

ARTICLES FOR SALE

Box Trailer for sale: 5 ft X 3ft 6 call. 13 Elmcastle Walk, Kilnamanagh. Phone 515846

Carry cot and set of wheels for sale: perfect condition: Ph: 515846 or call 12 Tamarisk View anytime
For sale: Tow-bar for Toyota Corolla car: Call 28 Tamarisk Avenue, Kilnamanagh

Electrical Repairs and installations: radios, TVs, Stereos: and all domestic appliances Call 51 Drumeairn Ave, Fettercairn

Aluminium windows and doors. Superior products: 10 years guarantee, all new installations. Attractive financial facilities arranged if required. Phone 515063 or 515773

Roller and venetian blinds, direct from manufacturers. Excellent prices. Only top quality materials used Phone 510027

Attention : Stereos, radiograms, record players, radios repaired - free estimates; work guaranteed: Phone 519896

Honda 50 (1979 - 7,000 miles) Highest offer to 2 Tamarisk Drive, Kilnamanagh. Ph 515846

CHECK MATE

by

Tom Roche

'More Football', I thought when I saw the heading 'THE POWER GAME' on the article which took up residence on the page opposite me last week. And my brain started to churn out all the useless information it had filed under 'power'...just like a badly programmed computer that can give you all kinds of data, except the bit you are looking for. First out of the had was the Kerry forward Ger Power - the one who cut unapproved roads through the Dublin defence in the last few All-Irelands (except last year when he was injured). Then there was Paul Power, who plays for Manchester City and is a disciple of 'Big Mal'. I assume he is a disciple of 'Big Mal' otherwise he would not still be at Manchester City - if you follow me. And I am not forgetting the show-jumper ex-Captain Con Power who rides for Ireland in the Aga Khan Cup. I have lost all faith in that man since the night I heard him say on the 'Late Late Show' that horses were intelligent beings, giving as an example the fact that if a horse knocks a fence or puts his foot in the water, he knows that he won't have to come out any more that night. On the other hand, if he goes clear, he will have to come out again and again and maybe even have to jump 'against the clock' before he is finished. Incidentally, I had great difficulty explaining to a French tourist once that 'jumping against the clock' is not the same thing as a 'heel against the head' in Rugby.

But I was wrong as usual, because the article was not about football at all. It was about supermarkets, and very interesting it was too. I agree with most of it because I remember seeing some kind of an 'expert' on the subject on the 'Live Mike Show' one night. Actually,

it was the night that Frank Hall made a bit of an ass of himself. Anyway, the 'expert' explained the 'psychology' of supermarketing, and while I must admit that most of it was a bit up-in-the-air as far as I was concerned, the bit that stuck in my throat as that the things that you don't need to buy or at least could struggle by without, like yoghurt or Jay-pine are displayed under your nose, while the essentials like potatoes, sugar and eggs are stacked in the out-of-the-way places, because you are going to have to buy them anyway. And I don't need any psychologist to tell me why the sweets are displayed right beside the check-out. Though why the razor blades are in the same place I'm not quite sure. Every week of my life I'm dragged off to a supermarket, so I know something about what I'm talking about this week, (which makes a change from my past few efforts). Dunnes, H. Williams, Superquinn, Five Star, and Gubay or 3-Guys or Tesco as it is now. I've been around them all. The only man with whom I haven't crossed cheques is Pat Quinn, and I'm not even sure if he is still in the business - or did I read somewhere that he is in some vague kind of way connected with the Galen Weston outfit?

In fact it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep track of exactly who owns what in the supermarket world - especially if you are not particularly interested in the first place. Dunnes Stores, I know, stands on its own two - or is it four - feet, because I saw in the Sunday Independent Companies League that it competes in the Private Companies division, and if it is not at the very top, it is certainly up there battling it out in the promotion area.

Well so much for high finance of the situation, I'll keep close to shore and concentrate more on the bread and butter issues as well as those of jam, peas, toilet rolls and cat food. There are some things about Supermarkets that irritate me, and then again there are things that I quite like about them. But two things in particular just drive me bananas and no amount of practice can lessen the effect they have on my blood pressure. And my remarks are not directed at any specific supermarket, they apply to the whole damn lot of them. The first point concerns this business of the banker's card, when paying by cheque. I know that I am not the first to raise this issue, so it is comforting to know that it has similar adverse effects on other people as well. You are all familiar with the situation, so I won't go into it in any great depth. Briefly, what annoys me is that having the cheque made out and the card number put on the back of it, the cashier requests you to put your 'address' on the back of it too. What she wants your address for, she hasn't the faintest idea, and neither have I, because it is absolutely unnecessary and superfluous. Your cheque card guarantees your cheque. Any further information requested is an invasion of privacy and has as much relevance as your date of birth or your taste in Chinese food. And as I have pointed out over and over again, if you had stolen or 'found' the cheque book and card, it is highly doubtful if you would put your correct address on the back of the cheque. So would someone please, please tell me what is the purpose of this futile exercise.

The second irritation was brought home to me forcibly last Saturday in the blazing sunshine, when I went into a local supermarket, to

purchase a T-Shirt. On the face of it a harmless enough

and I have no reason to suspect that the quality was anything else than 100% - twas the size that got me. As I have no idea as to the number of centimetres my chest measures, I was in a bit of a predicament as to whether to buy a 42 or 36 or an in-between. Then I had a brainwave - get a tape from the sales assistant and measure your god-damn 'Thorax', said I to myself 'and that will solve the problem'. But that didn't solve the problem, because the assistant didn't have a tape and she couldn't care less whether my expanded breast-plate measured 10 centimetres or 110. 'Well how do I know the size of my chest', says I. 'Well', says she 'you're supposed to know it' with the kind of air that suggested that anybody who didn't have their vital statistics on the tip of their tongue had no business talking to her. I know I take a size 15½ collar and wear size 9 shoes, but I'm not Tarzan for God sake, and I don't go around measuring the size of my thighs, hips chest and ankles and memorising the details at every given opportunity. So, I left without any T-Shirt and no one was at any loss only myself. How different from the old days when the shop assistant would have the measuring tape under your arm pits before you were fully in the door. And I got to wondering if in the mad onward rush of progress, we haven't lost immeasurably more than we have gained.

There are good things too about supermarkets and maybe I'll come back to them some other time, as Gay Byrne always says when he producer tells him to push off home and let the teams out for 'Match of the Day'.

Will Magill Publish Arms Crisis?

The magazine Magill is as we suspected weeks ago on the verge of a big political scoop. Our story at the start of May was that there was to be a sudden increase in circulation from 30,000 copies to 65,000 this month. Obviously the story had to be big. Sure enough on the news this Friday morning we heard that the former Minister for Agriculture, Mr Jim Gibbons was threatening to sue the editor for libel if the magazine was published. The political scoop concerns the 1970 Arms Crisis which at the time threatened to shatter the Fianna Fail Government. The star political performers at that time were the present Taoiseach, Niall Blaney from Donegal and local Rathcoole former Minister, Kevin Boland. The problem in 1970 was that the northern Ireland troubles were just beginning, and senior members of the Irish government felt that the Catholics in the North would be in grave danger and would need protection.

If the Magill magazine comes out it will have little trouble selling its 65,000 copies. It is felt that the editor of the magazine will be writing the biography of the Taoiseach later on, but this recalling of the Arms Crisis seems like a hot potato out of the biography...still hot after ten years. Time and tide will sort the present difficulty out. Will Magill publish and face the danger of a costly libel suit, or will they bow to the threat of Mr Gibbons to sue if publication is made. A commentator on the radio feels that this re-opening of old sores is wrong. So it seems to me...but on the other hand history is part of our life.



RUTH O'DEA

BY Arthur Downer

FR PERRIM OFF TO THE STATES

ACHIEVEMENTS OF FIRST SEVEN YEARS

Founded the Tallaght Rugby Club, and in fact played for them, even though he will not make the International Side.

He set up the Priory Band, and then disappeared into the background, to let Pat McNally direct the young players. That Priory Band is now one of the Country's Leading young persons band, and can be compared to the Artane Boys Band in the quality of their performances. They in fact have won the Leading Band Prize at the Patrick's Day Parade and led it this year.

Father Perrim set up the Tallaght Arts Council, and last week we witnessed their enduring success. The Theatre Group has just completed a most successful production of 'See How They Run'... and the Tallaght Choral Society had an outstanding performance of the Passion last Thursday night. Father Perrim is Manager of St. Mary's National School, and this is probably why it is the centre of activity in Tallaght. Every group that does something in Tallaght seems to do it in St. Mary's National School.

Bible Study Groups are generally chaired by Father Perrim, and it seems that he is most at home and professional in this area.

His 10 o'clock parents-children's mass every Sunday is still a focal point of youth involvement in Tallaght.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT SEVEN MORE

Down at the Bottom of Kilnamanagh we hear nothing. I only heard this week that Father Perrim is taking a sabbatical year in August. This means that he is taking a year off to study pastoral theology in the United States. We feel that this is big news and we are left wondering how we will fare without his good guidance and counselling. I first remember him at the 10 o'clock Mass on Sundays in the Priory Church.

He seemed to have the children all ears as he told them good stories and gospel truths. In fact when he christened our Dermot in 1974, he made the ceremony have the full meaning that the Church considers Baptism is. I later contacted him in 1976 when I had occasion to ask for the letting of rooms at St. Mary's National School for enrolling students for Tallaght Business School. There again he seemed interested that the idea was worth while, and when the enrolments were slow in coming, he waived half of the hiring fee for the rooms. More recently, I have seen him at the Patrick's Day Parade with the Priory Youth Band, which he founded, with Pat McNally. He seems to have special affection for the Priory Youth Band, because I met him there last Sunday as they set out to the Priory for the Youth Mass.

Father Perrim came to Tallaght seven years ago. He had been on the foreign missions in Trinidad, which is on the other side of the World, as far as I know. He seemed to have brought Post Vatican Two Christianity to his mission here to Tallaght, because the next seven years are a list of achievements and involvements in the full life of Tallaght. His involvements range widely, and I was surprised that he never seemed to have been involved with the County Council or Community Council. This of course fits in well with the picture I now have of a local curate who deals only with his parishioners for their social and spiritual good.

He was a great promoter of the Tallaght Arts Council. The Tallaght Arts Council is umbrella organisation for all the arts and crafts groups in Tallaght - the photography society, the pottery club, The Priory Band, the Tallaght Theatre Group and the Tallaght Choral Society. Our assistant editor and council member of the Arts Council, Ruth O'Dea found him most approachable. In fact last Thursday she tracked him down at a lecture session, and sketched this drawing for us before he raced off to another engagement.

So there will be changes from August next, when Father Perrim leaves us for a year. I personally get nervous when I hear a person is leaving for a year. The year always seems to me to be a year of change. But lets not get depressed. Father Perrim is going to study Pastoral Theology at a Boston University. This is obviously his favourite topic and communication with the parishioners is obviously his strong point. I suppose we must agree that he deserves a year's rest. I hope that he has a most rewarding 'Retreat' in the USA, and I am expecting him to return with many new ideas to keep us out of harm's way for another seven years.

Important TCC Meetings

The TCC have two important meeting in the next week. The main meeting is on Thursday morning next, 29th May at 10 am with Dublin County Council Community Affairs Officers. There are several major topics to be dealt with then and we will give a full report on our front page next week. The General Meeting on this Monday Night at 8 pm concerns the deputation going to the County Council and the topics to be raised. There is also the question of selecting the planning officer. The TCC Secretary is working non-stop to make sure that ALL TALLAGHT comes to the Monday meeting (26th May). He has circularised all affiliated Residents Association. He has application forms for all not-yet-affiliated or new Residents Associations and if their two delegates come on Monday they can get immediate affiliation. He and PRO John McQuaid inform me that members of the public who reside in Tallaght can attend this and all TCC meetings without need to formally become members. This consideration suits community conscious persons who live outside Residents Association or Tenants Association areas.



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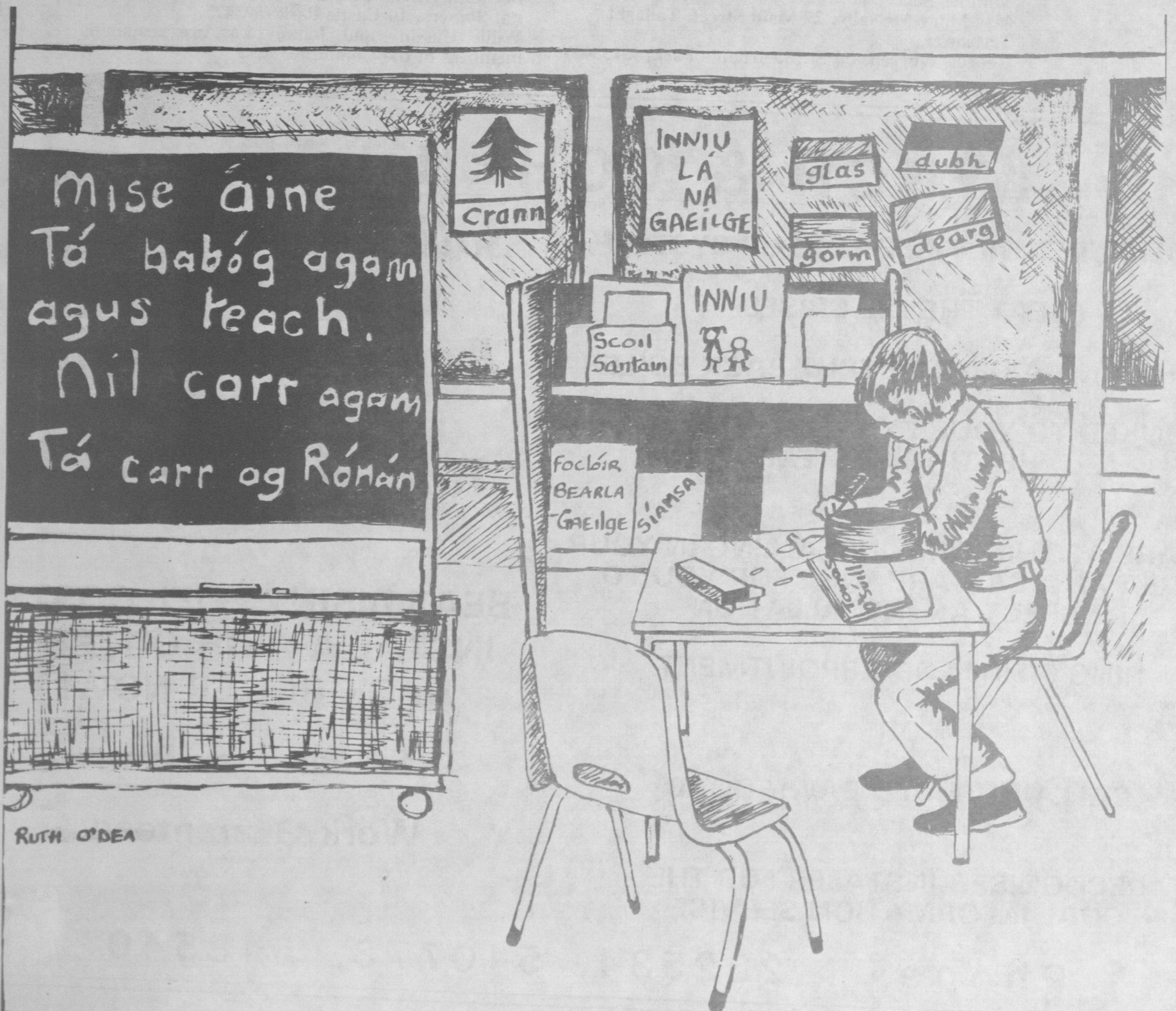
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EDUCATION IS AN INVESTMENT

Another area of education where there is a growing demand is for All-Irish Playgroups. A national organisation for these playgroups has been set up - An Comhchoiste Reamhscolaiochta - under the auspices of Bord na Gaeilge and Cumann Gaelach Thamlachta. It is planning to start such a playgroup in Tallaght in the near future. As well as giving the educational and social benefits of ordinary playgroups, these All-Irish Groups give those children whose parents intend to send them on to an All-Irish Primary School, an early start in the language. The time to learn a language is as young as possible. Children absorb languages without the self-consciousness and resultant strain which sometimes occurs in adults. Inquiries for the playgroup should NOT be made to the school. Instead ring 515573 or call to 33 Bancroft Rd.

Is maith an rud é an nGaeilge a labhairt. Tá fainne ag moran daoine a labhrann and nGaeilge ach to alan daoine freisin a labhrainn Gaeilge gan an fainne. Nuair a bhios og, do bhi orm gach abhar a fomhlaim as an Gaeilge i Scoil Treasa, Ascal Dun and Oir. Mar sin fein, ta se ann deachair Gaeilge a labhairt agus a scraoibh. Ta se ana deachair le daoine eile and Gaeilge a labhairt go maith ach ta siad ag iarraiocht. Do rinne an Taoiseach, Cathal O'haughey iarracht maith an Gaeilge a labhairt ar an scannain (TV) an seachtain seo, agus ta suil agam nach raibh na Sasannaig abailte e a thuiscaint. Shilim go bhuil se an-usaideach Gaeilge a labhairt idir muintir fein...go mor mhor nuair nach bhuil eile abailte e a thuiscaint. Seo, an thriu seachtain in a rinne muid iarraiocht and Gaeilge a scraoibh agus ta suil agam go bhuil se soileir ge leoir.



SCOIL SANTAIN

TALLAGHT'S ALL IRISH SCHOOL



Na Muinteoiri, Padraic McDonacha agus Deirdre O'Donnell, le na paisti as Scoil Santain

SCOIL SANTAIN BY RUTH O'DEA

Scoil Santain is situated in Mountain Park in the centre of Tallaght. It is contained in quite a small pre-fabricated building, and is Tallaght's first All-Irish School. It was opened last September, and has received amazing support from a large body of parents.

The school is an ordinary, national school, recognised, subsidised and inspected by the Department of Education. It has two classrooms and two teachers. They are Deirdre O'Donnell and Padraic McDonacha. At present there are forty pupils on the roll books, but this will probably increase to seventy by this time next year. A small percentage of those who enrolled in September had at most only a superficial knowledge of the language. Now they can converse almost as fluently as any Gaeilgeoir.

Padraic McDonacha, Principal, is a charming and exuberant man. He deserves much credit for his commitment and dedication to keeping the Irish language alive and taking what, for him, must have been a step into the unknown.

It is the policy of Scoil Santain, along with all other All-Irish Schools in Dublin, to encourage the children to use Irish among themselves as soon as they have acquired the ability to do so. This provides children with the opportunity to become bi-lingual from an early age. The bi-lingual child has thus access to all of the Irish Culture and in particular to that part of it which is the basis of our identity. That there is a growing awareness by people of the importance of this is shown by the increasing number of parents - the majority of whom are not themselves Irish speakers - who send their children to All-Irish Schools. Twelve such schools have been set up in Dublin in the last ten years - in each case by organised groups of parents.

In a school where Irish is the spoken language, one would wonder to what extent, if any, English suffers. It would be a mistake to assume that this would be the case. Consider what our European counterparts can, at preparatory level, master four, five and even six languages comfortably. In the case of children who might be considered in any way 'backward' at English, Padraic McDonacha points out that as in English speaking schools, the same text books are used, and the same psychological tools exist to help the backward child. He feels, also, that it is essential that parents have a positive attitude to the Irish Language, and in the school, courses are provided for those parents who wish to take a practical step when it comes to helping their children master the language. These courses would be centred around the actual school-work in hand, with emphasis placed on simple phrases and sentences, which the child would come across in everyday use. From the

parent's point of view, this would eliminate the need for the more intensive study associated with pre-exam type courses.

The school has a definite policy with regard to homework. All work given to a child is based upon work already done in school. Where a child has a problem with homework, he brings the problem into school next day, where it will be dealt with. Mr. McDonacha believes that the principle of success is 'involving parents in the education of their children'. In all the activities of the school, emphasis is put on parent-participation. Those parents with a special skill or interest are invited to come and share it with the pupils. For example, at present, there is a traditional Irish singer, a violinist, art and craft workers and fund raisers - all parents - and all glad to give their time and energy to help towards both the success of Scoil Santain, and the education of their children.

There is no doubt that many people, perhaps most people, have only a very incomplete knowledge of the acquiring of a second language. They imagine its acquisition by children to be fraught with all sorts of difficulties. They fear that education in a language which is not the child's home language would have a detrimental effect on the child. In order to give parents an opportunity to find out more about education through Irish, and for those parents wishing to register their children at the school, the principal can be contacted directly, preferably between 1.30 and 2.30 any week-day at the school. Telephone Number is 515226.



TALLAGHT IS STEEPED IN HISTORY

Aengus the Culdee

by

M. Taylor

St. Aengus was a friend of St. Maelruan of Tallaght and this is his story as understood by Mrs Taylor of the Tallaght Historical Society.

In the fraternity of St. maelruain at Tallaght Monastery there lived an ecclesiastic, somewhat his junior, called Aengus, surnamed after his father, Oengebawn, and from his grandfather Ua Oiblin, whose poetical compositions obtained great celebrity among the Irish. Little is known of his life and of his death. There is no notice in the Annals of the Four Masters. The sole note of his history is his association with St. Maelruain and one or two other contemporaries, his pedigree, and his obituary day in the calendar. He was born about the middle of the 8th century, and his Feast Day is 14th March.

This distinguished writer spent the early part of his monastic life at Leix, and founded a cell in the neighbourhood called after him, Desert Aengus, in the townland now known as Dysert.

In this cell, he practised austerity and devotion and made great progress in the paths of Christian sanctity. His reputation spread and people sought him out and this upset him, because he wished to humble himself and avoid vainglory.

He decided to go to the monastery at Tallaght, because he had heard of the celebrity of Maelruain's famous school and about the strictness of his Rule. Aengus, according to popular belief, entered the monastery as a laybrother. Dr. Lanigan says that there was no such title known in Irish Religious houses until the 11th century. However, the popular belief is that Aengus did not reveal his name and worked as a labourer and had charge of a mill and kiln under St. Maelruain's orders. He worked very hard and became so anxious to humble himself before his fellow-men that he ceased to comb his hair or to wash the chaff from his face. The story of his recognition is that a small boy hid in the barn because he was unable to prepare his lesson. Aengus helped him and when the master, who was St. Maelruain, heard of this, he immediately went to see Aengus and recognized him.

Aengus and Maelruain became friends. During his life time at Tallaght, two famous books were written. The Martyrology of Tallaght and the Felire of Aengus

Both these works could be described as Calenders of saints and the saints in each, both Irish and foreign, are the same. Whereas the Martyrology is basically a list of names, the Felire of Tallaght devotes to each day, one quatrain of intricate Irish verse representing what Father McNally states are an excellent attempt to elevate the Martyrology to a literary form of high quality. In the Martyrology there is, each day, a section devoted to a foreign saint, but in the Felire the foreign and Irish Saints are intermingled. Robert McNally S.J. regards the Felire as an outstanding specimen of devotional literature in the early Irish Church and the only Irish larger work which is complete. The date of the work can safely be fixed at 804, 12 years after St. Maelruain's death. The Martyrology of Tallaght was written somewhat later, according to Franciscan J. Colgan. The principal parts of the Martyrologies must have been available to St. Aengus, according to authorities on the subject. Aengus says that he searched multitudes of Martyrologies of the men of the Gaels.

There is no record of St. Aengus for us to go to at present, so we will have to imagine his presence in this holy ground. There is a Church of St. Aengus in Tymon North, obviously called after the saint. Inside that Church there are modern history in the making. The young people of the area actually made the stations of the cross for the Church, and you can all go to see them. I saw them during the week, and found that the simple triangular shapes actually give a magical impression of the stations.

'Felire' means a 'prayer' or as spoken of by O'Clery in the 17th century as 'a prayer on the knees'. At the time the Martyrology was compiled, this Calendar had not yet been accepted as a liturgical book.

Aengus said of his 'Felire' that it was a commutation. He said 'if he who receives it is holy 'tis a commutation of 7 Masses, or 3 Fifties (150 Psalms). 'Tis a splendid commutation of a festival on all these feasts' says Aengus. He refers, according to R. McNally to the Assumption without explicitly naming the feast. According to the same authority, Aengus makes a distinction between the Martyrology (foreign) and the Felire (Irish) which shows his Irish consciousness, or even pride.

Aengus was known in later years as Aengus the 'Culdee' and various religious poems and tracts of a liturgical and historical character are ascribed to him. He is regarded as a very devotional saint who contributed much to the liturgy of the church. He was buried at the place where his cell was, and some authorities believe this to be near the Brigidine Convent in Mountrath. But others believe it was at Clonenagh near the River Nore.

WALKS:



This group from Dodder Valley Association includes Mary Murphy, chairman and Jack Graham, walk leader.

We met members of this association last Sunday in the Hell Fire Club Car Park. They were going on their 5 mile walk to Piperstown and returning through the Killakee Woods. Mr Marmion told us that Killakee means the wood of the blind man. He said that St. Columcille spat on his own hand and cured a blind man at the Columcille's Well. We will of course be covering that history lesson in July when the feast of St Columcille will be celebrated. Jack Graham was the walk leader to Piperstown, and Mary Murphy the chairman of Dodder Valley Association was present. The association aims at promoting the amenities of the Dodder Valley. The area covers the entire Dodder from Mount Kippure to the Liffey Mouth. In the Winter months, the association seem to concentrate on the Dodder around Donnybrook. In the Summer the association likes to go to the Tallaght and mountain Dodder Valley.



"I bet they go on easier now —!"

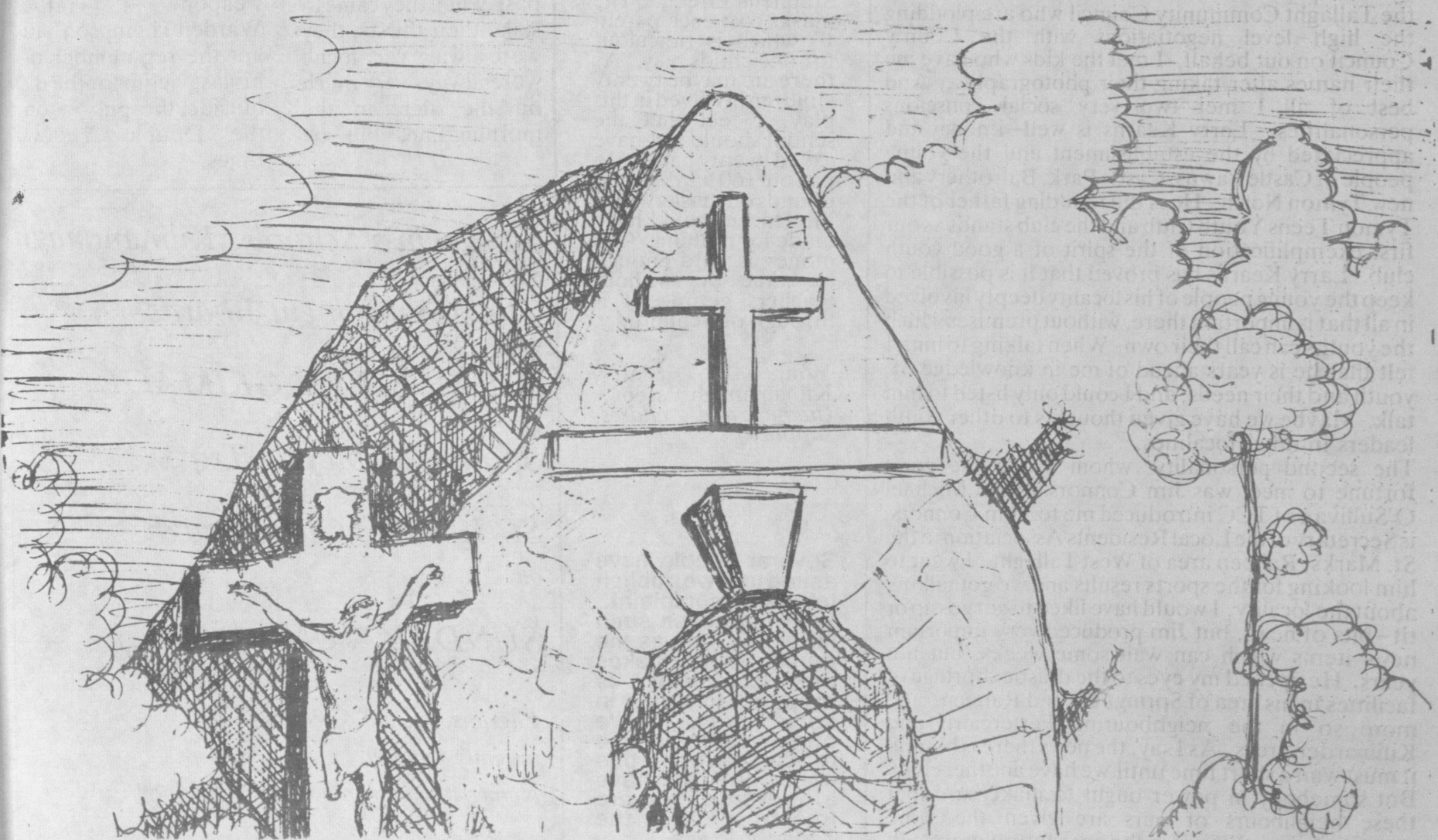
BOHERNABREENA LAKES WALK

Dodder Valley Association will be walking this week-end...i.e. on Sunday, 25th May at 3. pm Walkers are welcome from Tallaght, and meet at the Bohernabreena Reserve entrance, beyond Sammy's Shop on the Ballinascorney/Brittias Road. It is interesting that the Tallaght Historical Society will be out in the same direction that same evening. Maybe there will be a get-together.

SEEFIN EXPEDITION:

The Tallaght Historical Society is doing the Seefin Expedition this Sunday, led By Ann Weber.

The Tallaght Historical Society is doing its expedition to Seefin, this Sunday, 25th May. Seefin is in the mountain area between Ballinascorney and Brittias. When we asked how do we get there, we were told that it was hard to find. The expedition involves meeting at the H. Williams Car Park at 3 pm, driving to the general Seefin area, and climbing the mountain to the underground tomb. The Seefin tomb is important in historical terms, and all who do the expedition can expect a full appreciation of its importance. We hope to make an appearance, so that a sketch can be done and so that we can continue this series of Tallaght is Steeped in History with the Seefin Passage Tomb.





EDITORIAL

In the first editorial of this paper several weeks ago, I found it difficult to state my reasons for wanting to bring out a newspaper. Perhaps the main reason was complete unemployment during the Summer Months, as my school is closed. However, the choice to bring out a local newspaper has turned out to be the most magnificent service that I would want to do. The initial praise for bringing out a much needed local rag was overshadowed by this week's need to apologise for naming two companies in the wrong. But both of those things proved completely unimportant when I got to talking to Tallaghts ordinary and social-minded persons. I met the dynamic personalities of the committee members of the Tallaght Community Council who are plodding the high-level negotiations with the County Council on our behalf. I met the kids who gave me their names after taking their photographs... And best of all I met two very social conscious personalities. Larry Kearns is well-known and appreciated by the establishment and the young people of Castle Lawns, Castle Park, Balrothery and new Tymon North. He is the founding father of the Tymon Teens Youth Club and the club stands as our first exemplification of the spirit of a good youth club. Larry Kearns has proved that it is possible to keep the young people of his locality deeply involved in all that is important there, without premises which the youths can call their own. When talking to him, I felt that he is years ahead of me in knowledge of youth and their needs, and I could only listened to him talk. Maybe we have given thoughts to other youth leaders in other localities.

The second personality, whom I had the good fortune to meet was Jim Connors whom Michael O'Sullivan of TCC introduced me to. Jim Connors is Secretary of the Local Residents Association in the St. Marks, Raheen area of West Tallaght. I went to him looking for the sports results and we got talking about the locality. I would have liked to get gossip or tit-bits of news, but Jim produced very important news items which can wait some weeks, but not years. He opened my eyes to the drastic shortage of facilities in his area of Springfield and Raheen, and more so in the neighbouring Fettercairn and Killinarden areas. As I say, the news there is big and it must wait a short time until we have another chat. But somebody in power ought to make sure that these neighbours of ours are given the same amenities as we have in a the near future or we will have big troubles on our doorsteps.

Letter

I am writing to you to air a complaint I have about being sent to the Dandoline Market during the week to get a mask for a play which cost £3. My child is only 5 and was taking part in this play about pigs. The only shop in Dublin that supplies the Miss Piggy masks is in Stephens Green. The masks cost each parent £3 which is ridiculous for one child's play. As there are maybe twenty children involved in this play, I feel that the school should not have asked twenty parents to pay out £60 hard earned pounds on masks which the teacher could have made for nothing. Our money is hard enough to come by, without teachers getting at it through our children.

Yours sincerely
 Kilnamanagh Parent
 (name and address supplied)

Several people have asked us if we publish letters of complaint. We will publish such letters as long as the person who makes the complaint is prepared to sign it in some way. We ourselves do not like to complain in this paper, but if you have a grievance, you are free to air it in the Tallaght Press.

The Hunter

by Dave Smith

He looked at his weapon, blunted by much success today and thought of the four who had fallen before his keen point. The sun beat down on him, and he longed for a cool pint — but only the knowledge that he needed just one more kill to make his full quota for the day, kept him going. Strange how his victims had looked after he struck. What was so peculiar was the surprised look on their faces — they had all thought it could not happen to them.

He had only missed one so far, and this was because he had come out of cover too soon. This time he would be more careful.

People did not like him because of the work he did — but, a job is a job and besides — if he did not do it — there was always someone else to take over.

He was beginning to think that he would not be lucky today, when on an impulse he decided to give one more try to the local watering hole. He had got some there in the past, when they came to slake their thirsts, they were always very much on the alert in the morningtime, but by

5.30 they usually were not so cautious and their one thought at night was to get to the watering hole before anybody else came.

Suddenly he saw a movement ahead of him; had he been seen? No! all was well. His prey had disappeared temporarily out of view. Could he get closer? Yes! only 15 more feet and he would have him, 10 feet — 6 feet — suddenly, he was spotted by his victim and he was gone in a cloud of dust.

He felt very much out in the open, if only he could get a bit more cover, he might yet save the day. Just as he was wondering how to turn the situation to his advantage, he saw a perfect target — immediately to the back of the watering hole — he had not noticed it before but it was perfect. This time there would be no mistake. Closer, and closer, inches separated him now, his weapon was poised, yes he had him — with one sharp lunge of his weapon — Traffic Warden Thompson had got the reg number of his last victim for the day outside the pub — on the Double Yellow Lines.

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This is the weekend when the Conquer Cancer people do a collection outside Churches for cancer research. So we are going to bore you with the details of cancer which their booklet gives us. The good news is that at least one third of all cancer patients are presently being cured. With better knowledge the cures can become more frequent. The bad news is that approximately one death in every six is due to cancer in general. One in three of those between 45 and 64 die of cancer... So what is this deadly disease. The word cancer covers a wide variety of diseases which have the common characteristic of diseased cells growing or invading health tissue with malignant effect. I have always associated Cancer with growths but there are growths that are not cancerous and there are cancerous which flow in the blood without growths or tumours.

The Conquer Cancer people list seven caution signals, which may or may not be cancer. They are easy to remember if we remember the letters in the word CAUTION.

C is for Change in Bowel or bladder habits.

A is for a sore which does not heal.

U is for unusual bleeding or discharge

T is for thickening of lump in breast or elsewhere

I is for indigestion (persistent) or difficulty in swallowing

O is for obvious change in appearance of warts?/moles

N is for nagging cough or hoarseness which persists.

The booklet from which this is extracted emphasises that these symptoms may not be due to cancer but they should alert us that something is wrong.

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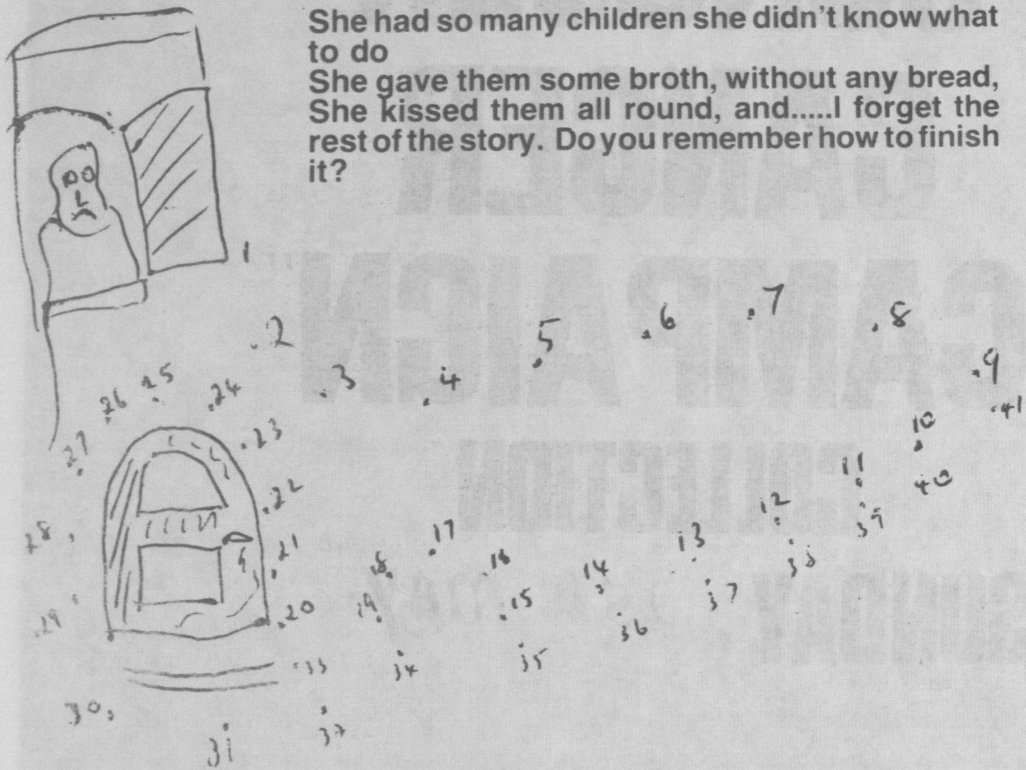
At Pitch and Putt in Bohernabreena last Saturday morning were Ted Coleman, John Quinn and Eamon Boland. They were competing in the Smurfit Competition...and John did well, but he plays the big time golf also



CHILDREN'S PAGE

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe

She had so many children she didn't know what to do
 She gave them some broth, without any bread,
 She kissed them all round, and.....I forget the rest of the story. Do you remember how to finish it?



TEASERS FROM ARTHUR

Children,
 Last week's teasers were difficult and nobody gave me right answers. So, I give you the right answers now.

- (1) What has feet, but never walks on them?...a tape-measure.
- (2) What is the coldest letter in the alphabet? The letter 'C' because the sea is always cold.
- (3) What can be opened but never closed again? An egg or a sardine tin.
- (4) Why is a friendly kitten like the letter 'v'? Because it always follows 'U' (you).
 At what station would you never see a train? A garda station, I suppose.





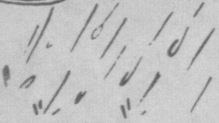


This week's teasers are still difficult, but children should try and give an answer to them. They will get a prize and we will publish all good answers.

- (1) On what side should you hold a ball?
- (2) What is on both sides of a river at the same time?
- (3) What can go out without moving?
- (4) Why did the bread roll?
- (5) Which box is never shut?

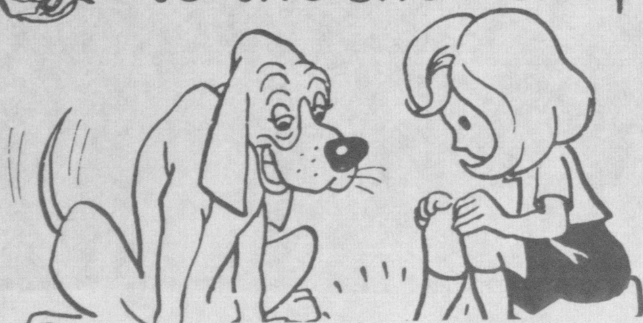
Write your answers to TBS House, 27 Elmcastle Drive, Kilnamanagh.



EASY READ

My name is  and today I went shopping with my Aunt  to a  shop. I had worn out my old shoes and had to have new , and because it might  we bought . Large ones for Aunt  and small ones for me. The nice lady in

the  shop put them in a cardboard  and Aunt paid for them. Then we bought a  for **T**, and took everything home **2** show Mummy. "What pretty  cried Mummy. "I like those, they're as red as a . Thank you, Aunt  for taking little  to the shoe shop!"



THOMAS DAVIS GAA CLUB

Matches this week end are the following Thomas Davis V St Annes at 11 am on Sunday at Belgard in minor football

Seniors play Ballymun Kickhams in Belgard that evening 3.30.

Juniors play St. Brendans of Lough Shinney at Swords on Sunday at 3.30

The second Junior Two matches at O'Toole Park, Kimmage on Saturday (23rd May). At 3 pm Thomas Davis play Roundtowers of clondalkin in under 16 years teams. At 4.15 the under 21s play Ballyboden there also. While Thomas Davis have no Dublin County Senior player at present the prospects are not bad. Vincent Carney played under 21 and could make the grade. There are also good minors coming up, so we can be on the look out of County Stars.

MY LAND

She is a rich and rare land,
Oh! she's a fresh and fair land,
She is a dear and rare land—
This native land of mine!

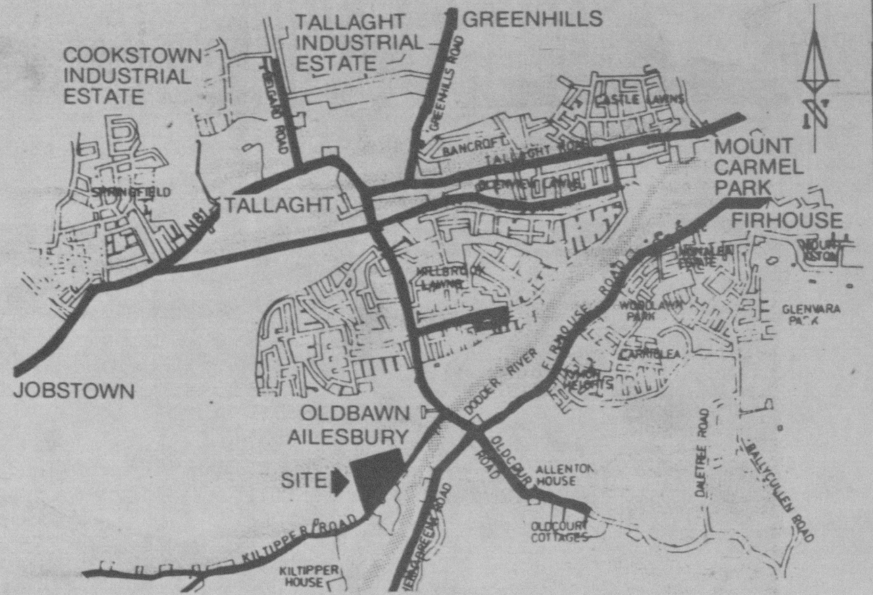
No men than her's are braver,
Her women's hearts ne'er waver;
I'd freely die to save her,
And think my lot divine.

She's not a dull nor cold land,
No, she's a warm and bold land;
Oh! she's a true and old land,
This native land of mine!

Could beauty ever guard her,
And virtue still reward her,
No foe would cross her border,
No friend within it pine!

Oh! she's a fresh and fair land;
Oh! she's a true and rare land;
Yes, she's a rare and fair land—
This native land of mine!

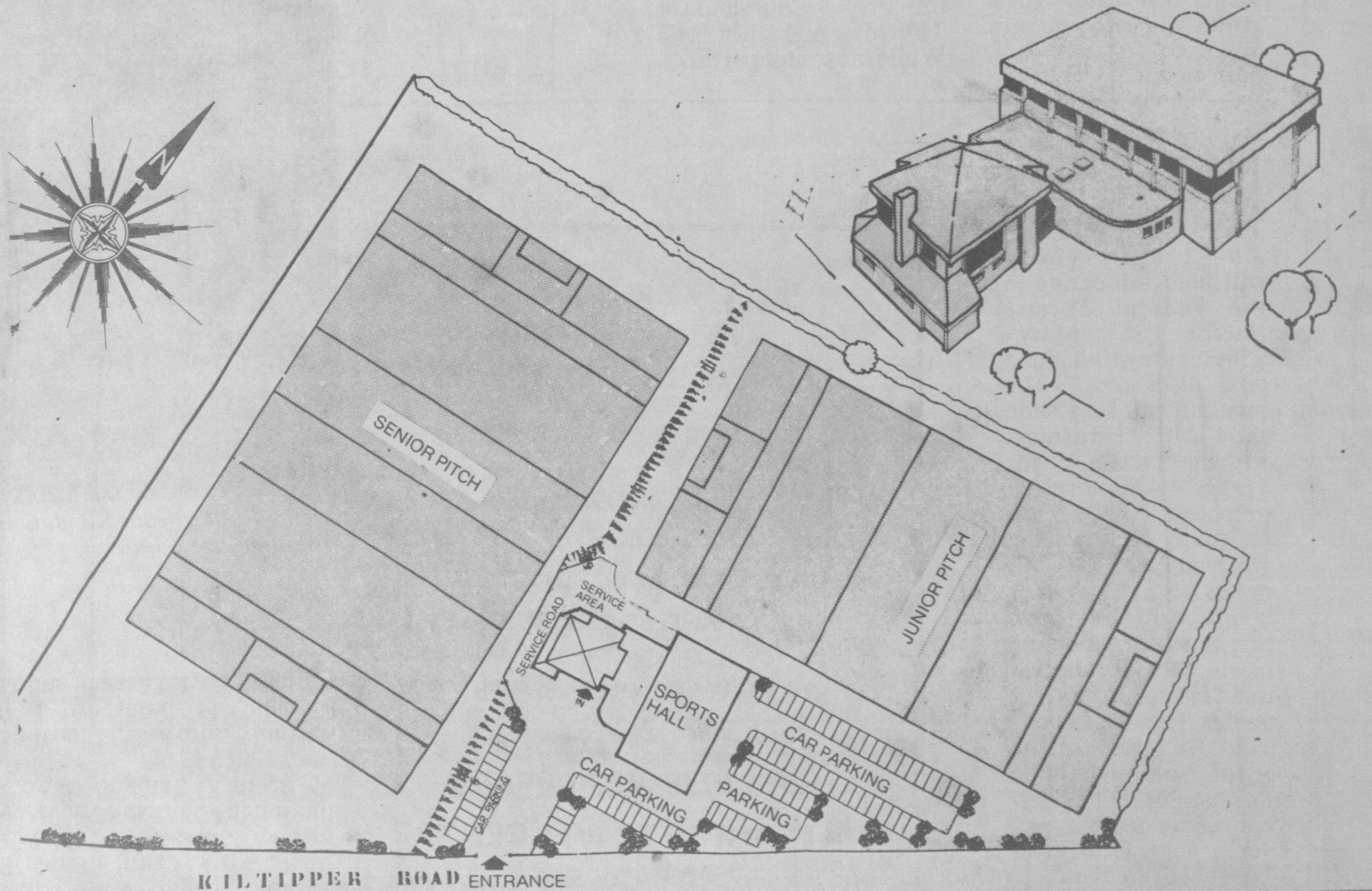
Thomas Davis



The Thomas Davis GAA Club in eight years time the Thomas Davis GAA Club will celebrate its centenary. By that time, it will be firmly established in Kiltipper Road where it has acquired an eight and a half acre site for Club house, sports hall and playing pitches. This site is just beyond the Aylesbury housing estate and at present the pitches are being developed. Seed was set last year on the pitches and this time of year it is being nurtured and cared for so that it will have good turf when the time comes. The first digging of the foundations of the Clubhouse will take place in about two months time and gradually members will notice with pride their new home land. Since 1888 the

Thomas Davis Club has played a central role in the community life of Tallaght. In recent years it took over the St. Dominics GAA Club whose pitches were on the Blessington Road.

Recently two teams went to Liverpool to play the local John Mitchel Club. Thomas Davis won the under 18s(minor) match by 2-8 to 1-5. But they lost the under 14s match 2-6 to John Mitchel's 3-6. David Griffin, the PRO for the Club feels that there will be an interesting derby match with St. Annes the rival GAA Club this week end in Minor grade. The match is in the Belgard Road pitch at 11 am on Sunday next. St. Anne and St. Marks and Thomas Davis are the three local clubs and seem friendly rivals.



BROWNIES REBELS



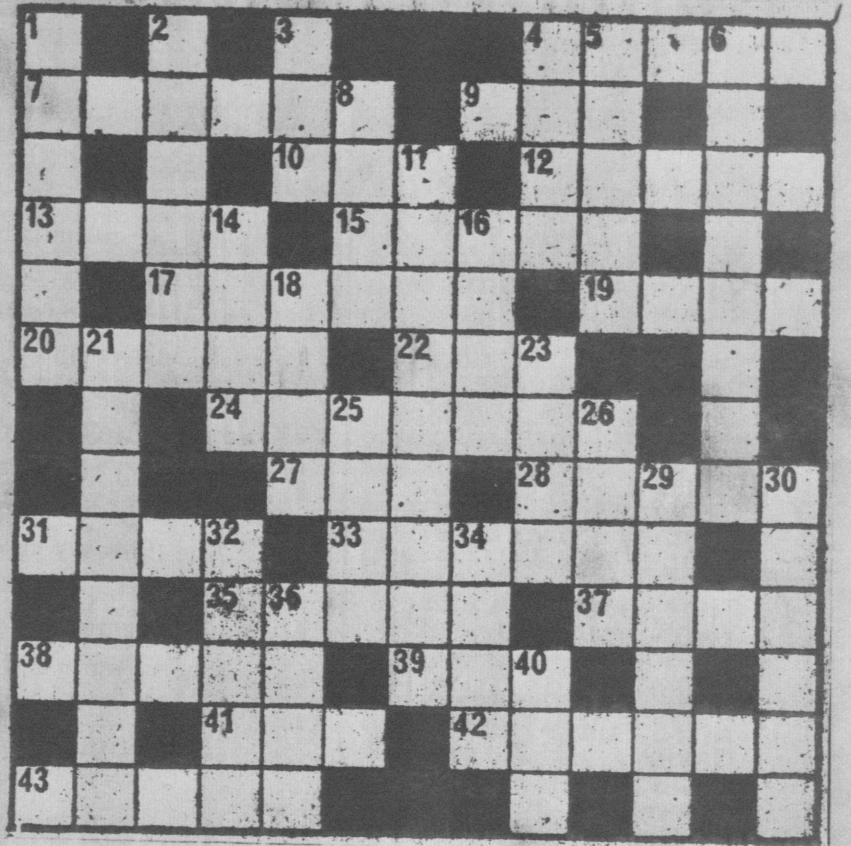
There was a Brownie Rebel last Sunday in St. Mary's National School as young girls from all over the area (Newcastle, Springfield, Ballyroan, Rathcoole, Lucan and Old Bawn) gathered for fun and games. The Brownies are a junior version of the Girl Guides, and have rules of strict observance. The girls get their uniform after an introductory period of testing and they are supervised by seniors. The idea is good and we will be on the look out for them again. Mrs Deaton supervised the group from Old Bawn whom we photographed.

STANDING OVATION

oratorio was classical, the audience were moved by the capacity of Liam Fitzgerald to achieve such unbelievable effect on such a vast scale. The group will now go to Sligo to repeat the performance.

The Tallaght Choral Society and Dublin Baroque Players played bach's Passion according to St. John to a capacity audience in the Priory Church on Thursday night last. While the content of the

CROSSWORD.



Across

- 4 Number (5)
- 7 Yearly (6)
- 9 Second Person (3)
- 10 Drunken fool (3)
- 12 Head of Tallaght House (5)
- 13 smart, not quite a bird (4)
- 15 Winter cold (5)
- 17 Corroded iron (6)
- 19 Display (4)
- 20 Resting place in next world(5)
- 22 Put together (3)
- 24 Collected (7)
- 27 Wingless bird (3)
- 28 Bring (5)
- 31 From hens, or at Easter (4)
- 53 Petition (6)
- 35 Make more comfortable (5)

Down:

- 1 put off (6)
- 2 Oiling (6)
- 3 Possesses (3)
- 4 The very best (4)
- 5 Injures (5)
- 6 Concerning trade (8)
- 8 Attic (4)
- 11 Valued (9)
- 14 Castro's Country (4)
- 16 Not evens (4)
- 18 A portion (4)
- 21 Fancies (8)
- 23 Offer resistance (4)
- 25 Electrical measurement (3)
- 26 Animal(s) (4)
- 30 elephant cases (6)
- 30 Delivery chute (6)
- 32 River net (5)

NUCLEAR?

The Tallaght Anti-Nuclear Group will hold a meeting in the Tallaght Theatre (beside St. Mary's School) on 10th June next at 8 pm. The meeting will be a slide show called 'Hiroshima - the lessons for Today'. All interested persons will be welcome. Now that the government is postponing their decision on this topic, this may be a good time in quietness, to discuss the entire topic of nuclear Electric Power.

The Secretary of the group running the slide show is M. O'Duffy, but Adrienne Swift of 1 Somerfield, Old Bawn Tallaght is the handiest person to contact,

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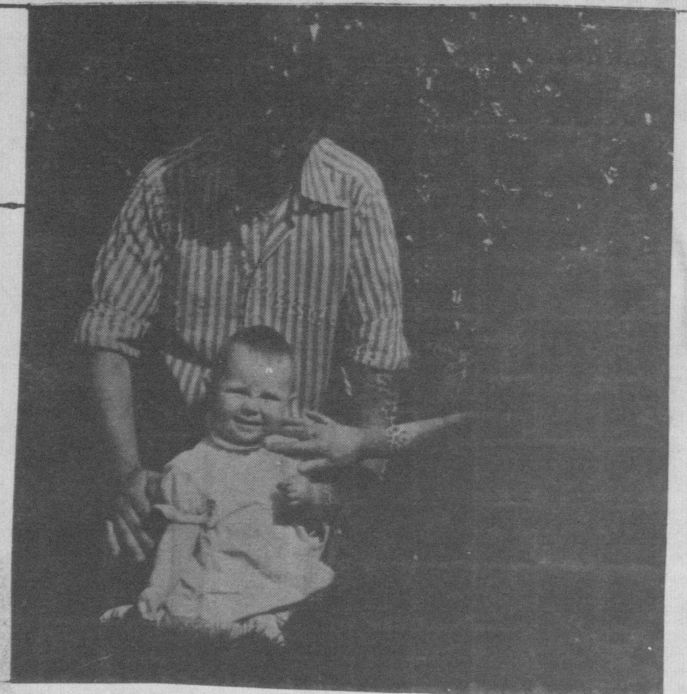
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Solutions: Across: 1 Three 7 Annual, 9 you, 10 sot, 12 prior, 13 chic, 15 frost, 17 rusted, 19 show, 20 limbo, 22 add, 24 amassed, 27 emu, 28 fetch, 31 eggs, 33 prayer, 35 eased, 37 net in end 38 opened, 39 actor, 41 original, 42 attack, 43 Down: 1 angel, 2 infirm, 3 has, 4 tops, 5 hurts, 6 economic, 8 loft, 11 treasured, 14 Cuba, 16 odds, 18 some, 21 imagines, 23 efy, 25 amp, 26igger, 30 hopper, 32 seine.

National Bike Day

Sunday, National Bike Day, is the occasion of a cycle around Tallaght organised by the Board of Management of Loreto Boys School, by public demand of children. The cycle starts from H. Williams Car park, and takes the following route. To Belgard Road, Fortunestown Lane, Tallaght Bye-Pass, Old Bawn, Bridget Burke's, Firhouse... where there is a rest at 3 Guys. Then on to Templeogue Bridge, Templeogue-Tallaght Road and back to H. Williams Car Park. Mrs. McGuinness of 96 Millbrook Lawns said that the walk should end about 2 pm. She wants all to come as near to 11 o'clock as possible so as to leave by 11.15pm

Guitar lessons at Tallaght Business School every Sunday afternoon at 4 pm. £1 per hour.



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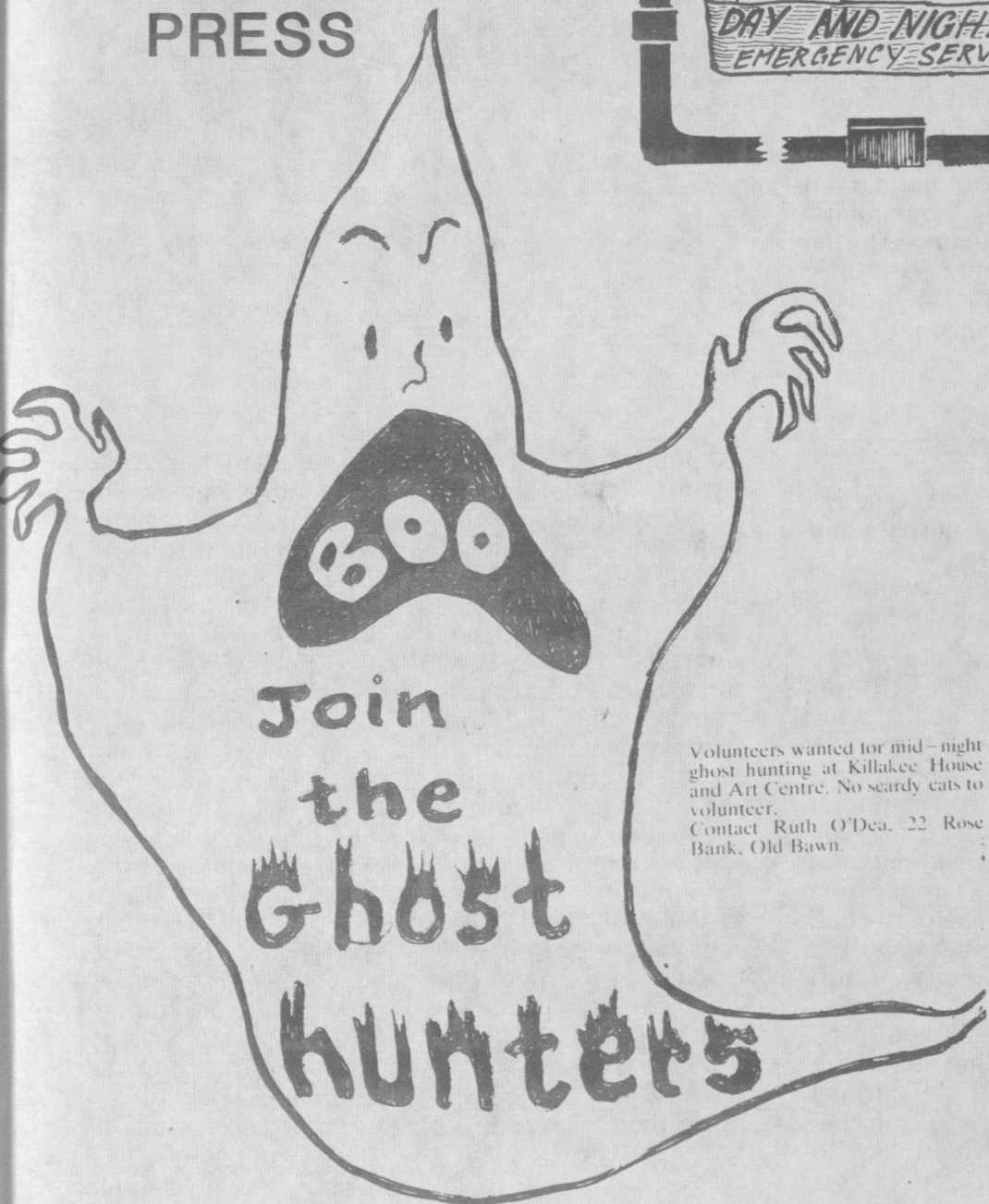
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PROFILE OF TYMON TEENS YOUTH CLUB

There is a great interest in the Greater Tallaght Area in youth clubs. We know that Kilnamanagh and Millbrook Lawns are in the process of starting one such club. We know that many other new areas could benefit from considering the idea of youth projects in their parishes. We are aware of some good youth clubs in Tallaght, and we begin with a study of Tymon Teens Youth Club, which is highly regarded. We found out why.

When I called to Larry Kearns house late last Tuesday night, he invited me in and to my pleasant surprise, he had the Chairman, David Garrigan; Vice Chairman, Kieran Doyle and secretary Margeret Kearns in the house. The next two hours clearly outlined to me that Tymon Teens are a model to be followed....or at least an example to be considered by youth leaders. It may be best to start with the history of this Youth Club, and then to get to know its spirit

In 1975 the youth of this Tymon area would not have adult supervision, when they decided to form a committee. The idea of a youth club came from the youth themselves. The first names involved were Mick O'Brien; Mary O'Brien; Sam Collins; Bob Quinn; Deirdre Grey; Laura Kennedy; Eugene Grey and others whose names do not immediately come to mind. They accepted the presence of adults as helpers or assistants with no power of any kind. The club started to have problems in those early years. Boards of Management objected to many things. On the one hand the thought of teenagers in charge caused distrust, and the danger of damage always seemed imminent. Secondly, the adult 'helpers' tended to withdraw their support because they were so out-in-the-cold. These difficulties did not last long.

The adult 'helpers' were able to convince the

teenagers that boards of management insisted on supervision of the youth activities.

Secondly, they succeeded in convincing the young that adults ought to become more involved.

All this led to a Constitution which Larry Kearns insists is most important. This constitution is like all constitutions of associations. There are rules for elections, agenda, minutes etc etc. But this one insists that the young teenager members of the Tymon Teens Youth Club ALWAYS HAVE A MAJORITY ON THE

GOVERNING COMMITTEE.

This is the first point of interest which can have general application to all parts of Tallaght wanting to form a youth club. Basically this involves the adults in trusting the young to make important decisions. The adults greatest influence at Committee Meetings is in contributing advice but the decisions rest with the young. Come to think of it Father Flanagan of Boys Town had great success in the famous film in leaving the children run the town.

To date, the TTYC have no premises. They have been denied premises in the past from the schools in the vicinity because young people tend to be noisy and/or untidy. This problem of premises is a major problem facing TTYC and we will now discuss it...but it does not seem to interfere with the great work that TTYC is involved in. Larry Kearns says that as far back as 1972, Tymon North was earmarked for a Community Centre, financed by the European Economic Community and the funds would be distributed by the Department of Education. The site that Larry showed me had this building adjacent to St Aengus's Parish Church and Presbytery. The entire community centre project seems to have been 'hit-in-the-head'.

The site for the Community Centre is still on the present re-zoned map of Tymon North. In 1976, the TTYC submitted a planning application for an area nearby and near the 30 acres but the Dublin County Council rejected this application on the grounds that there were no car parking facilities. Frank Kearns would like to make progress now with a new planning application in the interest of the local



Elizabeth Kearns shows us the TTYC Flag.

community. In the mean time, Frank Doran offered a field adjacent to the Community School, which locals will be aware of as having been quarried. The idea was not to build but to use as a park type area for games and walking place. But once again the County Council seemed to oppose this idea. There was a Compulsory Purchase Order on the land. The area cannot be built on because of the quarry. The County Council will probably develop the land as open space park-land. But it will be in their own time. Larry Kearns, who is the father-figure of the TTYC hopes that this will be sooner rather than later.

As I implied, the TTYC have no premises, but this in no way interferes with the great spirit of TTYC. The TTYC went to Galway for the Pope's Mass. Fifty-five people went with Larry to Ballybrit, Galway and it does seem to be true, that it was Larry and the TTYC who started the now impressive scene where the children sang unendingly 'HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS'. The music was going on but no singing, and Larry turned to his group like Colman Pierce of the RTE Orchestra and off they went into 'he's got.....'. The only shadow that day was the fact that the age limit was 16 years.

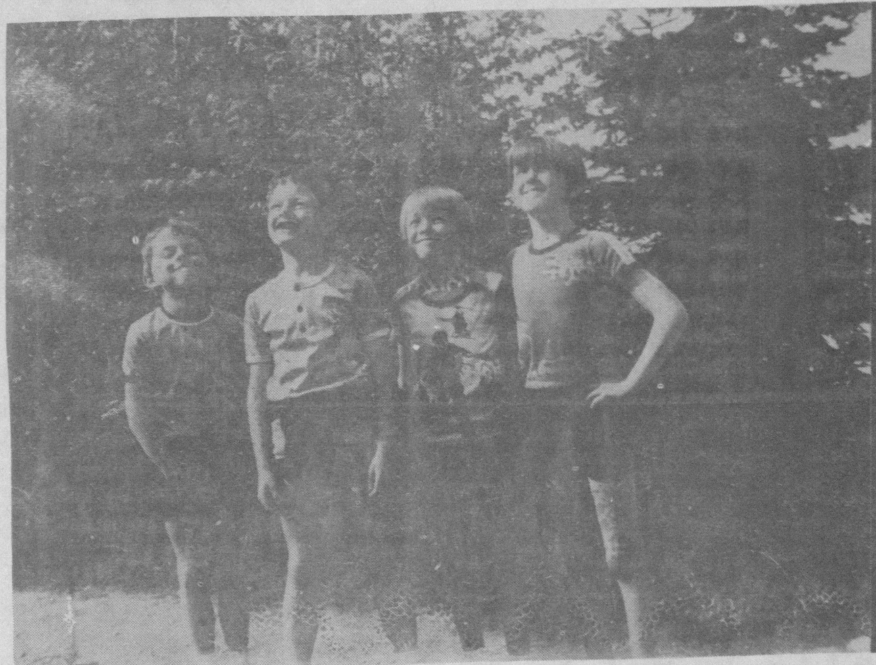
Hellfire Club Walk in photos



Ranno Quinn and Fran Malone were giving a helping hand as stewards on the long march to Hell Fire Club



Ralph Roche, Derek Mulraney, Ciaran Roche, Graham Clarke and Damian Hall posed at the Hell Fire Club Car Park last Sunday, after their marathon walk.



Darren Lee, Paddy Lee, Aaron Lynch, Damian Cullen looking up towards the mountain ahead

TTYC Committee

The following are the members of the Committee of Tymon Teens Youth Club.

Chairman; David Garrigan

Vice-Chairman; Kieron Doyle

Secretary; Margeret Kearns

Assistant Secretary; Pauline Healey

Treasurer; Rosemarie Dunn

Assistant-Treasurer; Ann Birchell

Committee members;

Fran Malone, Christopher Dunne, Greg Collins;

Paul Dunne, Susan Kavanagh, Norman Hanley;

Matt Brady, Alec Brady, Bob Quinn (sole survivor

of the 1975 founding committee)...as well as the

following four adults;

Larry Kearns, Con McCabe, Concepta McCabe and

Gerry Dunne.

The President is Father Louis Hughes, who is greatly respected for his contributions to projects.

PROFILE OF TYMON TEENS YOUTH CLUB

No one under 16 was allowed to travel and Tymon North would have brought their full contingent if the younger ones were allowed. To make matters worse, when they got to Galway and saw all ages, they felt the extent of the tragedy. Arising out of that experience the TTYC intend that at their next membership cards will be distributed the words 'Youth of Ireland, I love you' will be inserted as the club's slogan.

Now we are getting at the spirit of TTYC for the information of all youth clubs and potential youth club organisers. The Club flag and its emblem are at the heart of TTYC.

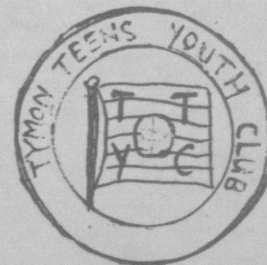
On the flag, which is shown here and which was a Ballybrit, Galway, is the Circle of Life in amber, and the Dove of Peace with rays of light flowing outwards to the circle of light. This flag keeps in mind for all that they are part of the circle of life which flows from the peace of a white dove. Here we seem to be looking at Christianity as Pope John Paul would like it. The flag is the standard and the flag bearer carries the flag every where the TTYC go. 'Where the flag is there we are' said Larry. We can expect to see the flag on Sunday in the Thirty Acres for the Tallaght Community Games. Life, peace, dove, Pope and project

seem to intermingle as the TTYC go to the assistance of the Priests of the Parish in their projects, or the local schools. The TTYC stewarded a fine walk last Sunday to the Hell Fire Club. We were there with our camera, and the scene was good to watch. In fact, when the police knew who was stewarding the walk (TTYC) they went away on more important business. TTYC did not need police supervision at any road junction or on the Hell Fire Club. The success of the Hell Fire Club Sponsored Walk in aid of the local School, was a success. But the Passion Play put on by the TTYC was even

more remarkable.

The idea came from the Committee of TTYC, and Larry Kearns asked Fr Louis Hughes to supply the words to the passion play. There was no holding back even for the crucifixion. They got Mark Bland to do the part of Jesus and 'nailed' him with the sound of hammers to be heard around the Church. Father Louis Hughes said that after the one and a half hour experience, the queue for confessions had to be seen to be believed. Two weeks ago, the TTYC dramatised a youth Mass, with flashing disco lights to marvellous effect.

This is what I mean by the spirit in this organisation. The lack of Premises, which could stop life in any club, seems to have no effect on TTYC. They just keep coming forward with creative activities which the Parish clergy can only encourage. Summary impression of a Youth Club.



COMMUNITY GAMES

This Week-end in 30 Acres



BAADH GAMES

The BAADH Community Games took over the last two weekends in excellent conditions on St. Colmcille Park. The winners of each event go forward to the Dublin Community Games at Santry in July where they will compete against the best in Dublin. One girl who should do well at Santry is Deirdre Miles who is national javelin champion and who attended at the winning tape last Sunday. She won the under 16s 1500 metres (metric mile) and her athletic prospects look good.

The full results of the individual field events are:

Girls under 8 (100 metres)	Boys under 8 (100 metres)
(1) June Fitzheary	(1) Luke Cummins
(2) Jennifer Trappe	(2) David Farrelly
(3) Mary Lee	(3) Ian Farrelly/Gavin Moran
Girls under 10 (100 metres)	Boys under 10 (100 metres)
(1) Lorraine Fleming	(1) Darren Thorpe
(2) Lisa Myles	(2) Brian Geraghty
(3) Yvonne Fogarty	(3) Anthony Cullen
Girls under 12 (100 metres)	Boys under 12 (100 metres)
(1) Susan Thorpe	(1) Dave O'Reilly
(2) Bernice Ingle	(2) Damian Hayes
(3) Leslie Duffy	(3) Chris Kane
Girls under 12 (600 metres)	Boys under 14 (100 metres)
(1) Lesley Duffy	Jimmy Keane
(2) Suzanne Thorpe	(2) Gerard Kelly
(3) Tie: Brock/Ingle	(3) Graham Thorpe
Girls under 14 (800 metres)	Boys under 12 (600 metres)
(1) Carol Purdy	(1) David O'Brien
(2) Sharon Galligan	(2) David Hayes
(3) Olive Curran	(3) Paul Byrne
Girls under 14 (100 metres)	Boys under 14 (800 metres)
(1) C. Purdy	(1) James Keane
(2) O. Curran	(2) Gerard Kelly
(3) S. Galligan	(3) Graham Thorpe
Girls under 16 (100 metres)	Boys under 16 (100 metres)
(1) P. Ingle	(1) P. Dowdall
(2) J. O'Connor	(2) P. Leahy
(3) C. O'Brien	(3) A. Hayes
Girls under 16 (1500 metres)	Boys under 16 (1500 metres)
D. Myles	(1) C. Kelly
(2) S. Smith	(2) P. Leahy
(3) J. O'Connor	(3) K. Duffy
Girls under 14 long jump	Boys under 14 Long Jump
(1) C. Purdy	(1) C. Thorpe
(2) S. Galligan	(2) J. Keane
(3) H. Price	(3) G. Thorpe
Girls under 10 (60 m hurdles)	Boys under 10 (60m hurdles)
(1) Lisa Myles	(1) Darren Thorpe
(2) Lorraine Flemin	(2) Anthony Cullen
(3) Kelly Ward	(3) Colm Byrne
Girls under 10 (200 metres)	Boys under 10 (200 metres)
(1) Lisa Myles	(1) Darren Thorpe
(2) Lorraine Fleming	(2) Brian Geraghty
(3) Lisa Myles	(3) Anthony Byrne

Tallaght Community Games take place this Sunday, 25th May in the 30 Acres off the Greenhills Road at the Castle Lawns end of the field. The Cuchullain Athletic Club is involved in most of the events, but the promoters are keen to point out that this Athletic Meeting is OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE. All the children of Tallaght between 8 and 16 can try for a place in the Dublin Community Games to be run at Santry in Mid-July. To get a place the young athlete must win one of the following events in either boys or girls.

Under
Under 8 - 80 metres
Under 10 - (100 metres)
Under 12 - (100 metres and 600 metres)
Under 14 (100 metres + 800 metres)
Under 16 (100 metres and 1500 metres)
17 and over have the marathon

There are also field events such as the javelin, discus, high jump, long jump and long puck. There are relay events and hurdles on the track as well. The main names involved in this Sports Day are Johnny Fox of the Cuchullain Club and Willie Young of 34 Homelawn Avenue, as well as Charlie O'Connor, PRO for Community Games. George O'Reilly will be available with his sports management team to ensure that events run smoothly.

Winners for Santry

GAMES AT SPRINGFIELD

The Residents Association Annual Sports Day was held last Sunday and 600 children took part. This impressive gathering was organised by Jim Breen, Peter Reddy and Jim Connor. On the sports day, Marie Parsons contributed good organising skills for the sports day. The Secretary of the Tallaght Community Council, Mr. Michael O'Sullivan and Mr. Mervin Taylor assisted in the presentation of prizes. In fact about one in four children went away laughing with a medal or prize. Charlie O'Connor represented Dublin Community Games at the sports day. Several finals took place, with the following winning their events ...and consequently going to Santry.

Girls under 8 (100 metres)
N. Nelson

Girls under 10 (100 metres)
T. O'Shea
Girls under 12 (100 metres)
K. Prior

Girls under 14 (100 metres)
A. Watson

Girls under 16 (100 metres)
Nora O'Shea

Girls under 14 long puck
C. Flanagan

Girls under 14 long jump
Karen Reddy

Girls under 16 high jump
K. Kelly

Boys under 8 (100 metres)
Ciaran Doyle

Boys under 10 (100 metres)
K. Walsh

Boys under 12 (100 metres)
Shane Duffy

Boys under 14 (100 metres)
David Samon

Boys under 12 long puck
Mark Brady

Boys under 16 high jump
David Whelan

We wish these success at Santry, and feel that the high jumper David Whelan has a good chance of a medal at Santry.

