

# THE TALLAGHT PRESS

(Weekly Newspapers for the Greater Tallaght Areas)



## TDs Say 'It's up to you'

The parent Teachers Association of Scoil Mhuire, Leroto, Mountain Park did remarkably well in getting together Larry Mc Mahon T.D.; Sean Walsh T.D.; Chris Flood Mcc; Stanley Laing Mcc; Dimian Murray MCC; Senator Mary Harney for a public meeting. Mervyn Taylor and Sile Devalera apologised for being unable to attend. The good attendance included Jim Higgins, Chairman of the TTC and members of the national press.

Noted singer, Frank Patterson, who is known to be deeply interested in things local.

The meeting was called by Parent Teachers Association after Mrs. Kathleen Magennis put in trojan organisational work—including the formulation of a six topic agenda. By 10 o'clock only three topics were covered when chairman Vincent Travers (Dominican Parish Priest) decided that it was too late to continue. The other three topics will be discussed when Mrs. Magennis and the P.T.A. combine with Jim Higgins and the T.C.C. can fix a date.

Good discussions in a calm atmosphere gave the politicians an easy ride on the status of Tallaght, its Road Developments and its new Town Centre. The individual politicians contributions are outlined on page 2.

The main revelations of the evening were:

- (1) New Fire Station on Belgard Road to be operational by Mid - 1981. (Damian Murray)
- (2) Tallaght By-Pass is now continuing towards Tempogue JCB'S have moved in at Glenview (Larry Mc Mahon)
- (3) Tallaght Hospital Soon (Senator Mary Harney)
- (4) Belgard Road will join Nass Road to Tallaght By-Pass (laing)
- (5) Tallaght Town Centre Complex can start this year (C. Flood)
- (6) 90% of Central Tallaght owned by Local Authority (L. Mc Mahon)
- (7) Tallaght should be a Borough like Dunlaoire (Sean Walsh)

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## Planning Applications

- 26/6/80 979 M.Roche 'Balrothery' Junction Tallaght Road/Tymon Lane, Tallaght. 27 House
- 26/6/80 988 Shepperton Inv.Co.Ltd Tallaght Town Centre, Greenhills Road. Three storey office Development
- 27/6/80 991 Rev.P.Mulvey Kingswood Heights, G Retention of temporary Church
- 27/6/80/ 992 Shepperton Inv.Co.Ltd Tallaght Town Centre. Retention of Translucent roofing & security roof
- 28/6/80 997 P.Kelly 11 Redwood Heights, Kilnamanagh House at side
- 30/6/80 1024 Carton Homes Ltd Aylesbury, Old Bawn Revisions to super market & shop un
- 30/6/80 1026 Kola Construction Co. 457-459, A.B.C., 460-462 Aylesbury Estate, Old Bawn Tallaght 9 houses
- 27/6/80 761 W.Hanlon 237 Millbrook Lawns, Tallaght Extension to rear
- 27/6/80 763 P.Darly 86 Balrothery Estate, Tallaght Porch & kitchen ext.
- 28/6/80 769 S.Browne 20 Kingswood Drive, Belgard Road. Garage conversion extension porch.
- 30/6/80 788 J.Wildes 17 Homelawn Road, Tallaght Extension

## Appeals

- PA/955/80 TA.505 Site B, Kingswood Heights. 2 Houses/Owenbue Ltd Outline Permission Refused Against Refusal of outline permission
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### DECISIONS TO GRANT DOMESTIC EXTENSIONS

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- 135 Dargle Wood, Templeogue (22/4/80) TB.394
- 3 Three Rock Close, Greenhills (29/5/80) TB.445
- Glencarig, Firhouse Road, Tallaght 49 No. 2 - storey detached and semi-detached dwellinghouses/Mrs.M.Boyle (26/5/80) TA.500
- 56-62 incl. Forrest Close, Section E, Kingswood Heights, Ballymount Road 7 No. two storey, three bedroom dwelling houses/ Sylvan Homes (26/5/80) TA.5

### REFUSED PERMISSION

- Kilnamanagh Estate, Greenhills Road, Tallaght 177 Houses/Ebony Properties Ltd (27/5/80) TA.587
- Cuckoo's Nest Greenhills Road, Tallaght Illuminated sign/Messrs Beamish & Crawford Limited (27/5/80) TA.643

### REFUSE OUTLINE PERMISSION

- 1 Dalatree Road, Tallaght Bungalow P.J. Cooke (28/5/80) TA.757
- Naas Road, Newlands Industrial Development & motel J Dowling (29/5/80) TA.641

### AN BORD PLEANNA

- Killinarden, Tallaght Three bungalows Paul Kennedy Permission Refused (23/6/80) TA.641
- Scholartown Road House Grange Development Ltd Permission Granted (23/5/80) TA.641

## Tymon Bawn

On Sunday last, the 8th of June, Tymon Bawn Residents Association opened their Annual Community Week. The executive committee launched in their detailed programme of events, a fun-packed extravaganza which promises each year, to transform the whole of the Old Bawn into a Mini Olympic Stadium. Toddlers, older children, parents, grannies, cats, dogs and canaries + all are eligible to take part in festivities.

The Community Week proper began with the childrens' Art competition, which was held in Scoil Maelruain, Senior. This is the venue for most of the indoor activities of the Association.

### Signing of Documents:

At 5.30 pm an event took place which was described by Tymon Bawn Residents Association as 'the most significant event ever to take place during any Community Week to date'. It was the official signing of contract documents between representatives of Galway Concrete and Tymon Bawn Residents Association, for the erection of the long-awaited Community Centre. Present were TDs Sile DeValera, Larry McMahon and Sean Walsh, Councillor Chris Flood, Dublin County Council area, Community Officer Mary Stapleton, and members of TBRA Committee, Councillor Mervyn Taylor, the associations' legal advisor was invited, but was unable to attend as was Paul Symott, one of the first residents to put forward the idea of a community centre back in 1976.

Michael Dooley, chairman, opened the proceedings by thanking all who were present, particularly the Committee for the hard work they had put into organising events and canvassing residents for support. He said that the grant of 25,000 had been promised for the Centre and the Bank Loan secured. And while residents of Tymon Bawn had, on the whole, been positive in their response to requests for 30 per family, not all of the problems had been solved.

Now building work itself had to begin. After his speech, Michael Dooley invited Miss Sile DeValera to address those present. The address while short, was well received. She thanked Tymon Bawn Residents Association for inviting her and congratulated them on the 'marvellous work they had done'. She said that while it was easy to support an organisation, it was harder to be an organizer. She praised the effort that had been put into this project, and stressed the importance of Community Support in getting such a project off the ground.

Larry McMahon TD congratulated Tymon Bawn on being the first residents Association to get a Community Centre Started. He said that the prime need in Tallaght at present was for Community Centres and praised the Residents Association for the hard work they had done. He pledged the assistance of the elected representatives and Dublin county Council for future finance.

Tymon Bawn Community Week continues until Sunday 15th June. Rumour has it that there will be two very special 'babies' in the Bonny Baby contest at 12 noon - a little larger than life you could say, but seeing is believing! The ten-a-side Tug O'War is at 2 pm followed by 'Its a Knock-out' and mixed football on the green at 4 pm. At 7 pm, the family Treasure hunt takes place, and when all the terrors have been put to bed, the adults can sit back and relax at the last event of the week - the Barbeque on the Green.

This is one of the most enjoyable parts of Community Week and usually goes on until the small hours of the morning with a sing

## DETAILS of

In the most important meeting last Tuesday night the Loreto Boys School, the public representatives of the Tallaght Area have individually said that they must be pushed. They said that it was about time that there was a meeting between the public representatives and the people. They reminisced over the good old days when the Tallaght District Residents Association used to call them to account once or twice a year. They seem to feel that those good old days are gone for ever. We are grateful to them for coming in strength and giving us more information than political scoring. The scores were low although the Tallaght Town Centre got a battering. The mood of the evening was that the Fianna Fial Members were in favour of the new Town Centre, and the Fine Gael Representatives were against the Town Centre as passed by both the Corporation and Council.

Larry Mc Mahon was the first to speak on the Status of Tallaght. He gave an informative view of the division of Dublin County Council over the seventies. Since 1974 the County Council recommended that the County be divided into North County/South County and West County, with separate councils. Then the later stages would have Tallaght, Clondalkin and Blanchardstown as Local Authorities in their own right. These were to be (and of course will be) the New Townships. Larry is keen that the Dail bring in one Act so that in future all County Council decisions can be effected by simple Ministerial Order, rather than a debate in the Dail. He sees the Tallaght New Town as having Borough Status, with a local Mayor or Chairman.

Sean Walsh spoke in similar vein about the idea of Tallaght being a Borough. He gave interesting figures for the meeting to consider. Tallaght will start with 60/70,000 people and will grow to 100,000/130,000 people at the turn of the century. The 60,000 seems to be here now and all Tallaght has to do is to double its population for the overall plan to become effective.

Not so interesting to us maybe is the fact that Clondalkin is envisaged as reaching the same population not long after Tallaght. At present clondalkin has only about half the population of Tallaght, but it is growing just as fast as Tallaght is growing. Sean Walsh said that in the Northern Ireland Town of Craigavon the new town idea worked. He said that there were always problems with establishing a new town. Mr. Laing, who comes from Templeville Road where the juggernauts come from, said that he understands some of the problems with road-networks. He spoke in depth about the problem of severe recession, coupled with limited funds in the Local Authority Coffers and said that the Local Authority was pinned to the money it had. It could not get more from Central Government. He did confirm that the Belgard Road was moving well and would soon be a major link between the Naas Road and the Tallaght By-pass. He was able to tell us that the Southern Cross Road would cater for heavy traffic from South of Ireland to the North...effectively avoiding Dublin City.

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Mr Brennan (Priority Manager)



## POLITICIANS SPEECHES at PUBLIC MEETING

Senator Mary Harney took the line we have in our heading, that the public representatives speak for the people and so the people must put pressure on the public representatives so that they get moving in our interests. This is a two-edged sword. If the people pressurise the politicians, the politicians are more powerful and more effective. If the people do not pressurise the politicians, the politicians are not able (or willing) to get results for the people. In fact both Larry McMahon and Sean Walsh had similar sentiments, especially regretting the lack of information flowing between the public representatives and the people. They both agreed that this type of meeting was a good idea.

Chris Flood was asked to speak on the Tallaght Town Centre which was accepted by the Local Authorities. He confirmed that the council and corporation had agreed that the London and Clydeside Development company got the contract, and he felt that if there was no needless delay, construction could begin quite soon. The impression got was that even this year there would be some work starting in the area between the Tallaght Bypass and the old Blessington Road. His view is that the sooner this Town Centre is established the better. If the

facilities which the people need are not in the initial phase, they could be run concurrently by the local authority around the 8 acres of the Town Centre itself. He indicated that there were 250,000 square feet in the Phase I. He said that the phase one was a shopping development and that there was an option to build offices as well. He concluded that in August 1979, a Board of Assessors including Architectural, Planning and Community Development people finally agreed that the London and Clydeside Tender was the one most worthy of acceptance. Subsequently it was accepted. There are 126 acres in all in the Town Centre Area.

Chris Flood agreed that a model ought to be put on display for the people to examine it comment on it and submit views and recommendations.

It might be appropriate to mention at this point that Larry McMahon was deeply opposed to the London and Clydeside Development Company getting the Contract. he read through their tender document, and said that their capital was inadequate for this major project. He was able to insist that the previous experience of the company was not one which would give him confidence in their ability. He said that he could speak on this topic for

one and a half hours but the chairman of the meeting, Father Vincent Travers, only allowed him four and a half minutes.

Damian Murray was the last to get a chance to make a contribution. His contribution took the form of an information bulletin. He started on the parking in the Tallaght Village and indicated that the County Council would take-over the space between Kennedy's and the Dry Cleaners for a car park in the village.

There is a problem in getting the Tallaght Traders to agree to pay for the conversion of the site to a car park.

Then, Damian Murray went on to talk about libraries. He mentioned that there was an acre reserved for a library in the town Centre Complex...and he said that there would also be libraries in Fortunestown, Firhouse (near the Church) Springfield (when the shopping centre is developed). He mentioned that the Managing Director of the London and Clydeside, who is a Belfast Man, would come to Tallaght and discuss the Development with us.

Many questions came from the floor..and at one stage there were 11 questions to be answered by the politicians. The questions centred mainly on the Tallaght Town Centre, but there were also questions on roads and rail.

## Joe's Accident by Dave Smith

*Tom Rocke has taken a week off (the mean thing). I can print this because he is not around at present!.. He promised to be back next week with his usual pub crawl and football stories.*

*In the meantime we will have to make do with Dave Smith's short stories.  
Thank You David.*

Joe blinked his eyes and looked around him, 'Where am I', he murmured.

A white robed figure came forward and said 'You're all right now; but you were involved in an accident'.

'An accident', thought Joe, 'I don't remember any accident'.

'What about the big furniture van, Joe?'

'Do you remember that?'

'Oh yes, its coming back to me now' said Joe.

I was behind this great big van, who was taking up most of the road, when I decided that if I wanted to be in time for work, that I had better pass him out'.

'I remember pressing my foot on the accelerator and passing him by on the outside and, and, and....' Joe's voice began to falter at this moment, when he suddenly became conscious that there was more than one white figure beside him.

One of the figures had begun to speak.

'And it was then that you saw the other car coming towards you?'

'That's right' said Joe.

But you swerved to avoid him?'

'Yes, Yes' said Joe excitedly, 'I swerved over to the wrong side of the road and it was then that I saw the woman with the small pram, and I was heading straight

for her'.

'But you missed her? didn't you?'

Joe thought that this must be a very well run hospital, because they seemed to know quite a lot about him. With the memory of the word 'hospital' Joe began to relive those last few frantic seconds, as he used every bit of skill at his command, to avoid the woman and her pram.

The horrible rending, crashing sound as he smacked into the side wall of one of the houses and then the terrible pain in his back and legs.

As if sensing his thoughts, one of the thong said 'Your leg doesn't hurt any more, does it Joe?'

No thank you, it doesn't, does this mean that I can go home now?'

'No, Joe you will be staying here some time, isn't that so Peter?'

Joe looked at a newcomer, who was dressed in white like everyone else, but who had a definite air of authority about him.

'Yes, James it is, our friend Joe will be staying with us'. 'Oh! now I see' said Joe, 'you are going to keep here sort of for observation, isn't that right?'

'No' said the one who had been addressed as Peter, 'there is more to it

than that'.

'What then' said Joe, 'Is there something seriously wrong, something I have not been told about?'

Because if there is, I would rather know about it now, Doctor'.

At the mention of the word 'doctor' the entire group - with the exception of poor Joe (who was by entirely mystified began to laugh)

'I'm afraid that none of us are doctors,' said one called Peter, 'except Luke over there he used to be a physician'.

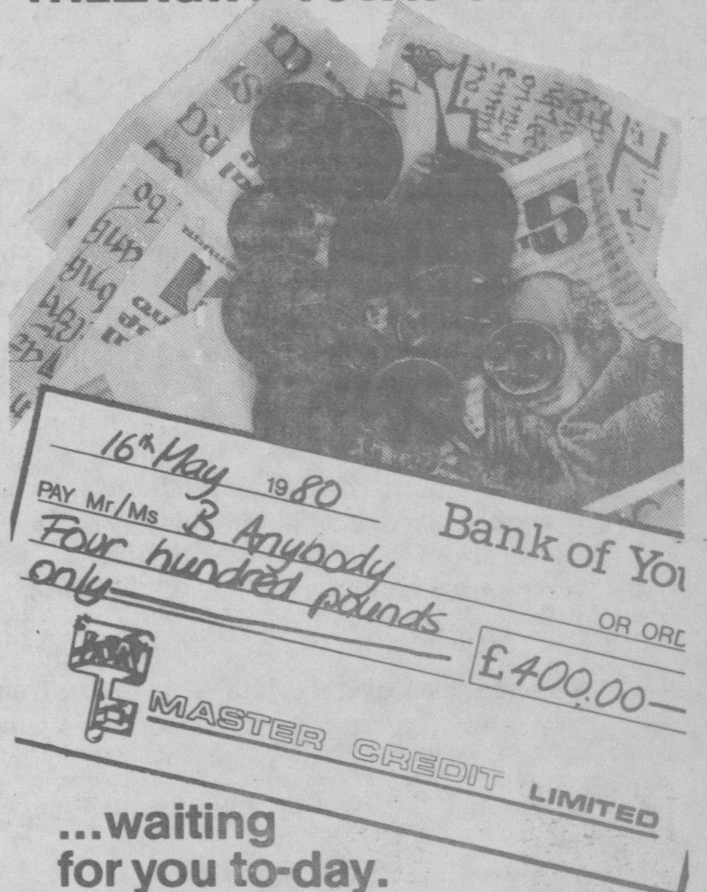
'Anyway, if you are not doctors, then where is this place?' Joe muttered as he looked nervously from one to the other. 'Don't be alarmed' said Peter 'You're in good hands, but have you wonder why there is no pain in your legs or back?'

'The thought had occurred to me' Joe said, 'his temper rising inside him and convinced he was in the company of mad men'.

'The reason, old chap' said Peter 'is that you were injured more badly than you thought in the car accident'.

'Well if I was injured so badly, why is there no pain now, unless, unless, I was.... His voice began to falter as the truth dawned on him. 'Welcome home son,' said Peter.

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by

## COUNCILLOR CHRIS FLOOD

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considered promptly for housing in the area in which he is living or of which he or his wife is a native. The council's scheme of letting priorities states that prior to being allotted a council dwelling, each applicant must notify the council that he or his wife is a native of County Dublin or that either spouse has been residing in the County of Dublin for any continuous period of 10 years or for a continuous period of 4 years immediately prior to the date of the allocations meeting.

Each applicant will also, at his request in writing to the council be considered for housing in only one other area to be specified by him. Overall priority will be given to :

(1) Families living in dangerous premises on whom a requisition under Section 3(9) of the Local Government (Sanitary Service) Act, 1964 has been served.

(2) Families rendered homeless through emergency situations from infectious tuberculosis and living in overcrowded conditions.

(4) Families evicted through no fault of their own.

(5) Displacement (resulting from acts of the Local Authority).

(1) Medical and other related factors (1-10 points)

(2) Unfit dwelling (subject to a Closing Order, Demolition Order or Undertaking Section 66 of the housing Act, 1966 or requiring major repairs)

(25 Points)

(3) Unfit dwellings (subject to a Closing Order, Demolition Order or Undertaking under Section 66 of the housing Act, 1966 or requiring major repairs) and grossly overcrowded, (30 points)

(4) Other unfit dwelling (including structures whether fixed, mobile or portable). (16 points)

(5) Overcrowded conditions - Simple Overcrowded conditions - Gross (20 points)

(6) Secondary sex overcrowding - in one bedroom (2 points)

Secondary sex overcrowding - in two bedrooms (4 points)

The council is currently building in the Tallaght area :-

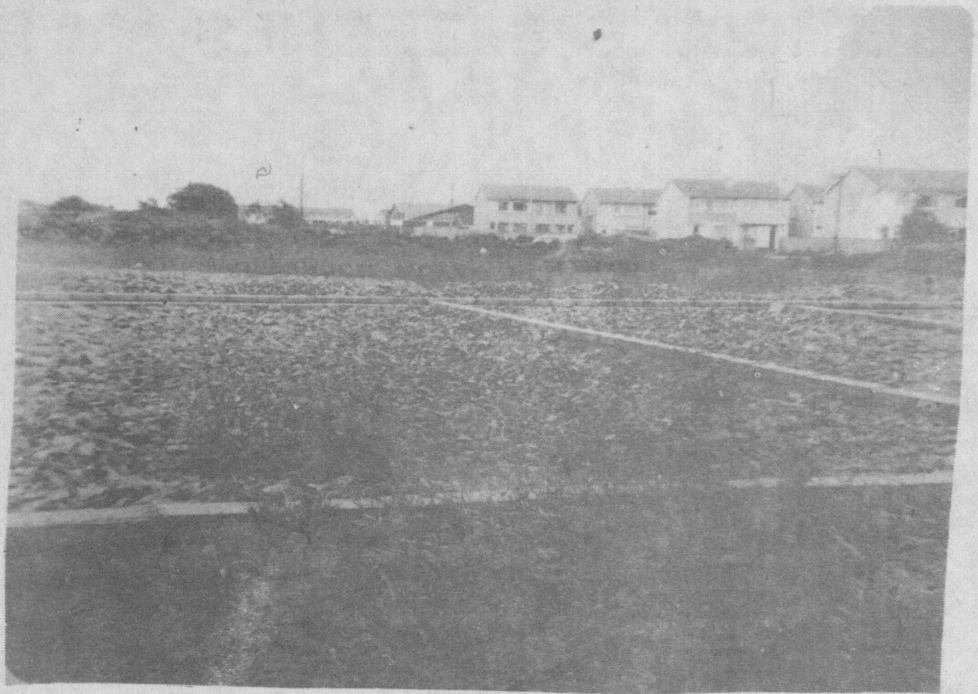
(a) 18 dwelling at Roebuck Drive.

(b) 269 dwelling comprising phase 3 of the Tymon North Housing development.

(c) 20 dwelling at Lisle Road/Balfe Road East.

Further information is available from :-  
Dublin Co. Council  
Housing Department  
5/6 Parnell Square

## More on Raheen Pub



This is the foundation workings of the Pub that will not be in Raheen, off the Fortunestown Lane. Judge Butler subsequently rejected the application for the pub.

### Letter to the Editor

'NO PUB FOR RAHEEN'

Dear Sir,

While I understand the frustrations felt by your writer under the above heading last week, may I intrude upon your valuable space to correct some of the errors he appears to be labouring under.

If he were as interested in opposing the licence for this proposed Public House as he appears to be in upholding the 'merits' of same, then I presume he attended the High Court Hearing on the 20th of May last.

He would then have had an opportunity to hear Justice Butler turn the application down, - not because of the objections from Springfield, Raheen and Whitebrook Park, - but on a point of Law, the proposed Public House being less than the statutory mile distant from the Jobstown House.

As one of the 'these people' referred to in his letter, I would like to make the following points : (1);

Surveys were carried out in the three areas named above, and the overwhelming consensus was 'No Pub'. (2); since he obviously researched things carefully beforehand - How much area was the 'Supermarket' going to cover? and finally, I'll bet Dollars to Doughnuts that your anonymous correspondent did not have to live as near to the proposed site as I, and many of my neighbours.

Yours faithfully,  
Roderick Nolen.

### Editor's Note;

Last week's Writer did in fact give us his name and address. He lives on Maplewood Drive and did not specifically ask to be left anonymous.





# FETTERCAIRN need a 1st Anniversary Present

from Tallaght

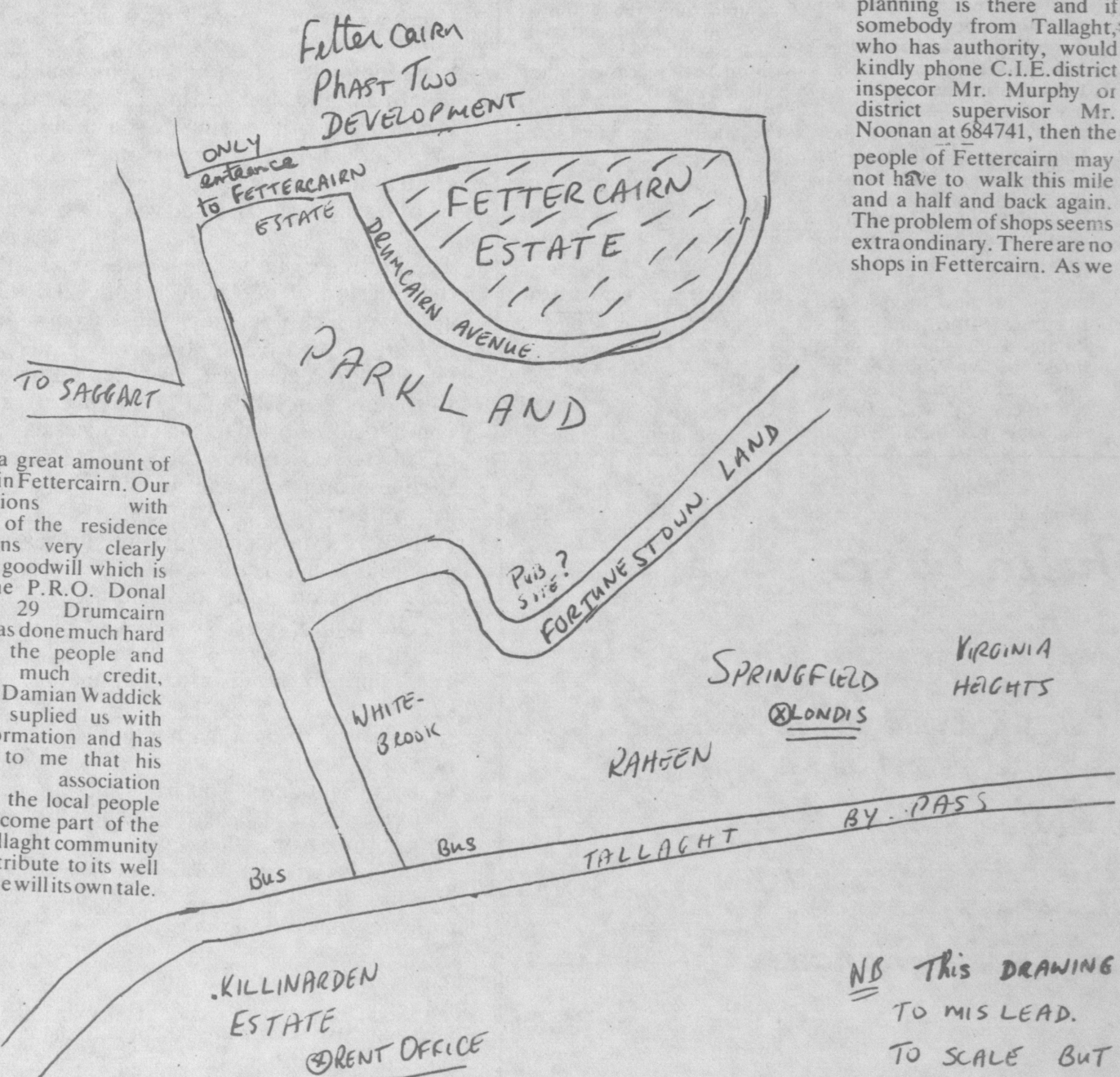
The Dublin Corporation Housing Estate of Fettercairn which is situated in West Tallaght is now almost a year old and the teething problems which go with new housing estates are obvious for all to see. The people of Fettercairn have great amenities, apart from the great pleasantness of living at the foot of the Dublin mountains. There is a vast parkland right along the full length of Drumcairn Avenue available to the people of Fettercairn. Futhermore, Christy Garbutt is training the young boys of the area in football. He has already run off a football league for the nine to ten year olds and with their huge football fields and his own coaching methods, Fettercairn could easily become the Liverpool of the future. The young people of Fettercairn can also look forward to the summer projects which help to fill the hot summer holidays. Father Martin Noone, the local curate of St. Marks is expert at undertaking these summer projects. People are volunteering to help out with this and of course volunteers are always welcome to help with summer projects.

But we must be under no misunderstanding the teething problems that go with new housing estate seem the tragic in Fettercairn. We are all aware of the phone shortage in the area. The Department of Post and Telegraphs seem to be completely unable to cater for the phones in Tallaght. That problem is so tragic it is almost funny. Killanardin, Aylesbury, Kilnamanagh, Fettercairn are only four of the huge housing estates on the waiting list for phones, the installing of which could make the government huge profits makers. If only the government could go about earning this great revenue for themselves! The people of Fettercairn are also burdened with the fact that there are no shops, no buses, no surgery and no rent office within well over a mile of their estate. In other words housewives with children have to walk a mile and a bit to the nearest little shop which is Londis in Springfield, to the nearest rent office which is in Killinarden on the far side of the Tallaght Bypass and to the nearest bus stop which is on the Tallaght Bypass... and complete the journey with the mile and a bit home.

It may be a nice walk on a fine summers day, but really two and half mile there is no excuse for the public authorities leaving these people without such amenities. There are five and six year old children in Fettercairn at the moment who are deprived of the constitutional rights to education. In article 42 of The Irish Constitution the words clearly say 'the state shall provide for free primary education and the state shall, as guardian of the common good, require that children receive a certain mental education. On the front, the good news is that the new school will be opened on the 1st of September. We noticed that the people are resigned to the fact that the children have lost a year of school education and they are looking forward heartely to the school been opened in September. Chairman of the local residence association Damian Waddick and his wife Janet have told me that they have seen a bus in Fettercairn on occasions. Our check with C.I.E. revealed that there is no service to the area at present

In a letter to Fr. Travers, Liam St. John Devlin of C.I.E. said 'the provision of service in Tallaght has been a concern of ours since 1967 when it was decided to develop Tallaght'. He goes on to say 'the area is extremely difficult for public transport operation but we have extended and augmented the existing routes particularly the 49/49A, 77/77A/77b and 65/65A'. The C.I.E. chairman said they are now planning to introduce a local service in the coming year and that they intend establishing a peripheral service which will link Tallaght Clondalkin and Ballyfermet. In addition the routes and frequencies of existing services will be continuously used and improved as the population grows and travel patterns change. C.I.E. chairman goes on to say that while 'we would not aspire to the conditions prevailed during the Papal Visit nevertheless our staff did show on that great day that our planning, our commitment and our service was superb and that we have the capacity and the ability to operate an efficient and dependable public transport system' The good will is there and if somebody from Tallaght, who has authority, would kindly phone C.I.E. district inspector Mr. Murphy or district supervisor Mr. Noonan at 684741, then the people of Fettercairn may not have to walk this mile and a half and back again. The problem of shops seems extraordinary. There are no shops in Fettercairn. As we

As we said, the nearest is Londis which is on the side of Springfield. The buses would alleviate this problem but personally I cannot understand why a commercial shop is not given a priority by a builder. I know builders are slow to build other amenities which are not profitmaking but surely the should be queueing up to supply a shop to an area where the turnover can be very rewarding both for the builder and the shopkeeper. This problem of no shops must be the responsibility of the local authority. The local authority can supply a shop or alternatively can make sure that the builder builds a shopping centre in a very fast time. Most housing estates nowadays have a surgery. In other words they have a house to which a doctor comes every day to look after the medical needs of the residence. This is not case in Fettercairn. There is no surgery. The nearest they have to a surgery is the assistance of Sister Patricia in No. 28 Drumcairn Avenue. Sister Patricia has in fact long experience of working in the Childrens Hospital Crumlin, and she is most valuable in the times when the children are sick. But it is a bit frustrating for families whose children may get sick and who may not have a car, not to be able to contact a doctor. When we consider that to get a house in Killinardin the married couple must have several children, the number of children involved in 400 hundred odd houses must be between a one thousand and two thousand. Once again the local authority could come to the rescue. They could supply a surgery for a doctor with great haste if they really got down to it. Secondly, they could surely convince a doctor that a medical practice can be built up in Fettercairn. The local authority must also speedily open a rent office in Fettercairn. We do understand that this may happen quite shortly but as things stand at the moment these people are living in a desert. This Tallaght newspaper circulates in all areas of Tallaght both the old Tallaght village and the numerous new estates of Tallaght. The problems raised here are addressed to all the people of Tallaght. We are pointing out that Fettercairn could be Tallaght's greatest problem area unless the greater Tallaght community backs these new-comers from the start and makes sure that they get all the amenities which the rest of us have.



There is a great amount of good will in Fettercairn. Our conversations with members of the residence associations very clearly show the goodwill which is there. The P.R.O. Donal Finn of 29 Drumcairn Avenue has done much hard work for the people and deserves much credit. Chairman Damian Waddick of course supplied us with much information and has indicated to me that his residence association backed by the local people want to become part of the greater Tallaght community and to contribute to its well being. Time will its own tale.

NB THIS DRAWING IS NOT INTENDED TO MISLEAD. IT IS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE BUT IT HIGHLIGHTS THE FACT THAT ENTRANCE TO THE ESTATE IS A LONG WAY OFF.



# When is a right-of-way not a right-of-way?

by Roderick Nolan

*This interesting article by Roddy Nolan raises questions, which we hope that some expert will answer. The problem arose out of the Pub in Raheen court case..or rather the proposed Pub on the side of Fortunestown lane. Roddy says that this piece is written in a light vein, but he feels sure that it will prove to be a BIG issue soon. I am inclined to believe him. The problems always seem to stem from a developers desire to build a public house but finds that there are rights of way for ordinary people which stop the developer from having his pub. A similar case happened in Kilnamanagh some years ago, and it will probably arise again.*

Being a simple sort of a fellow myself, I wonder if any of your good readers could answer the above question which has been perplexing me since the 20th May. Some friends, neighbours, representatives of a number of Resident's Associations et al, were gathered in the hallowed chamber of Court 3 in the high Court to make known our opposition to the granting of a Licence for the dispensing of alcohol in our area. The case has reached a stage where the bone of contention was simply whether the proposed premises was within or without the statutory mile from a premises carrying on the same business, i.e., catering to the thirst of the wayfarer. When it was pointed out by one of the learned Counsel, (who was acting for the established premises, that, if one used the old Fortunestown Lane to reach the proposed new premises one would reach the latter edifice without covering a mile, there was an interruption from an equally learned friend on the opposing side. He maintained that the route mentioned was irrelevant, as it was no longer a right of way. To underline this the learned gentleman produced a witness. On

being asked by Justice Butler what his qualifications as a witness were, the occupant of the stand said that he was a member of an 'ad hoc' Committee, who, it seems had decided that we - the public - did not need the Lane in question, and had, in fact, sold portion of it to a private company. Judge Butler asked the witness by what right they had arbitrarily decided to dispense with a Public Right of Way. He went on to say that any such move should have been announced, and if there was any objection, there would have to be a Public Inquiry into the affair. The luckless witness was ordered to vacate the witness box amid remarks from the eminent Jurist that nobody had better try to stop him from taking a stroll along the Lane in question. My curiosity piqued, I made my way to the Companies Offices in Dublin Castle and looked up the company and its directions. (As there is still some research to be done on this topic I'll say no more). Some time later I found myself in the Corporation Planning Office and, still bemused by the burning question, 'When is a right of way, a right of way?' I asked the official with whom I was speaking just that.

This produced a spout of that little known relation, Esperanto, from which I gathered HALF OF THE SURFACE - or was it half of the sub-surface - IS THE PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION/COUNTY Council. The rest, I gathered, belonged to the Tenant. While my cerebral cells were still reeling from the over-exposure to the pure fluency of Civil Servant Jargonese, I muttered the question, 'And can a local Body sell all, or part, of a right of way?' I was assured they could, and, in the case of the fortunestown Lane, they had. When I explained what Judge Butler had said I was assured that the Councils were closing roads and lanes all the while. When I asked if, on such occasions they opened other, better, roads to compensate for the loss of the existing one, I just got a stony stare. In conclusion, if you are in the habit of walking down the lower half of Fortunestown Lane on your way to the rent office or bus stop, I suggest you mull over the problem, 'When is a right of way not a right of way?'

## Fusco Cakes

*Fresh Cakes & Bread Baked Daily*

*In Our Shop Now Open*

*New Coffee Shop*

*Enjoy Fresh Delicious Cakes & Coffee*

*After Your Shopping*

*In Tesco Firhouse*

Could you design our Crest?

The Tallaght Community Council has indicated that it wants an emblem, which will be used on its letter-headings and will be a symbol of what the TCC stands for.

**T C C**

The TCC has decided that there should be an open competition to design the emblem. There are no terms of reference and the designers can submit any emblem they think will suit. However, it would be good to understand what the TCC is and what its function is.

It is worth while realising that the Local Government Act 1941 (which is still Irish Law) allows for Statutory Recognition of local councils such as the TCC. The words of the Act are 'Where the inhabitants of a locality in a county health district have established a council for furthering the general social and economic interests of such inhabitants, the council of the county may declare that such a body shall be an approved local council'. There are great benefits from such recognition.

(1) The County Council may provide a building for use by an approved local council for public or other meetings and for lectures, exhibitions, general recreation or other similar objects and may entrust the care and maintenance of such building to the local council.

(2) The County Council may assist an approved local council by supplying them with furniture, office equipment, and stationary. And where a building is provided, ... by paying the whole or part of the wages of a person acting as caretaker.

(3) The County Council may make a grant to an approved local council towards the provision by the local council of a building for public or other meetings and for lectures, exhibitions, general recreation or other similar social objects.

(4) A local authority (County Council) may contribute to the funds of a society, club, committee or other body providing swimming facilities.

The Dublin County Council has a specific policy on the question of declaring a body like the TCC an approved local council. The list of points here will be of great use to artists and designers who would like to become remembered as the designer of the Emblem of the Tallaght Community Council. The competition is open to all and entries have until 15th of July to submit their drawings. Since the TCC is such an approved local council it has the following attributes;

(1) It was established for the furtherance of the general social and economic interests of the inhabitants of the locality represented by it.

(2) The membership is open to all inhabitants of the locality and the rights of individual inhabitants to vote and to hold office within the council is safeguarded.

(3) It is not affiliated with any political party and is non-sectarian.

(4) It is democratic and has well-defined rules of procedures in regard to election of committees; appointment of officers, holding of meetings and method of arriving at decisions.

(5) There is no other approved local council representing the same locality.

There will be more details of the competition in future issues of this newspaper and in the Tallaght Echo in the next few weeks, because a resolution was passed at last Monday's meeting that the competition take place.



## letter

Dear Editor,

I would like to appeal to readers of your newspaper to register their disapproval of the dump which exists on the side of the Dublin mountains, an area designated as high amenity and the lenient approach taken by the planning department with regard to this eyesore which is expanding at an alarming rate. I say lenient as I would suggest that a truck I came upon unloading its garbage in one of at least twelve to fourteen per day (at approx. 13 per load) to use the dump and I would ask what penalty if any has the offender in this case been made pay and has the fine been in proportion to the annual income of the operation of such a dump. I would suggest that it is more profitable to pay the fine and carry on dumping and that this is the policy of the offender.

I am sure that this dump has been an encouragement to other companies to try their luck at obtaining planning permission for similar projects in the Dublin mountains area, one such planning application being a zinc smelter. I attended an oral hearing regarding same and was glad to see that An Bord Pleanála were consistent in their decision with the Dublin County Planning and development Act 1972.

The latest planning application to appear from Nampart Ltd. for a toxic waste dump must be treated as the most serious threat so far to the amenities of the area and while permission was refused I feel that the reasons given were not as emphatic as I would have expected; the pollution of nearby streams was not referred to.

However, I am glad to see that responsibility prevails in the Planning Department and will, I expect, be evident at the time when there is an oral hearing on this application. I say responsibility because I would consider the planning department responsible for the pollution of the drinking water, should this application be allowed.

I would appreciate any views your readers may have regarding the matters referred to in this letter.

Thanking you

Yours Sincerely,  
Tom Fennelly.

## THE TALLAGHT INN

## "Two Pints Tom Please"

by

## EDDIE POWER

Hey Jack did ye hear Brennan & Mc Gowan are going to build another couple of thousand house's out the road a bit there, so I heard anyway. They traded in the dumper and I seen one of the lads buyin' five new shovels in the hardware across the road. So they must be headin' for the big time'.

'Yeah, really ; Will ye have another pint'.

'Ye know they were always in the building trade, well sorta, anyway their Grandfathers, so I'm told, designed 'The Titanic', that's where the money came from in the first place.

'Yeah, I heard something similar myself'.

'They are all country fella's working for them, did ye know that. Did ye ever hear that one. How do you confuse one of them? - Put the five shovels on the ground an' tell him to take a pick'.

'Huh'.

'Take his pick, you know his 'pickaxe'. Are ye having another one?. Two pints Tom please. There's a new Music hall being built in that town centre their talking about. Yeah 'The Star Bust Tallaght', Frank

Sinatra, DEan Martin and Shirley Bassey are doing the opening night. Their staying with the 'Dominicans' but yer doing M.C., their building a hotel specially for him'.

'Who's that then'.

'Yer man Gay Byrne, and they're Driving him in over the mountains so that he won't have to see any building works on the way. I hear he's after taking up 'Disco Rolling' and your woman always behind him and him shouting 'Roll it Collette'.

'Will ye have another'.

'I'll only have a small one. I have to be going in a minute, I double parked the Merc. at the Garda Station when I was signing the Labour.

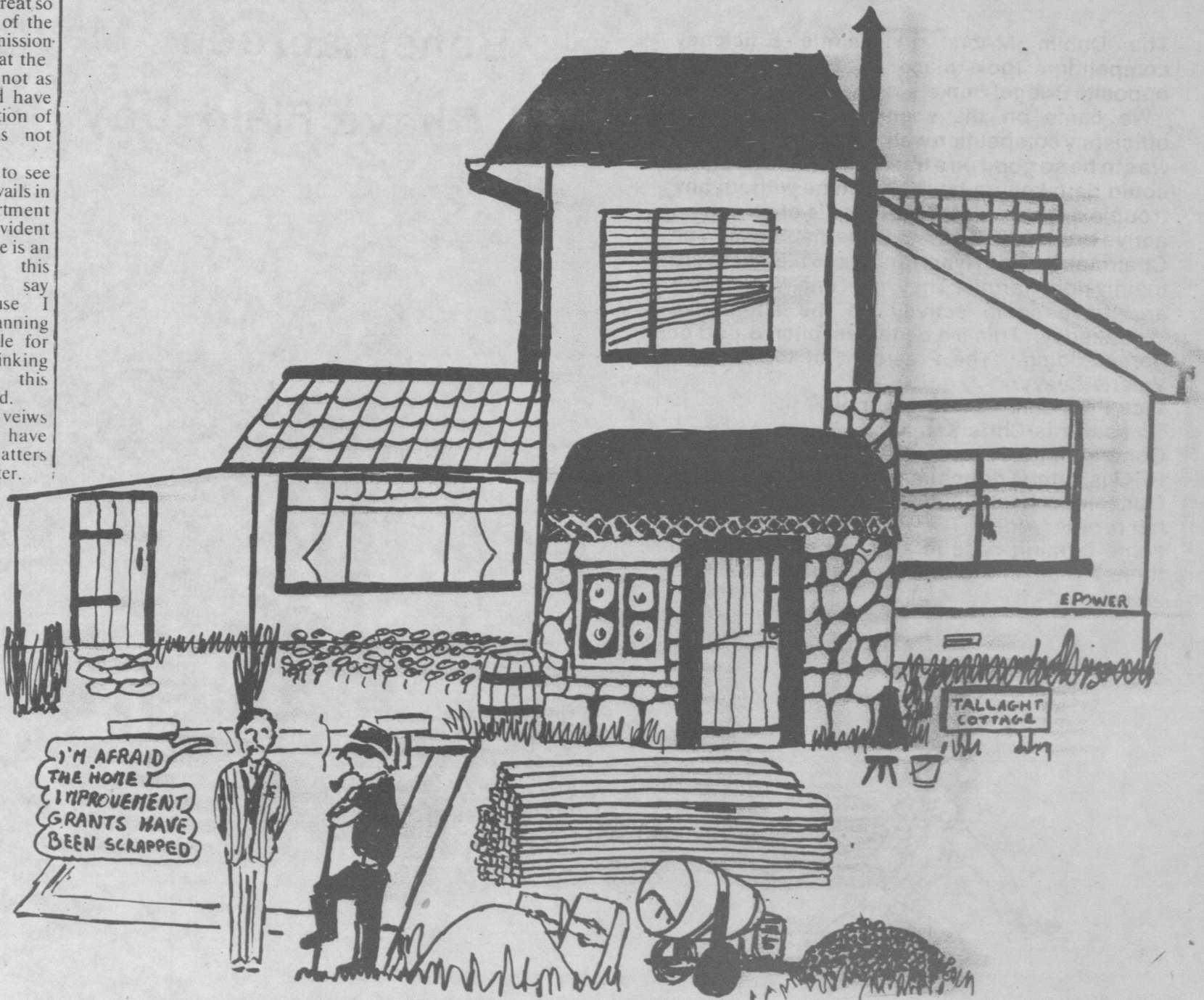
'Did ye hear Jacobs and Gallahers were had up over smuggling cigarettes across the border'.

'Go on, really?'

'Yeah, but do ye know what they couldn't figure at all. How did Jacobs get the Fags in the Fig Rolls?'

'Listen, I'll be off and I'll see you Tuesday'.

'Yeah, I'll see you John'.





## TCC Fortnightly Meeting

The Tallaght Community Council came up with another active meeting last Monday night. The crowded agenda was added to by the presence of Collette Doyle and Carol Fogarty of the Tallaght basketball team. Colette and Carol had written to the Community council saying that it seems the entire population was male, judging by the concentration on football pitches. They wanted girls to have the same facilities as boys in the parks of Tallaght. Their request was heeded and they were invited to get on the Parks Committee. They in fact attended the Parks Committee Meeting of the following night and got representation on the Committee. The TCC meeting revealed that the County Council has a hard court in Glenview which could be used for basketball. If we only could find it! The TCC meeting raised the problem of dumping of rubbish on the Tallaght By-pass and it was recommended that the car number be taken and reported to the County Council. The road-side shop-caravans also got a lot of notice at the meeting. Mrs Kavanagh's shop on the Old Bawn Road is a particular headache. The problem is that it comes in the evening, and the car towing it goes away before its number can be taken. There will be much more on the topic of road-side trading in the meeting room of TCC and County Council and maybe the Dail in the months ahead. There may need to be legislation for this roadside trading in a new Town like Tallaght, which does not come under the small town or village category. At the end of the general meeting, the social committee stayed on and elected its officers who are; Jim Higgins Chairman  
Mrs Marie Comerford, Secretary  
Michael Harbourne, Treasurer  
Committee members are Mrs Kavanagh (is this the same Mrs. Kavanagh?); Mrs Whelan and Mr Larry Kearns.

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## Dodder Anglers

### Worry for fish

The Dodder Anglers Club of Dublin have written to the Chairman of the Dublin County Council to be vigilant in testing the Dodder on a continuous basis. Anglers from the club noticed sewage for three weeks which they themselves traced to jobstown, Tallaght. It seems that council personnel joined wrong pipes on some occasion. Mr Paddy Conneff, Chairman of the Dodder Anglers regards the testing for Acefene, riolene, supona, cyanide and other dangerous chemicals as most important on a continuous basis. The Dodder Anglers Club have 1,400 members and are a powerful pressure group in the conservation field. Membership fee is 2 (.1 for juniors) and do regular testing of the Dodder. The Dodder of course flows through Tallaght. When I asked Mr Conneff how we in Tallaght ought to view the Dodder, he said that we should appreciate the amenities and learn to watch out for sewage and illegal dumping. The club ought to be friends of the people of Tallaght, because their primary interest is the preservation of fish life in the river. They spend much of their funds each year in stocking the river with trout and other fish.

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The Dublin MACra nA Feirme Efficiency competition took place in Bagnall's Field opposite Bridget Burke's last Sunday afternoon.

We came on the scene when the ladies efficiency competition was in progress. The aim was to be so good on a tractor that several pipes could be taken up by the machine without any trouble or time-wasting. There is of course an active branch of Macra in Bohernabreena. The Chairman is Glen Ryann and its 35 members are mainly non-farmin. They meet one Wednesday and have some activity on the alternative Wednesday. This may be tennis, pitch & putt or horse-riding. The President of the Club is Valerie Leavy;

Vice President is Viola Connolly

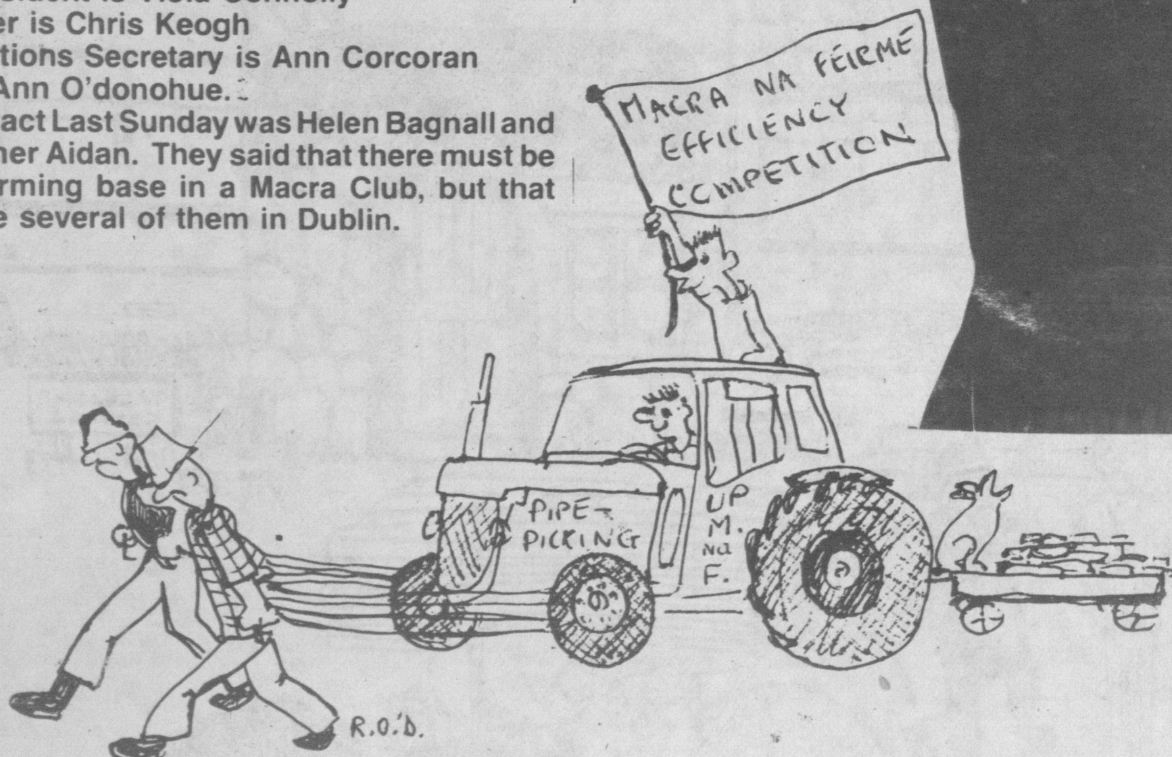
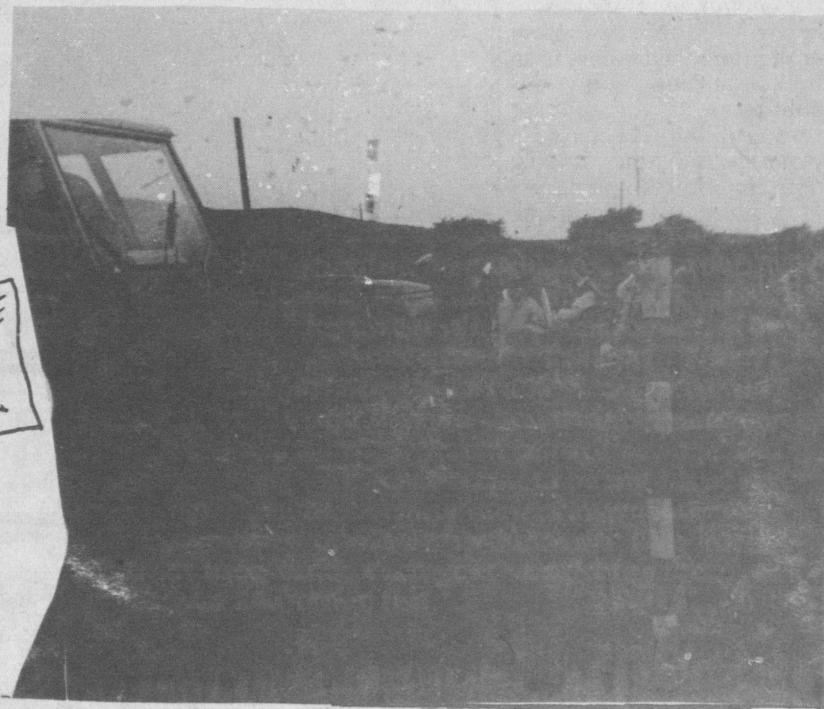
Treasurer is Chris Keogh

Competitions Secretary is Ann Corcoran

PRO is Ann O'donohue.

Our contact last Sunday was Helen Bagnall and her brother Aidan. They said that there must be some farming base in a Macra Club, but that there are several of them in Dublin.

## Bohernabreena Macra have Field-Day



### Sale

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## BALLYMOUNT CASTLE

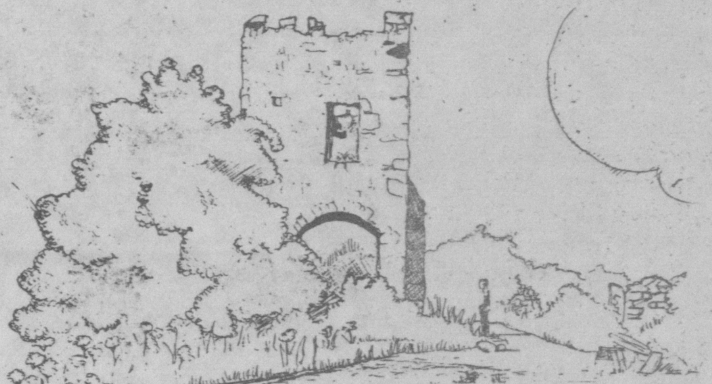
We are reprinting this history article again, because of the number of mistakes which were in last weeks issue. The research was done by Miss Celia Taylor of the Tallaght Historical Society.

Sir William Parson established himself on the lands of Ballymount in or about 1590 and if he build a castle then or, if there was already a castle, no trace of it now remains. It is quite possible that a castle did exist, because this is a very sensitive area (defence-wise...being so close to the border of the Pale). According to Bull's History of County Dublin, Ballymount Castle was burned down by the Irish in 1646.

There is in this area a great gateway, with pistol loops and vaulted arches, which judging from its architectural appearance was built sometime in the early 17th century. Mr Briley visited the gateway in 1898 and wrote an article about the area for the 'Irish Builder'. In his opinion a Castle had existed. He could trace several pieces of demesne wall around the area. Amongst the farm buildings, of a farmer who then owned the area, he found traces of walls 2 feet thick. Some of these walls had loops and splayed windows, which were at that time incorporated into farm buildings. He described the seventeenth century gateway, which he observed as having living accommodation over the vault.

There was an upper room in existence there which showed plaster to a certain height and this ceased where the roof would have risen. He also states that the hobs for the rafters were quite distinct and he gives many measurements. How this room was reached is not clear, but it was possibly from the South - end, because there was an absence of plaster at that end, indicating a stairway. With reference to the pistol loops, he says (and I quote) 'In the south wall, there are two splayed portholes 4 foot from the ground and 2 ft high, each having a flagstone over the top' He then states that there is a large splayed window exactly above these two small windows a little off-centre and he continues; 'Exactly above the front arch is a large square window beginning about 3 ft above the marks of the floor level of the upper chamber and about 4 ft from the arch. This window is also splayed but not to the extent of the window in the south wall. Each window is about half-way between the top of the arch and the top of the building in the north wall about halfway up is a fire place in the left corner'.

It appears that the chimney rose along the outside wall and a jamb of the fireplace still remained at that time. From Mr. Briley's description, it would appear that the gate-tower resembled and performed the same functions as other gate-towers at the entrance of settlements like Carlingford, Loughrea, Jamestown etc.



Ballymount area acquired a status of Manor granted by James I in 1622 and this could account for the gateway..although there is no evidence so far that any large settlement ever existed there.

Sir William Parsons was the first of his family to settle in this country. The family later became Earls of Rosse and established themselves at Birr in county Offaly...which was at that period known as Parsonstown. Parsons changed Ballymount to Bellamont, which he probably thought sounded better. It was in that name that the Manor was granted and it not only included the lands owned by him in Clondalkin, but also lands acquired by him in the parishes of Saggart and Tallaght.

Sir William, like his relative the Earl of Cor, whose town house is our present City hall, came to Ireland with nothing. He received tracts of unexploited woodland and some agricultural land and quickly grew rich. In 1602 he was made a surveyor General of Ireland and in 1613 he represented the Borough of Newcastle Lyons in Parliament. In 1620 he was knighted and made a Baronet. He can be credited with having established the office of wards of court in Ireland, of which he became the first master. He had great influence over the education of the orphans of the aristocracy and over their money. He appears to have been a very acquisitive man. However, his hey-day came to an end with the Commonwealth and Cromwell. He was placed under arrest and deprived of his office. He returned to England and died in 1650.

As far as we are concerned today the most interesting part of the Ballymount area is the mound near the gateway and from which the area acquired its name Baile Mota. These mounds are still unexplained. One has a round circle building on top which is thought to have been an eighteen century folly or 'eye-catcher'. It possibly lay at the end of a vista from some neighbouring residence.

The mound itself is thought to be a Late Neolithic, of a type that has been discovered and excavated by Kilbride-Jones at Drimnagh near the Half-Way House. There is also an underground passage here, which could have been a water culvert, but this area must be preserved for further investigation. A bit more about the history of this and surrounding areas will be known in the future, if this is done. Much will be lost if the bull-dozers just tear up the mound.

Subsequent to last week's issue we received a letter from Mr. Cormac Lowth. This letter included a photo copy of a letter he received in 1978 from the Irish Antiquities Division of the National Museum of Ireland. In the letter it is clearly stated, that Ballymount Castle and Gateway are listed under the National Monuments Act and are therefore protected from destruction. The letter went on to say 'If you notice any damage to the gateway itself or to any other monument in the future, you could get in touch with the national Monuments Advisory Council, Ely Place Upper, Dublin 2 Phone 767541.'

We would like to see a Plaque on the wall of the Gateway to indicate that it is a National Monument. Furthermore we hope that the National Museum will move fast on excavating in this area. The Tallaght Historical Society intends to do all it can





## Feast Day 9th June

Last Sunday was St. colmcille's Day in Ballycullen Road, Tallaght. Every year there is bunting and celebration at the Well on Ballycullen Road and the bandstand was the centre of joyful entertainment. In recent years the shrine is well protected by the nearby Augustinian Novitiate, whose Brother Columba Higgins we met. He is called after the saint, and his interest in the shrine is very obvious. He has in fact compiled a booklet on the shrine which he gave to a party of us pilgrims.

### Pilgrims



### Miracle ?

You won't believe this, but I was as near to a miracle as I have ever been. At the shrine we were taking photos of a group of pilgrims and got talking. One man, Mr Tom Byrne said that his brother used to maintain the Shrine in days gone by, and in fact he had given the cross to the shrine. On the cross, the inscription says Dr.N Doyle and T. Byrne. The story seemed true so far. Then he started to tell us about his wife, Olive who was also on a pilgrimage that day.

About 8 years ago, Olive was having trouble with her eyes. She had two cists or growths removed and a third one was to be treated one Friday. The appointment with the doctor was already made, when husband Tom said that she should go to the well and bathe her eye in the water.

Anyway, Mrs Byrne went to the Well on the Sunday before her next operation. She bathed her eye in the water of the well and went home. She told us that by Wednesday the cist or growth had gone and she cancelled the appointment with the doctor. That was eight years ago, and I need not tell you that there has been no trouble since then. Olive looked well, and appears in the photo we took. She lives at 75 Cashel Road, Crumlin, and has no doubt that a cure of some kind came from the well. There is a continuing belief in the power of this local well, but whether we ought to be talking of miracles is open to question.

## ST COLUMCILLE



### Words by Arthur Downer

There is the original story that St. Columcille had cured blind man by doing just that over a thousand years ago.



# ...LE'S WELL



## Sketch by Ruth O'Dea

In fact there is a more recent story about a Mr Mollow of Tallaght who also can claim an eye cure from the well.

St. Columcille is the third patron saint of Ireland, and lived in the 6th century. He was a great traveller and traces of him exist in many places. He was born in Donegal and founded monasteries in Derry, Durrow and Kells. He obviously also spent time in Dublin because tradition still remains in Glasnevin (where he stayed with St. Mobhi) as well as in our locality of Tallaght (where the famous well exists) and in nearby Tibbradden where St. Columba's Church of Ireland College is. There are records of him in Glendalough, at least it is unlikely that he would have failed to visit that holy place. He then went to Scotland and in fact died there on the island of Iona. Of course, tradition has it that his bones were brought back and put beside St. Patrick in Downpatrick. In Brother Columba Higgin's Book 'St. Columcille's Well', there is a full description of the history of the well...which is worth recording in full;

'We know nothing of its early history before the Penal Times. As you may know, during the Penal Times, a special law was enacted forbidding all assembly and religious practices at the 'so-called holy wells of Ireland'. The result was that, although the people kept a faithful remembrance of them, many of the wells themselves were abandoned and neglected. St. Columcille's Well suffered this fate. Although at some stage a few trees were planted beside it, maybe as a token of reverence, and although no doubt some people may have, occasionally paid it a visit, the Well was for the most part forgotten and eventually lost in bog and undergrowth.

'But it is certain that some people did remember it, for in or about 1914, a distinct witness to the memory of the people (and to their devotion) came on the scene. This was the local postman, Jim Murray, a small white-haired man who came from the Rathfarnham area. His postman's track used to take him across the fields by St. Columcille's Well. He began by putting a crucifix on one of the trees as well as a board with the inscription 'St. Columcille, pray for us'. That was the modern beginning....

The story since then is easier to trace. The well was restored by the Augustinians who live nearby. As the holy well came to the light of day once again, the people came up from the road, dipped their fingers in the water and blessed themselves. So devotion was revived.

The Statue of St. Columcille was designed by Father Hughes's Brother in law, Mr MacArdle, an architect living in Belfast. A sound foundation was put under the statue by voluntary help. The owner of the field (a Mr. Dunne from Clondalkin) allowed an entrance and a pathway to the stream beside the well. A firm concrete bridge was constructed and a pathway as far as the well. On the feast of the saint, 9th June 1920 the unveiling of the statue and the inauguration of the shrine took place with dignitaries of the church officiating and a large gathering of the faithful present. Bishop Heavey blessed the shrine and renewed the blessing on the Well. Since then, not a Sunday goes by, without groups of devout people standing before the statue or kneeling in prayer. The devotion is still very lively, and our miracle-story on this page only illustrates the fact clearly.

In a nearby field there is a large stone cross of granite. It is not a very old cross and it is one of many similar ones in the area. About one hundred years ago, a plague decimated the dairy herds of County Dublin leading to a scarcity of milk in the city. The people had recourse to prayer and the fields were solemnly blessed. When the plague had passed these crosses were erected as a memorial, and there is a similar one in Firhouse nearby.

But the focus of attention must be the quaint country scene leading to the well. The short pathway from the road crosses a stream of clear water. The steps rise from the stream up to the well which is some yards away. There is an obvious air of peace in these grounds, and when a person drinks well-water from the bell-cup the rest of the day will be better than the start.



JASON MORGAN AGE 9  
**AT ACCK ON**



This week, Jason Morgan, aged 9, of 32 Rosebank, wins the **FIRST PRIZE FOR DRAWINGS**. He sent in a really exciting drawing of a 'Space Battle'. Jason is a very talented little boy, who has a great interest in drawing. He has a very lively imagination. He says that when he grows up, he would like to make a film and call it 'Battle of the Galaxy'.

This drawing shows a very strange monster. He looks a bit like a 'space dragon'. The spaceman on the right is shooting him. Can any of you guess what that funny word on the right is? I think it has something to do with Tallaght. I'll tell you the answer next week. By the way, well done, Jason, in winning a Certificate of Merit in the recent Texaco Art Competition.

Other drawings were received from Denise and Lisa Brady of 8 Colbert's Fort. Uncle Arthur was sorry that you were not at home when he called with the prizes you won last week. He hopes you liked the prizes and that you will keep sending in your drawings and your answers to the Teasers.

I will judge the best drawings each week and award a prize to the winner. You can address them to The Tallaght Press at 27 Elmcastle Drive, Kilnamanagh.

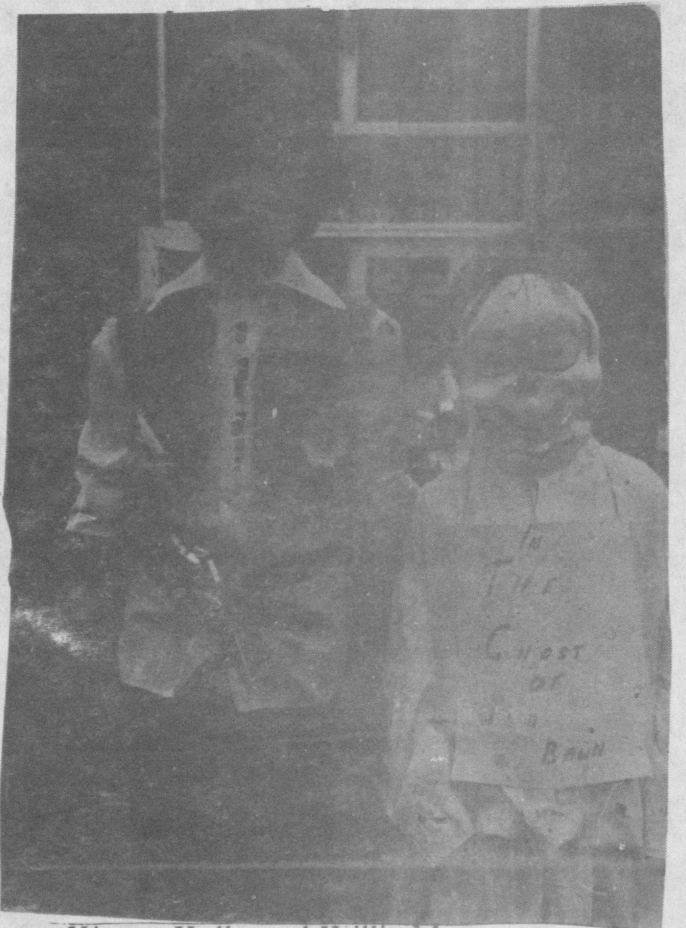
The  
 Piper's  
 Son

Tom, Tom, the piper's son,  
 He learned to play  
 when he was young  
 But the only tune  
 that he could play,  
 Was 'Over the hills  
 and far away'

Now, Tom with his pipe  
 mad such a noise  
 That he pleased both  
 girls and boys  
 And they all stopped  
 to hear him play.  
 'Over the hills  
 and far away'



Fiona Bohan, Shona Leonard and Patricia Browne looked well last Sunday when they were contestants for the Fancy Dress Parade in Tymon Bawn.



Kieran Kelly and Willie Morgan were at the fancy dress also. I liked the Ghost of Old Bawn. How did you know we liked ghosts?

fancy meeting you lot here



# CHILDREN'S PAGES

## Teasers from Uncle Arthur

I knew that last week's Teasers would be difficult. I don't know how many children (and adults) asked me for the correct answer. The only way to find out is to give you the questions and the answers now..and here goes;

(1)What horse never wears a saddle?

Answer; A sea horse

(2)What sounds wet but keeps you dry?

Answer; A rain coat (well done Denise)

When are socks like mice?

Answer; When they both have holes to go through

(4)What comes in through the hall door without being seen?

Answer; The draught

(5)What is white when dirty but black when clean?

Answer; A black-board..

Denise Ni Bhraidí, is tu an cailín is fearr an seachtain seo. Thanks for writing and I am looking forward to your story about your ten mile walk. Denise is 9.

This weeks Teasers are easier and I hope to get several answers. You can address your answers to Uncle Arthur,

TBS House  
27 Elmcastle Drive  
Kilnamanagh

(If you have black and white drawings as well, you can enclose them for Ruth O'Dea to judge them. We give a prize each week for the best drawing, which we publish and for the best answers to Uncle Arthur's Teasers;

## This Week's

Here we go!

(1)What can you see full but never empty?

(2)What suit should get wet?

(3)When is a fish(haddock) like a pipe

(4)What cake sounds very small?

(5)Why is a cap like a mountain?

## Castlerotherapy



under 12s

having already won the League, beat Cabinteely in the SCFL Cup Final by 3 - no score for Cabinteely.

The team is;

Damian Murray, Alan Martin(capt);

Gary Morrison; Derrick O'Reilly;

Stephen Moran, Stephen Leonard, Sean










Smith; John Lyons; Brian Mullen;







David Lee; Damian Reilly; Gary

Dempsey; Joe Kenny; Sean Riordan;



## EASY READ

**A** duckling, two bunnies a  and a  live near a wood in a little thatched . The chums have a garden where pretty  grow. First they put in the seeds and then  and hoe. The  like  and Mousie chews  while the tiny deer eats the green  on the trees.

So if ever you go and walk down in the  then tread very softly and if you are good, then you might see the  and the  and nearby, the  and  you'll also espy. They like playing  because it is fun, but if they should see you, then off they will run.





## VEC get Adult Education Officers

The Minister for Education has given the VEC permission to employ adult education officers in the coming School Year. This applies to the whole country. Our local Dublin County Council, VEC has got permission to employ 5 such organisers, to liaison with local groups and to act in an advisory capacity. The people appointed, who will be located in the VEC Head Office in Tallaght, will all be qualified teachers, experienced in the adult education field. Their function will be to identify the needs of adults and to suggest agencies which will fulfil this need. As a result, we can expect a broadening of adult education facilities in Greenhills College, which is controlled by the VEC.



©Brendan Jones of 60 bancroft Avenue will be very surprised to see himself here, after he came back from the children's day parade in Dublin last Sunday. I found it hard to convince him that I could make him a star. He is good on the trombone also.

## Late Late Show

Did you see Gerry L'avelle from Kilnarnagh on the Late Late show last week? He did impersonations of Tom Riordan, Brian Farrell, Hal Roche and he showed off good talent. We are hoping to get an interview with him soon, because we know he has enough talent to make it big.

## Make-a-Model

Last Monday (June 9th) Old Bawn Ladies Club held their annual Make 'n' Model Competition as part of Tynon Bawn's Community week. The evening got off to a successful start with some light hearted entertainment, provided by club members, which included disco dancing, musical comedy and a selection of songs from the Sound of Music. This was followed by the modelling of the entries, and as usual, the children stole the show.

During the interval, when cheese and wine was served, the judges made their final decisions, and very difficult it was for them too, as the standard of entry was every high.

### CHILDREN'S WEAR

...1st; Mauve Thompson (modelled by Aisling Thompson) 2nd; Phil Callan (modelled by Nicola Hyland) KNITWEAR...1st Maureen Mac Namara 2nd Doris O'Neill DAY WEAR...1st; Phil Calan 2nd Bernadette Kelly EVENING WEAR...1st; Bernadette Kelly 2nd; Phil Callan

Mr. Gerald Vinash (M.C.) then presented the judges, Mrs Beryl Connoughton (Burda Patterns), Mrs. Liz O'Boto (Nugents Wool Shop) Mrs. Mary Prendergast (Pres Loreto Ladies Club) and the fashion commentator Mrs. Rita Curran with bouquets of flowers.

The evening ended with the draw for the raffle prizes which were donated by the following firms: Acme Kitchens, Levi Strauss, Mc Henry's, Old Bawn Pharmacy, Perivale - Gutermann (Burda Patterns) Precision Machines, Sherwood - knitmaster, and Trendy Fashions.

The organisers would also like to thank Handy Hands, Plain 'n' Purl Nugents, Precision Machines, Mr. Montgomery of H. Williams, Mr. Ireland of Perivale - Gutermann and all the many friends who helped to make the evening a great success. All proceeds from the Make 'n' Model will be going to the Tynon Bawn Community Centre Fund.

## Third Level Education in Tallaght

With the leaving cert well underway, education is the last thing that comes to mind. Most courses wait until September before getting serious about learning more. But it is interesting to know that many people prefer study in the summer. Many school-leavers like to take this opportunity of gaining practical knowledge of office routines, in case they do not get sufficient marks to go to the University.

While there is always a question of panic if a person does not gain entry to the University, it is to a great extent unnecessary. There are other qualifications, such as accountancy or banking which do not require university education. The civil service does not require university education. Anyhow, a person can get as good a degree at night while earning a weekly wage during the day. In fact the choice is vast. For example, the National Council for Educational Awards (NCEA) in fact award a BA Degree to persons who follow the Degree course in St. Mary's (Dominican) Priory Seminary. Furthermore, a person who becomes an accountant by doing the exams at Tallaght Business School can get a Masters Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from either Trinity or UCD in a shorter time than the same student would be attending Trinity or UCD for a first degree. Furthermore, there is more regard for an accountancy qualification through Tallaght Business School than a B. Comm through a University. This certainly is the constant impression that employers give us.

There is no question of either the Dominican Seminary or Tallaght Business School supplying all the third level needs of our 20,000 young population. There must be a government Regional College of some sort to cater for the varied interests people can have in third level. It is surprising that there is no long-term plan now in existence for such a third level. From our enquiries, there seems to be no short-term (10 year) plan. There may be tentative long-term plans. As education is evolving, it is difficult to envisage what shape third-level education will take at the turn of the century. Certainly students will be studying full time. But whether they will be concentrating on academic/arts subjects or technological/computer subjects is open to speculation. Each individual student will have to do his/her own thinking, as to the career which suits them best. If there is not a suitable course, education may have to evolve more, or the student will have to come down to earth.

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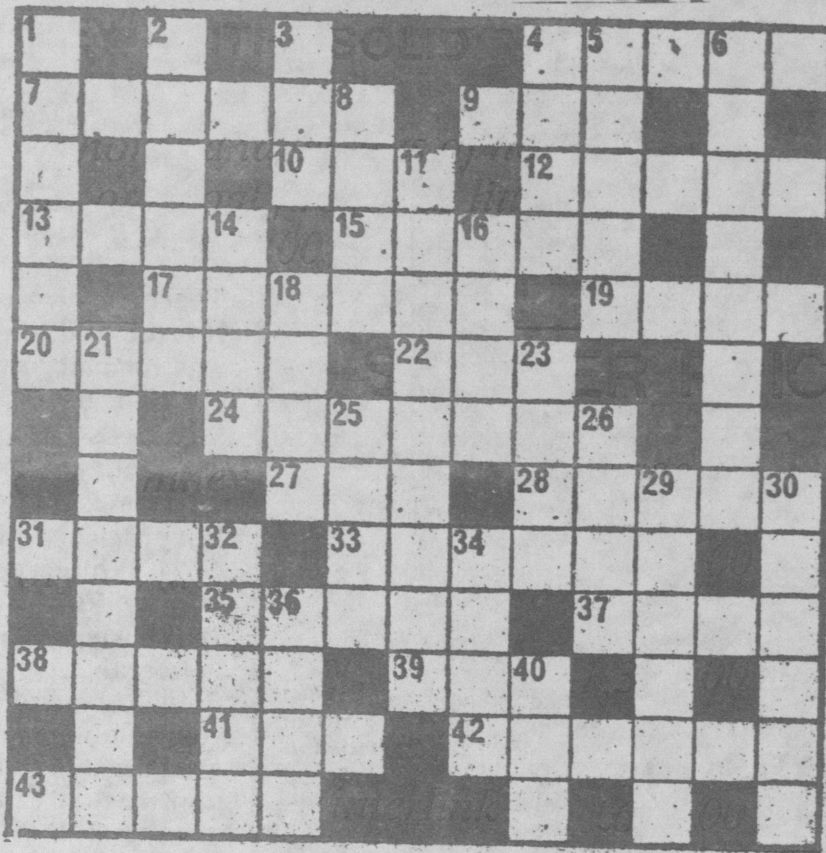
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- 9. Tin (3)
- 10. Spoil (3)
- 12. Thump (5)
- 13. Doze (4)
- 15. Tent (5)
- 17. Make happy (6)
- 19. Aquatic Creature (4)
- 20. Following (5)
- 22. Seed Container (3)
- 24. Nonsense (7)
- 27. Evil (3)
- 28. Goes Ahead Of (5)
- 31. Conversation (4)
- 33. Masonry facing (6)
- 35. Concur (5)
- 37. Pink (40)
- 38. Turbment (5)
- 39. Unhappy (30)
- 41. Annoy (3)
- 42. Teaching Session
- 43. Black Person (5)



**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. American State.
- 2. Not minded (6)
- 3. Turn Up (3)
- 4. Step (4)
- 5. Opening (5)
- 6. Acted similarly (8)
- 8. Information Given (4)
- 11. Answer (9)
- 14. Comman Man (4)
- 16. South American Labourer (4).
- 10. Years and years (4)
- 21. Local Area (8)
- 23. Wooded Hollow (4)
- 25. Deciver (4)
- 26. Period (4)
- 29. awaken (6)
- 30. Proverb (6)
- 32. Wild Animal (5)
- 34. Cure (4)
- 36. Spinner (4)

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 ashtar; 35 agree; 37 rosy;  
 38 bumpy; 39 sad; 41 tk;  
 42 lesson; 43 negro;

## St. Annes Walk

St. Annes GAA Club had their fundraising walk last Sunday. The walkers did 10 miles in the cause of improving the grounds on the football field. The walk was organised by Jim Norton the Chairman of the Grounds Committee. The Camogie Players and the children gave the most support to the walk. The walk cards will be handed in on Thursday at that nights Disco.

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## Tallaght Volleyball Team



### National Champions

A Tallaght Team has won another National Championship. This time volleyball is the game. Tallaght volleyball club beat Curra Rockets from Dalkey three sets to two in the final. The final in fact was a closely competitive match. Curra Rockets won the first; Tallaght won the second; Curra Rockets won the third; Tallaght won the fourth set, so it all depended on the final set. This was won by Tallaght to give them the national championship for the first time. This Tallaght Volleyball team started in 1973 in Doyle's Hall (which is now Tallaght Leisure Centre). The present team has been associated with Volleyball in Tallaght since then. When the Community School opened Volleyball got the first preference to the large gymnasium.

They have obviously used their training time well so that five years later they are National Champions. It is a small club and members say it is difficult to attract the younger people to the club. It is also a difficult game to teach. On the other hand Volleyball is the world's leading close spectator sport. It is rated as a priority in sport in the world today. On the international scene basketball was the leading sport in 1976 and Volleyball came second to basketball then. There were 65 million registered Volleyball players then. But since 1976 Volleyball has taken over basketball as the leading spectator sport. The coach for the Tallaght Volleyball team is John Malone. He is an international coach who belongs to the Irish Army and has in fact coached the national squad in the past. He told us that Volleyball is much a team game, he also says that it's a very strenuous game. When the ball is in the opposition half, the team is in defensive. But all of a sudden as the ball comes over the net the team turns into attack and tries to win a score.

Volleyball differs from basketball in so far as there is no basket. Volleyball is played over a net like Badminton only there is no racket. Volleyball could be compared to Handball in so far as it is all hand-action but there is no wall in Volleyball. It is very hard to describe the game in a newspaper. On the other hand it is a most enjoyable game to watch. The players wear shields on their knees and elbows because a great amount of time is spent in diving to stop the ball. The best way of learning the game would be to go along on the 1st of July where Tallaght plays the national Squad. All spectators welcome. The match will take place at 9.0'clock on that Tuesday evening.

In recent months the Tallaght Volleyball Club went on a trip to the North. They sent three days on the Malone Road with the complements of Queen University Belfast. They feel very grateful to Willie Wallis and organisers in Belfast for giving them such a pleasant grade A Hotel treatment. Tallaght won all their matches in the North except one against a Northern Ireland selection squad. This team they beat on the first Friday in a pool competition but when it came to the final both Northern Ireland and Tallaght qualified for the final. The Northern selection won the final. On the 5th and 6th of July next another Irish national squad will be going to the North of Ireland where they celebrate their 10th anniversary of Volleyball there. One Tallaght player Vincent Fahey is going with the national squad on that occasion. They could have a good pool competition there, because Northern Ireland, Scotland, England, Wales and the U.S.A. are sending teams.

In a recent Irish team against Wales and Northern Ireland. Tallaght had four players to represent Ireland. Joe Malone and Dave Kelly (who has since left Tallaght). Frank Fahey and Joe Hyland were on that Irish selection team. Volleyball is an expensive sport although the players don't seem to consider this too much of a problem. It certainly should not put people off playing the game. Their problem is they must hire out a large hall for practising. They must do this twice a week and probably for two hours a night. Anyone who knows the hiring rates of even the smallest room can visualise the expense this can come to. The players are burdened by an annual sub for this purpose and they also raise money in 100 draws between friends and members.

The future of the game of course rests in schools. One school which is taking the lead in Volleyball is the Community School in Old Bawn. There Roisin Farrell has started teaching Volleyball to children and it will be interesting to see over the next few years how well she is able to generate young interest in Volleyball.

Anyone interested in taking up the game has only to phone Joe Hyland (522332) after six o'clock or Frank Fahey (513178). Joe lives at 31 Watermeadow Park and Frank lives at 1 Bawnville Road, Tallaght.

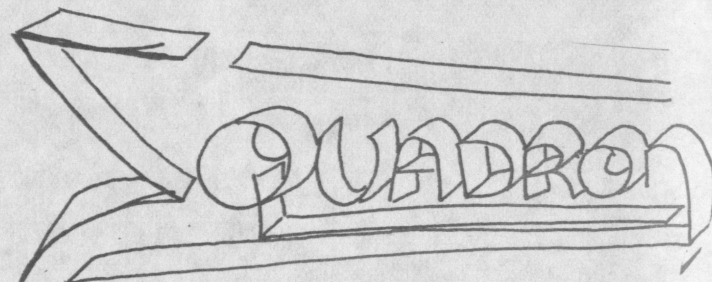
Next year should be good for the Tallaght Volleyball club. Two years ago they won the second division and this year they tied for first place in the first division (but were beaten on a play off). Obviously they are going to become winners of the league next year and we hope they will hold on to the national.

## The New ARD MHUIRE Boxing Club

There is a third and new club now formed in Tallaght. It is the Ard Mhuire Boxing Club of Springfield. It was formed last month by Rory McCarthy of 36 Whitebrook Park. It will be very handy for the entire St. Marks and Springfield Areas, because they meet on Friday evenings (6 - 7.30) and Sunday afternoons (3-5) in St. Mark's Community Hall. Rory McCarthy is the club manager and Gerry Byrne of 31 Whitebrook Park is the trainer. There are twenty five members already. 12 are from Whitebrook; 6 are from Springfield and 7 are from Fettercairn.

Both Rory and Gerry have experience of running youth clubs in Terenure and Crumlin and they see the need for this club in Tallaght. Boys from the age of 8 upwards are called to Rory or Gerry and ask about membership of the boxing club. Our two young boxers, Derek Comiskey and Peter Cassoni have some more training to do before taking on Noel Burke (junior) of the St. Mary's Club. But the show-down must surely come.

It is always encouraging to see adults taking on the training of boys and girls in sports. When this involvement is done voluntarily and with love of the sport and the children, it is most praiseworthy, and we can only encourage Rory and Gerry to pick winners and get their arms in the air for our next photos.



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It is disgraceful how people see the words Tallaght Press under the arm of a poor-cameraman-journalist and say 'I've been wanting to have a word with you'. This is all nerve-rattling because there are so many mistakes in this newspaper, that it is a mystery how it keeps coming out. This week two such events occurred.



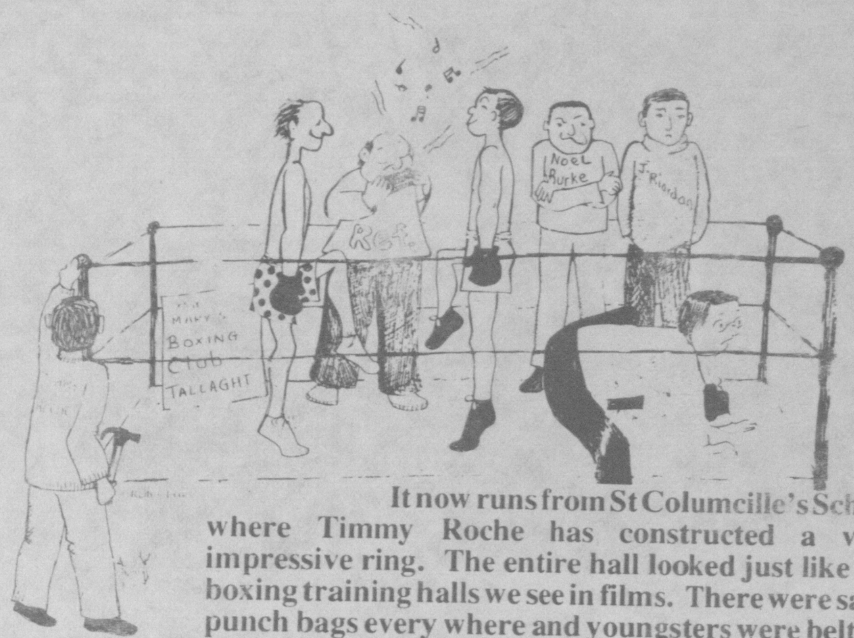
The first one was in Tymon Bawn, Old Bawn, when we approached the Caravan on the play-ground in Old Bawn as the Community Week was beginning. I was unfortunate enough to say to the Tymon Bawn Football Club Secretary, Noel Cummins, 'did you see our write up on your football club'. 'Yes' he said 'but you should not have called us the Tymon North Football Club'. Apologies all round. Maybe we will get it right this time. The Tymon Bawn Men's Junior Team are in the Premier Division of the Leinster Junior League, and they are proud to say that they got there faster than any other club. They got promoted that high in three short years. Their star player is Eric Barber who has in his prime been with Birmingham City as well as in the North American League. He played in Australia and was Manager of Shelbourne in Dublin recently. He is now actively assisting the younger kids to learn the skills that got himself places. He still plays and trains with Tymon Bawn, and has helped them do so well.

In the near future, they will have a HUGE EVENT in their local grounds. They have organised an International (Liam Touhy) II t play a Tymon Bawn Selection in an exhibition match.

This will be the curtain raiser to a fortnight of 7-a-side matches which all Dublin will be engaged in. The Tymon Bawn football Club 7-a-side is the biggest 7-a-side in Dublin. 64 teams will be competing for valuable prizes presented by Tony Wall, of Hi-Fi of Grafton Street, who is sponsoring the entire tournament. First prize is a Seiko Watch for Each of the winning Team

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All this is to take place on the Green off the Old Bawn Road. Certainly all this should be good entertainment.



It now runs from St Columcille's School where Timmy Roche has constructed a very impressive ring. The entire hall looked just like the boxing training halls we see in films. There were sand punch bags every where and youngsters were belting them harder than I would like to be hit. They were obviously enjoying their training, and the star of the club, David Hughes looked very relaxed as he skipped and punched to keep in good shape. David Hughes will box Charlie Meehan from Corinthians in the Green Acres on 20th June next in a Boxing Cabaret for boys. In another contest Joseph Carrick will fight Larry Molloy who is Dublin Champion. Other stars of the club are the twenty year old Terry Maloney who is Leinster Junior middle-weight champion. Terry had a convincing win over the National Champion, John Keogh in Arbour Hill in a Cabaret early in May at Molly Malones. He should do well in the next national championships. Eleven year old, Noel Burke(junior) won the Gold Medal in last year's Community Games as well as winning the County Dublin Championship. Club Trainer, John Farrell was a leinster Champion in his day.

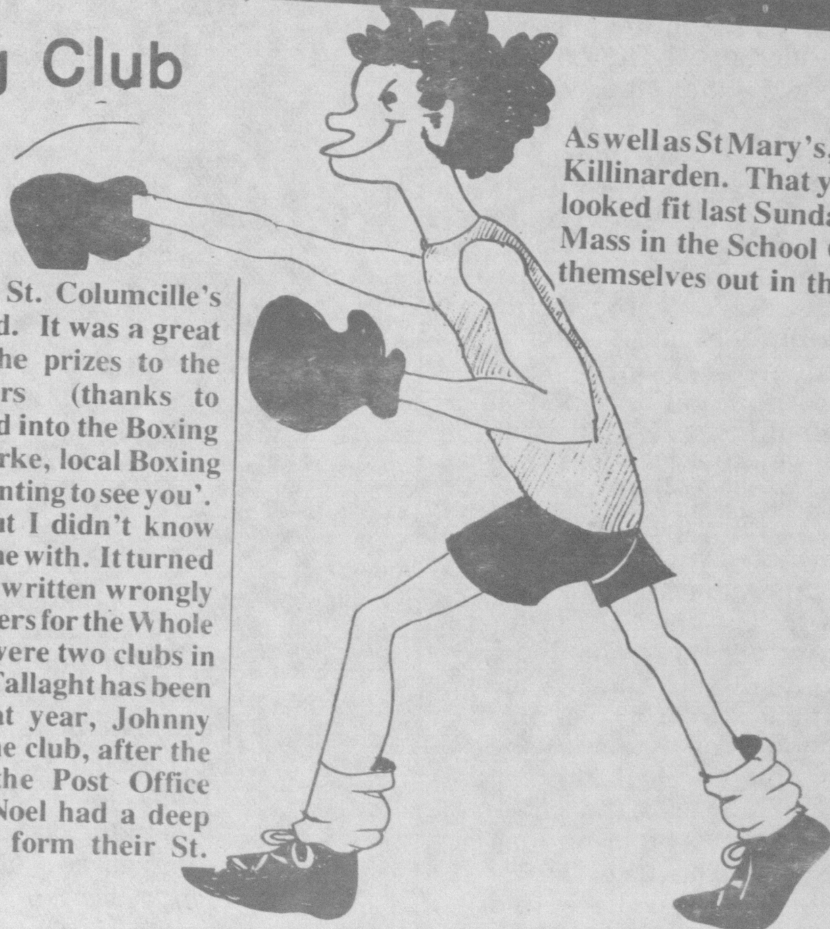


## St Mary's Boxing Club



Our second mistake was to go to St. Columcille's National School in Avonmore Road. It was a great honour to be asked to present the prizes to the bonnie-baby competition winners (thanks to George O'Reilly) but when I peeped into the Boxing rink, I was taken aback by Noel Burke, local Boxing club Secretary, saying 'I've been wanting to see you'. I knew I did something wrong, but I didn't know which one he was going to confront me with. It turned out that he remembered that I had written wrongly that the Killinarden Boxing Club caters for the Whole Tallaght Area. He said that there were two clubs in Tallaght and that St. Mary's Club, Tallaght has been training winners since 1977. That year, Johnny Riordan and Noel Burke founded the club, after the St Dominic's Club which used the Post Office Building folded up. Johnny and Noel had a deep interest in boxing and decided to form their St. Mary's club.

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As well as St Mary's, there is the Sacred Heart Club of Killinarden. That young club is doing well and they looked fit last Sunday as they attended the open air Mass in the School Grounds. I hope they can make themselves out in the photograph we took of them.





Jim Higgins

CHRIS FLOOD

M. J. SULLIVAN

FRANK PATTERSON

In a radio interview last Wednesday morning at about ten thirty, the Chairman of the Tallaght Community Council, Mr. Jim Higgins, spoke for about ten minutes on the present state of Tallaght. The meeting was opportune, as on the previous night, the public representatives had introduced themselves to a meeting of Tallaght people and imparted some of their information to all.

Jim Higgins explained to the country that there were about 75,000 people in Tallaght and there is no fire station, no hospital and no proper social service. He went on 'If People want to sign on now they have to go into the local Garda Station, which is most inadequate. The Gardai agree and the Government agree. We have a very small post office. We want a large Post office in our Town Centre'. When the interviewer suggested that Tallaght was developing like any small town throughout the country, Jim Higgins continued, and I quote; 'We are not a small town. We are larger than Limerick. It was agreed last night (Tuesday) by the local Councillors and Deputies, that Tallaght should be made a Borough with a council of its own, independent of the Dublin County Council or the corporation'.

'We are in an unfortunate position in Tallaght, where some land is owned by Dublin County council and more by Dublin corporation. This creates a problem. As it is no one knows who is going to have the say in this new Town Centre. They don't know whether it is going to be open at the weekends or what hours'. The interviewer went on to suggest that Tallaght had a strong lobby but

may not succeed in becoming totally independent. Jim Higgins went on; 'WE have a very strong Tallaght Community Council now. We are recognised by Dublin county Council as the legal representative who have the authority to make representations to them on any matter. If a local residence association or a group have a problem and they can't get it solved, we (TCC) can take it up on a direct link with the Dublin county Council on deputations and trash it out with them.

The interview then turned to the Tallaght Town Centre which is to be built. Once again, Jim Higgins had the answers and spoke as a Chairman of Tallaght's Community Council should speak. He said 'The snag is the people of Tallaght were not consulted on this Town Centre which went to the Clyde. Although I am not running it down, we do need a town centre, but the people of Tallaght haven't seen the plans or nothing'. Is it too late now, the interviewer asked; 'No, because Clyde Consortium who have got this contract have really to apply for planning permission. This is the next step. In fact it is only a matter of form, because Dublin county Council and Corporation are joint in on this, ...they own the land around there. They have acquired it. Naturally they are going to give planning permission for it or they wouldn't have had this contract out. But there and then (when the application for planning permission is made) the people of Tallaght can press to have the phase two come a bit faster than is now planned. In short, I think that Jim Higgins did us proud on RTE RADIO Two last Wednesday.

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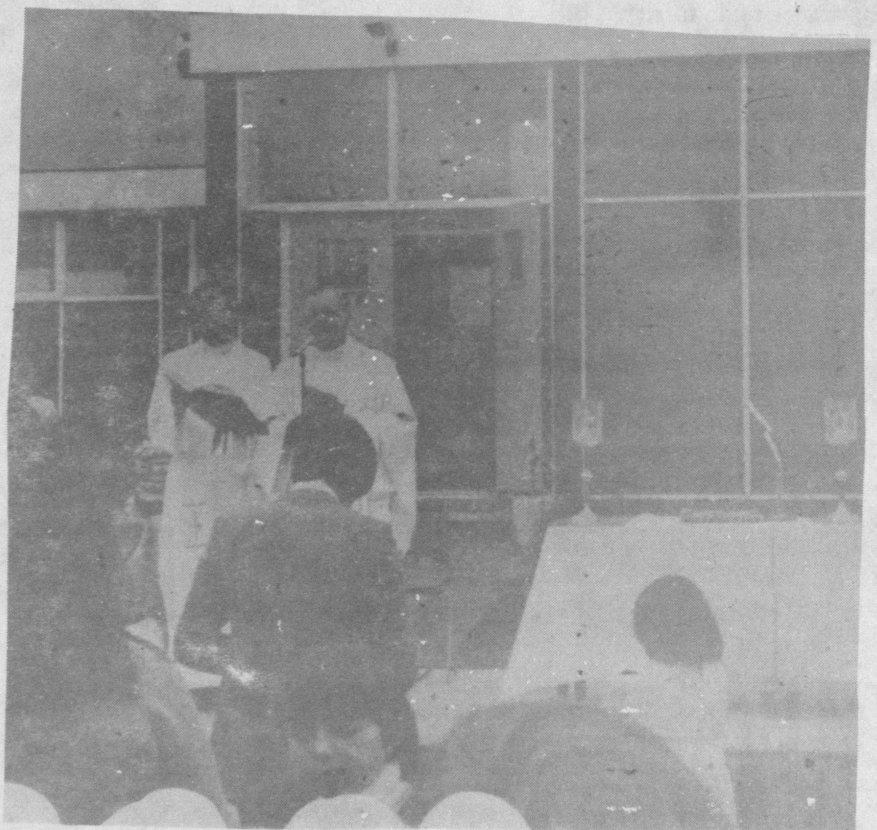
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Liam Cunningham, 11 Redwood Court

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## FIRST MASS



Father Tom Early is seen here celebrating his first Mass for the people of Killinarden, with whom he has worked for the past year as a deacon. On the previous day he had been ordained in St. Michael's Church, Dun Laoire in front of a crowded congregation, many of whom came from Killinarden. The reception afterwards in St. Joseph's Retreat House was also well enjoyed by his friends from Killinarden. In his sermon at his first Mass, Father Early indicated that he has warm regard for the Charismatic Movement.



## Editorial on Fr Donal O'Scanail

by  
ARTHUR DOWNER

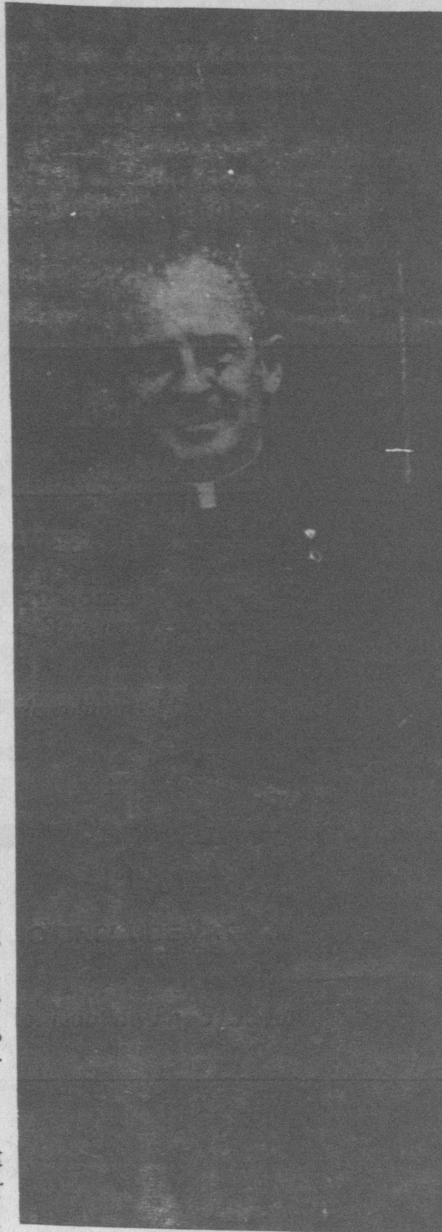
Over the last few weeks, we have had occasion to honour members of the clergy for one reason or another.

Two weeks ago, we felt that we ought to pay tribute to Father Len Perrin, the Dominican Curate for the best part of seven years in Tallaght. He is leaving Tallaght shortly to go on a one year course of pastoral studies in the United States of America. We suggested that this may be only a stepping stone on to some other mission, but in talking to him last Sunday, he assured me that he will be returning to Tallaght after his sabbatical year.

Last week we found ourselves paying tribute to Father Pat Flanagan of St. Marks Parish, on the occasion of his silver (25 years) jubilee of ordination. His career was that of a globe-trotter, and many people found it informative.

This week we are faced with Father Donal O'Scanail's sudden departure from Kilnamanagh, the most recent parish he has built. This time, the editor is obliged to pay his own personal tribute to the priest in editorial form. Father O'Scanail meant much to me and my family. We both came to Kilnamanagh in 1974. Our first meeting was in a Mass which was arranged for our House. Father O'Scanail used to say mass in different houses in those days because there was no church or school in which to say Mass. From the start he looked and lived as a Parish Builder. It was obvious to me that he knew exactly how the parish of Kilnamanagh would shape. He had initial conflicts with the Residents Association and even then it was clear that there was a professional parish builder against amateur officers of a residents association. Over the years there grew a close friendship between the Parish Priest and the Residents Association. We all saw the sanctity of Father O'Scanail and realised that his opposition to our first thoughts were only for our good.

He built two magnificent schools in Kilnamanagh. St. Kevins School won a major prize for tidiness not long ago, and it is a tribute to the farmer (or rather gardener) parish Priest that this prize was won. He built a beautiful Church in Kilnamanagh and did not spare expense in that regard. He felt that the



FR. DONAL O'SCANAIL

parish Schools and Church and Presbytery should be worthy of God and the People of Kilnamanagh. I recall when he was getting the Presbytery built, he pointed out that it was the parish presbytery...and not his own. He in fact said that he would be moving on and a new parish Priest would move into the presbytery. In fact he was due to move into the presbytery last March, but the builders had not finished work.

Last Sunday, after the Baptisms, Father O'Scanail was called to the Archbishop's Residence for a meeting. The Archbishop asked him to become Parish Priest of Cabra West. Father O'Scanail did have a choice in the matter, but as I would have expected he immediately regarded this sad moving as the Will of God and he accepted the post.

I have no doubt but that Father O'Scanail loved Kilnamanagh and its people. I was one of the first counters of money in the parish, with Tony Keogh and Brendan Ryan, back in 1974. The four of us often discussed things parochial and we were clearly impressed with Father O'Scanail's placid attitude to funding. This did not stop him providing the best for the people. Somehow or other money flowed in to give the Parish schools, church and presbytery of a very high standard. Father O'Scanail's success in Kilnamanagh goes back to his previous parishes. He is remembered as the builder of Ballyfermot a long time ago. He is also remembered as the builder of Ballymun. Only a week ago, before the sudden transfer was announced, Paddy Keogh of Killinarden was recalling the great work Father O'Scanail did for the parish of Ballymun. Obviously, the Archbishop regards him highly as a founder of parishes. He seems to have got all the tough ones...and he won them all.

Stephen Kenny of Kilnamanagh remembers Father O'Scanail as a teacher in Colaiste Mhuire, Dublin. He was a football coach and of course always a Gaelic Scholar. He made no secret of his national ideals and he does pray often for peace in Ireland. Maybe now that he is going to a parish which is long-established, he will have a quieter time, and assist in the process of making Ireland a nation once again.

Moladh go deo le Dhia a chur an tAthair O'Scanail in ar measc. Go mbeidh na mblianta sasta aige as seo

### St. Marks Sponsored Walk

We must not forget to mention that a special sponsored walk in aid of school funds will be held on Sunday 15th of June commencing from the school at 2.30 pm. The aim is to have sufficient funds to have the school painted this Summer. The entire St marks community is asked to sponsor the walkers in this local cause.

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# PROFILE of St. JOHN AMBULANCE & ORDER of MALTA and SENIOR CITIZENS



Berrie Murray, member of St. John Ambulance, Tallaght Division.

The Tallaght Senior Citizens was divided this week...half of them went to Butlins and the rest had a party in their usual Wednesday haunt. We paid a visit to them as they enjoyed the music of Paddy Keane and the Ballaly Ladies Club. The attendance included oldest member, Mrs maher from Springfield, who is 84. She said that this week she became a great grand-mother for the tenth time. The tea and cakes were delicious. no wonder there is always a great crowd at these parties. Every week a team of senior citizens are chosen to do the baking for that week. That kind of a competition always leads to the best buns coming for the party. In a conversation with Paul Ryle of the Order of Malta who was on duty, he happened to say that these senior citizens could 'teach us how to live'. He was perfectly right, because the dancing was as lively as any teenage party could rise to. Chairman of the Senior Citizens, Paddy O'Brien, Secretary, Claire Dooley and Treasurer; Pat McKane

One man from Crumlin said he comes every week...he said that he was able to get in because his wife came from Tallaght. The line must be drawn somewhere, or they will be down from the Falls Road. Brendan Halpin, of the St. John's Ambulance was at the party. He told us of a big Concert in the Belgard next Wednesday (18th June) where Ronnie Medford will be entertaining for £1.50 a head. All will be welcome and they do not have to book in advance.

## SENIOR CITIZENS DONATE \$100-00

In the Tallaght Echo last week, it was disclosed that about £1,000 worth of damage was done to the Order of Malta Ambulance when it was stolen last March. Donations were sought to restore the damage as the ambulance is now off the road. There was an immediate response from the Tallaght Senior Citizens, who in fact often used the services of the ambulance. the Senior Citizens donated a cheque of £100 to help the Order of Malta get back on the road with their ambulance. We all hope that this kind gesture will be repeated and that the Tallaght Area can again have the ambulance service. We all should be aware that the Order of Malta is a voluntary organisation which relies solely on donations from the general public. All such donations can be sent to the Order of Malta Ambulance Corps, Tallaght Unit c/o 10 Belgard Heights.

## "HAPPY DAYS"

On June 29th next there will be a 'Happy Days' Summer Project Parade of 4 to 7 year olds in the BAADHs area. Noreen Tyrrell is organising this 'junior' type of Summer Project, and among the young ones to benefit will be many handicapped children. They will go to the zoo, zoo, zoo...and the Clontarf Traffic School for children. Normally we associate Summer Projects with older children, and it is good to see that the under 7s are not ignored.

## Cycle Rally Casualty

The Tymon Bawn Cycle Race had a casualty: Maria Martin (aged 9) walked out on the road and was hit by a bicycle. Brendan Halpin of St. John Ambulance was first on the scene and took the child to Crumlin Hospital, where she received stitches. Otherwise she is comfortable.

## Summer Project Grants

The Dublin County Council has just received an application for grants towards the cost of running Summer Projects. The application came from the Catholic Youth Council. The projects are aimed at providing programmes of supervised recreation for young persons through a co-operation of parish and community groups. The emphasis in these summer projects is 'on community involvement and development of resources and groups within the areas concerned. The County Council recommended the following grants for Tallaght localities;

C.F. Project, Avonbeg	£753
St. Aongusa, Tymon North	£753
Bawnogue	£753
Firhouse	£753
Killinarden	£753
Springfield	£753
Old Bawn	£1,060

The activities covered by the grant will include sorts outings, films, theatre, arts, crafts and holidays. It is presumed that there will be maximisation of use of community resources such as schools, clubs, halls and open spaces.

We can only presume that the parts of tallaght not mentioned in this list did not apply on this occasion for CYC Grants from the Council.

The St. John's Ambulance Brigade will be having their biggest day in Tallaght yet on Sunday, 22nd June next. It will be the occasion of their first ever passing out parade of Cadets. There will be 50 cadets from the St. Mark's Parish. Springfield, Fettercairn, Killinarden, Belgard, Raheen and Whitebrook will be represented in the cadets. The occasion will also witness the blessing of their new ambulance. Brendan Whelan, the Officer in Charge in Tallaght can be contacted by phone at 514896. He would like to hear from men and women (over 16 years) who would like to be involved in this work.

This ceremony in St. marks the end of an intensive course of training for the new Cadets. Female Cadets have to take two courses - home nursing and first aid, the male Cadets need only pass the first aid examination. The John Ambulance itself is fitted with a CB Radio, which is vital in maintaining communications.

Both the Order of Malta and the St. John Ambulance are similar in their work and aims. They have both adopted the Maltese Cross as their symbol. Both bodies have both junior and senior cadets. All their work is voluntary, and as well as ambulance duties, they work with the elderly and handicapped.

THE ORDER OF MALTA seniors meet every Wednesday at 8 pm in Tallaght Community School Sports Complex.

The juniors meet on Thursdays at 7 pm, in St. Mary's School, Greenhills Road.

In this coming August, there will be a marathon Dinner held to raise funds for the repairs to their ambulance, which we have already referred to. The Order is always looking for new members.

## NUCLEAR Slide/Show

The Nuclear Meeting last Tuesday night in the Tallaght Theatre attracted an interested anti-Nuclear crowd. Michael O'Sullivan, Secretary of Tallaght Community Council and chairman of the environmental committee attended the slide show. Mr Lynch from Killinarden spoke forcefully about Cairnsore and it seems that success for the anti-nuclear could well be in sight, with the postponement of the Cairnsore plans.