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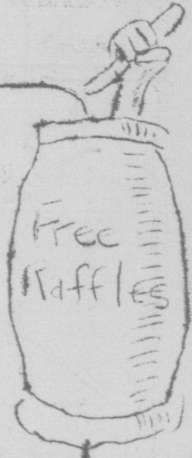
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About the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH

In our rush just before Christmas to get the TELEGRAPH in circulation again, we quite overlooked to tell you something about our methods of operating and our objectives.

The TELEGRAPH was re-established by the Templeogue Parents' Association as a gesture to the community and, we must admit, because we missed it ourselves. Many other associations also missed it and we are confident that they will support the effort by making regular contributions of news about their activities.

We would ask everyone in the community to help in making the TELEGRAPH both useful and interesting. The Churches might give us details of their seasonal services. We would be happy to co-operate with schools in publicising their functions, reproducing students' work (essays of merit, line drawings, etc.) sponsoring competitions. Individuals who believe they can contribute useful articles are welcome to submit them (especially topical articles and those of local interest). We have already made arrangements with various associations for news bulletins - if your association is not contributing and you think they should, why not take it up at committee level? We would be glad to get letters for publication: preference will be given to writers who are prepared to allow their names and addresses to be published.

The opinions expressed by contributors are not necessarily those of the publishers of the TELEGRAPH. And by the way, if you disagree with opinions which may be expressed, don't simply give up taking the TELEGRAPH. Give us your own opinions and let us publish them. It's still a free country!

We are fortunate in having an enthusiastic team of young salesmen and women who, working on a small commission, succeeded in selling about 420 copies of the TELEGRAPH Christmas Number. Since some people appear to have been unable to get copies, we give overleaf the names of our "District Agents", to whom you should give your regular order.

Advertising rates are:

Small ads. 5p per line.
Trading ads. 60p a quarter page
 £1 a half page
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Simple graphics can be done without extra charge, but traders requiring elaborate work should consider supplying own stencil (which can be cut by Gestetner Company from prepared material at £1.25 a stencil).

TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH "District Agents"

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The TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH wishes to express condolences to Rt. Rev. Mons. J. J. Fitzpatrick, Parish Priest of Templeogue, on the recent death of his brother, Rt. Rev. Mons. William Fitzpatrick, Vicar General, Parish Priest of Raheny.

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TEMPLEVILLE AND FORTFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Since the last "Telegraph" was printed the Association has been busy. The Communal Aerial has been erected on a site, which was given to the Association by Mr. Burke. This project is the largest task undertaken to date by the Association. The site had to be procured first, then the investigation made into the company most suitable for erection of the aerial and installing the system.

When the decision was made, committee members called personally to each household to explain the system to them. From that, hours of work went into sorting out forms and recalling on residents. Finally by Christmas week most residents had piped television in their homes. Some teething troubles have been experienced, but on the whole the system is going very well. Ren Tel are re-calling to all households checking connections. Before the system is finally accepted by the Association, reception will be of the highest quality.

A questionnaire will be sent out to all residents of Templeville within the next few weeks to get residents feelings on their piped television.

A few items of news have come to our notice which we think residents might like to know about:

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT: Eighty four residential houses are being built by Mr. O'Loughlin in Fr. O'Hanlon's field at the rear of Templeville Drive extension. We have been informed that these houses are of the superior type and will be an asset to our area. There will be no access roads from Templeville Drive.

NEW BRIDGE: Within the next few years a bridge will be built over the River Dodder at Springfield Avenue. This proposed new Bridge is part of a new road between Rathfarnham Road and Springfield Avenue which in turn is a section of a Southern Ring Road connecting Lucan Road at Chapelizod with Dun'drum Via Ballyfermot, Walkinstown, Perrystown, Templeogue, Rathfarnham, and Churchtown.

TEMPLEOGUE BRIDGE: As the Templeogue Bridge is inadequate for current traffic it will be necessary to re-construct this bridge.

TEMPLEOGUE LAWN TENNIS CLUB: Our Committee has had a few meetings with the Tennis Club Committee regarding the improvements of this amenity for our community. We hope to have some definite plans in view in the near future.

The Association is holding its Sixth Annual Dinner Dance on January 28th in the South County Hotel from 8.30 p.m. to 2.30 a.m. Subscription £2.30. For table bookings ring: Mrs. O'Regan - 900650

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College & Wainsfort Residents' Association.

The committee of the College & Wainsfort Residents' Association welcomed the revival of the "Templeogue Telegraph" at its January meeting. The committee pressed for and obtained improved lighting for the College and Wainsfort areas. It is still pressing for improved lighting on Wainsfort Road, which is very badly needed. The installation of piped television is another urgent matter exercising the minds of the members and they expect a link up in the very near future.

Members of the Association are invited to send in, in writing, any suggestions they may have for the improvement of the area, to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Fintan Doyle, 20 College Park and they will be dealt with at the monthly meetings of the committee.

Cypress News

by The Cypriot.

I hope in this little column to record and comment when necessary on some of the local happenings in our area. As you will see from my pen name, mostly from the Cypress area but not exclusively so.

The Residents of Cypress Grove Nth. Extension held their usual New Year's Eve party and managed to get 1972 in very successfully, twenty-two neighbours together and nothing but good friends and a desire to help each other. Congratulations to Frank Higgins and Co.

Cypress Grove Boys' Club held their very first Social Evening in St. Mary's Rugby Club, College Drive, on Wednesday, December 15th last. Started off slowly but was going like a bomb at the end. Local youths' Beat Group with Gerry Fitzpatrick and Gerard Campbell helped greatly to keep things swinging. Profits from all this, about £40, urgently needed to keep the club going. There was a danger that the club would go out of being which would have been a great pity, but I understand that this will not happen now. Readers are asked not to forget the next Boys' Club Dinner Dance in the usual venue (The Downshire Arms) in Blessington in February next.

The local communal aerial system spluttered into life on Christmas Eve in Cypress area. There was much adverse comment when many people failed to get any picture. However, those who were fortunate enough to get results described them as excellent. Faulty wiring seems to have been the reason for the hit-and-miss reception. In contrast the system on the adjoining Templeville Estate was working well. It will be interesting to see how long it will be before the Cypress area is in the same happy position - not too long, I hope!

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TEMPLEOGUE LADIES CLUB

Sewing Classes are commencing in Templeogue College on Thursday, January 20th, 1972 from 8 - 10 p.m. All ladies interested in joining should go along to the College on that evening.

Our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is taking place on Wednesday, February 2nd. This is a very important night in the Club year, and we would like to have a full attendance of members. Remember, what is decided at this Meeting will affect the Club for the next year. So make a special effort and come along. MEMBERS ONLY please.

Congratulations are due to our DEBATING TEAM who are entered for the Federation Inter-Club Debating Competition, and achieved a fine win against Dalkey Arts & Crafts Club in the 1st round. Our team were speaking for the motion "That Mankind would be Happier without Luxuries", and won by a unanimous verdict of the three adjudicators.

Mary C. Kernan.
Hon. Secretary.

Cypress News (contd.)

Desmond Kennedy of Cypress Grove Road runs his second Annual Concert in aid of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Cabra, on Thursday 27 January next in Terenure College Hall. Last year this was a sell-out and he is hoping for the same this year. Taking part will be Dickie Rock, also the Indian Show Band. *

At a special meeting of Cypress Park Residents' Association on Monday night last 10 January to discuss wired television service in the Park, it was decided following an assurance from R.T.E. - Relays to have the service switched on by the end of the week, not to take any action for the moment in the matter.

Left the area after Christmas: Dr. William Moore of Cypress Lawn, to practise in Waterford. There will be a genuine sense of loss in the area, since a nicer gentleman it would be hard to meet.

Congratulations to Templeogue Ladies Club Debating Society on their first-round victory in the A.O.H. Hall, Parnell Sq. on Tuesday night last, 11 January. I believe it was the masterly summing up by Mrs. Josie Farrell that swung the issue in favour of the Templeogue Ladies.

* Late news - Owing to illness of Dickie Rock, Johnnie McEvoy will perform.

MICHAEL LAHART of CYPRESS PARK

One is inclined to think of Headmasters either as grey-haired father-figures, or as stern, superior beings who bark - and may even bite - if too closely approached. Such preconceived notions are no-where near the mark in regard to Michael Lahart, Principal of Ballygall Boys' National School. In the first place, he looks much too youthful for the father-figure bit, and as for barking no "tales out of school" have reached us.

Michael Lahart (pronounced with the accent on the second syllable) hails from Kells, Co. Kilkenny and is of farming stock. He recalls his people as strongly republican and nationalistic - a picture of his mother appears in the late Dan Breen's book "My Fight for Irish Freedom". After National School he decided to join the Christian Brothers, and attended their secondary schools at Baldoyle and Bray before entering the Novitiate at St. Helen's Booterstown. On becoming a Brother he taught school in the provinces, as well as in the two Dublin strongholds, "Synger" and O'Connells.

When he began to be convinced that he did not have a vocation to their life, the Brothers did not immediately let him go, as anyone who knows Michael Lahart well will readily believe. Few organisations could afford to lose men of Michael's calibre. "Eventually, I did leave," Michael told me, "but I must put on record my admiration for the dedication and self-sacrifice of the Brothers. I would not have missed the time I spent with them, and it was of enormous advantage to me later on in every way".

There followed a further circuit of the provincial schools, this time as a lay teacher. He came finally to Ballymun. It was a five-teacher school when he started there and he studied evenings in U.C.D., eventually taking his B.A. degree. He is now Principal of the school, which has nearly 1,000 pupils and over 20 teachers.

Michael dislikes being a "walking" principal, feeling that he is at his best within the four walls of a classroom with 40 to 50 small boys. Of course he believes that classes should be much smaller - about 30 - but accepts that progress must be slow.

Parent-Teacher relations is the field in which Michael's work is nationally known. He has addressed gatherings of principals on the subject and taken part in television discussions. His own school is reputed to be a model in this aspect of school life. But his heart is still in the classroom: he believes that principalships should be rotated somewhat as college presidencies are, so that the man at the

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top can get back to the classroom again.

Michael's interests are many. As a Kilkennyman, he gives pride of place to hurling. The sporting honours which the Ballymun boys amassed, no doubt under his influence, include record football as well as hurling successes, too long to record in detail. Micheal has also been President of the Kilkennymen's Association in Dublin (which he re-established some years ago). He is also Secretary of the Ballinscorney Golf Club, although he admits he will have to prune his activities shortly for his health's sake.

One may wonder why a School Principal in a North City suburb should want to live so far away from base. One reason is that Mrs Lahart is a Kennedy of Orwell House, no mean stock in this part of County Dublin. They have two sons and a daughter.

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, UNUSED AS I AM TO PUBLIC SPEAKING..."

- Have you ever felt frozen to your seat when someone at a meeting puts forward your name for presidency, or for membership of a committee? When you struggle to your feet to demonstrate how literally and painfully the title-phrase applies in your case, do you feel like an OVERWEIGHT ELEPHANT..... and does your voice come like the squeak of a ailing mouse? Take heart...help is on the way!

The Templeogue Parents' Association announce that they have provisionally engaged a number of experts in the field of meetings and committee work to conduct a series of 8 seminars in February/March next, on dates and at a local venue yet to be fixed. There will be 5 main themes as follows:

1. How to think clearly and logically (a preliminary to any useful intercommunication)
2. How to be a good chairman (two sessions)
3. The work of hon. secretaries and other officers of committees (two sessions)
4. Successful participation at meetings (two sessions) and
5. The formal rules for the conduct of meetings.

Each session will last approx. 2 hours (8 - 10 p.m.) with a tea-break. Full notes will be given for each session. Practice will be an important part of the course. The fee will be £3 payable in advance.

Interested persons are asked to telephone or write with the following information to the TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH c/o 74 Templeville Drive Tel. 909128 : Name and address, details of previous experience (if any) of committee work and what night would suit best (give 1st and 2nd preference).

ST. PIUS X PARENT'S ASSOCIATION

The new committee held a meeting on Tuesday, 11th January, 1972 to elect officers for 1972, elected are:

Mr. P.J. White, 12 Cypress Grove (Phone No. 903183)
(Chairman.)
Mrs. M. Ryan, 88 Templeville Drive (Phone No. 900301)
(Secretary.)
Mrs. C. Dunne, 7 Templeville Drive (Phone No. 903030)
(Assis. Sec.)
Mr. T. Lucas, 54 Cypress Grove Rd. (Phone No. 906017)
(Treasurer.)
Mrs. Myatt, 49 Fortfield Drive.
Mrs. Kavanagh, 50 College Park.
Mr. Duggan, 31 Wainsfort Park.
Mrs. O'Brien, 123 Templeville Drive.
Mr. Mullally, 58 Wainsfort Park.
Mr. Griffin, Cypress Park.
Mrs. Gilmore, 39 College Park.
Mr. Cullen, 142 Wainsfort Road.
Mr. D. Fitzpatrick, 42 Wainsfort Crescent.
Mrs. T. Durcan, 145 Templeville Drive.
Mrs. A. Rynne, 30 College Drive.
Mrs. Gallagher, 40 Fortfield Drive.

At the meeting a number of subjects came up for discussion, details of these and progress made will appear in future issues of the Templeogue Telegraph.

Congratulations to the Templeogue Parents' Association on getting the "Telegraph" underway once again.

Mrs. M. Ryan.
Secretary.

TEMPLEOGUE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

At its monthly meeting on 11 January the Association's Committee discussed further phases of its "Action Programme". A block booking of 75 seats had been made for the Gaiety Pantomime for Saturday 15 January (matinee) as a result of enquiries received in December: this represents a great saving of time for parents who would otherwise be obliged to make individual bookings and also carries a small discount.

The next venture of the Association was discussed: this will be a series of seminars for those interested in public speaking, committee work and like activity (a separate announcement appears overleaf). It is hoped to begin these in February.

EDEL QUINN

A TYPICAL (7) DUBLIN TYPIST

The Pope recently said that he is anxious to canonise Edel Quinn. She was known personally to a small number of people in the district, who worked with her in the Legion of Mary in the City in the thirties. We hope, later on to let you have their memories.

To summarise Edel was born in Kanturk, Co. Cork on September 14, 1907. As a girl her ambition was to enter a contemplative Convent, but she was prevented from doing so by ill-health. At the age of 20 she joined the Legion of Mary in Dublin and gave herself entirely to the Legion apostolate. In 1932 she became seriously ill and spent a long period in hospital. She later resumed her Legion work, though with her health permanently impaired.

In 1936 Edel was appointed Legion of Mary organiser with the commission to establish the Organisation in the vast territories of East and Central Africa. She encountered great obstacles in this pioneering work. As against every difficulty and her wretched health, she brought to her task an absolute faith in God's love and a limitless trust in the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin. Edel was gifted with a clear practical mind, notable organising ability, an indomitable will, a deep fund of warm, human sympathy and an infectious joyousness of spirit that never failed her. These qualities eventually won everyone to her side.

Although working alone and in a state of perpetual ill health and exhaustion, Edel established the Legion on a firm, enduring basis even as far as Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. Hundreds of Legion branches and multiple councils were solidly established and she mobilized thousands of Africans in the service of the Church.

After 8 years of heroic labour, Edel died in Nairobi on May 12, 1944, where she is buried in the Missionaries' Cemetery. The first steps towards her beatification were set in motion by the Bishop of Nairobi some years ago.

His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Quito, South America was so moved by reading "The Life of Edel Quinn" by Cardinal Suenens (after many trips to Dublin) that he composed a prayer for the promotion of her cause. The book carries a letter from Pope Paul.

Of her the late Cardinal Riberi stated "She is destined by sheer force of example TO INFLUENCE THE COURSE OF HISTORY".

A few of the younger generation in the area are named "EDEL".

Calendar: The Church Unity Octave concerns people, and coming this year, close on the agreed statement by the Anglican and the R.C. Church representatives, a timely reminder to us that Ecumenism cannot proceed without the grace of God coming from our prayers.

During the Octave all are asked to pray daily - each in his own way - for intentions as under :-

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| Tuesday | 18 | January | : | Union of all Christians |
| Wednesday | 19 | " | : | Reconciliation of Eastern Churches |
| Thursday | 20 | " | : | Reconciliation between Anglican and Roman Churches. |
| Friday | 21 | " | : | Reconciliation of European Protestants with the Roman Church |
| Saturday | 22 | " | : | Reconciliation between American Protestant and R. C. Church. |
| Sunday | 23 | " | : | The restoration of lapsed Catholics to the sacramental life of the Church. |
| Monday | 24 | " | : | That the Jews come into their inheritance in Jesus Christ. |
| Tuesday | 25 | " | : | The missionary extension of Christ's Kingdom throughout the world. |

The Octave originated in 1908 under the direction of the Friars of the Atonement (AT-ONE-MENT), a group of religious originally organised by the Protestant Episcopal Church of the U.S.A., whose members entered the Church in a body in 1910. The Octave is observed by many Anglicans, Orthodox as well as by Catholics, and commences on the Feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome and concludes on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul Over to you - for action.

ST. COLUMBAN'S - TEMPLEOGUE

In a few months, we say goodbye to the Columban Fathers and students, who as readers may have seen in the Press have sold their property in Templeogue. Since 1959 the house in Templeogue has been used as a residence for the students attending U.C.D. No doubt readers will see more of the move in the Columban Fathers' most readable magazine "The Far East" which many families in the area receive via St. Pius X National School. The money realised by the sale of the property will be largely used on the Columban Fathers' Missions in Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Fiji, Peru, Chile, etc.

No final decision has yet been made about the future of the students.