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COMMUNITY DIARY (Further details of items marked \* will be found in reports and advertisements in Telegraph)

February

- 21 Tuesday The Composer Today: Dr. Seoirse Bodley (Lafosse Lecture) \*
- 27 Monday Solos: Social Evening \*
- 28 Tuesday An Approach to Architecture: Mr. Andrzej Wejchert  
(Lafosse Lecture) \*
- " A.G.M. Templeogue Community Council \*

March

- 6 Monday Garda Choir, Terenure College Theatre 8 p.m. \*
- 10 Friday Rathfarnham Cub & Scout Group: Dinner Dance \*
- 12 Sunday Pioneer Total Abstinence Association. Applications 10.15 - 11.15 a.m. St. Pius X Church.

- THE TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH -

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TEMPLEOGUE COMMUNITY COUNCIL.....John Deegan, Chairman

The first Annual General Meeting of the Community Council will be held in St. Pius X School Hall on 28th February, 1978 at 8.15 p.m. The Agenda will include:

- Chairman's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Constitution
- Election of New Council
- Any Other Business

We hope to have a large attendance at the meeting to enable us to have the views of the community on the future activities of the Council.

The Community Youth Group who meet each Saturday night in the St. Pius X School Hall, invite applications for membership from boys and girls aged 15 to 17 years who live in the Community area. Application forms will be available from Miss Elizabeth Dawson at 27 Templeville Drive, from 12th to 18th February inclusive. Completed application forms should be returned to Miss Dawson on or before the 20th February, 1978.

As this is the last issue of the Telegraph before the A.G.M. I would like to thank the members of the Council for their support since the formation of the Council. I would also like to thank the members of the community who helped to produce and distribute the Telegraph.

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ST. PIUS X SCHOOLS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

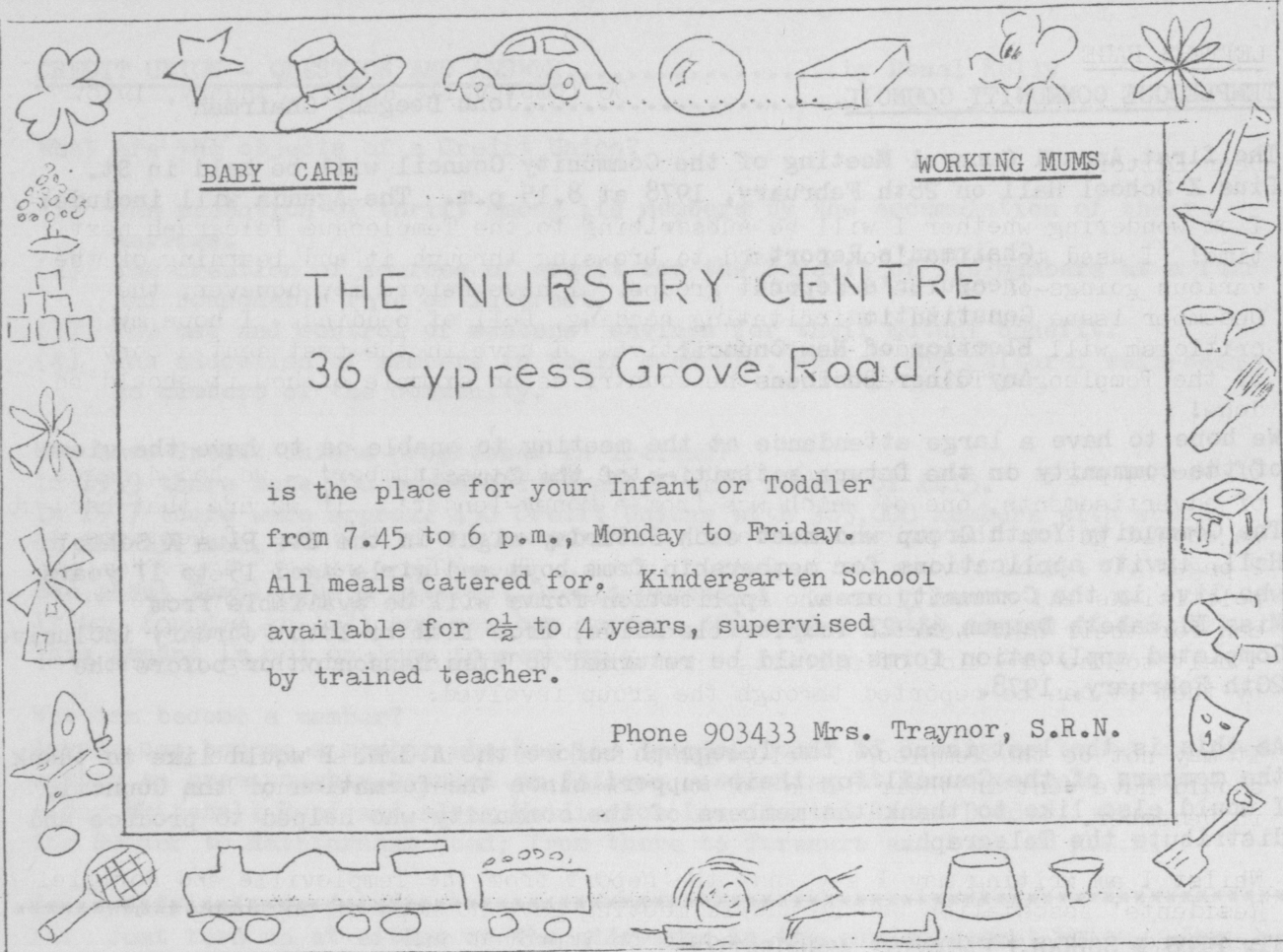
The painting of two classrooms in the girls' school was completed on Saturday 4th February. The committee would like to sincerely thank and congratulate all those who contributed so much time and effort to this task. What an excellent example of how combined action can reduce a job to manageable proportions. Those who participated took to the task with great enthusiasm and an expertise that can be judged by the excellence of the finished rooms.

Tabletennis: As mentioned at the A.G.M. it is the intention of the committee to organise in conjunction with the schools, tabletennis tuition on Saturday afternoons in the school hall. We will be looking for the help of those parents who have both a knowledge and an interest in the game. Please give us your help and support in this new venture. Dates and times will be notified through the children in the near future. Both parents and pupils (6th classes girls and boys) are reminded of the forthcoming competitions, the Doherty Perpetual Cup for girls and the St. Pius X Parents' Association Perpetual Cup for boys. So girls and boys now is the time to sharpen up your game by some extra practise before the competitions start.

Correction: In last month's Templeogue Telegraph the new honorary treasurer of St. Pius X Schools Parents' Association was reported as Tony Sheehan. This, of course, should have read, Mrs. Terry Sheehan. Terry, please accept our apologies.

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A resident was recently attacked and bitten by a dog at the new "Ashfield" houses on the Templeogue Road. Readers are asked to report incidents of this type to the Gardai.



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90 Templeville Road. January, 1978.

Dear Editor,

I am wondering whether I will be subscribing to the Templeogue Telegraph next time! I used to quite look forward to browsing through it and learning of the various goings-on of the different groups. I have before me, however, the December issue and find it irritating reading, full of padding. I hope my criticism will be regarded as constructive. I have in the past sent a copy of the Templeogue Telegraph down the country as an example of how it should be done!

Of the 14 pages in the December issue - the Christmas number! - we had 4 pages of advertisements, one of which was from a money-lender! If we are that hard-up, we should put up the price immediately. There were only 3 pages of features - 2 pages of a book review and 1 page of poems. Then there were 3 pages from our politicians and councillors who each month strive to get as much coverage as they can for their half-hearted efforts on our behalf. I think it is time to call a halt to the practice of allowing them space. I think if anything is achieved by them it can be reported through the group involved.

It may not be the Templeogue Telegraph's fault and, if it isn't, the groups who should have sent in their dates for the Community Diary were very lax, especially in December.

Whilst I am writing may I say that the report from the Templeville and Fortfield Residents' Association on the public meeting gave no hope of anything being achieved. This kind of reporting could be improved on!

Yours sincerely,

T. N. Purcell

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74 Templeville Drive. February, 1978.

Dear Editor,

Thank you for inviting my attention to Mr. Purcell's letter and for giving me this opportunity of commenting on what he has to say.

My first contribution to the Telegraph was in November 1969 when it was in the hands of the Youth Club - and what a lively, hard-hitting magazine it was then! I can still remember with what dismay we read the Editorial of Joe Fortune's on 30th May 1971 announcing the closure of the Telegraph: ".....it is not now getting the support of the parish. People were buying it all right but it was not people's money we wanted. It was their interest, their participation.....". Mr. Purcell's letter has strong echoes of that editorial. The Telegraph closed but was revived seven months later, not without considerable effort, for resurrection is much more difficult than giving birth! I very much fear that if Mr. Purcell's timely letter does not sting the community into action the next job, which I suppose we might call "reincarnation", will be virtually impossible.

I don't think the Telegraph can afford to discourage its advertisers. Without their support it just could not make ends meet. And who is going to pay more for a magazine which in the eyes of Mr. Purcell, obviously a concerned reader, is hardly worth its present price? Four pages of ads would hardly be noticed if the Telegraph were able to get back to its former portly self - twenty to twenty-four pages. Nor can the politicians be blamed if they seek the space which is available free in the Telegraph virtually without competition from local associations. I had myself before reading Mr. Purcell's letter suggested to several local politicians that they should encourage their party branches to send regular reports to the Telegraph of their activities. No doubt Mr. Purcell's letter will reinforce the point!

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Finally, while not myself active in the matter, I happen to know that a sub-committee was formed to follow up the discussions at the public meeting about our traffic problems, and has made and is implementing decisions in regard to certain courses of action.

I should make it clear that I speak for myself in this letter, although I believe my views would be shared by many members of the Community Council which now publishes the Telegraph.

Yours sincerely,

Paddy Heneghan.

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POETRY CORNER

"HELLO R.T.E. HERE'S WISHING YOU A BUNDLE OF BUGS ALSO"

At breakfast time each morning as we eat our Weetabix,  
 Our porridge or our cornflakes, R.T.E. plays dirty tricks,  
 For at that very hour when on our cereals our spoons rattle  
 We hear, in detail, all about diseases in the cattle.  
 I must say that my milky porridge suddenly looks sour  
 When accompanied on the radio by the thing they call "white scour".  
 I leave my porridge there and try to concentrate on tea,  
 The voice is speaking now of worms, bugs and bovine T.B.  
 Now soon there'll be no need to do P.E. to fight the flab,  
 For how can people eat while listening all about the scab?  
 No matter what is on my plate it really makes me puke,  
 When in the middle of the meal I hear about the 'fluke'.  
 It really doesn't matter just what type of food I choose  
 It seems to lose its flavour when I hear of 'hoof and hoose'.  
 No wonder half the country falls with gastroenteritis  
 When we are told in detail at mealtimes about mastitis.  
 Be careful there while using milk, for surely you must know this  
 It has been known for humans to pick up the 'brucellosis'.  
 The voice is speaking now of spray that "kills all known germs dead".  
 Excuse me, I feel sick, an unknown germ has hit my head.  
 My mind is full of scab and lice and scour and worms and bugs,  
 De-worming of the cattle, not to mention drenching drugs!  
 Why mention them at meal times, are you radio people strange?  
 Are you quite sure that you, yourselves, aren't suffering from 'the mange'!

Sheila Whittle

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NEWS FLASH

Father John Cooper C.S.Sp., is back in town from U.S.A.  
 for a short holiday.  
 From all in Templeogue Swimming Club we extend to him  
 a very warm welcome and wish him a most enjoyable stay.



SPORT IN THE COMMUNITY.....by Sean Mahon

Those of us in our community who are interested in sport - any code of sport - are possibly not aware of the opportunities open to the youth of the area in the form of the Community Games. Below is a list of events which form the "Games".

Athletics: 80m., 100m., 200m., 800m., 1,500m., Marathon, Javelin, Discus, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Putt, Long Puck, 60m. Hurdles. All these events are competed for in age group from u/8 - u/16.

Other Events: Tennis, Rugby, Gaelic, Soccer, Hurling (all u/13)  
Camogie, Volleyball, Basketball, Handball, Bicycle Racing, Table Tennis, Badminton, Judo,  
Swimming in ages from u/8 - u/16.  
Chess, Art and Gymnastics.

It is possible I may have left something out but from the above list I am sure some group within our community can reach Mosney (where the finals are held) and represent Dublin just as our swimmers did last year.

At this point I would "throw the ball into the court" of our four local schools and suggest they seek out those who are interested in competing. I will give one instance - Templeogue College and Terenure College get together the best 18 rugby players eligible and under 13 and contact the sports delegate on the Community Council who will arrange the organisation. The reason I am taking rugby as an example is that it is already organised (both schools have u/13 teams in "The Cup"). Our Lady's School may be interested in organising volleyball, tennis, badminton, etc. St. Pius X has some good swimmers and in conjunction with the local G.A.A. Club could enter a Gaelic team.

Pages could be written on sport but at this stage I would suggest "a little at a time". If anybody has an interest in promoting any of the above activities, please contact any member of the Community Council and they will be pleased to set the wheels in motion for participation in the Community Games. Next issue I hope to have more detailed information.

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ST. PIUS X SWIMMING

Once again the school has entered a squad of twelve boys in the Leinster Minor Schools Championships. Some of these boys are not long training for this event and inspite of the handicap did exceptionally well.

Any success we had came with the four senior swimmers. All these swimmers are members of Templeogue Swimming Club and due to circumstances are confined to training three hours a week which is far too little to expect them to be in top condition. Our first success came with Ciaran Mahon taking third in the individual medlay u/12. Fast on his heels Aiden Towey got third in the freestyle u/12 and again came Ciaran with second in the breaststrike u/12. To crown our day our freestyle relay team took second place to St. Bridgets. The team was made up of Ciaran, Aiden, Robert McCann and David Towey. Other boys who swam for their school were - Brian O'Connor, Seamus Kennedy, Cathal Kennedy, Andrew and Simon Ferguson, John Byren, Stephen Hill and eight-year-old John Fisher.

By the time you have read this, the four senior lads will have competed in the All Ireland Championships. It was encouraging to see Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Daly present at the competitions to cheer on their pupils and we are hoping by the example of these boys, the up and coming young swimmers in St. Pius X School will train just as hard when our training situation reaches normality again.

## TEMPLEOGUE COLLEGE SWIMMING

They have done it again! For the fifth year in succession they have won the "Iveagh Trust" Cup for the Senior freestyle relay team and on top of that knocked 1.5 seconds off the senior medley relay. All this took place at the Leinster Schools Championships held in Belvedere and Coolmine Pools last weekend. And on top of that to confound the critics - who sneaks in and takes third place in the senior butterfly - none other than Willie Dawson. His success early on in the competition made everybody sit up and realise that these Templeogue boys are still around contrary to reports. In total the lads brought home 10 Gold, 5 Silver and 3 Bronze.

As a result of our training arrangements being upset due to no fault of the College authorities we were "written off" as a force in Irish swimming. The boys have trained under very difficult circumstances and are to be admired for their determination to stay on top no matter what the odds. In connection with all this and on behalf of the boys as well as those of us who help keep the Club going, I would like to say a word of sincere thanks to Fr. Flavin C.S.Sp. (I hope his Cup team does well), Fr. Redmond C.S.Sp., and community for all the help and assistance given to us during our difficulties. We have also been facilitated by the community for our life saving classes, the benefits of which are felt outside the Templeogue community area as well as within.

Could we also take this opportunity to thank most sincerely Larry Williamson and Carmelite Community for the facilities afforded our Club at the present time. I hope at some later date to find ourselves in a position to do the same for Larry. Larry Williamson is now a household word in the Templeogue S.C.

Fifteen boys from the College will travel to Cork later in the month and hope to bring honour to the school in the Irish Schools Championships. All these boys are highly respected among the swimming fraternity and I can also vouch "a nicer crowd of lads you could not meet". Good luck in Cork and we all know you will do us proud.

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## TEMPLEOGUE LADIES' CLUB.....Report by Geraldine O'Rourke, Hon. Secretary.

We were compelled to start the New Year Meeting without the guiding hand of our President, Marie Guerins, who has been ill, and we wish her a speedy recovery. Her place was ably taken by the Vice-President, Betty Palmer.

Congratulations seem to be the order of the day - to Hilda Moriarty, Margaret Garvey and Imelda Loughman on the birth of their babies.

Bowling: Congratulations to Kitty Boden on winning the Brother Sewing Machine which was the first prize in the last competition. A new competition sponsored by Star Holidays started on Friday the 20th January.

Debating/Public Speaking: Congratulations to our team, Clare Carty, Lilly Duffy and Rosa Morris on getting into the semi-finals of the Federation Debating Competition to take place on 22nd February, against Majella Ladies.

A Public Speaking Competition is being arranged and should begin on Monday 7th February in St. Peter's Hall, Phibsboro' at 7.15 p.m.

Brother Knitting Competition: The number of hidden talents that emerge in the Club Competitions never fail to amaze me and the latest "Dark Horse" to come to light is Marie Shannon. Not alone did she win the first prize in her section but she won the overall Prize in the Competition and collected the Brother Knitting Machine. Heartiest congratulations, Marie, and long may your needles click - mechanised or otherwise.

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Bord Iascaigh Mhara (B.I.M.) Fish Cookery Competition: The Club was represented in the Finals on 30th January.

Tate and Lyle Competition: All readers of the Women's Clubs' Magazine will have read the details of this competition in the latest edition. The Club entries were judged by Mrs. Donnelly, St. Pius X G.N.S., on Wednesday, 18th January, for the entry to contest the final (gingerbread baking) towards the end of March.

January Meeting: We had the privilege of a visit from Mr. Michael Tutty of the Old Dublin Society at our January Meeting. He gave a short history of the district and the people who lived in the vicinity from time to time. They appear to have been inordinately fond of public hangings - a habit which I am glad to say, died a natural death. Such was the interest shown in Mr. Tutty's talk that one could hear a pin drop in the hall.

February Meeting: This meeting took place on 1st February when a representative of Roma Foods gave an interesting talk and demonstration on the art of cooking pasta and spaghetti.

#### IMPORTANT

All members are exhorted to turn out in strength to ensure a good attendance at our March meeting when new Officers and Committee will be chosen.

Editor's note: Detecting a certain reticence in the body of Mrs. O'Rourke's report, we discovered that she herself was the overall winner of the B.I.M. Fish Cookery Competition and was, to boot, the Club winner of the Tate and Lyle Competition. We take the liberty of congratulating her on her success and look forward to hearing that she completed the double when the results of the Tate and Lyle come to hand.

THE LAW AND YOU.....by MERVYN TAYLOR (Secretary of the Labour Party Community Advice and Information Centre).

I dealt in my last article with the services offered by various Government Departments to consumers who have complaints regarding goods or services.

In addition to the Government Departments complaints can also be made to the following State sponsored bodies or voluntary and professional bodies as may be appropriate:

- (1) Accountants: Complaints of unprofessional or unsatisfactory conduct on the part of a Chartered Accountant can be made to the Institute of Chartered Accountants, 7 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin 2. Complaints with full information must be made in writing and the Institute has power to impose penalties on Accountants in default including exclusion from membership.
- (2) Advertising: A Code of advertising standards exists in Ireland which controls advertising media and advertising agents. The purpose of this Code is to get rid of undesirable practices in advertising and it is the intention that the Code should be applied in the spirit as well as in the letter. If you have a complaint about what you regard as unfair or undesirable advertisements, in the first instance the complaint should be made by sending a copy or details of the newspaper, magazine, or television programme, in which it appeared. If the matter is not resolved to your satisfaction at that level you should then send the complaint to the "Advertising Standards Committee", 35 Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2. In appropriate cases the advertisers may be asked to withdraw or amend the advertisement.

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- (3) Architects and Surveyors: The Institute of Architects of Ireland has a published Code of professional conduct for Architects and Surveyors and a complaint against any of their members will be considered. Particulars about the Code and information on the procedures to complain about an Architect or Surveyor may be obtained free of charge from the Secretary, The Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland, 8 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.
- (4) Building and Construction: From January 1978 a new Scheme will come into operation sponsored by the Construction Industry Federation. Under this Scheme a six year structural guarantee will be given by all members of the Federation for speculatively built houses. This will be a voluntary scheme and builders who want to participate in it will enter a register and this register will be published and made available to the general public from January 1978. Particulars can be obtained from the Construction Industry Federation, 9 Leeson Park, Dublin 6.
- (5) Cars: If you have a complaint about a new car and fail to get satisfaction through the normal channels going back to the garage, etc., you should refer the matter to the Society of the Irish Motor Industry. They will supply you with a form on which you can give particulars of the Committees of this Society and they will try to resolve the matter to your satisfaction. The complaints form can be obtained from the Society of the Irish Motor Industry, 5 Upper Pembroke Street, Dublin 2 - Telephone 761690.
- (6) Credit Agreements: If you require any advice or have any complaint regarding any purchase of goods on credit or hire purchase agreements, you can apply to the Department of Industry Commerce and Energy who supervise this matter. The particular Section you should apply to is Department of Industry, Commerce and Energy, Frederick Building, Setanta Centre, South Frederick Street, Dublin 2 - Telephone 710833.

To be continued next month.

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Enjoy a night out - the entertainment - a game of bingo, a nice cup of tea and a chat with other widowed persons and their friends. We hope you can come along... and avail of this opportunity of making new friends in the pleasant atmosphere of friendly informality.

THE CLUB ITSELF ... It was founded in 1975 by a small group of widowed parents in the locality. Since then it has been steadily growing in significance, thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of all our members and their friends.

OUR AIM ... has been first and foremost to help one another and those in different circumstances to the best of our ability. To advise on any family, personal or social problems that may arise.

ACTIVITIES. Apart from our monthly meetings, we organise other attractions throughout the year, such as .... OUR OWN DANCES....DINNERS....THEATRE & CABARET EVENINGS....BRIDGE CLASSES & DEMONSTRATIONS, ETC. Why not join us on our next Theatre outing at the OSCAR THEATRE in February. Our next Dance will be in the TERENCE RUGBY CLUB and we are now taking bookings for a night out at the GAIETY PANTOMIME, which was a great success last year when both parents and children had the time of their life.

OUR THANKS .... May we thank all those who helped so generously to make our Christmas Party such a success. Special thanks must go to our local Templeogue Folk Group who kept us entertained for nearly an hour with fine voice and harmony in a lively programme of popular folk and seasonable songs...and at such short notice too! Thanks also to Vincent McMullen who kept the ball rolling at a steady modern pace throughout the night on his accordion and 3 Stars to Betty and Ed. McDonnell for their delightful accompaniment on Violin and Clarinet.

MAY WE WISH ALL OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FRIENDS A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

MEMBERSHIP. is open to all widowed parents and their friends. The annual subscription is a minimum of 50p. The Club, which is non-profit making, is run on a voluntary basis throughout.

For further information please phone any of the following numbers: 909795 or 972738.

Betty Flaherty, Hon. Secretary.

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## PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, TEMPLEVILLE ROAD

Referring to our NEWS FLASH of last month indicating that a decision to put a pedestrian crossing at the Fortfield Park/ Templeville Avenue junction had been made, we wish to thank the Chairman of the Dublin County Council, Mr. Mervyn Taylor, for sending us a copy of a letter which he received from the County Council Road Safety Officer indicating that the Traffic Study Group at its meeting of 21st December had agreed to recommend the installation of Pelican Lights at the junction of Templeville Road and Fortfield Park, and adding that the question of similar lights at Templeogue College had been deferred pending the results of counts which were scheduled for the near future. We had unfortunately just gone to press when Councillor Taylor's letter came to hand. Ed.



TEMPLEVILLE AND FORTFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.....Report by Claire O'Regan

The Committee wish to thank all the residents who supported the protest demonstration on Monday 6th. It was felt that the response was excellent. Well done Templeville!

We would like to extend our thanks to Mr. & Mrs. J. Whittle and Mr. & Mrs. F. Blake who gave the committee so much help in organising this demonstration, as all will understand a lot of work went into a protest of this size.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused but we hope the general public will understand the intolerable situation that has forced us into taking this action.

The hopes of this Association have been raised and dashed since our road became part of a juggernaut trail.

The first rise in our hopes took place in June when both the Fianna Fail and Labour parties gave undertakings, prior to the general election, that they would immediately construct a high speed ring road on the outer ring motorway alignment which would siphon traffic out of residential areas such as ours.

We were informed after the June election that no action could be taken on the matter until a report, requested by the Coalition Government to be prepared by the Dublin City and County Manager, had been received by the Government and this report was presented to the Minister for the Environment on 18th January, 1978.

This Association now sees no reason for any further delay and demands, in common with all the other associations affiliated to the Southern Cross Route Study Group, that the Government take immediate steps to implement its pre-election promise.

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As Chief Marshal, I would like to thank my four Assistant Marshals and everybody who attended the demonstration and obeyed my instructions and to congratulate them on their discipline.

John Whittle.

Through the Year with CARDINAL HEENAN. Devotional readings for every day by John C. Heenan, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. Edited by Denis Duncan and published by Hodder and Stoughton at £2.25.

The Editor of this volume is Denis Duncan, a minister of the Church of Scotland, who says that it may seem odd that this should be so, but hastens to add that if more of this thing occurred perhaps it would contribute something valuable to the unity cause. At least Protestants and other non-Catholics would understand more of the way the Catholic mind works and the premises from which it operates by being made to undertake this kind of exercise. And Catholics, he holds, would similarly benefit from a comparable project.

In the early chapter, The People's Priest, the Rev. Denis Duncan tells why he first discussed the project with the publisher, whose idea it was, and consented to act as editor for the following reasons:

"By any standards, John Heenan is a great man.....He is one of the most noted Catholic figures of our times.....He is famed for his television contributions, and in earlier days particularly was an ecclesiastical voice almost more widely known than any other through his regular war-time broadcasts....He has been and is the friend and confidant of great national figures in politics and the arts.....He is a brilliant apologist, with a mind steeped in knowledge and a soul steeped in faith....He is one whose presence and influence was felt in the Second Vatican Council. Yet all this would be to ask for his criticism and rebuke, for however his friends magnify him or his critics malign him (and there are those who do malign him), his own preference would be to be remembered as 'The People's Priest'."

The editor gives a brief memoir of the Cardinal and then selects 365 quotations from his works - one for each day of the year - over a much wider range than the term devotional. For instance under the caption Impatience we read:

"It is easy for an old man to see the folly of youth. With his failing sight, it is more difficult for him to read at close range and recognise the stupidities of age.

"Most intelligent people are rebels and radicals in their late teens and early twenties.

"An adult probably cannot remember his own youthful foolishness nor recall precisely when he relinquished adolescent poses.

"The young, through no fault of their own, lack the experience which remedied the follies of their parents. Older people should acknowledge that the young behave more or less as they themselves once behaved...."

Speaking of Journalism he says: "Journalists are not a wicked race. They do not set out to deprave and corrupt. For the most part they provide the kind of news they believe their customers want to read.....If this be so, we must conclude that the public is more anxious to read about crime, violence, fraud and adultery than about peace and happy family life.

"Deviation from virtue is obviously more exciting both to reporters and readers than accounts of clean living....It is a matter of some satisfaction that evil is still regarded as new. It will be a sad day if integrity and goodness become so rare as to be featured in the newspapers.

"Man bites dog" is still a rough guide to what is worth reporting."

Writing of The New Poor he comments: "Our old people are the new poor. Pensioners living alone are unable to live in comfort on the allowances they receive.....If it be true, and I think it is, that old age pensioners and



widows and children need more help, it should be given to them.....The young and the strong redress their grievances by withholding their labour. The old and weak have no labour to withhold.

"We must fight their battle for them."

On Racial Hatred he has this to say: "Only the foolish believe that a man's worth can be judged by his colour.....If we have the spirit of God, we must not only cherish the men of all nations who come to live among us but we must fight those who judge human dignity by race or pigment."

A number of extracts for the month of May deal with Pope John and there is the nice little story of the American who visited the Vatican and told the Pope: "You've got a very big place. How many people work here?"

"About half" replied the pontiff.

This is a most rewarding volume which bears out the appraisal of the editor, the Rev. Denis Duncan.

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TEMPLEOGUE G.A.A.

The season is back in swing again after the Christmas break and believe it or not the boys were "rearing to go" in spite of the bad weather.

We are still getting a full turn out for our five teams even though we don't expect the success of the last few years. Really, the most enjoyable games are those played by our two under-11 teams. It is wonderful to see up to thirty five ten-year-olds all shouting together for their own favourite place on the team. It is at a time like this that we, adults, get an amount of satisfaction from our efforts to foster Gaelic Games in the community. If there was only more support from the parents, we could do an awful lot more for boys in this age group.

Very soon now we will begin to organise our local league and depending on progress with formation of Community Council, we would probably tie in our efforts and enter a team for the Community Games. We have the material in the area and with a little help from everybody could produce a team as good as the next.

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LAFOSSE LECTURES 1978

The annual Lafosse Lectures at Our Lady's School, Templeogue Road, will be held this year on Tuesdays, February 21st and 28th. The theme will be "The Contemporary Arts in Ireland".

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Tuesday February 21st	The Composer Today	Dr. Seoirse Bodley
Tuesday February 28th	An Approach to Architecture	Mr. Andrzej Wejchert

Dr. Seoirse Bodley is one of Ireland's leading composers and is attached to the Department of Music at U.C.D. Mr. Andrzej Wejchert is the distinguished architect who won the international competition for the design of the U.C.D. complex at Belfield.

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