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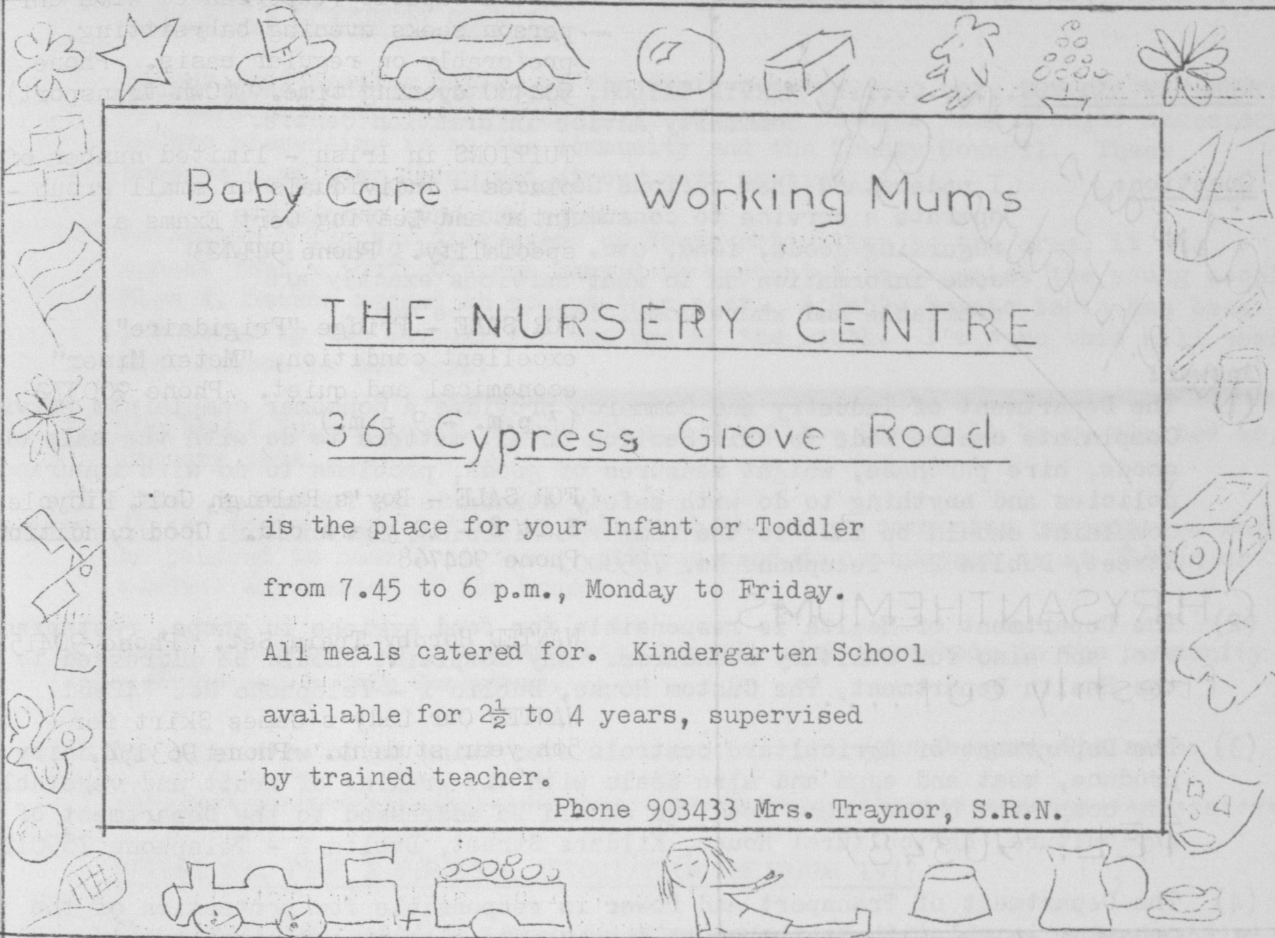
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THE LAW AND YOU.....by MERVYN TAYLOR, Secretary of the Labour Party
Community Advice Information Centre.

Question: I understand that various Government Departments operate a service to consumers who have complaints regarding goods, food, etc. Could you please publish some information as to what services exactly are available and where complaints can be made.

Answer:

- (1) The Department of Industry and Commerce provides a consumer complaints service. Complaints can be made to this Section on all matters to do with the sale of goods, hire purchase, weight measures of goods, problems to do with insurance policies and anything to do with safety standards in factories, etc. The complaint should be made to the Commerce Division, Agriculture House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2 - Telephone No. 785800.
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In addition to the above there are a wide range of services available to the consumer from State Sponsored Bodies and some Voluntary Organisations and I will go on to deal with these in the coming months.

LABOUR PARTY ADVICE & INFORMATION SERVICE

The free Advice and Information Service of the Labour Party is available to all the residents of Templeogue and adjoining areas.

A panel of experts is available including a Social Worker, Solicitor, Architect, County Councillor, etc.

The panel attends on the 1st Friday of each month from 8 - 9 p.m. at 8 Orchardstown Avenue, Ballyroan, or at other times, contact the Secretary who is Mervyn Taylor, 4 Springfield Road, Templeogue. Telephone 904569.

The Service is free, confidential and, of course, is not confined to members of the Labour Party.

TEMPLEOGUE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At our last meeting copies of the draft constitution were issued to members of the Council to enable them to propose any changes they thought necessary, before presenting it to the community and the County Council. These proposals will be discussed at our next meeting.

Following a lengthy discussion on Youth activities in the area, it was agreed that a Youth Officer should be appointed to organise the young people. Miss E. Dawson agreed to accept this post. A Table Tennis table has been purchased by the Council for the use of the youth. I'm sure this will assist Miss Dawson in her task.

The Whist Drives in St. Pius X Church Committee Room will be re-started in January next.

If any readers would like to help with the above community projects we would be pleased to hear from them. All you need do is contact me at 908864 or contact any member of the Council.

May I, on behalf of the Community Council, wish everybody in the community a Happy and a Holy Christmas.

John Deegan, Chairman.

REPORT ST. PIUS X PARENTS' ASSOCIATION DECEMBER 1977

The first meeting of the newly elected committee took place on Monday 21st November, 1977. The following are the officers for the coming year.

Chairman:	May O'Neill
Vice Chairman:	Kay O'Connor
Treasurer:	Terry Sheehan
Committee:	Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. Phelan, Mrs. Connolly, Mrs. Minehane, Mrs. Kavanagh, Mrs. Smith Mrs. Lombard, Mr. G. Ryan, Mr. Gallagher Mr. Holt, Mr. Byrne, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. McGovern, Mrs. J. O'Neill, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Hughes.

The current sessions for Art, Speech & Drama, Swimming are drawing to a close. The new sessions will be starting in the New Year, week commencing 16th January, 1978.

We look forward to your continued support in these activities.

A word of sincere thanks from Laura Huggard to all the neighbours who supported the Bring & Buy at 15 Fortfield Park on Wednesday 23rd November and made it such a success.

* Experience is a hard teacher: it gives the test first and the *
* lesson afterwards! *
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TEMPLEVILLE AND FORTFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION....Report by Claire O'Regan

A Public Meeting was held in Terenure College on Monday 14th November 1977. A very large number attended. Guest speakers were: Mr. Sean Walsh, T.D., Sile De Valera, T.D., Mr. Damien Murray, Mr. Mervyn Taylor, Senator Richard Conroy, Mr. Larry McMahon, Mr. E. Gilmartin, Chief Engineer, Dublin County Council, also Mr. Joseph O'Gorman, Chairman Southern Cross Route Study Group.

In the absence of Mr. Joe Deasy, Col. Gerry O'Connor chaired the meeting. The residents told their local representatives and County Councillors of their dissatisfaction with the use of Templeville Road as a route for heavy ferry bound traffic. They demanded that the Council should finish repairs on the road to make it more suitable for heavy traffic, repairs which the Council promised to complete before the road was open. They also demanded the construction of a ring road outside Dublin to syphon heavy traffic from residential areas.

Mr. Eddie Gilmartin, Chief Engineer for the County Council, told the meeting that the work on the road had not been completed because of lack of funds, but by next March, 1978 the road will have been completely re-widened and reserviced and an overlay completed on the road. Mr. O'Gorman, Southern Cross Route Study Group said that a South Dublin ring road was the only answer to the heavy traffic and must be given top priority. Also brought up at the meeting was the lack of pedestrian crossing and the speed of the traffic and no speed limit signs. Lighting should be improved and barrels removed. Telephone kiosk removed to a more suitable position.

Since the Public Meeting was held, we have been successful in having 30 mile speed limit signs erected and the Department of Posts & Telegraphs are looking into the Telephone Kiosk matter. Also work on the roundabout has started. We have been told that the barrels left on the road will have to remain as a safety measure.

The Association would like to take this opportunity to assure all residents of Templeville that the committee are working very hard indeed on the above matters and they will not let up.

Arising from the recent Public Meeting in Terenure College to discuss the condition of and traffic on Templeville Road, Deputy Sile de Valera has asked us to let our readers know that she will be available for a clinic or advice centre on the Second Saturday of every month at the following venues:

- (1) 1 Main Street, Rathfarnham, from 1.30 - 12.30 p.m. and
- (2) The Tallaght Welfare Society, Main Street, Tallaght from 3 - 5.00 p.m.

She can also be contacted at 'phone No. 789911 Ex. 234 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2.45 - 4.30 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10.30 - 1 p.m. and 2.45 - 4.30 p.m.

DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL FOR THE TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH: 3rd Tuesday of previous month.

MRS. SHEILA O'DONOVAN

During the month many of us attended the service of Sheila O'Donovan, a dear friend of many of us. I was particularly privileged to know Sheila in a personal way, as Sheila introduced me to Fine Gael and indeed was Honorary Secretary of the Templeogue Branch for many years.

Two things impressed me by this ecumenical service, the message of love and concern for one another which Father Lee so movingly presented and touched all our hearts. Secondly, this young folk group who sang those messages of love with such expression and feeling. I sometimes feel that these young groups are not nearly well enough appreciated.

RE: TEMPLEVILLE ROAD

Well, what a Meeting that was on the 14th November, called to discuss our problems in this area. Indeed, I am sure many never realised we had such orators in the community and the meeting at least proved this much, we are all prepared to unite together for the benefit of our community. I am sure many feel as I do we all benefited from meeting together and it is an "ill wind that blows no good".

I hope that the Templeville Residents' Association will act on the suggestion from Deputy Larry McMahon (without delay) that a deputation be formed from the community and should consult with the County Council on the priority problems discussed at our Meeting, i.e.

1. The removal of juggernauts from our road.
2. The completion, without delay, of road resurfacing.
3. The installation of Traffic Controls at the Fortfield Park, Templeville Road, Templeville Avenue junction, at the Roundabout and thirdly at Templeogue College.

Looking forward to action.

Stanley Laing,
Fine Gael Templeogue Branch.

Meeting, White Fathers 9th December 8 o'clock.

May I wish you all a Very Happy and above all a Blessed Christmas.

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION

We are very grateful indeed to Fr. Lee who arranged at the Family Mass (Friday 2nd December) to make special mention of the advantages of membership of our Association in the context of Temperance Week (which ended on Sunday 4th December). We are happy to report that we shall be receiving into membership this month a number of young people from the area.

Applications for information or membership: 2nd Sunday of December 10.15 to 11.15 a.m. - St. Pius X Church. At other times the President may be contacted at Tel. 900789 or Secretary at Tel. 909128.

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OUR IRISH THEATRE by Lady Gregory, with a foreword by Dr. Roger McHugh
Professor of Anglo-Irish Literature and Drama at University College, Dublin.
Joint Editors, T. R. Henn, C.B.E., Litt. D. and Colin Smythe, M.A. Price £5.

(BOOK REVIEW.....by John McCann)

Was the old Abbey Theatre haunted? A letter from W. B. Yeats in the year 1904 suggests that it was. The buildings, the Mechanics' Theatre and the old city morgue has been acquired by the benevolent Miss Alicia Frederike Horniman, a very rich English lady who had already lavishly supported the theatre in England. Being impressed by the reviews in English journals of the performances of Irish Players in London she had decided to present Yeats with a theatre. So in the autumn of 1904 Yeats wrote to Lady Gregory: "I have just been down to see the work on the Abbey Theatre. It is all going very quickly and the company should be able to rehearse there in a month. The other day while digging up some old rubbish in the Morgue, which is being used for dressing-rooms, they found human bones. The workmen thought they had lit on a murder, but the caretaker said: 'Oh, I remember, we lost a body about seven years ago. When the time came for the inquest, it couldn't be found.' "

Later, writing from the Abbey, Yeats told Lady Gregory: "The other day at a performance of Countess Cathleen, one of the players stopped in the midst of his speech and it was a moment or two before he could go on. He told me afterwards his shoulder had suddenly been grasped by an invisible hand."

What the building and alterations cost Miss Horniman does not appear to be on record but we know that for the next six years, she was to grant the company £800 a year and pay another £200 in rates.

It had all begun away back in 1897 in the home of Count de Basterot at Duras, that is beyond Kinvara and beside the sea, in Galway. Lady Gregory was the Count's guest and to there came her own neighbour, Edward Martyn. With him was W. B. Yeats whom she did not know but admired his work. The conversation covered amongst other topics, Mr. Martyn's two plays The Heather Field and Maeve. The difficulty was where such plays could be staged.

"We went on talking about it," writes Lady Gregory, "and things seemed to grow possible as we talked, and before the end of the afternoon we had made our plan. We said we would collect money or rather ask to have a certain sum of money guaranteed. We would then take a Dublin theatre and give a performance of Mr. Martyn's Heather Field and one of Mr. Yeats' own plays, The Countess Cathleen."

A few days later, Lady Gregory was back at Coole and Yeats and herself made the following draft appeal:

"We propose to have performed in Dublin in the Spring of every year certain Celtic and Irish plays, which whatever be their degree of excellence will be written with a high ambition, and so to build up a Celtic and Irish school of dramatic literature..... We will show that Ireland is not the home of buffoonery and of easy sentiment, as it has been represented, but the home of an ancient idealism. We are confident of the support of all Irish people who are weary of misrepresentation, in carrying out a work that is outside all the political questions that divide us."

Subsequently, the support for their efforts did not come from a unanimous public for there was opposition and public protest against The Countess Cathleen particularly.

(Contd.)

Nor was the financial support forthcoming that would enable them to put plays on in a Dublin theatre. So, it was in the Ancient Concert Rooms (now the Academy Cinema) and in St. Theresa's Hall in Clarendon Street (now a salesroom at the corner of Coppinger's Row and Clarendon St.) that they were to do most of their work, while they rehearsed in a small hall in Lower Camden Street.

Yeats and Lady Gregory and Martyn and George Russell and George Moore were the principals who were ever so lucky to meet up with the brothers Willie and Frank Fay. Dr. Roger McHugh in his very comprehensive foreword says that this book of Lady Gregory, first printed in 1913, does scant justice to the Fay brothers. And George Russell A.E. says that it was at the suggestion of the Fays that the Irish National Theatre Society was formed.

"I drew up the rules for it at Willie Fay's request," wrote A.E. "Of course they would never have made the society famous but for the writers like Yeats, Synge and Lady Gregory coming along. But they ought to get the credit for founding the Irish School of Acting, as the writers founded the literary drama. I like Lady Gregory, but she does not know the origins of the National Theatre Society because she was not in Dublin. She writes pleasant gossip, but it is as inaccurate as George Moore, almost, in parts where I can check it." Elsewhere Russell says: "I did not much care for Lady Gregory's book, Our Irish Theatre. She centralises herself a great deal too much."

Our Irish Theatre Dr. McHugh has the exceptional quality in its immediacy of impact, not in its general style which is sometimes scrappy and often discursive but personally reminiscently effective.

There were many disagreements and some defections before the Fays left in 1908. Miss Horniman was not to renew the patent in 1910. When she withdrew her financial help due it was said because the theatre did not close as a mark of respect, when King Edward died. Whatever the reason, the directors were now faced with the raising of £5,000 as a safety standby for a sum barely in excess of £1,000 in the bank. Up to that time an author had not received any fees for his work and this together with a fair salary for the actors had to be the new rule. Lady Gregory gives the names, mostly of the nobility, who contributed in response to an appeal the sum of £2,000 between them.

There is quite an amount of extra material, interviews, diary notes, correspondence and press comments on the American tours which did not appear in the 1913 edition. Perhaps the most interesting of these are the reports of the Playboy riots in America, where Lady Gregory defended the right of production, although she disliked Synge's play.

Even if the reader has read elsewhere details of the arrest of the Abbey Players in Philadelphia, and their continuing bail while playing for just a week, these first-hand reports of one who was on the spot and her letters home to Yeats make interesting reading.

POETRY CORNER

The Bleak, the Black and the Lovely

1.

Now the black days of December
Have come around once more,
And the snow came in November
And how the wind did roar.
There's been thunder and sheet lightning
In a strange mud coloured sky.
And to some it was so frightening
That they feared doomsday was nigh.
So nineteen seventy seven
Is now coming to an end,
So implore the saints in Heaven
A better year to send.
There are strikers with their picket boards
In almost every town
And unemployment figures soar
As more firms must shut down.

2.

Yet the black days of December
Have just one important day,
The day that we remember
It's Jesus Christ's Birthday.
So carol singers sing again
About the Infant's birth,
Who came to bring peace to us men,
Here living on this earth.
So let us try to understand,
Imperfect as we are,
If we, like children, take His
hand
We'll find our guiding star.
We will not find it in the skies
Or twinkling up above,
But it will shine for us in eyes
Of those we know and love.

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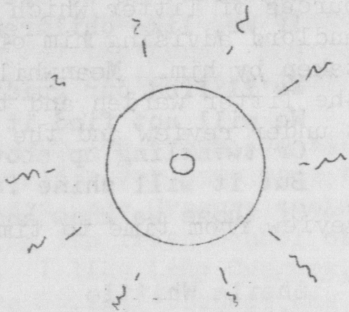
The Christmas Tree

In lonely suburbia on these wintry nights,
In most windows stands a tree full of lights,
Revealing a room without people inside -
The Christmas tree shines for the people outside.
I know the odd house that is really a home.
For the curtains are drawn as I onward roam,
And inside the laughter of children rings
And the Christmas tree's there in the centre of things.
Ah! save me from tinselled collapsible trees,
So cold and unfriendly - yes, save me from these.
But give me a lopsided friendly real tree
Decorated by children's hands so lovingly.
The star at the top it has seen better days.
But there it will be, for it's been there always.
The angels and bells have a story to tell,
But the children love them and to them they look well.
A tree that goes sideways and never stands straight,
With its arms laden down with unusual weight
Of presents for family and friends that come round.
And beneath it the Christmas morn parcels are found.
It gets withered alas, even with loving care.
By the end of the season it really looks bare.
But it's really quite sad and I've seen children cry
On the day it is stripped and they all say goodbye.
But it's right that a tree grown in good mother earth
Should be there as we celebrate our Saviour's birth.
But in lonely suburbia as I walk at night,
The trees in the windows all shining bright.
Just make me feel sad as I onward go
For it's plain they are there just for nothing but show.

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Re: Rathfarnham Shopping Centre

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I have now received the following reply from the Environment Section:

"I refer to your representations regarding the untidy condition of Rathfarnham Shopping Centre. This problem has been investigated by the area litter warden who has isolated the main sources of litter which includes Quinnsworth. I have written to the landlord advising him of the necessary remedial action which should be taken by him. Meanwhile the matter is being kept under observation by the litter warden and the Health Inspectorate. The position will be kept under review and the necessary remedial action will be taken."

I will be keeping the situation under further review from time to time.

Yours sincerely,

MERVYN TAYLOR, M.C.C., CHAIRMAN,
DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL.

MID-WEST COUNTY DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING - 11/11/77

CARPARKING AND DUMPING FACILITIES - TEMPLEOGUE VILLAGE

Question: Councillor M. Taylor:

"Regarding Templeogue Village will the Manager please state:

- (a) What steps can be taken regarding the dumping behind the cottages on the Main Road at Templeogue Village.
- (b) What provision can be made to improve car-parking facilities in Templeogue Village?

Reply:

- (a) A Statutory Notice under the Public Health (Ireland) Acts 1878-1964 was served (27/6/77) requiring the abatement of the public health nuisance at this location. While some work was carried out as a result of this notice, the public health nuisance still exists and accordingly legal proceedings are now being instituted against the owner of the property on which the nuisance is located.

Templeogue Village is divided by the city boundary and is partly in Dublin Corporation's Administrative Area and partly in Dublin County Council's Administrative Area. Arrangements will be made to have the parking facilities examined and discussed with Dublin Corporation and the Gardai and a report will be submitted to the Traffic Study Group on the result of the examination and discussions.

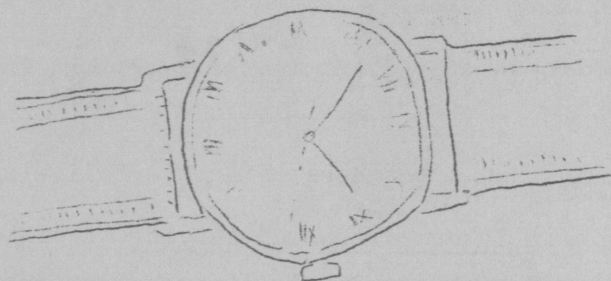
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