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#### DIARY

- Mar. 21 Tues. Original Play Competition (Templeogue Ladies' Club)  
26 Sun. Easter Day.  
28 Tues. Competition (Green Acres) Variety Group Templeogue Ladies' Club.
- April.  
1 Sat. Templeogue Ladies' Club Choir Competition.  
3 Mon. Templeville and Fortfield Residents' Association A.G.M. 8.15 p.m. Terenure College.

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We wish to acknowledge receipt too late for publication of three items, "The Emigrant's Lament" (poem), letter from 103rd Dublin Unit C.B.S.I. and "Weekend Odyssey" (report on visit from St. Anselm's Youth Group, Southall). They will appear in the next issue of Templeogue Telegraph - Editor.

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We hear that our contributor, Mr. John McCann, has recovered from injuries received in a traffic accident and we are glad to know of his return to good health - Editor.

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#### THE TEMPLEOGUE TELEGRAPH

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HERE WE ARE AGAIN - SOLOS & FRIENDS.....Betty Flaherty, Hon. Secretary.

At our last monthly meeting in the White Fathers we had Mr. Mervyn Taylor, Chairman of the Dublin County Council, who gave a very informative talk on the making of Wills. Unfortunately, that night our attendance was down owing to the prevalence of flu. Despite the inclement weather we had a very enjoyable evening at the Oscar Theatre and we hope to arrange such like outings to the theatre on a more regular basis. We wish to thank sincerely all those who provided transport that night.

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21 Templeville Road.

Dear Editor,

I have read Mr. Purcell's letter in the Templeogue Telegraph of February, 1978 and Mr. Heneghan's reasoned comment on it.

In view of Mr. Purcell's statement that the report on the Public Meeting held by the Templeville and Fortfield Residents' Association, which appeared in the December issue of the Templeogue Telegraph, "gave no hope of anything being achieved" followed by the almost magisterial comment that "this kind of reporting could be improved on", I read again the item in question.

The Report by the Hon. Secretary, Claire O'Regan, was to my mind quite a satisfactory one. She referred to all the short-term aims that would alleviate the traffic conditions, many of which have since been achieved, as well as the considerable improvement regarding the overall completion date. She made suitable references to the main current task of the Association, along with that of other Residents' Associations under the umbrella of the Southern Cross Route Study Group, which is the maintenance of pressure for an outer high-speed, limited-access ring road to drain off the heavy-vehicle traffic from Templeville and other roads in West and South Dublin.

Criticism is often useful but may I point out to Mr. Purcell that our Secretary is not a hireling of this Association but a busy housewife with a husband and family to care for as well as a dedicated worker for our Association and is, furthermore, involved in other voluntary work in the Community. Indeed other members of the committee of this Association at our regular meetings are not only surprised but amazed at the volume of correspondence and the number of telephone calls that our secretary has dealt with since the previous meeting and wonder how she manages to achieve so much.

We emphatically express our satisfaction with our Hon. Secretary and have every confidence that she will continue to serve the best interests of the Association, and thereby the Community, in the future.

Yours sincerely,

JOE DEASY,  
CHAIRMAN - TEMPLEVILLE & FORTFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

N.B. TEMPLEVILLE AND FORTFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD  
THEIR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON MONDAY 3rd APRIL AT 8.15 p.m.  
IN TERENURE COLLEGE

Since the election of the Council in May 1977 we have had ten full Council meetings, and the executive committee had an additional twelve meetings. Bearing in mind that most of the Councillors also represent other groups in the area and must give their time to these groups, I would like to thank them for their attendance and interest in community affairs.

The first object of the Council was to find a means of communication and with the help of the "Templeogue Parents' Association" the Templeogue Telegraph was taken over by the Council. An editorial committee was set up to edit and distribute the "Telegraph". This committee has done great work on the magazine, but would like to have more items from members of the community for publication.

The problem of lack of indoor recreational facilities for youth in the area has been taken up by the Council and a working party has been set up to deal with it. The following action has been taken:

Permission obtained to use St. Pius X School Hall on Saturday nights for boys and girls in the 15 to 18 year age group. A table tennis table and a record deck have been purchased. Membership cards have been issued to a number of young people. A group of parents have agreed to attend at the Hall on occasional Saturday nights. We would be pleased to hear from other parents who are willing to help with this work. If we had fifty parents available it would mean each parent giving up two Saturday nights each year.

The executive committee of the Council was given the job of drafting the constitution, having completed the draft to the satisfaction of the full council, it was agreed to present it to the membership at the Annual General Meeting. In order to obtain statutory recognition under the Local Government Act 1941 we must have a constitution acceptable to the County Council, we believe that our constitution will meet this demand.

The opening of the Templeville Road extension has created a serious traffic problem in the area. At the request of the Templeville and Fortfield Residents' Association we have given our support to their efforts to solve this problem, by writing to the County Council and the Garda Authorities, we also met representatives of the County Council Road Department to discuss the problem. We will continue to support the Residents' Association until a satisfactory solution to this problem is reached.

The poor service on the 54A bus route has been taken up with C.I.E. To date we have had no reply to our letter.

As the Council has been in operation for less than a year I feel that a good deal of groundwork has been done which future councils can build on, and I can report that progress has been made.

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TEMPLEOGUE COMMUNITY YOUTH

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! Would you like to help the Templeogue Community Youth Group? This you can do by making a donation of some item of equipment for their use and enjoyment. We have already received a table tennis table and Everclear Ltd., donated a record player. Rings, darts, draughts, chess, playing cards, table tennis equipment of any kind, e.g. bats, balls, nets, all such items are anxiously sought.

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Boys and girls of 15 years and over, applications for membership to the above youth group are still open. Application forms are available from Liz Dawson, address as above.

We also require the help of parents for a couple of hours on Saturday nights in St. Pius X School Hall. If you are willing to give your time one Saturday every two or three months please contact Frank McCann, Jr., 77 Wainsfort Road (900875).

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ST. PIUS X SCHOOLS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

First of all, many thanks to the ladies who cleaned the floors and windows of the newly decorated classrooms. Their zest for work is an inspiration to all. Good luck to the children who submitted entries for the Texaco Art Competition and to those entering for the Feiseanna. They are to be complimented on their efforts.

The problem of enticing people from home to attend a meeting and/or discussion is age-old. We were hopeful, however, as we organised our meeting for last Monday, 6th March, and invited Rev. L. O'Brien, Diocesan Adviser in Religious Education, to discuss the question "A Catholic School - What and Why?" Sadly the attendance was quite poor and what a pity! Father O'Brien gave a lively and thought-provoking talk on the concept of Catholic School. His presentation was simple, direct and enlightening. We extend our best thanks to him for an interesting and enjoyable evening.

A report on the work of Committee was read later in the evening and a plea made to parents to help in the projects we intend to pursue, viz. table-tennis for younger children on Saturday afternoons and the decoration of class-rooms. We also seek parents' interest in end-of-year activities - tournaments, Drama and Poetry, Art Exhibition and Swimming Gala.

Finally, we wish to thank the School Management Boards for their help and cooperation, especially Mrs. Doherty and Mr. O'Brien who as principals of the school are always willing to give us their support. We are sorry that Mrs. Doherty has been absent for so long and we trust she will be back in harness very soon.

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TRAFFIC ON TEMPLEVILLE ROAD

Mr. Mervyn Taylor, M.C.C., Chairman, Dublin County Council, has kindly sent us the following report arising from proceedings at the County Council Meeting of 13/2/1978. Mr. Taylor has also commented as follows on the outcome of the matter:

"While most of the members of the Council were not in favour of closing off the Templeville Road extension action I think my resolution did have the effect of increasing the pace of remedial works at Templeville Road.

"In addition the Manager gave a firm undertaking to complete the re-surfacing of the Road this summer.

"I also used the opportunity of this debate to highlight the failure of the Government to honour its commitment to finance the Southern Cross Route on being elected to Government."

Meeting of the County Council 13/2/1978 - Item No. 1.

Proposed Resolution pursuant to Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 submitted by Councillors M. Taylor, J. Connolly, M. Gannon, L. McMahon, D. Murray, T. Boland and W. Harvey:-

"The County Council of the County of Dublin having noted:

- (a) that the proposed improvements to the public lighting system on Templeville Road, Templeogue, have not yet been carried out;
- (b) that the installation of pelican lights at the junction of Templeville Road and Fortfield Park as agreed to by the Traffic Study Group has not been completed; and
- (c) that a tragic fatal accident occurred recently on Templeville Road at its junction with Fortfield Park in which two persons lost their lives, hereby requires and directs the Dublin City and County Manager or any person or persons acting under his authority as soon as may be practicable to discontinue the throughway link for traffic from St. Peter's Road through the Templeville Road extension into Templeville Road by the re-introduction of the traffic barrier which formerly existed on the Templeville Road extension or some other barrier which in the opinion of the Manager may be suitable for the purpose aforesaid or at such alternative location which in the opinion of the Manager may be suitable for the purpose aforesaid or at such alternative location which in the opinion of the Manager may be suitable for the purpose aforesaid and that such barrier when constructed be maintained in position until the improvements to the public lighting system planned for Templeville Road and the provision of the pelican lights aforesaid have all been completed."

Report:

- (a) Improved public lighting is at present being installed on Templeville Road and it is expected that it will be fully operational by 3rd March.
- (b) The pelican lights are now functional.
- (c) Templeville Road is part of an important traffic route linking the Naas Road with the Bray Road which has been planned for many years and has been evolving during this period. The Dodder Park Road Section was completed in 1975 and the last link in the route was achieved with the opening of this section of the road in early 1977. The environmental impact of the change in traffic conditions from a cul-de-sac to a traffic route is appreciated and the highest standards of construction are being maintained to minimise this. However three factors must be stressed.
  - (i) The concept of this road as a traffic route was conceived and adopted as part of the proposed network for the county before the houses in the Templeville Road/Greentrees Road area were constructed.

(Contd.)



- (ii) There are other roads in the area itself with frontal development which carry comparable volumes of traffic (approximately 8,000 vehicles) - Cromwellsfort Road, Walkinstown Road, Walkinstown Avenue, Wainsfort Road and Butterfield Avenue. Any attempt to close Templeville Road would increase the traffic on the adjoining routes or alternative routes.

In relation to the type of traffic using Templeville Road it is significant to note that the heavy commercial vehicle percentage of the total traffic on Templeville Road prior to the opening of the extension was 3% and after the opening of the extension increased to 5%. On other similar routes the percentage of heavy vehicles is in the order of 10% to 15%.

- (iii) It is clear that any attempt now to break the link on Templeville Road Extension even in the short term will bring about considerable unfavourable local reaction and will be resisted. A letter from one Association, Glendown Residents Association representing 600 residents has already been received opposing the proposed closing.

We have stressed time and again that there is need for additional finance to improve all our roads and to build new roads. It is no solution to this problem to cut off any particular route which will merely have the effect of diverting through traffic onto other roads.

To comply with the Section 4 motion if passed the Council would have to rely on Section 94 Road Traffic Act 1961 which empowers the Minister for the Environment

"after the holding of a public inquiry, to prohibit the driving of vehicles or any class of vehicles on any specified public road in respect of which it appears to him, in consequence of the inquiry, to be proved that the driving of vehicles or the class of vehicles on the road would endanger the traffic thereon or that the road is for any other reason unsuitable for use by vehicles or such class of vehicles"

It is not considered that this road would meet these requirements.

Alternatively the County Council has power to close a road temporarily after giving due notice (14 days) and considering any objection received. Even without giving the statutory notice considerable objections have already been received to the proposal in the motion. In view of all the points made it is considered that the matter should be deferred until the next meeting of the County Council and the position in relation to public lighting should then be settled.

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TEMPLEOGUE GOLF OUTING

An Outing has been arranged at Woodbrook Golf Club on Thursday 6th April 1978.

Stableford Competition for the Duffy Cup and other prizes.

There will be a 4-course Evening Meal in the Club House after the competition. Subscription (to include Evening Meal £3.65, Green Fees £2.25, Prizes 0.60p) will be £6.50.

A snack lunch of soup or tea and one round of sandwiches can be provided, up to 2.30 p.m., at a cost of 60p extra each.

Green fees are not chargeable in respect of Woodbrook members or Captains of other clubs.

Please Note: Woodbrook members have rights on the 1st tee between 1.15 and 2 p.m. but this does not prevent our Society from playing during this time. We must be clear of the 1st tee by 3.30 p.m.

The Green Fee is for 18 holes only, and a further, daily, Green Fee must be paid by anyone wishing to play more.

One of the conditions is that the Society must pay £5.90 in respect of each playing member, and another is that the Billiard Room is reserved for Woodbrook members and their guests.

TEMPLEOGUE COLLEGE SWIMMING

A team of fifteen swimmers travelled to Cork to represent the school in the Irish Schools Championships and were accompanied by Jim Farnan, Sean Mahon and Dave McCullagh. Having received Mr. Turner's (Principal) good wishes for success, the boys set out on the long journey by road. It was a lovely Friday morning with no sign of snow except on the Dublin mountains but little did they know what they were to face on the journey home next day.

Having arrived in Cork and had a meal the lads rested for about an hour in the hotel before going to the pool. The organisation was not one hundred per cent and the first event was about 40 minutes late in taking place. This continued throughout Friday night's session and ended just before 11 o'clock which is far too late. To compensate, Aiden Kearney won the Senior Backcrawl and equalled the record. He has since been selected to represent Ireland at a Schools International in Scotland next month. Congratulations Aiden and no doubt you will bring honour to the College as other swimmers have done before you. This is the third year in succession that Templeogue College has been represented on international swimming teams. Aiden also got third place in the Senior Individual Medley.

Saturday morning after some confusion and a late start more success came the way. John Houlihan third in Intermediate Backcrawl, with Mick McCann third also in Senior Freestyle. Real success came in the Medley Relay (senior) with the team coming second to R.B.P.I., Belfast, and in doing so beat the standing Irish Schools record. Better still the same team (Aiden Kearney, Mick McCann, John Houlihan and Gay Brennan) won the Senior Freestyle Relay and created a new record.

These last two events took place in the third session starting 2.00 p.m. on the Saturday. Fr. John Cooper was persuaded by both officials and swimmers from outside Cork to take control of this session as the weather was getting worse with snow all that day and some of these had to travel as far as Belfast and Derry, not to mind Dublin, Galway, Roscommon and many other places just as far. There were visions of having to stay in Cork another night or maybe two as it turned out. With his usual businesslike manner, Fr. John had the party on the road at 4.30 p.m. With the competition over anybody who did not set out for home immediately had nobody to blame but themselves.

The journey home was hazardous, with a blizzard and temperatures below freezing. It was agreed by all the party not to stop to eat until we got home as according to the forecast the weather was going to deteriorate. The boys had not eaten since one o'clock and it was just before eleven when we got to Templeogue and had something to eat in our usual "haunt". The boys are to be congratulated for their consideration of the drivers by not having complained even once about being hungry, which we discovered they all were. We learned later that about half the competitors and officials were stranded in Cork until Monday evening.

It was a wonderful trip and the College authorities can rest assured that these lads will bring nothing to the school but credit and honour.

P.S. Everybody was glad to see Terenure College were represented by four junior swimmers.

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COMMUNITY GAMES.....Sean Mahon.

At the time of going to press no details were available for this year's events but as soon as they come to hand, the committee will be in touch with the schools and local groups.

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MEETING OF THE MID-WEST COUNTY DISTRICT COMMITTEE 10/2/1978  
DUBLIN CO. COUNCIL

PROVISION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT CYPRESS GROVE ROAD

Question: Councillor S. Walsh, T.D.

"To ask the Manager what progress has been made to have a pedestrian crossing provided on Cypress Grove Road (near shopping centre)?"

Reply:

Vehicular and pedestrian counts were recently taken at this location. The results when processed will be submitted to the Traffic Study Group for a recommendation and the Gardai for a decision.

Bob Briscoe Cumann has for several years been trying to get above pedestrian crossing. We are grateful to Sean Walsh for his dedication in continuing to bring the matter before the Co. Council. We are grateful also for the very real help he and Damien Murray have given to the Templeville & Fortfield Residents' Association with their problems.

A special word of thanks to Templeogue Telegraph for the facilities it has made available to us to publicise matters we feel would be of interest to readers and for the unfailing courtesy and co-operation of its personnel.

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

Since the January report, the committee picketed the Dublin County Council's Offices on Monday February 13th. The Council were considering at the meeting, our request to close Templeville Road as a throughway link for traffic from St. Peter's Road through the Templeville Road extension into Templeville Road, by the re-introduction of the traffic barrier which formerly existed on the Templeville Road extension, and the barrier remain in position until the improvements to public lighting, road surface and pelican lights had been completed. Also at the meeting the Southern Cross Route Study Group's outer ring road proposal came up for discussion.

Widening of carriageway on Templeville Road has been completed on the south side and is in progress on the north side.

The E.S.B. existing poles are in the process of being removed from the north side. The public lighting poles have been erected and should be in operation in March. The pedestrian crossing has been erected and is now in operation.

It is planned that the bitumenous over layer subject to finance available will be completed towards the end of March for Greentrees and Templeville Roads.

The A.G.M. of the Association will take place in April and we expect a large attendance because "the road" will be the main topic. All householders will be notified.

At our protest demonstration it was pointed out to us that there was one plackard with a F.F. slogan on it. This plackard came in from outside our Association and we are very sorry if it gave offence to anyone.

In closing my report I wish to reply to Mr. T. Purcell's letter of February issue and say it is the easiest thing in the world to sit on the sideline and criticise the players but a very different ballgame to play.

I also wish to say to Mr. T. Purcell he must think he is on Fleet Street. I am not a journalist, only an ordinary housewife doing a voluntary job in my sparetime and there is no way I can improve on my "reporting". As for his remark of "no hope of anything being achieved" I think the January report and the one above speaks for itself.

As for his criticism of the Telegraph, he picked the one month out of twelve for which it is hard to get material, being the Christmas issue. It was amazing he had not one good thing to say. I think the Community Council are doing a very good voluntary job of the Templeogue Telegraph.

I certainly did not find his criticism constructive, on the contrary - unnecessary.

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ST PIUS X SCHOOL SWIMMING

This year again four boys from St. Pius X School qualified to compete in Irish Minor Schools Championships which were held early in February in Belvedere College.

Considering how handicapped they are by restricted training they went out and faced the cream of Irish swimming from the 32 counties of Ireland. Unexpected and unannounced Fr. John Cooper C.S.Sp., turned up at the pool just before the competition was about to commence. He had returned just two days previously from U.S.A. and his appearance really filled our boys with the determination to prove that St. Pius X School was still up there in front with the best.

The individual Medley U/12 was the first event involving Aiden Towey and Ciaran Mahon. Both qualified for the final with Aiden coming third and Ciaran fourth. Next came the U/12 Freestyle (50 m.) Aiden Towey again swam a great race and came second - Ireland's wonder boy in that age group. Ciaran Mahon next came in third in the U/12 Breaststroke and this left the two relay races (freestyle and medley) to be run off in the afternoon.

With a word of encouragement from Fr. Cooper the boys (Aiden Towey, Ciaran Mahon, Robert McCann and David Towey) took to the water in the Medley Relay and although not expected to do any good they amused everybody by coming in third. The premier event of the Championship was of course the U/12 Freestyle Team Relay. St. Pius X School held the record for this event but unfortunately were pushed into second place this year. The same four swimmers made up the team.

Congratulations boys and keep up the good work.

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36 Templeville Drive,  
Terenure,  
March 1978.

Dear T. N. Purcell,

The mentality of people like you never ceases to amaze me. The subscription of 50p per annum is ridiculous. In my opinion it should be at least £1 per annum and then, perhaps, we could do something more about the 'Templeogue Telegraph'.

However, even though you have nothing good to say about the Telegraph, I will say something good about you. You, at least, have taken the bother to take up your pen and write down what you thought about us, which is more than can be said for the majority of readers.

I take the trouble to think up a poem or two per month myself and I think, that, coupled with the news of the whole area and the different groups and societies make quite good reading or "value" for your 50p per annum. However, if you still think you are being jipped and if I thought there were many others like yourself, I certainly would not bother my brains on your behalf.

Yours sincerely,  
Sheila Whittle

Protest and The Urban Guerrilla - by Richard Clutterbuck, published by Cassell at £3.75.

Dr. Richard Clutterbuck O.B.E. is claimed as one of the leading authorities on revolutionary warfare. He is a Cambridge graduate in mechanical sciences who has served with the Royal Engineers and since then has spend 35 years in all parts of the world. He saw service in four major resurgencies - Palestine, Malaya, Trieste, and Singapore. He was indirectly concerned with six others. He retired from the Army with the rank of Major General and now lectures at the University of Exeter in International Politics, Political Violence and Revolution.

Dr. Clutterbuck in his book The Long, Long War made an expose of the Malayan Maoist-style guerrilla campaign; and in his Across the River he dealt with the urban guerrilla campaign in Singapore.

In his new volume, he shows clearly that urban guerrilla violence follows an international pattern; and, in fact, that certain acts of violence, in a particular country, may not be the most suitable for the guerrillas' purpose there but are really experimental for use elsewhere.

Dr. Clutterbuck says that five years ago the term "urban guerrilla" was almost unknown and that many would have thought it a contradiction in terms. For instance Che Guevara said that Latin America would be liberated not by urban revolution but by rural guerrillas. Similarly, Castro referred to the city as the graveyard of the revolutionary. The author goes on: "Urban revolutionaries were well enough known; they organised strikes, sit-ins, boycotts and riots. They seized presidential palaces and radiot stations, penetrated police forces and political parties and organised coups d'etat. But, though there were occasional bank robberies and raids on barracks to get arms, the urban guerrilla - in the form of the Robin Hood who robbed the rich to help the poor, the politically motivated street gangster, the political kidnapper and the hijacker - did not really steal the scene until the late nineteen sixties."

The writer says that it is now common to find, in the ranks of the guerrillas, revolutionaries from other countries. In a particular reference to Ireland he mentions that Father O'Neill of St. Eugene's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Derry, drew public attention in May 1972 to the inclusion of two North Koreans and an Algerian, not to mention a number of Englishmen "amongst the hard-core of gunmen of the Provisional I.R.A. in Creggan and Bogside."

Clutterbuck cites Carlos Marighella who, in his Minimanual of the Urban Guerrilla states that the guerrillas' purpose is to transform a political situation into a military situation. "This is achieved by provoking repression, as the New Left Review advised university sitters-in, except that the repression, in this case, is not frogmarching girls along corridors but curfews, searches, detention without trial and, above all, bloodshed. Against such repression, the urban guerrilla can appear in shining armour as the people's protector."

Comparing England and Ireland, the author thinks it a sobering thought that several times, in Northern Ireland, more people have been killed in a single day by political violence than in nearly one and a half centuries in London, Liverpool, Cardiff or Glasgow. This from an Englishman's point of view who is still not entirely unapprehensive of what may happen to-morrow.

There is in this book a very good synopsis of the confiscation of Ulster. The author points out that the reason why the history of protest and violence in Ireland is so different from that of Great Britain is that the native Irish (unlike the Scots and Welsh) have never ceased to regard themselves as a subject people under alien colonial rule. This is the feeling, he emphasises, which prevails amongst the Catholic community in Ulster, although they are in a minority in the portion of the province.

He traces the story of the present Ulster position from August 1969 to November, 1972. "Bloody Sunday" he says, "had a high inflammatory effect, but it also served to convince people on all sides of the wisdom of the government's general policy

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of accepting the humiliations of tolerating the no-go areas, from which this operation was a deviation. Bloody Sunday was also significant in that it made inevitable direct rule from London one of the I.R.A.'s declared objectives."

Bloody Friday was in the author's opinion, probably the I.R.A.'s greatest blunder, causing revulsion in the great body of Catholics as well as Protestants.

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POETRY CORNER

THE GEMS SHE WORE

Of all the many books I have read before,  
None can compare with "The Gems She Wore",  
Written by the author of "Strumpet City",  
This book is entertaining, instructive and witty.

It is concerned with Irish people and places,  
History and Geography it widely embraces,  
With many a tale interestingly told,  
About our own patriots in the days of old.

The chapter in this book I like the most  
Is the one where the Dublin mountains are crossed.  
The military road its gradient it wends,  
From the Yellow House, Rathfarnham to the Wicklow glens.

This is where our Patriots are remembered so well,  
Feagh McHugh, Michael Dwyer, Emmet, Parnell.  
With names like these you will know for sure,  
You are now in the vicinity of Glenmalure.

Described as the country's remotest glen,  
Unsurpassed for its scenery as well as its men.  
All who love history, tradition, folklore  
Would be certain to enjoy "The Gems She Wore".

Betty McDonnell.

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DAFFODILS

As I walked in the garden one morning  
And saw the cracked open sod,  
My mind like an arrow shot heavenwards,  
And I thought on the power of my God.

A few days later when I strolled again,  
To review that favourite spot,  
Clusters of green stems greeted me,  
Like churches reaching their spires to God.

And while I gazed on this wondrous sight,  
A breeze played on the tender stems,  
Criss-cross they bent before my eyes,  
Like the beams on Calvary's hill.

A moment later the beams were gone,  
And in their place stood praying hands,  
Which seemed to reach up with a plea -  
Perhaps a prayer for you and me.

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## DAFFODILS (Contd.)

But, O! the last visit to my garden plot  
Has filled my brain with fever,  
For behold! I saw a chalice gold,  
Awaiting the blood of my Saviour.

Sr. Emily, R.C.E.

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## MIRACLE IN THE HOME

A miracle takes place each day  
In every house or home,  
In such a very quiet way  
That it deserves a poem.  
For families never stop and think  
What happens to their clothes  
In transit from the floor to sink  
And to the line in rows.  
And then on to the ironing board,  
Some hung and some in piles.  
This miracle is just ignored,  
No wonder mother smiles!  
It's done by her two hands, you know,  
The hands that clean the mess  
And pick up everything you throw,  
And fill the old hot press.  
When changing dirty socks again,  
Don't drop them on the floor,  
But try to think what happens when  
The magic works no more.  
The piles of dirty clothes you shed  
All left where they are dropped,  
The unwashed floor, the unmade bed  
Means mother's hands have stopped.  
No matter what machines are shown  
Upon the showroom stands  
There's none that we have ever known  
Compares with mother's hands.  
When mother's magic hands get tired,  
Respect them - you've got two.  
They're not there just to be admired,  
They are for using too.

Sheila Whittle  
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## WHERE HAD ALL THE PEOPLE GONE?

In Templeogue on a rainy night,  
Down at St. Pius School Hall,  
There was an A.G.M. that's right,  
Where were you people, all?  
The Council is for all of you  
Who live around this place.  
The outlook now is very blue,  
To me, you're in disgrace.  
Who's she? you'll ask, and well you might.  
So read my name below,  
For I was there on that black night  
Because I cared, you know.  
And maybe there were forty there  
From this "great" neighbourhood  
The same few that you'll find elsewhere  
All working for your good.

(Sheila Whittle)

But where were you and you and you,  
Who from the ditch throw stones?  
Upon the efforts of the few  
Who listen to your moans.  
You are a worthless lot indeed,  
The worst I've ever met.  
A Council you might surely need  
But will not help to get.  
"What can a Council do for me?"  
Is all you ask, I know.  
You do not say "Let's plant the tree"  
From small things great things grow.  
The Council is the central part,  
With branches straight or bending.  
In other words it is the heart  
On which we're all depending.



The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on Wednesday 1st March.

I give hereunder the names of the new Officers and Committee:

Elected unopposed:	President	- Eleanor O'Mahony
	Vice President	- Mary Kernan
	Secretary	- Rosa Morris
	Treasurer	- Brid Nolan.

Following a vote, the following were declared for Committee:

Gretta Carroll.  
 Josie Farrell  
 Bernie Greene  
 Maureen Keenan

Committee members continuing for a second year:

Anne Aungier	May Coan	Carmel Dunne
Irene O'Doherty	Peg O'Brien	Marie Shannon Brid Whitty

The Choir will face the music in the Federation Competition on the 1st April.

Four of our members will take part in a play called "The Biter Bit", one of the winning plays in the Original Play Competition, on the 21st March. The Variety Group will take part in a Competition in Green Acres on 28th March.

Congratulations are due to Peggy Monks on the birth of her daughter and also to Nancy Forde on being a grandmother. Get well wishes are sent to Michael Morris, Rosa's husband, who is recovering from an operation and to Noinin Monaghan who broke her ankle. We missed Noinin's cheerful face and willing hands at the March meeting and we hope sincerely that she will recover in record time.

We extend deepest sympathy to Betty O'Brien on the death of her husband and to Josie Farrell on the death of her mother.

In conclusion of this, my last Report as Secretary, may I thank everyone who helped me in any way during my year in office. I hope I didn't give you too much cause for complaint. I would also like to wish the best of luck to the incoming officers and committee.

A little reminder - please bring your subscription for membership (£3.60) to the next meeting (there's hardly a bean in the kitty!!) 8.15 p.m. sharp Wednesday 6th April.

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<p><u>CHILDREN'S SWIMMING CLASSES</u></p> <p>TERENURE COLLEGE POOL</p> <p>SATURDAYS 2-3 p.m.</p> <p>Swimming Classes for children 4 years upwards.          Saturdays 2 - 3 p.m. Terenure College Pool.          For details Phone 900650 (Mrs. O'Regan)</p>
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<p><u>RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS</u></p>
<p>Mix 1 lb. of "goodwill" and generosity with four ounces of humility and a shake of simplicity. Then add 2 lbs. of selfforgetness to 4 lbs. of love of the neighbour. Knead well and bake in a moderate oven for 30 minutes. When golden brown ice the whole ingredients with 3 yards of a perpetual smile - and presto - you have "Happiness".</p>
<p>Sr. Emily, R.C.E.</p>

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