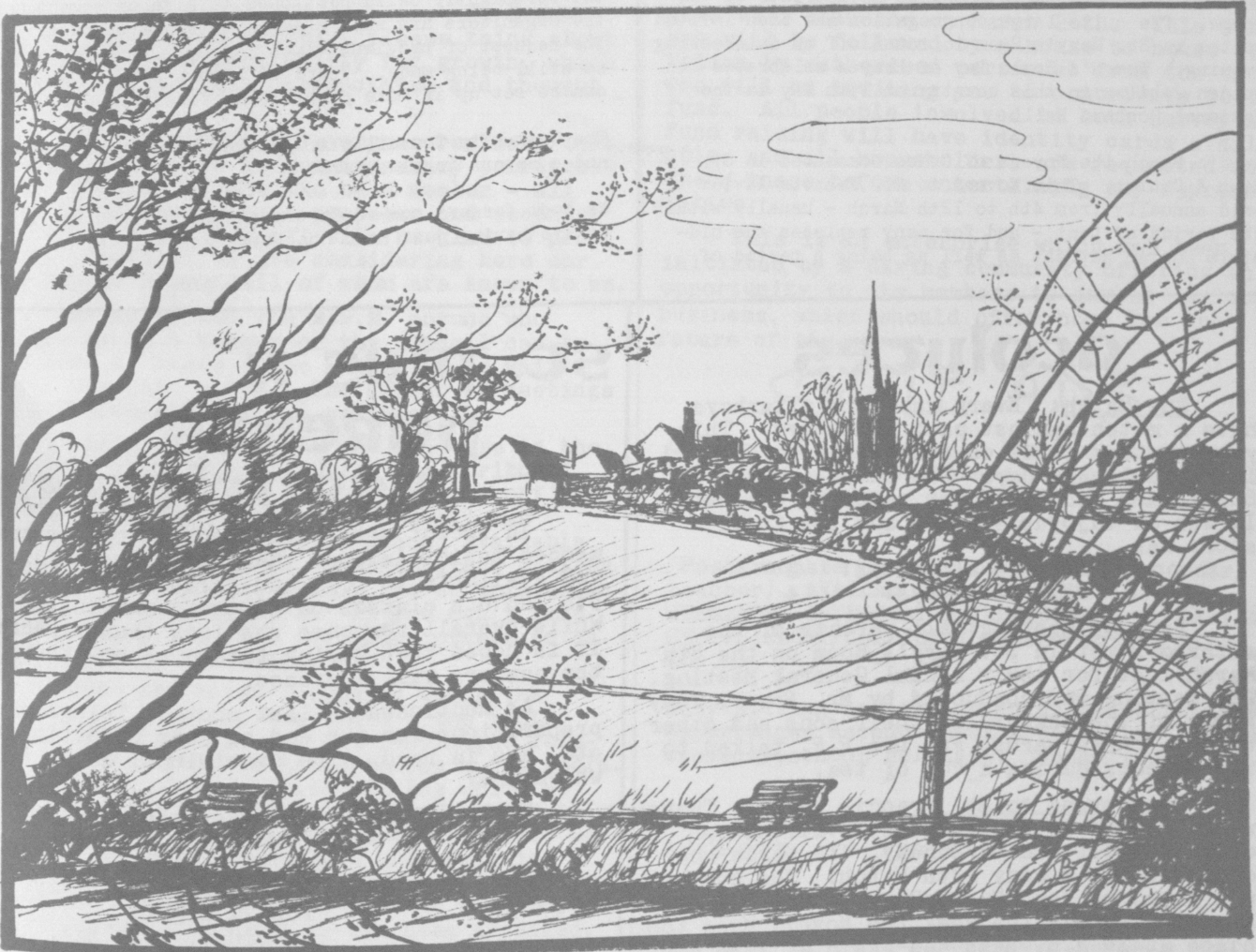


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templeogue roundabout may o'neill

Confirming the rumour that I've been dubbed 'Religious Correspondent' before now, I bring to your notice that in this Community area over the past few weeks some wonderful events of religious content took place

Firstly, in Terenure College Chapel we had the most rewarding and pleasurable occasion of the 'Mass in C' by Robert Fuhrer, celebrated by Rev. Eltin Griffin, O.Carm., with specially invited Orchestra, Soloists and Choir. There is a report on this Mass elsewhere, but I cannot resist telling you of the splendour of the occasion and wish to congratulate all involved in making it possible. Could we have another please?

Then on 2nd March an Interdenominational Service - Woman's World Day of Prayer - was held in St. Pius X Church. This year the Theme is "Living Water from Christ, Our Hope". The Service was led by the Lady-Organisers (not a man in sight) in prayer and readings from the Old and New Testaments. The Choir was in good voice and the hymns most appropriate to the Theme. The quite large congregation was then invited to tea in St. Mary's Room to round off an interesting evening. Women's World Day of Prayer celebrates its Golden Jubilee in this country on 19th May in the National Concert Hall.

On 4th March the Novena of Grace commenced in St. Pius X Church. This Novena to St. Francis Xavier is held annually from 4th to 12th March - usually within the period of Lent - and for many replaces the old-style Lenten Retreat as well as being a period of

prayerful petition and thanksgiving. Attendances are always good - this year they broke all records - the Church was packed to the doors and very many young people were in evidence. The Preacher was Rev. John Edwards, S.J., from Farm Street, London. He is a man of plain speech. Straightforward simple explanations to help one's understanding and equally simple directions on how to improve oneself, for none of us, he said, is beyond reproach. He exhorts us to pray and to make resolutions, e.g. to go to Confession at least each month! His lectures are still a talking point. We have been privileged to have heard him. We thank him for coming. Thank you, Father Lee, for making his visit possible.

A very interesting exhibition of Dolls was held in Our Lady's School on 8th and 9th March. All who paid a visit, even Adults, came away thrilled at the beauty of the lot. See the report elsewhere.

The fortnightly Ceili continues to give enjoyment and the Organisers are well pleased with its success. The request of previous times for help from fathers is still being made. There is hope a rota of helpers can be set up if more people come forward.

The Community Council's A.G.M. was held on 13th March and a report is elsewhere.

We look forward now to Easter and better weather than we are having just now. So Happy Easter. Slan.

M.O'N.

acolytes

The Match: Every year the altarboys have a match against past altarboys. This year it took place on Sunday 4th March, and it was a lovely day. The altarboys met at Bushy Park and Mr. Power refereed the match. It was an enjoyable match and the final score was

Present altarboys: 2
Past altarboys: 4

Parents Meeting: All parents of the altarboys met in St. Mary's Room on the 8th March last for their Annual General Meeting. The meeting was conducted by Mr. Power. They spoke of the cake-sale, their sons and other things. Afterwards, Fr. Lee P.P. talked to the parents during a cup of tea.

The Novena to St. Francis Xavier: There was a Novena to St. Francis Xavier in our church. It began on Sunday, 4th March and concluded on Monday 12th March. The Novena was given by Rev. Fr. Hohn Edwards, S.J. from London. During the week the Novena Mass took place at 10 a.m. Mass and again at 7.30 p.m. Mass. It was a very successful Novena.

DAVID DUFFIN. S. & S. COMMITTEE

THIS AND THAT

Photographs: Please remember that colour photographs of your event are just as welcome as black and white and if of interest are always welcome.

Oil Tanks: The cost of a 300-gallon Tank nowadays is about £120. If the one you have leaks or becomes so rusted that it is in danger of leaking and you have to have the oil removed, by the time you have a new one installed and perhaps cleaned up a spillage, you will have little change out of £200. The point we make is that your tank is worth looking after. Go on! - have a look at it and give it a few coats of paint. Better be sure than sorry.

ST. PIUS X PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

In recent weeks the Association has commenced music classes. Recorder lessons are now available to boys and girls of 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes on Saturday mornings. While overall response was less than expected it is hoped that during future school terms the numbers will increase.

As mentioned in last month's Telegraph, preparations for our end of year competitions etc. are in hand. The provisional dates for which are:

Table Tennis: Boys Preliminary Rounds
Saturday, 5th May
Girls Preliminary Rounds
Saturday, 12th May.
'Finals Night'
Friday, 18th May.

Heather Cup: Soccer from 7th May to
17th May.

Speech & Drama: Play/Art Display, Tues.
22nd May.

Swimming Gala: From 21st to 25th May.

All dates will be confirmed and more details will be available in the May issue of the Templeogue Telegraph.

Once again, parents please note that during the school's Easter Hoildays there will be no activities.

BRIAN McCORMACK.

DIARY

Please phone in dates and details of your events for inclusion in the Diary. Phone 903630 or 906323.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

betty o' brien

Only 13 people attended the A.G.M. of the Templeogue Community Council on 13th March, of these 12 were elected on to the Council which is an improvement of 3 on last year, and, if one takes into account that 2 long-standing members did not wish to offer themselves for re-election, that at least is progress. When the Council began in 1977 there were 30 members. What has happened in the meantime? What is past is history and raking old ashes is a profitless exercise. So let us look to the future. There are only six groups represented on the Council at present. When one thinks of the number of groups in the Community area, this number seems small. We don't realise the value of the Council - how the different activities, cultural and active can interact on one another, supporting, exchanging ideas and developing one another by our concern. So I ask all unrepresented groups - please think about it. There is a possibility for growth, which we have not properly appreciated and thought out, here.

I often wonder if everyone realises that to be a member it is not necessary to represent a group. Anyone can be a member - all that is necessary is a proposer and seconder which we on the Council will be glad to provide. Remember we are considering here our own people almost all of whom are known to us.

Having missed the A.G.M. anyone who wishes to be a member of the Council can be co-opted as there is no necessity to wait until the next A.G.M. The number of meetings is not excessive, 4 - 6 per year.

People often say to me: What use is the Council! WHAT DOES IT DO!! Its moribund! This being said they have written it off and are deaf to any reply. The Council has developed into an umbrella group, available to anyone who needs it, and ready and willing to innovate new activities. To do this effectively it needs members. If you don't like it as it is, join and encourage others to do so and change its image.

There are three groups in which the Council is directly concerned - the Youth Group, Feile Bhríde and the Templeogue Telegraph. This year we are entering a new field. As a result of the public meeting which we arranged with the Gardai we are involved in the setting up of Neighbourhood Watches. On the advice of the Gardai we are beginning with one area. The first Watch will be set up in Springfield where a meeting with Supt. Faughnan who will help us has been arranged.

We are a settled community - young people, middleaged and elderly - all with our various problems and concerns, so join the Templeogue Community Council and revitalise the Community.

'THE ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY CENTRE'

As a result of an article on the problem of unemployment by Fr. E. Griffin, O.Carm. recently published in this paper, a community enterprise development trust has been formed in this area. The objective of the trust is to create 500 jobs in the area within six months. This can be achieved by establishing 40-50 small business enterprises utilising the skills and talents of unemployed people in this district.

A steering committee has been formed to administer this worthwhile venture. The committee plan to raise funds by inviting the community to invest in units and make donations. This offers everybody an opportunity to help alleviate the unemployment problem and also to have an investment in a developing enterprise. These funds will be supplemented by grants from Government agencies and from the E.E.C.

A survey on human resources within the area will commence on March 26th. This survey will be followed by a house to house visitation by authorised personnel from the trust who will be inviting you to contribute to the fund. All people involved in both survey and fund raising will have identity cards available, and all householders are requested to check these before entertaining any representative.

This is an enterprise which has been initiated by a caring community offering an opportunity to its members to invest in local business, which should offer hope for the future of the area.

SMALL ADS

Teacher of English as a Foreign Language available - Groups, classes, individuals also remedial English Phone 909452
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Postgraduate Student (qualified secondary teacher), AVAILABLE TO GIVE TUITION AT WEEKENDS. INTERCERT.MATHS/SCIENCE or LEAVING CERT.BIOLOGY/CHEMISTRY -phone 903013 after 10p.m.
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Baby-sitting and childminding undertaken by experienced second-level school girl, evenings weekends, school holidays. phone 909452
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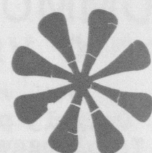
WORDPROCESSING EVENING COURSES BEGINNING APRIL 9th - Phone LORNA 906859
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FOR SALE : OUR LADY'S SCHOOL BLAZERS SUIT 7 & 12 YRS. APPROX phone 963919

PLAY SCHOOL (COOLAMBER/KNOCKLYON AREA) FEW VACANCIES NOW AND ENROLEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER - Phone 946414

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FREE ESTIMATES PHONE 905663

DIARY



Wed. 4th Ladies Club Meeting - 8p.m.
 Fri. 6th Festival of Fashion - Our Lady's School 8p.m.
 Tues. 10th St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society St. Pius X Church 7.30p.m.
 Fri. 13th Ceili St. Pius X School Hall 8 p.m. 50p.
 Wed. 18th Horticultural Society - Our Lady's School - 8p.m.
 Fri. 27th Ceili - St. Pius X School Hall - 8p.m. - 50p
 Any Sunday - Game of 25s at Terenure College 7.30p.m.



'Aisling Cullen, Gemma O'Donoghue, Suzanne Allen, Karen Craig, Nicola McNiff of Our Lady's School, winners of the Second Division, Gymnastic League, Sth. Dublin Region. Coached by Sheila Champion of Irish Amateur Gymnastics.

music teachers

CLARINET LESSONS - Ciarán Holt
 167 Wainsfort Road
 (At Roundabout) phone 905824

PIANO TUITION - Beginners to Intermediate. Colm O'Duffy
 B.A. (Music & French).
 Will call to house if necessary. Phone: 909813.

Dermot Kelly
Spinologist
 Attends at
46 Forkfield Park
 (Shopping Centre)

Every Saturday Afternoon
4pm to 7pm

ROSE BOYD →
 MAY O'NEILL
 INTRODUCES SYBIL CONNOLLY



horticultural society

bunny williams



Mr. Leslie Davis paid a welcome return visit to the Society on 21st March to speak on Growing and Showing Roses. He has been involved in both aspects for many years and was able to give many hints to our members. He congratulated us on our first show last July and looked forward to an even more ambitious second show during the coming summer.

He emphasised that by consistently aiming higher we would draw more competition from outsiders.

When entering a rose for a show the perfect bloom should be three-quarters open and it should have plenty of bulk at its centre. One should not be able to see the stamens. It is essential therefore that prospective exhibitors grow roses which will show well. Ideally it should be of a type where the rose has between 40/50 petals. The bloom must be fresh and the best time to cut a rose is at night. When it has been cut, with as long a stem as possible, it should be placed in water and indeed should be taken to the show still in water. When you arrive at the show it can be cut to the length desired. It is a good idea to bring some newspaper along with you and this can be soaked in water and used to prop up the rose in the container which will enhance the presentation of the bloom from the judge's point of view. Never pull petals off a rose before showing, even if they are not quite perfect, as judges will be quick to spot this and could deduct marks on this account. If possible bring along a spare bloom with you in case of accident.

When growing roses with a view to showing them it is advisable to remove the side shoots from Hybrid Teas (also known as Large Flowered) and to remove the centre flower bud from Floribundas (also known as Cluster Flowered). This will encourage the vigour to go into the main flower in the case of H.T., and into the cluster in the case of Floribunda. Never enter a "split bloom" in a show - this is a rose which has a double centre and will immediately lose marks. Whether a bloom is perfumed or not is irrelevant, unless of course the syllabus specifies to the contrary. A few roses which exhibit well are as follows: Red Devil, Red Lion, Big Chief, Bobby Charlton, Champion, City of Bath and City of Gloucester, and Ernest H. Morse. If buying new roses and you are in doubt about which variety is best for your particular purpose, be it exhibiting or just for garden display, you should go to a reputable nursery or garden centre and discuss your specific requirements with the assistant rather than just take "pot luck" by buying your roses in the local supermarket.

The best time to plant roses is October/November as there is still some warmth left in the soil from the summer. However, planting can be done quite successfully between October/March, and if container roses are purchased they can be planted at any time throughout the year. The planting hole should must always be wide enough and deep enough to take the roots without bending. Some bone meal and moist peat should be incorporated in the soil when planting, and to ensure that the bush is planted firmly you should tread lightly on the soil, taking care not to press the bush lower into the ground.

The correct time to prune roses varies from person to person and place to place - some prune as early as January, but it should be completed not later than the middle of March. The first year after planting

the bush should be pruned very hard. This sometimes takes a lot of courage as one is afraid there will be very little left after pruning but hard pruning will encourage strong new growth from the base. In the second and subsequent years pruning of H.T. and Floribunda types may be more moderate but you should always aim at keeping the centre of the bush clear and encouraging outward growth from low down on the bush. After pruning it is advisable to apply a rose fertiliser, and further applications of feeding should be done in May and late July. Fertiliser should never be applied later than the first week in August. However, an application of Potash can be given after this in order to harden them up for the winter. It is also recommended that you apply a mulch of farmyard manure or moist peat to the soil around bushes in May as this helps to conserve moisture in the ground during the summer and also helps to keep down weeds.

Pests and diseases can be a problem as with most flowers, but most of these can be successfully dealt with by treatment with the correct preparation. If you find your roses infected with rust you would be well advised to dig out the offending bush and destroy it as there is no cure for this disease. Mildew and Black Spot can be treated and kept at bay by regular spraying with an appropriate garden fungicide. Similarly regular spraying with a suitable pesticide can protect your bushes against greenfly. The rates of application of all fungicides and pesticides should be followed exactly as otherwise they can sometimes do more harm than good.

Below are some suggested varieties for garden display.

- FLORIBUNDA: Lili Marlene (orange scarlet)
Korresia (yellow)
Anne Harkness (Saffron orange)
Bright Smile (Yellow)
Trumpeter (scarlet)
Southampton (apricot orange)
Evelyn Fison (Red)
- HYBRID TEA: E. H. Morse (Red)
Pink Favourite (pink)
Mala Rubinstein (rose pink)
Grandpa Dickson (yellow)
Fragrant Cloud (red)
Piccadilly (pink/cream)
Silver Jubilee (pink)
- CLIMBERS: Handel
Dublin Bay

During his talk Mr. Davis gave a practical demonstration of pruning and answered many questions from the audience. He also very kindly promised to donate a prize of six rose bushes for our Annual Show this summer.

Hughes Roses of Ardcaith, Garristown (Phone 354533) are presently offering rose bushes @ £1.75 each and Climbers @ £2.30 each with a discount of 25% up to the end of March.

We would remind members that the R.H.S.I. Spring Show will be held in the R.D.S. on 7th April from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. - entrance is by Simmons Court Road, Gate "H", and it should be well worth a visit.

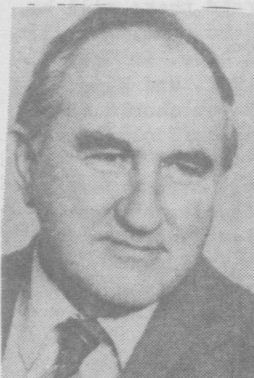
At our April meeting Kathleen Brady will talk on "Growing your own Bedding Plants".

ST JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

Would members of the above named Society please take note of the new venue for meetings, and also the earlier time. In future, the monthly meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month in St. Mary's Room immediately after the 7.30 p.m. Mass in St. Pius X Church. New members are very welcome.

know your neighbour

By brian keogh



Michael Mills is an almost stultifyingly nice person for a journalist. In fact he is so unlike the stereotype of the aggressive, prying and dishonest reporter that you are almost expecting him to break down and admit that he is in reality an Irish-American Baptist preacher who was offered the job of political correspondent of The Irish Press accidentally and hadn't the heart to turn

them down. But do not be fooled by this aura of sanctity because beneath that rotund exterior is a mind so finely honed by 20 years of journalistic diplomacy that it is not difficult to understand why he is Ireland's first Ombudsman.

Young Mills joined The Irish Press in 1954 after four years apprenticeship at the Wicklow People where his tasks included the collection of overdue advertising payments as well as his work as a general reporter. After three years at Brugh Quay, Mills became drama and film critic, a post which he held for six winters before he made his "big break."

"In 1963 I was asked to do a colour piece on the Dail. The minority government of Sean Lemass was introducing this new turn-over tax, a sort of early form of VAT", recalls Mills in that lugubrious voice of his. "I managed to forecast the outcome of the debate, probably because of my experience as drama critic - I could tell by the tone of the speeches which way they were going to vote". As a result Mills was given a six months trial period as political correspondent at the end of which he was offered the job. "Obviously I wanted the job but I told them that I would only accept it on the condition that I would not write propaganda." Was there propaganda being printed at the time? "Oh yes, the political columns were full of it. Viviende Valera was under a lot of pressure but he came to me and told me that he would stand by me. He told me to tell the truth."

During his twenty years in the hot seat of Irish journalism Michael Mills became one of the most respected and well known journalists of his time. A regular spot on the "Hurler on the Ditch" exposed him, along with the other political correspondents, to a public far wider than that which they hoped to reach through their respective newspapers. "Quite frankly I thought it would last three weeks myself, but it achieved a tremendous success and ran for about three years. There was Arthur Noonan, John Healy, John O'Sullivan and Michael McInerney - the late and great Michael McInerney."

Mills' appointment as Ombudsman last October was something of a surprise to say the least. In the days after the bill had been put through the Dail, Mills - like all the other political writers had speculated on the possible candidates. Who did the Ombudsman think would land the job? "well it wouldn't be right for me to name names but I knew that there were a few top University people in mind and a High Court judge but never a journalist."

He recalls the occasion on which he learnt of his nomination for the job. "I was in Germany at the time with other political

journalists when I received a phone call from John Boland telling me that he had put my name forward and that I was acceptable to the three main parties. I was given about five days to think it over. The most frustrating thing was that I couldn't tell any of my colleagues because had I turned down the job then it would have been known who had been the initial choice."

The office of Ombudsman opened on January 3 - how does he see his role as Ireland's first Big Brother? "I see myself as a mediator between the public and administration. My primary aim will be to ensure that the citizen gets fair play, the question of equity is paramount." How does he feel about the civil service now that he has to deal with it on a daily basis? "My perception of the civil service hasn't altered since I took over as Ombudsman. I've always regarded it in the same way as any other human institution including journalism. The members of the public service are as likely to make mistakes as members of any other profession and when those mistakes adversely affect the lives of other people, then there should be a system under which they can be corrected."

But how does the man in the street feel about all this red tape? "I don't think the public service has any better or worse image in the public mind now than at any other time. But there is a growing alienation between the public and administration. This has arisen largely because of the growth in the area of administration and the feeling of many people that they are helpless in trying to deal with such a huge organisation. There is also the problem that young people have become alienated from the system."

The Irish Ombudsman has more powers in some cases than Ombudsmen in other countries, but he does not have the power have and which they seldom, if ever, use to bring persons before the courts. In the end of the day his authority will largely be of a moral nature. The Act requires the Ombudsman to make an annual report and it is possible in that report to inform the Oireachtas that a Department or an individual public servant ignored the carefully considered recommendation of the Ombudsman.

I asked Mills if he felt that his investigations could cause a certain amount of paranoia amongst civil servants. "The experience of other countries indicates that some public servants initially had suspicions about the Ombudsman's work, but there was eventually full acceptance in all cases and a recognition that the office was capable of bringing about a more harmonious relationship between the public and the administration."

What will happen to T.D./Constituent relations as a result of his appointment? "There is no question of the Ombudsman's office superseding the work of the Dail deputies in dealing with the constituents complaints. Deputies will continue to ask questions on behalf of their constituents as they have always done in the past, but it may be that they will pass on to us some of the complaints they have received from the public. Judging from the experience of other countries it is likely that 50% of the complaints received will be invalid, (Denmark solves 20-25% of its complaint this year). In the first four weeks of office Mills received hundreds of

complaints about social welfare, income tax and telephone bills, some of which should have been directed towards other channels initially. "I'm not suggesting that people should be at their wits end before coming to the Umbudsman" says Mills gently. But they should have taken reasonable steps to have their grievance remedied."

neighbourhood watch

A very successful meeting of Springfield Residents, called to inaugurate a Neighbourhood Watch, was held on Tuesday 20th March in Our Lady's School. There were over 70 people present, including 2 observers from Templeville and Wainsfort. Supt. Faughnan explained how the Watch works, and Inspector John Killian talked to us about crime in our area. Much of it we know, though we may not appreciate the scale. Obviously, there are just not enough Gardai to deal with the situation. Recruitment is simply replacing those who are retiring. So it behoves us to help the Gardai in the way that is useful to them. There must be links forged between ourselves, as neighbours and members of a community, and our local garda station so we can help one another.

As a result of a canvas, we know there is very warm support in Springfield for the setting up of a Neighbourhood Watch, so a decision was made to go ahead and in the very near future the Watch will be launched.

The Area Co-ordinator will be Mr. J. P. Chadwick, Richmond, Springfield Crescent.

The Road Co-ordinators - Mr. Myles Gilroy, 15 Springfield Crescent. Mr. Kevin Healy, 1 Springfield Park. Mr. Thomas Mulgrew, 36 Springfield Road.

We expect that, God willing, by next month we will be in business.

A point for concern told to us by Inspector Killian - parents should be alerted to the fact that drug-pusher operates on the bank of the river. He moves about in the trees behind Our Lady's and Bushy Park. He asked parents to warn their school-going children, who walk along by the river during lunchtime, to be careful. This man passes himself off as a dedicated jogger, so obviously he is not taking the drugs himself. 203

führer's Mass in C

On February 26th in Terenure College Chapel a rather special musical event took place. It was advertised in the February issue of this magazine as "the celebration by Fr. Eltin Griffin of Mass in C by Robert Führer."

This was not a performance but rather a liturgical event and one that was memorable both for its musical content and for the dignity and reverence which the chief celebrant brought to the occasion.

I expected to find standing room only when I arrived at the church but found it comfortably full. The first thing that struck me about the choir was that there were as many male as female voices in it, which brought a more balanced and agreeable quality to the choral sections. The choir was made up of members of both Ballyroan Church Choir and that of St. Fintan's Church in Sutton. The programme stated that both Orchestra and Choir were specially invited. The origin of the orchestra remains a mystery. The soloists, Frances O'Shea, Rebecca Smith, Arthur...

and Chris Clarke gave fine performances, with excellent backing from the Choir and Orchestra under their musical director Cormac Flanagan.

Being intrigued by the potted biography of the composer Robert Führer (Jan Nepomuk) on the programme I tried to uncover further information about this little known but prolific writer of 400 works most of which were sacred. I consulted several musical dictionaries including Groves but drew a blank. Then I asked a Professor of Music at one of our Universities but he hadn't come across the name either but suggested that the Czech composer might be a churchman. At any rate his music was very pleasing to the ears and not unlike Handel at his best.

The Mass was a very moving experience in the liturgical sense with a most erudite and succinct sermon from Fr. Griffin. I hope this will become an annual event, if so I would predict that next time it will be standing room only.

RPK

ROSE BOYD'S COLLECTION OF DOLLS

Eight years ago Mrs. Rose Boyd launched herself into a Dressing of Dolls hobby which snowballed into the wonderful collection she kindly lent for exhibition at Our Lady's School on 8th and 9th March last.

This collection is unique in that Rose dressed some 200 dolls in the personality of her choice. So we gazed in awe at her Grandmother and her Granddaughter beautifully dressed in the fashion of their time, c.1900 - all faithfully reproduced from the family album. She was there herself dressed as a young girl as well as personalities from history - Robert Emmet in the Dock and Sarah Curran by his side. Countess Markievitz looking very officious in full uniform. Personalities from well-known films - Heidi: Upstairs, downstairs: Mad-hatters tea party, and most of all from Strumpet City from which she created each character using materials obtained from R.T.E. Wardrobe Dept. where the original film was made. There were many others besides - all resplendent in beautiful dress.

The collection has been exhibited on 26 occasions in situations fund-raising for children with great success. The Exhibition at Our Lady's School was the last of its kind as the collection has now been transferred to Malahide Castle where it is to be carefully maintained and placed on permanent display to continue to give pleasure and gain funds especially for sick children.

So closing time on 9th March was a sad time for Rose Boyd, who is now 80 years old, and for her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lil Fogarty with whom she resides, and who has been her helper and mentor all through the lives of the Dolls, because they went home alone.

Yet we on the Fund-Raising Committee hope their memory of the occasion is brightened by the recollection that Miss Sybil Connolly, Ireland's distinguished Haute Courturier, honoured us by coming to open the Exhibition, and expressed her delight at its beauty. Then later we were further honoured by a visit from Mr. James Plunkett, author of Strumpet City, who also found the display most interesting, and kindly autographed a copy of his book for Rose. So a unique occasion came to a close and we thank you, Rose and Lil, for the pleasure you give. We wish you well.

May O'Neill,
Chairperson.

templeogue ladies' club

MARY
KERNAN

The Nineteenth Annual General Meeting of the Templeogue Ladies Club took place on Wednesday, March 7th, 1984.

The meeting started with the reading of the Minutes of the 1983 A.G.M. after which the Secretary and the Treasurer presented their Annual Reports.

In her Presidential Address, the outgoing President, Treasa Durcan said that it was with a tinge of regret that she came to the end of her term of office. Without realising it she had grown used to the job, and she was grateful for all the encouragement and help she had received from Club members. She had always been able to call on her Committee, without whose help and co-operation she would not have been able to manage. She thanked Mildred Sargent, Breda Fennell and Mary Kernan, and all the committee ladies who had made tea, produced flower arrangements, moved furniture and made mince pies so willingly. There was a great camaraderie among the committee. Its not all serious even though we did work hard. Treasa said that even though there had been a marvellous increase in the numbers attending the Effective Speaking Group, a Club of our size should have much greater involvement in groups and in competitions. One gets the best return from club membership by becoming involved. Treasa expressed the thanks of the Club to our Federation Delegate Josie Farrell, and the Alternate Delegate Geraldine O'Rourke, and to our clubs representative on the Executive Committee of the I.F.W.C. Imelda Gogan. Also to Betty O'Brien, our Delegate to the Community Council.

Treasa then presented the Chain of Office to the new President Brigid Nolan, and received the silver brooch which is worn by all past Presidents.

The new Committee is as follows:

President: Brigid Nolan; **Vice-President:**

Lily Duffy; **Secretary:** Carmel Dunne;

Treasurer: Sheila Lawlor.

Committee: Kathleen Byrne; Bernie Greene; Phyll Heron; Kate Meaney; Eileen O'Connor; Carmel Pidgeon; Eileen Pope; Peggy Quigley; Jean Thompson; Kay Tonge; Mabel Weir.

DONT FORGET: Membership Subscriptions now due. Please bring them to the April Meeting, in an envelope with name and address on. In the interests of security, our Treasurer, Sheila Lawlor, would appreciate it if as many as possible paid by cheque.

Councillor Laing

Once again it is 'Tidy Districts' time and I am delighted to report that at the recent Council Meeting a new format was approved.

It was recognised that a number of Estates are consistently featuring among the prizewinners and that because of the high standard of these Estates there appears to be a reluctance among many Estates to participate in the Competition. It is hoped that the changed format will help these Estates towards developing a sense of community pride and identity.

It is proposed this year to divide the County into six groupings for the purpose of this Competition based, broadly speaking on the following geographical areas:

1. Tallagh
2. Lucan/Clondalkin
3. Blanchardstown
4. North Fringe area
5. Remainder of North County District
6. Remainder of the Mid County and the South County District.

This last category is the one in which we will be competing and as we are now only competing in a much smaller geographical area than last year, we should, with a concentrated community effort, do much better and hopefully bring home a prize. I would also appeal to those other categories within the competition, i.e. - schools, factory premises, filling stations and small shopping complexes to participate as fully as possible as the competition is judged on an overall community effort.

For those of you who are continually concerned about the traffic situation, particularly on the Templeville Road, the Council Engineers are busy working on drawings and carrying out tests in the proposed Southern Cross Route and it is hoped to issue the C.P.O's by the end of the year, which will be followed by a Ministerial Hearing.

May I take this opportunity to thank those who so kindly supported my Coffee/Cake Sale.

P.S. (1) Recently a discussion took place on the naming of the "New Bridge" at a District Council Meeting. One name has been suggested - "The Austin Clarke" Bridge - your views on this matter would be appreciated. Please write or phone me by return. Councillor Stanley Laing 905571.

(2) I have been advised by the County Council that there has been an appeal to An Bord Pleanála against the Council's decision re use of 1st Floor Offices " and 3 as a restaurant in Templeogue Village. I will keep you posted.

Councillor Stanley Laing.

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ADDRESS BY JAMES P. McMAHON

First of all let me welcome the recent action by the priests in Ireland in producing the statement just read by Fr. Griffin and, more particularly, I welcome the outcome of that statement and it's intent as reflected in tonight's forum. There is no doubt in my mind that the Churches can act as very significant catalysts in introducing changes in our approach to the solution of unemployment. Indeed in other countries, notably the U. S. A., Churches have joined with voluntary organisations and big business in successfully tackling not only unemployment but it's attendant ills of crime, drugs, vandalism and despair.

You have come here to-night to examine and discuss how you, as a community, and each of you, as an individual, can contribute to tackling this terrible cancer in our society. You are probably wondering how anything can be achieved by you when governments and state agencies especially set up for the purpose of creating jobs have all but failed to do so. Let me assure you positively that communities, such as you, are successfully tackling unemployment not only in Ireland, where the process is just beginning, but in other countries where the process is much more advanced and are achieving real and lasting success. You can do it here if you have the will so to do. We have spent 3 years studying the process and adapting it to Irish conditions and we know it is working elsewhere and will work here.

You must start by recognising that the old approaches no longer work, that the days when education or training and qualification guaranteed a secure job are gone, that the days of hand outs of money and jobs are virtually over and that if people really want to achieve something they must do it themselves.

You must also recognise that much of what is currently being done to reduce the numbers on the live register is a placebo not a cure. I have in mind our swollen public services, our massive training programmes producing people trained for nothing since no jobs exist to absorb them. Our educational system is bursting at the seams with people, many of whom would have left to take up jobs had they existed and, unfortunately, our prisons are overflowing.

In the U. S. A. 87% of all new jobs came from small businesses. Real, permanent and rewarding jobs are only created when you put together good ideas with good people, with adequate capital, to produce wealth by producing goods or services which are in demand and will be bought and paid for.

Big business succeeds because it has the mechanisms to select good ideas to put together the skills to capitalise, develop, manufacture and market the goods or services, backed up by all the most modern management tools and services. New and small businesses fail or fail to grow to be big businesses because they are deficient in one or more of

these areas.

Logically, therefore, if you combine good ideas, good people, good management, good services and adequate capital in a business, however small, the chances of success, growth and, hence, job creation must be greatly enhanced. Experience proves this.

This is what we suggest that you, as a community, can do. You can set up the means by which all of these essential ingredients are brought together in your own area and initiate a process which leads to the beginning and growth of new businesses in an environment most conducive to growth and wealth and job creation.

Let us examine how you, as a community, can bring into existence each of these essential ingredients. Let us start with money. Ireland and Europe are awash in money looking for productive homes to go to. If you dip into your own pockets to start with it is quite possible that for every £1 you invest a further £9 can be raised from state, European and other sources. These sources increase in numbers and commitment if the principle of wealth creation, leading to job creation, is the cardinal one. We know of a working class community in Ireland of 1,800 homes who, in a very few months, raised £250,000 of their own. Could you do better? Bear in mind you are making an investment not a gift.

People are next. Do you have any doubt that the people of this community aren't as able, skilled, original and hard working as anywhere else? But do you know how many are unemployed, of what type, with what skills, with what level of enthusiasm and aptitudes? Until you do measure this you have no real concept of your most important asset.

Good ideas abound. Many here to-night could throw out dozens of ideas for businesses which, at least on the face of it, are potentially successful. There are many other sources for good ideas, such as I. D. A., The Irish Goods Council and, indeed, international Banks of viable business ideas. We know of one source with 30,000 such ideas on computer. All sources can be tapped for ideas to suit people and other ingredients of the successful mechanism. Other people have used this approach, why not you?

We have looked at ways of organising capital, of finding people, of identifying good business ideas. You will remember the other ingredients which we mentioned in regard to the success of big business namely good management and good services. By this we mean marketing, financial, personnel, production etc. backed up by first class secretarial services, telephones, telex, computers and so on. If each of our new and growing businesses were to try to provide this for themselves they would go broke very shortly. So how do our fledgling businesses gain this level of sophistication? The answer is they share them between 20 - 30 of themselves in an Enterprise Centre and at the same time are given training in these functions in the Centre as well.

An Enterprise Centre is a large building or cluster of buildings in which a new business rents space from 150 sq. ft. up. As part of it's rent it gets reception, secretarial, telephone, telex services plus use of conference facilities. In addition, it has available marketing, purchasing, financial and other management services which can be used as needed. Further there is a training service to teach the entrepreneur what he needs to know to make his business a success.

These Centers, known as Business and Technology Centers in the U. S. A., have proved extremely successful in starting new businesses, helping existing ones grow, all at a profit and, consequently, producing permanent good jobs. You could have Centers here in your community.

As an example of what is possible I cite the case of a small town in Pennsylvania called Montgomeryville where such a Centre as I have described produced 3,000 now and permanent jobs.

The first step is to form a Community Action Committee which will take on the task of identifying those resources of cash, skills, ideas, buildings etc. available within and to the community. Their job will include starting fund raising, organising a means of selecting businesses and matching them to people, finding suitable centres, staffing them with suitable people and services, organising training facilities and involving the community in the success of the whole venture.

I understand that, in fact, from names which will be volunteered an ad hoc action committee will be formed and would ask all of you who feel they have something to contribute to give their names.

Finally, I urge you to get going as a community. If you do, nothing can stand in your way and you can set out to achieve your own brand of miracle. God helps those who help themselves!

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1. 600 people attended the Meeting.
2. 200 people later came forward with offers of support and or cash.
3. An ad hoc committee has been established. Meetings and discussions with Government agencies have taken place.
4. Further developments will be reported next issue.

MRS. RENEE YENDOLE wishes to thank most sincerely all who supported and helped at the Bring and Buy Coffee Morning at her home in aid of Our Lady's School Sports Committee. Total proceeds amounted to £1,400. Special thanks to all who donated the beautiful prizes for Raffle.



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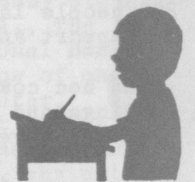
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