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Extra Curricular activities - Spiritual and Cultural have been the order of the day since last issue - Ecumenical Service and prayers for Unity : La Fosse Lecture in Our Lady's School : Facilities and advantages of the new Community College at Willington : Public meeting in Terenure College on the state of the economy, with particular reference to unemployment in our area, and Feile Bhríde 1984. Reports on some are to be found elsewhere - all were most interesting and rewarding experiences.

The Ecumenical Service was held this year in St. Pius X Church, when our friends from Rathfarnham Parish of the Church of Ireland came along to pray and communicate in what was a most friendly occasion. Prayers were led by our Parish Priest, V. Rev. C. F. Lee and by Rev. A. Wilson, Rector at Rathfarnham, assisted by Rev. G. Collieran, C.C. and Rev. S. Breen, C.C. Canon W. Proctor, retired Rector of Harold's Cross preached the homily. Most Rev. Dr. G. O. Simms, Retired Archbishop of Armagh was in the congregation. The service concluded with a most dramatic and wonderful rendering of the Hallelujah Chorus by St. Pius X Church Choir. The congregation made the only fitting tribute possible at the time by spontaneously clapping their performance in a gesture of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen of the Choir and to Nuala O'Reilly, Choir Mistress and Organist. All of us are proud of you.

The Chairperson and Committee of St. Pius X Schools Parents' Association very thoughtfully held a meeting for the purpose of introducing parents to Scoil MacDara, Willington, which is the new Community College in action over the past year. The Principal, Mr. McPhillips, outlined a curriculum that included practical, as well as academic subjects, which have equipment facilities available for all, including

sports. There your child, girl or boy, can have a full Secondary course or if better suited, the Group Certificate Course. Boys are encouraged to take Home Economics, and some do so. Classes are small and there is a strong emphasis on discipline. There is no school fee but parents do subscribe a small sum towards a School fund. This was a most interesting meeting and a revelation to many parents, but if you want to know more call and see for yourself.

Once again it is good to report that the Ceili, now held fortnightly in St. Pius X School Hall, is being firmly established as the place to go if you are a teenager. The next Ceili is on 9th March from 8-10 p.m. Admission 50p. However, a special plea is now made by the Lady-Organisers of this happy event. They need men - so will the Daddy who wishes to ensure his offspring can safely stay in a secure situation for the period of the Ceili please call there or ring 906585 and offer some assistance. Sufficient offers would mean a rota can be set up. Please pay heed to this request as the existing situation is not satisfactory for the ladies concerned.

People who enjoy playing card games can do just that on Sunday evenings in Terenure College from 7.30 p.m. Be there for a game of "25s", or ring Father Langan, O.Carm., for information.

The weather is being most unkind just now with gales and cold heavy rain but some few days did remind us that Spring is here T.G. Lent is on its way - 7th March is Ash Wednesday. What are we giving up for Lent? Does anybody do that nowadays? By the way, how are you doing with your New Year Resolutions. Slan go foill.



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# unemployment - a challenge to our area

Not many of us realise perhaps that six Jesuit priests and scholastics sleep in an unheated room in Gardiner Place, and that a smaller group has chosen to live in Ballymun Flats sharing the discomforts of noise, of smells, of lifts out of order and of overheating from the controlled heating system. What is it all in aid of? It is putting into operation what is often recommended but extremely difficult to achieve, the need for the Church in this age to identify with the poor. We seem to be much more capable of doing it in the Phillipines and in Latin America than we are at home. However, the number of priests and religious moving into similar situations is growing all the time. An Oblate priest lives and works in Upper Sherrard Street, a Holy Ghost priest in Fatima Mansions, two Mercy Sisters are moving into a flat in Keogh Square. The Jesuit enterprise has much more to it than living with the poor. Such gestures need to be grounded in theory and need continuous evaluation. All the Jesuits concerned are highly skilled people and have studied the whole area of social justice and of poverty. The original impetus came from the former Jesuit General, Pedro Arupe, one of the prophets of our day.

As in most countries where they work, the Jesuits have set up a Faith and Justice Centre at Lower Hatch Street. This is the think tank of the enterprise and from there Jesuits go out to lecture and share their experience with various sectors of the Church and of society. Last May a team of three Jesuits were invited to contribute to the A.G.M. of the National Conference of the Priests of Ireland (a kind of clerical Trade Union but not quite). The A.G.M. was the result of long deliberations between the Executive of the Conference and the three Jesuits. The papers of the A.G.M. have been published together with a very powerful and radical statement from the Conference. The two and a half days in Limerick were a real eye-opener as to the extent of unemployment in our country, and to the real challenge it opens up for the Church. The conclusion arrived at was that the Church is going to stand or fall in the present era by its attitude towards unemployed persons. It was in the light of this experience that we decided to launch a meeting in Terenure College Concert Hall on Monday, February 6th. The College seemed to some to be ill-suited for such a venture. After all, the immediate area would seem to be a fairly prosperous one. With hindsight, however, the choice was a happy one. The meeting was sponsored by the Parents' Association and was announced by five parishes in the surrounding area over three consecutive Sundays. The fact that almost 600 people turned up for the meeting was evidence enough of real concern. Further it did come to light that quite a considerable number of persons, young and middle-aged in the area are at present unemployed. We feel that the meeting touched a nerve. There was a magnificent response from about one hundred and sixty persons offering their services in terms of time, of money, of professional expertise and of organisation.

The meeting was addressed by Mr. James P. McMahon, who offered a way out in the shape of a community enterprise centre. Mr. McMahon is in partnership with Mr. Fintan Tallon who lives in the area. Both are business consultants and have studied the

community enterprise situation in the United States and in England. The presence of the Minister for the Environment, Mr. Fergus O'Brien, T.D. who responded positively to Mr. James McMahon, was assuring. There was a barrage of questions and observations from the Mouse. The meeting was perhaps in danger of turning into a gripe session had not one shrewd gentleman called it to order and got back to the original purpose of the gathering which was to investigate the possibility of a community enterprise centre.

What do we do next? Assemble a committee. Investigate likely premises. Establish an information office. Get Government support especially to conduct a survey on unemployment in the area. Then to fund raising by way of investment. A committee meeting of about fifteen lay people is to be held on February 20th. After that a general meeting will be called of all those who gave their names and expressed interest. Various sub-committees will have to be formed not forgetting a committee for unemployed persons themselves. The venture is quite formidable but the labourers are far from few. We live in an area where there is a fund of professional expertise, of generosity and a great Christian spirit. The meeting brought together a cross section of people from so many different walks of life that the exchange of views in itself was worthwhile. However, we hope to proceed beyond a mere talking shop to doing something positive which we hope will extend to other areas. A community enterprise centre offering X number of jobs in about six months from now is the goal. Singlehanded I am useless in such an area, but people working together can achieve extraordinary feats. And we remember the words of the psalm 'unless the Lord build a house, we labour in vain.'

ELTIN GRIFFIN, O.Carm.

## ST. PIUS X PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Association was very pleased with the amount raised at the Carol Singing in December by the children of the school. The money was given to local needy families. The committee wish to thank everyone who supported the collection.

On Monday the 23rd January Mr. S. McPhillips - Principal of St. MacDara's Community College, Willington, spoke at a general meeting of the Association. The topic was "A New Concept in Education". The meeting was very well attended, and we would again like to express our thanks to Mr. McPhillips.

The committee are at the moment preparing for our end of year competitions, etc. - all of which will take place in May. There will be more details and actual dates available as May approaches.

Parents please note - there will be no activities on the following dates, and also during the school Easter holidays.

February 24th - no swimming  
February 25th - no recorder  
March 17th - no activities  
March 19th - no swimming  
March 31st - no activities

BRIAN McCORMACK.

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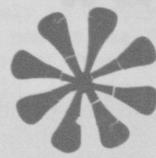
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# DIARY



- Sun. 4th Novena of Grace - St. Pius X Church
- Mon. 5th St. Pius X Parent's Association Meeting
- Wed. 7th Ash Wednesday  
Ladies Club Annual General Meeting - 8p.m.
- Thurs. 8th Exhibition of Dolls-Our Lady's School opening by Sybil Connolly - 11a.m. - 5.30p.m.
- Fri. 9th Exhibition continued 11a.m.-5.30p.m.  
Ceili - St.Pius X School Hall 8p.m. Admission 50p
- Mon. 12th Meeting of Board of Management, St.Pius X School 8.15p.m.
- Tues. 13th Community Council-Annual General Meeting-Our Lady's School  
St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society 8.30p.m.
- Wed. 14th Coffee Morning - Mrs. Yendole, 3 The Park, Cypress Downs  
(Our Lady's School Sports Comm.)
- Wed. 21st Templeogue Horticultural Society - Our Lady's School - 8p.m.
- Fri. 23rd Ceili - St. Pius X School Hall 8p.m.
- Sun. 25th National Milk Run in aid of St.Vincent de Paul Society - noon  
Templeogue College.
- Mon. 26th Templeville & Fortfield Residents' Association- Annual General Meeting - Terenure College 8p.m.

TEMPLEOGUE COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

TEMPLEOGUE COLLEGE - 300 CLUB DRAW.

RESULTS OF JANUARY & FEBRUARY DRAW

JANUARY

- 1st £100 Valerie Lynch, 82 Templeville Drive.
- 2nd £50 Mary Doyle, 149 Whitehall Road.
- 3rd £25 Mrs. Masterson, 63 Dangan Park.
- 4th £25 Mrs. Tuite, 45 Fairways.
- 5th £25 Mrs. Mulgrew, 388 Orwell Park.
- 6th £25 Mrs. Lovett, 20 Wainsfort Grove.

February

- 1st £100 Mrs. Moore, 26 Mountdown Road.
- 2nd £50 Mrs. Barry, 3 Muckcross Avenue.
- 3rd £25 Mrs. Doyle, 29 St. Gerards Road.
- 4th £25 Mrs. Clifford, 275 St. James Road.
- 5th £25 Feargal Lynch, 82 Templeville Drive.
- 6th £25 Mrs. Harris, 6 Wainsfort Avenue.

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A reader has requested that a list of teachers of musical instruments in the area be published in a future issue of the Templeogue Telegraph. We would therefore suggest that those interested in being included might submit their names and addresses (telephone numbers) for publication. Ed.

**COVER** shows the ruin of the 12th century church of St. Peter and St. Paul which is situated in the graveyard of Rathfarnham Parish Church. It's first patron was the Norman, Milo de Brett, then residing in Rathfarnham Castle.

# know your neighbour bunny williams



Although Mervyn Taylor is known in probably every home in Templeogue his wife, Marilyn, may need some introduction even though she has been involved in many community activities, including the Templeogue Community Council, over the past years.

Her family lived in London but Marilyn was born in Hertfordshire where her mother had been evacuated to during the war. The family background was very political as her father, though not an M.P., was a member of the Labour Party and became Mayor of Camden. He subsequently was granted a life peerage in recognition of his service to the community and as Lord Fisher of Camden took his place in the House of Lords. On leaving school Marilyn embarked on a University career and even though her main interest lay in languages she decided to opt for Economics, which she considered would be more of a challenge, and got her degree at London University.

Her meeting with Mervyn Taylor was brought about in rather a circuitous fashion. Her parents had been on a continental holiday during which they struck up a holiday friendship with Mervyn Taylor's older sister and her husband. They continued to keep in touch after the holiday and an invitation to visit Ireland followed. As Marilyn was finished in College and at a loose end she was also included in the invitation and made her first visit to Ireland. During the holiday she met Mervyn and following a short courtship they married in 1960.

They moved into their house in Springfield Road immediately after their marriage and at the time, like most young couples, intended to stay there for about ten years and then move on. However, twenty four years later they are still firmly installed in their first home and have put down roots which they would find hard to tear up at this stage. In the beginning Marilyn found life in Dublin very different to London and it took some time for her to adjust to her new surroundings. Her early years of marriage were taken up to a large extent with looking after her children, but after a few years she decided to look for a job which would fill up some of her spare hours. Despite her Degree she felt that she no particular qualifications suitable to the job market and in the 1960s there were very few jobs available to married women. To fill the need she used to help her husband several hours a week in his office.

Meantime she decided to learn about Irish Politics, although she frankly admits it took her about ten years to fully understand the Irish political scene. Then in 1969 she and her husband decided to join the Labour Party.

Her two sons (Adam now 21, and Gideon now 19) attended Zion National School and then progressed to Wesley College. Like most Jews in this country she was faced with the dilemma as to whether the children should attend a strictly Jewish secondary school or whether it would be preferable to send them to a mixed college which would encourage integration with a more mixed community. She opted for the latter, as at that stage Stratford College was somewhat limited in its scope and facilities. By the time her daughter Maryanne, who is now 13, reached the stage where a decision had to be made regarding her education Stratford College had expanded considerably and was under the expert supervision of Dr. Rosen, the present Chief Rabbi. At present the Jewish pupils attending the school represent 60% of the total, the remaining 40% consisting of Protestants and Catholics. Separate doctrinal instruction is provided for the various denominations and it seems to be an ideal solution, and in fact can only foster a greater understanding from an early age of people holding different beliefs. The Jewish community has dwindled to 2,000 at present, although they numbered nearly 5,000 when Marilyn came to Dublin in 1960. This lessening of numbers is due to the emigration of younger Jews who seek greater opportunities abroad. Both her sons are following in father's footsteps and are presently studying Law at T.C.D.

Throughout the years Marilyn Taylor has continued to have an interest in further education and attended many courses in French, Italian and German, and she also attended extra-mural courses in U.C.D. She found the course in Irish History particularly interesting.

During the last ten years she has been involved with the production of the Dublin Jewish News (known as DJN) which is a journal produced by and for the Jewish community. She was a member of the editorial board, and in fact took part in all aspects of its production, including writing humorous articles, proof reading, editing and conducting interviews for publication. The course of the DJN runs somewhat parallel to our own Templeogue Telegraph in that it flourished for about eight years and then ran into trouble with advertising, finances and voluntary help. Happily it is now overcoming these problems and is getting back on course again.

When Marilyn's young daughter had started school and the children no longer needed full time attention she decided to look around for some type of work which would fill a few days a week, and preferably involve working with people. Her choice was with the Tallaght Welfare Society which offers a service to the people of Tallaght, and because of the size of the area and the consequent number of problems is one of the busiest of its type in the country. It is run by a full-time staff in addition to a team of volunteers, of which Marilyn was one. She attended a training course to familiarise herself with the type of experience she would need and then worked with them two mornings a week for 2½ years. She found the work wonderfully varied and fulfilling and hated leaving it when the eventual break came. Despite the fact that she feels the planning of Tallaght left much to be desired, and that the facilities provided for the population are inadequate, she is quick to praise the community spirit which exists there. She was also enthusiastic about the number of social activities and projects which the people themselves have initiated. This year she was elected Secretary to the Board of Tallaght Welfare Society.

One of Marilyn's long time ambitions had been to work in a library and when she saw an advertisement for library assistants required in U.C.D. in Earlsfort Terrace she applied and was successful in getting an appointment. She was involved with the Architectural

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and Medical Depts. in the college and loved the work. Subsequently she moved to her present job which is in the library in St. Louis High School in Rathmines. This job operates on a job-sharing basis, Marilyn works on Tuesdays/Thursdays while the other assistant works on Wednesdays/Fridays - they work alternate Mondays. She finds this arrangement very satisfactory as it leaves time free to engage in her other activities. She is also involved in the purchasing of books for

Naturally being the wife of a politician places a lot of demands on ones private life but she does not resent this, and feels that because of her early political background she is better able to cope with the situation. Because of her husband's political involvement there is seldom an evening when there are not some phone or house calls which have to be dealt with, but Marilyn and Mervyn still manage to enjoy some leisure together. She is very fond of reading and they both enjoy walking and music and only last weekend took a welcome break together when they attended the Cork Opera Festival which provided a welcome respite from the constant pressure.

Sometimes the wives of politicians become overshadowed by the larger-than-life figures of their husbands but this is not the case with Marilyn Taylor. In spite of her petite appearance she is a veritable powerhouse of energy with a warm and friendly disposition, and is constantly involved in her own right in community affairs.

## feile bhríde '84

"Mol an oige is tíochfaidh sí" - Youth responds to praise - is an old adage and when applied is known to be true. And so it was at Feile Bhríde, held from 3rd to 5th February last, the fifth of the series organised to take place each year over the first week-end of Spring and nearest to the feast day of St. Brigid. Then it was some 260 individual girls and boys and a further total of 33 choirs/groups participated in a total of 38 competitions, which included music, singing, speech, dance, drama and mime. They were a delightfully well-behaved crowd of young people - a credit to their parents and schools - who seemed to enjoy what they were doing. Many had returned from previous years to benefit further from the advice and encouragement given by the Adjudicators - all of whom are fully proficient in their subject - then go away having gained that extra bit of confidence which helps them expand their talent further and pleases their elders.

We are indebted to the Adjudicators for their interest and co-operation and we thank them for their assistance in setting up the syllabus. For the second time around we are fortunate that Pianist Padraig O'Cuinneagain has been available to us to act as Official Accompanist to the Feile. He gives invaluable help and encouragement to the young singers and musicians who depend so much on him. We are most grateful to him for his advice and encouragement.

The Syllabus this year was broadened in scope to include the violin, dance drama, mime, and oral communication. The latter especially to encourage the older student to gain confidence in speech and sight reading. All sections were very successful, although only two entries for violin were received. It can be said too that the other competitions were most successful and interesting but entries for the Irish speaking ones leave much to be desired, as well as for Choral Singing.

The whole week-end could never be organised without the interest and co-operation of the Authorities of Our Lady's School and of V. Rev. Elton Griffin, O. Carm., Prior, Terenure College, where accommodation and use of facilities are readily available as re-

quired. It could not be possible either without the help of those parents and young adults who give their time voluntarily and most generously to stewarding and assisting at the competitions and at the Prize Winners' Concert. Many are members of Templeogue Ladies' Club and St. Pius X Parents' Association - the others are dedicated friends of the cause who respond each year to the call to come again. To each and everyone a heartfelt thank you and a prayer for God's blessings on all you do.

A sincere thank you to all who make financial contribution to help fund the cost of the week-end - which averages £1,100 and this only because everything is done on a 'shoestring' basis - minimum cost for printing, for example, through the thoughtfulness of a member of our community: the same for publicity through the generosity of our Priests and shopowners who display our home-made posters and no secretarial costs either because of the generosity of ladies of the community. This latter was the case especially this year due to the disability sustained by our Hon. Sec., Mrs. Moira McKeivitt, when she fractured her thumb, but I am happy to say Moira is recovering well. Add to all that generosity the fact that we are in receipt of a £200 grant from the County Council under the Arts Act 1973 and we just about cover our expenses. The accounts are audited annually and are available at the A.G.M. of the Community Council. Those who have contributed this year are:- A.I.B. Ltd., Templeogue, A.I.B. Ltd., Rathfarnham Rd. Mr. Ben Briscoe, T.D. Mr. Ronan Kavanagh, Wainsfort Drive, Mr. Mervyn Taylor T.D. Councillor & Mrs. Stanley Laing. Mr. Sean O'Brien (Chemist) Fortfield Park. Mr. & Mrs. M. Doherty. Mr. Sean Walsh T.D. Templeogue & District Credit Union. Mrs. Mary O'Neill. Templeogue Ladies' Club. St. Pius X Schools Parents' Association. Mr. Paul Lynch. H. Williams Ltd. Quinnsworth Ltd.

The Prizewinners Concert which concludes the Feile activities creates some problems - mostly those of timing and content. Each Year we have altered the proceedings but I believe this year was perhaps the best so far but we are still holding a 'post-mortem' on the scene. However, I should like to record here my deep admiration and appreciation for two ladies - Stage Manager, Eilis Kelly and Commere, Ann O'Driscoll - who take over only when the last competition is finished (2.15 p.m. on same day) and produce the whole Show. I doubt if many of us realise the difficulties they overcome at such short notice, despite the full co-operation of Prizewinners and teachers. We are fortunate indeed.

Continuing our policy of seeking out personalities who are actively engaged in the Arts to present the Prize Awards, we turned this year to Drama. We were delighted that Jim Bartley - famed for his television roles (remember Tolka Row) and now much acclaimed in the Theatre World - was able to take on the new role of Presenter of Awards. He not only did that but entertained the audience as well and the young winners were happy and relaxed as they came forward and even when mistakes were made at times (by myself and I do apologise) Jim was well in command. It was a real pleasure having him. We wish him well. Grateful thanks also to Albert Lawfort who does the Stage lighting each year without fail: to Jim O'Doherty who promptly and willingly supplies and sets up sound equipment: to members of our local Youth Club, T.C.Y.C. and other young men who so gladly stay around to cope with many jobs. Rath De oraibh uilig.

In conclusion, I should like to say I have been doing my own survey on the future of Feile Bhríde. No one expressed doubts about its benefit for the young. The fact that the new competitions this year generated more participation, even excitement, seems to indicate it should continue, le coughnamh De. Sin a bhfuil. Slán beo is go neirigh linn.

May O'Neill.  
Stiurthoir na Feile.



The Toy Shop - Mime

# photo news

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## concert

St. Patrick's N. S. Ballyroan Choir.



Ruairi O'Neill  
Rachel Talbot



Catherine O'Boyle

Laoise Kidney







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'Congratulations'



↙ Sinead Ardiff

Jim Bartley

Ashling Hood ↘



Jean Weakliam



Elizabeth Sheehan ↘



# horticultural society

bunny williams



"Water Gardens" was the subject of our February talk and was ably presented by Mr Gordon Ledbetter who is a professional designer of water gardens. He is presently working on the creation of a Butterfly Garden in Weymouth, and this will be the largest of its type in the British Isles. It

will feature several pools connected by a miniature waterfall and the whole garden, when completed, will be enclosed by glass which will create perfect conditions for butterflies to grow from the chrysalis stage to maturity. It will be opened in April 1984 by David Bellamy and should be well worth a visit should you be in that region during the summer.

However, to get down to the more modest pools which our members might be considering building in their own gardens he emphasised that a water garden is one of the easiest and cheapest to maintain. Water can provide a focal point and can literally transform a garden. Still water (or slightly moving water) is ideal for the cultivation of water lilies. The idea that the water has to be changed regularly is a myth. In fact by changing the water constantly you are only re-starting the cycle of decomposition over again and prolonging the process. The growth of green algae on still water can be counteracted by growing oxygenating plants in the water.

The ideal situation for a pool should be in the sunniest part of the garden and for greatest effect the shape should be irregular. It is easier to construct if the sides slope outwards towards the top. If you propose building a concrete pool the mixture should be 1 part cement/2 parts sand/3 parts aggregated gravel. A sealant may also be added to the mixture and chicken wire should be laid in the cement for reinforcement. The concrete on the base should be at least 6 inches deep and on the sides 4 inches thick. If properly made the pool should last for years.

Pools can also be made from synthetic materials such as Polythene, P.V.C. or Butyl Rubber, the latter being very tough and best for the job. This material can be obtained from the manufacturers, Irish Butyl Ltd. of Bray. If using Polythene make sure it is of a heavy gauge and is black. To prepare the site dig the hole to the shape required and remove flinty stones as otherwise these could cause perforation of the liner. Lay 3 inches of sand on the bottom of the hole and drape the liner into the hole. Fill with water and then mould the Butyl to the shape of the hole, making sure that the rubber is pressed into all curves, and that it also extends about a foot outside the edge of the hole. The material can then be pressed into a small trench around the edge of the hole, and the edging concealed by sods. If preferred a concrete edge can be built or rocks can be placed in position. One advantage of using Butyl is that it can be repaired almost in the manner of mending a puncture in a bicycle tube. A garden pool should not be less than 18 inches deep and preferably 2 feet deep.

Water lilies are the more usual type of plant grown in pools and the best way of doing this is to sink them in perforated baskets. However, if using perforated baskets you should line the inside of them with hessian or some type of cloth to prevent the soil leaking away into the water. The crown of the lily must be left just above the level of the soil. If the tuber is very young start off by leaving the basket very near the surface and gradually move it lower down later. There is an immense selection of

aquatic plants which can grace a garden pool and many of these are available at Marlfield Nurseries and at specialist garden centres in the city. If a small fountain is incorporated into the pool it creates ideal conditions for stocking it with small fish as the falling water breaks up the surface of the pool and creates oxygen which is essential.

The second part of the evening was given over to slides which showed various pools which Mr. Ledbetter had created, starting with the marking out of the site and progressing right up to the slides of the finished pools in all their splendour. The transformation was quite breathtaking as the final slides showed the site fully planted around the pool and one was really able to appreciate the finished article.

Our Secretary, Margaret McGennis, had quite a lot of information for those who would be interested in going to the Chelsea Flower Show in May. She had done a lot of research into the various packages on offer from the travel agents and the final conclusion was that there would really be no worthwhile saving in travelling as a group. The best deal appeared to be offered by Keith Prowse Holidays, 20 East Essex Street Dublin, who for an all-in price of £149. (based on two sharing) offered two nights Bed and Irish Breakfast. Also included in the price were two theatre tickets to the show of your choice and a voucher for an evening meal in a London restaurant. This seemed like good value and if interested further details can be obtained from the above mentioned firm.

At our next meeting on Wednesday, 21st March, we shall be having our previously deferred talk on Roses by Mr. Leslie Davis.

## COOKERY CORNER

CHEESY VEGETABLE CURRY - Serves 4.



150g./5oz. Mature Cheddar Cheese, cut into 1cm/1/4" cubes; 40g./1 1/2oz. Margarine or butter; 1 large Onion, chopped; 1 small Green Pepper, deseeded and cut into strips; 2 small Carrots, halved lengthways and thinly sliced; 1 large Cooking Apple, peeled, cored and cut into 2cm/3/4" dice; 2 teasp. Curry Powder; 40g./1 1/2 oz. Plain Flour; 600ml./1pt Chicken Stock; 25g./1oz. Sultanas; Salt; 2 tabsp. Mango Chutney, chopped.

1. Melt the margarine in a saucepan, add the onion, green pepper and carrots and fry gently for 3-4 minutes, stirring, until the onions are soft but not coloured. Add the apple and curry powder and cook for 2 minutes, stirring.
2. Sprinkle in the flour, cook for 1-2 mins. stirring, then gradually blend in the stock. Bring to the boil, stirring, then add the sultanas and salt to taste. Lower the heat, cover the pan and simmer for 5 minutes.
3. Add the mango chutney, then stir in the cubed cheese. (The cheese cubes must not be added to the vegetables and sauce until the very last moment or they will melt into the sauce).

Serve at once, each portion of curry in a ring of boiled or savoury rice.

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# templeville and fortfield residents' association

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fully active since its foundation. It has been affiliated for many years to A.C.R.A. The objects of the Association are to safeguard the common interests of residents and to foster a sense of civic spirit. The Association was instrumental in forming the Templeogue Ladies Club in 1965. It was also involved in establishing the Templeogue Parents Association in 1967. The Association was declared an approved Local Council on 8th April, 1968 by the Dublin County Council. This important event in its history came after much hard work by the Committee of the time. Our own communal aerial was erected in 1971. These are

**A. G. M.** The Annual General Meeting of the above Association will take place on Monday, 26th March, 1984, at 8 p.m. in Terenure College. All Residents are urged to attend. A full attendance is essential. As this is the 29th A.G.M. that means that the Association is 30 years in operation (a record). The Association has been

just some of the important accomplishments achieved by this organisation.

We appeal to all residents to come out and support the committee who have worked so hard during the year at the A.G.M. on 26th March. The success of the Association depends on each resident playing a positive and active part in making the organisation a success.

**Special Junk Collection.** We have requested this service from the Department of the Environment Section of Dublin County Council. We hope it will take place in June or July. More details later.

**Laneway from Templeville Drive to Templeogue Village.** The Association had a gardening service clean, tidy and rubbish removed from laneway. We hope all feel the benefit from it.

**Litter.** Once again we have been asked by the Department of the Environment to remind residents that a £5 fine is now in operation. If the Local Authority is forced to prosecute, the fine could be £800. The inadequate use of bins without lids, open boxes and untied sacks is an offence. So please don't spoil the environment. Keep litter at bay.

## solos and friends

"SOLOS" held their A.G.M. before Christmas, which was very well attended, and we were delighted to see so many new faces and wished them a hearty welcome to the Club.

The following Officers were elected for 1983/84:

Chairperson: Maura Keane-O'Nolan  
Secretary: Jean Warren  
Treasurer: Ethna Byrne  
P.R.O.: Eileen Shalloe  
Committee: Rita O'Leary, Lily Baynes, Nancy Heuston.

We have had a lot of activities in the Club during the last six months, including a "Treasure Hunt", very good fun and very efficiently organised by Bill Warren. Christmas Dinner and Cabaret in the Braemor Rooms, which was excellent. This week we went to the Gate Theatre to see Hugh Leonard's play, which was a great laugh. Next Monday night we are off to the National Concert Hall for a Mannequin Show, which should be very interesting.

We have quite a lot of things planned for the Spring Meetings, which I hope to be reporting in the coming months in the Telegraph.

EILEEN SHALLOE, P.R.O.



Braemor Rooms - Christmas Dinner  
The Chairperson with Fergus  
O'Nolan and Kitty Keating.

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### ladies' club MARY KERNAN

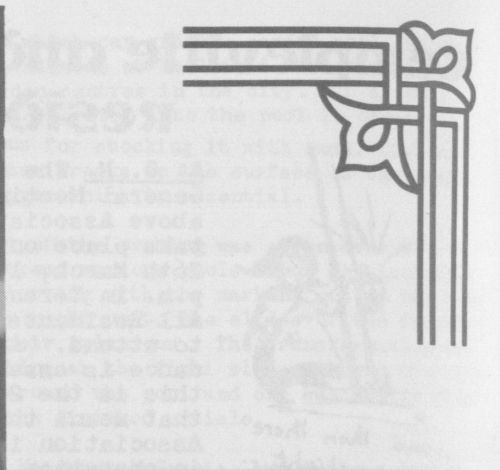
For the final meeting of our Club year that famous Dublinman, Eamonn MacThomais, came to speak to us. He took Old Dublin as his theme. He spoke of Dublin's many Liberties, among them the Liberty of St. Sepulchre which belonged to the Archbishop of Dublin, and stretched out as far as Tallaght and included the Coombe and Cork Street. Then there was Ailred's Liberty. Ailred was a Dane who, with his wife, had been on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The couple were childless and three days after their return Ailred told his wife that he was going to become a priest. She decided to become a nun, and together they founded a Hospital in Thomas Street, where John's Lane Church now stands. Kelly's timberyard opposite the Church stands on the site of the priory graveyard where the remains of Ailred and his wife lie today. A few doors away from Kellys Timber Yard stood the Public House where James Connolly founded his Socialist Party. We heard of the building of St. Patrick's Cathedral by Archbishop Comyn of Dublin on land given to him by King John, who had no right to give this land as it belonged to Christchurch Cathedral. The new Cathedral was dedicated to God, Our Blessed Lady Mary and St. Patrick on 17th March, 1191. Eamonn was full of marvellous stories and he had some very good slides to illustrate his talk. From the talk afterwards I think I can safely say that everybody thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

All the activities are going on apace. Our Dancers meet each Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the School Hall and would like to see some new faces. This is a most enjoyable class, and, of course, great exercise, so why not give it a try.

Don't forget our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, March 7th at 8 p.m.



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9.15 - 10.00 p.m.

TUESDAY: 4.00 - 4.45 p.m.  
8.30 - 9.15 p.m.  
9.15 - 10.00 p.m.

SATURDAY:- 1.00 - 2.00 p.m.  
4.15 - 5.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:- 9.15 - 10.00 p.m.

SUNDAY:- 11.00 - 12.00 noon  
12.00 - 1.00 p.m.  
1.00 - 2.00 p.m.  
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## Lafosse lecture

The Lafosse Lecture for 1984 was given by Robert Ballagh to a capacity audience in Our Lady's School on St.Valentine's night. His topic was the state of the Arts in Ireland. Firstly he read his discourse, then he showed some slides of his work and last but not least we had a discussion.

The main thrust of his talk was a defence of the Arts and of artists against contemptuous attitudes of Government and a large part of the media. He named the Irish Times as an exception in this respect. He was very critical of the miserly funding of the arts by government and mentioned 0.01% of the G.N.P. as the level. He felt that the Arts had a good following among the public but had a low priority on the school curriculum. It was regarded more as a spare time pursuit than as a serious career subject.

We are encouraged to study technology turning Ireland into a silicon valley but our speaker believed that this was a narrow training which might eventually lead to unemployment. Art he believed was a broad training and created employment. The painter gave jobs to picture framers, printers, engravers etc. , playwrights to actors and to stage hands, composers to musicians and so on.

Mr. Ballagh's slides were not numerous, but they were large and gave very good detail. His works ranged from family portraits, for the most part in interesting settings, to book covers, posters and postage stamps. His largest work was probably a colourful room divider commissioned for the restaurant in Belfield. His most detailed perhaps a portrait of Hugh Leonard done in his house in Dalkey, with the island visible through the window and with stage instructions to be clearly seen on his typewriter on the table.

The discussion which followed was one of the most lively I have heard in a long time and the speaker coped very well with the many issues raised, including how to deal with the bad publicity in the press, how to change the attitudes of government and of educators, whether TV can help in promoting the arts. Other questions raised were how to ensure that young artists and art students should have direct access to successful creative artists and whether schools, businesses and industry might be persuaded to commission works e.g. murals, furnishing, painting. In the priorities of the school budget how would purchase of a work of art compete with the laying out of a new tennis court? Most of the questions were relevant but some were perhaps provocative. One speaker wondered whether Charlie Haughey's tax relief for artists had been a boon and another questioner, herself an artist felt that artists were less dependable than other professions. Mr.Ballagh gave a negative to both views.

Professor David Brown of U.C.D. Chaired the meeting and Mr.Jim Nolan proposed the vote of thanks to the Lafosse lecturer, Mr. Ballagh. It was an interesting and enjoyable evening.

R.P.K.

## féilé bhride CONCERT

This time last year, in reviewing the Feile Bhride Prize-winner's Concert, I wrote that the concert was long and the hall far from warm yet it was an enjoyable experience. This year I am glad to be able to say that the concert ended nearly half an hour earlier and the hall was warm, so I should have enjoyed the evening more than previously.

One thing is certain however and that is that the younger members of the audience had a whale of a time and showed it in ear-piercing screams of applause, encouraged for better or worse by our able compere, Mrs. Aine O'Driscoll. The main source of the din were the pupils of Scoil Naomh Pdraig, Ballyroan, who were justly proud of their school's performance and could not restrain their excitement.

Scoil Naomg Pdraig swept the board because they showed real talent in a variety of arts and were well served by their teachers. I mentioned last year that their recorder ensemble was the highlight of the concert - this year they were earlier on the programme and were even better. Other items in which the school scored highly were in mime "The Toy Shop" and in dance drama based on the world of Hans Christian Anderson, both done with style and imagination. Well, I could go on listing their other triumphs but we also had our local talent and I wouldn't like to underrate that.

Quite a few of last years winners were with us again including Muireann Ardiffe of Our Lady's School, who won the Ronan Kavanagh Cup for singing and the Laing Perpetual trophy for piano solo, Crona Gallagher of St.Pius X School also on piano and Elisabeth Sheehan of Presentation Convent on tin whistle. Also among last years winners was Ruairi O'Neill of Terenure College, who sang with good control and beautiful tone.

It was odd to hear two sisters, students of Mr.McNulty choosing to sing the same song, "Oro Mo Baidin" and so slowly. There should be a ban on the singing of this in competitions as it is greatly overworked

The only thing to take from my enjoyment of the otherwise splendid concert was to see how unfairly the final participants were treated by thoughtless members of the audience who were leaving the hall so noisily during the last ten minutes. John Hearn gave a fine interpretation of Prokofiev on piano to a background of creaking chairs and squeaking doors and then we had the new feature oral communication, in which Jeanna Marie Riou of Our Lady's School impressed us with her prepared speech. To avoid a repetition of the disturbance in future years would it be possible to have the presentation of prizes at the end of the concert?

May O'Neill, Moira McKeivitt and helpers are to be congratulated on a Feile Bhride which has been going from strength to strength over the last few years. It has diversified and improved in standards and is a credit to all concerned.

"Irish Ways ballad group got the concert off to a good start and it moved smoothly in the capable control of stage manager Eilish Kelly and compere Anne O'Driscoll and with the help of Albert Lawford on lighting and Jim O'Doherty on sound.

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# Councillor Laing

I am happy to report that during the debate on the 1984 estimates, monies have been included for the following areas:

1. Cypress Grove - planting.
2. Continuation of the Dual Carriage-way, Balrothery to Templeogue Bridge.
3. Wainsfort Drive - improvement in lighting.
4. General tree planting.

Other Items Raised:-

Telephone Kiosk in Templeogue Village: I have the written assurance of the Minister of Posts & Telegraphs that he will make urgent representations on behalf of the shopkeepers and the residents of the village.

Condition of path between Webbs Hardware to New Shops  
The County Council Area Engineer will ensure it is maintained in a safe condition. The Developer has been impressed with his responsibilities and with his obligations with regard to restoration.

Restaurant at D'Loughlin Shops, Templeogue Village:  
I have a letter from the County Council advising me of a clause in the Planning Permission which states "no food be sold for consumption off the premises" and in another clause "that details of proposed landscaping and boundary treatment at the rear of the site where it adjoins Fortrose Park be submitted to and approved by Dublin County Council before development commences".

Speed Limit Templeogue Village: In reply to my question the following was given - "The Village is already within the 30 MPH speed limit as the sign is in position on the road between Cypress Grove Road and Wellington Lane. But consideration will be given towards Repeater Signs. Gardai have been asked to give special attention here."

## COFFEE MORNING

Bring and Buy Cake Sale in Mrs. Renee Yendole's home, 3 The Park, Cypress Downs, on Wednesday, 14th March, 10.30 - 12.30 and 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. in aid of Our Lady's School Sports' Committee. Raffle for a Matt O'Donoghue Blouse and other prizes.



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## national milk run

Once again the National Milk Run/Walk will be taking place in a few week's time. This proved to be a tremendous success last year with young and old alike having a great time. The great thing about this event is that it is just five miles which is well within the capacity of most, and as it is not competitive no honours will be awarded for fast times. The proceeds of the Run/Walk this year will be allocated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and starting from Templeogue College at noon on March 25th the route will be Templeville Road, Templeogue Road to Terenure, then along Kimmage Road West by the K.C.R., as far as the Submarine Inn, then left as far as the Orwell roundabout and back to Templeogue College. Refreshments will be provided en route and at the finish, when Certificates will be awarded to all who complete the course. All are welcome, and if anyone feels like bringing along a musical instrument to shorten the journey, all the better. So let March 25th be a day to remember.

## THIS AND THAT

### HOUSE NUMBERS

Have you ever visualized yourself on the phone in the middle of the night, trying to direct the Gardai or an Ambulance to your house? "132 Templeville Crescent!" Is the number on your gate post? No, but you can't miss it, it's the 8th house on the right past the Roundabout, it has a 1975 Hillman Minx in the driveway.... "What do you mean - coming from which way?".... This kind of conversation could go on for some time. Personally, if I wanted an ambulance quickly I would hope the number of my house was well displayed on my gate post. Think about it!

### Passports

We have been asked by Gay Mitchell T.D. to draw your attention to a recent ruling by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Passports for those over 65 and under 18, valid for one year, may be had for £3. Also up to 50 invalids may travel on one Collective Passport costing £30. This is a most welcome relief for the 'once-in-a-lifetime' traveller or young people going on exchange trips etc. Provided you are in those age groups you may extend the Passport for additional years at £3 per year.

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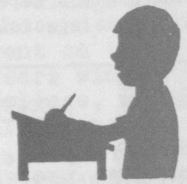
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