

# SOUTHILL NEWS

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## NOTICE TO QUIT

The executive of the Tenants' Association wishes to highlight the scandalous method used by the Corporation in issuing notices to quit. The "Notice to Quit" has no legal standing whatsoever and is being used by the Corporation to intimidate certain tenants. These notices are signed in bulk by the Housing Officer, Mr. P. D'Arcy, and are being used indiscriminately by various rent collectors - sometimes in an attempt to boost their own weekly commission.

## THE COST OF A WASH

On a survey by our Association on the central heating in the houses and bungalows in Carew Park by two of our members (one a heating engineer and the other a qualified electrician) it was found that the gas air heater and the attached gas water heater were of inadequate design. The main faults were as follows:-

1. Financial burden on the tenants
2. Sheer waste of valuable energy

On tests carried out it was found that the gas water heater would use 150 cubic feet of gas costing 28p to heat the water sufficiently for one person to take a bath. This compares somewhat unfavourably with the 4p that it would cost for an immersion heater to heat the same amount of water.

In view of this report and the knowledge that the Gas Company is the property of the Corporation, the Association has requested that the City Manager give instructions for the removal of these units and the installation of conventional fireplaces as in the rest of the estate. It has been pointed out by some residents that it is cheaper to attend the swimming pool and have a hot shower and a splash in the pool, than to have a bath in the privacy of their own homes.

IN THE DARK

The Corporation has now seen the light and have informed us (after numerous approaches by our Committee) that they have placed an order with the L.S.E. to provide vandal-proof fittings on our public street lighting when replacing those already damaged.

SWAMPED WITH RATS

Teachers and children will not have to tolerate much longer the ugly sight of rats festering near the pre-fab school in O'Malley Park, as the Corporation has already given us an undertaking that they intend to start the draining and back-filling of the swamp on Church property immediately. For some time this has been a matter of grave concern to the parents of Southill because they feared the possibility of a tragedy due to the depth of the stagnant water of the "swamp".

A CLEAN SWEEP

We are making a special appeal to all the residents to keep a close watch on unauthorised dumping in their areas, as this creates a health hazard, besides being unsightly. We have called on the Corporation to look into the problem of accumulated dumps and to provide a better cleansing service, which the people are entitled to because of the high rates that all Corporation tenants are compelled to pay.

A WELCOME HERE FOR YOU

The front and back door window panels are an open invitation to the criminal elements for easy access in breaking and entering, which many unfortunate tenants have found to their cost. A delegation from the Association has met with the Housing Officer, Mr. D'Arcy, and has suggested that the maintenance department replace these panels with wire-reinforced glass. We are awaiting confirmation from the Garda Authorities for a special meeting to discuss the provision of better policing arrangements, as we feel that the joy-ride duties being carried out at the moment by the Garda patrol offer no protection whatsoever.

### GOOD NEWS

Good news for the parents of the area ! One improvement has at least been carried out at the swimming pool with the erection of a safety-rail around the perimeter of the pool.

The Corporation has promised to open additional playgrounds and also to complete the work on the existing playing fields in the area. We are glad to report that work has re-started on same.

The people's Co-Op, with the assistance of the Association, continues to provide a good service. Fresh eggs, chickens, butter, fruit and vegetables are available at the weekly stall in the old Community Centre ("Shed")

### RED TAPE

The Corporation has informed us of a delay in negotiations with the Mid-Western Health Board for the provision of a suitable site for the erection of a new kindergarten ("Pre-School"). Once again, we witness how red tape hinders progress. It is hard to understand how such delays can be justified. This is one more example of officialdom at work. The Association has applied for a meeting with the Mid-Western Health Board to discuss the matter.

### HOME PURCHASE SCHEME

We advise all tenants who intend purchasing their house to contact the Association, as we would like to make them aware of the many safeguards available following discussions between the Minister for Local Government and the Association at national level.

Due to the home purchase scheme, the Association will in future be known as The Scuthill Tenants and Residents Association.

Members of the committee will be calling from door to door in the coming weeks for the 25p annual subscription fee for 1975/76.

### ST. ENDA'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The Association has decided to seek a meeting with the school management to discuss various aspects of school policy.

#### SPORTS NEWS

The Southill G.A.A. under 14<sup>s</sup> Football team will play Garryowen on Friday, 11th April at 6.30 p.m.

Junior hurling and football teams have already been entered for the City Championships. Persons who wish to participate should contact the club immediately.

On Tuesday, April 3rd the football team made a magnificent start in the Kerryman's Cup by beating an experienced Kildimo side at Kildimo by 1 - 5 to 1 - 3.

A Dinner Dance organised by Southill United R.F.C. was held on Friday, 21st March, which proved to be a great success.

The newly formed Southill rugby club are to be commended for the fine work they have done for the youth of the area in such a short period.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Monday, 14th April a cabaret night is being held in the Galvone Arms in aid of the Southill Senior Citizens Fund for their Summer outing - Admission is 2Op. We call upon all our members to support the Galvone Arms Organising Committee.

#### THE " SOUTHILL NEWS "

The "Southill News" is the first tenants' news-sheet to be published by a local Association. The "news" will be printed on a monthly basis and delivered to all our members. It is hoped to finance this publication by fund-raising activities within the community. All correspondence to the "news" will be welcome.

#### OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 1975/1976

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Committee: C. Dillon, M. Flaherty, P. Donovan, N. Browne,  
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