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BEHIND THE SPOTLIGHT

With PENSMAN

YES AND NO
A complete lack of interest was the main feature of the Referendum held on Wednesday last week. In most polling stations the numbers voting up to 5 p.m. were very small but then came about 8.30 p.m. when the booths closed at 9.30 p.m. the average in most had come up to around 35 per cent. From general inquiries throughout the county I gathered that there was absolutely no need for the additional half-hour which stations were required to stay open on this occasion as in most cases there were not more than 35 cast their votes during the last half hour.

While voters had clear-cut views on the Presidential election, there was a wealth of confusion in the Referendum issue. Coupled with this there was a great deal of cross-voting but the answers that emerged from the papers marked, were very in the case of de Valera for President, but no to his proposal to abolish P.R.

The final figures in the Presidential Election saw the Polesch, Mr. de Valera, readily secured 538,000 votes as against 417,536 for General MacCain, a majority of 120,464. In the forty constituencies Mr. de Valera had a majority in all but six. The latter included four Dublin constituencies, West Cork and General MacCain's own constituency of Longford-Westmeath.

Waterford voted strongly for Mr. de Valera and gave him a fourth over all greatest majority, and next to his own constituency of Clontarf, gave him the greatest majority of any county in the country.

However all those who supported Mr. de Valera did not go to the Referendum and it was agreed that this was the real trial of strength issue. Dublin voted strongly against the proposal to abolish P.R. and it was in many circles that this was the result of the removal of the Polesch from the present Government went into power after the 1957 general election. The final Referendum figures were: For P.R.—468,989, against P.R.—453,322, majority 15,667.

These figures taken in relation to each other show that roughly 54,000 voters who supported the proposal to abolish P.R. and it was to abolish the present voting system.

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CHAIRMAN FOR SEVENTH YEAR

Co. Council Makes No Change

Waterford County Council at their annual meeting in Dungarvan on Tuesday last elected Mr. Michael Morrissey, Solicitor, Trimore, (Ratsepayer), Chairman for the seventh year in succession.

Mr. W. Dowd who proposed the reelection of Mr. Morrissey said that the Council was coming to the end of its term as the local elections were due to be held next year.

Our Chairman has served us well and Mr. Dowd, and although we may have had differences, things worked out very well.

Mr. D. Heskin thought the Council should take the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman together.

Mr. Dowd agreed and he pointed out that the outgoing Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. Dowd (P.F.), be also re-elected.

Mr. D. Heskin seconded the proposal. The proposal was passed unanimously.

Get Business Done
Mr. F. Roche said that the Chairman had given good service and while he appreciated the liberty which had been given to members he stressed the need for more adherence to standing orders in the future in order to get business done.

There is absolutely too much wind and gas here, said Mr. Roche, but getting business done at meetings should be more important. If a member wants to score a point there's no use in spending a whole day over it.

Mr. Morrissey thanked the Council for re-electing him Chairman for the seventh year in succession. He said he did not feel too right at meetings as he felt he had to give a chance to all the members. If he did not allow them time to make a good case, their faults would be put in the papers.

I have tried to be fair to everybody, said Mr. Morrissey, but I think that everyone is entitled to a fair crack of the whip.

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ELECTION RESULTS
Waterford
Presidential Election—Total Poll 25,743. Spoilt votes 352. Valid Poll 25,391.
Mr. de Valera 15,078
MacCain 10,313
Majority of Valera 5,765
Referendum—Total electorate 25,500. Valid Poll 24,771. Spoilt votes 729.
For abolition of P.R. 11,289
Against 13,482
Majority For 2,193

East Cork
Presidential—de Valera 12,117
MacCain 9,285
Majority de Valera 2,832
Referendum—For abolition P.R. 10,510. Against 10,460. Majority for abolition—150.

Final Figures
Presidential
De Valera—538,000
MacCain—417,536
Majority—120,464
Referendum
Yes—468,989
No—453,322
Majority—15,667
Majority rejecting proposal to abolish P.R.—33,667.

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WALK-OUT BY MEMBER AT AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Presidential Congratulations "Political Move"

What looked like a simple straight-forward resolution at the monthly meeting of the County Agricultural Committee on Saturday last, when members proposed to congratulate Mr. de Valera on his election as President, was a political move.

The matter arose when Mr. C. Curran proposed that the Committee extend congratulations to Mr. de Valera on his election as President. It was a fitting tribute that he was elected Head of the State after 40 years service to Ireland, he said.

Mr. Curran added that he would like to pay tribute to General MacCain who had got an excellent vote as he was a worthy part in the fight for freedom.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. J. Fahy. The Bre-wicks were touched off when Mr. W. Fogarty remarked: "I believe a resolution such as this should not be brought into a meeting of an Agricultural Committee as it is only dragging politics in."

Mr. J. Quirk reminded Mr. Curran: "Mr. de Valera is no longer a politician as he is to become the President now."

Mr. Curran explained that in proposing the resolution he had no intention nor was there any question of dragging politics into the meeting. However, he said that there was no doubt that none of them would be where they were only for Mr. de Valera and that members who are not attending as they should

and had paid tribute to both sides. The Chairman, Mr. M. Hart, said that the resolution which was passed.

F.C.A. Notes
DUN GARBHAIN BATTALION
Field Days: Platoon Training—On Sunday next the 28th June, another Field Day completely devoted to Platoon Training will be held at Battalion Headquarters, Yougal Road, commencing at 11 o'clock sharp. A tactical exercise will be also carried out and it is hoped that all members will parade as early as possible so that the Field Day may finish early and that members may be able to enjoy the long evening afterwards.

By each and every member turning out on or before eleven o'clock the Field Day could be completed by three o'clock and all members could be home by that time.

A Field Day was held on Sunday last the 21st and was well attended. All members present enjoyed themselves especially on the tactical exercise. Only fault with Sunday last was that there are still a few members who are not attending as they should

and this is not fair to others who attend regularly. There may be some of these disappointed this year as there is no limit on the numbers that will report to Camp for the Competition. On previous years we were only able to take Platoon members to Camp but this year all members are welcome to report to camp for that period. Hoping that next Sunday will break all records for attendance especially as it may be the last Sunday that members will have the opportunity of doing a tactical exercise.

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TOMBSTONE OF THE MCGRATHS

Mr. Sean O'Donoghue, well-known folklorist from Dungarvan, has written to me regarding recent references to the tombstone of the McGraths at Abbeyside. His letter throws a new light on the subject, but I am sure that the McGraths mentioned by him was a member of the Slieve branch of the great family of Dease chiefs.

"It is now seventy years since I heard men (who were then called) talk of McGraths," writes Sean. "This talk I heard at Ballis Uí Chuilinn na gGrantaí (translated or rather mutilated to Ballyquinn). Those men had first-hand information which was handed down to them from generation to generation. Sub-jects that interested them were: "Riagh Bó Phádraig," An Glas Amhannach, "Cloch Labhráin," "Riagh na Mucce Dubha," and Na Craibhín."

ON CARRIGDOHUN
This old ballad is a legacy from the time of the Irish Buge and is the lament of a young Irish maiden for one of the Wild Geese.

On Carrigdohun the heath is brown,
The clouds are dark o'er Ardnalla,
And many a stream comes rushing down,
To swell the angry Owenabuee.
The morning mist is sweeping fast
Through many a leafless tree,
When Donnchadh swore, ay, o'er and o'er,
We'd part no more, oh stone maichree!

The heath was green on Carrigdohun,
Bright shone the sun on Ardnalla,
The dark green trees bent trembling down,
To kiss the slumbering Owenabuee.
This happy day (was but last May,
"Tis like a dream to me,
When Donnchadh swore, ay, o'er and o'er,
We'd part no more, oh stone maichree!

Soft April showers and bright May flowers
Will bring the summer back again,
But will they bring me back again,
In the hours,
I spent with my brave Donnchadh (then)
Tis but a chance for he's gone to France,
The night the rain-dolls:
But 'Tis follow, you my Donnchadh (then),
For you in true by you maichree!
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