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## PENSMAN takes you Behind the Spotlight

### MORE SNOW

While the sun has not re-  
turned on the 28th of  
the New Year blizzard  
weatherman hit a good  
hit on a second heavy snow-  
fall on last Saturday night-Sun-  
day morning. A blinding snow-  
storm which was blowing  
the night again covered the  
countryside with three to four  
inches of snow and for the  
second time in three weeks we  
found ourselves doing all the  
same things as in the first  
time it was different;  
there was a sense of annoyance  
and not without reason, as the  
snow had worn off. We were  
still a day suffering from the  
effects of the first blizzard and  
the bitter east wind that  
blow from the west and  
frozen temperatures could not be  
kept out no matter how  
thick and heavy the snow  
were. The body in its fight to keep  
warm called for more and more  
fuel as the fire in the grate  
and Jack Frost at bay demanded  
more and more fuel.

Once again the worst hit  
areas in the county were on the  
high ground and the hillsides of  
the Comeragh. And goodness  
knows they were in pretty  
bad shape before this latest  
snowfall came on last night.  
Last Thursday I travelled  
the Omashan road down to  
Ballinacorney towards the  
mountains. The snow was  
wonderful. I passed along the  
base of the Comeragh and  
towards Mellary. From the panora-  
mic point of view, a breath-  
taking winter something  
one might normally see at the  
famous winter sports resorts in  
Switzerland or Austria. But in  
this case it only meant a  
dead end and a desolation for the  
smallholders and cottiers of  
the area. The snow had covered  
the roads and had to be fed and  
watered.

On Saturday afternoon (while  
knowing who was going to  
bring) I ventured  
about three or four miles along  
the Maum road which had been  
into the heart of the Comeragh  
Mountains. Hard packed snow  
let many people in thick-  
ness still turned this usually  
picturesque mountain road into  
a great hazard for all who  
as I thought the fullest driving  
would permit without being  
fortified and even the most  
yards before I was able to turn  
to make my way back to the  
level.

On both occasions it was like  
going to another climate. People  
in the towns and lowlands  
have absolutely no idea of the  
terrible grip the snow and ice  
had on the high grounds. They  
may think that claims by cer-  
tain County Councilors from  
these areas that reported else-  
where in this issue are ex-  
aggerated, but I can tell them  
I know what I saw. I saw a  
heavy blanket that fell on  
them again last week and that  
everything that had been said  
was true.

I had a lot of criticisms to  
make as I saw snow on the  
it is apparent that lessons had  
been learned from it as the bull-  
dozers and snowplows of the  
County Council were on the job  
from early on Sunday.

Sill I find it cannot be around  
as a chronic critic. I  
would not have been out of  
branded as a chronic critic if  
must say that a better effort  
would not have been put out  
"was concerned". After the frost  
on Monday night the Square in  
the town center was a veritable  
skating rink on Tuesday morn-  
ing. Had the snow been cleared  
from it while it was soft and  
slushy on Monday—either by  
turning a hose on it or brush-  
ing it—the hazard would have  
been eliminated. Owners of  
private houses and shops who  
brushed the footpaths outside  
free of snow on Monday found  
them dry and free of ice on  
Tuesday. Surely the same  
could have been done by the  
public authorities for the  
Square and the footpaths along  
the Causeway leading to Abbey-  
side.

But I suppose it is too much  
to expect that it could be done  
without getting through so much  
red tape that by the time  
was unravelled the problem  
would have solved itself while  
the people suffered.

An accolade for the drivers  
and remainder of the Central  
Districts in Dungarvan. Despite  
all the hard going the milk was  
always on the doormats in good  
time.

### A LITTLE BIRD'S PLEA

I think that the following  
little poem will strike a sym-  
pathetic note in the hearts of  
everyone in these harsh times—

Kind friends in homes so  
warm and bright,  
It's easy to forget the plight

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## RED TAPE CRITICISED AT AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING

### Hardships and Problems of Recent Snow Blizzards Discussed

In regard to his appointment in Nigeria, which by the way is made by the Government that some time is interesting to note that the late Mrs. W. L. M. M.A., who was Prefect Apostolic out there and who died last September, was a first cousin of Dr. Gleeson's mother. On behalf of his many friends, I wish Dr. Gleeson success in the work he has now undertaken and look forward to seeing him when he returns for the summer to his home at Stradbally.

### AS JACK THE JOLLY PLOUGHBOY

The requested ballad this week is "As Jack The Jolly Ploughboy," an old one that goes to a right living tune—

As Jack the jolly ploughboy was ploughing o'er his land. He cried upon his horses And he'd bid them stand. Then down upon his plough he sat And Jack he sang his song so sweet. That all the valleys ring.

Mr. John Fahy, Chairman of the Committee stated that Saturday's meeting, which he concerned for the wonderful help given to the sheep farmers of the Mire district since the emergency began.

### NEW FACTORIES FOR DUNGARVAN

#### Fruit Processing And?

If recent announcements prove correct, Dungarvan is to have two new factories, employing between them up to 500 people within the next two years.

#### FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROCESSING

Mr. Fahy, who is a member of both the Agricultural and the County Councils, stated that the members of the latter following a meeting at the Apple Factory in Dungarvan and the latter would be located in Dungarvan as it was the most convenient site for it.

#### GREATEST DEBIT

Mr. Fahy went on to thank the Civil Defence and Red Cross for their help and the greatest credit as he had been out day and night and spared no efforts to get the sheep on their feet.

#### RED TAPE

Criticising the red tape which in several instances prohibited the use of Council machinery to clear the entrances to snow-bound houses, Mr. Fahy said that he had asked to have this work done but was told that as these roads were private ones.

It is all very well to say that it is no consolation to the people concerned to be told that there are ten or twelve places where snow is on living in terrible hardship.

#### LOBSTERS

Mr. Heekin said that a factory to process fish and lobsters was to be started in Kinsale and Mr. Dwan was to enter into the possibility of increasing supplies of lobsters from the Hellick and Rings areas.

#### KEEP DEATH OFF THE ROADS WHEN YOU DRIVE—DRIVE WITH CARE

## THERE WAS NO EMERGENCY IN NIRE AREA

—Says Co. Engineer

### Military Should Have Been Called Out Says Mr. O'Ryan

Members of Waterford County Council at a special meeting in Dungarvan last Monday voiced contradictory opinions as to the attitude of the County Engineer and his staff during the recent snowstorms. The Chairman, Mr. C. Curran, praised Mr. Hally "for doing all that was humanly possible," while Mr. K. O'Ryan criticised him for "completely forgetting about the Nire Valley."

Mr. Hally admitted that the blizzard was a catastrophe but said that he had no apologies to make to anyone for what he did or did not do. They did the best they could with what they had, he said, and he felt that no hardship had been caused to anyone. As far as he was concerned the position had never got out of hand and there was no reason to panic or declare an emergency.

The matter arose when the Chairman referred to the recent very difficult weather, and on behalf of the Council and the people of Waterford thanked Mr. Hally and his staff the overcast and workers for the good work and he would like the Secretary to get in touch with them to thank them for all they had done.

Mr. Hally—The Civil Defence were out in Waterford too. Mr. O'Ryan—Not in my area. Did the military or the Garda go in to touch with your staff who had worked day and night.

Mr. W. Power said that while a great lot of work had been done it was a pity that they were so tied up with the roads which were not county roads. Mr. Hally said that some roads were still snow bound and people were cut off and asked if Council machinery could not be made available for such hardship cases.

Mr. J. D. Healy, County Engineer, said that he was on behalf of himself and the Council in thanking Mr. Hally for the work he had done. Mr. Healy said that the Civil Defence and machinery operators of their own initiative as well as the Civil Defence volunteers, worked that some of the plant had worked around the clock with relief drivers. Where it was a case of getting a priest or doctor to sick people, they were got through irrespective of the circumstances, he said, but in the absence of any such emergency he had no legal right to use Council machinery except on public roads.

Mr. Walsh pointed out that it was the unanimous feeling of the Committee of Agriculture that this be done and he felt that this was the same feeling of the County Council now.

#### MEETING AT BALLYMACABRY

Later on Saturday evening a meeting was held at Ballymacabry where the Nire men were fully represented. Also present were Messrs. J. Healy, Mr. M. Walsh, K. O'Ryan and Mr. P. Conroy, C.A.O. and Mr. N. Quigley, Secretary of the Dungarvan branch of the Nire.

#### ONLY HALF WAY THROUGH

Mr. K. O'Ryan, who has been in the thick of the battle with the snow in the Nire Valley for the past three weeks then stood up and said that the people were only half way through their difficulties because of the new snowfall on Saturday night.

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### Tallow and Round About Notes

**Death of Mr. John Donovan**—We regret to record the death of Mr. John Donovan, Convoy Street, which occurred unexpectedly at his residence on Thursday, January 24. He had not been in the best of health for some time but his death was not expected. Deceased was a native of Middlesex and came to reside at Tallow with his wife and family about eleven years ago. In his later years he took an active part in the fight for freedom and was a member of the East Cork Brigade, Old IRA. Since his arrival in Tallow he made many friends and was highly respected. The remains were removed to the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday evening accompanied by a large cortege and the funeral took place in the afternoon on Saturday and was both large and representative.

In his bereaved widow and family of whom are in Religious Orders, we extend our deepest sympathy to their sorrow.

**Come to England**—Miss Bridget Geary, daughter of Mr. John Geary, of the "The Docks," Tallow, left to take up employment in England on Saturday. She was accompanied by a lady friend who has from Tallow to West Waterford on her way to London on Monday night. The snow fell on Saturday night. The snow on roads and fields, making traveling very dangerous. A heavy snowfall on Monday morning. It is hoped to have a pleasant day on Friday night. The attendance was good. The purpose of the meeting was to have a recreation hall erected in the parish. The next meeting will be held at a date to be announced later. Costs and other incidents will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Meeting at Kilgarrowy**—A meeting was held at the Parish Hall for the Parish of St. Mary's, Dungarvan, on Friday night. The attendance was good. The purpose of the meeting was to have a recreation hall erected in the parish. The next meeting will be held at a date to be announced later. Costs and other incidents will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Death of Mr. John Hickey**—We regret to record the death of Mr. John Hickey, Knocknagilly, Ballinacorney, which occurred after a brief illness at Ardskeen General Hospital on Sunday, January 20th. Deceased was a member of a widely connected Mid-Waterford family, was a most industrious member of the farming community whose retiring disposition endeared him to all who knew him.

**Mrs. Nora Daly**—The death of Mrs. Nora Daly, Congross Villas, Dungarvan, occurred at the District Hospital, Dungarvan, on Tuesday, January 22nd, after a short illness but fortified by the rites of Holy Church.

**Mrs. Nora Lynch (nee Clancy)**—We regret to record the death of Mrs. Nora Lynch (nee Clancy), Dungarvan, which occurred at the District Hospital, Dungarvan, on Tuesday, January 22nd, after a short illness but fortified by the rites of Holy Church.

**Mrs. Catherine Walsh, Glenbeg**—We regret to record the death of Mrs. Catherine Walsh, ex-N.T., which occurred at her residence in Glenbeg, Tuesday, January 22nd, after a rather short illness but at an advanced age.

**Mrs. Denis Coffey, Ballinacorney**—We regret to record the death of Mrs. Denis Coffey, Ballinacorney, which occurred at the residence of this daughter at Keshonee, Ballinacorney, on Wednesday, January 23rd, after a rather long illness and at an advanced age.

**Mrs. Nicholas Keohan, Ring**—The death took place at his residence on Wednesday, January 23rd, after a very short illness of Nicholas Keohan, Knocknagilly, a general favourite with all whose pleasure it was to know him. He was a fluent Irish speaker and a true son of the soil.

**Mrs. Margaret Walsh, Dungarvan**—We regret to record the death of Mrs. Margaret Walsh, Ring, which occurred at St. Joseph's Hospital, Dungarvan, after a protracted illness and at an advanced age on Tuesday, January 22nd.

**Death of Rev. Canon Hobson**—The death took place suddenly at his residence, Knocknagilly, on Monday evening, Rev. Canon Hobson, B.D., Rector, Knocknagilly, Canon Hobson was a great scholar and author, and was a member of the Antiquarian Society of Ireland. We extend our deepest sympathy to his widow and family.

**Shamrocks Meeting**—A meeting of Shamrocks hurling and football club will be held at KILWATERMOUNT on next Monday night at 8 p.m. All members earnestly requested to attend this meeting as many matters will be dealt with.

**There was no emergency in the Nire area**—(Continued from Page One) —Did you visit it yourself? Mr. Hally—I did, but the Nire was not the only place in the county hit by the snow. Mr. O'Ryan—I was the hardest hit. There were lots of other places cut off and conditions in several areas are still very bad.

**Milestones in Medicine**—During the period of the Middle Ages, there was one centre at Salerno which kept the flame of Greek culture alive in Europe. Though situated near the famous monastery of Monte Cassino it had no direct connection with it. The monks and school were in close harmony, however, and the students had access to the renowned library of the monastery.

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