



Sales By Quayle & Hartly

BALLINAMUCK, DUNGARVAN. We have been instructed by the owner to receive offers for 5 acres of good clean 1st Crop Hay on Steam or for Silage.

Sales By Michael McCarthy

IMPORTANT SALE OF ATTRACTIVE VESTED COTTAGE, OUTOFFICES AND LAND.

MICHAEL MCCARTHY is instructed by the Personal Representative of the late James O'Brien, to offer for Sale by Private Treaty the Vendor's Right, Title and Interest in the above property, ideally situated within 4 miles of Dungarvan in good condition throughout. Rateable Valuation Buildings £1-5-0, Lands £1. Rent £2-8-9 per annum.

Adjoining Land contains 1 acre and 16 perches (approx.) Statute Measure.

Full particulars and conditions of Sale from: E. A. RYAN & CO., Solicitors, Dungarvan.

ORMONDE CINEMA, DUNGARVAN

Performance each night at 8.30 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 3 p.m.

Sunday, June 1st. Dirk Bogarde, George C. Scott in THE HIGH BRIGHT SUN.

Monday, June 2nd. For 1 Night, ERIC MORCABE, Eric Wise in THE INTELLIGENCE MEN.

Tuesday, June 3rd. For 1 Night, BLUE DOLOPHINS. Adventure.

Wednesday, June 4th. For 1 Night, THE PAINBROKER. Drama.

Thursday, June 5th. For 1 Night, Stewart Granger, Pierre Brice in RAMPAGE AT APACHE WELLS.

Friday, June 6th. For 1 Night, Christopher Lee, Peter Cushing in NIGHT OF THE BIG HEAT.

Saturday, June 7th. For 1 Night, Alan Arkin, Brian Keith in THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING.

Sunday, June 8th. For 1 Night, The Management reserves the right to refuse admittance and to alter the programme.

DUNGARVAN UTD. A.P. CLUB. Weekly Prize £15. Snowball 111.

PRESENTATION CONVENT. Results of Draw held on 27/5/69.

USED CARS. 1968 Escort De Luxe. 1965 Anglia Estate.

C. A. B. LTD. FORD MAIN DEALER, DUNGARVAN, CO. WATERFORD. PHONE 387.

PLANNING NOTICE. Dungarvan—Permitted being sought to extend dwelling-house at Ballinacourty—A. V. Maher.

Sales By Edmond Spratt & Son, M.I.A.A.

MONGALLY, GEOSH, CO. WATERFORD. (Estate of Thomas Merrigan, deceased).

For Auction, Tuesday Next, 3rd June, at 2.30 p.m. within our Offices, 41 St. James Street, Dungarvan.

KILMINION NORTH, DUNGARVAN. Important Letting. 101 acres, Prime Silage or Meadow Land.

LAND'S END, DUNGARVAN. FOR SALE. 3 Acre Site within Urban Services overlooking Dungarvan Bay.

WOLFE TONE STREET AND THOMAS TERRACE, DUNGARVAN. Well Enclosed Yard Premises, with excellent access to Roadways.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S STREET, DUNGARVAN. (By instructions of the Trustees of the Methodist Church.)

BALLINACOURTY, DUNGARVAN. (On the instructions of Dr. M. J. Whelan.)

COMHAIRLE CHONDAE PHORTLAIRGE (Waterford County Council) VACANCY FOR DRAUGHTSMAN

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CAPPOQUIN COURSEING CLUB will be held on Wednesday June 4th at C.Y.M.S. Hall, Cappoquin at 9 p.m.

SALES BY NORMAN WALSH, M.I.A.A., CAPPOQUIN

COOLANEEN, CAPPOQUIN. (By instructions of Mrs. Mary Morrissey) HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY OF SPLENDID 57 ACRE OR THEREABOUTS S.M. RESIDENTIAL FARM WITH COMPLETE RANGE OF OUTOFFICES.

On Tuesday, June 10th, '69, at 3 p.m. at the Devonshire Arms Hotel, Dungarvan.

KNOCKROE COLLIGAN, DUNGARVAN. (By instructions of James Hennessy, Esq.)

PRELIMINARY NOTICE. Highly Important Sale by Auction of 131 acre or thereabouts S.M. Residential Roadside Farm with complete range of Outoffices, situated about 5 miles from Dungarvan.

TIVOLI TERRACE, CAPPOQUIN. (By instructions of the Personal Representative of Catherine (Kit) Foley, deceased).

DISTRICT COURT. District Court Area of Dungarvan. District No. 21.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INTOXICATING LIQUOR ACTS. TAKE NOTICE that an application will be made to the District Court sitting at the Court-house, Dungarvan, on the 11th day of June at 11.30 a.m.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION TO HOLD AN AUCTIONEER'S LICENSE.

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On Friday, June 6th, at 3 p.m. the above valuable property containing 5 1/2 Acres. Good fertile, perfectly level field with never failing water supply—all in pasture.

ATTRACTIVE FAMILY RESIDENCE, MAIN STREET, LISMORE. FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY.

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TIPP. FAVOURITES FOR MUNSTER S.H. GAME

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GERALDINES SHOCK WIN

Tramore Defeated In First Round

Geraldines 2-6 Tramore 0-6

Geraldines proved that they are the better team... Tramore were always capable of taking their chances and made full use of a very good supply from their midfielders.



Boys and girls of the Presentation Convent, Dungarvan, who made their first Holy Communion in St. Mary's Parish Church, Dungarvan, recently.



Fianna Fail Government members.

FIANNA FAIL GOVERNMENT IS COUNTRY'S BEST BET

TANAISTE'S ADDRESS AT WATERFORD FIANNA FAIL CONVENTION

RESTORATION OF IRISH... Mr. Aiken concluded by making a plea for the restoration of Irish as the spoken language.

THE CANDIDATES... Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Browne... Mr. Kennedy entered Dail Eireann following the last general election in 1965 when he headed the poll in Waterford and was elected on the first count.

CONFIRMATION CEREMONIES IN DUNGARVAN... Most Rev. Dr. Russell, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, confirmed 215 children from the parish schools of Dungarvan in St. Mary's Parish Church last Sunday.

PLEASE SUPPORT CARITAS (Ireland) FLAG DAY IN WEST WATERFORD SATURDAY, MAY 31st

In aid of Bishop O'Riordan, Kesh, Kenya, E. Africa

C.L.C.G. MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS 1969 SENIOR AND MINOR HURLING AT WALSH PARK, WATERFORD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 1st

PORTLAIRGE TIOBRAD ARANN

Minor Hurling 2 p.m. Ref. S. O'Connor (Limerick) Senior Hurling 3.30 p.m. Ref. M. Stattery (Clare).

Cead dul isteach, 3/- Taobh-Lino, 2/- sa bhreis. Special trains and buses. For details consult C.I.E. Notices.

DOROTHY GRAY'S Consultant Pauline O'Connor looks forward to showing you the exciting new ELATION make up collection

LOUGH DERG 3-Day and 4-Day Pilgrimage Tours by 45-Seater Luxury Coaches (Air conditioned) From DUNGARVAN, WATERFORD, CLONMEL, and intermediate points.

PHELAN'S TRAVEL AGENCY, CLONMEL, 'PHONE 461 BALLINAMEELA MACRA NA FEIRME WILL HOLD DANCE IN BOATHOUSE BALLROOM, CAPPOQUIN, ON SUNDAY, 1st JUNE

IT'S CHEAPER AT MOLONEY'S

WARBLE FLY ERADICATION

FARMERS CHECK your cattle regularly for signs of warble infestation up to the end of August and NOTIFY the Department or your District Veterinary Office of any warbled cattle in your herd.

BEECHERS FOR VALUE JUST A FEW OF OUR GREAT MONEY SAVING OFFERS: Gateaux Swiss Rolls, 6 varieties 2/3, save 3d. now 1/10; Do-Prep Raspberry and Strawberry Jam 2/3, save 6d. now 1/9; Jacobs Mince and Cinnamon Creams 1/4, save 2d. now 10d.; Quash Orange and Quash Lemon 3/9, save 1/2 now 2/2 plus bottle; Royal Jellies with Free Yeast 3 for 3/2, save 9d. now 3 for 2/3; Gateaux Fruit Cakes 2/7, save 9d. now 1/10; Do-Prep Blackcurrant Jam 2/6, save 6d. now 2/2; Jacobs Ketchup and Class Mustard 1/4, save 2d. now 18d.; Quash Grapefruit and Disappeal 3/9, save 1/2 now 2/2 plus bottle; Imperial Leather Toilet Soaps 2/1, save 8d. now 1/5; Imperial Leather Toilet Soap 1/4, save 5d. now 11d.; Juice Gold Orange Juice 3/11, save 9d. now 2/9; Juice Gold Orange Juice 1/8, save 5d. now 1/3; C & C Minerals 6 for 6/2, save 6d. now 6 for 5/6; Chivers Strawberries 2/10, save 7d. now 2/3; Jeyes Floral Disinfectant 2/9, save 1/4 now 1/8; New V.G. Bleach 1/4, save 5d. now 1/6; Quality Fading Stainchaser only 3/6; Bacon and Cooked Meats Our Specialty. Best Quality. Keenest Prices. PAY TO SHOP AT BEECHER'S V.G. FOODMARKET TALLOW, 'PHONE 29.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AMERICAN'S VIEW OF IRELAND

To the Editor, Dungarvan Leader
Sir—I have been in Ireland for just over a month now and have spent a large part of my time on the many beautiful walks that may be taken out of Cappoquin into the surrounding countryside.

As I've absorbed this little bit of Ireland on foot, which is really the only way, I have increasingly been struck by an atmosphere different, yet very reminiscent of Virginia and the southern United States from which I come.

Of course, I've seen and experienced those things for which Ireland is noted and for which even the passing tourist has spread her fame abroad; the wonderful Irish hospitality, the graciousness and courtesy of Irish manners, the green pastural gentleness of some scenes and the wild almost frightening grandeur of others.

My own Southland is also marked with some of these blessings of nature and nurture, but beneath the surface there are more subtle parallels. I hadn't spent a week walking before I began to sense a certain wistful poignancy about the people which seemed a part of the very land itself. I began to feel as if the mountains, the stoniness and the green pastures themselves had ancient memories.

Cattle grazing around ancient ruins is a powerful image. I began to sense something of the historical reality that can be expressed, perhaps, only by the folk tales. While I have little factual knowledge of Irish history, I began to understand that history, nevertheless, as a living, compelling, vibrant fact. I began to dawn on me that no one from outside can really come to know Ireland; that true Irish history is in the blood of the Irish.

All an outsider can ever hope to realise is, at best, a sort of translation. As the ruminations skipped in and out of my mind, with the usual seeming pointlessness of all ruminations, an excerpt occurred to me that I had copied down years ago from a political speech of an uncle of mine. I rummaged about among some personal papers that I usually carry about and found it. I think it makes quite explicit the similarities of feeling for which I had been vaguely groping. Here it is:

"The South is a land that has known sorrows, it is a land that has broken the shaven crust and mottled it with tears; a land scarred and riven by the plowshare of war and blooded with the graves of the dead; but a land of legend, a land of song, a land of hallowed and heroic memories. To that land every drop of my blood, every fibre of my being, every pulsation of my heart is consecrated forever. I was born of her womb, I was nurtured at her breast, and when my last hour shall come I pray God that I may be pilloved upon her bosom and rocked to sleep within her gentle and embracing arms. It seems to me that many an Irishman might have written these very words about Ireland.

ARMISTEAD R. CARMACK, Berryville, Virginia, U.S.A.

Cappoquin, May 26, 1969.

Chain of Office For U.C. Chairman

"You might think me foolish as I may laugh at my suggestion," said Mr. Hackett at the May monthly meeting of the Dungarvan Urban Council when he suggested that steps should be taken to provide a chain of office for the Council Chairman. He said the Chairman was asked to attend a number of functions in the town and had nothing to distinguish him from others when he did so.

Mr. T. Kynne, T.D., Chairman, pointed out that the Council had no authority to spend public money on such a purchase, but he added "if the members would like to do it themselves, it would be very nice."

Mr. Hackett suggested that the various organisations, clubs and societies in the town would come together and contribute to the purchase of a chain of office for the Chairman.

CLONMEL PIG MARKET (MUNSTER'S LEADING MARKET) TUESDAY, JUNE 3rd 1969 at 11.30 a.m. Bacon Pigs, Pork Pigs, Stores, Fat Sows and Breeding Sows. Entry Free.

STOKES & QUIRKE, CLONMEL, Phone 123.

BLUE CROSS RATIONS SOW AND BONHAM RATIONS £37 PER TON. COARSE DAIRY MEAL £36 PER TON. We stock the full range of BLUE CROSS RATIONS. It will pay you to buy your BLUE CROSS SPECIAL Prices for BULK LOTS. £12 PER TON allowed. RATIONS from:

MICHAEL BEECHER General Store, Tallow, Co. Waterford Phone 20



Pupils of the Mercy Convent, Dungarvan, who made their first Holy Communion recently at St. Mary's Parish Church, Dungarvan.

Tallow and Round About Notes

Death Of Well-Known Glasheen Man. A well-known Glasheen man, Mr. Michael (Dick) Morrison, died at his home in the town of Dungarvan on Friday evening, May 29th, 1969.

Shanrock's Hurling Tournament. The annual hurling tournament, played at the John P. Kennedy Park, Dungarvan, on Tuesday evening, May 27th, 1969, was a success.

O'Neill's Recent Statement. The recent statement by Captain Terence O'Neill, ex-Premier of the Six Counties, casts a slur on every Catholic in the country, not only in the North, but in the South.

WAS WELL-KNOWN IN EQUESTRIAN CIRCLES. Regretted Death Of Mr. Donald Murphy, Cork. The untimely death of Mr. Donald Murphy, Cork, on Sunday last, was a great loss to the equestrian circles.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF YOUNG PRIESTS' SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the Dungarvan Branch of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society was held recently.

The meeting opened with the usual prayers led by the Spiritual Director, Rev. J. Murphy. The Branch President, Mr. J. G. Dowling, welcomed Rev. Dr. O'Connor, St. John's College, Waterford.

The Chairman reviewed the year's work of the Branch and reminded the members of the importance of local branches of the Society's organisation and thanked the Promoters for their excellent work. He also expressed a word of thanks to the former Secretary, Miss Patricia Mulcahy, who had resigned on leaving the district.

The Treasurer reported an increase of £8 over the previous year in the amount remitted to Headquarters, reflecting the steady increase in the Branch's progress.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President—Mr. J. G. Dowling; Vice-President—Mr. Michael Hennessy; Treasurer—Mr. E. O'Sullivan; Secretary—Miss Patricia Mulcahy; Committee—Miss O'Donnell, Miss Dee, Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Hahalan, Mrs. Moore, Miss Callinan, Miss Butler, Mr. W. O'Meara, Mr. R. Walsh and Mr. W. Morrissey.

NEW PRESTIS. Mr. Brendan Daly, Waterford, gave a detailed summary of the Society's finances and of the number of students availing of its assistance. The meeting noted Mr. Daly's report with great satisfaction, since the Society had provided for 47 new Priests ordained this year.

GUEST SPEAKER. Rev. Dr. O'Connor, St. John's College, Waterford, Guest Speaker, spoke on "Lay Spirituality"—a very wonderful Vocation in the various aspects such as marriage, the home, work as a vocation and care and concern for others etc.

Mr. Dowling thanked Dr. O'Connor for his address which was followed by a very interesting discussion, and Father Murphy proposed a vote of thanks to him which was seconded by Mr. Butler. Mr. O'Connor's address was a very interesting and inspiring one, and stated that we were very grateful to our friends from Waterford who give us every help and encouragement. He felt the Dungarvan Branch continues to go on from strength to strength—the self-sacrificing promoters are largely responsible and the proper guidance that it is receiving from the Committee and officers whom we may thank for the success of our branch. The Archdeacon also thanked our generous subscribers to the Society's funds.

DUNGARVAN WEDDING

The wedding took place last Sunday at St. Mary's Parish Church, Dungarvan, of Miss Anne Curran, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Curran, Ballinacorney, Dungarvan, and Mr. James A. Clarke, second youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clarke, St. Anthony's, Blackrock, Dundalk, Co. Louth.

The ceremony with Nuptial Mass and Pupal Blessing was performed by Rev. J. Murphy, C.C., Dungarvan, assisted by Very Rev. M. Quinlan, P.P., Ballinacorney, and Rev. J. Curran, C.C., Waterford. The bride who was given away by her brother, Mr. P. Curran, was beautifully attired in a Elizabethan 17th century gown of white American satin covered with nylon, flared and trimmed with tulle. Her floor length flowing veil was held in place by a crystal tiara and she carried a bouquet of red carnations. Miss Anne Clarke, sister of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid, and Mrs. Rosa Hickey, sister of the bride was matron of honour.

The bride wore a full length white broderie anglaise gown over pink. The best man was Mr. P. Clarke, and the groomsmen were Mr. E. Curran (junior), The usher at the church were Mr. E. Hickey, Lieut. O'Gorman, Mr. E. Clarke and Mr. A. Clarke. The bridesmaids were Mr. Michael Hennessy, Dungarvan, who sang Schubert's "Ave Maria", "Piano Andantino", "Dear Lord" and "Just for Today". Miss Maureen Donaldson, Organist, presided at the organ.

The reception which was attended by eighty guests was held at Ballyraher House Hotel, Lismore, and the honeymoon is being spent in Scotland.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR AGLISH MAN

Charges At Cork Court. Michael J. Merrigan, Ballycotton, Aglish, appeared before District Justice D. P. O'Donoghue in the District Court last Monday on the following charges to which he pleaded guilty: 1. Stealing 200 cigarettes value 25-12, the property of Kathleen Deasy, MacCurran Street, Cork, on May 21; 2. Stealing 200 cigarettes value 25-12, the property of Kathleen Deasy, MacCurran Street, Cork, on May 19 and 15; 3. Obtaining a debt of 51-0-0 by obtaining false and untrue statements at the guest house of Eileen Morrissey, Lower Glanville Road, Cork, on May 14-15, and incurring a debt of 51-0-0 at the same guest house, Wellington Road, Cork, the property of Margaret Glendon.

District Justice O'Donoghue sentenced the defendant to 2 months imprisonment on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently, but suspended the sentence on condition that defendant would pay compensation and that he be of good behaviour for a period of 12 months.

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FUTTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

So it will be a June election as most people had anticipated. Putting day will be June 18 and it is going to be a whirlwind campaign.

At a time like this, it is again necessary to emphasise that the N.F.A. is strictly non-political and will not be involved in this election in any way.

There are farmers of every political persuasion to be found within the ranks of the Association and it is on this very fact that its strength is based.

TACKLING PROBLEMS OF SHEEP INDUSTRY

The various interests in the sheep industry meeting in Athlone decided to set up a Sheep Industry Working Group on somewhat similar lines to the Working Group set up in 1967 for the Pig industry and which issued its first preliminary report in booklet form last June.

This important decision came as a result of the initiative of the N.F.A. which has been very much concerned at the sharp drop in the sheep numbers that has occurred in the past four years. The terms of reference of the newly-formed Working Group will be worked out at the joint meeting and are expected to cover the steps which might be taken to promote a more profitable sheep industry for producers in this country and to examine all the suggestions that would lead to an increase in production and streamline the marketing and processing sectors.

The President of the N.F.A., Mr. T. J. Maher, who presided at the O.E.C.D. projections indicated that there would be a good market for mutton on the Continent in the coming years. The Government must explore every possible avenue to try and gain the maximum benefit from this remunerative market. Exports of Irish lamb to Britain could be expanded in this respect it was necessary that the identity of Irish lamb be established and that a position should be attained where it was for once a named product, demanded by the British housewife from a quality viewpoint as Kerrygold butter is eagerly sought after in every part of Britain today.

INSURANCE COMPANY FOR FARMERS

Farmers Business Development Ltd., the business arm of the N.F.A. is going ahead with its plans to form a farmer-owned Insurance Company, which promises to be of marked benefit to the farming community. Ireland lags far behind other fields in this important field and as E.E.C. membership looms nearer, the N.F.A. feels that it is imperative the position must be rectified for the members. The N.F.A. Council at its most recent meeting projected full backing for the effort to collect the £100,000 that will be needed to bring this project to fruition.

FARMERS PROFIT FROM VEGETABLE GROWING

The Irish Sugar Company and Erin Foods report that the sowing of this year's beet and vegetable crops is now almost complete and the effort has been greatly helped by the favourable weather. Farmers have sown 64,000 acres of beet and more than 10,000 acres of vegetables. The rise in the acreage under vegetables is particularly noteworthy for it represents an increase of at least 6,000 acres on the position a few years back.

There has been a very big increase in the acreage under peas and beans but perhaps the most encouraging feature has been the swing to potato growing as a result of the successful sales drive abroad.

MARTS ACT UNCONSTITUTIONAL

The Livestock Marts Act, 1967, was held to be repugnant to the

Constitution by the President of the High Court (Mr. Justice O'Keefe).

The part of the Act which is found to be unconstitutional deals with the power of the Minister to attach conditions to licences. In his view, the provisions as to the conditions were so tied up with licensing provisions generally that the Act as a whole must be regarded as unconstitutional.

He gave judgment in favour of the First Defendant, the Kilkenny Co-operative Livestock Mart Ltd.; the Carlow Co-operative Livestock Mart Ltd.; Thomas Cahill, Ballyparry, Carlow; G. Clarke, George Clarke, Rath House, Kilmarnhamwood, Co. Meath; John Burton, Munc-hill, Drogheda, Mallow, Co. Cork (all farmers); and James Jordan, livestock exporter, of Main Street, Munc-hill, Co. Carlow. The plaintiffs were awarded their costs.

They had brought an action seeking a declaration that the Act, or certain sections of it, were repugnant to the Constitution. The President of the High Court said that he thought that the submission of the plaintiffs was correct and that if the legislation complained of enabled the Minister to grant or refuse or revoke a licence in his uncontrolled discretion and on purely arbitrary grounds, it was in violation of the constitutional guarantees of the citizens.

DEPUTATION RECEIVED BY MINISTER FOR LANDS

The Minister for Lands and the Gaeltacht, Mr. P. Faulkner received a deputation from the N.F.A. headed by the President for the purpose of discussing various aspects of the land structural reform programme of the Land Commission.

There was a full and frank exchange of views on all matters which came under discussion and the Minister undertook to ensure that full consideration would be given to the special points advanced by the deputation. Among the points discussed were group farming, the improvement of the pension scheme and self-migration scheme for farmers, the delay in dividing land, game rights and afforestation.

ORGANISED FARMERS IGNORED BY MINISTER

An Comhairle Oibh, the new Wool Council, has been set up by the Minister for Agriculture and there are six producer representatives on it—but Mr. Blaney did not seek any official nominees from organised farmers.

When questioned in the Dail as to why no member of the N.F.A. had been officially nominated to the new Council, Mr. Blaney said he had been empowered by legislation to set up this Board and to nominate the members. He did not intend to hand over this power to any organisation, no matter how meritorious it might be.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE N.F.A.

Mr. T. J. Maher, commenting on the composition of the Board criticised the principle of appointments as carried out by Mr. Blaney to farming bodies. The N.F.A. President made it clear that he must not be taken for one moment as being in any way critical of the periods of office of previous Ministers for Agriculture.

pointed on the Council. This was not his concept at all.

Mr. Maher went on: "Can you in this year of 1959 set up a Council for the sheep industry with the important function of 'advising on grades of wool and the purchase of wool from producers on a graded basis, with price increases for good quality and deductions for defects and ignore organised farmers in the choosing of the producer representatives? Can farmer have confidence in such a body when they know that their own organisations have been bypassed, that they have no voice, in effect, in the Council chamber and that the people the Minister has chosen to appoint are not officially associated to them in any way?"

"What makes matters worse is that in the case of the newly-established Wool Council, the very same thing had already happened in the case of the recently-formed Meat Promotions Body.

"It is only right, natural and logical that organised farmers should have a voice. Are they not the primary producers and as such primary producers they have first-hand experience of their own line of production? More important still, the men appointed as representatives of organised farmers and, therefore, could not put personal aggrandisement before the essential dictates of the men they represent.

"They would have the opportunity of consulting with organised farmers and they would have the service of expert sections—in an economic section, for example—behind them. An individual producer, representing no one, could not hope to call upon the same services. This is real involvement to me. But Mr. Blaney discounts all this and seems to contend that only the people he himself nominates and appoints are fit to act on the bodies he establishes. It is democracy by the dictates of one man.

"There is a principle in all this which we will not sacrifice and on which we will not relax one iota under any circumstances, in other fields, when the Government is setting up Commissions, or Councils, or Advisory Bodies of one kind or another, no surprise is made of asking different organisations to nominate a representative. Indeed, it is normal and accepted practice. But it would appear that Mr. Blaney is the odd man out—that agriculture must be treated differently, that the organisation with the majority of Irish farmers within its ranks must be consistently ignored.

"The present situation means then that 130,000 Irish farmers are being denied, through their organisations, what is their democratic and constitutional right. That right, I hold, must be and should be recognised again by our Government as it was recognised in the periods of office of previous Ministers for Agriculture."

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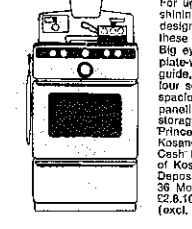
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