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HIGH CHARGES — POOR QUALITY

A notice from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs during the week informing me that my licence for renewal was due for renewal reminded me once again of the one-way traffic where this service is concerned with charges going up while the standard or programmes we are paying for, if anything, is still going down.

Being tied to one channel because we have no option, we are a captive audience in these parts. It is either RTE or nothing at all although nothing at all is sometimes the better choice with the terrible noise and drive which the programme controllers at Montrose sometimes expect us to accept.

After a long weary summer which really appears to be the sissy season for the T.V. men, judging by the desperately low standards of most of the programmes which they beam out, (or is it beam up or beam down!) we have been hearing much about the great winter season programmes which are now about to commence.

But what a terrible lack of originality and imagination is shown by the gentlemen at Montrose. A cursory glance at the new programme schedule shows much the same pattern as last year. And still they keep telling us that they will be in a position to improve the programmes. Now they are getting more money through the new increased fees but still it seems we are to have the same old rigmarole.

The sooner the RTE bosses get it into their heads that we want some quality change in the programmes and stop this nonsense spending and talking about bringing in a costly scheme for coloured TV, the better. Most heads in Montrose seem to be already orientated towards next year's Eurovision Song Contest and the cost of producing the final in Dublin. This is a grossly over-rated affair which has taken on an importance far in excess of what it merits and it would be far better to spend the money on improving daily schedules rather than on providing glitter and glamour to bolster a programme which more often than not is a vehicle for very poor songs and not very great talent.

Here in West Waterford and other localities around, many television licence-holders have further gripe in that the quality of the reception they get is poor and at times sporadic. When complaints were raised about this lately they were given very little satisfaction by the Television Director General. A monopoly does not have to give satisfaction as it has no opposition and the customers can either like it or do the other thing!

Perhaps if people took concerted action and handed back their TV sets and paid no television licence fees for one year as a mass protest, the gentlemen in Dublin would sit up and begin to take notice.

IN THE BOGSIDE

During the J.C.I. Annual Convention in Dungarvan there were many nice after dinner speakers at the President's banquet. One of the most humorous was the Northern Region Vice-President who introduced the following yarn in what he had to say.

(It concerned a school) in the Derry Bogside just shortly after the terrible riots of August last year. The teacher was anxious to find out what the immediate reaction of her young pupils to the R.U.C. was.

She decided to give the class an essay on the R.U.C. and set them in motion. The pupils took out their pencils and paper and all began to write furiously but within a few minutes one small boy at the bottom of the class put down his pencil, sat back and folded his arms. Curious as to what he could have written in such a short time, she moved casually around the side of the room until she came up behind the small boy. She glanced over his shoulder and saw that he had written his name, the title of the essay and then just one short sentence: "The R.U.C. is cute bastards."

She was taken aback and when she subsequently read the other essays she realised that the R.U.C. was not projecting the very best of images as far as her pupils were concerned.

To counteract the situation she arranged with the local Chief Constable to have the children taken to the R.U.C. barracks and given a special treat. They were given a wonderful time, shown all the armoured cars, personnel carriers, guns and gas-masks and all the other paraphernalia used in riot control. They were allowed to crawl all over the place and as they left the barracks the R.U.C. boys stood at the door and gave each a bar of chocolate. However, the small boy was singled out for special treatment and he was given a box of chocolates.

The following day the teacher again set the class an essay for the pupils hoping that everything would be more favourable on this occasion. Off they set again, each writing furiously, all except the same small boy who again came to a sudden halt within a few minutes. More curious than ever the teacher came up behind the room until she came up behind the little fellow and looked over his shoulder. Again she saw that he had written his name, the title of the essay and just one other sentence, this time slightly longer than the first attempt. It read: "The R.U.C. is cute bastards!"

CLUB FOR GARDEN LOVERS

A move is being made to form a flower garden club in Dungarvan and I have been asked to state that for anyone in the town and district who may be interested, a meeting will be held in Lawlor's Hotel, Dungarvan, on Tuesday, October 6, at 8.30 p.m. to which all so interested are cordially invited.

I feel sure that there must be many people in the Dungarvan area who are anxious to learn more about flower growing and gardening in general and this is an ideal opportunity for them to come together and exchange ideas.

A FINE GESTURE

My thanks to the Officers and Committee of the Abbotside Pioneer Total Abstinence Association.

VISIT OF ABBEY PLAYERS

A recent visitor to Dungarvan was Mr. Phil O'Kelly, Manager of the Abbey Theatre, Dublin. In a very brief conversation I had with him, Phil told me that the Abbey Players would do a tour during the coming month in which Dungarvan is included. I understand that they will have two plays and the cast will include many outstanding Abbey players. More about the visit later on.

REQUEST FROM CANADIAN VISITORS

A couple of Canadian visitors have sent me a request for the words of "The Bold O'Donoghue" and I would be grateful to any reader who could oblige. If I receive them I will include them in this column next week (D.V.)

HEALTH AUTHORITY CONGRATULATED ON PROMOTION TO NEW POST

Tributes To Mr. J. Hynes

Tributes were paid by members and officials of the Waterford Health Authority at the monthly meeting of the authority in Dungarvan last Monday night to Mr. John A. Hynes, Secretary to the Authority for the past sixteen years, who has resigned following his appointment as Chief Executive Officer to one of the newly-formed Regional Health Boards.

Mr. C. Curran who proposed the resolution of congratulation to Mr. Hynes on his recent promotion said that his new appointment was to one of the most important posts in the health administration of the country. He said that it was a wonderful tribute to the work done by Mr. Hynes for the Health Authority during which time he proved to be not only one of the most efficient officials but also most courteous and humane in his approach to all the problems he had to handle. He extended best wishes to Mr. Hynes and his wife for many years of health, happiness and prosperity in the future.

Mr. M. Harty who seconded said that Mr. Hynes was a most dedicated man who was always most painstaking and most obliging in every respect.

All other members of the Authority present at the meeting associated themselves with the tributes paid to Mr. Hynes.

WELL DESERVED

Mr. N. Walsh who presided at the meeting said that the tributes paid to Mr. Hynes were well deserved. Although he had crossed swords with him on a number of occasions he said that he had always found him to be a most efficient Secretary, a man of the highest integrity about whom he could not speak too highly.

Joining in the tributes, the Co-Manager, Mr. C. O'Connor, said that it had been his privilege to work in close collaboration with Mr. Hynes during the past 44 years. In that time he had found him to be a very dedicated official with a tremendous knowledge and experience of health administration to a very onerous and challenging position for which there had been tremendous competition and on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff he wished him every success.

REGRETTED LEAVING

Mr. Hynes in reply said that this was probably the last meeting of the Waterford Health Authority which he would attend. He thanked the Chairman and members for all their kindness to him over the sixteen years he had been Secretary to the Authority and also the Co-Manager and his other colleagues. He said that he regretted leaving and it was with great reluctance that he had tendered his resignation and that he would always have very happy memories of his associations with Waterford.

CARRICKFERGUS

Our choice of ballad for this week is "Carrickfergus" which is sung to a very beautiful, slow nostalgic air.

I wish I was in Carrickfergus
Or else in Antrim or Ballygrange;

The deepest ocean I would swim over
The deepest ocean my love to find.
But the sea is deep and I can't swim
And neither have I the wings to fly,
I wish I had a lonesome boatman
To ferry over my love and I.

PRESENT POSITION OF DUNGARVAN MATERNITY UNIT

Allegations that members of a deputation who came before a previous meeting concerning the problem of re-opening the maternity unit at St. Joseph's Hospital, Dungarvan, went around the town subsequently and mentioned the names of city members were made by Mr. C. Curran at the monthly meeting of the Waterford Health Authority in Dungarvan last Monday night.

Before the meeting was a report from the Acting Secretary, Mr. F. Monegy, which stated that the proposal to set up a maternity unit at St. Joseph's as approved by the August meeting had been referred to the Department together with plans for the unit.

He added that in a letter dated September 24 from the Department it was stated that the proposal, as a short-term arrangement was being considered and an examination of the hospital might be necessary and that a further letter on the subject would follow later.

Ald. T. Brennan said that they should await the decision of the Department and adopt the report of Mr. N. Walsh (Chairman) — But we should keep knocking on their door.

Mr. M. Harty — Yes, we should keep up the pressure.

Mr. C. Curran then said that at their August meeting a big number of people from Dungarvan had attended and from reports made subsequently it appeared that Mr. P. Kenneally, Mr. S. Whelan and himself took no part in the discussion. He said that the reason for this was that they were fully aware of all the facts of the position.

"Our first consideration," said Mr. Curran, "must be the welfare of the patients and there was never a question of closing the Dungarvan hospital. At the conference which we had with Mr. Childers (Minister for Health) in Kilkenny he told us that any hospitals would not be closed without prior consultation with members of the Health Authority."

Mr. Curran went on to say that he visited St. Joseph's hospital recently and he spoke to the Acting Matron who told him that she was quite appalled at the efforts of the Dungarvan deputation to collect signatures as members of the staff at the hospital had been approached and pressurised into signing the document. He added that if the surgeon at the hospital went or retired he could not be replaced but there would still be no question of closing, rather it was planned to extend the building. "One word of warning I would like to sound," said Mr. Curran, "is fit us not play off Dungarvan against Ardkeen or any other hospital in Waterford against Ardkeen or else we may lose all."

Mr. Walsh said that the main concern of the deputation on the night in question was the maternity unit.

Mr. M. O'Riordan said that the members of the deputation were quite entitled to come to the meeting and to make their protest. He added that the only objection he had was the way the whole matter had been treated on the occasion.

Councillor Claims Deputation Members Misrepresented Position

He said that the deputation should have been heard first and the matter should then have been discussed by the members of the Authority afterwards.

Mr. S. Whelan said that there was quite a lot of misunderstanding on the occasion about the closing of the hospital and the re-opening of the maternity unit and it was with the latter that they were concerned.

Mr. Curran then said that certain people who were on the deputation went around the town of Dungarvan subsequently and misrepresented the whole situation and mentioned the names of city members. "There was complete misrepresentation of the position by people who knew nothing about what they were talking," he said.

TWO HOOTS

Ald. T. Brennan said that as long as he was a public representative he did not give two hoots as long as he made a decision in accordance with his conscience and for the benefit of the people he represented.

Mr. R. Jones said that in fairness to the Chairman, Deputy Brennan, the meeting on the occasion was a most difficult one to chair.

Mr. Walsh — The position is that the decision taken that night was the unanimous decision of all the members here and that should clear the matter.

The discussion ended and the report of the Secretary was adopted.

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RECENT WEDDING



Mr. Gerard Mason, Shenbally, Cappoquin and Miss Eileen Landers, Villierstown, Cappoquin, who were married in Aghlish Parish Church recently.

Long Retrospection Periods Speak Badly For Industrial Relations In State Controlled Bodies

SALARY AND WAGE INCREASES APPROVED BY HEALTH AUTHORITY

There were seven items dealing with wage and salary increases on the agenda of the monthly meeting of Waterford Health Authority in Dungarvan on Monday night and when the first was being considered, Mr. K. O'Ryan proposed that the list be adjourned to the estimates meeting.

Mr. P. Cahill said he could not agree with this as some of the increases concerned farm workers and nurses.

AGLISH AND CLASHMORE NOTES

Death Of Miss E. Hunt, Aghlish - The death occurred recently of Miss Eileen Hunt, Ballinacorney, Aghlish. Deceased was a popular figure and her passing is much regretted.

Public Dental Officers

The revised scale in this case as recommended under the scheme of J. C. Hamilton and Arthur Walsh with effect as from 1st September 1969 was from £2,165 - £2,660 (existing scale) to £2,275 by increments of £110 to £2,775 per annum.

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Other Increases

New salary scales for Staff Officers farm workers at St. Otteran's Hospital and for the Land Steward and Storekeepers at the same hospital were also approved.

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VISITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON VISITS TO WATERFORD, DUNGARVAN AND LISMORE HOSPITALS

Messrs. K. O'Ryan, S. Whelan, M. Harty and H. R. Dowd who were members of the Visiting Committee appointed for the purpose of July submitted the following report of their visits to the monthly meeting of the Waterford Health Authority in Dungarvan last Monday night.

ST. OTTERAN'S HOSPITAL

Patients well cared and on excellent terms with staff. The maintenance staff are not getting adequate supplies of paint. The result of this is very obvious.

ST. PATRICK'S HOSPITAL

Patients well cared for and speak very highly of the care and treatment they are receiving. The Committee must once again draw attention to the hopelessly inadequate staff changing-rooms in most wards.

ST. PATRICK'S HOSPITAL

Patients comfortable and appreciative of the care they receive. The tarmacading of the yard is a definite necessity and the Committee is surprised that no attention seems to have been paid to earlier comments in this connection.

ST. PATRICK'S HOSPITAL

The approach to St. Patrick's from the main gate inward, is depressingly drab and antiquated. In the interests of all the patients that condition should be remedied.

DISTRICT HOSPITAL, DUNGARVAN

Patients well cared for. Premises clean and tidy. Extra toilets needed in Male Department. Painting of Staff Toilets necessary.

COUNTY HOME, DUNGARVAN

Patients comfortable. Premises well-kept.

ST. CARTHAGE'S, LISMORE

Premises very clean and in good repair. The proposed Welfare Home here is an urgent necessity as the wards are crowded with elderly patients.

ST. OTTERAN'S HOSPITAL

The grounds are a credit to the staff at all levels. The very pleasant appearance of the place is an encouragement to relatives and friends of the patients to visit them and it pleases the patients too.

ST. PATRICK'S HOSPITAL

The Committee was very courteously received at all the Institutions visited and every facility to speak to patients and to inspect conditions was given. All information sought was readily given.

ST. PATRICK'S HOSPITAL

The Acting Secretary, Mr. F. P. Moneghy, submitted comments on matters raised in the report which he said would be circulated later to the members.

ST. PATRICK'S HOSPITAL

The report was adopted.

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RADIOGRAPHERS

A report submitted by the Acting Secretary, Mr. F. P. Moneghy set out the scales of radiographers employed by the Authority as follows: Existing scale - £1,900 to £2,100; from June 1, 1969 - £1,995 to £2,195; proposed scale - £2,115 to £2,315.

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CHAMPION ANGLERS

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TIME FOR GOVERNMENT TO RE-ASSESS ITS POLICY ON DAIRYING

The time has come when the Government must re-assess its overall policy in relation to the dairy industry. This was stated by N.F.A. President, Mr. J. Maher in Limerick when he emphasized that the light of experience in the dairy sector during the past few years it was now very obvious that the policies being pursued by Government were setting the industry "on the road to disaster."

Mr. Maher pointed to the fact that many progressive dairy farmers, who made large investments in dairy enterprises in recent years have been seriously hit by the crazy system of milk price differentials introduced last Autumn by the then Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries. He continued: "These milk producers, who have heavy commitments to the A.C.C. and the banks will find it extremely difficult to continue in operation as their returns from milk are down considerably in 1970. Several thousand milk producers have moved out of milk this year which has contributed to the increased costs of processing level resulting in a reduced milk price to the producer."

"There is now need for positive Government action on milk prices to restore the dairy farmers' income position. If the Government does not act responsibly at this stage the very future of the dairy industry is in jeopardy." Mr. Maher further pointed out that there is a growing lack of confidence for the future and therefore a change of direction was absolutely essential at this time before it was too late. He stressed that with the advantages enjoyed by this country over other milk producing countries it was of the greatest importance that nothing be done which would in any way jeopardize the future of the dairy industry in this country.

He continued: "There is also need for a realistic approach to the difficulties confronting the small milk producer. Small price increases as a way will no longer ensure the future of the smaller producer. There must be long term planning on the basis of input assistances for all those who are willing to follow an expansionist programme. This long term assistance could be achieved through the Small Farm Incentive Scheme."

On the question of quality milk Mr. Maher said that incentives must be directed towards bringing all milk to a "quality standard."

N.F.A. TO CONSIDER NEW FEEDSTUFFS PRICES

The new increases in feedstuffs prices announced recently are likely to lead to very strong reaction from producers of pigs, poultry, beef and milk. The increases will be considered by National Committees of the N.F.A. Mr. John Orpen, Chairman of the N.F.A. Pigs and Bacon Committee said that there has been an increase of from 20% to 25% per ton in pig feed prices. "It is very essential at this stage that our pig herd continues to increase as we are able to find markets for all we can export and our competitors from other countries are being hit far harder than we, by the increasing world grain prices."

"The probability is that this will lead to a reduction in pig numbers in Britain, Denmark and other countries which makes it all the more important for the Government to keep Irish pig producers in business. It is therefore essential that we get an increase in price immediately to compensate for these increased costs in feed and labour."

Mr. Orpen said that provided we can continue to expand pig production we are now being given an opportunity to widen our markets and go into the E.E.C. with an increasing production. This opportunity would not recur for us.

He concluded: "These increases in feedstuff prices will increase cost to farmers by around 10% per pig and will drastically cut the small margin of profit which exists for pig producers at the moment."

Mr. John Bland, Chairman of the National Poultry Committee said that these latest increases in poultry feed prices, amounting to up to £3 per ton, was a very heavy blow to the poultry industry at this time. "This is the third increase in compound feed prices since the beginning of this year and many broiler and egg producers have not recouped the extra costs resulting from previous increases. Turkey producers, whose feed costs have gone up by £3 per ton when consumption of turkey feed is at its peak will as a result face increases in production costs. This will make a vigorous marketing effort

all the more necessary over the Christmas period." Beef and milk producers who are just coming into the main period for using grain will be badly affected, particularly those who have not yet bought in stocks. A spokesman for the Association said that bacon, beef, milk and poultry prices will have to be adjusted to take account of these increases in costs. Farmers cannot be expected to be the only section of the community to absorb increased costs out of their own pockets to the detriment of their living standards.

This situation, which results in large measure from difficulties with the American maize crop, underlines the necessity of producing a greater proportion of our feed requirements in this country.

FARMERS HAVE RIGHT TO SPECIALIST SERVICE

For several years now the N.F.A. has advocated the appointment of Specialist Advisers on a county basis. In the past and in the foreseeable future there will be a need for general advisers competent to deal with the changes facing agriculture. Due to the increase in the size of enterprises, however, the investments involved and the up-to-date knowledge required, more and more farmers will be looking for the services of specialists and they have a right to get them.

The Irish agricultural advisers Organisation agree with this. Its members have been trying to set this idea in the powers-that-be in order that the necessary adaptations might be made in the structure of the Advisory Service. They haven't met with much success and it is obvious that the Government is dragging its feet in this regard. Our information is that the I.A.A.O. has prepared a memorandum on specialisation giving the function of a specialist agricultural advisory service, for descriptions for specialists as well as recommendations in the selection and training of such people. Like many other useful documents, however, it is likely that this memorandum will remain on the shelf unless farmers make their voices more clearly heard on this issue.

Thousands of farmers, who are presently being denied a specialist service are trying to manage as best they can, but this is not good enough. A concerted effort must be made throughout the country by bringing pressure to bear through the C.A.O.'s and the County Committees of Agriculture on the Department to have a specialist scheme introduced in every county in the immediate future. We are not for the services provided by some commercial firms the position would be a great deal worse.

Our entry to the Common Market is only a matter of a few years away. Competitor countries are more advanced than we are in the provision of specialist advisers to their farmers. The training of such people—when we get round to it, as we must—will still take a minimum of one-year and possibly two. In other words a scheme to select and train the personnel should be in operation now. Every day that is lost will put us at least a day behind our continental counterparts and this, the country cannot afford.

MACRA "MAKE AND MODEL" TROPHY FOR TOURANEENA GIRL

The Waterford County Final of the Macra na Feirme, "Make and Model" Competition was held in Lawlor's Hotel, Dungarvan on Thursday, 24th September. Competitors were required to make and model a long evening dress (materials costing not less than £10).

Scale of marking:— (1) Workmanship—Workmanship, suitability and finish 40 marks; Questions on making of dress 10 marks. (2) Modelling—Fit 20 marks; Style and colour 10 marks; Suitability of materials 10 marks; Poise, deportment and grooming 10 marks—Total 100.

Results:— 1st—Phyllis Cliffe, Touraneena, with 83 marks, wearing a white caftan style dress, trimmed with blue and gold braid with matching hood.

2nd—Eileen Kennedy, Ballyduff Lower, with 80 marks wearing white chiffon over crepe—empire line—with silver sequins on the bodice and on hemline.

3rd—Mary Barron, Kinsalebeg, with 78 marks, wearing an orange crepe dress trimmed with black. The winner received the Muckaly Perpetual Cup and will represent Waterford in the National final which will be held at the Mount Brandon Hotel, Tralee, on Sunday, 1st November (during Macra Rally).

Mr. Finbarr Power, County Chairman, Macra na Feirme presented the trophy, congratulated the winner and thanked the adjudicators. Adjudicators—Mrs. Austin Fenton, D.Sc.I., Miss Eithne Bercford, D.Sc.I., Mr. David Cliffe, acted as compere.

FANCY DRESS WINNERS



John and Regina O'Riordan, Keating St., Dungarvan first prize-winners in the children's Fancy Dress Competition held during Shark and Shanty Week-end in Dungarvan.

FEELING OLD AT TWENTY

Bishop's Views on Marriage Situation in Ireland

Early last month (September) Fr. Gerard Reynolds, C.S.S.R., died of cancer in Dublin. He had continued to work right to the end in two projects that had brought him before the public quite a bit in recent months—his Anonymous Bachelor Club (ABC) and the Marriage Introductions Bureau. REALITY magazine for October contains a very recent interview with Fr. Reynolds in which he gives an account of the work he had done and the plans he had sketched out for the future. In view of his unexpected death, the last few sentences of the interview take on a special poignancy: "I do not know the exact number (of marriages that have resulted from the Bureau), but there are well over a hundred pairs going steady. Not a lot, you may say. But after all the Bureau is only a year on the go. Give us a little more time."

He did not get the time he wanted. But his work is continuing under the direction of Fr. Vincent Kavanagh, C.S.S.R., who is based, as Fr. Reynolds was, in the Redemptorist Retreat House, Limerick.

Bishop Michael Harry of Kill also gives his views on some aspects of the marriage situation in Ireland. Some remarks of his on dancing in the country are worthy of note:

"The change in the pattern of dancing has added to our difficulties. The growth of the huge commercial dance halls and the consequent closing of the small halls has destroyed the homely social atmosphere formerly associated with dancing in Ireland. It is not clear why this development should also have led to the other social phenomenon noted by Fr. Reynolds, namely, the lowering of the age of the dancers so that we have the sad sight of boys and girls in their early twenties saying that they 'feel old' at such dances."

TWO INTO ONE WON'T GO? Larry Sheedy, Editor of the Irish Farmers Journal discusses the problem of two families living together in one house.

"Sure, you can live with your mother-in-law. But only if you are both angels and guaranteed to remain that way. Otherwise the odds are bad." He offers some solutions to the problem, with suggestions about various grants that could help.

OF VANDALS AND ECUMENISM offers some very good insights on both those topical subjects.

"The best-fed, best-housed, best-educated, healthiest generation that Ireland has ever seen indulges in orgies of mindless destruction that would shame a tribe of drunken Balabars." On the subject of ecumenism he feels that in spite of the present backlash the taproot have gone deep and a rich harvest will surely be reaped.

How much say should young people have in running their schools? St. Francis McAndrew discusses the question in her article on DEMOCRACY IN SCHOOLS. She lists the advantages of the new approach, and outlines the areas in which students could profitably have a say in their own government. In a review-discussion of the long-running (and long-titled) play at the Bblana, Anthony McHugh makes a number of points that have not appeared in other reviews. "Undeniably the playwright is to be commended for accepting the challenge of a theme

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PENDING INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINT Alderman's Move At Health Authority Meeting

When members of the Waterford Health Authority at their monthly meeting in Dungarvan last Monday night came to consider revised salary scales for the Senior Dental Surgeon, Ald. T. Brennan moved that the matter be deferred to the next meeting. He said that he made this proposal for the particular reason that he had received a complaint concerning the Dental Surgeon at Ardkeen and a contract made by the dental mechanic with the Authority in 1970. While he had information concerning the complaint at his disposal he was not at liberty to state what it was at this stage as he had not been in a position to submit the complaint in writing prior to the meeting as had been agreed previously.

LEGAL ADVICE He then went on to say that he had had to believe that the man had gone outside the legal ambit of the contract document to give work to an outside person. He had suggested to the person concerned that he should take legal advice on the matter. "If I was to say is incorrect, then I will be the first to apologise."

LEGITIMATE COMPLAINT In reply to a question by Mr. N. Walsh who presided at the meeting Ald. Brennan said that he considered the nature of the complaint made to him to be legitimate. However, before going any further he wanted to hear both sides of the matter.

Ald. Brennan informed the Co. Manager, Mr. C. O'Connor, that he had submitted all the information he had about the complaint to Mr. Gianville, Staff Officer, and this would be available to the Manager. He then asked that for the next meeting, the Manager would have available an account of all monies paid out from the date the contract was made to the second person named in it. He added that he felt sure this matter would end up as a legal affair but he said the Manager could carry out his own investigation. It was agreed that in accordance with Ald. Brennan's proposal, the matter be adjourned to the next meeting.

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HIGHEST ON RECORD The area under wheat at 231,000 acres was up by 27,000 acres. The area under barley at 543,000 acres was the highest on record. Mating barley increased by 49,000 acres.

The potato acreage remained unchanged. Figures for other items will be available shortly.

DEPARTMENT PAYS TOP PRICES At the sales that followed the principal transactions were:— John Dunford, Ballinakil, to Department of Agriculture, price 48 guineas.

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THREE AWARDS FOR LISMORE BREEDER AT DUNGARVAN SHEEP SHOW

The following are details of the awards made at the Annual Show of Blackface Mountain Sheep held at Dungarvan Mart.

Class 1—Open—For Best Shearling Ram shown and sold at Sale—For Co. Waterford Sheepbreeders Cup—1, M. Fleming, Kilbarney, 2, Curraghmore Estates, Portlaw, 3, Wm. Carey, Glenshask, Lismore.

Class 2—For Best Shearling Ram shown and sold at Sale—For Co. Waterford Sheepbreeders Cup—(Confined to Mountain Area of Co. Waterford)—1, J. Dunford, Ballinakil; 2, John Harrington, Barracree; 3, Liam Frater, Kilbrin.

Class 3—For Best Pen of Three Shearling Rams shown and sold at Sale—For Queally Cup—1, John Dunford, Ballinakil; 2, John O'Grady, Scart, 3, John Harrington, Barracree.

Class 4—For Best Pen of Two Shearling Rams (confined to Mountain Area of Co. Waterford) for Cork Marts Cup—1, Wm. Carey, Glenshask, Lismore; 2, John Quinlan, Curraheen, Rathgormack; 3, David Power, Ballinamul.

Class 5—For Best Sheep in Wool at Show—For Waterford Co-Op Cup—1, Liam Frater, Kilbrin; 2, John O'Grady, Lyre East, Ballymacarby; 3, Wm. Carey, Glenshask, Lismore.

Class 6—For Best Two Sheep Ram and Over—For Osmond Cup—1, Wm. Carey, Glenshask, Lismore; 2, Thos. Fahey, Kilbarney, Dungarvan; 3, Paik. Dunford, Bohadon, Dungarvan.

Class 7—For Best Ram Lamb at Sale—For Morrissey Cup—1, Wm. Carey, Glenshask, Lismore; 2, Wm. Carey, Glenshask, Lismore; 3, John Dunford, Ballinakil.

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BADMINTON CLUB The annual general meeting of the club was held recently and the following officers were elected for the coming year:— President—Donal Verling. Secretary and Club Captain—Padraig de Burca. Treasurer—Miaic Browne. Committee—Misses P. Keane, B. Kelleher, K. O'Shea, M. Lyons, Messrs. L. Cliffe, D. Verling. Selection Committee—K. O'Shea, M. Lyons, L. Cliffe, D. Verling.

The season opened on last Monday night at the Town Hall. Practice nights will, for the moment, be held in the Town Hall on Monday and Wednesday from 8.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.

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TWOISEACH MEETS COUNTY WATERFOOD PARTY

The Taisench and Mha. Lynch recently received the following list of County Waterford party members:— Mr. C. Curran, Councillor, Sean Whelan and Mrs. Whelan, G. Dowling and Mrs. Dowling, Mr. J. P. Robinson.

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PUBLICATION OF MASS CARDS

Readers and correspondents in all areas should note that lists of Mass Cards, and messages of sympathy in connection with any obituary notices are published at a charge of 10c per line.

GALTEE CATTLE BREEDING STATION & FARM, MITCHELSTOWN, CO. CORK

We regret that owing to circumstances outside our control it will not now be possible for us to operate a complete Warble Fly Eradication Scheme this year.

In order to facilitate herd owners we will however, be prepared to dress Cattle on request at 4/- per animal.

Applications for this service should be made immediately to our Head Office or local Sub-Station.

IT'S CHEAPER AT MOLONEYS

BLUE CROSS RATIONS CALF EARLY WEANER PENCILS £42-10-0 PER TON CALF GROWING NUTS £37-15-0 PER TON WE STOCK THE FULL RANGE OF BLUE CROSS RATIONS 1 TON LOTS DELIVERED FREE. SPECIAL PRICE FOR BULK LOTS. NOW IS THE TIME TO FEED CALCIUM MAGNESITE TO PREVENT GRASS TETANY. ONLY 35/- PER CWT. It will pay you to buy your BLUE CROSS RATIONS from MICHAEL BEECHER GENERAL STORE, TALLOW. 'PHONE 29.

ATTENTION All Farmers

For Prompt Collection of all Dead and Disabled Animals—Contact: MICK DUGGAN, Town Parks, Cahir, or 'Phone Cahir 454—day or night

CLONMEL PIG MARKET

(MUNSTER'S LEADING MARKET) TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6th at 11.30 a.m. Bacon Pigs, Pork Pigs, Store, Fat Bows and Breeding sows. Entries to: STOKES & QUIRKE, CLONMEL. 'Phone 15.

Advertisement for DUNGARVAN LEADER newspaper. Text: "If you have a printing problem... BRING IT TO US FOR ADVICE AND A FREE ESTIMATE. PERFECT WORKMANSHIP AND QUICK DELIVERY GUARANTEED. FOR THE BEST AND MOST COMPREHENSIVE NEWS REPORTS READ THE 'LEADER' PRICE 6d. (Please note that this includes the Wholesale Rate) ALL INQUIRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE MANAGER: DUNGARVAN LEADER 78, O'CONNELL ST. DUNGARVAN 'Phone 55"

Tallow and Round About Notes

Wedding: Cotter-Madden. The marriage took place recently at St. Patrick's Church, Dungarvan. The bride, Miss Margaret Cotter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Madden, was accompanied by her bridesmaids, Misses Mary Ellen and Irene O'Leary...

News from Lismore

Whist Results - Mr. John Troy, New Street, held a score of 147 won in the last week's whist drive held in St. Carthage's Hall on Tuesday night. The winners were Mrs. B. Lawlor, Cappouin and Mrs. J. O'Donoghue...

FURTHER MOVES IN PROVISION OF AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR WEST WATERFORD

Formation of Knights of Malta Branch in Lismore. When members of the Waterford Health Authority met in Dungarvan last Monday night they were considering the provision of an ambulance service...

SECRETARY'S REPORT PAINTS A PICTURE OF PROGRESS AND SUCCESS

A.G.M. of Dungarvan A.C. The report of club secretary, Mr. E. Moore, read to the Dungarvan A.C. members at the A.G.M. in the C.Y.M.S. Hall on Wednesday last, September 23rd, painted a most encouraging picture of progress and success for the athletic season 1969/70.

County Board had started THANKS

The secretary concluded by thanking the Hon. Vice-President, Mr. J. Power, who had graciously improved their position to Lismore. Joe Sweeney was top novice of the season and would be a crack athlete next year.

BALLYSGART NOTES

Community Centre - The large crowd attended the Ballysgart Social on Friday night last. The most enjoyable night was the dancing which was well supported by all. Music was supplied by the Ballysgart Band.

Annual Collection For Shamrock Club. The collection was held at Blarney Hotel, Co. Cork, where a large number of relatives and friends of both bride and groom attended. The room was well-kept in Macra Na Feirme circles a few years ago...

To Form Credit Union Branch. At the instigation of the Lismore Credit Union, a public meeting will be held in the town hall on Wednesday night, October 7th, at 7.30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the town hall on Wednesday night, October 7th, at 7.30 p.m.

B.L.E. COUNTY CONVENTION AT DUNGARVAN

During the course of his report to the B.L.E. County Convention held at the Friary Hotel on Tuesday night, Mr. P. Vaughan, Chairman of the County, stated that the County had made a very successful year...

AN INDICATION

Mr. C. O'Connor, County Manager, said to the meeting that he was glad to see the County had made a very successful year. He suggested that the matter be left over until the next meeting...

SCOUT NOTES

Troop Meetings - On our last two week meetings we had had two senior scouts from Abbeystead, Larry Cliffe and Tom Brien, running the troop meetings...

VOLLEYBALL

Plans For New Season's Competition. The activities of the County Volleyball Association for 1970 and '71 will commence with a general meeting on Friday, October 9th at 8 p.m. The teams of last season will be asked to enter teams this season as requested to send delegates to this meeting.

DEISE BRIDGE CLUB

Results: Monday 27th inst. - 1. Mrs. T. J. Fleming and Mrs. F. Jennings; 2. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Phelan. The principal competition is for the Most Rev. Dr. Russell Perpetual Tropics, presented by His Lordship the Bishop of Waterford and Lismore.

BEECHER'S FOR VALUE

JUST A FEW OF OUR GREAT MONEY SAVING OFFERS: - Jacobs Gustard Creams and Creamy Chocolates 1/3, save 3d. now 1/-. Kellogg's Rice Krispies 10 oz. 2/9, save 6d. now 2/3. Bachelors Beans 1/7, save 3d. now 1/4. Vulpak Pears 2/5, save 8d. now 1/9.

ATTITUDE WELL KNOWN

The report continued - "My attitude towards B.L.E. is quite well known now, but for the record their help was invaluable for the past year. Let's hope next year will see a change. I would also like to thank sincerely all the landowners, farmers, sportsmen, etc., who put their land or sports grounds at our clubs disposal throughout the county."

OFFICERS

Officers elected for the coming year were as follows: - President - Rev. M. Earlight; Vice-Presidents - Rev. Fr. O'Donnell, O.S.A., Rev. Fr. O'Shea, Rev. Bro. Patrick, Mr. Rory Wiley, Mr. P. Dunne; Treasurer - Mr. E. Moore; Secretary - Mr. E. Heaney; Junior Secretary - Mr. B. O'Donoghue.

TELEGRAM CHARGES

Internal Telegrams (ordinary) 8d. (minimum for 12 words); Internal Telegrams (press) 10d. (minimum for 12 words); Internal Telegrams (overnight) 15d. (minimum for 12 words); Telegrams (press) 10d. (minimum for 12 words); Telegrams (ordinary) 8d. (minimum for 12 words); Telegrams (overnight) 15d. (minimum for 12 words).

REVISION OF POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH CHARGES

THE FOLLOWING REVISED CHARGES WILL COME INTO FORCE ON 1st OCTOBER, 1970. IRELAND AND BRITAIN: First Class Mail: Letters, 10d. (each extra 2 oz. 2d.); Postcards, 6d. (each extra 2 oz. 2d.); Second Class Mail: Letters, 8d. (each extra 2 oz. 2d.); Postcards, 4d. (each extra 2 oz. 2d.).

IT PAYS TO SHOP AT - BEECHER'S V.G. FOODMARKET

TALLOW, PHONE 29. BEECHERS SUPERMARKET, YOUGHAL. PHONE 4226

TEST WORK AND MERIT BADGES

Test Work and Merit Badges - There will be no test work until the new uniforms are out, maybe Christmas - who knows? Anyway the lads are all doing tests and merit badges. Keep it up lads.

LEAVING THE TROOP AND TOWN

Leaving the Troop and Town - It is sad to hear that P.L. Michael Hayes is leaving the Scout Troop and town, but anyhow there is wishing Michael the best of luck in Limerick.

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