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MINISTER RESIGNS FROM LOCAL COUNCILS

Mr. Austin Deasy, Minister for Agriculture, has sent letters of resignation from both Councils of which he was a member to the Secretary, Waterford County Council, and to the Town Clerk, Dungarvan Urban Council.

The resignation from the Urban Council of which the Minister has been a member since he was first elected in 1967 was dealt with at the Council's monthly meeting last Monday night and accepted with an understanding of the circumstances that made the action necessary for the Minister.

In the course of his letter to the Council, Mr. Deasy stated: "As a result of my appointment as Minister for Agriculture, I wish to tender my resignation from Dungarvan Urban District Council. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you (Town Clerk) and the members of the Council for your help and co-operation over the years. While my new assignment is very demanding I will continue to maintain close contact with the Council. Needless to say I will be glad to assist the Council in any way possible in my capacity as Minister."

I understand that the letter to the County Secretary, in similar terms, will come before a meeting of the County Council to take place in Dungarvan on Monday next.

FILLING THE VACANCIES

This, as I stated some time ago, will create vacancies on both Councils and in accordance with the now accepted practice the filling of them will be left to the Fine Gael Party. The vacancy on the Urban Council will be filled at the Council's March monthly meeting due on Monday, 21st and the man favoured for co-option in this case is Michael O'Riordan. In the case of the County Council, the date for the co-option will be fixed at next meeting and this, too, will most probably also take place some time in March and here the man mentioned most likely to be selected to fill the vacancy is Clashmore man Gary O'Halloran.

There will also be a second Fine Gael vacancy arising on the County Council as Minister of Industry and Energy, Mr. Eddie Collins, will also be resigning his seat on the Council but what the position in regard to this is likely to be is not yet clear.

During a brief conversation on Monday last the Minister for Agriculture explained that when they accepted their appointments to the Cabinet and as Junior Ministers they had to give an undertaking to resign from the local Councils or Corporations of which they were members and the actions they had now taken were in accordance with that.

WHEN THE LIGHTS ARE GREEN

A traffic accident which occurred at the traffic lights at the Mary Street Square Junction in Dungarvan had a sequel at a recent court sitting in Dungarvan and it highlights a danger which I have been meaning to refer to for some time back.

Before the traffic lights were installed at this point the junction was recognised as a very dangerous one, the principal reason being that motorists, notwithstanding it was never sure as to who had the right of way. It was felt that this problem would be completely and positively resolved by the traffic lights and that they would obviate any further accidents and collisions there.

However this is really not so as last week's Court case shows. A motorist crossing the Square intending to turn right up O'Connell Street with the green light in his favour con-

tinues to be at risk, and very often at grave risk, from motorists travelling down Mary Street and proceeding across the Square. The point was made during the Court hearing by the Garda witness in "the case that when the lights were green, traffic crossing the Square to turn into O'Connell Street is obliged to give way to "through traffic" from Mary Street. We accept this as being correct.

Now on my way to work I have to negotiate this junction several times each day throughout the working week, coming across the Square and turning right into O'Connell Street. When the green light comes on I must wait until the traffic stopped at the Mary Street end moves and clears the junction before I can move. So far so good and no danger. But then about half way up Mary Street, a car driver seeing the green light at the junction accelerates to get through before the colour turns red. It has happened to me on countless occasions and I have been very lucky a few times not to have had my front or my rear chopped by these speeding drivers.

As in all cases where there are rights, there are also responsibilities and drivers in such circumstances as I have outlined above should, even if they have the green light ahead when coming down Mary Street, not take it as a signal to put the foot down to race through the junction before the colour goes red. Those crossing from the Square into O'Connell Street with the green light in their favour are also entitled to consideration and should be shown it. But we suppose there are cowboys to be found everywhere and always just like those who pass through many of the "stop" signs around the town as if these signs were never there. Perhaps the reason for this is that they are illiterate!

VANDALISM

Public lights at Abbeyside at the right-of-way between Murphy Place and McCarthyville and at the Strand walk at the back of Skeehrine have been so repeatedly broken and vandalised that the ESB has written to the local Urban Council asking whether they wish these lights to be repaired again.

Having condemned this vandalism and noting that the Gardaí have been informed of the repeated damage, the Council has decided to have the lights repaired for the last and final time.

TREE PLANTING DAY IN DUNGARVAN

A note from Caroline Murphy, Projects Director, Junior Chamber, Dungarvan, informs us that in recognition of the development of amenity areas in Dungarvan by the Urban Council, Junior Chamber, Dungarvan have planned a Tree Planting Day at Shandon Walk, Dungarvan on next Sunday week, March 6, at 3 p.m.

All clubs and organisations in the Dungarvan area have been invited to participate by planting a tree and it is hoped that a big number will respond to this very laudable project by Junior Chamber.

CONVERTING TO SOLID FUEL POWER

As referred to in this column last week on the moves being made by the County Development Team to speed the planned development of Dungarvan Harbour I note that planning permission has now been granted by Dungarvan Urban Council to Messrs. E. G. Pettit & Co., Consulting Engineers, Cork for the erection of a solid-fuel fired power plant at Shandon, Dungarvan for Waterford Co-operative Society Ltd.

The Harbour Development Plan aims at deepening the

6-2 Vote Opposes Proposed Abbeyside Land Sale

The controversial proposal recommended by County Manager, Mr. Dan Hurley, that they approve the sale of a 27-acre site at Abbeyside to Mr. Adam F. Torrie, head of the L. & N. Supermarket chain for £101,000 was discussed at the monthly meeting of Dungarvan Urban Council last Monday night.

Although not on the agenda for the meeting, the matter was raised under the heading of "Any Other Business" and after a rather protracted and at times "dour" discussion, the Council by a 6-2 majority passed a resolution opposing any move by the Co. Council to sell the site for development as a supermarket and shopping complex.

The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Bill Kyne who was highly critical of the County Manager's absence from the meeting, describing it as disgraceful and recorded by Cllr. D. Goode. Asked whether the resolution was in order before it was put to the meeting, the Acting County Manager, Mr. B. J. McNally told the meeting "it is in order but the resolution is meaningless".

The move was raised by Cllr. Goode who said that although the County Manager had stated that the members of Waterford Co. Council in Abbeyside to the L. & N. was no concern of the Urban Council he had been adjourned from the Co. Council to allow the Urban Council to discuss their opinions about it and he thought that the Co. Manager would have been present at the meeting.

Cllr. Goode then went on to refer to the many letters and the great amount of literature which he had received from the members of the Council had received from the Dungarvan Town Traders Association strongly opposing the sale of the site. He stated that it would endanger their businesses and holding that the land should not be sold to a private concern but should be used for local authority housing. I back the traders in holding their opinion.

Cllr. J. Byrne, Chairman then informed the Council that the Co. Manager was away and would be back all the week on official business.

SECOND TO NONE

Cllr. T. Wade objected to the Town Traders telling the Council what should be done with the land in question and that it should be kept for housing. "The record of this Council in providing houses is second to none in the country," he said. Cllr. Wade then pointed out that there was no application for planning where this site was owned by the Urban Council and as he saw it the land was owned by the County Council and it should be for them to decide whether they would sell it or not.

Claiming that he was not a supporter of any lobby where this matter was concerned, Cllr. Wade said that the same went on to say that there was no need for a supermarket in the area envisaged in Abbeyside. The Square was, he said, the natural trading centre of the town and nothing should be done as a change there. It was a disgrace that the County Council was not present and he proposed that the County Council be informed that the Urban Council would not envisage a supermarket going into the site in Abbeyside under any circumstances or until a plan of what was proposed for it were first submitted.

Cllr. Creedon said she was also opposed to the proposed sale as did Cllrs. R. Walsh and M. Walsh, while Cllr. W. Cotter said that in fact there was nothing to be done at this site as the existing shops might as well close their doors. "I would vote in favour of this development for that reason," he said.

Mr. B. J. McNally, Acting Co. Manager remarked that the whole affair seemed to have got out of perspective as the question was that the proposed sale of the site by the County Council was subject to the granting of planning permission by the Urban Council.

Cllr. J. Byrne, Chairman, said that in fact there was nothing officially before the Council as the County Council had not taken their courage in their hands and decided whether to sell the land or not. "It," he said, "the County Council does not have to apply to the Urban Council for planning permission and a special meeting can then be called to make a decision on that."

THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER OF 1867

Written by Michael Hogan, the Bard of Thomond (1892-1899) our choice for the ballad corner this week tells of the attack on the police barracks in Kilmallock by a group of Fenians in 1867 and of one of the number, a stranger, who was killed during the attack.

Who was he at Kilmallock, that brave hearted stranger, who dashingly braced the fire of the foe? Like a veteran snared to the battle's grim danger, He fought 'til the red hail of death laid him low.

Nevertheless he fell on the frozen sward dying, No kind heart to soothe him or bear him away; The dreary March wind his sad litany sighing, His death cough and pillow the blood-moistened clay.

When the brave few who struck for their old land retreated, Outnumbered — not routed, betrayed — not defeated; Their gallant young comrade who fought so elated, Pour'd out his heart's blood where behind them he lay.

When a warrior falls 'midst his people victorious, With the fog of his country laid round him in dust, The emblem of victory exalted and glorious, Erects his statue and hallow his bust.

But for you, son of freedom, your fall was as noble, You died for the land which your heart longed to save, No more will her sorrows your young spirit trouble, Nor tyrant disturb the calm peace of your grave.

Yet sincerely the sweet beams of heaven now glow there, And greenly the fresh dewy shamrocks grow there, And lovers of freedom in future will go there, To bless the repose of the youthful and brave.



A Warm Dungarvan Welcome in Dublin — Sean M. Condon (right) Chief Executive of Coras Trachtála extends a warm Dungarvan welcome to Dublin to the newly-appointed Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Austin Deasy, T.D. The men have a lot in common — they are natives of Dungarvan, former classmates, and were born within days of each other. They are pictured at a CBF/Irish Livestock and Meat Board reception in Dublin.

DEISE BRIDGE CLUB, DUNGARVAN

Results from Deise Bridge Club for Feb. 22-1st, Mrs. D. Keane and Mrs. B. McNally; 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. J. Spratt (Capt. gross); 3rd, Mrs. N. Cleary and Mrs. T. Keovers.

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS

The following are the draws for the senior/intermediate qualifying rounds of the hurling and football championships made at Tuesday night's meeting of the County GAA Board.

S.H.C. — 24
St. Moluagans v. Passage, Ballyduff v. Ballygunner, Shamrocks v. Tallow (23), Dunhill v. Dungarvan, Once Sion v. Butlerstown, Cappanore v. Clahmore, Tallow (A) v. Fournallewater, Rossmore v. Abbeyside, Clonsilla v. Gallow, Portlaw v. De La Salle, Lismore v. St. Mary's.

S.F.C. — 28
Ferrybank v. Killure, Butlerstown v. Penor, Gaultier v. Dunhill, Tallow v. Dungarvan, Ballyduff East v. Ballinacorney, Bricks v. Alfano, Once Sion v. Ardmore, Erin's Own v. Ballinacorney, Mrs. v. Stradally, Rossmore v. Clahmore, Slahh v. Cua v. Tramore (B), Kilmacshane v. Rathgormack, Kilmacshane v. Tramore (A), Ballyduff (W) v. An Rian.

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1980 Opel Rekord Estate, 5-door, one owner	£4,700
1980 Volvo 343 Auto, damaged	£950
1980 Volvo 343 DL	£4,000
1980 Volvo 345, 21,000 miles	£4,050
1980 Renault 16 PL, 23,000 miles	£4,500
1983 VW Jetta L, as new	£4,200
1978 Chrysler Alpine	£2,550
1978 Alfa Sud Supor, choice of 3 from	£2,700
1970 Escort 1.3 GL 4-door	£2,950
1979 Fiat 127, one owner	£2,750
1979 Volvo 343 DL	£3,450
1978 Mini 859	£1,150
1978 Escort 1.3, 4-door	£2,200
1977 Alfaetta 1.8, choice of 2 from	£1,250
1977 Opel Ascona 1.6	£2,500
1982 Suzuki 250 CC Buxlom	£4,550
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NEW CHARGES

Co. Manager Lays The Facts On The Line

The Waterford County Manager, Mr. Dan Hurley, has given the members of the County Council a "clear and simple" choice — impose charges for various services or face job layoffs.

Although Mr. Hurley has not been specific on what services are likely to carry a charge in the coming year, he has made it clear that such charges will be an unavoidable fact of life. When Cllr. Patrick Cahill told last week's County Council meeting in Dungarvan that already overburdened people simply couldn't afford additional charges, the manager replied: "It's charges, or jobs."

Cllr. Kieran O'Ryan said it seemed to him that the council would be left only with "generals" and no workers. If layoffs were to take place he could see only the ordinary workers being let go. "The engineers and officers won't lose their jobs," said Cllr. O'Ryan.

Cllr. James A. Walsh said he feared that if they imposed "reasonable" charges there would still be a considerable financial shortfall. On the other hand, they could not impose charges that would "cripple" people. "It's a difficult situation to find ourselves in," added Cllr. Walsh.

The County Manager said there were charges "floating about" presently that he certainly would not be recommending to the Council. However, certain services would have to have a charge levied on them, said Mr. Hurley. "That's an unavoidable fact of life."

Cllr. O'Ryan urged the Manager not to increase the present water charges. "They have already reached the end of the road, and I hope the Manager will recognise that," said Cllr. O'Ryan.

Cllr. Jimmy Quirke supported his colleague, pointing out that water charges had already been increased substantially in recent years.

Cllr. Cahill said the Government was giving extra millions to the Third World. "While I don't object to that as such, I must ask: what about the second world?" the local authorities?"

LIBRARY LOAN

On the proposal of Cllr. William Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. Cahill, the members also unanimously agreed to raise a £100,000 loan for a new library in Dungarvan.

CALL FOR RETENTION OF MATERNITY UNIT

Referring to the close of the maternity unit at the District Hospital, Dungarvan, by the South Eastern Health Board at the February monthly meeting of the Waterford County Council in Dungarvan, Cllr. Billy Keane asked for the support of the Council in the campaign being mounted in Dungarvan and West Waterford for the retention and upgrading of the unit by passing a resolution calling on the Minister for Health to do so.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr. D. Goode and strongly supported by Cllrs. C. O. Riain and Jimmy Quirke as well as by Senator Katharine Bulbulia who said that they should not only seek the retention of the unit but for full consultant gynaecological services to be available there.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

WEST WATERFORD DRAMA FESTIVAL

The West Waterford Drama Festival will be staged in Ballyduff, from Sunday, February 27 to March 6th. Seven plays have been selected to compete in the two sections.

The open competition will see plays staged by Haulbowline, Carrick-on-Stuir, the Parasouls Group from Dublin and Ballyduff. Carrick-on-Stuir will open the festival on February 27 with Sean O'Casey's classic "The Shadow of a Gunman".

The Ballyduff Drama Group who won a major award at last year's All-Ireland final, will stage Hugh Leonard's play "Da" on Tuesday, on Saturday night. Haulbowline, who also took part in last year's All-Ireland, present "Catch 22".

The final play in the open competition will be staged on the concluding night of the festival. The play "All In Favour of a Dublin Group" by Parnassus. It comes from the pen of Bernard Farrell, whose most outstanding play to date, "I Do Not Like Thee, Dr. Fell," won the supreme award in the All-Ireland final, 1980.

There are three plays selected for the confined competition. The Rathangan Group from Kildare make a welcome return to Ballyduff and this year they will go on stage with "Annie". Kelly on Friday, March 4, two well-known plays performed by groups from Watford complete the line-up in the confined section.

This year's adjudicator is the well-known, Gerda Reidick. Gerda was born in Austria of Jewish parents. She lost most of her family in Nazi Concentration Camps. In the 30s and 40s, she herself was very lucky to evade arrest. She joined a travelling circus and thus managed to escape from the clutches of the Nazis. She has travelled the world lecturing on her favourite field of entertainment — drama. She is now based in Manchester but travels regularly to Ireland.

The committee of the West Waterford Drama Festival was very fortunate to have acquired the services of such an outstanding drama critic and personality.

ABBEYSIDE SEA ANGLING CLUB

The club competition continued to members fished at the Red Bridge area turned out to be a huge success. As a result the club intends holding a second (S.A. advert, elsewhere in this issue).

First, to land a fish from the new bridge under construction was Mick Cowling. This area will prove itself very successful in future competitions. As quite a few fish were caught the club were very pleased with this venue.

Dave Lewis, 2nd, Frank Donoghue, 3rd, Michael Cowling.

This same area has proved very popular for visiting anglers also and quite a few of these visiting anglers have taken specimen fish from these waters.

Margaret Hogan, Tramore/Waterford, and also a member of the club has taken a fine specimen flounder of 3 lbs. 6 ozs. The Irish record for this fish is 4 lbs. 8 ozs. and I have no doubt if fished more often the Irish record could be held in this area of water.

The team to fish in the Kells Strath West, for the South East Tourism Perpetual Trophy are — George Young, Pat Donoghue, Michael O'Connell, Jim Clancy and Don O'Connor. This team is picked on the playings of the 1981/82 season. — P.R.O.

Dungarvan Council Of Trade Unions Condemns Closing Of Maternity Unit

Dungarvan Council of Trade Unions at a specially convened meeting held on Thursday, 10th, February, 1983, in the Town Hall, Dungarvan, expressed its strong opposition to the decision of the South Eastern Health Board to close the Maternity Unit at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dungarvan.

It is the view of the Trades Union Council that the Maternity Unit which has operated in Dungarvan since 1971 has, and is fulfilling a most important social function in respect of the community at large. In the town of Dungarvan and surrounding areas, and the committee were unanimous in pledging their full support for the retention of the Maternity Unit in Dungarvan.

The newly formed committee condemns the Health Board's intention and endorse the opposition to the closure by Dr. J. Stacey, Medical Service Representative on the Waterford S.E. Health Board, as the Local Health Committee of the Health Board's statistically backed argument, is no justification for ceasing a public "right and service." This harsh decision will affect many families both practically and economically, as many expectant mothers do not just use the Maternity Unit specifically so that their children may be born in Dungarvan (though it should be of high consideration), but also because it is easily available to family friends and husbands without any great expense or hardship. It is also the committee's contention that the unit should be upgraded simply by the provision of the necessary facilities.

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Save Dungarvan Maternity Unit Committee Formed

At a well attended meeting, Dungarvan, a committee was set up to coordinate opposition to the South Eastern Health Board's intention to close down the Maternity Unit in St. Joseph's Hospital, Dungarvan.

Speakers at the meeting expressed rejection of the South Eastern Health Board's arguments on savings, etc., both to mother and family and also the community in general.

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PRE-NURSING COURSE, VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, DUNGARVAN — Miss Linda Doucis, Coolagh, Clashmore (left) and Miss Sharon Connors, Park, Stradbally, students of the Pre-Nursing Course at Vocational School, Dungarvan, who have been placed for General Nurse Training at the County and City Infirmary, Waterford and St. Vincent's Hospitals, Dublin, respectively.

The Pre-Nursing Course which runs from September to May is now most successfully in its 3rd year.

In 1982 six students were called to training and others were placed on panels in various Training Hospitals. Overall the success rate for 1982 was 75%. (Photo: David Stearn)

No More Money Provided For Ardkeen Hospital

At Question Time in the Dail last week Mr. Fahey asked the Minister for Health the up-to-date position regarding the new Ardkeen Hospital in Waterford.

Minister for Health (Mr. B. Desmond) — Planning on the development of Ardkeen Hospital has been completed but I am not in a position to say when the development work can go ahead. I am at present reviewing the capital account of my Department taking account of the contractual commitments entered into, the level of resources available to me, and the priorities of the health agencies.

In this regard I shall perhaps say that in calculating the capital to be made available to the Department of Health for the years 1983-87 for the purpose of the publication of "The Way Forward" the previous Government, provided for a start by Ardkeen in 1982. In the present economic circumstances, I cannot see that this has been spent on the slaying earlier than 1986.

Dr. D. Ormonde — Is the Minister aware that more than 20 million has been spent on the planning of Ardkeen? In view of that is the Minister prepared to give a definite commitment that he has?

Mr. B. Desmond — I am aware that the detailed planning of the project has been completed on this major project to increase the bed capacity of the hospital. I am also aware that the cost of the development would be 400 million, plus at 1982 prices, and that the building would take about five years to complete. In view of the contractual commitments for the next two or three years, and the review I am currently undertaking, I should like to reiterate that there is no prospect whatsoever of this project starting earlier than the end of 1985. In fact, it could well be into 1987.

Dr. Ormonde — Will the Minister comment on a statement made by a Labour Senator that in the five year plan only £50,000 had been allocated for Ardkeen in the next three years?

Mr. B. Desmond — I am not aware of such a statement. All statements made in relation to this matter are now irrevocable. The information I have in my Department is that on the capital resources available to me, I can allocate any money to Ardkeen in terms of a start earlier than the end of 1986. If the provision that has now taken place that it will be 1987 or indeed, 1988.

Dr. Ormonde — Is the Minister saying no provision will be made for Ardkeen for over the next four or five years?

Mr. B. Desmond — No provision whatsoever.

Dr. Woods — Is the Minister also saying that the commitment involved in the five-year programme to which he referred which was introduced by the previous Fianna Fail Government, cannot be confirmed and that the start of building in 1986 is not now certain?

Mr. B. Desmond — On the basis of the capital programme agreed between the Department of Health and the Department of Finance construction is due to start on Ardkeen Hospital in late 1986. No money has been provided for 1983, 1984, 1985 and the first half of 1986. A further revision is now being undertaken of the capital programme for the whole country, and priorities in that regard. Irrespective of the merits of the planning to date, there is no prospect as of now of the construction of that hospital starting before late 1986. On the basis of the outcome of the review, it could well be in 1987 or indeed, 1988.

Dr. Ormonde — Do you know the exact truth in those situations?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE EDITOR
Dungarvan Leader.

ANTIQUÉ PLANTS

Dear Sir,

I'm very interested in old-fashioned plants, particularly named Primroses, many of which originated in Ireland. I wonder if anyone knows of ancient varieties of these plants (it doesn't matter if their names are unknown as long as their owners are sure that the plants themselves are old or were grown from old plants — perhaps in cottage-type gardens which have not been "modernised").

Some of the Primroses have distinctive details of the extra set of petals compared to our lovely wild primroses, and look like miniature roses. They flower in a wide variety of colours.

Any information would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
MISS A. E. HEATH
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West Ruislip,
Middlesex, U.K.
England HA4 7JD,
February 8, 1983.

ABBEYSIDE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Dear Sir,

Having read the recent newspaper reports regarding the sale of land to the L. & N. at Abbeyside I feel compelled to make the following comments. I believe the people of the town and especially Abbeyside would benefit greatly if the Urban Council gave the go ahead to this development as it would relieve the congestion especially at weekends in the town centre and create a more relaxing and casual atmosphere for the shoppers e.g. the provision of a Car Park.

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Hurry, real progress has only come about since you arrived and if some of our local Councillors feel a little jealous of that, then they hardly deserve the confidence of the electorate.

(Name with Editor)

FORAS EIREANN GRANT AIDS

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Foras Eireann is a Council of voluntary organisations which came into being in 1983 for the purpose of consultation and joint action with a view generally to assisting and promoting social culture and economic development in Ireland.

The Council acts for Trusts which are in the position to assist and which are introduced by the various Departments of the Government and the development of heritage interpretation.

While funds are limited grant aids are available for projects organised by community groups which would not otherwise have succeeded. However grant aid is not available for administrative purposes or to assist individuals.

Groups which may be interested in obtaining details of the policies under which grants are made, are invited to apply in writing to the address below.

Yours truly,
ALFRED J. FAULKNER
Chairman.

Foras Eireann,
P.O. Box 1283,
Mespl. Court,
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WEST WATERFORD DRAMA FESTIVAL

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The open competition will see plays staged by Haulbowline, Carrick-on-Stuir, the Parasouls Group from Dublin and Ballyduff. Carrick-on-Stuir will open the festival on February 27 with Sean O'Casey's classic "The Shadow of a Gunman".

The Ballyduff Drama Group who won a major award at last year's All-Ireland final, will stage Hugh Leonard's play "Da" on Tuesday, on Saturday night. Haulbowline, who also took part in last year's All-Ireland, present "Catch 22".

The final play in the open competition will be staged on the concluding night of the festival. The play "All In Favour of a Dublin Group" by Parnassus. It comes from the pen of Bernard Farrell, whose most outstanding play to date, "I Do Not Like Thee, Dr. Fell," won the supreme award in the All-Ireland final, 1980.

There are three plays selected for the confined competition. The Rathangan Group from Kildare make a welcome return to Ballyduff and this year they will go on stage with "Annie". Kelly on Friday, March 4, two well-known plays performed by groups from Watford complete the line-up in the confined section.

This year's adjudicator is the well-known, Gerda Reidick. Gerda was born in Austria of Jewish parents. She lost most of her family in Nazi Concentration Camps. In the 30s and 40s, she herself was very lucky to evade arrest. She joined a travelling circus and thus managed to escape from the clutches of the Nazis. She has travelled the world lecturing on her favourite field of entertainment — drama. She is now based in Manchester but travels regularly to Ireland.

The committee of the West Waterford Drama Festival was very fortunate to have acquired the services of such an outstanding drama critic and personality.

ABBEYSIDE SEA ANGLING CLUB

The club competition continued to members fished at the Red Bridge area turned out to be a huge success. As a result the club intends holding a second (S.A. advert, elsewhere in this issue).

First, to land a fish from the new bridge under construction was Mick Cowling. This area will prove itself very successful in future competitions. As quite a few fish were caught the club were very pleased with this venue.

Dave Lewis, 2nd, Frank Donoghue, 3rd, Michael Cowling.

This same area has proved very popular for visiting anglers also and quite a few of these visiting anglers have taken specimen fish from these waters.

Margaret Hogan, Tramore/Waterford, and also a member of the club has taken a fine specimen flounder of 3 lbs. 6 ozs. The Irish record for this fish is 4 lbs. 8 ozs. and I have no doubt if fished more often the Irish record could be held in this area of water.

The team to fish in the Kells Strath West, for the South East Tourism Perpetual Trophy are — George Young, Pat Donoghue, Michael O'Connell, Jim Clancy and Don O'Connor. This team is picked on the playings of the 1981/82 season. — P.R.O.

Dungarvan Council Of Trade Unions Condemns Closing Of Maternity Unit

Dungarvan Council of Trade Unions at a specially convened meeting held on Thursday, 10th, February, 1983, in the Town Hall, Dungarvan, expressed its strong opposition to the decision of the South Eastern Health Board to close the Maternity Unit at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dungarvan.

It is the view of the Trades Union Council that the Maternity Unit which has operated in Dungarvan since 1971 has, and is fulfilling a most important social function in respect of the community at large. In the town of Dungarvan and surrounding areas, and the committee were unanimous in pledging their full support for the retention of the Maternity Unit in Dungarvan.

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Save Dungarvan Maternity Unit Committee Formed

At a well attended meeting, Dungarvan, a committee was set up to coordinate opposition to the South Eastern Health Board's intention to close down the Maternity Unit in St. Joseph's Hospital, Dungarvan.

Speakers at the meeting expressed rejection of the South Eastern Health Board's arguments on savings, etc., both to mother and family and also the community in general.

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THE CONGER KING ANGLING NOTES

SHORE S.A.G.

The Conger Competition arranged for 30th Jan, which had to be postponed owing to bad weather conditions has been rescheduled and will be held as a Rumble Event on Sunday 27th February and the fishing time is 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and entries to be handed in not later than 1.15 p.m. Please co-operate and enter early. The fishing will be in the Ardmore Area.

RINNASHARK S.A.C.

This club has sent His Majesty their subscription towards his expenses and also a fine trophy to the King as a mark of their annual elections.

The Chairman is Mr. Jim McCartan; Secretary — Mr. Tony Furlan; 2nd Lower Yellow Road; Treasurer — Mr. Declan Flanagan; Ballykissill, Tramore; P.R.O. — Mr. Gerard Cunningham; Hillton, Swinburn. The more, Assistant Chairman, Mr. Walter Keane, Killure Cross, Waterford.

TRAMORE-WATERFORD S.A.C.

No news from this club. News is scarce since Mr. John Cashin gave up as Hon. Secretary.

The following anglers will represent Rinnashark Club in the South-East Tourism Inter-Club Sea Team Angling on 17th March at Wexford — Messrs. M. Fean, N. McEvoy, T. Phelan, J. Hally, G. Cunningham.

This season the club intend to organise a team Master Angler in conjunction with the normal individual competition. Each team will consist of three anglers.

The Conger King has been assured that the club public Relations Officer will keep the Conger King supplied with all the news of Rinnashark. His Majesty will give them the utmost publicity.

DUNGARVAN S.A.G.

This club's annual dinner was held on 20th Jan. It was a successful one and was held in the Gold Const. Dalnacourt and the music was very enjoyable. The music was supplied by the Starling Band.

The Club Master Angler for 1982 was presented with his prize and the deserving winner was Pat Donoghue, Abbeyside.

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A word of thanks must be extended to our seven marshes who played for their 12 hours playing on Saturday 12th. All those who still have sponsors' cards are asked to return them as soon as possible. — P.R.O.

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Mr. J. Shine, Acting Co. Engineer, said that in this regard the Council had to balance the danger this dumping presented to the general public as against the large investment involved by the individuals concerned.

After a brief discussion, the Manager, Mr. Dan Hurley said that usually farmers were always co-operative in cleaning up the roads after a dumping operation but it was contractors who took land on contract to grow beet who were the people in trouble in this instance. When he remarked that "the County Council will be more co-operative where this matter is concerned," the discussion ended.

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DUNGARVAN HARRIERS

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WHITECHURCH HOUSE HOTEL, CAPPAGH ON FRIDAY, 11th MARCH, 1983 Commencing 9.00 p.m. — Music by SOCIETY FOUR Subscription £12.50. Tickets may be obtained from Vincent Morrissey, Tom Coffey, David Kiely, M. O'Connor.

ABBEYSIDE PATTERN

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AT UPPER LOUNGE, MINNIES ON THURSDAY, MARCH 3rd at 8.30 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

OF DUNGARVAN R.F.C.

will take place on MONDAY, MARCH 7, IN THE CLUBHOUSE at 9:00 p.m. sharp. All members are requested to attend. A. CLARKE, Secretary

DUNGARVAN YOUTH CLUB FUND RAISING

COMMITTEE

FASHION SHOW

COMMUNION TO ADULT WEAR IN LAWLOR'S HOTEL, DUNGARVAN ON THURSDAY, MARCH 3 Starting at 8 p.m. sharp. Fashions by Mandies, Noel Devereux and Shaws. Footwear by Jimmy O'Donnell. Tickets available at these shops £2 each.

G.A.A. Notes

Little Interest In N.F.L. Clash With Tipp.

WATERFORD v. TIPPERARY

As far as the National Football League is concerned, next Sunday's clash between Tipperary and Waterford, is of little interest as both are well and truly out of the running for promotion. The result will help to determine the final placings of the counties in the division and it might serve as a useful pointer to the chances of the side in the McGrath Cup. The team to do duty was not selected at the time of writing but even though many of the side played well below form against Carlow, the lineup for Clonmel is unlikely to show much change. The following is the selection—T. Hunt, M. Coffey, M. Sheehan, M. Crowley, D. Kirwan, T. Hayes, P. Conna, J. Keane, J. Butler, J. Healy, D. Conway, E. O'Brien, P. Daniels, P. White, P. Keating, A. Burke, C. Mac Craith, P. Keating.

HURLING v. CORK

At the time of writing, the chances of the postponed National Hurling League tie against Cork at Walsh Park on Sunday were very bright and County Secretary Scamus Grant said he could not see any obstacle to prevent it. Should the game go on, then Waterford will show no change from the selected side except that Michael O'Connell, among the substitutes, will not be available as he will be engaged in a Sincerson Cup game. Because of the tight schedule of league matches arranged up to the final stages and the remaining county, it would be difficult to find a date at the end of the present series in which we are engaged.

Walsh Park was snowed under on Sunday morning last and following reports received by County Board officials, the venue was declared unplayable. Like many others, the game was called off at an early stage and only a few people travelled to Waterford to experience the disappointment.

COUNTY BOARD MEETING

At last week's meeting of County Board, the Officer in Charge of the League, Mr. J. O'Connell, reported to the board on the progress of the senior, intermediate and junior rounds in hurling and football and these were presented to last Tuesday night's of the County Board. The following are the "second" hurling teams and the entry change is that Clonca who surprisingly defeated Cappouin in the first round of the championship were now listed with the top ten and Lismore, who sought regarding this year, are down among the bottom twelve.

Ballinacorney, Durnhill, Fortliffe, Clonca, Clonca, Clonca, Clonca, Shamrocks, Tallow, Roanmore, Passage, Clonca, St. Mary's. In football—An Rinn are up in the seeded panel and Tramore who are in with a second team, they having won the junior county championship and their second team will be listed in the bottom twelve. The draws are given elsewhere in this issue. A full report of the meeting will appear in next week's issue.

REGRADED

Gone from last year's list of clubs who were involved in the football qualifying rounds are Mitchels, Eymouth, De La Salle and Shamrocks, all of whom have been relegated to junior status.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Now that Central Council have given a clear directive to the Provincial Councils regarding the qualifications for the inter-county junior hurling and football championships which will resume this year, it is expected that the Munster draws will take place at the next meeting of the Council. The announcement last week that this championship will be confined to proper junior players has ended speculation that counties might be allowed to field their second best side in the championship. Once upon a time, this arrangement was allowed but from here on the junior championship will be for juniors.

The last occasion on which Waterford made any real headway in that championship, was back in 1948 when we took the Munster title. (The legendary John Keane who was one of the outstanding players in our All-Ireland winning hurling side that year, once showed me the Munster junior football medal which he also won with Waterford in '48).

CLUB OF THE YEAR

It is now certain that this award will be announced at the March County Board meeting, having narrowed the list down to ten clubs, the County Board invited those to submit claims. As was the practice before A.I.B. sponsored the event last year, A.I.B. also invited submissions from clubs by way of documentation there was more thorough than those in circulation for this year's award. Even though every club submitted a nomination to coincide with the centenary year.

FOOTBALL IN WATERFORD

At the October meeting of the County Board, one of the current county selectors reported that he had received a letter from a club in the county, which had been in the National League. He stated that things in the football camp were very poor, the statement, nevertheless, stumped a few people. My reaction to the statement, was to try to recall where I had read many years ago that Waterford footballers were now about to enter into the top eight section of the league and that their recent performance richly deserved recognition.

The particular tribute was paid by the late Padraig O'Furlong and he was writing about a resurgence in Waterford football in the early seventies.

Here is what County Secretary Scamus Grant reported to County Convention on January 19th, 1972: "The success of our minor footballers in winning the special Munster League for the second time in three years, was the result of a re-energized championship. Munster football provides the ideal basis from which future Waterford footballers can be built. The upsurge of football was further enhanced by the senior teams covering from Division 2 of the National League and their many promising displays since their promotion to the top Division. These coupled with an improved standard on the local scene must surely augur well for the code during the years ahead."

That was in 1971 and things continued to improve in football when Waterford after a well-planned preparation for the 1972 championship defeated Limerick at Kilmallock and they went on to what was described as the county's best display of football for many years when they ran Cork to five points (2-0 to 0-0) in the Munster semi-final in a thriller at Fermoy, Cork won the All-Ireland in the following year.

In the same year our minor footballers, having beaten Limerick in the first round (0-13 to 1-5), went on to play some really splendid football and were in no way disgraced in losing 1-4 to 0-6 in the Munster semi-final. Our inter-county results for the 1970/71 season (all after Christmas matches) make very interesting reading. Division 2 results—Waterford 0-8, Carlow 0-5; Waterford 0-10, Limerick 0-6; Waterford 0-14, Wexford 0-6. In the semi-final of Division 2, Waterford defeated Limerick 1-9 to 0-6 and in the final we lost narrowly and according to a report, unlikely, to Tipperary by a single point (0-10 to 1-9).

In Division 1A of the National League (1971/72) we were badly beaten by Kerry on their way back to the All-Ireland series, but the results in the remaining games could hardly have been more promising—Waterford 0-8, Kildare 0-8; Waterford 1-5, Galway 1-8; Cork 0-9, Waterford 0-8; Waterford 1-17, Waterford 1-5; Tipperary 0-6.

All this happened less than a dozen years ago and it is very difficult to understand why we have slipped from the first echelon to the bottom of the present league. The football "supremacy" of the day Patsy Flanagan wrote as follows in the "Deiseach"— "I feel that we have now begun to tackle our problem in a way that if pursued will eventually lead to that goal of an All-Ireland football championship for Waterford."

He had a sudden change of mind when he wrote further on in the same article, "I cannot speak with authority about the period before 1957 (that was the year we beat All-Ireland champions Kerry at Walsh Park), but from what I can ascertain the same ill-effects were suffered and I think, I think, he is held under the following headings— (1) Lack of pride in the county (2) "Three and out" between the footballers, selectors, camp followers and the County Board on the other side. (3) Lack of interest in the county level by people connected with football.

Points elaborated by writing in a critical vein about some players who were prepared to train might and main to win the county championship with their club and who wouldn't put in the same effort when training with the county team. The "ills" that Patsy Flanagan mentioned are not there, but the same ills are as far as I can see. Training facilities were never better, the County Board is giving all that is required and asked for and Joe Conway and his co-selectors are certainly doing all that is expected of them and accordingly, a reliable reports the satisfaction of training is satisfactory. So if one is to pursue this line of thought, on the matter the conclusion must be that the players are just not good enough. This might be an unflattering and very ungracious thing to say about men who are sacrificing their time and energy in training for the county, but there is a lack of commitment or dedication or a lack of real interest there is something which makes them differ from the players of the early seventies when things were certainly going better for football in the county. The players who wore the county jersey with distinction around that period included John Hennessy (player of the year in 1972), Michael Dalton, also still playing for the county, Jim Wall (who played with Munster at full-back and became the first Waterfordman to play in a Railway Cup final winning it at Tain, U. Caplin in a replay 1971), John Colburn, Ardmore, Pa. Walsh, Kilmoyry, John Kavanagh, Mitchels, Vinny O'Rourke, Clonmel, Mick Conolly, Mike Billy Flanagan, Tramore, Tom Moore, Durnhill, etc.

If it is said to think that with the exception of Tipperary, all the other teams that we could beat or almost beat at the time under review, have achieved a fair measure of success over the ten year interval, while we seem to have slipped badly.

PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE SCHEME

The Personal Accident Insurance Scheme for G.A.A. players and officials was launched on March 1st, 1982 and is due for renewal at the end of this month. The first year's experience of the scheme has tested its strengths and weaknesses and in the light of same, the renewal terms have been altered to ensure greater efficiency and better client understanding and satisfaction. The improved and comprehensive range of benefits on offer and the consequent adjustments premiums are £ for £ for superior to any accident insurance cover available in Ireland or elsewhere and this is possible because of the increasing number of members, the Scheme is attracted. In addition, Clubs and individual members appreciate the collective protection they are securing for their fellow members for a modest annual premium. The first year's membership totalled close on 50,000 made up of 30,000 adults and 19,000 juveniles. From the information to hand from a number of counties, it is believed to assume that this year's total will reach 70,000.

by Commentator

DUNGARVAN LIONS CLUB NOTES

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CHRISTMAS SWIM

Our Christmas swim was one of the most successful to date. The club would like to thank most sincerely all those who took part in the swim and those who helped in any way. GARRIGLEA OUTING Over 40 patients were entertained to a meal and dance by the club recently. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all and was considered to be the best to date.

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The project is now well advanced. The hard working committee have now finalised the membership and it is expected the courts will be ready by early April.

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As reported in last week's notes a number of people from the Division attended a Coaching Course in Carrigrohane. By all accounts this was a most successful course and all involved must be complimented. Mr. P. Fitzgerald (Hurling Officer) was the official in charge of Waterford's participants. It is hoped that hurlers ordered by clubs recently will be available shortly. Clubs wishing to purchase the "Nui" sliotar can do so by contacting the Rural.

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JOHN QUEALY SCORES DOUBLE AT KILWORTH

Dungarvan rider John Quealy was the man in form at Kilworth Point-to-Point last Sunday when he showed what an accomplished jockey he is by landing a very fine double.

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He added to this great double with a 3rd on Mrs. E. Hyde's "Owen Sherry" in the second division of the 6-year-old maiden.

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MAJOR MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

As already advertised, the Maintenance Work outlined for Rural Areas is now in progress and details of interruptions of supply for the coming week are as follows: BALLYDUFF R/A Monday, 28th February, 1983—From 09.30 to 4 p.m.—Townspark, Burgess Anchor, Castletands, Toortane, Castle Farm. SHANDON R/A Wednesday, 2nd March — From 09.30 to 4.30 p.m.—Coolnasmer, Ballyconnery, Knockroe, Colligan, Bohadon Mountains. SHANDON R/A Thursday, 3rd March — From 09.30 to 4.30 p.m.—Tallacool, Ocean View, Glonea Hotel, Crooked Bridge. Consumers are warned that supply may be restored temporarily during these periods for test purposes. Under no circumstances should consumers assume that their installations will remain dead during these times. AREA SUPERVISOR

I.F.A. BULLETIN

BUDGET PROPOSALS ON AGRICULTURE "INCOMPREHENSIBLE"

The Budget proposals to cut productive expenditure in the nation's principal industry are completely incomprehensible and will have a serious impact on the recovery and the development of the agricultural sector in 1983.

This was stated by Mr. Donal Cashman, President of IFA speaking at the annual general meeting of Wexford County Executive in Enniscorthy, Co. Wex. Mr. Cashman said: "I cannot understand the logic of these cuts, imposed upon a sector where confidence is at an extremely low ebb and at a time when investment needs to be so strenuously promoted."

"IFA welcomes the attempt made in the Budget to try and reduce the current Budget deficit and our foreign borrowing requirement, but questions as to the direction and the types of Government spending cuts imposed."

"Firstly, in order to restore order to the nation's public finances the Government must clearly distinguish between productive and non-productive expenditure cuts. Secondly, these cuts must not take place in areas where economic growth and development will be affected."

"The proposed cuts in development aid to agriculture and especially under the Farm Modernisation scheme are both senseless and short-sighted. These cuts attack the very heart of progress and development and cannot be accepted. Once more, the agricultural sector is singled out for the harshest treatment of all."

"Many farmers will now be deprived of the opportunity to develop their farms and avail of the grants and opportunities to this country."

"Yet public expenditure on those who provide state services has not been cut to the same extent. For example, in 1983, general administration by the Department of Agriculture cost 2.1 million more than the Department of Agriculture's net expenditure. In 1983, the Administration of these services will cost almost 2 million or almost 20 per cent of the Department's net expenditure and this excludes the provision and cost of services outside the Department's ambit such as education and advisory services, other services including food subsidies and contributions to international organisations, which are included as services provided to the farmer. Furthermore, agricultural spending as a per cent of total Government expenditure has been cut from 1.7 per cent to 1.7 per cent over the past 10 years."

"The cuts must fall more heavily on non-productive expenditure. This Budget does not fairly apportion these cuts and does nothing to reduce considerably among farmers, the Advisory Service and agri-business generally."

FARM MODERNISATION SCHEME HAS SUFFERED SERIOUSLY

The setbacks in the Budget under the Farm Modernisation scheme were described by Sam Harper, Chairman of the IFA Rural Development Committee as unacceptable. He said that a lack of development incentive to agriculture. This was stated by Sam Harper recently.

"He said: 'The scheme had suffered seriously over the last number of years due to the failure of successive Governments to update costings and its temporary closedown is unwarranted.'

IRISH FARMERS RECEIVE LOWEST CATTLE AND BEEF PRICES

Irish farmers continue to receive the lowest cattle and beef prices in the Community, at only 72 per cent of the EEC average, which is the minimum price deemed necessary for farmers to make an acceptable standard of living. This was stated by the IFA National Livestock Committee.

Mr. Crawford said: "The prices for hifers and cows are particularly depressed due to distortions of the Common Agricultural Policy which militate against Irish beef production. Unless the Department of Agriculture officials at this week's Beef Management Committee meeting in Brussels can resolve the distortions, the Government should immediately devalue both the Irish currency and Green Point to save our industry."

"It is totally unsatisfactory that successive Governments have not, to date, implemented the 1978 Irish Livestock and Meat Board Act, which gives the

CEB Board authority to purchase beef for export to third countries either as principle or as agent.

"Farmers are paying a levy to CEB on this understanding, worked out with the Department of Agriculture under previous Ministers. It appears from the comments made by the present Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Deasy, that he is being totally misinformed about the agreement. This is appalling as there are interstate beef deals available to us in Third Countries which would help to improve our cattle prices. The Government should underwrite the necessary currency exchange risks on beef exports like they do for other exports."

THIS WEEK ACOT CO. WATERFORD SAYS

WINTER CEREALS

Weed Control: A weed free crop is essential for best yields. Now is the time to tackle weeds. A useful spray is Bilttox (11 pts.) + CMPF (11 pts.).

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Best Varieties — Spring Barley — Gairloch, Triumph, Paddy, Kora & Goldspear. Spring Wheat — Keltiber, Echo.

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Seeding Rates Spring Barley — 9-11 Stone/Acre; Spring Wheat — 14 Stone/Acre; Spring Oats — 14 Stone/Acre.

Basic Fertiliser: Choice of Compounds: 10-10-20, 18-6-12, 14-7-14. Choice of compound and rates/acre depend on crop and rotation.

DAIRYING

Reduce meal feeding to help reduce one month before calving. Meal should be introduced gradually to cows after calving to avoid digestive upsets.

If cows are to be fed in excess of 10 lbs. day, feed three times a day.

FARM HOME MANAGEMENT

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IFA AND NEW BUDGET TAXATION

The Taxation Committee of IFA met to discuss the implications of the changes in the recent Budget, in relation to farmers following which, the following statement was issued by the Chairman of the Waterford County Executive, Mr. Michael Kiely.

Now that all farmers are liable for Income Tax, irrespective of the size of their holdings, it means that an extra 1,000,000 farmers are in the tax net for the first time. As the vast majority of these have not a Taxable Income, it is imperative that a simplified form of accounts be made available, so as to avoid the expense of employing accountants at a cost far in excess of the amount of tax payable.

The data available from the Farm Management Survey could be used as a basis for arriving at the income of the smaller farmer, and where it can be clearly seen that no tax liability exists, it need only be done at five year intervals. This system would have the advantage of greatly reducing the amount of unnecessary returns to be handled by the Revenue Commissioners each year.

If something like this is not done the cost of processing the returns will be a lot greater than the return of revenue to the State.

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MINISTER ON CUTS IN ACOT STAFF

At a meeting on Wednesday of last week, with the Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Austin Deasy, the Board of ACOT discussed the Government decisions requiring a reduction of at least 5 per cent, in ACOT's overall staff numbers by the end of 1985 and the additional staff reductions resulting from the decision by the previous Government and re-affirmed by the present Government to phase out the farm home management, poultry and amenity horticulture advisory services.

The Board had previously conveyed to the Government strong objections to these decisions, which had been made without reference to the Board, and had pointed out that it found it very difficult to reconcile them with stated Government policies for agriculture since ACOT is the national body most directly concerned with development at farm level. It had also submitted to the Government its own proposals on staffing aimed at achieving a maximum reduction of 5 per cent in staff numbers by 31st December, 1985, through natural wastage.

At last week's meeting the Minister informed the Board that he would ensure, as far as possible, that no further decisions on matters falling within the functions of the Board would be taken without prior consultation. He also stated that, as a result of the Board's representations, the Government had reduced the previous decisions as follows:—

HORTICULTURE ADVISORY SERVICE

The amenity horticulture activities of this service may continue but solely on a self-financing basis.

POULTRY ADVISORY SERVICE

This service may continue, concentrating on commercial poultry courses previously carried out by the Minister Institute. The individual servicing of small poultry flocks will be discontinued.

FARM HOME MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SERVICE

This service may continue with a continuation of the changes in emphasis which have been introduced in recent years by ACOT. These changes reflect the growing importance of partnership in the farm family as well as the multifunctional roles of farm women. Concentration will be on credit use, farm and farm family budgeting, inheritance and succession, and on the promotion of farm development and the long term leasing of land. The staff concerned will integrate with the agricultural advisers in helping farmers to develop their enterprise to greatest benefit.

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Q — What sort of income can a person have to qualify for a medical card?

A — Every January new income guidelines for the medical card are agreed by the Health Boards. These are only guidelines and should not prevent anyone from applying if he thinks his circumstances warrant a medical card.

The guidelines agreed for the year 1983 are as follows:—
Category: Single person living with family 445.50; Married couple 477.00; Allowance per child under 16 years 28.50; Allowance for other dependants 61.00; Allowance for outgoings on house, excess over 28.50; Other allowances — reasonable expenses necessarily incurred in travelling to work.

Persons over the age of 16 years can apply for the medical card in their own right and they will be means tested individually.

Everyone, except persons receiving a social security pension from another EEC country, must pass a means test in order to qualify for a Medical Card. Medical Card holders (transfers included) are exempt from having to pay the 1% Youth Employment Levy, 1% Health Contribution and the new 1% Levy on earnings introduced in the 1983 Budget.

(This column has been compiled by Dungarvan Community Information Centre which provides a free and confidential service to the public on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm, Thursdays 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm, Fridays 11.00 am to 12.30 pm, Saturdays 11.30 am to 1.00 pm.)

EXCELLENT RESPONSE TO HEART FOUNDATION COLLECTION

The annual collection in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation was held recently in Dungarvan, Abbeyside, Ballinacorney and Garrahan and also in Tallow. A total of 21,320 was subscribed in Dungarvan and district and the sum of £320 was realised in Tallow. The Committee members and collectors in the various areas are most appreciative of the excellent response, and wish to thank all who subscribed so generously.

In 1986 the Irish Heart Foundation was set up to reduce the incidence of premature death from heart attacks and stroke in Ireland by involving the Irish community in programmes of prevention and positive health care, supporting research projects which are associated with this objective.

Among the activities the Irish Heart Foundation organises a popular screening programme for the detection of Coronary Risk Factors. The aim here is to detect the presence of coronary disease and stroke and ascertain each subject's risk factor category, and then to communicate the relevant findings to the subject's G.P.

DUNGARVAN MACRA NOTES

A meeting of Dungarvan Macra on Feirme was held in the Macra Hotel on Thursday last, 17th February.

Among the issues discussed were the Keep Fit classes which commenced last Thursday week. The classes are organised by the V.E.C. and being taught by Mr. Kett. They are being held in the Scouts Den in Abbeyside at 7.30 p.m. each Thursday night and cost £1 per night. From these classes we hope to put two members forward to the Superstars competition. All our members are training hard, but enjoying themselves thoroughly at the same time.

DUNGARVAN JUNIOR CHAMBER NOTES

PUBS QUIZ
The second round of the Pubs Quiz took place on Tuesday 15 and Thursday 19 February and the results are as follows:

Tudor House beat Alice O'Connor's Village Inn beat Anchor Bar; Gold Coast beat Keltiber; Mary's beat Gairloch Inn; Hayes' B' beat Meade's; John Paul Walsh's beat Duane's; Moorings beat Sileas; Whelan's beat Whelan's.

The first round of the Plate took place on the same nights and the results are as follows:

O Mullin's beat Minnies 'A' Dunford's beat Park House; Landers beat Shandon Arms; John Paul Walsh's beat Minnies 'B'; Mooney's beat Enterprise; Dunne's beat Fogie's.

The quarter finals are in the following order, the teams listed first shall be at home on Tuesday nights and away on Thursday nights.

Main Competition — Tudor House v Village Inn; Gold Coast Inn; Hayes' B' v John Paul Walsh's; Moorings v Whelan's.

Plate Competition — O Mullin's; Dunford's; Landers' v. Redley's; Mooney's v. Mooney's; Dunne's v. Hayes' A'.

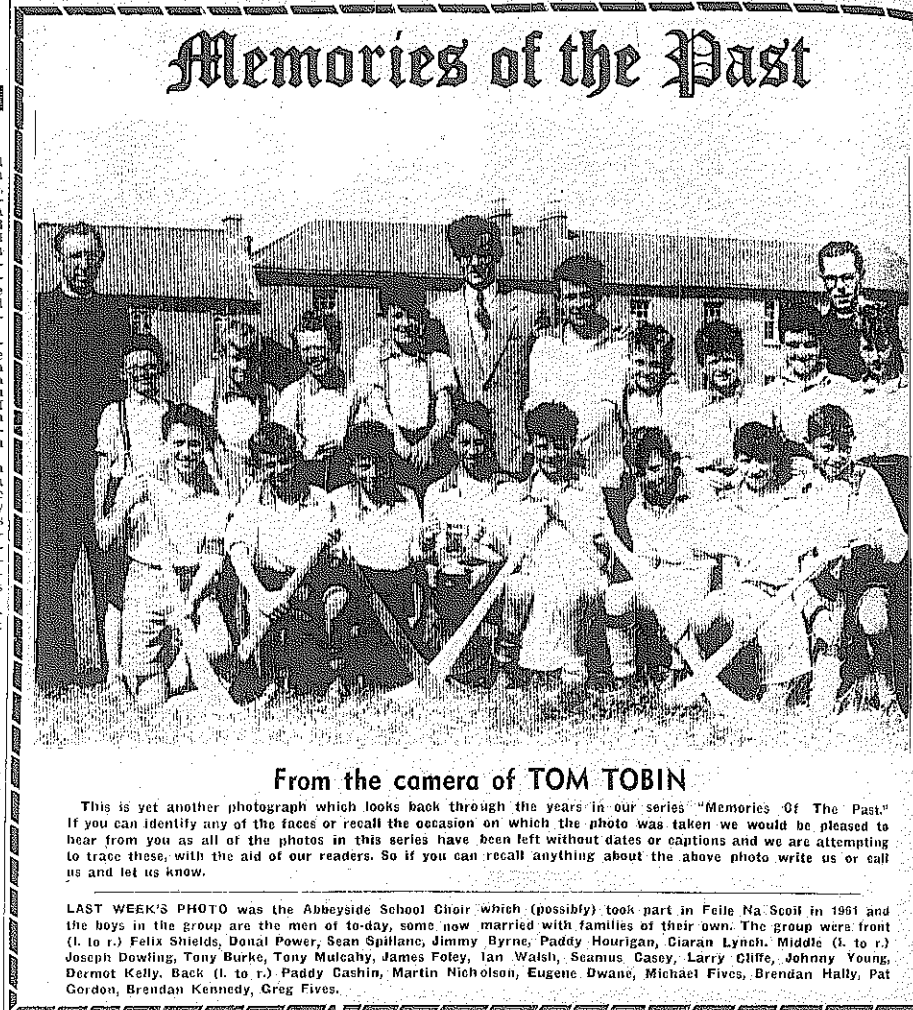
The standard in the competition has been very high as 150 out of a possible 160.

IRELAND FIRST
Four members attended the launching ceremony for this project held in Cork last Thursday night. This project is run by Junior Chamber Ireland in conjunction with the Irish Goods Council and involves the promotion of Irish goods and services at local, national and international level. The project manager is well-known Dungarvan solicitor and member of Junior Chamber, Dungarvan, Niall Killy.

Dungarvan Chapter intends this year, as last year, to involve ourselves deeply in this project and has made plans for same.

PLANT A TREE FOR '83
The response to our plant a tree campaign has been tremendous and to date we have received much support from local voluntary organisations. If you are a member of a voluntary organisation and wish to plant a tree please contact Niall Killy at 658/1182, (office) or 41221 (home).

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
Dungarvan Junior Chamber earlier this year decided to publish a new updated version of the local telephone directory. They have now set the wheels in motion and in conjunction with Dungarvan Consulting Club are busily doing so. The new directory will take in the areas already listed in the present directory and also include Kilmachomas, Strabally, Teamybrien and Ardmore. It is hoped to have the directory ready for sale in August.



This is yet another photograph which looks back through the years in our series "Memories Of The Past". If you can identify any of the faces or recall the occasion on which the photo was taken we would be pleased to hear from you as all of the photos in this series have been left without dates or captions and we are attempting to trace these, with the aid of our readers. So if you can recall anything about the above photo write us or call us and let us know.

From the camera of TOM TOBIN

LAST WEEK'S PHOTO was the Abbeyside School Choir which (possibly) took part in Feile Na Scoil in 1961 and the boys in the group are the men of to-day, some now married with families of their own. The group were front (l. to r.) Felix Shields, Donal Power, Sean Spillane, Jimmy Byrne, Paddy Hourigan, Giaran Lynch, Middle (l. to r.) Joseph Dowling, Tony Burke, Tony Mulcahy, James Foley, Ian Walsh, Seamus Casey, Larry Cliffe, Johnny Young, Dermot Kelly, Back (l. to r.) Paddy Cashin, Martin Nicholson, Eugene Dwane, Michael Fives, Brendan Hally, Pat Gordon, Brendan Kennedy, Greg Fives.

"COALITION GOVERNMENT TURNS ITS BACK ON EEC AID" — SAYS DAVERN

Not content with pushing up prices right across the board, and lowering living standards throughout the country, the Coalition Government by its budgetary policies has actively turned its back on millions of pounds worth of European Community aid, said Mr. Noel Davern, Planna Foll member of the Dungarvan Community Centre.

It is a condition of this aid in the areas of Regional Development, infrastructure and improvement of the telecommunications system among others, he said, that the central authority spends at least as much as the Community provides in aid. If we do not spend we do not get the money. It is as simple as that.

Indeed, as the whole of Ireland is considered a country needing special assistance, the European Commission is willing to grant 50 per cent of the overall cost of special projects, especially in the West.

The Cork Harbour Development Scheme, the new bridges across the river at Waterford, which the Commission has twice agreed to finance, was granted but not yet had Government commitment in the only way that it matters — allocation of funds. The new bridges across the river at Waterford, which the Commission has twice agreed to finance, was granted but not yet had Government commitment in the only way that it matters — allocation of funds.

Each of these projects would have improved our economy and, even more important, would have supplied jobs at a time when unemployment is rising at an astronomical rate.

It has long been accepted that our agricultural sector has been the mainstay of our economic performance. The Commission has just pointed out that over the last two years Ireland has exported more than 34,000 tons of sheep meat to our Community partners.

Yet the Coalition Government has slashed the Farm Modernisation Programme, one of the most important measures for improving even further our agricultural performance. Grants for this programme come from EEOGA, the Development of the Farm Fund and the Community's annual allocations are rarely if ever carried forward to succeeding years. Must we accept that grants which now reject are to be lost forever?

With no central funds available for road improvement schemes, current programmes will grind to a halt and this at a time when motorists have to suffer the highest taxation in Ireland's history.

"AGILE THIEF" FROM LISMORE JAILED

An "agile thief" but one who has never, over, resorted to violence, was given fifteen concurrent six-month jail sentences when he appeared before District Justice W. F. O'Connell at Cappoquin Court.

Thirty-one year old Richard Coleman, an unemployed labourer of 7, Park Road, Lismore, pleaded guilty to fifteen counts of larceny and house-breaking in the Lismore-Cappoquin area between August and February.

Detective/Garda John Mulloy, told the court that varying sums of money were stolen by Coleman, but the total came to £41.40. The defendant he said had a litany of previous convictions dating back to 1966 and had served five custodial sentences. He had also been convicted of crime in England.

Supt. M. English said that Coleman was a "consistent offender" and was a general nuisance in the Lismore area, invariably when apprehended he co-operates with the gardai as he had again done on this occasion.

"I will give him credit for the fact, however, that in all his crimes he has never once used violence," Supt. English said. "The thing never comes out in him."

DRINK PROBLEM

Mr. J. P. Gordon, Solr., deploringly said that basically drunk was Coleman's problem, and whatever money he gets from his crimes he usually drinks it. "He is an agile thief, and in all the crimes he is now charged with no damage was caused to property," said Mr. Gordon.

Mr. Gordon said that if Coleman was to be sentenced he would ask that the court make the recommendation that the defendant receive medical treatment while in prison.

District Justice O'Connell said while Coleman might require medical treatment it was still high time for him at 31 years of age that he began mending his ways. "Really though, I think his case is a futile one," the Justice added.

He then sentenced Coleman to six months imprisonment on each of the fifteen charges, all the sentences to run concurrently, and also made a recommendation that the defendant be medically treated while in prison.

ABBEYSIDE SCOUT NOTES

TROOP MEETING
As the season of Lent is now underway we started the troop meeting by parading to Mass. After returning we held a volleyball match. The troop was divided in two and it was not too long before the lads warmed up.

Later on in the night we held the final stage of our knotting competition with each patrol providing their best three to take part. David Gordon was the only scout who knew the parts of a rope. The overall winners were the Wolfhound Patrol. Second were the Tigers and third were the Panthers. These marks will go forward to the Inter patrol competition.

We finished off the night with a quiz on Courtesy, a rare commodity in these times!

COMPSITE '83
Last Saturday morning the Leaders went in search of a Compsite for the Co. Carlow area. We looked at about four different sites before finally deciding on one situated about half-a-mile from Tallow.

The site itself is very level with the river Slaney flowing through it and it also has a wood close by. The site is also convenient to such places as Glendatough, Aughrim, Courtstown, Harbour, Carlow Town, Blessington Lake and not too far from Dublin. We will be camping there for the first two weeks in August.

FEILE NA GASOG
Last Sunday saw our final match practice for the event and as it was cold and wet we took to the "great indoors". On this Saturday the Regional Feile takes place in Mr. Mel-lary Scout Centre and we hope to have news of our success or otherwise for next week's notes.

GENERAL
Meeting — Last week a certain young lady was seen climbing trees out the New Line. Surely she must know that Gwiles don't build nests, or do they?

Sharks — This strange type of animal fish has been seen recently in the den. They can be distinguished by the following features: (1) they carry a deck of cards under one fin; (2) a box of matches under the other fin; (3) at the sight of a canoe they carry on in a strange manner and don a strange type of clothing. This animal can be very harsh on your pocket as one of our A/S/Ls found out.

Swimming — Unfortunately once again our swimming had to be cancelled last Sunday due to repairs being carried out on the pool in Waterford. So next week we hope to be splashing out. At this stage we would like to say the swimming list is now closed.

St. Valentine's Day Massacre — The above title seemed appropriate to this section of the notes as we learned during the week that all the gowles were

fighting over the one card. True Or False — Is it true that our A/S/L Joe is going to Dublin this week-end to see his friend to find out if the island of the Dingle peninsula will be available for our annual camp in 1984?

NOT GO 75!
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Croke Park — S.P.F. Jimmy (Yank) Fraher recently turned out for the Munster college team at Croke Park where they played the Leinster Colleges. Needless to say the Munster lads won 2-6 to 2-3 and judging from the broadcast of the match Yank was doing his stuff. Johnny O'Connor of Abbeyside was also on the team.

The Harrier Club Scout Pack in Denmead, Louthshire had high hopes of arranging an exciting event with which to enter the GO 75 Challenge. They wrote to the BBC asking for 15 seconds on "Blue Peter"; they wrote asking if they could run 75 laps round the football grounds at Southamption and Portsmouth — but all to no avail. Each time they were dis-applauded.

They being ones to accept defeat lightly they decided to turn these rejections to their advantage and began collecting letters from famous people declining a visit to their Scout Headquarters! This list is very impressive — it includes Thatcher, David Attenborough, Brian Clough, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Roy Castle and many more! The Cubs also included the British Royal Family, Her Majesty the Queen, the "Times" and the U.S. Air Force! To a man they all dutifully declined the invitations — 75 in all! I wonder what is wrong with their Scout Headquarters? Mind you they would have done if they had all turned up!

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KEEP THE MONEY AT HOME FOR "THE SECOND WORLD"

When members of Waterford County Council were discussing the Local Authority charges envisaged in the Budget at their February monthly meeting in Dungarvan and when these could mean in the way of additional taxation. Clr. Paddy (Cash) O'F. P. Kilmeaden pointed out that the Budget provided for an additional 61 million to aid for the Third World.

There was general laughter among all the members when he then went on to remark "with things so bad here now would they not keep that money at home to help us the 'Second World'?"

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