



NEW CANTEEN FACILITIES

Shannon Meat Ltd., in conjunction with Lydon House, Galway, introduced lunch facilities in the Company Canteen on Thursday, August 10th. This was a new venture for this firm, one which we are glad to relate is working to everybody's satisfaction. Prior to this our canteen facilities only catered for sandwiches, tea, snacks, etc. Simultaneous with the introduction of the aforementioned, it has also resulted in the introduction of some new personnel on the Company's payroll. Anna Fitzgerald is the Canteen Officer in charge of the Canteen and she is ably assisted by Breed Woulfe and Catherine Meehan. With Liam Hanley taking up his position in the Canning Department, Atheaman, Michael Sheahan is the new Canteen Operator.

bygone years. The Woulfe's reside in St. Mary's Park, Rathkeale. They have four daughters - Geraldine (12), Patricia (11), Caroline (9) and Linda (7). Breed started her second term with this Company on 8th August, 1978. She is a very fine Pitch & Putt player and likes nothing better than to partner her husband for a round.



Miss Catherine Meehan, Holy-cross, Rathkeale is the third member of this very efficient trio. Nineteen-year-old Catherine previously worked in the canteen when Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Fitzgerald were the proprietors. Catherine went to the National and Vocational Schools, Rathkeale. The very quiet Catherine is a daughter of long serving employee, Michael Meehan. Her brother, of the same name, and sister Mary are also members of our staff. Catherine's hobbies include dancing, reading and television.



Pretty fair haired Anna Fitzgerald (single) resides in Cooltomin, Rathkeale. Eldest of a family of four, Anna received her primary education at Shanagolden National School, passed her leaving Certificate at St. Mary's, Askeaton and acquired a commercial course at the Vocational School, Rathkeale. She joined Shannon Meat Ltd on July 3rd, 1978 and immediately spent a number of weeks with Lydon House in their Galway headquarters. In her spare time, though little it be, twenty year-old Anna likes cooking, sewing, darning (what a fine house-keeper she'll make) and dancing.



Mr. Michael Sheahan has replaced Mr. Liam Hanley as Canteen Operator on the latter's appointment as Retort Operator in the Canning Department. The youthful Mike hails from Athea and two of his brothers, Maurice and Bernard, preceded him into Shannon Meat Ltd. Prior to his appointment with this Company, Michael held a similar position in Copsewood College, Pallaskenry. This man of a few words, has fishing for his favourite pastime. Soccer and Gaelic football also appeal to him. Arsenal is his favourite team.



Breed Woulfe is wife of Slaughter Line operator and well known all-round sportsman, Liam Woulfe. Formerly, Breed Casey, of Ballyann, Askeaton, she met her husband, like many other couples, while working in Shannon Meat in

BRITAIN TO BAN LIVE EXPORTS?

The British Government favours the banning of live animal exports, but will wait until the rest of Europe does the same.

Mr. John Silken, British Minister for Agriculture, hinted at this when he opened the British Veterinary Association's Annual Congress at Lancaster University. He said the Government was considering the whole future of the export trade in live animals for slaughter and fattening and added that he did not like certain aspects of the current trade.

"I have been interested to see that the British Veterinary Association's policy of cutting out unnecessary transport of live animals going to slaughter would lead logically to a preference for the carcase meat trade over live exports" he said, "It will be my purpose to see that this is achieved."

He added that live exports were likely to be discussed at the European Council of Ministers in November.

"But the proposals at present are a bit vague" said Mr. Silken, "I see no major difficulties in implementing a ban throughout Europe sooner than later."

He pointed to various grey areas in the recent set of proposals on the export trade compiled by European Commission experts.

"For instance, there is no distinction between the export of breeding stock and animals exported for slaughter and further fattening" said the Minister in an obvious reference to the question mark which would hang over Irish store cattle imports to Britain should the ban be imposed.

ON THE MOVE

Croagh-man, Liam O'Donnell is the newly appointed Charge-hand in the Slaughter Line. The ever popular and friendly Liam will work alongside an experienced warrior in the person of John O'Connell. On matters and tricks of the trade to be learned, I am sure the 'Ballingary rogue' will prove to be a first class instructor with Liam a willing student.

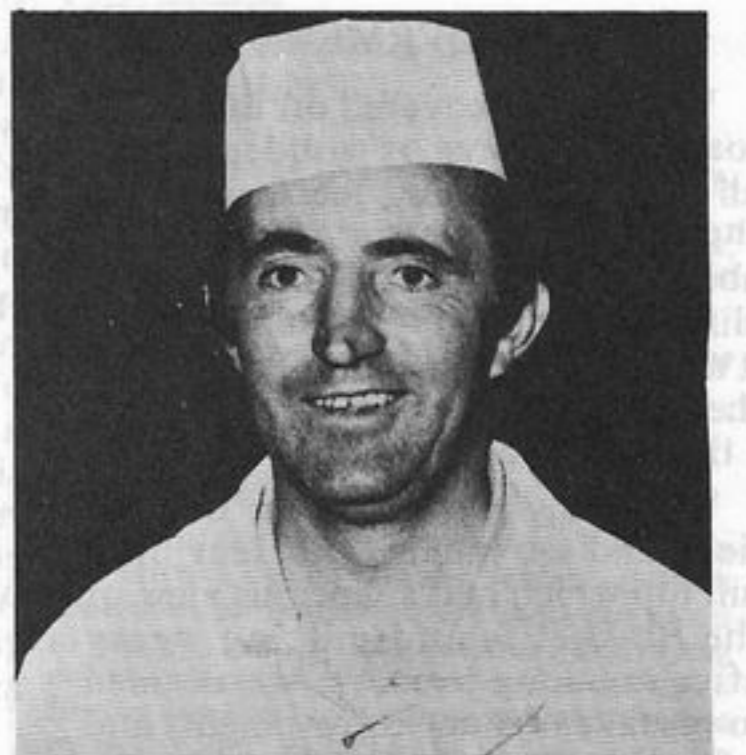
EARLY 60's

Liam first came to Shannon Meat Ltd. as far back as the early 1960's. With the odd interruption he has been on the 'Slaughtering side' since his inauguration. With Shannon Meat Ltd., the retiring, softly spoken Liam has weathered many a storm, experienced vast changes and seen modern technology dismish the now primitive and obsolete systems of former times. He has also seen the changing faces of those first day recruits - that first grey rib, or that one extra wrinkle on an already over-crowded forehead.

Liam O'Donnell was born in Croagh on 26th November, 1939. His parents were farmers and Liam was the youngest (hence probably the pet) of a family of six sons and one daughter. The young O'Donnell 'Abu' received his primary education in Croagh National School. At Adare C.B.S. he acquired a standing secondary education.

In October, 1957 the eighteen-year-old teenager commenced serving his time as a butcher with the late Edward Lenihan. In those days, as many of our readers may remember, Ned Lenihan's stall was that which is presently owned by Mr. Frank Walsh. After serving his time, Liam joined Shannon Meat Ltd. in November, 1960.

In March, 1978 Liam O'Donnell was married to Mary O'Carroll. Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell now reside in the village of Croagh, a short distance from his work.



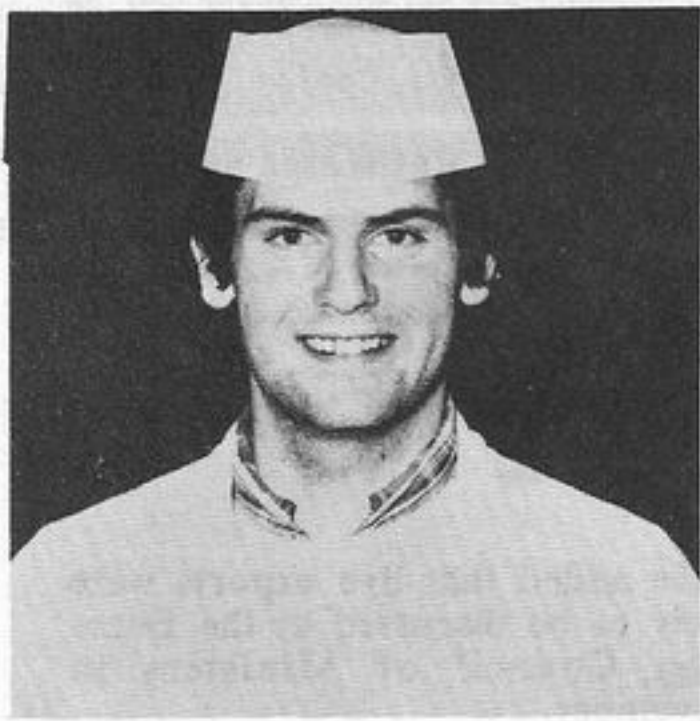
LIAM O'DONNELL

DIM WIT

By Joe Kerr.

- * He loves nature despite what Nature did to him.
- * Better bodies than his can be found in a used car lot.
- * One time a guard accosted his wife as she was out in the street with him and inquired, "Lady, did you report this accident yet?"
- * You take one look at him and wonder whether there were any other survivors.
- * He looks like he gave his pallbearers the slip.

HOLIDAYS IN THE SUN OR REFLECTIONS ON SLEA HEAD



John Stack, Laboratory Assistant.

When asked to write an article on my holidays in Kerry for the *Gazette*, I felt that my words would be inadequate to express my thoughts about this part of Ireland, but I will endeavour, to the best of my ability, to write some lines on my recollections of my two weeks there.

We set out on our monumental trek on Monday evening - the day previously having suffered through the Limerick versus Clare hurling match. The day itself was a typical Irish summer's day - pouring rain and we pondered on whether we were wise to set out at all as we envisaged it as being ten times worse in Kerry, but a comment by one of the group (who shall remain anonymous) reassured us when he said we were not mad going back there at all - but insane. Despite all this we began our trail west and surprise! surprise! because as we had feared, the weather was not getting worse, but better and by the time we reached Dingle, we were basking in glorious sunshine. After reaching Dingle, we set off for our destination which was Slea Head, 11 miles from the town.

WONDERMENT

What we discovered on that coast road was a source of wonderment to all of us, about 200 feet below was the roaring majestic Atlantic and above us was about 200 more feet of cliff. We marvelled at the beauty of it all - the unspoiled countryside and the colour and excitement all around - this was really Ireland.

We finally arrived at our destination, and we pitched our tent on a hill top which had a glorious view of the Blasket Islands. Being weary after our long journey, we decided to partake of some refreshments and where better to do so than the Mecca of the West - Krugers. We had heard stories of this pub beforehand, of course, of it being the nearest pub to America and of its nightly Céili and ballad singing sessions, so we were, of course, looking forward with abated breath to our visit to such a renowned home.

When we crossed the hallowed threshold of Krugers we were almost taken aback by the warmth and friendliness of the place - a fire was roaring in the hearth and everyone was bidding us welcome to this remarkable house. The pub is owned by Krugers nephew, Padraig O'Neill - a massive bear of a man whose prowess at filling pints is unequalled in the West. His mother also works there. Her name is Peig, she is Krugers sister and when you see her using the brush at closing time you know it is time to get out, or some part of your anatomy will be sore in the morning. We mar-

By John Stack,
Laboratory Assistant.

velled also at all the diverse tongues which we could hear in every corner - French, American, Danish, English and, especially German, who were very prominent in the area. Music was supplied every night by John O'Donoghue - not the John from the television show - Seven Days, but the John of seven nights. Everyone who could (and could not) sing was encouraged to do so and even our little group obliged with a couple of tunes. The visitors book at Krugers reads like an international who's who. Famous people from all walks of life regard a visit to Krugers as an essential part of a visit to Ireland and Irish people themselves feel the same. The visitors book is honoured by the signature of Eamon De Valera - the late President of Ireland. Krugers enjoy an international clientele and is regarded by many as the University of the West, because of its culture and knowledgeable people. Another fascinating part of the pub is hearing the mother tongue of Ireland spoken naturally by a people who never lost it.

BARBECUE

Having vacated this joyous place we were invited to a barbecue on a local beach where we made acquaintances with more of the friendly people of the locality and sang and made merry until the small hours of the morning. That was how we spent our first evening in Dunquinn, and for the next two weeks we enjoyed ourselves as much, if not more, than that first fateful evening.

For the remainder of our stay we spent our time taking in the beauty of the countryside and the friendliness of the people. What really amazed me about this part of Ireland was the pace of life which was so slow and relaxed. As an elderly man remarked to me one night in Krugers "My good man", he quipped, "there are only two speeds here - slow and stop". This really sums up the general attitude of the people there as they have not a care in the world, and time has no significance for them. Anyone seen rushing about around there would certainly get some funny looks. After a while, you will find that you yourself will get into the same habits as the locals.

While we were there we also climbed Mount Eagle which is one of the highest mountains in the area and from its summit all the surrounding areas could be seen, which was absolutely breathtaking. Of course, a visit to the Gaeltacht would not be complete without a visit to a Céili and this we did many times during our stay.

The saddest part of our holiday, of course, was when we were leaving and it was harder because of all the friends we made there during our visit. Who could forget the beautiful sea, the friendly people, the walking over the mountains at five in the morning! and the real beauty of this place, I want and I hope to return there again as soon as I can to savour again the real Irish way of living!

P.S. "We" includes the following: Dan Cagney (Home Sales); Con McNamara (Quality Control); and Jas. O'Connor (Laboratory).

HIGH STANDARDS OF HYGIENE ESSENTIAL

By Turlough McDonald,
Chief Chemist.

WATER

The recent outbreak of 'Botulism' in England which resulted in two fatalities has again raised the eternal question of 'how safe are canned food products' from a public health stand-point?

To answer this properly, one should first explain what 'Botulism' is and how it can occur. Botulism results when the bacterium *Clostridium botulinum* grows under favourable conditions. The very potent toxin (or poison) is only produced when there is no oxygen present, so all canned food products provide this favourable condition. As *Clostridium botulinum* is found widespread in nature, mainly the earth and in fish, all canned food products are given a heat treatment sufficient to kill any botulinum bacteria that may be present in the can. It should also be pointed out that there are other conditions presented by canned meat products which retard the growth of *Clostridium botulinum*; such as: when a product is cured, followed by an adequate heat treatment; an example of such a product would be our corned beef.

After the can is processed, the main source of contamination is the cooling water. Because of the effect of heat on the physical condition of the can, it is essential that the cooling water is 'Potable' and this is accomplished by chlorination. If the cooling water is contaminated, then bacteria can migrate into the can through the seams, which are distorted slightly from the effects of the heat treatment.

To prevent the occurrence of 'Botulism' and to reduce the risk to public health to the absolute minimum, each cannery should have a set of guidelines; such as the following:-

1. Good quality ingredients.
2. Proper seaming of cans
3. Adequate heat processing
4. Potable cooling water
5. Proper handling of cans after processing.

As there has been no incidence of 'Botulism' resulting from cured meat products processed in Ireland, or the U.K. this century, it indicates that adequate precautions are being taken in the canneries concerned.

SHANNON MEAT CHAT By The Scribe.

- * Saying "I do" recently were Willie John O'Donnell and Marian McNamara, and we believe they did!
- * "How the West was Won", Ask Billy Lynch and his Feenagh/Kilmeedy teammates.
- * Jack Lyons (Jnr.) handling of an International Ladies Soccer match left a lot to be desired.
- * Proud man is Pat Costelloe whose wife Kitty has presented him with a daughter.
- * Notice: A collection will be held in the Boning Hall shortly for Mr. Neill Cahill, the purpose of which is to purchase a blade. The latter is to be taught the art of shaving by one of the Company's Training Instructors.
- * Best wishes for the future to Liam O'Doherty and Finnola Fennell who got married recently.
- * I must say Pat Woulfe and Ardilles (T.S.) looked very well in a local Community magazine.
- * The Scribe is delighted to see even more new staff starting in Shannon Meat Ltd.
- * The Canteen has got to be a lovely place of late, what with new machinery and staff, Oh!
- * Christina O'Brien says she has the loveliest legs in the place.
- * If anybody thinks they have nicer legs than Christina, please inform the Editor.
- * Congratulations and best wishes to Liam O'Donnell on his promotion as Slaughter Line Chargehand.
- * The Scribe looks forward to meeting you all at the forthcoming Annual Dinner Dance on November 18th.
- * Violet not the Curragh is the "good thing" about Kildare. Ask Anthony Frawley.
- * The only thing shifted in the Deel Hall these days are Corned Beef cases. makes a change from
- * Reliable information has it that Tom White is a useful plasterer (that doesn't mean he makes a mess of everything).
- * I must say Kitty Boyce's new hairstyle is lovely, if it is Kitty.
- * It's true that Charlie Power goes wild watching Ladies Soccer Matches.
- * Happy Anniversary to (I can't say or I'll be killed) two employees who started courting on 12th September, 1975 in Lisdoonvarna and who are still going strong. Great Wind. Hint, Hint:- Another win for Cork?
- * Rumour has it that a certain Kerryman tried to finalise a merger with Allied Irish Finance while holidaying in the highlands of Scotland!
- * Dan Cagney has been ordered to practice his puck-outs for next year's Junior Championship.
- * Rumour also has it, that a close workmate of the Kerryman, a West Limerick man, also tried to settle his future, but preferred to do so on home ground and went sight-seeing in Galway!

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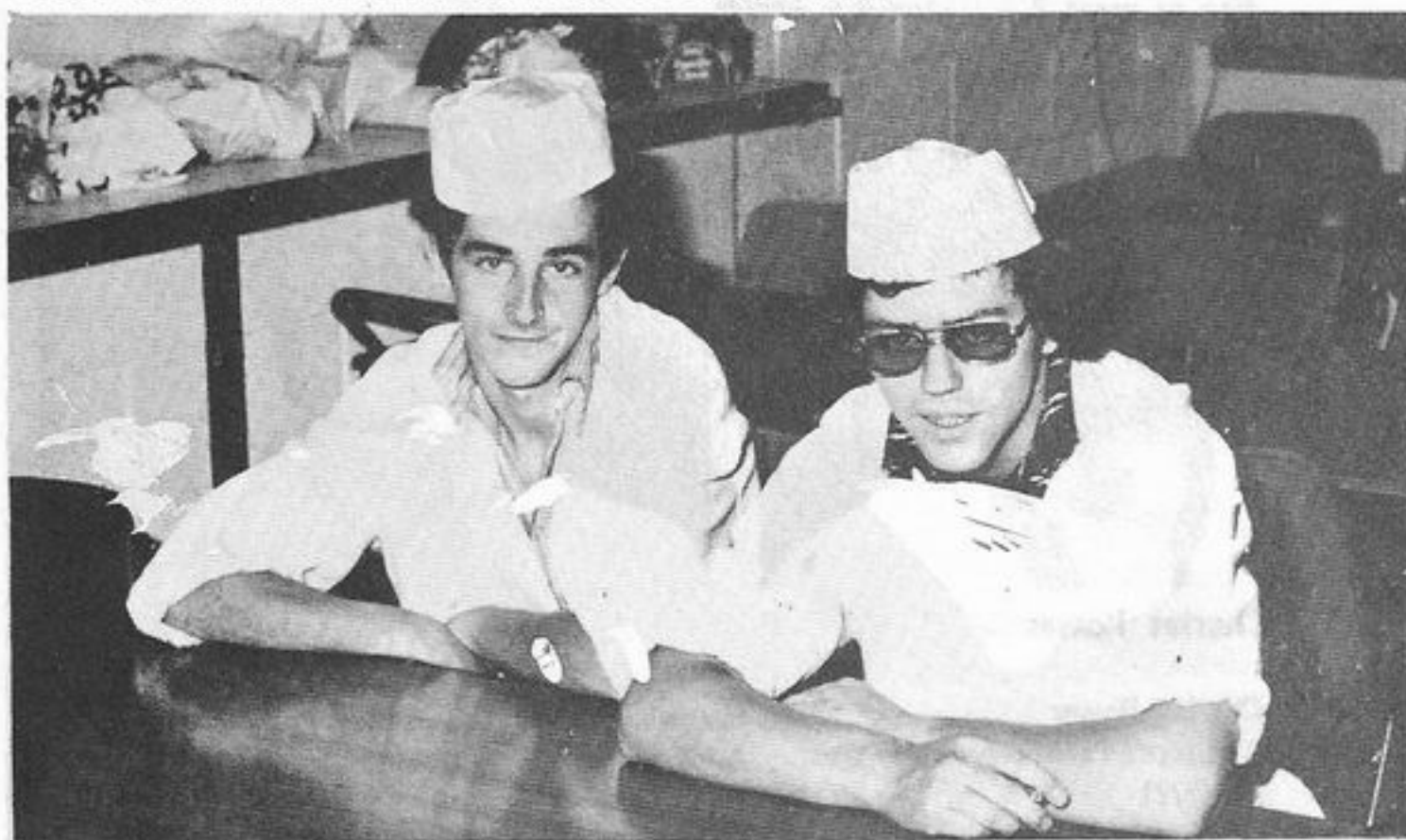


Members of Shannon Utd. A.F.C., with a selection of Trophies won last Season. (L to R): Mario Zoncada, Noel Harnett, Dan Cagney, Don Gallagher, Bill Chawke, John Lynch, Mikie Reidy and Tom O'Shaughnessy.

PICTURE PARADE



NEW "FLOCK" — Mary O'Grady, Karen Condon and Patricia O'Brien, three members of the Boning Hall Staff.



New employees in the Offal Department are James Keating, Rathkeale and James Mulcair of Croagh.



John Roche of Riddlestown, Rathkeale has recently joined the Stores Staff.



Christina O'Brien is employed in the Canning Area of Shannon Meat Ltd.



Abbeyfeale employees Tim Healy (L) and Francis Kelly, work in the Despatch Department of Shannon Meat Ltd.



Thomas Kennedy of Ballycannon, Croom who has recently joined Shannon Meat Ltd.



Inside Forward, Mario Zoncada, receiving some of his laurels of last Season from Club Secretary, Mike Dunne.



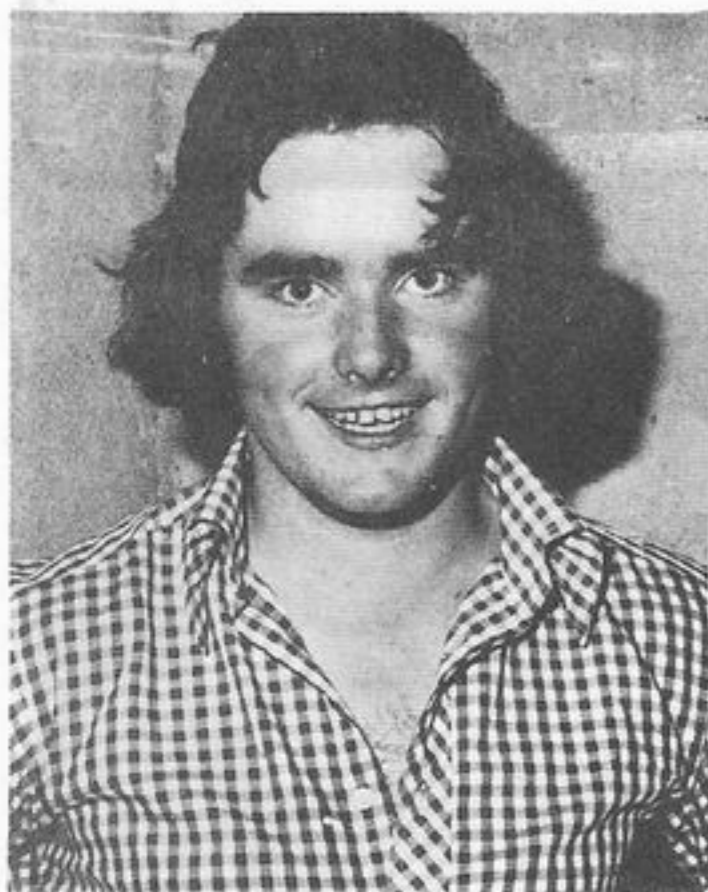
"THE HEAVY GANG" (L to R): Tim O'Sullivan, Athea, Michael Newton, Ballingarry, Sean O'Mahoney, Athea and Richard Gleeson, Abbeyfeale.



Shannon Utd.'s Top Scorer of last Season, Bill Chawke, seen here being presented with his Trophy by Club Secretary, Mike Dunne.

PROFILE -

TOM WHITE



TOM WHITE

Tom informs us that he was born in Rathkeale on 29th September, 1969; on second thoughts, he changes the year to 1959. When we look at his Mr. Universe physique, (that should swell his head) we agree unanimously on the latter date, but when we have to endure listening to him we are inclined to debate on the issue. However, whether he is 9 or 19, his birthday will coincide with the publication of this issue of the "Gazette."

FAMOUS FAMILY

A member of one of Rathkeale's most famous families, Tom is the second youngest child to Michael "Tyler" White and Veronica O'Rourke. His brothers, Joe, Vincent, Mike and Noel have won many a battle on a hurling and football field as has Tom himself. His sisters, Vera (Mrs. James Kenrick - wife to employee, Jumbo), Theresa and Patricia are noted for their good looks and charming personalities. A highly respected family in the community, the Whites are particularly noted for their endless bounds of good humour and wit.

Tom was educated (seriously) in the Boys' National School and the Vocational School, Rathkeale. Among his classmates were, though it was unavoidable tragedy for them, Tom O'Shaughnessy and Seamus Cawley. It is of little surprise that they have little to say for themselves, for with Tom in their company, they hardly get a "spake" in.

On leaving school, Tom worked with Wilmoth Brothers, Rathkeale, for a year. It isn't true that his green

cabbage head made a good meal with the streaky bacon. Despite being pressurised to stay, the talented youngster left the bacon aside and instead teamed up with his father and brothers in the Peoples Bakery. On the 14th April, 1975, a date never to be forgotten (everyone say it three times) Tom White joined Shannon Meat Ltd. That day, I remember was like a typical Good Friday - dull, thundery with rain spilling from the heavens. I wonder why. On a more serious note, this White fellow has proven himself to be a very skillful boner, but as he himself would say: "what would you expect". However, one thing is evident, whether Tom is in the Boning Hall or Canteen, everyone will know he is there.

MODEST

This modest adolescent enjoys playing football, hurling and soccer, when he is chosen to play. Tom has a West Junior Football medal as substitute with Rathkeale. As a reserve (?) with Celtic Rangers he has acquired a number of trophies. "Tyler Junior" has also tried his hand at rugby but it would be embarrassing to relate the outcome of this experience. In Gaelic football, Tom holds an unprecedented and never to be equalled record in that he, by himself - all by himself - played a match against Abbeyfeale ("one against fifteen"). The result, an unlucky and narrow defeat for Tom. One wonders why Tom hasn't received a Carroll's All-Star Award, still time is on his side.

SOCIAL EXPLOITS

Tom White's social exploits would be hilarious if they were to be printed. Believe you me, it has all happened to Tom, maybe there is a Frank Spencer somewhere in this character. A pre-dawn stroll with an elegant acquaintance in heavy downpour searching for two very good and well behaved friends was once the climax of a night at a dance for Tom. If you don't understand ask Tom. Alas, Tom has settled in his ways. Himself, and an ex-employee, who is also his cousin, Sean "Milo" O'Shea have fallen in love with two sisters from Pallaskenry. Tom has informed us that he has met his future father-in-law and a dowry is presently being negotiated. Talks are at a crucial stage at this very moment, but a favourable outcome is expected, much to Tom's relief.

This carefree and fun loving young fellow will surely meet with success wherever he goes. If he doesn't, he will at least tell you he did.

NEW FACES

Hereunder are a number ("the chosen few") of people who started with the Company recently :-



Pat Walsh

Name : Pat Walsh
Address : Dalton Street, Athea.
Age : 20 Yrs.
Marital Status : Single
Department : Boning Hall
Hobbies/Interests : Watching Charlie's Angels.
Favourite Actor/Actress : Susan George and Charlie's Angels.
Best Friend : Denis McAuliffe
Biggest Influence in Life : Charlie's Angels.
Life Ambition : To be happy with any of Charlie's Angels.
What Person would you most like to meet ? Charlie's Angels.



Pat White

Name : Pat White
Address : Glendarough, Templeglantine.
Age : 17 Yrs.
Marital Status : Single
Department : Boning Hall
Hobbies/Interests : Mending Bicycles.
Favourite Actor/Actress : John Wayne and Susan George.
Best Friend : Gerard Egan
Biggest Influence in Life : Butchers
Life Ambition : To be happy.
What Person would you most like to meet ? Christina Onassis.



Charles Power

Name : Charles Power
Address : Assumpta Park, Newcastle West.
Age : 21 (???)
Marital Status : Single (presently)
Department : Boning Hall
Hobbies/Interests : Football, Birds and Booze.
Favourite Actor/Actress : Charles Bronson and Susan George.
Best Friend : Local Publican
Biggest Influence in Life : Paudy Power - (The old fellow).
Life Ambition : To buy out Shannon Meat.
What Person would you most like to meet ? Miss World, alone.



Angela Frawley

Name : Angela Frawley
Address : 17, Abbeylands, Rathkeale.
Age : 18 Yrs.
Marital Status : Single
Department : Cannery
Hobbies/Interests : Cycling, Soccer, Swimming, and Dancing.
Favourite Actor/Actress : Burt Reynolds and Barbra Streisand.
Best Friend : The Queer Fellow.
Biggest Influence in life : My beloved Mother and also Paudy Power.
Life Ambition : To travel (?)
What Person would you most like to meet ? I have met them - my dear neighbours.

NEW COLD STORE

By Patrick Dunne, Production Supervisor.

When I was first approached to write an article about the new Cold Store for the *Gazette*, I thought, Oh my God where am I going to start. Then with some help from a friend, who wishes to remain anonymous (all I will say about him is that he is a traitor to his name because he doesn't drive one although he says the reason is he can't aFord[e] one) I put the following piece together. Who knows, maybe after this we may become the "Rogers and Hammerstein" of the literary world. For some time it had become obvious that if we were to increase our output, a new and much larger cold store would be essential. There were a number of problems with the old store, mainly:-

1. Low Capacity
2. Stock control difficulties
3. Floor becoming iced up often.
4. Problems maintaining adequately low temperatures.

The new store takes care of all these difficulties and gives us many advantages besides. The capacity is

900 to 1,000 tonnes against the old capacity of 230 tonnes approximately. All four walls and ceiling are insulated with sheets of 1 foot thick aeroboard and this is covered with steel sheets on the walls. There are electric sliding doors with under-floor heating to stop them becoming iced up. There is a much better circulation of air in comparison to the old store which helps enormously in the area of temperature control.

A fully automatic cooling system operates in the store with numerous built in safety devices; i.e., an emergency machine will switch on automatically if the main machine breaks down. Finally, one other point is that the new store is 12% to 15% cheaper on electricity than the old one which seems strange when one compares both capacities. I suppose we can put this down as one of the miracles of modern technology.

In closing, I would like to congratulate all those involved in the building of the store on a fine job well done.

SHANNON MEAT LIMITED STAFF SOCIAL COMMITTEE

TENTH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

will take place

at

THE DEVON HOTEL, TEMPLEGLANTINE

ON

SATURDAY, 18th NOVEMBER, 1978.

MUSIC BY: MAURICE MULCAHY ORCHESTRA

DINNER: 9.00 p.m. SUBSCRIPTION: £4.50

LIVESTOCK TOPICS

KNOW YOUR BEEF

By Donie Donovan,
Livestock Procurement Manager.

The following charts show a breakdown of the majority of the cattle we had on show in early-August. Of the many points which were highlighted, the most important one was killing out percentages. This is an area where one could paint a very good picture of a situation and equally so could go the other extreme and paint a bad one. The whole thing depends on the length of time an animal is rested prior to being weighed live, to arrive at what is considered a fair live weight. To compare like with like an animal is normally four to five hours off the grass before it is weighed in the open market. Therefore, an animal that is weighed within one hour from the time it is taken off the grass is weighing two to three stone heavier live weight, thus reducing its killing out percentage by 2% which is over 2lbs. per cwt. kill out. This is equal to £1.34 per live cwt.

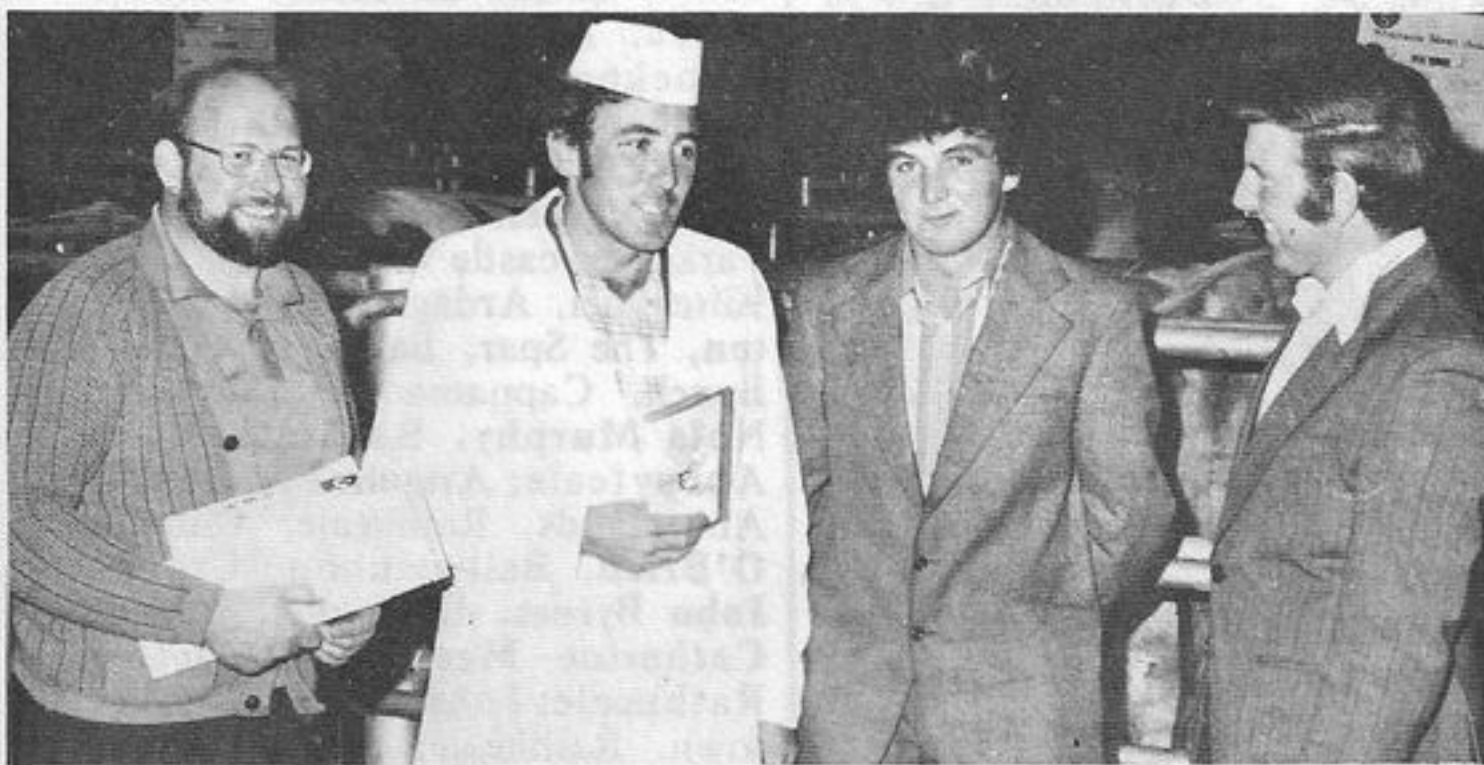
To take £40.00 per live weight at present, sixteen animals purchased without caution could cost a total of £260.00 in excess of their real value. This could account for the big swing to dead weight purchasing which has been so obvious these past few years. We also had a wide variation in killing out percentages. This can be accounted for by the fact that the successful beef producer who is continually getting a high kill out is taking greater care in selecting his animals as they reach finishing point. He is moving small numbers more often and more than likely he has good handling facilities, which are essential on the farm today. Being short of grass, or under pressure from Bank Managers is no excuse for selling unfinished cattle. At this time of year when grass can disappear rapidly, meal feeding has been tried and proved to be a worthwhile exercise.

DIFFERENCE

The big difference between the open market and selling to a factory is that each animal should be looked at as one single unit, realising its full value only when it has got a proper finish. The right one will pull its weight without any gallery, or anyone to push it on. It is at this point that the geese are separated from the swans.

It is the extremes in the beef industry that create all the problems. The over-fat, the under-finished, weak currencies and strong, poor fodder and surpluses. There is also the occasion where you have the hammer falling to those who would dearly wish that it had not. In the long term this individual is his own worst enemy.

Support payments at one end of the scale by a Common Agricultural Policy is one thing, but writing off thousands of pounds to boost an artificial trade in 1978 is a joke.



Photographed at the recent Livestock Show organised by Shannon Meat Ltd. are (L to R): James Cranley, Dromin, Kilmallock, Donie Ahern, Livestock Field Officer, Willie Ahern, Kilmallock and Pat Freeney, Kilmallock.



Discussing the Livestock Show at Shannon Meat Ltd. with Liam Ahern, Livestock Field Manager, are: Mary Ahern, Kilmallock, Mary Quane, Kilmallock and Denis Ahern, Kilmallock.

CHART NO. 1 : MONDAY, JULY 31st.

LOT	Average Live Wt. Cwt.	Average Dead Wt. Lbs.	Kill Lbs.Per Cwt.	Average Price.	£ Per Cwt. Live	Majority Confirmation Score	Average Fat Score
A Blks.	11.59	687	59.26	451.00	38.92	L	3.04
B Blks.	13.45	761	56.62	508.12	37.78	E	3.53
C Blks.	12.88	760	59.02	507.58	39.41	E	3.21
D Blks.	12.15	707	58.21	471.38	38.80	L	2.55
E Blks.	11.00	655	59.55	436.60	39.64	E	2.50
K Cows	10.3	549	53.39	377.85	32.80		
L Cows	11.3	647	57.34	409.6	36.25		
J Hfrs.	8.62	481	55.8	308.88	35.83	E	3.67
H Hfrs.	9.25	568	61.44	369.20	39.91		

ANALYSIS OF STOCK EXHIBITED ON MONDAY OF THE LIVESTOCK SHOW.

CHART NO. 2 : TUESDAY, AUGUST 1st. BULLOCKS :

LOT	Average Live Wt. Cwt.	Average Dead Wt. Lbs.	Kill Lbs.Per Cwt.	Average Price	£ Per Cwt. Live	Majority Confirmation Score	Average Fat Score
A	12.09	710	58.72	£477	39.45	E	3.63
B	11.35	662	58.3	£443	39.03	L	3.93
C	13.33	791	59.33	£532.92	39.97	L	3.17
D	10.92	630	57.69	£418.85	38.35	L	3.12
E	10.67	621	58.2	£415.82	38.97	L	2.95
F	13.09	783	59.81	£537.59	41.06	E	3.63

ANALYSIS OF STOCK EXHIBITED AT THE LIVESTOCK SHOW ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 1st.

TESTING

One of the hidden advantages one could foresee in the new testing arrangements is that a new count of the country's total livestock would be taken. For the sake of

some herdowners that are not sure of their own total numbers it will be of benefit.

The situation as it is has everyone guessing the total national population of our livestock numbers. It is an impossible task to plan production without an up-to-date livestock census.

CHART NO. 3 : WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2nd.

LOT	Average Live Wt. Cwt.	Average Dead Wt. Lbs.	Kill Lbs.Per Cwt.	Average Price	£ Per Cwt. Live
5901 Bull	14	818	58.43	£457.04	32.64
5902 Bull	19.75	1157	58.59	645.75	32.69
5903 Bull	20.5	1274	62.15	710.94	34.68
5904 Bull	12.75	784	61.49	437.88	34.33
5905 Bull	19.25	1170	60.78	663.13	33.92
5906 Bull	13.5	839	62.15	468.63	34.71
5907 Bull	17.75	1097	61.80	612.54	34.50
5908 Bull	18.5	1115	60.27	622.38	33.64
F Blks.	11.10	648	58.46	432.39	38.95
G Blks.	12.2	728	59.53	484.13	39.68
H Blks.	11.5	695	60.43	463.41	40.30
K Blks.	11.5	682	59.3	464.66	39.54

ANALYSIS OF STOCK EXHIBITED ON WEDNESDAY

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Mr. Patrick F. Wallace, a regular contributor to the *Gazette*, on the recent death of his father.

Condolences are also expressed to Clerical Officer, Gerard O'Connor, on the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary O'Connor.

Sympathies are extended to John and Bernadette Byrnes, of the Canning Department, on the recent sudden death of their mother.

I.T.G.W.U.



NEWS

We would like to give a welcome to the new staff who have joined the Company since the last issue of this magazine. We hope they will enjoy working with us. Some of our members have got married recently. To those we wish every happiness for the future.

We are glad that the new Slaughter and Offal arrangements which we agreed to, are a success.

CANNED PRODUCTS

Our Union is very concerned about the continuing unfair treatment of the Irish Beef Canning Industry. This is due to the non application of Monetary Compensatory Amounts to cooked beef products. We see the loss of a considerable number of jobs as a real possibility in the near future. Recently our National Group Secretary has voiced our Union's concern in this matter. Hereunder, we print copies of letters he has written to Commissioner Gundelach of the E.E.C., and to Irish Government Ministers, Colley, Fitzgerald and Gibbons.

Commissioner F.O. Gundelach,
E.E.C. Agricultural Commission.

Re: Canned Goods.

Dear Commissioner Gundelach,

We and our members in the processed beef sector of this Union are extremely perturbed at the possible loss of a considerable number of jobs in the very near future, due to the current anomalous and unfair situation which allows British processors to considerably undercut the price of Irish canned meat products.

We understand that you are already aware of the difficulties inherent in the present situation in Ireland, but would like to point out that as a result of these difficulties the livelihood of over three hundred Irish workers, their wives and families are now in serious jeopardy.

We understand that a number of proposals have been submitted to your officials, any one of which would, if implemented, correct the present anomaly, but such have not been accepted.

We would urge, having regard to all the circumstances, that immediate further consideration be given to this whole matter so as to produce a solution which will help to avoid a considerable increase in the already high unemployment figures in this country.

Yours sincerely,
IRISH TRANSPORT & GENERAL WORKERS' UNION,

per
Seamus B. Kelly, National Group Secretary.

Mr. G. Colley, T.D., Minister for Finance,
Department of Finance,

AND
Mr. G. Fitzgerald, T.D., Minister for Labour,
Department of Labour.

Re: Irish Canned Goods Sector.

Dear Minister,

Because of the current anomalous situation in the Irish Cooked Meats sector, British processors are undercutting our exports by up to 40p per lb., and, in addition, destroying our home market. The result will shortly be a further increase in our unemployment figures by nearly 300, thus causing serious hardship to those directly disemployed plus their wives and families.

It is our view that this situation cannot be tolerated and that until the current unfair position is rectified, Government assistance must be given to this sector.

We trust that this matter will have urgent attention.

Yours, etc.
Mr. J. Gibbons, T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Agriculture House.

Re: Irish Canned Goods.

Dear Minister,

We know you are already fully aware of the current very serious difficulties in the above sector but that so far no solution put forward has been found acceptable in Brussels.

Regrettably, time is not on our side and we understand that very shortly serious job losses will occur, thus adding to our existing high unemployment figures.

In the circumstances, we must ask that immediate Government assistance be made available to prevent job losses until such time as the present anomalous position is rectified.

We have written to Commissioner Gundelach stressing the extreme urgency of the situation.

Yours, etc.

G.A.A. CLUB NEWS

By Noel Harnett,
Secretary.

Everytime our hurlers or footballers reach a county-final, we fail in our efforts to register as champions. This year was no different, our hurlers, confident of beating the jinx, failed narrowly to a fine Castlemahon side.

MATCH REPORTS

Castlemahon : 2-5

Shannon Meat/Scanglo : 1-4

This was a thriller in every sense of the word and was worthy of the occasion. Played before a very large enthusiastic crowd, Castlemahon had the advantage of the strong wind in the first-half and duly led by five points to two points at the short whistle. Our forwards, who in the previous round, were razor sharp in front of goals failed disappointingly on the big night, despite the ball not hopping right on several occasions. With four minutes remaining however, we held a narrow two point lead. This was whittled out and Castlemahon added a goal and a point in the dying seconds. Congratulations to Castlemahon on their triumph, although they may feel a little bit flattered. A word of praise to our boys who gave 100% for the championship and again in the final.

Scorers: N. Hogan 1-0, D. O'Connor 0-2, S. Harnett 0-2.

TEAM: T. Hannafin, P. Sheahan, B. Chawke, D. Cagney, D. Duggan, B. Lynch, J. Cavanagh, D. O'Connor, F. Dalton, S. Harnett, D. Noonan (Ml. O'Sullivan), N. Harnett, N. Hogan, Wm. Sheehy and B. Flavin.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Shannon Meat/Scanglo : 1-8

Post Office : 1-8

This was a good result despite missing some regulars. The team played with great spirit and determination. Post Office proved to be a very fine side and can consider this to be a point lost. They had unquestionably more possession, but failed to turn this into scores. What chances came our way were snapped with great expertise. It was good to see Patch Markham playing again.

Scorers: S. Harnett 1-5, F. Dalton 0-1, A. Frawley 0-1, B. Fallon 0-1.

TEAM: Ml. Reidy, J. Daly, L. Woulfe, T. White, D. Gallagher, D. Duggan, D. Kenneally, J. Lynch, B. Fallon, S. Harnett, T. McDonald, N. Harnett, A. Frawley, P. Markham and F. Dalton.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to our collection prior to the County Final.

SOCCER SCENE



CONTINUED SUCCESS ??

As a new Season dawns on the horizon, we are poised on the threshold of perhaps our best ever campaign. At the time of going to press we have assembled a particularly strong panel of players and we are hoping for continued success. There is no doubt that since Pa Sheehan took charge of the team, the fortunes of the Club have really taken a turn for the better. The last two Seasons have been tremendously successful and full credit must be given to Pa. He may have his critics, but no one can deny his achievements. We finished the Season on a high note by beating Celtic 4-2 to win the Glin Tournament. We fielded a very strong team on the night and hope to carry on from there into the new Season.

VICTORY DINNER

This year we broke new ground and had a little celebration by way of a dinner and presentation of trophies at Shiel's Arms. It was nice to have all the officials, players and supporters together in this social atmosphere. There were 4 special trophies presented. Timmy Mullane took the 'Player of the Year' Award, Bill Chawke 'Top Scorer'; Sean Hennessy 'Clubman of the Year' and Pa Sheehan for Manager. A special word of thanks to the Management and Staff of Shiel's Arms for a very pleasant evening.

5-A-SIDE COMPETITION

We ran a 5-a-side competition over the month of August and it was a huge success. Fourteen teams took

part and they were split into 2 sections. The top 2 from each group qualified for the semi-finals and as it turned out these were Group (A) Flying Tigers and Weetabix and from Group (B) Abbeylands and the Half-Way House and the latter two qualified for the final. A large crowd turned up on the night of the final and after a ding-dong struggle the Half-Way House won by 2-1. Abbeylands were hampered by injuries on the night, but full credit to the Half-Way House. A special thanks to all the players who participated in the competition for their good behaviour and also to Seamus Murphy for his handling of both the semi-finals and final. John Lyons took the penalty king title by defeating Noel Harnett in a play-off in our penalty competition. Mike Gallagher stood between the sticks and made scoring a difficult task. Jimmy Muckle won the Under-12 competition.

A.G.M.

We held our Annual General Meeting at Shiel's Arms and the following officers were elected:-

Chairman: John White; **Vice-Chairman:** Sean Hennessy; **Secretary:** Mike Dunne; **Treasurer:** Noel White.

Committee: Pa Sheehan, Mike Walsh, Jimmy Fitzgerald, **Manager:** Pa Sheehan; **Assistant Manager:** Don Gallagher; **Club Captain:** Johnny Jones.

A lot of old faces no doubt, but with loads of experience which must benefit the Club.

Michael Dunne.



Winners of the recently run Shannon Utd., 5-A-Side Tournament were the Half-Way House. Back (L to R): Jimmy Lodge, Tom White, Mike Gallagher, Tom O'Grady. Front: Nialie Hogan, Tom Butler, John Jones and Mrs. Tom O'Grady (Proprietors).



Abbeylands beaten finalists pictured above are : Back (L to R): Tom O'Shaughnessy, Denis Harnett, Ned Lawlor (Manager) and Noel Harnett. Front : P. Harnett, Edmund Dollery and Sean Harnett.

ABBEY PITCH & PUTT

SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The current Season is proving to be an extremely successful one for local competitors. I have not got all the data on hands as a guide to who won what, but a brief outline is as follows:-

Croom Open: John Shire and Breed Woulfe.

Catholic Institute: Seamus Doherty - Overall Nett; Billy Neville - Junior Nett; Fourball - Billy Neville and Pat Neville.

Croom Open : Phil Dollery and Chrissie Dollery.

One outstanding result from the Abbey Pitch and Putt Open is the Fourball. This was won by Jimmy Dollery and Mossie Woulfe.

NEWS BITS

Our apologies to Mr. Tommy Hogan, Rathkeale, whom we omitted from our list of Sponsors for our Open.

It is intended to recommence our successful 41-Drives for the Winter months. These will once again be held in the Half-Way House, Main Street.

The first Sunday of October has now been declared a National Sports Day. The Abbey Pitch and Putt have decided provisionally (at the time of going to press) to run a number of competitions on that date. A special competition will be held for beginners. Further details will be made available at a later date.

NEW STAFF

We would like to extend our very best wishes to the following people who joined the Staff of Shannon Meat Ltd. recently:-

Donald Dore, Cappamanty, Ballyagran; **Pat White**, Glendarough, Templeglantine; **Daniel Ahern**, Raheenagh, Ballaugh; **Cornelius Ahern**, Coole East, Athea; **Patricia O'Brien**, Ballycannon, Croagh; **Pat Walsh**, Dalton Street, Athea; **Michael Meehan**, Holycross, Rathkeale; **Bernie Sheehan**, Templeathea, Athea; **Timothy Healy**, Knocknasna, Abbeyfeale; **Sean Lynch**, Courtmatrix, Rathkeale; **Daniel McCoy**, Old Mill, Newcastle West; **Charlie Power**, Assumpta Park, Newcastle West; **Willie Kelly**, Kilsannel, Ardagh; **Michael Newton**, The Spar, Ballygarry; **Helen Lynch**, Cappamanty, Ballyagran; **Nola Murphy**, Ballaugh South, Abbeyfeale; **Angela Frawley**, 17 Abbeylands, Rathkeale; **Christina O'Brien**, Ballycannon, Croagh; **John Byrnes**, Kilsannel, Ardagh; **Catherine Meehan**, Holycross, Rathkeale; **John Roche**, Riddles-town, Rathkeale; **James Keating**, Ballywilliam, Rathkeale; **Joe Lenihan**, Kilfinny, Adare; **Michael Kiely**, Glensharold, Carrickerry; **Francis Kelly**, Cratloe East, Abbeyfeale; **Breed Woulfe**, St. Mary's Park, Rathkeale; **Anna Fitzgerald**, Cooltomin, Rathkeale; **Karen Condon**, Dohile, Rathkeale; **Martin Dillon**, Abbeylands, Rathkeale; **Michael McElligott**, Mohernagh, Ballyhahill; **Michael Sheehan**, Templeathea, Athea; **Donald Markham**, Ballywilliam, Rathkeale; **Mary O'Grady**, Danesfort, Rathkeale; **James Mulcair**, Killea, Croagh; **Thomas Kennedy**, Ballycannon, Croom; **Richard Hayes**, Ballinoe West, Castlemahon; **Breed Keating**, Ballywilliam, Rathkeale; **Patrick Kelly**, Moycross, Limerick; **Liam Scanlon**, Ballyvaughan, Ardagh; **Robert Crombie**, Ballyoshea, Kildimo.

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