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Beannachtai na Nollag agus gach uile dhea ghuidhe i gcoir na hAth bhliana

R.T.E. DUBLIN CITY MARATHON

Three members of the staff of Shannon Meat Limited took part in the R.T.E. Dublin City Marathon held on Bank Holiday Monday, October 25th.

Each of our three athletes performed splendidly running the gruelling distance within the time they had targetted for.

Furthermore, each raised money for a Fund-Raising scheme of their choice.

The employees were:-



Name: Seamus Cawley
Time: 2 hours 55 minutes
No. Marathons Run: 9
Fund Raising: Social Services
Amount Raised: Undisclosed



Name: John Healy
Time: 3 hours 41 minutes
No. Marathons: First
Fund Raising: Cheshire House, Rathfreedagh
Amount Raised: £100.



Name: Willie Costelloe
Time: 3 hours 57 minutes
No. Marathons: First
Fund Raising: Adare Soccer Club
Amount Raised: £200

EXTREMELY DIFFICULT YEAR

Chairman's Report

The past year was an extremely difficult one. Competition for livestock was intense due to the decimation of herds in the two preceding years largely because of poor returns to farmers and the non-availability of feed on account of bad weather conditions. Moreover, the smuggling of beef cattle into Northern Ireland, which during the year under review was estimated at 150,000 to 200,000 head, and live exports to North Africa, also greatly reduced the number of cattle available for slaughter in the meat plants. During the months of January to June this year, the scarcity of cattle made short-time working necessary with consequent gross under-utilisation of capacity. In such circumstances it is not surprising that profitable trading was virtually impossible.

It cannot be said too often that farming confidence is vital to our industry and every encouragement should be given to the agricultural community to rebuild the national herd.

In addition to the difficulties already mentioned, inflation took its toll with ever increasing

operating costs. Increases in Electricity, Fuel Oil, P.R.S.I., Insurances, Machinery Spares, Packaging, etc., all pushed up already strained overheads. The progressive rise in prices and costs over the past number of years has put severe strain on working capital requirements, giving rise to substantial bank borrowings. The particularly high level of Interest rates during the past year further adversely affected profitability.

It was a difficult decision by your directors not to recommend the payment of a dividend this year but they are confident that with an improvement in cattle numbers, an early resumption of dividends can be expected. Despite the world recession affecting all commodities and consumer spending, we feel that Shannon Meat is well placed to overcome these obstacles and to retain its place in the forefront of the Irish Meat Industry.

Our thanks are due to our excellent Management and Staff for their loyalty and dedication to the Company's interests and especially during the past difficult year.

Frank Wall
Chairman



Photographed at the Shorthorn Breeders Show at Shannon Meat Ltd. on the 30th. of September are l to r: Frank Wall, Chairman, Shannon Meat Ltd.; Eugene Doyle Department of Agriculture; Maurice Cowhey, Managing Director, Shannon Meat Ltd. and Pat Brady, Chairman, Irish Shorthorn Breeders' Association.

RICHARD McCARTHY, R.I.P.

The late Rick McCarthy was a Director of Shannon Meat for over 25 years. He was diligent in his attention to the duties involved, took immense pride in the progress of the company and in its present status in the Irish Food Industry. He loved his native Limerick and looked on Shannon Meat as a continuation of the great traditional meat and food industry associated with the city. He was a man of deep faith and great charity. He had many associations with worthwhile community projects. His lifelong association with the scouts was nationally known. Both the attendance of scouts and their guard of honour at his funeral was their thanks for the huge amount of work he had put into the organization and the high esteem in which they held him. We offer our deepest sympathy to his wife and family. M. Cowhey.

CHRISTMAS ANNOUNCEMENT

Nollaig Shona agus Bliain Nua Faoi
Mhaise Duit

Happy Christmas and a Prosperous
New Year

The Christmas Holiday
arrangements are as follows:-

Slaughtering operations will cease on Wednesday, 22nd. December and resume on Tuesday, 3rd. January.

All Livestock after 20th.
December must be advised.

**ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE
ADVISED**



Nollaig Shona agus Bliain Nua
faoi mhaise duit

Happy Christmas and a
Prosperous New Year



A Special Season
A Special Reason
to prevent accidents!



SHORTHORN SHOW

On the 30th. September the Irish Shorthorn Breeders Association held a highly successful field day at Shannon Meat Limited. Eighteen shorthorn bullocks were displayed and members of the association and the general public were invited to assess the quality of the animals before and after slaughtering.

The bullocks which were bred by the Maloney brothers at Oatfield, Sixmilebridge showed superior performances in the trial. The animals, for the past twelve months, have been fed under test at the farm of the National Stud at Tully, Co. Kildare.

Among the attendance at the field day were Mr. Sean Kelly, president I.C.M.S.A., Mr. Donal Murphy, Chief Executive I.C.M.S.A., Mr. Pat Brady, Chairman Irish Shorthorn Breeders Association, Mr. Jim Norton, Editor Farming Independent and Mr. Martin Ryan, Editor Farm Leader. Mr. Eugene Doyle and other officers of the Department of Agriculture were also in attendance.

Mr. Kelly said that he was pleased that the I.C.M.S.A. had the opportunity to sponsor the awards for the stock judging competition in conjunction with the event. He said that the shorthorn had been a good dual purpose breed which had a lot to offer to the Irish farmers and he

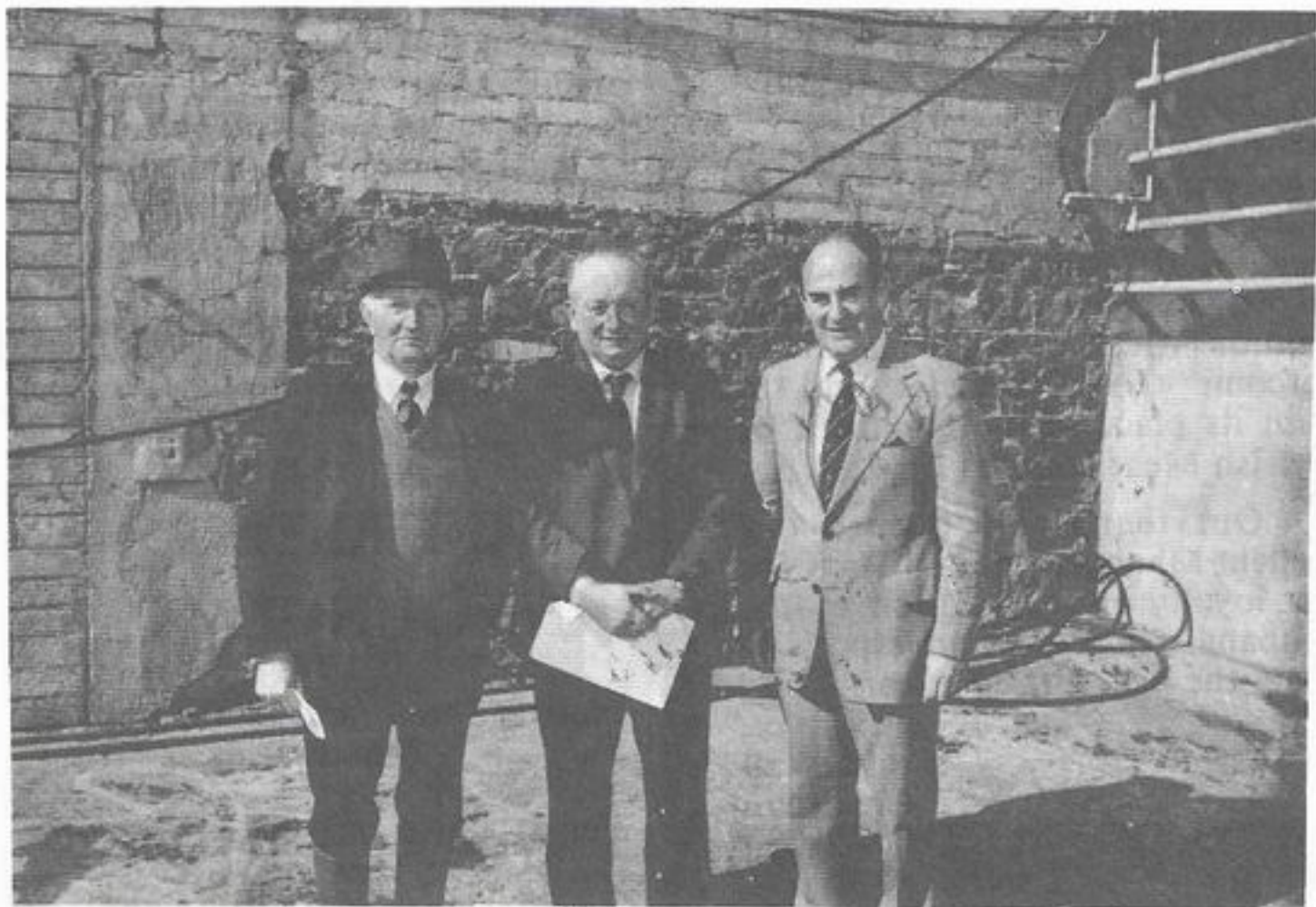
appealed for more attention to rearing better calves because of the increasing demands of the housewives for higher quality meat. He paid tribute to Shannon Meat Limited for the excellent service given to the farming community over the past thirty years.

Mr. Maurice F. Cowhey, Managing Director Shannon Meat Limited said he was delighted to have the opportunity of having the field day held in Rathkeale. He welcomed the breeders and farmers who attended the event.

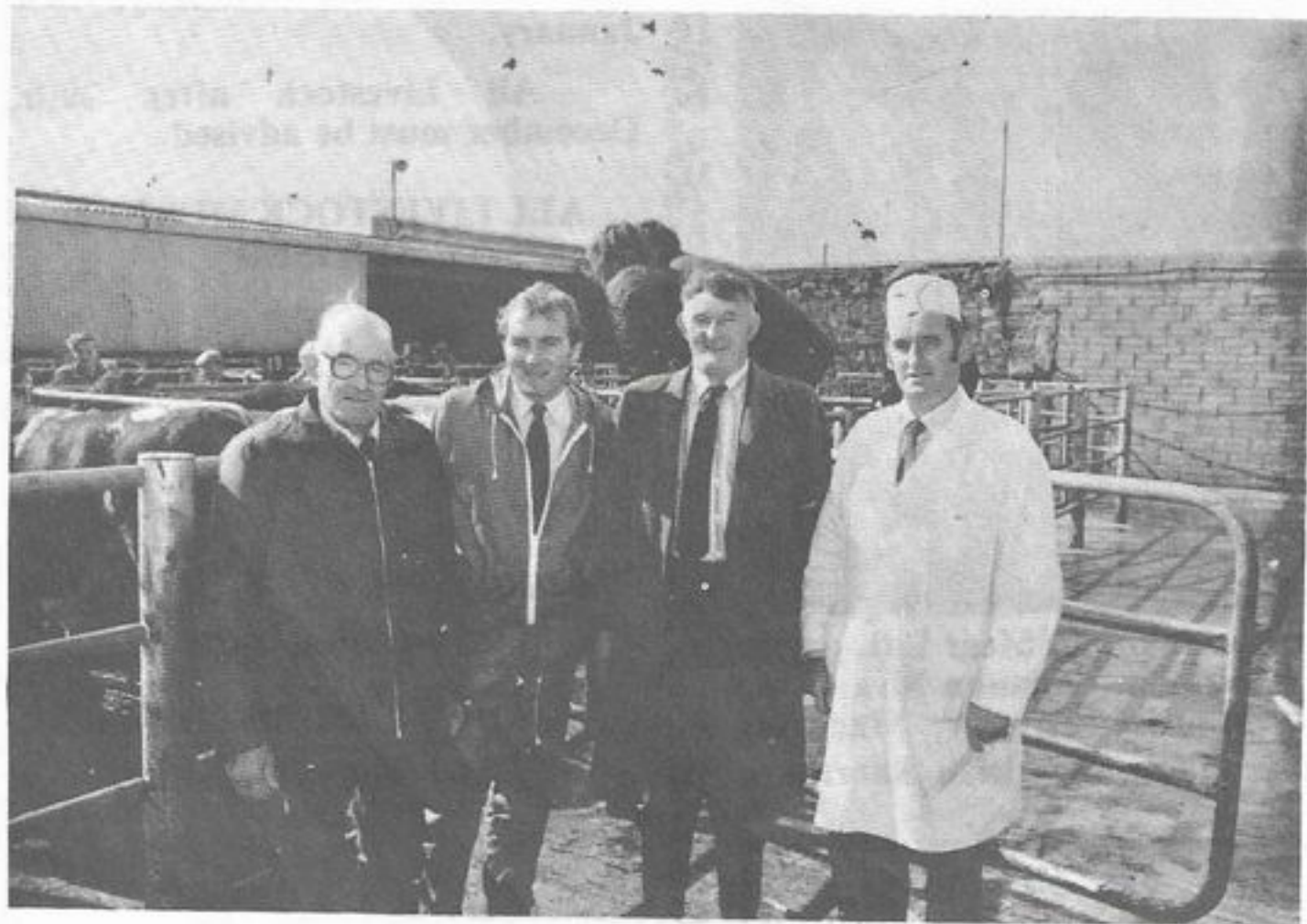
The animals which were in view up to 1.30 p.m. were inspected after slaughtering when Department of Agriculture Officials spoke of the grading and classification of the carcasses.

The bullocks, which weighed an average of 13.1 cwt. live weight, achieved an average kill out of 65 lb. per cwt. The top bullock in the lot had a kill out rate of 67.57 per cwt. while the lowest rate was 62.56 per cwt.

By any standards this was an excellent performance for the breed. Taking into consideration the average kill out rates are around 60 lb. per cwt. with continental breeds achieving rates of 65 lb. to 68 lb. on average, this lot of Shorthorns showed a consistently high performance.



Attending the Shorthorn Show were: James Neenan, Prominent Livestock Breeder and Exhibitor, Sean Kelly, President I.C.M.S.A. and Paddy O'Callaghan, A.I.B.



Also attending the show were: P.J. Brady, Cavan, National Stud; James Kennedy Thurles and Donie MacEneary, Production Supervisor, Shannon Meat Ltd.

ON THE ONE ROAD

What does Christmas time mean to you? To different people it means different things, toys for the children, turkey and ham, 'carols and midnight Mass, tinsel, glitter and trees and many more, but to the members of Rathkeale Athletic Club it means just two words i.e. CHARITY RUN.

This year it will be our fourth annual and once again it will be from Dublin to Rathkeale.

This year's run will be in aid of Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children.

Already our twelve athletes are in training. This year's twelve are Seamus (Marathon Man) Cawley, Leonard Buckley (he of the red Escort - nearly time to change it!), Pat Jones (a man of many women), Seamus Tierney (better known as a badminton player), Brendan O'Shea (does his training in the Croagh direction), Mike Buston (direct from the "Kop End"), Neil Johnson (will be looking after his cousin), Kathryn Johnson (our link with the Bank and a very INTERESTING girl), Orleigh Dillon (tea maker, camogie player and sprinter all in one), Barry Dillon (now known as chippie), Brian Dillon (all he owns in Dublin is not the bars), Mike Dillon ('Highways' should be nothing new to him).

In addition to the runners this year, we will once again have our back-up team of collectors and drivers without whom it would be impossible to organise this Annual Run.

The dates for the Run are Saturday, 18th. and Sunday, 19th. December. We will have an overnight stop in Roscrea and we expect to arrive in Rathkeale on Sunday, 19th. at 5.30p.m. (approximately).

Worthy Cause

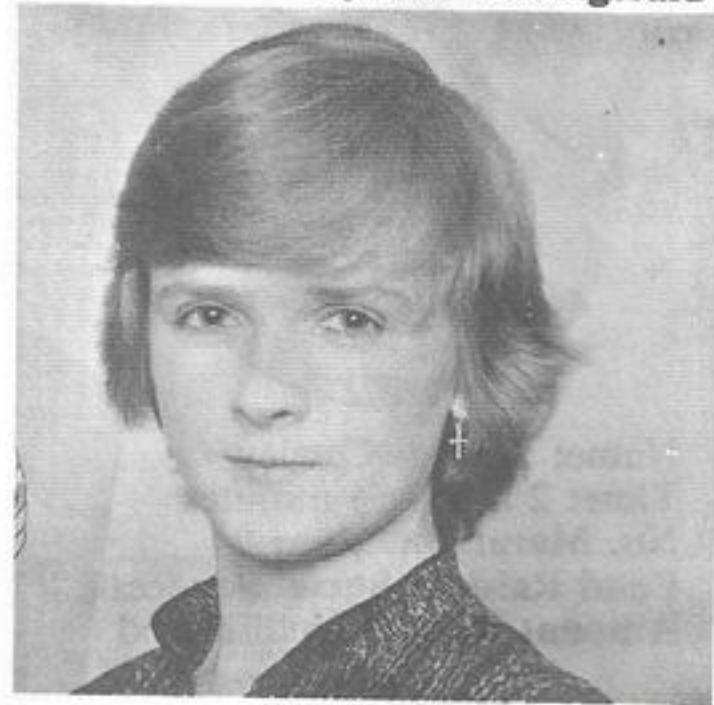
Like previous years this year's run is for a very worthy cause. Our Lady's Hospital caters for in excess of 100,000 children annually, many of them from the Rathkeale area. It carries out research into all diseases, e.g. Leukaemia, Childhood Cancer, Cystic Fibrosis, Spinal Curvature etc. These services are carried out free of charge to the parents.

The Hospital is always in need of new equipment, so with this in mind we in the Athletic Club (and it's friends) have set target of £5,000 which we hope to raise in this year's run.

Michael Hanley.

LAMB GOULASH

By: Anna Fitzgerald



This is an inexpensive, easy to prepare and a very flavoursome dish.

Recipe:

2 tablespoons of oil
2 lbs. neck of lamb, boned, excess fat removed and chopped (Your butcher will do this for you)
2 large onions, sliced
1 clove garlic, crushed
14 ozs. tinned Italian tomatoes
¼ pt. stock
Salt and Pepper
1 tablespoon Paprika Pepper
1 tablespoon flour
1 medium sized Green/Red Pepper
4 tablespoons natural yogurt
Parsley

Oven Gas Mark 3, 160°F. Serves 4.

METHOD

Heat the oil in a heavy frying pan. Brown lamb well on both sides a few pieces at a time, transferring them to a casserole as they brown. Add the onion and garlic to frying pan and fry for 5 minutes. Sprinkle in the paprika and flour and stir to

soak up the juices. Add tomatoes, stock and season well. Bring to the boil and pour it over the meat in the casserole, cover and place in the oven.

Cook for about 1½-2 hours (until tender).

Just before serving, stir in the yogurt to give a marbled creamy effect, sprinkle with parsley and serve from the casserole with jacketed boiled potatoes.

This dish can be frozen. Storage time: 2 months.



Ready to go from work are Jim Dalton, Holycross, Rathkeale and Son-in-law, Donal Hourigan from Holycross, Rathkeale.

NEW APPRENTICE



James Condon comes to us from Ballinarouga, Ballingarry. He joins Shannon Meat Limited as an Apprentice Electrician. He commenced his training on the 20th. September, this year.

Jim is the third born (of five) to David and Mary Condon. In fact, he is the only son (probably adored by all). His four sisters are - Breeda, Máire, Idel and Cora. His father is a dairy farmer.

Qualities

His education took him to such famous places as Ballingarry and Pallaskenry. In Copewood College he sat and obtained a very good Intermediate and Leaving Certificates. Aligning his academic qualifications to his fine characteristic qualities it is no small wonder that Shannon Meat offered him the opportunity to learn his chosen trade.

During breaks from the rigors of work and pressure of school his favourite 'pastime' is farming, although the monetary rewards are poor. In boyhood innocence he states "what my father doesn't have he can't give onto me" referring to money (illustrates the purebred farming part of him). Music is another of his spare time pleasures, with Chris de Burgh being his favourite artist. Jim, also, enjoys "messing" with radios, although mother thinks different, especially when it's her radio he usually tampers with.

Macra, G.A.A., and the Pioneers are three clubs that seventeen year old James is a member of, proving that the three can be mixed, if not by all, then at least by one.

Future

Jim "above Ballingarry Condon" as he has been christened by a fellow apprentice has made a ready impression with his pleasing personality. Even at this early stage it's inevitable that James has a very promising future both inside and outside the confines of work.

DIM WIT

The meals she cooks are putting colour in her husband's face - purple.

She doesn't have to hire domestic help - she seems to have married it.

One time she said "Dear, what will I get if I cook another dinner like tonights?" He answered, "My life insurance."

1982 BEEF AND CATTLE EXPORTS - C.B.F.

Total export of disposals of cattle in the period January to September amounted to 873,000 head a decline of 16,000 or 1.8% compared with the level recorded for the same period in 1981 according to a Report published in November. The Report published by the C.B.F., shows that if allowances were made for the unrecorded movement of live cattle to Northern Ireland in 1981, total export disposals in the 1982 period would show a fall of up to 12%.

The pattern of disposals has shifted progressively in the course of 1982 away from live exports and in favour of a higher share of export slaughterings. An assessment of the prospects for cattle supplies in 1983 indicates that the volume of disposals is likely to remain close to 1982 levels. Following the pattern of disposals in this year, however, supplies to meat export factories could recover further as the live export trade continues to ease according to the Report.

The Report shows that average cattle prices from January to October were 11.4% higher than a year earlier but the rate of increase has moderated progressively during the year.

Total cattle numbers in June were down marginally, by 7,500 or 0.1% on the level in June, 1981. Cow numbers increased by 36,000 head or by 1.9% to 2,018,600. Most of the increase was in dairy cows but the slight increase of 5,500 head in the number of beef cows, to a total of 428,900 head was notable, after seven years of decline. The decline of 11.2% in heifer replacements, however, suggests continued caution on the part of producers about herd rebuilding.

The numbers of cattle 2 years old and over, i.e., those potentially available for marketing, declined by 30,900 head, with most of the decline concentrated on the numbers of heifers. Numbers of cattle in the 1 to 2 years old category increased only marginally compared with June, 1981. Similarly, numbers in the under 1 year old category also increased marginally by 7,800 head, or 0.5%.

As the decline in E.E.C., Beef Production continues to ease in the last quarter of 1982, the pattern of

production in 1983 is likely to show a reversal of the year's trend. Current forecasts indicate a 2% to 3% increase in 1983. Meanwhile, indications are that consumption of beef will continue to remain depressed.

I.T.G.W.U. NEWS

MICHAEL MULLEN

Michael Mullen's tragic death has come as a profound shock to his many friends and colleagues throughout the labour movement and the country - but especially to the members and officers of our Union. His loss is all the more painful - coming less than one year after the death of another General Officer, Tom O'Brien.

Although Michael Mullen will be replaced as General Secretary of the Union, his unique combination of personal qualities will be irreplaceable. In a graveside tribute to his life-long friend and colleague, Union General President John Carroll described Michael Mullen as a "rare individual who has earned a level of respect and admiration which transcends all political and social barriers." The numerous messages of sympathy and condolence from individuals and organisations spanning the entire spectrum of Irish life bear ample testimony to that statement.

Though his life was tragically short, Michael Mullen accomplished a great many things. Apart from his many achievements on behalf of the Union, he will be remembered for his forceful defence of human rights and civil liberties throughout the world. He will be remembered for his relentless opposition to racism and for his passionate commitment to the peaceful reunification of the country. He will be remembered for his dedication and concern for the poor, the sick and the disadvantaged. But perhaps most of all, he will be remembered as the champion of the ordinary working people of Dublin - whose hopes and fears were given a loud and powerful voice in his words.

NEW APPRENTICE



Michael O'Shaughnessy (above) was this year's successful candidate for the position of Apprentice Fitter with Shannon Meat Ltd. He hails from Ballyhahill where he was born on the 4th. April, 1965.

He is the eldest child of Joseph and Agnes O'Shaughnessy who have three other sons - namely, Robert, Noel and Joseph. Senior works with Wyeth, Ireland in Askeaton.

Talented

Ballyhahill National School and Tarbert Comprehensive were the scenes of Michael's Primary and Secondary education. Both proved no obstacle to this talented adolescent from the banks of the Shannon's estuary.

Not alone was Michael active at his 'books' but when the books were shut, the palms of his hands readily opened. In 1979 he spent his summer holiday's operating a saw in McMahon's timber-yard. The following two seasons as all creatures great and small were enjoying the summer fun (not sun) Michael was ensuring the small creatures had something to chew on. In 1980 and 1981 he worked with his father in Wyeth's, turning out baby food.

His prime ambition in life is to be good at his profession and to educate and develop himself as extensively as is possible. A man with his feet firmly on the ground.

'Handy'

Talking of his feet, we are led to believe they are very 'handy', that is, if feet could be 'handy'. With Bally Rovers he has won some fine trophies. None, more so than his club's 'Youth Player of the Year' in 1981. Presently, as well as playing, Michael is administratively involved as Assistant Secretary.

Every success is extended to Michael, but we are sure he'll not wait for success to come, but instead go out and fetch it himself.

ACOT MEETING



The County Limerick Committee of Agriculture held their September meeting at Shannon Meat Ltd. Members of the Committee are photographed above outside the administration section.

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The Home Sales Department,
Shannon Meat Ltd.

A RATHKEALE WOMAN WRITES TO HER SON

As told to Gerry Fitzgerald

Dear Ronald,

Hope all's well in your little white pad in Washington. I'm writing this letter slowly 'cause I know you can't read fast. You won't recognise the house when you come home - we've moved. Speaking of the new house, there was a washing machine in it when we moved in but it isn't working too well. Last week I put three shirts into it, pulled the chain and I haven't seen the shirts since.

Your auntie Bernie got herself a new job in a factory in Galway. She's been there for eight weeks. I'm sending her some underwear as she says she's been in the same shift since she started.

Your sister Maureen had a baby this morning. I haven't heard whether it's a boy or a girl so I don't know if you're an aunt or an uncle.

Little Anthropodies came home from school the other day crying. All the other boys have new suits. We can't afford to buy him one, but we are going to buy him a new hat and let him look out the window.

Your cousin Seamus finally got engaged to Nora recently. He gave her a beautiful ring with three diamonds missing.

Dad got himself a lovely new job with 300 men under him - he's cutting grass at the local cemetery.

As for myself, well I'm doing grand. Though I was a bit under the weather last week so I went to the doctor. Your father came with me. The doctor put a glass tube into my mouth and told me not to open it for ten minutes. Your father offered him a fiver for it. But he's not a bad 'ould soul, your father. He still gives me the wage packet every Thursday night - mind you I'd rather have the money.

Last week your uncle Dan vowed to give up wine, women and song. He claims that it was the longest two hours of his life.

Lord save us, I nearly forgot to tell you about your poor uncle John. The poor man was drowned last week in a big vat of whiskey down at the brewery. A few of the lads jumped in to save him but he fought them off. We cremated the body and it took two days to put out the fire.

Well, that's all the news. I'll write again soon.

Your loving mother.

P.S. I was going to sent you a fiver but I've already sealed the envelope.

THE 'BIG SCREEN' GETTING SMALLER

By "Flash"

Up to a couple of years ago one of the sadder aspects of the Irish Social scene was what appeared to be the impending death of the Cinema. Until the early 70's almost every medium sized Irish town boasted a cinema. Declining crowds largely due to television and the blossoming "Ballroom Scene" provided many with an alternative to the cinema that had not existed before.

Excellent

The late seventies however, has seen the return of the crowds to the cinema. This has largely been because of the many excellent new films of these years, the decline of our television service and the fact that the "American Film" no longer rules supreme. One of the more interesting facets of the new growth in cinema has been the amount of dubbed German and French films, in particular which have become available to the cinema goer. While some of these have made their way into the cinema and been quite successful the vast majority however, have come to the attention of the public through the Film Clubs.

Film Clubs

The Film Clubs are a new innovation, an organisation (i.e. N.I.H.E. and the Belltable Arts Centre in Limerick) will put up money and bring into town some of the more successful Continental films as well as some of the old classics. Most of these films would be unlikely to be a financial success for a cinema. Therefore, the Organisation will ask for interested people to pay a small fee and join the Club. This usually guarantees that the Club will financially secure and provide some excellent films for the members benefit.

Gone, now however are many of the old small town cinemas. In Co. Limerick, however, two in particular have done an excellent job in renovation and now bring many excellent films to the public. It is now a regular feature for people from Rathkeale to head as far as Kilmallock or Cappamore to see some of the films they have on view.

Stars

While the stars of the cinema seem to change with every generation, some go on forever. One of the most successful films of this year was "On Golden Pond" starring Henry Fonda and Katherine Hepburn.

However, in spite of there success in recent years the cinema is once again under threat. The growth of the video now means that people

can see films in the comfort of their own homes even before they are released in Ireland. Indeed one of the recent video advertisements on T.V., contained extracts from "The Life of Brian" a film banned from being shown in this country by the Censorship Board.

Magic

However, for those of us who still frequent the Cinema, the magic will never be lost.

RINGSIDE NEWS

The young boxers of Sean Finn Boxing Club are in earnest training for the forthcoming County Championships. Last year in these Championships the Club won eight County titles, so that is the acceptable base-line for this season.

On 6th. February, 1983 the Club are holding a Tournament in Askeaton when Sean Finn's will box the Rest. A great day's boxing is assured.

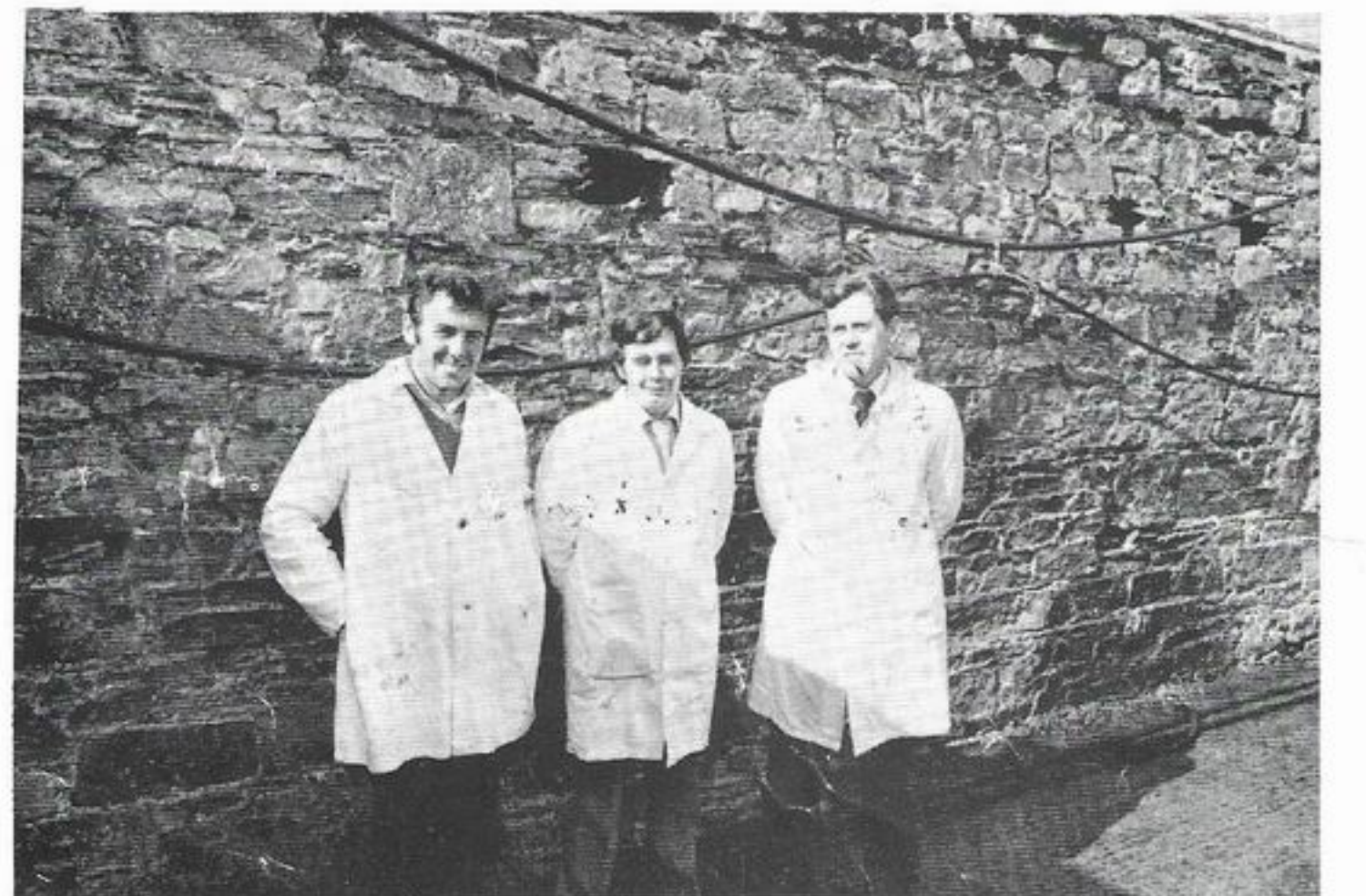
In the last edition of the "Gazette" the officers of the Club was given. Omitted from this list was Life President Johnny White.



Preparing for the Shannon Development Mid-West Food Fare are l to r: John Healy who was recently made responsible for the Home Sales Department of Shannon Meat. John Leonard, Marketing Services, Shannon Development Co. and Matt O'Doherty, Marketing Manager, Shannon Meat Limited.



Liam Hanley, birthday party organiser, outwitted on the above occasion. P.J. Donovan smiles at Liam cutting his 25th. birthday cake.



Photographed at the Shorthorn Society Show were: Donie Ahern, Shannon Meat Ltd.; Eamonn Maguire, Classification Officer, Dept. of Agriculture; Eugene Doyle, Dept. of Agriculture.



At the Shorthorn Society Show were: Michael Harty, Patrickswell; Joe White, Cratloe; and Denis McCarthy, Limerick.



SOCCER SCENE

DEEL UNITED

Deel United can be reasonably pleased with their start to the present soccer season. In four league fixtures, they have dropped only one point, and this is championship form.

Their dismissal from both the F.A.I., and Munster Cups were disappointing, especially loosing both games on penalties. However, promotion as champions of Division Two must be a priority.

Peter Mullins, as Manager of Deel is piecing together a potentially good team capable of not just winning trophies in the Second Division, but with the addition of at least 3-4 players, would challenge for the all major accolades.

During the close and early part of the season, Peter has attracted some fine footballers to the Club, namely Don Gallagher, Ray Doherty, Paul Dineen and Ritchie Hayes. As well as that he has enticed Mike Gallagher out of self-imposed retirement and has Mike Sullivan playing consistently to his true potential.

Deel's biggest danger to winning the Second Division are themselves. Their squad of players are probably the most temperamental that any Club could possess. Only Edmund Dollery and Don Gallagher could be considered consistent.

MATCH REPORTS

League:

Deel United 8 Kildimo 2
 Jas. O'Grady (2)
 Paul Dineen (2)
 Edmund Dollery
 Mike Sullivan,
 Jimmy Fitzgerald
 Own Goal

Deel took a long time to settle down against a very poor Kildimo side and were only leading 2-1 at the short-whistle. The second half saw Deel completely dominating.

Devon United 0 Deel United 2
 Seamus Doherty
 Liam Casey

Deel worked very hard for these two points. This game was played on a very small pitch with a local partisan crowd. Know-how and experience stood to the Deel boys with Mike Sullivan and Mike Gallagher to the fore.

Deel United 3 Shannon 1
 Seamus Doherty
 Ray Doherty
 Mike Sullivan

This was the first competitive local derby. Deel struggled for the first-half. Three quick goals in a ten minute spell killed off their challengers. It was a good, hard and well fought game played with resounding spirit. Ray Doherty, especially, Eamonn Daly and Ritchie Hayes showed the way for Deel.

Munster Junior Cup:

Creeves 2 Deel 3
 Ray Doherty
 Seamus Doherty
 Mike Sullivan

This was another fine feather in Deel's cap. This game was marred by Mikie Meade breaking his leg. Edmund Dollery, Mike Sullivan, Paul Dineen and Mike Gallagher were best for Deel.

Kilcoleman 1 Deel United 1
 Seamus Doherty
 (Lost on Penalties)

Deel put on a great performance, but, for poor finishing and panicky defensive play would have won this game. Eamonn Daly, Edmund Dollery, Ritchie Hayes, Paul Dineen and Mike Sullivan (first-half) were most prominent for Deel.

F.A.I. Junior Cup:

Ballyguiltenane 2 Deel United 2
 Ritchie Hayes
 Paul Dineen

(Lost on Penalties)

With fifteen minutes left Deel were trailing by two clear goals, but levelled matters in a great last quarter. Ritchie Hayes, as well as scoring a great goal, and Don Gallagher played very well for Deel.

Season Scorers:

Seamus Doherty 5, Paul Dineen, Mike Sullivan, 3 each, Ray Doherty, James O'Grady, 2 each, Liam Casey, Jimmy Fitzgerald, Edmund Dollery, Ritchie Hayes, 1 each. Own Goal 1.

SHANNON UNTIED

United have started this season very poorly. At the time of writing they have played six competitive fixtures, loosing four, winning one and drawing the other.

In the League after four games they have three points. Promotion to the premier division is still very much within reach. Apart from possibly Deel United, it's apparent that the remaining second Division sides are on a par.

With the gaelic season over the players are into routine, United should be able to field a more consistent eleven. This XI would be at least as good if not better than most others.

If Shannon United do have a weakness it is in scoring goals, or should I say, not scoring enough goals. They, sadly, lack a proven goal scorer.

The back-four and goal-keeping positions are solid. mid-field with Denis O'Dea and Frank Lynch is as good as any in the two divisions of the League. But the front three positions are weak, especially the pivotal position at centre-forward, and at the end of the season it could be the real reason why they'll miss out on promotion, or a cup success.

MATCH REPORTS

League:

Shannon United 3 Adare 4
 Noel Harnett
 Frank Lynch
 Gerry McGinnty

This was a very poor game despite the high scoring. The scores in the main were the result of errors rather than ability. With the last kick of the game, Adare scored the winner, fortunate for them because United should have had it wrapped up by that stage. David O'Brien and Liam Kennedy were best for Shannon.

Bally Rovers 1 Shannon United 4
 Noel Harnett
 Frank Lynch
 John Coleman
 Denis O'Dea

G. A. A. CLUB NEWS

Shannon Meat Limited Hurling Team made its exit from the Munster Championship on Saturday, 13th. November, at Clarina when we were beaten in the Semi-Final by Shannon Diamond (Clare Champions). The fact that we have been waiting for almost three months to play this vital game did not help the team. The Clare team had the advantage of a match the previous Saturday. I personally feel that if this encounter had taken place two months ago we would be contesting our first Munster Final. The conditions at this time of the year are not favourable for hurling. Due to unforeseen circumstances we were forced to line out without some of our best players.

This game could be described as the 'great return', in that so many of Shannon's players returned to form, notably Denis O'Dea and Denis Harnett. This was a great result climaxed by a supero goal by John Coleman.

Deel 3 Shannon United 1
 Liam Kennedy

In this derby game Shannon dominated the first-half, but led by only one goal. Once Deel got on top in the second period there was no come-back from the Shannon players, surely a source of worry to

the mentors. Denis O'Dea, Noel Harnett and Frank Lynch tried hardest for Shannon.

Munster Junior Cup:

Pallas 2 Deel United 1
 Barry Dillon

This was a fine game of football played by two very evenly matched sides. United sadly lacked scoring punch up front and this contributed, in the main, from their exit in this Cup game. The back four played well as did Frank Lynch and Gerry McGinnty.

F.A.I. Junior Cup:

Park 3 Shannon United 0

Two quick goals inside the first ten minutes put Park off to a flying start against a very understrength United. To their credit, United fought very well and if they had a recognised forward they may have troubled the inconsistent Park side. Seamus O'Connor was man of the match followed by Noel and Denis Harnett, Liam Fitzgerald and Mike Shaughnessy.

Munster Minor Cup:

Shannon United 3 Villa Rovers 4
 Mike Carrig
 Tommy Cronin
 Pat Reidy

For eighty minutes of this game, the under 18's of Rathkeale were coasting to victory leading 6-7 a margin of two goals. Then their luck changed and Villa got on top scoring three deadly goals on the break. John R. Madigan had a marvellous game for Shannon and he was best supported by John Comny and Brendan O'Connor.

Wathc it Grow:

Noel Harnett 3, Frank Lynch 2, Barry Dillon, Gerry McGinnty, John Coleman, Denis O'Dea and Liam Kennedy, 1 each.

First-Half

It was obvious from an early stage of the game that the boys were lacking match practice. It was also very evident that we were not as fit as our younger opponents. Our defence was playing very well but our forwards were lacking the leadership of Bill Chawke. The Clare Champions enjoyed a four point lead at half-time.

Second-Half

The Shannon Meat-Town Traders Club now faced an uphill battle during this period as we were now playing into a strong wind. Shannon Diamond continued to pick off their points from long range. We were somewhat unlucky with about ten minutes remaining. David O'Keefe broke through the Clare defence. His shot for goal was like a bullet out of a gun. It seemed to be heading for the roof of the net. Lady luck wasn't smiling on us, as the ball went just over the bar. A goal at that time would have left us trailing by a solitary point. Tom Hannafin in goal had made some great saves. In the end Shannon Diamond pulled away into an unassailable 7 points lead. The hurling was good on occasions. Considering the weather conditions it was a good game. The sportsmanship was exemplary. There wasn't a nasty incident in the whole 60 minutes. The final score was 1-14 to 0-14. It would be very unfair to single out any one individual for special mention, everyone tried their best. The team can be proud of its achievements during the recent months. You were a credit to the Club.

Team:

T. Hannafin, J. Cavanagh, B. Lynch, P. Sheehan, P. O'Connor, D. O'Dea, M. Windle, F. Dalton, M. Beecher, R. Hayes, P. Potter, J. Healy, J. Jones, T. Donovan, N. Harnett.

Subs:

J. Daly, D. Dalton, R. Doherty, D. O'Keefe.

The Referee - Kieran McCarthy did a very good job throughout the hour.

Football

Our football team are still in the Munster Championship so there is still hope for us. They are due to play the Tipperary Champions. This will be their second meeting of the two teams. Due to some irregularities Munster Council instructed this game to be replayed.

Trophies

Within the next few weeks it is hoped to have a presentation night. The venue for this event has not yet been decided. The Club has had a very successful year and some members have been very dedicated. On behalf of the Club I would like to thank everyone who helped us and supported us at all times. I would like to thank Management for their very kind assistance. It only remains for me to say that we will do everything to ensure that the titles we won will not be surrendered so easily in 1983.

Yours in Sport
 Michael O'Neill
 Secretary.

SHANNON MEAT CHAT

By: The Scribe

- * Congratulations are extended to my very good friend Sean Harnett and his wife. Kay on the recent birth of a son, Keith.
- * All day long Joe "The Boss" Gaffney can be heard singing(?) "It's a long way from Clare to here." After 5 o'clock he changes his tune when he journeys to Limerick to meet his loved one from the "Banner County."
- * Paddy Coleman made a name for himself, lately, by winning £50 in a quiz in the Gay Byrne radio programme. He, probably, threw it to a 'party' rather than having one.
- * A speedy recovery is extended to John O'Connell, Willie Crowley and Christy Jones. Hope to see you all back at the helm soon.
- * "Seamie O'Connor and the way he might look at you." These might be the dream thoughts of Patricia 'Foxy' O'Brien.
- * Congratulations to John Brouder who got engaged recently.
- * Denis Murphy, of Abbeyfeale, is having a great rugby season. He has captained Limerick Counties and been capped by Munster at junior level.
- * The Lord rested on a Sunday, but Pa Guinane (what's the connection) challenges his wife to the game of the shuttlecock; that is Badminton on this day.
- * Having your teeth filled! contact Kitty Boyce she'll tell you that she personally would prefer to have her teeth pulled by a barber. How unusual, think I'd rather be scalped.
- * So impressed with Pat Walsh's long legs was Marie O'Dea that she invited her friends along to see them in a recent match. How do I know where she saw them before that?
- * You haven't lived if you haven't spent a weekend in Kilkenny. So it would appear as both Seamus Kennedy and Gerry Fitzgerald have spent sometime there. I'm beginning to think there is more there than just cats.
- * Warning to all squash players. Judging by the census figures it is evident that they didn't devote all their energies to the game last year, but had time for other activities as well. No wonder our Financial Controller has retired from the game.
- * The age of chivalry is not dead yet. Pat Alfred addresses his future father-in-law as Sir. Maybe, if he didn't properly announce him, it wouldn't be chivalry that would die but.....
- * "Double-em up" So says Paudie Reidy when he meets canvassing politicians of his opposite beliefs in public houses. He says the spirit of the occasion got to him.
- * Heading for the top! Jack Daly made such an impression with the higher authorities of the G.A.A. that he is regarded as a budding Sean O'Siochain. Under the guiding influence of supremos, Mike O'Neill and Frank Neenan he may be a good bet.
- * The Scribe wishes all a very Happy Christmas. If you do drink don't drive. Let a sober friend give you a ride.

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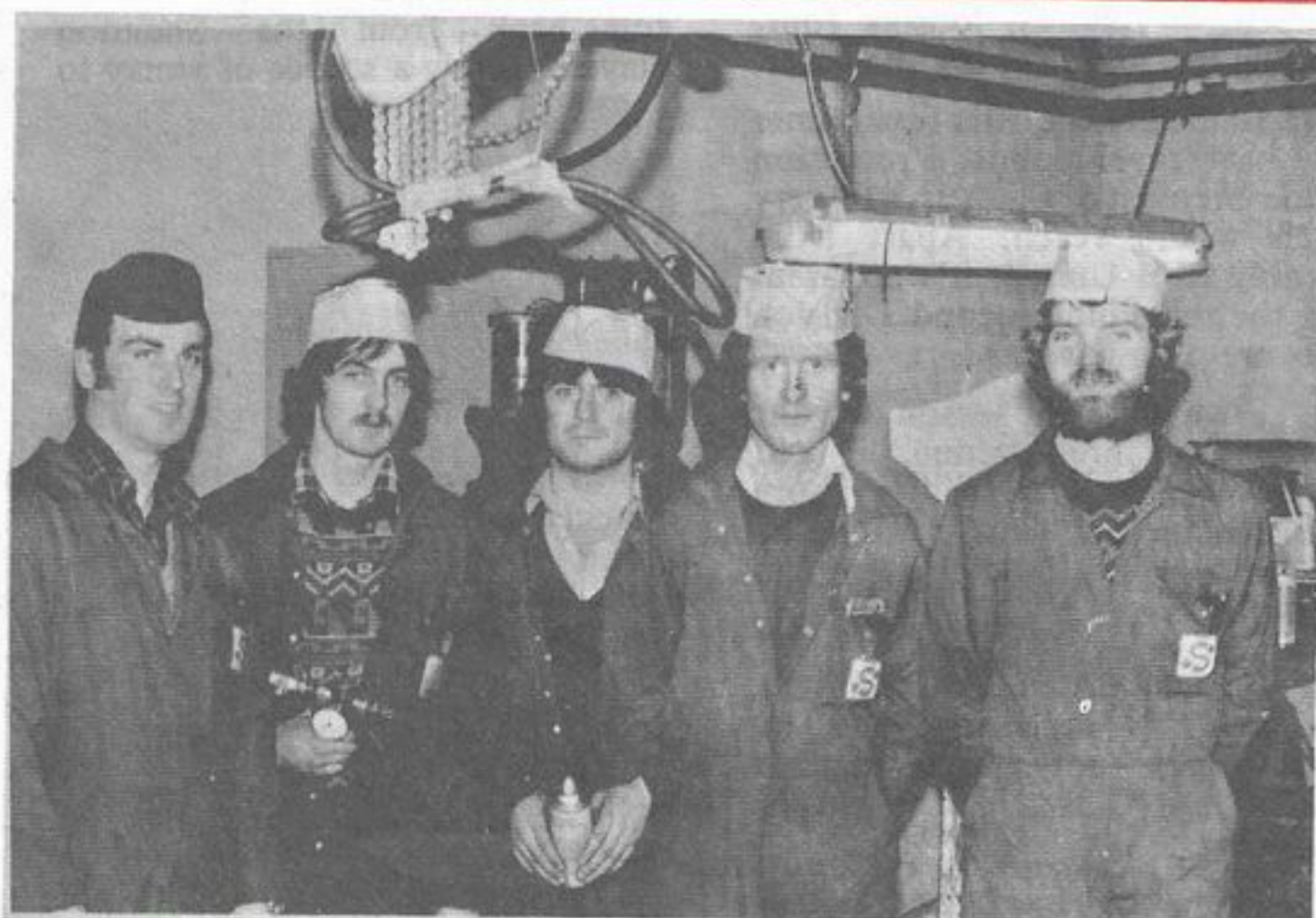
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POPULAR POULTRY

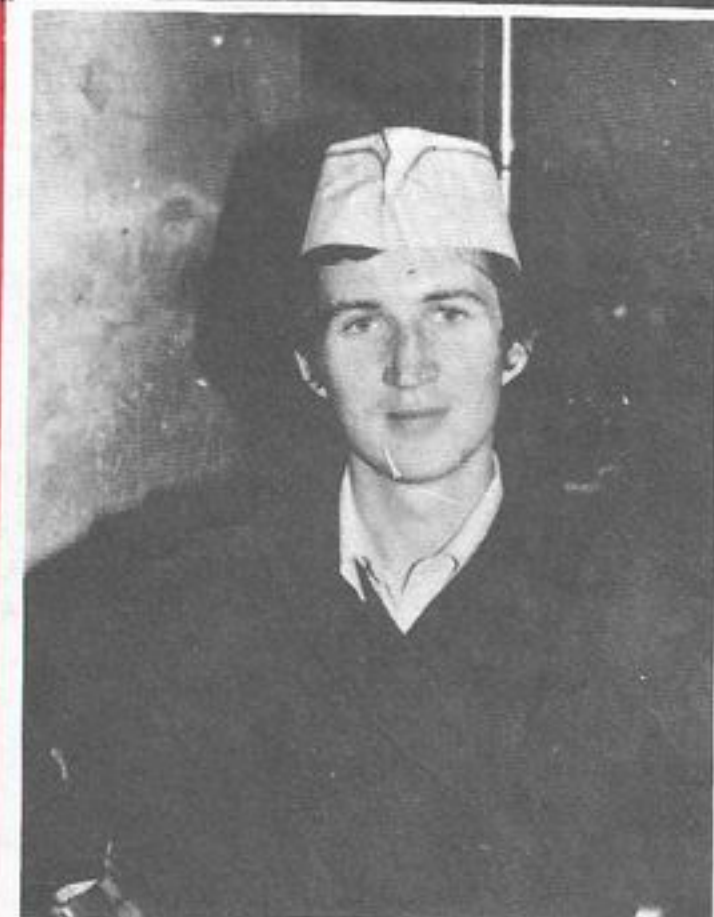
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SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Patrick Madigan [Despatch Department] on the recent death of his mother, Margaret, late of Assumpta Park, Newcastle West, also to other members of the Madigan Family.

To other staff members or associated members who had bereavements we offer our sincere sympathies.



Charles Murphy, of Athea, works in the Refining Plant.

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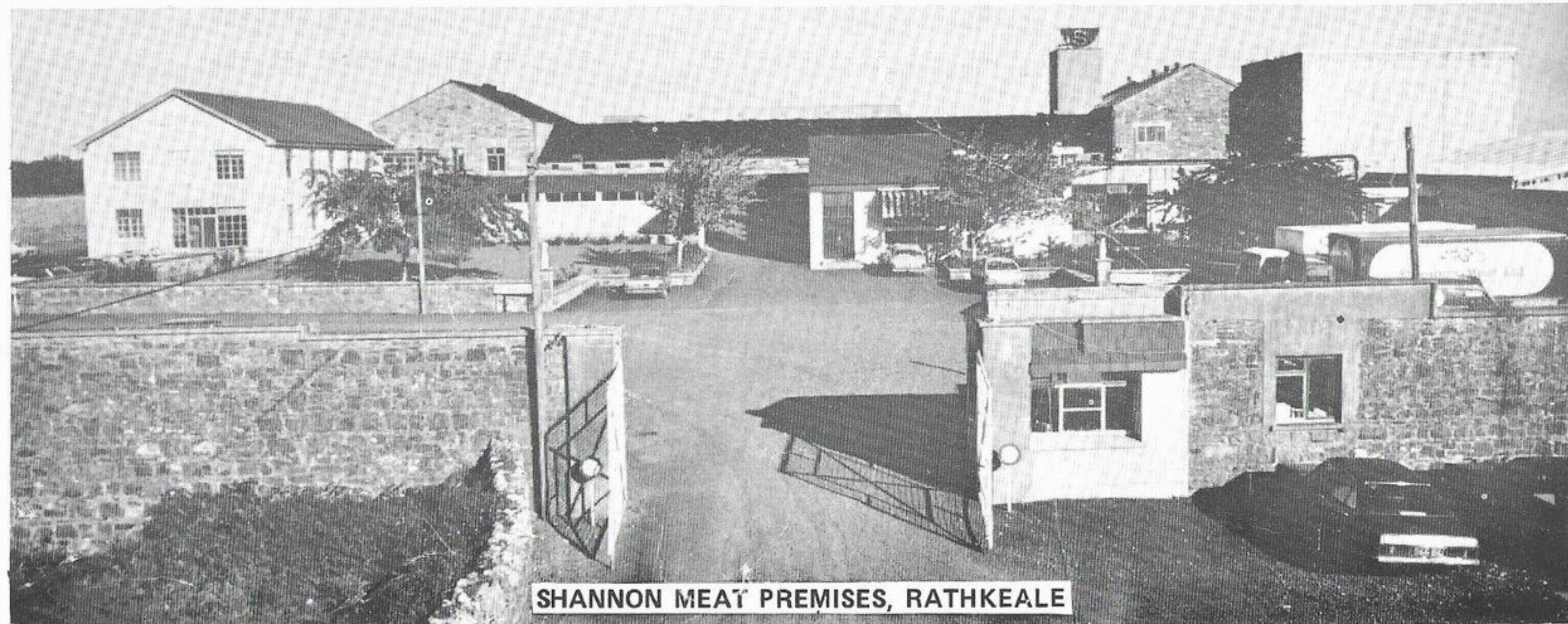
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CALENDAR

1983

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
+	+	<small>Last Quarter 6th. New Moon 14th. First Quarter 22nd. Full Moon 28th. Bank Holidays: 3rd. Great Britain & Ireland. 4th. Scotland Epiphany 6th.</small>				+	1
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27	28	+	<small>Last Quarter 4th. New Moon 13th. First Quarter 20th. Full Moon 27th. Ash Wednesday 16th.</small>				+

MARCH

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APRIL

MAY

JUNE

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JUNE

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
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AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
+	Last Quarter 3rd. New Moon 11th. First Quarter 17th. Full Moon 25th.			1	2	3	4
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SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
+	+	Last Quarter 3rd. New Moon 10th. First Quarter 17th. Full Moon 24th.				1	2
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OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
+	New Moon 7th. First Quarter 14th. Full Moon 22nd. Last Quarter 29th.				1	2	3
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DECEMBER

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
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