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LIVESTOCK AND BEEF SHOW 6th. and 8th. OCTOBER

By D. Donovan
Livestock Procurement Manager

The Livestock Show to be held in Shannon Meat Premises on the 6th. October 1985 will vary somewhat from last year. Last year we had Bullocks only and concentrated on showing eight different breed of cattle with five in each lot. This year we intend to have again three Bullock Competitions and one Heifer Competition. We will also have a wide selection of Cows on show for demonstration purposes. Prizes will not be in cash form this year and will be confined to First and Second places only.

This year Macra na Feirme are involved with three counties, Kerry, Clare and Limerick, taking part in their annual Stock Judging Competition. Macra are taking over the Friesian Class, supplying four steers from each of the three counties involved and having secured Golden Vale Marts Ltd as their sole sponsor for the occasion. Mr. Ml. Aherne of Kilmallock who has put a tremendous effort into organising the Macra na Feirme Competition will be an extremely busy man on the day.

We had prize winners last year from Kerry, Clare, Tipperary and Limerick. With a wider range of

Competitions this year we may even see prizes going further afield.

Entries are taken on a first come first served basis. All Show Stock must be checked in and penned by 11.30 on Sunday morning. The symposium on Tuesday night at 8.30 will be a different venue to last year to accommodate the crowd. It will be held in the Community Centre Rathkeale. There will be the usual carcass display on the Sunday. There will be no carcass display on Tuesday.

New Breed

This year we hope to have a new breed of Cattle entered for the Show which will make the Competition for the Carcass of Lamb very interesting.

All the stewards that turned up last year and did an excellent job and again making themselves available on the day. Without their efforts there wouldn't be a Show. In 1984 we had excellent weather for our first Show. We look forward to our second and hope for favourable weather conditions and trust that everyone enjoys the occasion.



At the Beef Symposium at the Canteen Shannon Meat PLC on 16th. October, 1984.

VIDEO SHOW

A series of Video Productions will be shown in conjunction with the Livestock Show on Sunday, 6th. October. These will include:

1. Winter Finishing Cattle (taking the gamble out of winter finishing)
2. A Guide To Premium Beef Markets.
3. The Weanling Indoors.
4. Sheep Breeding Management.
5. Management of The Pregnant Yew.
6. Beef Classification. Theory and Practice.
This Video is based on the results of the 1984 Livestock and Beef Show at Shannon Meat. Another opportunity to see the prizewinners from last year.

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So why not make it a date [6th. October]
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3. MEAT DISPLAY ON 6th.

The Home Sales Department will have on Display its Large Selection of Prime Freezer Meat Packs.

A selection of Heifer and Lamb Carcasses -
- ideal for freezer use -
Will also be on Display.
See at first hand what your freezer would like.

4. COOKERY DEMONSTRATION

A Cookery Demonstration will be held in the afternoon, using meat from the Freezer Packs.

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When serving beef & lamb you're serving up more than good taste, you're serving good health.

Beef & Lamb are both vital sources of the best possible Protein, Minerals & Vitamins.

5. CUTTING DEMONSTRATION

Sides of Beef will be cut up by the Home Sales Butchers. Maureen Curtin will outline the process, explaining the standard way of cutting and the different variations.

This is a very Educational and Worthwhile exercise and will be of particular interest to housewives.

We look forward to seeing you on October 6th.

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WELL MEANING COMMENTS

Woodlawn,
Kildysart,
Co. Clare.

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Editor,
Shannon Meat Gazette,
Rathkeale.

Dear Sir,

Compliments on your Gazette which I received recently. I'm sure anybody sufficiently interested will appreciate a few well-meaning comments. Your column "Protect the Food and the Customer" offers some very good advice but how about the need to wash hands before and after meal breaks and above all after using toilets? We all know the painful truth that for some extraordinary reason anybody in Ireland pushing hygiene is regarded as sissy, freakish, molly etc. To be dirty and unhygienic is macho, manly, tough etc! In reality, of course, anyone pushing the "macho" is really covering up a built-in inferiority complex. Nobody expects a person working in the food industry to sport a dress suit and bow or smell of talc, but dirt and lack of hygiene never earned an extra bob for anybody. Keep up the good work!

FRESHWATER SHARK - Very interesting article but there are a few small contradictions. The article states pike eat ducklings, moorhens and rats, which is quite correct. In fact a pike will have a go at anything which moves when it's hungry! Later the author says of the pike, "...he eats nothing else except other fish"? Later on I wonder if the writer means RUDD rather than ROACH. For some unknown reason rudd are invariably referred to as roach in Ireland, but the rudd is much more widely distributed. One must concede of course that from a few isolated waters a roach explosion is now taking place and in a few years time they are likely to overtake the rudd in distribution.

Thankfully we have no chub in Ireland for while the species has its merits in the Coarse Angling score, the problems it raises particularly in trout waters outweighs its usefulness.

Again may Gazette long continue to prosper.

Patrick MacNamara.

NEW SAFETY COMMITTEE



Don Gallagher, Chairman of Shannon Meat Safety Committee.

"Health and safety is of direct concern to the employees and for that reason they should be encouraged at every opportunity to 'share' in the work of accident prevention."

[Arscott and Armstrong].

The major advantage of a Safety Committee is that it is a useful vehicle for creating a dialogue between employer and employees on safety, health and welfare issues. An effective Safety Committee is one that harnesses the support and co-operation of employees both in forming and implementing the safety policy and in ensuring regular consultation on safety matters. All members of Safety Committees hold office for 3 years. Recently the three years of the safety committee in Shannon Meat expired and a new committee was elected. The members of this are:

- D. Gallagher** Plant Engineer (outgoing) Chairman.
- J. Mulcahy** Plant Engineer/Director (outgoing)
- D. Neville** Personnel Manager (outgoing)
- L. Hanley** Cannery (outgoing)
- M. Kelly** Offals (outgoing)
- D. Kenneally** Loading/Freezers (outgoing)
- M. O'Neill** Clerical Officers
- M. Liston** Supervisory
- M. Williams** Abattoir
- M. Nash** Boning Hall
- B. Lowes** Maintenance/Indirects

The prime purpose of the Committee should be to advise on the efficient and effective development of sound working practices such as -

1. Safe working procedures and safety rules.
2. Safe environmental conditions such as lighting, ventilation, access, fire prevention, house-keeping etc.
3. Improvement in observance of safe working practices and reasons for non-adherence to safe procedures and the misuse or non-use of the correct equipment.
4. Minimisation of health hazards.
5. Facilities for safety education, such as teaching aids, posters, films, booklets.
6. Consideration of suggestions on safety matters from employer.
7. The use of all means to encourage employees to utilise the protective clothing and equipment provided.
8. Safety training arrangements at induction.
9. To consider the circumstances of individual accidents and consider trends so that reports can be made to management on unsafe and unhealthy conditions and practices together with recommendations for corrective action.
10. Examine Safety audit reports.
11. Assist in the development of safety rules and safe systems of work.

It must be emphasised that the activities of the Safety Committee must not replace, or be seen to replace, normal management channels. Safety is a key part of management's job and reporting of hazardous conditions or practices should be dealt with on the spot with the supervision and never "stored up" for meetings.

ON THE MOVE GERARD O'CONNOR



Gerard O'Connor

Mr. Gerard O'Connor was promoted to Dispatch and Freezer Supervisor on the 1st. of September. He has worked in that Department since November 1979 as Assistant Supervisor.

Gerard joined Shannon Meat on the 14th. of October, 1974. He started as a Clerical Officer in the Dispatch Department. After a few months he was transferred to the Boning Hall as a Clerical Officer. He spent three years in that Department, until a position of Assistant Supervisor became available, Gerard was successful in his application, and has worked in that Department since with Pa Dunne and Gerard Geaney. In his new position he will be teaming up with Pa. Dunne, Andy McMahan and Gerard Geaney.

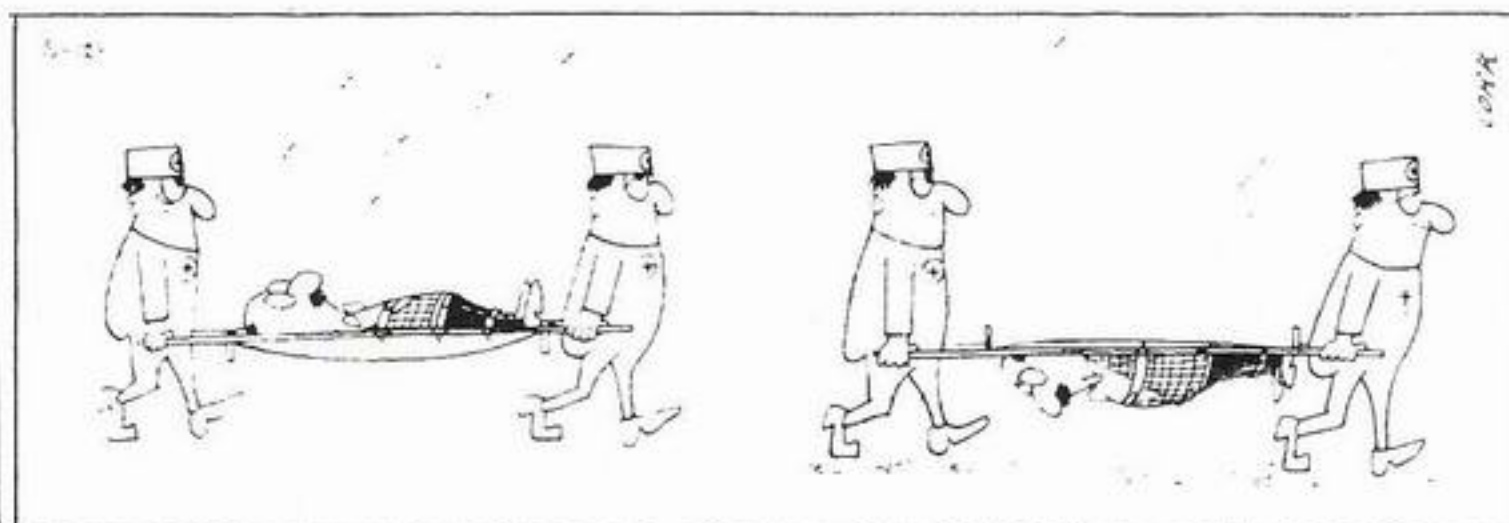
Twenty nine year old Gerard hails from Corraugh, Charleville, Co. Cork. He comes from a farming community and has three brothers and one sister. He attended the local National school, and afterwards went to St. Coleman's Secondary School in Fermoy. He also acquired a Certificate in Agriculture at Rockwell College.

In June, 1978 Gerard married Miss Mary Roche of Ballyhea. Mr. & Mrs. O'Connor have two daughters, Marie and Norma. Today they reside in Thomastown, Kilmallock.

We wish Gerard every possible success in his new appointment.

SHANNON MEAT CHAT

- * Congratulations to Brid Woulfe who gave birth to a baby boy on the 13th. of September.
- * The Scribe would like to welcome back Sean Guiry after his few months of illness.
- * The Shannon Meat bus to Ballinspittle was a great success, 50 out of 55 people saw something moving and it was not the bus.
- * Parking your car in the correct spot, can be an ideal way of getting to see a G.A.A. match free of charge, Larry would better not be caught by Mike.
- * Kevin Donovan's song lately is "You will always find me in the Kitchen at Parties."
- * Shannon Meat won the County Final in the Inter Firm G.A.A. Man of the Match was Michael O'Connor scoring 1-13, Shannon Meat won by 12 points.
- * Marcella paid £10 to look down on everybody for 4 minutes in Tralee.
- * Sean South may have died in 1957 but he was murdered several times on the Croagh bus recently. James Lenihan was in full voice.
- * Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Billy Crowley on the birth of a daughter.



Michael O'Connor Captain of Shannon Meat/Town Traders junior interfirm hurlers receiving the cup as county champions from the Inter-firm board chairman, Henry Cooney.

SELECTING AND MARKETING CULLED DAIRY COWS



John Collins A.C.O.T.

By John Collins, ACOT, Kilmallock.

They are a variable product and the prevailing price in the market place is quite variable. The finished product is dependant on a very severe grading system for its price. This grading is based on carcase weight and degree of finish. The dividing line between some of the grades is very narrow but price difference is quite significant and so is the profit to the farmer concerned.

The national average for cows has increased by some 100 lbs. from 380 lbs. to 480 lbs. carcase weight in recent years.

The following are examples of quoted prices for different seasons and show the significant drop in price when cows drop below a carcase weight of 480 lbs. - 500 lbs.

600 lbs +	- 75p	600 lbs +	- 90p
500 - 600 lbs	- 73p	500 - 600 lbs	- 86p
Less than 485lbs	- 60p	Less than 485lbs	- 70p

The Agricultural Industry should be seen as an integrated population of constituent farmers each with varying resources. These farmers may be broadly classified as Beef and Sheep farmers, Dairy farmers, Tillage farmers, Mixed farmers, Horticultural farmers and Stud farmers.

These various systems are complimentary to one another, within the industry, sometimes as a source of supply and sometimes as a market outlet.

There is one thing common to all individual farmers within the industry and that is profit must be made by each individual, big and small, whether he is intensive or extensive. If Agriculture is to progress it must be based on a policy of profitability on each individual farm. When the farmer assesses his own situation with regard to farm planning, he must also assess the environment in which he lives with regard to market and source of supply among other things.

Beef and Dairy as complimentary Enterprises.

While some people advocate integrated systems such as calf to beef or self sufficient systems such as suckling, the movement of cattle will be with us while we have different systems.

While we have dairying many of which are specialised in Co. Limerick, the Dairy farm will be a source of supply to the beef farms with calves, young stock and culled cows.

Culled Cow:

The culled cow is a continuous source of supply of feeding animals for the Beef Farmer. Unfortunately, the larger numbers come onto the market in the later part of the grazing season. These are very variable in the types coming onto the market such as some are older cows, some are small, some have been the victims of Mastitis or Netritis, bad feet, teeth or some other type of disease.

Source of Calves and Suckling

Apart from being finished many of these cows turn up in calf and are a potential source of suckling cows. They may be suitable for single suckling, multiple suckling or in some cases multi rearing (being milked on beef farms). They may also be sold back to the Dairy Farmer if suitable as Dairy cows.

Pregnancy testing and Loss of a Potential source of calves

It is a well known fact that over 50% of these cows being sold at this time of the year are many months pregnant and farmers are well advised to do a pregnancy test or be familiar with being able to identify cows in-calf. These are a big loss to the beef industry and in some cases to the Dairy Industry as they maybe top class Dairy cows. A closer examination of these animals for pregnancy would add considerably to our calf population.

Conclusion

The Culled Dairy Cow being a mature animal is a highly efficient converter of food and is an ideal animal for feeding on beef farms.

A deep study is needed for the market in order to select and purchase the most suitable animals for your system. The types of animals available are very varied, and the market when coming to sell is also very specialised with regard to factory prices and other outlets.



John Fraher, A.C.O.T. will again be involved in the Livestock Show on 6th. October.



Dermot Ryan, Department of Agriculture will speak on Carcase Classification in the Chiller of Shannon Meat on October 6th. and at the Symposium on October 8th.

PACKAGE CAREFULLY

- make sure containers are clean.

DON'T CONTAMINATE THE FOOD.

- avoid label mixups.

- seal properly.

THE PACKAGE PROTECTS THE PRODUCT.

- handle gently.

PROTECT FROM DAMAGE.



Sooo--

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WIN THE FIGHT AGAINST FOOD GERMS



You're on the front line in the battle against the enemy. If you do a better job in fighting food infections, it will set an example for others and the battle will be won.

IT'S UP TO YOU!

COOKS CORNER

By Anna Hayes

Here is a very flavoursome beef dish, which will take a little planning and plenty of time to cook.

Boeuf en Daube (serves 6)

- 3½ lbs Rump Steak tightly rolled & tied.
- 4 tablespoons Beef dripping
- 1 " Flour
- ½ pt. Stock
- 4 Tomatoes peeled & quartered.
- 2 oz. Mushrooms
- 1 tablespoon flour, worked into paste with 1 oz. fat.
- Freshly milled black pepper.

Marinade:

- ½ pt. Red wine
- 2 tablespoons Olive oil
- 2 " Red wine viengar.
- 2 onions, halved & sliced
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 2 teaspoons Salt.
- Bouquet Garni (consisting bayleaf, orange zest, ½ teasp. thyme, ½ teasp. Black pepper, 2 cloves, garlic halved, all tied together.

Method:

Combine all marinade ingredients together in bowl, put in meat. Cover with cloth leave in cold place for 12 hours (overnight), turn meat occasionally.



Anna Hayes

When you start cooking, pre-heat oven gas 1 275°F, 140°C. Dry meat well on kitchen paper. Brown on all sides, remove, place on plate. Pour away all but 1 tablespoon fat from pan. Remove veg. from marinade (keep liquid), dry well. Fry veg. until brown, add 1 tabsp. flour. Now add liquid, bouquet garni, stock, tomatoes, mushrooms, and meat. Season with black pepper. Cover and cook for 3 hrs.

To Serve:

Remove meat (keep warm). Put remainder except bouquet garni through sieve. Return to pan, add fat & flour mix, whisk well. Carve meat, season sauce and pour some over meat, put remainder in sauce boat.

ON HOLIDAYS WITH MICHAEELEN

By
From Michaelleen Patrick J. Carroll, C.S.C.

It is about Michaelleen I am going to write this time. It will take a power of memory and much looking back over a road I have gone, to find out for sure if the people I met were the people I think they were, and if the places I saw were the places I thought they were. Because once Johnny Deely passed by a ghost at Nantenan when 'twas night, but when he told Tomeen Madigan about seeing the ghost Tomeen said, **"Johnny, you're a fool! That was no ghost at all."** And 'twasn't. 'Twas Aherns' white cow grazing by the side of the road. It is hard to be sure if what you saw is what you think you saw.

Michaelleen's full name was Michaelleen Carey Enright. He got the Carey from his mother who came from Newcastle West and married Michael Enright, who had a wonderful drapery in Rathkeale. Rathkeale was a larger town, if you came from Rathkeale. But if you came from Newcastle, Rathkeale was hardly the size of a periwinkle.

When I first knew Michaelleen he was over fifteen years and had dropped the Carey. People found it too hard to call him by three names of seven syllables. And by the time I knew him better they had dropped the Enright, and spoke of him most of the time as Michaelleen. I will speak of him that way myself from now on.

He was a sole child. His father had a room full of money; and his mother - Mrs. Teresa Carey Enright - had a world full of goodness. She had been educated by the nuns at Limerick and finished off at Dublin. She could play the piano in fine style, and sing songs about Ireland; not like Miss Pat Moylan with her "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming," or some such blather as that.

But every brightness has a darkness. And the brightness for Mr. Michael and Mrs. Teresa Enright was Michaelleen. Was he clever? Was he good at the books? I never remember anybody pretending so little who knew so much. I used to think Fan was a power at the learning. Well, multiply Fan by a hundred and you have Michaelleen. He had a private tutor first. Then he drove east in his pony and trap to the monks at Adare. The summer I am writing the book about, he was home for his vacation from Dublin where he was going to a boys' boarding school.

The mother used to deal at Enright's; for the same reason, I suppose, that she used to deal at Cannocks'. When she wanted something good she went where they kept it. One of her axioms was, "A dear article is always the cheapest in the long run." Now for all that she was so rich and so well educated, Mrs. Enright was a great friend of the Mother's. Not socially, of course. Because the mother would never rise to that. So you see how it was I met Michaelleen. After I had been confirmed and had the full use of my reason, I would drive the mother Saturdays now and then up to Rathkeale; and it was then I met him. Maybe he would be in the shop and I would run across him. We became good friends after a while. One made up for what the other wanted. Michaelleen was powerful at the books, could speak correctly without falling into a rut of a single mistake in the grammar all along the road of his conversation. I was great with the hurly. I could hop-step-

and-jump with the best of them. I could spin a top and take it up spinning out of the ground with either hand. I could leap on the back of an ass and he going at a mad gallop. Michaelleen knew all about the Gaelic stories and could recite them like a seanachie. I could meet a ball on the hop to match Cuchulain. Michaelleen could sing Gaelic songs and play the fiddle better than Pat Barron the dancing master. I could dive off the rock into the Deel and swim backwards. So each was great in his way.

Michaelleen was the brightness of his father and his mother. But the brightness had a darkness. And the darkness was his spine or spinal column or nerve center, or I don't know what. The doctors did not know either; and it would make no difference if they did. Being able to tell you that you have a cancer or the decline or lung fever is not going to make you live any longer. So Michaelleen was somewhat thin, and somewhat white-faced, and somewhat delicate. He did not give much promise of growing very tall, and not much promise of becoming a strong man. He would be middling short, but not a butty. He would never be a butty.

You would like Michaelleen. His hands were so unspoiled by any touch of earth I used to think sometimes they were altar flowers. And his eyes - well, I cannot begin to tell you about them at all, because I'm not very strong there. If you ever met our Nan and asked her to tell you, 'tis then you'd hear her rave! I would tell you he was "a little gentleman," but I hate that. I do not want anybody I ever liked to have been at any time "a little gentleman." You know what I mean. So Michaelleen was just a boy. In his thoughts, in his dreams, in his life. A fragile body fettered and fretted him. But he had knowledge and a quiet manner and courage and a love for sports.

The Enright's had a grand house at the edge of the town as you would be driving out towards the Commons' Pump. I was in it a few times myself and once nearly forgot to scrape off my boots on the scraper outside the door. I had gone in a few steps over the carpet when I remembered and then I ran back and cleaned them, and they never knew it. They had besides a country place up near Ballingarry which they called "the farm." And that what it was. Shade trees, a mountain stream, a pond, a cricket field, stables, horses, cows, cowhouses, an apple orchard, a fine field for hurling, a flat lawn, a black pony, a nice trap, gravel walks, a stable boy, a gardener, a chicken boy, workers on the farm, housemaids, a cook. And plenty to eat for everybody.

For a wonder, Mr. Enright was not a great stout man with a heavy voice. And he wasn't a cruel man who drove people out of their houses into the cold night. He was middling tall. Say five feet and two fists. He was very kind, and used to go hunting for wild ducks with young Father Buckley, at one time the second curate of Ballingarry. He was great for sports, and gave money to help the Rathkeale hurling team. But it didn't do any good, because the team was poor anyhow. Rathkeale seldom won a match. Cappa was as good as Rathkeale, and everybody knows Cappa wasn't much.

Mr. Enright had horses he

used to run in the races, but I don't know what stakes they won. I know one of his horses beat Father Walsh's 'Rover' of Ardagh, in the races at Newcastle West; but that was not so much, because "Rover" never won a race. Sheehy's White would almost beat "Rover", if she were given a good feed of oats first.

It was late July when school was out in Cappa for the vacation. Michaelleen had been home a whole month. From June twenty-first. That was how they did things in Dublin.

"Michaelleen is going straight with us to the farm in Ballingarry for the rest of the summer. The country air and the fresh milk will give him the strength he needs for next year. I wonder if you would let little Patch go up with him for company? I It would be good for them both." That was how Mrs. Enright spoke to the mother in the drapery one day. Well, the mother, after thinking it all over for a while, said it would be all right; that the change would be good for me, and that I would come back with my nerves rested. When she arrived home and told the news I was overjoyed, but I didn't show it too much. If I showed it too much they would think, maybe, I wasn't lonesome leaving home, and I wouldn't want them to think that at all.

"I'll write to you, Fan, when I get over," I said, **"and I'll tell you all about the country and the people."** **"You're not going to America. Ballingarry is only sixteen miles up,"** Fan answered.

"Don't forget to bring me home an ash crop out of the woods up there," Mick cautioned me, with his customary disregard for himself.

"And PLEASE, Patch," Nan besought me leaning heavily on the second word, **"don't forget to use your fork at table. And never take food to your mouth with your knife."** **"I wouldn't think of that,"** I answered confidently. **"I surely know better than to do that. I never did that since I got the full use of my reason at the Confirmation. You needn't fear me at all there."** **"If I could only be sure!"** sighed Nan wistfully. I can see the little cloud of trouble passing over her face yet.

"Have a good time out of it anyhow," the mother said. **"And if you should, by any chance, put your knife into your mouth be sure not to cut your head off."**

I started off on Monday morning in late July. Dick Sheehy was driving the White up to Rathkeale where he was to meet some man coming in from Coolcappa to arrange about something or other. And I went with him. I never appeared to better advantage in my life. You couldn't help feeling proud of me, the way I was dressed up. **"Hurry up!"** Dick roared in at me from the gate where he kept the White at a standstill. **"He'll be with you this minute,"** Fan ran out to tell him. **"I'm not going to sit here wasting my whole morning for every gossoon in the province."**

I think Dick was mad because I wouldn't be home all summer to give them a dhras at the harvest, or at weeding the potatoes.

Well, at long length, I got out and hopped up beside Dick. The morning was all gold and green. Gold where the sun alighted; green in the shady places.

"Get up!" said Dick to the White. **"Don't forget your table manners!"**

was Nan's last charge before I set out. The mother waved and so did Fan. Mick said, **"Don't forget the ash plant!"** **"Don't forget the night prayers! And don't slouch over on the bed when you say them!"** the mother reminded me. **"Get up!"** Dick said a second time. We were going. Slowly, because of the old White. But fast enough. We went by Stokes'; drove down the borheen hill, and I watched the yellow blossoms of the fox cover. Then up the short hill near the main road. **"We'll miss you at the harvest and when it comes time to weed the Champions,"** Dick said. **"I was a power for helping at the weeding, and at the stooking,"** I said. **"You're a liar! You were as lazy as the devil!"** **"I had to work slow because Dr. Moylan said my nerves were irregular."** **"If you would go out into the garden and bend your back and get some sweat upon you, the devil a bit of trouble you'd have with your nerves. Look at me!"** I did. And I saw where Dick had made a cut in his chin because of his hurry in shaving. And I saw where his white shirt was a little scorched in front, because Mary had left the hot iron stay too long. And I noticed that some hayseed remained in the brim of his soft hat, because he had forgot to brush it off before he started out. **"Dr. Moylan said I needed a rest in the country, and fresh eggs. And the milk of rich cows. And plenty of wholesome food. And jam and hot bread for my lunches. And that I should have cheerful surroundings and good diet."** **"Yerra, shut your mouth! You talk like a son of Lord Dunraven. A little fellow like you should be out in the fields saving the crops and not listening to Moylan's blather about your nerves! Your nevers are better than mine."**

When we reached Enright's shop Mrs. Enright had already come in from Ballingarry and Michaelleen with her, and Mr. Enright himself was there bright and early. After they had welcomed me and after they had said what a fine promising lad I was, they told Michaelleen to take me out to see the square and the courthouse. **"We'll have a good time bye and bye, Patch,"** he said, walking up to the door of the court room. **"We'll make a great summer out of it. You be sure of that!"**

He looked a bit slim and white-faced, to tell the truth. But you would forget that seeing his eyes. He had wonderful eyes. **"I suppose you have read a lot,"** he said. **"I have read a lot, but I forget most of it,"** I told him. **"You have read the stories of Finn, I suppose?"** **"I have some - but they went out of my head."**

At one o'clock when we returned to the shop, Dick was starting home. Michaelleen got out his pony and trap and we drove down with Dick to Paupers' Graveyard. **"Be a good boy and don't disgrace us!"** **"And don't forget about being a good boy!"** he warned me softly a second time.

It was Dick's farewell. And before I could answer him, the White was measuring her paces along the road. I watched the car turn and went beyond the graveyard and climb the hill, behind which lay Ballingrane Junction. At the crest Dick and the White disappeared entirely.

"Good-bye! Good-bye!" my heart kept saying.

INTER-FIRM G.A.A.

By Michael O'Neill



County Inter Firm Junior hurling Champions, Shannon Meat/Town Traders. Back row: 1 to r: Ger Donovan, Pat Dalton, Liam Casey, Tom Dunne, Pat Sheehan, Jack Daly, Bill Chawke, Gerry Molyneux, Michael O'Connor, Capt., Mattie Williams, Michael Bustin and Jim Kennedy. Front row: 1 to r: Frank Dalton, Bill Lynch, Brian Dillon, David Dalton, Michael Mulcahy, Thos. Donovan, David O'Keefe, Denis O'Dea and Joe Lynch.

Shannon Meat Plc./Town Traders are the newly crowned Junior Hurling Champions of Limerick Inter Firm G.A.A. At the third attempt the final between our team and Europak took place at Askeaton on Monday, 16th. September. This game turned out to be an example of great team work, determination and the will to win. The final score of 2.17 to 3.2 in favour of Shannon Meat/Town Traders is a fair indication of how much we dominated the exchanges. The hurling was good, and tough at all times, but never got out of hand as Pat Duffy of St. Patricks did a great job as the Referee in charge of the game. Conditions were excellent for hurling and as ever the Askeaton pitch was immaculate.

Start

The opposition got off to a great start with a very early goal. Our lads did not panic. They replied with quick points from Ml. O'Connor. After ten minutes we went into the lead with a goal scored by Pat Sheehan. A lot of the work in making this score was done by J. Daly and Bill Chawke. This was a lead we never lost throughout the remainder of the game. Our forwards took every chance they got. We went from strength to strength. We scored some great points. A great save by M. Williams during this first half was a great boost to the team. A second goal for Europak could have altered the course of the game. At the interval we led on a scoreline of 1-11 to 1-2.

Second Half

The big question was, "Is this nine-point lead enough?" Europak had the advantage of the breeze for

ON HOLIDAYS WITH MICHAELEEN

I was very lonesome. And why wouldn't I? Wasn't there peace and beauty and fine company and plenty of laughter in the Crags? And some singing, even if it was not very good singing itself? And visits and dances? And a wake now and then?

I was leaving and looking back and lonesome to be leaving. I was looking ahead and looking back. And I didn't know which way was the right way to look.

this period. They put our defence under some great pressure but all to no avail. They were not to be passed. Our half back line of Liam Casey, Toss Donovan and Denis O'Dea was superb. They were a great stumbling block in front of a great rear guard of M. Williams (goal), Davy Keefe, Bill Lynch and Tom Dunne. We were also in control at centre field where Frank Dalton and Michael Mulcahy did a great hours hurling. At centre forward Michael O'Connor engineered some fine scores. He got great assistance from his flankers, Biran Dillon and Ger O'Donovan. The outstanding score of the second half was one laid on to M. O'Connor with a great pass from **Bill Chawke**. Michael shot from twenty five yards and scored a great goal with many a forward would have settled for a point. The goal keeper didn't have a chance of saving this rasper. The other forwards Jack Daly, Pat Sheehan and later Pat Dalton also played their parts. Prior to our great second half goal Eamon Grimes, who found a real tarter in D. O'Dea, had scored a very good goal from a free for Europak to take them within seven points of us. That was the nearest they got to our tally. We really deserved this great victory. Europak were very disappointed with their own performance. Personally I expected the final score to be closer. Europak were full of praise for our fine team effort. It was as fine a performance as I have ever seen in all my years associated with hurling teams. It would be very unfair of me to single out any individual for special mention as it was a great team effort. Every team needs substitutes and I can assure you that if it had been necessary to use any more of ours they would have been equally up to the task. The Inter Firm Board Chairman, Mr. Henry Cooney presented the cup to Ml. O'Connor, Captain of Shannon Meat/Town Traders. He thanked both teams for a fine sporting game.

Please salute our Champions

Team: Mattie Williams, Tom Dunne, Bill Lynch, Davy O'Keefe, Denis O'Dea, Toss Donovan, Liam Casey, Frank Dalton, Ml. Mulcahy, Brian Dillon, Ml. O'Connor, Ger Donovan, Bill Chawke, Jack Daly, Pat Sheehan.
Sub: Pat Dalton.

SOCCER SCENE

Shannon Untd.

The close-season saw the club establish a higher profile with greater emphasis on training and the town minors completing the league and cup double. Also Shannon were allowed enter the 2nd. Division of the Desmond League without kicking a ball in anger. The 2nd. Division was extended by two clubs, as Ballingarry the next in line from our division refused to accept the position. The name of those clubs remaining in the division who wished to be promoted was put into a hat from which Shannon's name was drawn. Shannon therefore moved up a division and this can work both to their advantage and disadvantage. It is to Shannon's advantage in that many clubs will write us off as the poorer team in the league and a switch for two points. Yet as our means of getting into the division are somewhat irregular, it has to be suggested that our players have to play far beyond themselves to maintain and improve their position in the league. However to the clubs advantage is the fact that a large number of players have been attending training through the summer months. Training is continuing for the moment on Tuesday and Thursday nights with plans to commence Saturday afternoon training in the near future.

Yet the best news of the close season has been the performance of our Minor team who were to win the league and Cup in tremendous fashion. In the league they lost only one match, against Askeaton who beat them 4-2. Yet the following weekend Shannon took revenge when they easily won their cup match 3-1, scorers were Mark Meehan (2) and K. O'Rourke. Unfortunately the final was a very one-sided affair. This was rather surprising as our opponents Athea had given us two testing matches. It was possibly the combination of a young team and the big occasion which took its toll on Athea. Goals from Peter O'Connor (3), Diarmuid Hough (2) and Kevin O'Rourke allowed Shannon to win out comprehensive 6-1 winners. Minor Scorers, D. Hough 8, Kevin O'Rourke 6, Peter O'Connor, Mark Meehan 5, Wm. Daly 4, Billy Tierney and Edward Geaney 2, Donal Piggott 1. The junior team played a number of games in the close season. The following is the list of scores and scorers:

Adare Tournament

Shannon Untd. 2 Croom 2
N. Kennedy, K. O'Rourke

Shannon won 3-1 on penalties
Shannon Untd. 1 Adare B 1
Pat Reidy
Shannon lost 6-5 on penalties.

Pallaskenry Tournament

Shannon Untd 1 Breska 0
V. Hogan

Friendly

Shannon Untd. 1 Somerville Rovers 3
Pat Hayes

Pallaskenry Tournament

Shannon Untd. 3 Glantine 2
Pat Reidy (2)
V. Conmy 1

Shannon Untd. 1 Deel Untd. 2
V. Conmy

This was an excellent game of football between two very equal teams. Vince Conmy headed Shannon into the lead but second half goals from P.J. Wall and M. Meade saw Deel through to the final of the Pallaskenry tournament. We wish them well.

Friendly

Shannon Untd. 4 Ballingarry 0
L. Kennedy 2,
V. Hogan, S. Hough.

League

Shannon Untd. 2 Villa Rovers 1

A hard fought match between two evenly balanced teams. Shannon ran into a two goal lead, both scored by Pat Sheehan before Villa pulled back a late goal that put Shannon under considerable pressure towards the end of the match.

Shannon Untd. 1 Glantine 3

A heartless performance by Shannon. Our defense was caught cold by 2 fast Glantine goals. John Coleman hit the post twice before being taken off due to injury. With him went much of Shannons' desire to pull this game out of the fire. Glantine grabbed a third goal before Pat Sheehan scored a late consolation goal.

Scorers to date: Pat Sheehan, Pat Reidy 3, Vince Hogan, Vincent Conmy, Liam Kennedy 2, Noel Kennedy, Kevin O'Rourke, Pat Hayes, Sean Hough 1 each.

DEEL UTD

Our 'A' team travelled to Pallaskenry on Monday 2nd. September to take on the home side in the second round of their tournament. The game turned out to be a highly competitive and entertaining affair. In the first half Deel enjoyed the better of the exchanges with the appearance of Brian Dillon adding some much needed 'punch' to the midfield. The defence were playing quite well from the start but the forwards found it difficult to come to terms with the sticky ground.

Pallas were the first to score when Downes hit a speculative shot that completely deceived Gallagher in the Deel goals. However, two minutes into the second half, Wall set up Hayes for the equaliser. This seemed to be the 'catalyst' that the Rathkeale boys needed and they proceeded in the second half with constant attacking football. After fifteen minutes Dillon hit a spectacular measured drive that went in off the upright to make it 2-1. Within 5 minutes Hayes was again rewarded for his consistent foraging in the Pallas area when he scored his second in a convincing 3-1 win for Deel.

Adare Tournament

Deel 'A' 1 St. Patricks 0

In this game played on very soft ground, Deel faced Patrickswell

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Soccer Scene Contd.

of the City League, in the semi final. With Noel Harnett outstanding in defence and J. Conmy providing the skills in midfield, Deel adapted much better to the adverse conditions and threatened from the early stages. S. Harnett, Conmy and Wall all came close but the Pat's defence held firm. However, the goal when it did come (25th. minute) was a real team effort that is typical of this present squad. The move was started by left full E. Dollery (as usual) and involved six Deel players with Hayes laying on the final pass for 'Speedie' Meade to apply the finishing touch. The second half saw St. Pats all out for an equaliser but they found the Deel defence in an uncompromising mood with Gallagher bringing off three top class saves. At the other end they should have made more of their chances but all in all they thoroughly deserved their ticket to the final.

Final

Adare 'B' 2 Deel Utd 'A' 0

In the final played on Friday, September 9th., our 'A' team were comprehensively beaten by an Adare second string that refused to be intimidated by their first division opponents. Deel attacked from the very start but after a while it became apparent they lacked the drive and determination that was the hallmark of their previous games. Adare, on the other hand were eager to be part of the action and scored their first goal from a corner late in the first half. Adare scored their second with a quick break away goal ten minutes from the end. Deel must surely rue the many missed goal opportunities.

League

Deel 'A' 1 Glin Rovers 2

In the first round of the league Deel 'A' were defeated by the odd goal in 3 by the visitors Glin Rovers. The home team started with lively attacking football: R. Hayes on the right wing was a constant threat to the Glin defence, but Deel attacks seemed to lack a certain cohesion. Deel took the lead after ten minutes with a free kick far out on the left. D. Culhane played the ball back to S. Harnett who scored with the help of a deflection off a Glin defender. Glin equalised ten minutes later with a close range shot. In the second half Deel played like a very tired team and Glin scored the winner after eight minutes with a well worked goal from the right hand touchline. Though Deel tried hard for the remainder they never really got back into it.

Kildimo 2 Deel 'B' 3

Our 'B' team started their league campaign with an emphatic away win at Kildimo. Though a goal down at half time this did not deter our lads and with 'Chappie' O'Connor in scintillating form at midfield we equalised early with a penalty by A. Flaherty. After twenty minutes man of the match O'Connor helped himself to goal number two but Kildimo struck back almost immediately with an equaliser. This confident 'B' team kept pressing for a winner and were rewarded with eight minutes remaining when old wizard 'Milo' O'Shea received the ball on the edge of the box with his back to goal. He turned and quickly rifled the ball to the back of the Kildimo net.



"WEDDING BELLS"



Patricia O'Brien of Croagh who is a member of boning hall staff was married to Joseph Cregan from Cappa during Summer in the Church of St. John the Baptist Croagh. Reception afterwards was in Riverroom Hotel, Newcastle West.

SHANNON MEAT PLC

RATHKEALE

17th. ANNUAL SOCIAL

PRESENTED BY

THE STAFF SOCIAL CLUB

AT

THE RIVERROOM HOTEL, NEWCASTLE WEST

ON

SATURDAY, 9th. NOVEMBER, 1985.

MUSIC BY: DAVE MOYNIHAN BIG BAND

BEEF PRODUCTION SYMPOSIUM

on TUESDAY, 8th. OCTOBER

at

THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, RATHKEALE.

at 8.00p.m.

SPEAKERS: Dr. Gerry Scully, M.Agr.Sc. A.C.O.T.; Mr. Dermot Ryan, Dept. of Agriculture; Mr. Aiden Cotter, M. Agr. Sc., Market Research Director C.B.F.; Mr. John Fraher and Mr. John Collins, A.C.O.T. and Mr. Dona! Coleman, Dept. of Agriculture. Chairman of Symposium will be Mr. Michael Dooley, Chief Executive Shannon Meat Plc.

Video of Prize Winning Carcasses will be on view from 7.30-8.00.

Presentation of prize winners of Livestock and Beef Show will take place.

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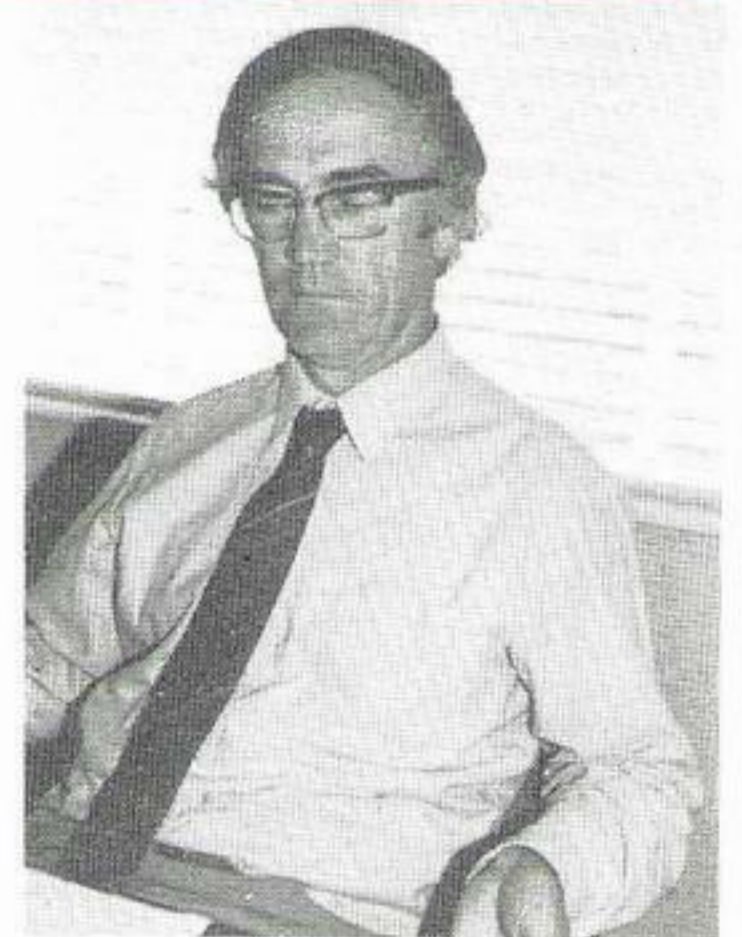
Name: Tagdh Hogan
Address: St. Mary's Park, Rathkeale.
Age: 18 Years.
Marital Status: Single.
Department: Slaughter Line.
Hobbies/Interests: Soccer, Pop Music.
Favourite Actor/Actress: Clint Eastwood
Biggest Influence in Life: Parents
Life Ambition: To go to America.



Name: Dermot O'Grady
Address: The Bridge, Ballingarry.
Age: 18 Years.
Marital Status: Single.
Hobbies/Interests: Listens to Music and his favourite band is U2.
Biggest Influence in Life: His sister, Mary.
Favourite Actor/Actress: Madonna.
Life Ambition: To be loaded with plenty of money.



Name: Helen Clune.
Address: Ardbohail, Rathkeale.
Marital Status: Married with one child (Yvonne).
Department: Cannery.
Hobbies/Interests: Knitting & Reading
Favourite Actor/Actress: Richard Burton.
Biggest Influence in Life: Father and Mother.
Life Ambition: To be always happy.



Michael Dooley Chief Executive, Shannon Meat PLC who will chair the Beef Production Symposium on 8th. October.