

little other meal feeding required for the latter group of farm stock. We cannot have too much oats therefore, and as in the case of barley arrangements should now be made for a very much extended acreage of oats. Barley is not as suitable as oats for planting on lea land: the tillage should be reserved for the barley, while lea should be ploughed up for the extra oats. The issue should be faced squarely now: decide to grow far more corn for stock feeding, especially more barley, or else make arrangements to reduce the number of pigs and poultry. If eggs and bacon reach a high price level as the war goes on, and this is very likely to happen, the decision to cut down the numbers of stock may leave much cause for regret.

Potatoes.—The potato is another crop which can be brought to the rescue in present circumstances. Though a familiar item of the dietary of man and beast its full value as a source of food is not fully realised. For pigs and poultry it has been shown that four tons of potatoes in the cooked condition have the same nutritive value as one ton of maize. Our climate and soil are particularly suitable for potato production, and 12 tons per acre is an average crop. Twelve tons of potatoes have the same feeding value as 3 tons of maize, and if at the moment, or next winter, maize could be bought for £8 per ton it would be considered very cheap. From the produce of an acre of potatoes the grower would have at this level of price—namely, £8 per ton for maize—£24 worth of food. If maize or its equivalent in the form of other cereal were obtainable not more than 1½ to 2 tons of it could be procured for £24. Even in peace times the potato is a better proposition than maize; at present the potato should be used to render the farmer and all feeders of pigs and poultry independent of foreign supplies of food. In other words, there is nothing to worry about, thanks to the special suitability of our country for potato growing. We want more and more potatoes, and it behoves everybody with land to plant the very maximum acreage.

When pigs are fed a wet mash boiled potatoes may be mixed with meals in the following proportions:—

Pigs 10 weeks old—1 part potatoes to 1 part of meals. Pigs 16 weeks old—3 part potatoes to 1 part of meals. Pigs 22 weeks old—5 part potatoes to 1 part of meals. Pigs 26 weeks old—8 part potatoes to 1 part of meals.

The same proportions may be adhered to in dry feeding by limiting the meals fed to 2½ pounds per day and allowing the animals access to potatoes at all times. Experiments are at present in progress to determine the maximum quantity of potatoes which may be fed to fowl without appreciably reducing the

from March onwards rape, ryegrass and other spring forage crops may be used. Green feeding in the preserved condition, as dried grass meal, can be had for mid winter feeding provided supplies are ordered in summer.

In the absence of maize, which, in the opinion of the writer, should never again be allowed to flood our market and thus throw the corn drill and binder into disuse once more, feeders of pigs and poultry should, in addition to the other foods, which may be included in the dietary, arrange for the production of ample supplies of barley, potatoes and green foods for the 1941-'42 twelve months feeding period.

DROMCOLLOGHER GOSSIP

(From Our Correspondent).

Parish Council.

At a recent meeting of the Parish Council a site was secured and arrangements made re the distribution of plots to labourers and unemployed in connection with the tillage campaign. A number of townspeople have also banded together and secured a plot which they intend to work on a co-operative basis.

Red Cross.

During the week a second batch of upwards of twenty candidates presented themselves for examination for First Aid Certificates. This followed a course of lectures given by Dr. T. F. McNamara. The examination was conducted by Dr. A. MacSullivan.

Gaelic Affairs.

The draw in the current year's junior hurling championship again finds the two neighbouring parishes of Feenagh and Dromcollogher in opposition. Last season Dromcollogher created a first-class surprise by ousting Feenagh in a second round tie, and their meeting this year will be awaited with interest. A minor team will also be affiliated, while the annual meeting of the Club will be held during the week.

Recent Death.

Her numerous friends, both in Dromcollogher and Broadford, will mourn the death of Mrs. Hannah O'Brien, which took place during the week at her daughter's residence at Broadford. One of the oldest persons in the locality, she spent the greater portion of her life-time in Dromcollogher, where she was both well known and highly respected.

Whist Drive.

At the weekly whist drive in aid of Red Cross funds a large crowd participated and the following were the results: Ladies—1st prize, Miss Mary Gleeson, Church Street; 2nd, tie between Miss Quinn and Miss E. Daly. Gents—1st prize, Mr. P. O'Mahony, N.T.; 2nd, Garda J. Hyland.

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L.D.F. Parade.

A parade of some of Fermoy district was on Sunday, 2nd March, headed by the Castlehye Band, marched past where the salute was Croft, assisted by Lieut. Captain Croft addressed said he was delighted ciplined bearing of the mented them on coming defence of their country.

Public Meeting.

Subsequently a public held, at which the V. O'Connell, P.P., V.G., his parishioners to of the Local Defence that at a time like was the only thing the country, and that be a member of the L. the surrounding hills, he had lived there and we gone, but they were their descendants and it to hold the freedom th L. B. Skinner, District dressed the meeting, and of thanks to Canon O s'iding at the meeting.

Fair.

Owing to the order of of Agriculture banning and other counties, t cattle and sheep fair, held on Friday last, di This order did not inc cattle and sheep dealers expected, due to the mar of the foot and mouth hoped that fairs and resumed in the not too

Lenten Devotions.

The good beginning m on Ash Wednesday has throughout the week, a large congregation at M devotions testifies.

Tea Rationing.

The announcement tha ioned in the near future with open arms in this people, one and all, ar "the cup that cheers." ing of imported commod in the present emergen do our utmost to assist in its effort to conserve ask my readers to com ment orders by register possible to ensure their