

Clare Man's Death

Collapses Into the Fire

A farmer named Luke McCormack, 84 years, a native of Skehanagh, Clarecastle, was found unconscious on Friday night, lying on the edge of a turf fire in the kitchen of his home, and with the side of his face burned from his nose to his ear. He was removed to the Clare Co. Hospital, where he died the following morning. Also lying near the fire was a candlestick, which had contained an unlighted candle earlier in the night. It is assumed that when seeking to light the candle, McCormack collapsed and fell into the fire. A verdict of death from shock, senility and heart disease was returned at an inquest held by Dr J H Conniban, Coroner, speaks.