

Temperature—Maximum, 53F. on 21st; lowest or night temp., 31F. on 19th; mean for the month, 42 degrees F.

Humidity—Mean difference between wet and dry bulb thermometer 1 degree, equivalent to 86 per cent. of moisture in the atmosphere.

Rainfall was 4.54 inches as compared with 3.03 in 1942, and 2.41 in 1941. Rain fell on 29 days of the month.

Remarks—Winds fairly strong and variable during the month. Above the average in rainfall and very much so in other parts of the country.

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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL PARTY

Over 100 people attended a public meeting at Caherconlish to form a branch of the National Agricultural Party. Mr. Thomas Ryan, Ballybricken, presided.

The following officers were appointed:—Chairman, Mr John O'Brien; vice do., Mr John Hickey; Treasurer, Mr. Garrett Ahern; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Joe Goonan.

At Ballyneety the following were appointed:—

Chairman, Mr. James Noonan; vice do., Mr. Jackie Butler; Treasurer, Mr. Edmund O'Brien; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Michael Hanley, Ballinagarde.

Delegates were appointed from both meetings to attend the Convention in Limerick on Saturday, 13th February.

MAN AND HORSE KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Accidental death by lightning was the verdict returned at the inquest on Austin Doherty (27) of Fanore, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare, who was struck dead by lightning while returning from Mass with his sister, Mrs. Bridget Linnane. The horse which was drawing the vehicle was also killed, but Mrs. Linnane escaped uninjured. Portions of the dead man's clothing were torn off his body by the lightning and carried a distance of some 50 yards. Mrs. Linnane is now in hospital suffering from shock.

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liked the growing of wheat in particular grew enough of that to give plenty of flour for their families, and as to potatoes and milk there is simply no stint whatever. In spite of the scarcity of pigs the farmer who cannot kill one for his own use is simply an exception. Eggs also are to be had on the farm all the year round, being simply more plentiful in spring and summer. Butter is, indeed, rationed, as is tea and sugar, and there the farmer shares the ordinary man's lot, but these are extras really 'o essential foods, butter even not being the necessity—it is in the pinched dietary of other classes. On top of all this the farmer has his food at first cost, not at shop prices, and we know from himself that the first cost is low. Again, when war was coming there was no section of the community which laid in such stocks of flour, meal, tea, sugar, and other less necessary commodities.

Here is another instance of the rustic simplicity of our guileless friends. A big farmer near Dublin was interviewed by a journalist on this burning question and calmly stated that he fattened stock at a loss merely to obtain manure for his tillage! Surely comment is here unnecessary. The journalist referred to five pence a pint being paid for certain milk in Dublin and the farmer said it could hardly pay at that price, now that feeding stuffs were not available! So barley, oats, rye, potatoes, turnips, and mangels are, it seems, not foodstuffs for dairy cows, not to mention hay and forage crops. No wonder the farmers' spokesmen are now asking that the roads and other such public services should be a national charge, that is, be paid for by the general taxpayer, including the labourers, whose wages the farmers are so anxious to raise—if they only got higher prices for farm produce.

"DEMOS."

GRAVE PERJURY

SAYS CLARE DISTRICT JUSTICE

Before District Justice Gleeson, at Ennis, Joseph Keane, grocer, Lisdoonvarna, his brother, John, and his shop assistant, Mrs. K. O'Connor, were summoned in connection with offences of failing to keep records of the sales of tea, stocks of sugar, selling a pot of gooseberry jam for 1/2 instead of 1/0½ the controlled price, and charging 1/8 in-