

While walking through fields at Mellon last week, Mr. G. Wallace, Kildimo, and Captain E. Cregan, Limerick, found a mushroom of the edible variety of unusually large proportions. The mushroom when weighed turned the scale at 2½ lbs. In diameter it measured 12 inches. The field in which it was found is adjacent to the Shannon and is good, rich pasture land.

Freak mushrooms of this type are, it is stated, often found in the month of October, their unusual size being regarded as a "last kick" to the growth.

### WHICH IS THE OLDER ?

It was a common belief (writes our Ennis correspondent) that the Confraternity of the Holy Family in Limerick was the oldest in the world. This claim is challenged by Ennistymon, Co. Clare, where, it is stated, the Confraternity was founded in 1863—three years before the one in Limerick.

### MONEY FROM BRITAIN

It is estimated (writes our Ennis correspondent) that money orders from Britain are now being cashed in Ennis Post Offices at the rate of £800 a week. The remittances vary from £2 to £10 and even £20. Orders are also being cashed in other Clare Post Offices, but the amounts are not available.

### ON A HOLIDAY IN LIMERICK

Mr. Walter H. Molony, B.L., one of the seven District Justices for Dublin, is at present on a holiday in Limerick, and is staying with his brother, Dr. C. E. Molony, The Crescent. His many friends in the city are glad to see him in such health and vigour.

### POST FOR CO. LIMERICK DOCTOR

Mr. John P. Flynn, Tipperary, Co. Manager, has appointed Dr. Martyn Gerald Danaher, of Sunvale, Athea, Co. Limerick, as resident medical officer of Nenagh General Hospital until March, 31st, 1944.

### MUINTIR NA TIRE

Rev. J. Hayes, C.C., Tipperary, founder of Muintir na Tire, will be principal guest at the Muintir na Tire social to be held at Cruise's Hotel to-morrow (Tuesday) evening. The function will begin at 8 p.m.

### DIED WORTH £56,173.

Mr. Joseph Shaw, Balmoral, Belfast, well known in Irish coursing circles, left personal estate in England and Northern Ireland valued at £56,173.

handgrips with the outbreak Civic Guards, employees and volunteers worked feverishly recovering valuable goods of every description, and as a result thousands of pounds worth of goods were rescued.

As already stated, the damage done to property is extensive. Two stores are completely gutted, while other buildings are badly scarred. Were it not, however, for the great work of the fire-fighters there need be no doubt that the whole block would have become involved, if not totally destroyed.

Too much praise cannot be given to the Corporation Brigade and to the A.F.S. men who risked their lives in hacking their way to lofts in order to get at the flames. Many of them were fortunate to escape with minor injuries from the falling debris, and their intrepid conduct is the subject of very favourable comments.

### THE ACCIDENT TO LIEUT. GOUGH.

It was while playing a hose from a ladder that Lieut. Gough met with his serious accident. The ladder, slipping from under him, precipitated him to the ground from a height of about twenty feet. He received extensive abrasions to the head and suffered from acute shock. As already stated, his condition this evening is quite satisfactory.

Members of the L.S.F. co-operated with the Gardai in cordoning off the streets contiguous to the affected area.

The fact that the members of the Corporation Brigade, in striking contrast to the A.F.S. men, were not attired in oils and helmets, has been the subject of considerable comment. When a member of the Brigade was asked by a "Limerick Leader" representative if they had not equipment similar to that of the A.F.S., he replied that they had not. Apart from the regular routine uniform the only special equipment they had was top-boots.

Members of St. John Ambulance Brigade were in attendance to render first aid.

The Insurance Corporation of Ireland will protect your property against fire risks.—87, O'Connell St., Limerick. (—)

### DEATH.

Gleeson—On the 24th October, 1943, Mrs. Bridget Gleeson, at her residence, 4 Upper Ellen Street, Limerick. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing family. R.I.P. Funeral on to-morrow (Tuesday) from St. Michael's Church to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery at 3 o'clock.