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OBITUARY

FUNERAL OF OLD I.R.A. OFFICER.

Our Ballyagran correspondent writes—Impressive scenes were witnessed at the re-interment—with full military honours—of Mr. Sean Brennan, late Captain of "F" Coy., 3rd Battalion, West Limerick Brigade, I.R.A. Deceased, who took a very prominent part in the fight for Irish freedom, was former O.C. of the I.R.A. Company comprising the districts of Ballyagran, Castle town, and Colmanswell, prior to and during the whole of the Black and Tan regime. He took part in several important engagements in West Limerick and North Cork, and participated in the famous successful attack on the strongly fortified R.I.C. Barrack at Kilmallock. He was also one of the "inner circle" responsible for the "safe custody" of General Lucas while held in captivity in West Limerick.

Apart from his military activities he took a very keen interest in political happenings and was possessed of remarkable organising capabilities, which were first placed at the disposal of Sinn Féin and later directed towards the furtherance of the Fianna Fail organisation.

The funeral, which took place to Kilgroggin Cemetery, following Requiem Mass at Ballyagran Church, was attended by many Old I.R.A. officers and men of the West Limerick Brigade, who had served with deceased, and from whom were drawn the guard of honour and firing party, consisting of Messrs. Ben O'Sullivan, James Doody, Wm. Walsh, C. McCarthy, P. Duggan and J. Kelly, under Brigade Adj. J. Collins, Abbeyfeale. Sections of Castletown and Bruree Groups, L.D.F., also formed a guard of honour at the church gates. Adare District Staff, L.D.F., were represented by Assistant District Leader J. Watson and District I.O. D. Clifford. The coffin, draped in the tri-colour, was borne some distance outside the village on the shoulders of Old I.R.A. and L.D.F. men, the funeral procession being preceded by the firing party with arms reversed. Immediately behind the coffin marched a body of Old I.R.A. comrades, followed by the L.D.F. and L.S.F. The general attendance, representative of all sections of the community, was extremely large.

The prayers at the graveside were read by Rev. R. Dunworth, P.P., Cappa, cousin of deceased, assisted by Rev. D. Kelly, P.P., Bruree; Rev. Father O'Donnell, C.C., do.; Rev. P. McNamara, P.P., Ballyagran, and Rev. P. Murphy, C.C., Colmanswell.

The firing of three volleys over the grave signalled the entry of yet another honoured name on the roll of honour of the fighting West Limerick Brigade. Beannacht Le le'na h-anam.

MRS. MARY WHITE, COOLE EAST.

The death of Mrs. Mary White, widow of the late Mr. Timothy White, Coole East, Atha, County Limerick, took place on the 20th inst. at her residence. She was mother of Rev. Father James White, C.S.Sp., Kimmage, Dublin; of Sister John Philomena, Convent of the Holy Ghost, Abbergeavenny, Wales; of Mr. Patrick White, Coole East, Atha, and of Mrs. Patrick O'Shaughnessy, Jointer, Loughill. She was sister of Mr. James Barrett, Carrucragh, Kilmorna, and mother-in-law of Mr. Patrick O'Shaughnessy, Co.C., Jointer, Loughill. To all these deepest sympathy is offered in their bereavement.

The children, brother and relatives of the late Mrs. White wish to return thanks to all who sympathised with them by attending the funeral or sending wires, letters and Mass cards.

GARDENING

Wall And Other Fruits

There is a great scarcity of plums, pears, cherries, peaches, nectarines in this country. will all fruit abundantly grown on walls with a southern, westerly or south-easterly aspect. When one realises this, and they are quite easy to manage, there are so many ugly walls in the country which would be covered with something, wa farm buildings, gable end houses, high and low walls a gardens, it is surprising that of these fruits are not grown. the walls with a northern aspect are quite useful for the grow Morello cherries, and in the low walls they could be covered with cordon gooseberries, white currants.

The present is an excellent time to plant and every house should set to work at once, every wall in the country covered with fruit trees.

WALL FRUIT PRUNING

The pruning of all fruit trees first spring after planting should be severe, the idea being to get a balance between the broken system and the top. This is equally true of fruit trees trained against a wall whether the cordons, double or treble cordon, espallier or fair shaped tree "leaders," i.e., the tops of the branches, are cut severely back to three buds of their current growth. All side shoots, unwanted crossing, broken diseased branches, are cut altogether.

FAN-TRAINED TREE

All the "stone" fruits, i.e., cherries, peaches, apricots, are trained in the shape of a fan grown against walls. The two reasons for this; (1) "stone" fruits are not over vigorous training the branches ensures an equal distribution of sap from the roots, and branches of the "stone" fruit liable to die out at any time is quite a simple matter to gap by untying the other branches and redistributing them evenly over the wall space.

"Stone" fruits are generally planted 18 feet apart against the wall at this spacing. They are generally three or four old when purchased from nursery and are already trained. The only pruning fore, during the first spring, hard cutting back of the "leaders" as mentioned above, after branches have been spaced and tied to the wall. Remember the trees about two inches from the wall and make the ties strong enough to prevent choking branches as they swell.

During the following summer "leaders" will grow away and many side shoots develop the "leaders" tied in to prevent breakage, and cut shoots back to six leaves bases during July or August a few of these side shoots especially those that can be tied into the wall to form leaders. These will be each year to fill the spaces between the original as they expand or grow away one another on the wall. the following and ever winter cut back the severely or lightly according their vigour; the strong should be cut back a third medium growths about half the weak ones should be cut thirds of their summer growth away. All breast wood shoots that have been allowed back in July or August to six leaves of their base should be winter pruned to three buds bases if the shoots sprout a branch. If, however, the from a spur, i.e., a side shoot has been cut back in previous year, it is now forming