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THE VALUE OF SILAGE

A highly interesting and most practical lecture on the production of silage and other forage crops was given by Mr. T. J. O'Brien, Lisnalty, Limerick, to a large audience at the Shanagolden Technical School.

THE LECTURE

Feeding of livestock in winter, said the lecturer, is a major problem. Grassland properly grazed and maintained in a productive state will provide the solution of most of the stockfeeding problems in the growing season.

PRINCIPLES OF SILAGE MAKING

The process is one of fermentation; the whole art of making good silage depends on controlling fermentation within fairly narrow limits. This is how the process works: When a green crop is packed into a silo the cells of the plants are still alive and hence, respiration takes place.

TEMPERATURE CONTROLS

There are three factors: (1) The dryness of the crop. (2) The amount of treading in silo. (3) The rate of filling. At high temperatures, for example, over 120 degrees F., no undesirable fermentation is likely to take place, and his temperature produces a sweet, dark brown type of silage which is suitable to stock, but has low nutritive value.

THERMOMETER RECOMMENDED

The use of a thermometer in silage making is strongly recommended, for without it one is working in the dark to a great extent. Accurate temperature checking, is an easy matter to decide whether the silage has heated sufficiently or not.

THE MOLASSES METHOD

Young crops cut before flowering are rich in protein, but low in carbohydrate. By the addition of molasses this deficiency is made good. The formation of lactic acid is ended.

FELL OFF PLANK

Wrists Fractured

CHARWOMAN'S CLAIM

Before Judge Barra O'Brien, S.C., at Limerick Circuit Court on Wednesday, Annie Fitzgibbon, 24 Columbkille Street, Island Field, Limerick, claimed compensation for partial incapacity, against Michael Harrold, Barrington Street. The incapacity alleged was the result of an accident on October 23rd last, when Mrs. Fitzgibbon fell off a plank, while employed as a charwoman by the respondent, breaking both wrists.

Mr. Sean Kenny, B.L. (instructed by Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solr.), appeared for the applicant, and Mr. W. F. Roche, B.L. (instructed by Mr. D. G. O'Donovan, solr.), appeared for the respondent. Annie Fitzgibbon, the applicant, said she worked as a charwoman for the respondent. While cleaning windows, she fell off a plank, on October 23rd, 1945, and broke both wrists. She was paid full compensation between the time of the accident and May last. She was still unable to do the duties of a charwoman but was able to do light housework. At the time of the accident she was earning about £1 a week. She had applied for light housework but was unable to get any.

In cross-examination, witness said she had not applied for either Health Insurance or dole. She had not been offered work since the accident. Dr. Francis Crowe said he examined the applicant after the accident and found her wrists fractured. He treated her until May 27th last, when he found there was still slight lateral displacement of the wrists. He thought she would still have some difficulty in doing the duties of a charwoman, but that total incapacity ended six months after the accident.

His Lordship said he was satisfied, without hearing the respondent's case, that total incapacity ceased on May 27th, 1946. As from that date the incapacity, if any, was partial, and in order to make an award on that basis, the applicant must prove what her post-accident average earnings were. This had not been done and the only order he would make was to have the application dismissed, because payment in respect of total incapacity had been paid up to May 27th last.

DEATH OF MR. EGGLESTON, ABBEYFEALE

Not for many years (writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent) has any death been so keenly regretted as that of Mr. Edward Eggleston, general draper, of Main Street, Abbeyfeale, which occurred at his residence on Friday evening of last week. Only a few hours previously he had been attending a funeral to St. Mary's Church, and on his return had a seizure, which proved fatal, after three hours, despite all that Dr. Ed. Harnett, Dr. Wm. O'Connor and Dr. G. O'Mahony could do. Rev. J. Liston, C.C., was in attendance to the end. His death at 45, in the prime of life, came as a great shock to all who knew him. There was an immense attendance of people from Limerick, Kerry and Cork at the removal of the remains to the Parish Church, and on Sunday at the interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, where the prayers at the graveside were said by the Rev. J. Halpin, C.C.; Rev. J. Liston, C.C., and Rev. Father Enright, C.C., Ardret.

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METHOD OF FILLING SILO.

The method of filling the silo, went on Mr. O'Brien, was very important. The amount that could be conveniently handled each day should be gauged, and only that much cut. Cutting should be done preferably in the early part of the day, as sun drying had a bad effect on the resulting product. The centre of the heap should always be kept higher than the sides, and each forkful should be spread out evenly and tramped well.

Mr. O'Brien advocated the use of sown crops for silage making in preference to grass because they gave a much better yield. On his own farm a sown crop consisting of oats, vetches, field peas and Italian ryegrass yielded 25 tons per statute acre. A mixture of 1½ cwt. of rye, vetches and Italian ryegrass also gave excellent results. The crop is sown in September or early October, and the rye may be cut and fed green from April onwards. A second crop in June will make excellent silage or it may be made into hay.

FEEDING OF SILAGE.

Dealing with the feeding of silage, the lecturer said that the key to success was to start with small amounts and to increase gradually. The amount fed to mature cattle may be as high as 70 lb. per day, this amount substituting all other foods, such as hay, roots or meals. He had long experience of feeding silage to dairy cattle in particular, and he attributes the fact that his average yield had increased from 470 gallons in 1934 to 670 gallons in 1945, largely to the use of silage.

VOTE OF THANKS.

In proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. O'Brien for his very interesting and practical lecture, Mr. O'Connor mentioned their former associations with the lecturer, and each time proved more conclusively that Mr. O'Brien was a practical man, who was good enough to come along to Shanagolden, and to give them in a concise and lucid manner the results of his years of experience of practical farming. Any scheme for the furtherance of agriculture could not be a success without men such as he, who had the courage and initiative to try out new methods and to turn them not alone to his own benefit, but to the benefit of the whole country. The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. Thomas Houlihan. Mr. J. J. O'Carroll, R.Sc.O., and Mr. Eamon O'Connell, B.Agr.Sc., also spoke, and in their opinion Mr. O'Brien's lecture was so important and so practical that it should be published in full, so as to give those who were not present at the meeting an opportunity of studying the facts which the lecturer put before them that night.

BUTTER AND MARGARINE RATIONING ORDERS. NOTICE TO RETAIL AND WHOLESALE TRADERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Minister for Industry and Commerce has made an Order entitled Emergency Powers (Distribution of Butter) Order, 1944 (Exchange Value of Butter Coupons) Order, 1947. The effect of this Order is to reduce the domestic ration of creamery butter from 6 ozs. to 4 ozs. per week as from and including the ration week commencing 1st February, 1947.

The Order also provides that where in the ration week commencing the 25th January, 1947, a registered domestic consumer, when purchasing his ration for that week elects to purchase in advance the ration for the next following week, not more than a total of 10 ozs. may be supplied by the shopkeeper in respect of the two weeks.

Copies of the Order will be on sale shortly, and may be obtained from the Government Publications Sale Office, 3/4 College Street, Dublin, or through any bookseller. New permits are being issued to licensed butter wholesalers and retailers authorising them to purchase from their suppliers quantities of butter to meet the requirements of their customers during the 13 weeks 1st February, 1947, to 2nd May, 1947. Traders should take delivery of the butter in such manner that the quantity of butter purchased in any of the months, February, March or April, does not exceed 1/3 of the face value of the permits. Similar conditions apply in the case of catering establishments, hospitals, institutions and other permit holders.

Creameries should also ensure that in these three months not more than the quantity of butter specified above should be delivered against the permits presented by their customers. Retailers are advised to make a note of the changes in the Sections dealing with butter in the Rationing and Price Control Handbook issued by the Department of Industry and Commerce.

MARGARINE.

Notice is also given that it has been found possible to resume the production of margarine, which will be available to the public as from and including the week commencing the 1st February, 1947.

All licensed butter retailers (except creameries) will be entitled to sell margarine and they may supply a weekly ration of two ounces of margarine to domestic consumers, who have lodged page 29 (letter H) of their ration book with them. This page has now been made applicable to margarine by an Order made by the Minister, Page 26 (letter E), hitherto applicable to this commodity, is no longer valid, and traders holding these pages SHOULD RETURN THEM to the Department of Industry and Commerce, Ballsbridge, Dublin. A weekly ration of 2 ounces of margarine may be sold to the holder of a Food Ration Card or in exchange for a margarine coupon from a Special Ration Book.

All licensed butter wholesalers (except creameries) and all merchants who were granted Special Margarine Wholesalers' permits may accept orders for margarine from licensed butter retailers. Retailers may obtain supplies of margarine for registered customers on the basis of certificates already lodged with their suppliers, and wholesalers may obtain supplies on the basis of certificates already lodged with their suppliers.

Wholesalers may obtain extra supplies by lodging Wholesalers' Supplementary Certificates with their suppliers. Supplementary Certificates may be obtained on application to the Department of Industry and Commerce, Kildare Street, Dublin.

Licensed butter retailers and licensed butter wholesalers who have not previously sold margarine should apply to the Department of Industry and Commerce for the prescribed form, on which application may be made to their suppliers to obtain supplies of margarine to meet the requirements of their customers. The applications when completed should be lodged with their suppliers not later than the 25th January, 1947, in the case of wholesalers.

JOHN LEYDON, Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce, Kildare Street, Dublin, 17th January, 1947. (25c)

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Notice is also given that, due to an improvement in supplies of essential raw materials, it has been found possible to resume the production of margarine, which will be available to the public as from and including the ration week commencing the 1st February, 1947. There will be no change in the original weekly ration of two ounces, and domestic consumers who wish to obtain an allowance of margarine must now lodge with a licensed butter retailer page 29 of their ration books (containing coupons bearing letter H). This page, which has been made applicable to margarine by an Order made by the Minister, is purely a registration document. The coupons thereon are not applicable to any particular week, and should not, therefore, be detached. Margarine will not be available for institutions or catering establishments, nor can any be provided for manufacturing purposes.

JOHN LEYDON, Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce, 17th January, 1947. (25c)

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We ask all subscribers, the parents of Emly parish, the many friends of the late Mr. Loftus in Counties Tipperary and Limerick, his colleagues, and in particular his past pupils, to accept the sincere thanks of the Committee for their so generous, whole-hearted support that has made our Testimonial a magnificent success.

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OBITUARY

MR. J. FLANNERY, ARDATAGLE.

It is with very sincere regret that we chronicle the death of Mr. James Flannery, Ardatagle, O'Brien's Bridge, Co. Clare, which took place at his residence on Tuesday, 14th inst. The deceased had reached an advanced age, and his passing away is deeply regretted by a large circle of friends in Clare, Limerick and Tipperary, with which he had business dealings for over half a century. He was fortified by the rites of the Holy Catholic Church, being attended by Rev. Fr. Casey, C.C., and Rev. Fr. Clune, C.C., Killaloe. The late Mr. Flannery was possessed of many fine qualities of head and heart, and was deservedly popular amongst all classes. He was father of Rev. Bro. P. V. Flannery, Seattle, uncle of Rev. Fr. P. Foley, Australia; Rev. Fr. W. Dowds, Africa; Sr. Marie Pauline, England; Sr. M. Genevieve, Co. Mayo; Sr. Dymna, Freshford, and brother-in-law of Sr. Mary Gabriel, England. To his wife and family we extend our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

The remains were removed to Bridgetown Church on Wednesday evening, 15th, the cortege being of very large proportion. The Rosary was recited by Rev. Fr. E. J. White, C.C., Castleconnell. Requiem High Mass was celebrated on Thursday by Rev. Fr. Clune, C.C., assisted by Very Rev. Canon Molloy, P.P., Killaloe, and Very Rev. Dr. Clune, P.P., Broadford, who also assisted at the funeral, which took place immediately after Mass.

The chief mourners were:—Mrs. M. A. Flannery (wife); Matt (brother); Michael, Matthew (and John) (sons); Mrs. McMahon, Blackwater (daughter); D. Sheehy (brother-in-law); Patrick McMahon (son-in-law); Mrs. Matt Flannery (daughter-in-law); James and Tod Foley; James Sheehy (nephews); Teresa Foley, Nora Sheehy, Mrs. Moroney (nieces); Jack and Mary Ann Flannery, Ballycullen; N. Donnellon, P. Duggan, Kilkishen; Mrs. K. and Charlie Mulbrandon, Batt and Tommy Frewen, Castleconnell (cousins); Michael and Mrs. McMahon; Sonnie and Mrs. McMahon, Dromin; John and Mrs. McMahon, Ballyhohagan; John and Jim McMahon, Annie Savage, Jimmie Shanahan, Broadford; Michael and Mrs. Hickey, Joe Hannon, Co. Limerick; P. and Mrs. Halloran, O'Callaghan's Mills; Mrs. Liddane, Kilkishen; Mrs. J. Minogue, Pa and Mrs. McMahon, Mt. T. McMahon, Limerick; Tessey and Nickie Mulligan, Dundalk; Mrs. and Pa Bourke, Mrs. Kitty and Mazo Meahan, Newmarket; Mrs. E. Frewen and Mrs. Charlie Mulbrandon, Castleconnell (relatives).

Telegrams and messages of sympathy were received from Rev. Bro. P. V. Flannery, Seattle; Rev. Bro. P. Ryan, Adara; Eva and Ted Joe Foley, Dublin; Mulligan family, Dundalk; John and Babe Foley, Clounan; Martin Minahan, Silvermines; Mrs. M. White, Limerick; May O'Donovan, Ardataglesha; J. J. and G. Droeg, Blackwater Nurseries.

Mass cards were received from the following:—Masses—From his loving wife; his fond brother, Matt; his fond daughter and son-in-law, Paddy and Margaret McMahon, Novenas—His loving sons, Mick, Mattie and John Joe; his daughter-in-law, Kathleen; grand-children, Maevie and Jean; Mulligan family, Dundalk; Tim and Sal Foley, English; Flannery family, Ballycullen; Mrs. White, Limerick; O'Connell family, Fahey; Quilligan family, Cappakee; Clancy family, Ardatagle; John McMahon, High St., Limerick; Jack and Katty Ryan, Ballyveavin; Mick and Nora Hickey, Inch St. Lawrence, Co. Limerick; Minihan family, Mowagles; Ryan family, Lackateigh; O'Rahilly family, Bridgetown; Kate and Peter Murphy, Dundalk; Ed. and Mrs. Pearce, Lansdowne; Ena, Ted and Joe Foley, Dublin; Minihan family, Killearead; Meehan family, Newmarket; O'Halloran family, O'Callaghan's Mills; Cell Cooney, Bridgetown; McMahon family, Dromin; Garvey family, Firhill; Burke family, Newmarket; Sheehy family, Scariff; McMahon family, Ballyhohagan; John and Mary Minogue, Tulla; Dermot and Mrs. Sheridan, Blackwater.

FUNERAL OF MR. J. H. ROCHE

With very sincere regret we announce the death of one of our oldest and most respected citizens in the person of Mr. James H. Roche, who died on the 17th Jan., at his residence, Roche Villa, Rosbrien, Limerick, at the grand old age of 91 years. The deceased gentleman took an active part in the various charitable institutions in the city, being a governor of St. John's and Barrington's Hospitals. In his earlier years he took an active part in the commercial life of the city, was High Sheriff for over three years, and Harbour Commissioner for more than thirty years. His passing was deeply regretted by his fellow citizens, whose sympathy was amply testified by the great numbers of his fellow citizens and friends from surrounding counties by their presence at his funeral, which took place on Sunday, 19th January, from St. Michael's Church to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

The chief mourners were:—Michael A. Roche, Patrick F. Roche, Dr. William J. Roche (sons); Mrs. Frances Coyle, Mrs. M. J. O'Connor (daughters); James Roche (Nagle, V.S.); Dr. Michael O'Connor, James O'Connor, Jack O'Connor, Paddy O'Connor, Mary O'Connor, James Roche, Richard Roche, Niall Roche (grand-children); Mrs. M. A. Roche, Mrs. P. F. Roche, Mrs. W. J. Roche (daughters-in-law); Michael J. O'Connor, James J. Nagle (sons-in-law); Rev. P. Kelly, U.S.A.; T. Roche, W. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Neill, Killefleck (nephews and nieces); Miss O'Neill (grand niece). The officiating clergy were:—Very Rev. J. White, Adm. St. Michael's; Rev. M. Minihan, C.C., do; Rev. R. O'Sullivan, C.C., do; Rev. D. O'Dea, C.C., do; Rev. M. O'Donnell, C.C., do; Very Rev. W. P. Costello, O.P., Prior; Rev. Fr. Carthage, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr. Clear, O.F.M.; Rev. J. McDonnell, C.S.S.R.; Rev. C. Mangin, C.S.S.R.; Rev. P. Myers, C.S.S.R.; Very Rev. R. F. Roche, S.J., Rector; Rev. J. Barragry, S.J.; Rev. B. Bates, S.J.; Rev. Fr. Collins, O.B.; Rev. R. Donworth, P.P. (relative); Very Rev. Canon Wallace, P.P., Kildimo; Rev. Paul O'Shea, C.C., Ballina; Rev. P. Quaid, Adm., Ennisceorthy. It would be utterly impossible to give a list of the general public.