

OBITUARY

MRS. M. CARROLL CLOUGH
The death took place on Monday, February 24th, at her residence, Clough, Rathkeale, of Mrs. M. Carroll, widow of the late Michael Carroll. Deceased and her husband were industrious members of the farming community, highly esteemed and respected, and her death is deeply regretted by a large circle of relatives and friends.

MR. MICHAEL J. FITZGERALD
With much regret we announce the death of Mr. Michael J. Fitzgerald, who passed away at his residence, Clonoughter, Glin, after a brief illness. The deceased, who was an extensive farmer, was a member of a highly esteemed and widely respected West Limerick family.

MR. JOHN W. HEWSON, COURT BROWN, ASKEATON
The death took place on the 12th ulto, at the County Infirmary, Limerick, of John W. Hewson, after a brief illness, at a comparatively early age. Deceased was an extensive farmer and cattle dealer, and well known throughout Limerick and North Kerry.

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HUNTING

CO. LIMERICK FOXHOUNDS
The County Limerick Hounds will meet at 11.15 each day, as under: Monday, Mar. 10th... Mount Earl Bridge

SCAFFEEN HUNT (The Black and Tans) will meet as under: Tuesday, Mar. 11th... Hospital Friday, Mar. 14th... Derk Gate Tuesday, Mar. 18th... Limerick Junction

CO. CLARE HOUNDS
The Co. Clare Hounds will meet as under: Monday, Mar. 10th... Tiermaclane Thursday, Mar. 13th... Spencilhill St. Patrick's Day, Newmarket-on-Fergus

STONEHALL HARRIERS
Drew's Cross... Fri., Mar. 14th Toomdeely... Mon., March 17th Hour: 12 o'clock

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OUR NATIONAL PASTIMES

Hurling And Football Entries THE 1947 CHAMPIONSHIPS

(NOTES BY "CRAOBH RUADH")

With the annual crop of applications for transfer, regrading and reinstatement, the agenda at the County Board meeting, on Saturday last, was an unusually heavy one. There were no startling surprises, although some minor shocks were recorded, as well-known inter-county players sought to revert to junior ranks; while the failure of Granagh-Ballygarry and Ballyhahill to affiliate senior teams for the coming season was entirely unexpected.

Granagh-Ballygarry Leave Senior Ranks
While Granagh-Ballygarry's defection from the hurling competition was rumoured for some time back, it was understood that difficulties had been smoothed over, and that they would again field out in the premier grade. One of the most promising teams to win promotion in recent years, Granagh-Ballygarry made the welkin ring in their first season by battling their way straight to the county final.

Better things were expected from Granagh-Ballygarry in their second year, but somehow they never lived up to promise. Last season they were rather lucky to beat Treaty-Sarsfields in the opening round. They were defeated in an all-weather semi-final by a three-goal margin by Rathkeale, who afterwards put up such a poor show in the county final.

Ballyhahill's Withdrawal A "Shock"
And what can be said of Granagh-Ballygarry in this respect can be still more truly applied to Ballyhahill, whose failure to enter for the 1947 senior football championship, caused the biggest shock at last Saturday's meeting. Unlucky side of the '46 competition, they only went under to Abbeyfeale by a narrow margin, after one of the best games seen for many a year.

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GARDENING

Weatherbound

As I write this article I am looking out the window on an icy snow-covered garden and the wind is howling from the north-east. The ground is frozen, the trees and shrubs are rusty looking and everything appears black.

It is no day for man or beast in the open and there is no incentive to do any work in the garden, even if one could stand the cold. During March it is usual to get an odd day like this, but when weather similar to the above goes on day after day for months on end and this is following a bad summer and a wet winter, it is enough to give anyone the "blues," especially anyone dealing with land cultivation, and put them off such work for good.

It is too soon yet to say how much damage the bad weather has caused to garden crops but I venture to say there are a great many plants of all kinds killed. We have been so used to mild winters in this country that we had begun to imagine that most of the usual plants we leave in the ground all the year round are perfectly hardy. As a matter of fact much of them are not, and we will learn this to our cost as soon as spring comes to show how many gaps are in our flower borders, shrubberies, and even in our glass-houses and sleds, where we fondly imagined that Jack Frost couldn't penetrate.

We can't say that we haven't been warned. Time and time again it has been written by professional gardeners, that Dahlia roots should be stored dry in a frost proof place, that outdoor Chrysanthemum roots should be grown in a frame during the winter, that certain subjects in the herbaceous border should have crown protection during winter in the form of a dry mulch of leaves, ashes or turfmould, that Escallonia, Veronicas, Griselinia, Fuschia, etc., are only half hardy and should not be used for permanent hedge making except, perhaps, near the sea. We have been told not to transplant as a rule in December or January, but we have broken all these rules, and often got away with it, on account of the mild winters, and had our laugh at the professionals. Now it will be their turn to laugh, for there will be many a Dahlia and Chrysanthemum root left out in the open this winter that will send up their shoots no more. There will be many a once neat Griselinia hedge that will be gappy and ugly from this on, and there will be many a December and January transplant that will never recover the shift, for although a plant that has its roots established in the ground may be hardy enough to stand a cold winter, the same plant will not always come through such weather if its root system has been disturbed during a bad period of the year.

INDOOR WORK
March is usually a busy month in the garden. After a normal winter, the ground is prepared, and seed sowing commences in early March with the sowing of onions, parsnips, broadbeans, peas and the planting of shallots and the first cabbages.

Where one can produce heat under glass either by means of hot water pipes or hot-beds, a start should now be made with the sowing of half-hardy and other plants. Antirrhinum, Lobelia and Sweet Peas should have been sown in January or February, but it is not yet too late to sow these for a late show of bloom.

Other flowering plants to sow now in boxes are—Nemesia, Larkspur, Asters, Tagetes or Dwarf French Marigold, White Alyssum, Ten Week Stocks, Viscaria, Scarlet Flax, Petunias, Salvia Splendens, Phlox Drummondii, etc.

Begonia corms and Dahlia tubers should be started into growth. They should be placed on turfmould or leafmould in boxes and nearly covered but not quite with the material. The boxes should be placed over a hot-bed or in a heated glasshouse and the plants kept damped with tepid water every day.

As soon as the shoots of the dahlias are 2 ins. long, they should be cut away from the old plant, each with a small piece of the tubers attached if possible. These cuttings should be inserted 2 ins. apart in boxes of sandy compost, and left in a heated house or frame to root.

Begonia tubers should be started into growth in the same manner, and they can be increased (propagated) in a similar manner to the dahlias, except that the cuttings (young shoots) need be only half an inch to 1 inch long at the time of propagating. By the way, it is not a good practice to cut begonia corms. If it is necessary to do so, they should not be cut until the buds are showing well.

TOMATOES
The main crop tomatoes for cold glasshouses should be sown in heat at once. Velinoid and Single Cross are the varieties which are immune to "mildew." The seed of the former is easy to obtain, but it is not a very heavy cropper and the fruits are inclined to be big and ill-shaped. The seeds of Single Cross are not easy to obtain yet, but plants are available from certain nurseries in this country. It is, I believe, a good cropper, and a well shaped tomato.

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WEST LIMERICK FAMILIES SNOWBOUND
Newcastle West and district had a return visit of the recent blizzard on Tuesday evening, when the town and countryside were again covered to a depth of several inches, as the result of a snowfall which fell from an early hour in the evening (writes our Newcastle West correspondent). Conditions in Roosagh and Carrickerry, to the west of the town, were described as exceptionally severe during the week, as in this hilly area numerous families have been virtually snowbound for nearly a month. Now that the snow has again returned it is feared that the position in this area will be extremely difficult before the end of the present week. In fact by Tuesday night most of the roads leading into the town itself were becoming almost impassable to motor and other traffic.

AGRICULTURAL LECTURES
The first of a course of lectures on farming topics—laying down land to grass, care of pastures and meadows, and care of management of stock—was given by Mr. M. J. O'Leary, A.R.C.Sc.I., Agricultural Instructor for Co. Limerick, in the Village Hall, Adare, on the 24th of February. It was followed with keen interest by a large and appreciative audience. The date of the next lecture will be duly announced.

BRUFF O.A.P.
At a meeting of the Bruff Old Age Pensioners sub-committee held during last week, Mr. D. McDonald, P.C., presiding, five claims were presented for consideration by the Committee. All claims were passed for the maximum allowance of 10/- per week each.

this eleventh hour they will muster their forces and make another effort in the premier grade. Surely West Limerick with their record number of junior clubs should be able to field more than two senior football sides. Perhaps, too, Granagh-Ballygarry may re-consider their decision and not leave a clear Western field to Croom and Rathkeale.

Another name that will be missed from this year's senior hurling draw will be that of Fedamore, a club with forty years unbroken service to hurling behind them. Fedamore took their first senior title in 1912 and it is interesting to note that the previous title holders had been Ballygarry. The side met at the Markets Field and after one of the fiercest and hardest struggles ever waged between two hurling teams Fedamore took the verdict by a narrow margin.

They took their second title in 1927, but in the years between they played a prominent part in Shannon-side hurling. We still hear of the wonderful games they played with teams such as Cloughaun, Young Irelands, Croom and Newmarket West, to mention but a few. Always capable of supplying a few outstanding hurlers to the county team, many great players from this stronghold figured on the selections from the days of Egan Clancy down to peerless Paddy Clohesy. Fedamore's colours will be missed from the 1947 senior hurling arena, but with such a tradition behind them their absence cannot be but of short duration.

Granagh-Ballygarry and Fedamore go out but their places are filled by Young Irelands and South Liberties, and so the number of senior hurling teams in the county remain the same as in 1946. In addition to those above others to participate will be Ahane, St. Patrick's, Croom, Rathkeale, Treaty-Sarsfields and Mungret.

Ten teams in all have entered for the football competition and half the number are located in the city. With five representatives city prospects of retaining the title in this grade look very bright, indeed. The entries are: Abbeyfeale, Ballysteane, Knockane, Galtee Rovers, Ahane, Treaty-Sarsfields, Cloughaun, Army, C.I.E. and St. Patrick's.

Ahane has raised an objection to the transfers of Johnny Power, Tom Conway, Sean and Mick Herbert to C.I.E., and the matter will not finally be decided until the Board meets again on Saturday. At this meeting the 1947 draws will be also made.

Many applications for re-grading were dealt with on Saturday last, and while a number were granted the Chairman, Rev. Father Punch, stood firm by his decision not to re-grade payers of inter-county standard. Prominent players refused were: T. Larkin (Rathkeale) and Eddie McCarthy (Abbeyfeale), Munster Convention.

The Munster Convention will be held at Rineanna on Sunday next. Games in the southern province were never in such a flourishing condition and the convention will review another satisfactory year. Should Canon Hamilton stand by his decision not to go forward again for the Council Chairmanship, there is every likelihood of a close contest for the position. Three nominations have already been put forward—Henry O'Mahony (Cork), V. O'Donoghue (Waterford) and the outgoing vice-chairman, T. Malone (Tipperary). John Joe Sheehy (Kerry) has been nominated for the vice-chairmanship and also for president of the Central Council.

ESTEEMED BRUFF LADY'S DEATH
The death of Mrs. Mary Sheehan of Main Street, Bruff, which occurred recently, removes one of the town's most esteemed inhabitants. Widow of the late Mr. B. Sheehan, she was a member of one of the oldest Bruff families, long connected with the business life of the town where the family carries on a lucrative business in general grocery. A lady of unassuming character, she was a devout Catholic, and had the consolation of passing away fortified by the last rites of the Church. She was mother of Rev. Brother Felix, Laurence, of De La Salle Order, at present at home from HongKong, and of Sister Joseph of the De La Salle Order, Worcester, England. She was also mother of Misses Marie and Renee Sheehan, of Bruff, and of Mrs. McNally, U.S.A.

Following Requiem Mass as SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bruff, the funeral took place to the family burial ground at Grange, where a large and representative congregation, testifying to the popularity of the deceased lady, attended for the interment. The attendance included the members of De La Salle Order in Bruff and Hospital.

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