

invited to attend the respective meetings.

he thought it would be to expend thousands of on new works.

Manager said if the expectations of the Gas Engineer did not advise the larger plant would be necessary.

Burke said the present gas was an old wreck. He was of the Gas Engineer was on the right lines.

Reidy said he felt the Council progressing on common lines. Before the Council commit itself to the more expensive gas plant the position be reviewed at the end of the year. The existing gas plant is standing by the grace of and he agreed with the Engineer's proposal.

Cusack proposed, and Mr. Ryan seconded that the Engineer's report be adopted.

The proposition was declared unanimously.

REPORT OF COST OUT OF REVENUE.

Mayor said that the only thing he did not like about the Engineer's plan was the recommendation that part of the cost be met from revenue. That meant the consumers would have to pay more.

Engineer—I don't agree that there will be any extra charge on the consumers because, in my opinion, the extra consumption of gas would be sufficient to meet the sum involved without increasing the cost of the gas to the consumers.

Mayor—I'm very glad to hear

at the meeting concluded the Mayor said he would place before the Council at a later date regarding methods of repaying the loans necessary for carrying out of reconstruction and improvements estimated to cost

LETTERS SAD AND GLAD

"TIPPERARY TIM" TO "SULCOIT":—

Tell your secret to a friend, and hope that he will hold it; for how can you on him depend, when even you have told it.

"SULCOIT" TO "TIPPERARY TIM":—

Secrets of sorrow we ever divide with others who help us to bear them, but life's hidden joys are at once multiplied with friends, in our gladness to share them.

Secrets of science unlocked their store, but crude were our every day notions; for age in its knowledge adds more unto more, and corals raise isles in the sea.

Wisdom still lingers, while science speeds on, and pacing what's Christian and kindly;

heedless of lessons God taught through His Son, he has led to his ruin so kindly.

—"SULCOIT."

REPORT FOR ABBEYFEALE

On Sunday night (writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent) there was a large attendance at the Hall, when the members of the Abbeyfeale Amateur Dramatic Society produced "The Whip" in addition to arranging a variety entertainment of songs and dancing. All the members deserved the hearty appreciation they throughout the evening. Rev. O'Sullivan, C.C., thanked the members for their liberal patronage.

MILK YIELDS

FORMER TIMES AND NOW

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")
Dear Sir—I notice in your issue of the 28th February a report of cow-testing at Athea.

426 recorded cows gave approximately an average of 410 gallons of milk, containing approximately 150 pounds of butter to each cow. The five best cows averaged about 510 gallons, containing an average of about 292 pounds of butter per cow. The best individual cow gave about 530 gallons, containing 320 pounds of butter.

In the days when butter was home-made and sold in 84 pound firkins about one-fourth of the total butter remained in the hand-skimmed milk, still the average cow in the Athea District was regarded as yielding two and a half firkins of butter, that is, about 210 pounds in the lactation period, not to speak of about one-third of 2½ firkins, which remained to enrich the skim. The cow that gave 2½ firkins, or 210 pounds, really gave about 250 pounds of butter. Therefore, if old-time reputed averages were anything like accurate the general average cow was capable of manufacturing almost as much butter as the average of the five best of to-day. If in one case hereinafter referred to a bawn of cows at least one year averaged 2½ firkins, or 210 pounds, and we add to that figure 77 pounds of butter remaining in the skim, the average cow in that particular case was capable of producing 308 pounds of butter in the lactation period, and was only 12 pounds below the best individual cow of to-day.

If the reputed average of 2½ firkins by hand-skimming methods was correct there has been a very remarkable falling off on the part of present day cows.

However, I know one experienced person who holds that the supposed figure of 2½ firkins was not a reality. I also knew a practical farmer who referred to the 2½ firkin figure as a former reality not attainable later. But he did not give any reason for the falling off. I understood from other people who engaged in hand-skimming and home butter making that they expected an average of two and a half firkins, but were well accustomed to be back to about two and a quarter firkins but at the same time averaged about two and three-quarter firkins per cow at least one year.

If the average of two and a half firkins was not a reality it would be difficult to understand how some farmers in the locality were so well off when the price per firkin did not much exceed the neighbourhood of fifty shillings, and butter was the main farm produce.

T. WOLFE.

Bruff, 16/3/48.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Much progress has been made in South Limerick during the past week in the carrying out of improvements to roads and footpaths by County Council workers (writes our Bruff correspondent). A work of much importance is proceeding in the Bruff-Kilmallock road, namely, the widening of this important main road. The work is very much welcomed on this road, which carries much traffic; and widening process, which has made good progress, will increase the width of the road some six feet by steamrolling into the fences. Work is proceeding in the laying of concrete paths by the side of Bruff Catholic Church.

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DEATH OF WEST LIMERICK NUN

The death, which took place at Mount St. Vincent, Limerick, of Sister Evangelist Kenneally, of the Sisters of Mercy Order, is very much regretted in her native parish (writes our Ballygarry correspondent). Born at Derracloough, Ballygarry, she would have celebrated her Golden Jubilee next May, but her Divine Master willed otherwise. She was attached to the Convent of Mercy, Rathkeale, for a short time, and was for a number of years attached to the Convent of St. Camillus, Limerick.

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