

OBITUARY

MRS. MARY M. MURPHY, BALLAUGH, ABBEYFEALE.

The death of Mrs. Mary Michael Murphy, of Ballaugh, Abbeyfeale, which occurred after a short illness at the age of 78, is much regretted amongst numerous friends and relatives in West Limerick. Mother of the Rev. Michael Murphy, M.H.F., Africa, and relict of the late Michael Murphy, rate collector, her funeral to Abbeyfeale Parish Church was of very large proportions, and the attendance of the public next day at the interment in St. Mary's Cemetery was equally representative. Many expressions of sympathy were conveyed to the members of the deceased's family, who desire to gratefully acknowledge same.

The prayers at the graveside were read by Very Rev. P. Canon Carroll, P.P. Very Rev. M. Quinn, P.P., Templeglantine; Very Rev. Dr. R. A. Harnett, C.R.S.P., Kilmagee; Rev. J. Halpin, C.C.; Rev. J. Liston, C.C. Chief mourners: Rev. Father Michael Murphy, Africa; Maurice Denis, Richard, Patrick and Eamon Murphy, Kilkenny (sons); Josephine and Margaret Murphy (daughters-in-law); Mrs. Bridget J. Joy Abbeyfeale, and Mrs. Josephine O'Keefe, Meenacavan; Ignatius, Gabriel and Marie Murphy, Kilkenny (grandchildren); Rev. C. Wolfe, C.R.S.P., Africa; Rev. Richard Wolfe, C.R.S.P., Kilmagee; Rev. M. Wolfe, C.R.S.P., do; Josephine Wolfe, Kilmagee; Richard J. Wolfe, Craheen; Jack and Dick O'Keefe, Meenacavan; Frank O'Keefe, Limerick; Sister Ida Wolfe, Monaghan; Sister Agatha Wolfe, Kilmagee; Mrs. James Wolfe, Templeglantine; Mrs. M. Dunne, Ballyhahill; Ellen and Mal Wolfe, Craheen West (nephews and nieces); Catherine R. Wolfe, New Street; Mrs. Bridget Wolfe, Craheen West; Mrs. Pat Murphy, New York (sister-in-law).

Wires and messages of sympathy were received from the following: The Lordship, Rev. Dr. Cragin, D.D., Cameroun; West Africa; Rev. M. Murphy, M.H.F. do; Superior, Mill Hill Fathers, Kilkenny; Rev. C. Wolfe, C.R.S.P., C.R.S.P. and Rev. M. Wolfe, C.R.S.P., Kilmagee; Anthony White, Dublin; Very Rev. Dr. R. A. Harnett, C.R.S.P., Kilmagee; O'Keefe Family, Limerick; Kathleen and Agnes Sheehan, Limerick; Murphy Family, Dublin; T. Leahy, M.P.S., Medical Hall, Scariff; J. P. Normile, Gils; Miss Mary Quille, Dromore; The White Family, Rathkeale; Mrs. Harnett and Family; D. McAuliffe, M.C.; and Feggie McAuliffe, O'Connor, Newswater, West; O'Connor Family, Gortnagras; Athes; John Scanlan and Family; Athes; William Woods and Family, do; Miss Dora O'Sullivan, do; John and Bridget Nolan, Craheen West; Moore Family, Athes; Gortnagras Family, Kilmorna; Dunwool Family, Templeglantine; James Collins, T.D., and Mrs. Collins, Abbeyfeale; Mrs. D. O'Connor and Family, Main Street; Willie and Mal Dunne; Tim and Mary Broderick, Main Street; Mrs. E. Wienn and Family; the Lane Family; Mrs. Maurice Stack and Family; Patsy and Family; Athes; New Street; Moss and Mal Murphy, Post Office; Cotter Family, Craheen; Mrs. T. Leahy and Family, do; Michael and Neil McCarthy, Knocknosa; Michael J. Bridle and Denis Aherne; Michael M. Josie and Tom Aherne; Gortnagras, Athes; Johnnie and Joseph Murphy; Patrick and Family; Richard Curran, P.O., and Mrs. Curran; Margaret Broderick and Family; Mrs. Ellen J. Enright, Ballaugh; Daniel M. Sheehan and Mrs. Sheehan, Post Office, Templeglantine; William J. O'Connor and Family; Clahy; Patrick W. Harnett, Tom; Mary Horgan, do; Denis Colbert, Templeglantine; Michael Sheehan and Family, do; Martin and Mrs. McAuliffe, do; Patrick Dee, Devon Island; Thierney Family, Athes; Lynch Family, do; Tom Dalton and Family; James Dalton and Family; Edward White and Family; James J. White and Family; Mrs. James Wolfe and Family; Clahy; Miss Habs Reddan, Limerick; Miss O'Connor and Mrs. O'Connor; Miss Bridle O'Connor (Mrs. J. Joy Main Street); James Collins and Family; Glangorey; the Barrett Family, Main Street; Cao Dea; Templeglantine; Mrs. Sheehan and Family; Ballaugh; Owen and Mrs. O'Brien, N.T., Athes; Garda Stochana, Abbeyfeale; Manager and Staff, Provincial Bank; Manager and Staff, Munster and Leitner Bank; Catherine Wolfe, M.A., St. Mary's College, Abbeyfeale; Moss Wolfe and Mrs. Wolfe; James Horan; Templeglantine; Maurice J. Wolfe, solicitor.

Mass cards:—Father Michael Murphy; from Denis and Peg; Richard and Patrick; My Fand; Mother; from Fond Son; Moosie; Ned, Josie and Grandchildren; Your Loving Sister, Bridget; Joy and Jimmie; John and Joe; Katty and Children; Nieces and Nephews; Nell, Mal, Kathleen and Dick Wolfe; Joe and Margaret White; Mick and Mary Dunne; Mrs. Bridget Wolfe; Francis and Mrs. O'Keefe and Family; Mrs. Patrick Murphy, New York.

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THE COW AND THE PLOUGH

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VITAL IMPORTANCE OF DAIRY INDUSTRY

"Sulcoit" Returns To The Subject

In the special article given below our brilliant contributor, "Sulcoit," returns to the subject of the Irish dairy industry. Declaring that the cow and the plough should be the basis of our whole economic structure, he shows that dairying and tillage are interdependent and that really successful dairying is impossible without a reasonable area under tillage. The elimination of "pensioners" in the dairy herds and the replacement by cows of high yields can be achieved, he says, "when the vital interests of the dairy farmer cease to be sacrificed to those of the beef barons, interested exporters, and the wishes and whims of Britain." Referring to the purchase here by outsiders of "our best heifers, leaving the weeds behind," he says that "every essential animal that leaves this country without adequate return is a national and irreplaceable loss." He urges that the dual purpose dairy shorthorn is the best type of cow for this country, and marshals telling arguments and evidence in support of this contention. The following is "Sulcoit's" article in full:—

The efforts of the Department of Agriculture have in fifty years resulted in not merely no improvement in our dairy herds but in an actual reduction of ten to twenty per cent in average milk yield. The main causes have been briefly indicated in your last issue. It seems obvious that our dairy industry is in danger of collapse unless with it would go the prosperity of agriculture, our key industry, as a whole—pigs, poultry, cattle trade, etc. From the standpoint of rotation and manuring and feeding of farm animals, dairying and a reasonable amount of tillage are interdependent. The cow and the plough should be the basis of our whole economic structure.

In the "Tain Quest" and other tales of our literature may be seen the importance placed on good pedigree stock, even in ancient Ireland. A Gaelic poet of the period represented the Wild Geese, after slipping the deluge as well as the dangers of Continental Europe, as longing for the old land where "the butter and the cream do wonderfully abound." Spenser, in his "State of Ireland," while painting the people as semi-savage, dwelling in the huts of the land, the fertility of the stocks; while in their lurid lines, picturing the desolation of Munster, which they termed "places, Carew and Mountjoy were the names, and the vital importance of both cow and plough to Irish economy, when they boast that the ploughing of a cow or the voice of a ploughman could be heard from Dunquin in Kerry to Cahel, and a century later, about 1700, an Englishman writing of the then condition of Ireland and the extent of which milk entered into the food of the people, says: "The people generally are the great eaters of milk. I cover twenty different ways, and what is strongest, like it best when soured. No great refreshment have they, having little to eat and drink but milk."

In these days, while calves cannot be inflated, children are, in order to stifle the creamery cheque, a most shortsighted policy. DAIRYING AND TILLAGE INTERDEPENDENT. In interested quarters it is sought to convey the idea that even a reasonable area under tillage spells a decrease of dairying, whereas, under proper conditions, the cow and the plough are complementary. You cannot, in fact, really successful dairying without a reasonable area under tillage. For properly balanced economic reasons and particularly for winter dairying, a certain amount of cereal roots and green crops, or silage is necessary. A serious loss of milk and butter fat results from the starved, staggering condition in which thousands of cows may be seen in certain parts of the country, even in heavy mortality among such cows and their calves.

Purchase of feeding stuffs to supplement the hay ration involves waste of time, labour and money. In fact, it is a waste of money. Fertile areas, milk production from the better fed animals is often higher in the spring and early summer months than in more fertile grass districts. There is, of course, a great temptation for farmers, especially those with inadequate capital, to sell off the farm much of the output that would produce far more and leave the land in a better condition to feed to farm animals. In Denmark, cereal roots and green crops are all transformed on the farm into milk, beef, bacon, poultry and eggs. In their Interim Report of 1943, the Committee of Agriculture say: "We are satisfied that adequate feeding alone would raise the lactation yield of the majority of our cows by 150 gallons a year."

Our own experience as well as that of Denmark proves conclusively that on a well-balanced mixed farm you can have more milk, more animals, more production generally, with greater numbers of cows maintained and far higher proceeds and revenue per square mile. Pre-war, Denmark had sixty per cent of its arable land tilled as against a mere twenty per cent in Ireland and twenty seven-and-a-half per cent at present. With less than seventy per cent of the area, Denmark had eight per cent as many cattle as a whole as it had more than thirty per cent more milk cows, three times as many pigs, one-and-a-half times as many poultry, thirty per cent more people, and produced more than twice as much milk and butter, and its national income was at least forty per cent more. And the Twenty-Six Counties had all the advantages of area, soil and climate that Ireland has. A high ratio of tillage is not needed in specially favoured dairy

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**How this gardener relieved his rheumatism**

A keen gardener is no good to himself or to anyone else if he has rheumatism. What a pleasure it is then to be able to print the following extracts from one of our most recent letters: "I am 74 years of age and for some years have suffered from rheumatism. My last attack was in my legs and prevented me from walking. I then heard of Fynnon Salt, and decided to try a tin. I am more than pleased to say, sir, that Fynnon Salt is really remarkable to carry on with my job, which is gardening. I can now do anything I like without any fear of a recurrence of my rheumatism. Fynnon Salt to my friends."

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Answering objections raised to the value of a dual purpose cow, Messrs. Watson and Murray say: "There is no proof of actual incompatibility between deep milking qualities and the tendency to fatten when put in milk, and it is in fact possible to combine to a considerable extent beef qualities and milking qualities in the same animal. In any case, it would seem that the dual purpose cattle are being made to fit and perpetuate the combination of qualities by meeting with a big measure of success."

The recently published Interim Report on Cattle and Dairy Industries shows the same view. "There is no evidence that the average animal of the purely dairy breeds is superior in milk yield to the dual purpose Shorthorns, carrying higher milk yields in substance."

**THE REAL TEST.**

In summing up the results of a number of experiments made regarding the maintenance of cows of high and of low yield, Messrs. Watson and Murray state: "The important conclusion was that the milk yield was proportional not to the total ration but to the amount of food eaten over and above that required for maintenance, and hence the heavier yielder was also the most economical producer."

And so, in comparing the relative net profits from two cows, it is not the total yield but the margins above the cost of maintenance that must be taken.

**OPINIONS OF RECOGNISED AUTHORITIES.**

Specialty selected pedigree Ayrshires, whose progeny are almost useless as store heifers, in recent years, been brought into this coun-