

**GARDENING**

**SUMMER PRUNING**

Summer pruning of fruit trees is necessary for young trees in gardens.

It could be discontinued on trees growing in the open after they have been pruned for five or six years, or when they are more or less fully shaped and are fruiting, but it must never cease on well trained fruit trees or such like.

There are reasons for summer pruning:

1. Growth is directed into the right channels and only the wanted shoots are allowed to grow, thus training the trees to the right shapes.

2. In pruning out surplus wood forward growth is checked, and basal buds are more developed. These will be the future fruit buds and they will be all the better for the extra light and air due to the removal of the surplus wood by summer pruning.

3. This is a good time to reduce some of the crowded and perhaps worn-out fruit spurs, especially in an off year, i.e., when there is little or no crop.

4. With regard to the "stone" fruits, it would be well to do as much of the pruning as possible during the summer months to prevent or lessen "gumming."

In any case such stone fruits as peaches should have as much of the old fruiting wood as possible cut out now or as soon as possible after the fruit is harvested.

This gives the young wood left in the greatest chance of growing long and sturdily owing to the greater amount of food available for the lesser amount of wood, and the better penetration of air and sunshine to ripen up the wood.

Incidentally, this also applies to Black Currants, which also fruit mostly on young wood. The sooner now that the old wood is cut out from these the better will be the chances of a bigger and better crop next year.

**HOW IT IS DONE.**

In summer pruning well-trained trees all the laterals, but not the "leaders" are cut back to within six leaves of their bases, i.e., six leaves are counted up from the base of each shoot and the top is cut away there.

In the case of wall-trained apples, pears, sweet cherries, red currants and gooseberries, only the "leaders," i.e., the ends of the main shoots are left intact, all the other "branch-wood" being cut back to the six leaves, but with plums an odd good young suitably-placed shoot is tied in full length in addition to the uncut leaders.

The idea of this is to replace an old branch in winter. In any case it has been noted that these young shoots fruit their whole length when they are two years old, and the tying in of a few young shoots now and then in older trees often ensures the renewal of fruitfulness in the centres of the trees.

These shoots and the "leaders" should be tied in, as they grow very rapidly after the summer pruning has been performed.

Regarding peaches, nectarines, apricots and morello cherries, the sooner the old fruiting wood is cut out after the fruit is collected the better will the remaining wood grow and ripen for next year's crop.

There is one other reason for summer pruning, and that is to cut out any diseased wood, such as that on mildewed gooseberry bushes, or on apples or plums affected with "brown rot."

In the case of the latter, one will see the wilted shoots at this time of the year, and they should be cut out to healthy wood now.

Young apple and pear trees growing in the open, and for that matter gooseberries and red currants too, but not black currants, would be all the better for a regulating of their summer growths by summer pruning.

The superfluous growths can be suppressed by pinching out the tops of the growths. In this way only well placed shoots are retained and encouraged to grow, ensuring an open centre for bush trees and a better shape all round.

**WHEN TO DO THE WORK.**

Professional gardeners set about summer pruning very early in the year, and as soon as the young growths have made six leaves of growth the growing point is pinched out between finger and thumb.

In this way, surplus growth is not allowed to grow, and there is no waste of energy. Very soon, however, this pinched young shoot will send out others and these are pinched at the second leaf, i.e., when they make two leaves from the shoot that was first stopped. These two pinchings, one say in June and

**ODDS AND ENDS**

**What's In A Name?**

(By "AN MANGAIRE SUGAICH")

At the Co. Feis in Ath Dara, where Seoirse Mac Tuaidh had mustered the hosts on July 11th, I saw much about which I'd like to write, if I had the time. One thing must be noted, however. It was the collection of place names made by a callin from Cill Laithean, in West Limerick. She had filled a copy book with the names of fields, streams, boroens, wells, hills, glens, etc., with names that no map ever showed; names that are preserved only in the memories of the people; and that may easily be lost if something is not done soon to save and perpetuate them.

**UNRECORDED KNOWLEDGE**

Such, indeed, was the task of the Place-names Commission, whose good work was recently suspended in the interests of "economy"—as if the value of such an undertaking could be spoken of in terms of pounds, shillings and pence. In the countryside the very fields are a teeming source of information. Many of them preserve the names of people and happenings that once shook the local world of which they were the centre. An old man once pointed out to me, within a mile of my own home, two fields, one which he called "Páircín an Marbh," the other "Páircín a tSugairt." He explained the names by saying that the former was once a graveyard, and that in the latter a priest had hidden in penal times.

No one else knew these facts; no one else even knew the names of the fields. The old man who was my informant is now gone ar slighe na brinne; go ndeana Dia trocaire air. How many more like him have passed, carrying with them an unrecorded wealth of information. How many more will pass taking their knowledge with them to the grave?

**SONG OF THE WEEK.**

This week's song deals with a beauty spot on the Shannon—Doonass. "The Falls of Doonass" retains its popularity to this day. I heard it sung on the train coming home from the last big hurling match in Cork, by a Limerick supporter. The verses that now follow are from the prize-winning collection of Micheal O Laighin, of Srath an Mhuchaidhe, Cluan Larach. I heard a slightly different version recently from Pádraig O Riain and Micheal O Dubhluachra, two fine exponents of folk singing.

**THE FALLS OF DOONASS.**

As I roved out one evening as Sol cast its rays,  
Behind yon western mountains  
and the wide western seas;  
I carelessly roved out, my leisure hours to pass,  
For to view the Shannon water  
that flows through Doonass.  
My mind got enraptured at this enchanting scene,  
Such a place in old Ireland there  
is not I ween;  
Proud, beautiful and crystal,  
bright shining like glass,  
Is that pure Shannon water that  
flows through Doonass.

**CHORUS.**

In Doonass I was born and 'tis there I'd like to die,  
And down in its old churchyard  
my old bones may lie;  
But if fortune proves in favour,  
and the seas I ne'er will cross,  
Nor bid adieu to Clontara,  
Castleconnell or Doonass.  
Have you been to Killarney, the Causeway or Quay,  
The proud bay of Dublin,  
Loophead or Kinsale?  
The City Cove of Cork seems but shadows to gas,  
When compared with the proud rolling falls of Doonass.  
And if you're not tired of walking,  
proceed on further still,  
To the right of Massey's mansion,  
'tis there you'll get your fill;  
And when you reach the summit,  
come fill up your glass,  
Drink a health, wealth and honour  
to the falls of Doonass.  
Go into the rock-gardens to take a refreshing breeze,  
Where the holy hand of time has spread beneath its trees,  
'Tis there you'll see the anglers both bonny, bright and gay,  
With their artificial flies in the sweet month of May.  
Go eastward and westward and into the churchyard  
Quiet, sober and silence would win your regard,  
With its crumbling walls of ivy and graves of green grass,  
And the dead lying low beneath them near the falls of Doonass.

And if you are not tired of walking proceed on still,  
Until you come up with St. Senan's holy well

**LATE TIM HANNAN**

**Church And Other Tributes**

**FURTHER APPRECIATION**

In the course of his sermon at Mass in Effin Church on Sunday, Rev. Father McCarthy paid an interesting tribute to the late Tim Hannan ("Rambling Thady" of the *Limerick Leader*). Death, he said, had been a prolific reaper in the parish during the previous week. He knew Timothy Hannan for fourteen years and during that time he was the guide, philosopher and friend of his pupils. He loved his schoolchildren and they loved him in return. When he (Fr. McCarthy) visited Effin School and found fault with the boys their teacher came to their rescue and he should admit that Mr. Hannan's method of teaching was better than his. He concluded by asking past and present pupils to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

The following is a further list of sympathisers who sent Mass cards which were not in time for publication on our issue of the 17th inst.:

Rev. D. O'Brien, Ardpatrick; Rev. P. Ruddle, P.P., Ardagh; Pat and Mrs. Nolan, Dublin; Michael and Margaret Daly, N.T.s, Athlonea (Novena of Masses); James Bowman, N.T., Pallasgreen; Paddy Hannan, Bruree; W. T. and Mrs. O'Grady, Bottomstown; Dan and Mrs. O'Brien, N.T.s, Bulgaden; Mannix Joyce, Bruree; Rev. W. Cotter, S.M.A., Blackrock Road, Cork; Rev. Father Joseph (Guss) Carroll, C.P.; Garrett Barry, Ballytigue; all the Post Office, Kilgarvan; Maire Lyons, Granagh Girls School; Rev. Gerald Wall, C.C., St. Mary's, Limerick; Rev. Clement Power, O.S.A.; Rev. J. A. Power, O.S.A., Dundee; Pádraig and Babe McCarthy, Abbeyfeale; Peig and Eamon Dignam, Limerick; Mary J. O'Leary, Ardmore.

**HIS WORK FOR IRISH IRELAND.**

At a meeting of Limerick County Vocational Committee on Tuesday last, Mr. Sean Hartney, Chairman, proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Timothy Hannan, ex-N.T., a former member of the Committee. He said that the late Mr. Hannan, better known as "Rambling Thady" of the *Limerick Leader*, had been a member of the Committee for several years, and was a most useful person in the interests of vocational education in Co. Limerick. Nobody in Limerick had given greater assistance to the Irish-Ireland movement than did the late Mr. Hannan. It was a great pity that he was not left to enjoy for a longer period the well-earned rest of his retirement, which only occurred a comparatively short time before his death, after a long and vigorous career in the teaching profession.

The other members associated themselves with the remarks of the Chairman, and the vote was passed unanimously, all members standing as a mark of respect.

**COUNTY COMMITTEE'S TRIBUTE.**

At a meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture on Saturday last, Mr. P. Fitzsimons, Co.C., Chairman, presiding,

Mr. M. O'Donnell proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Timothy Hannan, ex-N.T. The late Mr. Hannan had been writing under the pen-name of "Rambling Thady" for a number of years in the *Limerick Leader* and would be sadly missed not only by his relatives but by his myriad readers.

Chairman—He was a great man in every sense of the word.

Mr. D. J. Madden, T.D., said he was particularly shocked by the suddenness of Mr. Hannan's demise. He had, he said, a letter from him in Dublin on the day immediately following his death. The writings of "Rambling Thady" were instructive and entertaining and would be badly missed.

Supporting Mr. O'Donnell's proposition, Mr. McCarthy said he had with him a poetic tribute to the late Mr. Hannan, which he read to the Committee.

The Committee marked appreciation of Mr. McCarthy's poetic tribute.

**AN APPRECIATION**

**BY DAVID T. DWANE,**

**REDGATE**

The death of Timothy Hannan, known to readers of the *Limerick Leader* as "Rambling Thady" came as a great shock to his many friends in County Limerick and far distant parts. His weekly



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**AN APPRECIATION**

**GREAT OLD LANDMARK PASSES AWAY**

It was with very deep regret indeed (writes a correspondent) that we received, a few weeks ago, the news that John O'Dea (Bulgaden) was dead. R.I.P. A brother of Very Rev. P. O'Dea, P.P., Dromin, and of Mr. J. J. O'Dea, Roxboro', Limerick, the deceased had reached a good age.

The funeral in itself was sufficient testimony of the great esteem in which this old gentleman was held. But it was only those who were in a position to know him well, could testify to his upright character. A man of broad human sympathies, deeply religious, he was kind and generous to the poor. Born and reared on the land, a man of great intelligence, he was a shrewd judge of his own business. For years he was a familiar figure at fairs and markets up and down the country. Later, however, owing to failing health, he was not so often to be seen.

It is only fitting that this paper should mark his passing, for all his life he loved the *Limerick Leader*. Every Saturday night, and after Mass on Sundays, he went through it from beginning to end. Even in his last illness, in a Dublin nursing home, it helped to pass the weary hours that only they know who are ill and away from home. He had a special love for "Rambling Thady"—who followed to his reward so quickly and so soon. I am sure he was glad to welcome him, for to this big simple man, Heaven would not be Heaven without "Rambling Thady."

Rev. Father P. O'Dea, C.C., Killinny, his son, sang the Requiem; Rev. Father E. O'Dea, C.C., St. Michael's, Limerick, a nephew, was deacon; Rev. Father M. Morrissey, C.C., Tipperary, a cousin, was sub-deacon; Rev. Father D. Crowley, C.C., Croom, was M.C. About sixty priests and a large circle of friends came to the funeral. He was buried in Dromin and there with his own people, he awaits the Resurrection. May his soul rest in peace.

**MOTIONS FOR LOANS**

Seven motions for loans, mainly for sewerage and water works, are on the agenda for a meeting of Limerick Co. Council to be held on Saturday, 24th inst. The amounts involved total £44,500.

**MORE MEDALS.**

Medals are to be manufactured for members who served in the L.D.F. and L.S.F. during the war emergency. This is the gist of a statement made in the Dail by the Minister for Defence.

the bridge of Bruree, a v-point between his native Ballynought and de Valera's Knockmore. "Rambling Thady" had more than humour; he had learning, and many of his articles in the *Lime-*



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