

ING NOTES  
Guidance

(CARROLL, R.Sc.O.)

It would be well to earth them up as they are inclined to be too tall and be blown over by the wind.

**FRUIT GARDEN**  
It is still not too late to plant apples and black currants and cane fruits could still be planted as they will be cut back hard after planting.

The soil between the plants in the strawberry bed should now be pricked over with a fork and if a compound fertilizer be pricked in at the same time, it would do the plant a great deal of good.

**FLOWER GARDEN**  
Daffodils and hyacinths, together with such rock plants as single White Arabis and Purple Aubrietia are in full bloom.

**ENCLOSED RETREAT**  
AND WHAT THEY MEAN  
"Come apart with Me, and rest awhile."—Mark VI: 31.

What is an Enclosed Retreat? A Retreat is not a short Mission; it is a withdrawal from the active world into seclusion; away from all surroundings and occupations of every day life.

One can do little in the outdoor flower garden at the moment except, perhaps, to freshen up the soil between autumn-planted wallflowers and the like.

**ROSES**  
Bush Roses must now be attended to. They should be pruned hard back soon after St. Patrick's Day.

**BLUE HYDRANGEAS**  
Blue Hydrangeas occur on certain types of soil. Some of the lighter pink varieties can be made to come blue by planting them in a compost of 5 parts of loam to one part of iron filings.

**SHRUBS**  
All sorts of shrubs can still be planted except, perhaps, ornamental flowering peaches, almonds and plums.

NEW VALUATIONS

Newcastle West Increases

It was learned during the week-end (writes our Newcastle West correspondent) that the Poor Law Valuation of a number of business premises in Newcastle West has been substantially increased as the result of a revision survey carried out by a representative of the Valuation Commissioners some time ago.

LOAN QUESTION

Livestock Credit Facilities

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Sir—In an article on the 9th instant, Mr. J. Dillon, T.D., Minister for Agriculture, stated in reply to a question addressed to him by Mr. P. Cogan, T.D. (Indpt.) suggesting that the State should guarantee loans for the purpose of increasing livestock that "he did not propose introducing such a scheme" as "extensive credit facilities for the purpose (breed livestock) were available from the Agricultural Credit Corporation."

Now from the time a cow is mated until her offspring (if a female) produces a calf is approximately 31 years. If a farmer secures a loan for this purpose from the Agricultural Credit Corporation his actual rate of interest on that loan (4 1/2 per cent x 31 years) is 157 per cent.

TOWN HOUSING

Invitation To Local Deputies

At a meeting of the Committee of Newcastle West Branch of the I.T. and G.W. Union, Mr. M. Keating, chairman, presiding, it was unanimously decided to invite the three West Limerick T.D.s—Messrs. Collins, O'Brien and Madden—to attend a meeting of the branch in the near future in order to discuss the proposed town housing scheme.

The Deputies, according to a supplied report, will be asked to bring pressure to bear on the Minister for Local Government to get the project under way at once.

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FIVE OF FAMILY IN RELIGION

Two Priests & Three Nuns

Mrs. Honora Mulcair (nee Neville), whose death took place at her residence, Killen, Croagh, on the 10th inst., was the widow of the late James Mulcair (writes our Rathkeale correspondent). Herself and her husband, who were exceptionally popular with all sections of the community in the locality where they lived, belonged to well-known and highly esteemed Co. Limerick families. A kind and charitable lady, the late Mrs. Mulcair was an exemplary Irish Catholic mother and it was a fitting reward for her goodness and sanctity that five members of the family should be called to the religious life. Two sons are priests and three daughters are nuns. All five are on the mission in the U.S.A.—they are active workers in the forces of the far-daring spiritual empire of the Gael, which counts for so much in the world of to-day.

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ODDS AND ENDS

He Heard Parnell Speak

By "AN MANGAIRE SUGACH"

A NUMBER of correspondents, who sent me interesting letters from time to time lately, must be thinking that I have gone astray, seeing that I have not yet even acknowledged them. So many things had to be mentioned in this column in past weeks that I find myself very much in arrears with correspondence. Early in February I received a long letter, every line of it 29 pages long, full of interest, from a very valued friend who lives, as he says himself, "among the Wicklow fastnesses." My friend is shy of publicity and asks me not to give his name so in deference to his wishes I'll give only his initials—P. O. H.

**PARNELL SPEAKS**  
P. O. H. is a retired civil servant, whose contributions from time to time to this column have delighted many. A native Irish speaker, hailing originally from County Clare, he has many, many precious memories. Years ago he contributed to "Claidheach Solais," the journal of the Gaelic League, once edited by Padraic Pearse. He is one of the very few who can claim to have seen Parnell in the flesh, and to have listened to one of the most memorable speeches ever delivered by him. It was the famous speech made in the British House of Commons away back in 1890, when, fresh from his victory in the "Times" Forgery Case, he returned to the "Mother of Parliaments" to hurl cold words of scorn and defiance at those who sought to brand him a murderer.

FILEADH NA FILIOCHTA

Is mithid arís in an filiocht sheimh.  
Teacht at-ath-air go Luimne is arís Cois na Meighe.  
Mar ar mhair an chéad "Mangaire" ba bhlaonta beal. Is a oighe go bhfuair in a sheamh sa bhaghaill.  
Is trean é ar mharracht 'dir obair is seolp.  
Gaeilínín do mhacLadh's ar gáilínín í réimín.  
Aeas Beata na Scaean d'fhágail na fean.  
Ach is fad an bochar is taistail, mo lean.  
Is cuma faoh mbóchar mas croda is trean.  
Saighdiúir an chatha i mBearna an Bhaoghail.  
Le Diograin, is mianach is saothar gan stóir.  
A Dhia Mhoir na Gleire neartuigh an falbhair.  
A ogaighéir chneasta dein machtnamh go geor.  
Is diuthaighlé is cheile — ma dheimneann ní breag.  
Go saofar ar Róisín—Oilean geal na Naomh.  
Is go bhfeicefar i gcannas binn-teanga na gAel.  
Coroin ar ar stóirín — nach shin mian ar geileh.  
Dha chonta is triocha fe cheannas "Sinn Fein".  
Tir, teanga is creideamh ar aghaidh ceim be deimh—  
Slotechann ar an saol so—ag a d'heir Mac De.  
Sin dan breagh, a chaidre. Is mor an chuis athas dom gur sa cholmhan so ata sa de chur i gclod don chéad uir.  
THE BALLYAGRAN PLAYERS  
One night, some years ago, I was one of a group of players who were very well received when presenting a play in Ballygran. I thought of this when I heard that the Ballygran Muintir na Tire players are staging "Paul Twynning" at a concert in Bruce on Sunday night, March 20th, and I gladly avail myself of this opportunity to wish them a successful night.  
A CORRECTION  
In my account of "Limerick in 'Ninety Eight," in last week's notes, it was stated that Munster had 100,000 United Irishmen on its rolls. That was a slip—Munster had 100,000 men on its rolls.

OBITUARY

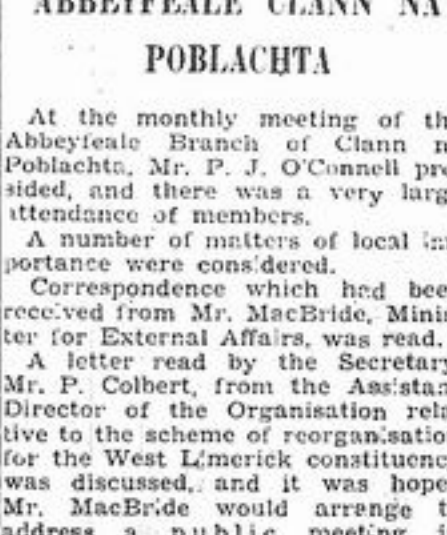
DR. MICHAEL E. CUSSEN.

With very sincere regret we chronicle the demise of Dr. Michael E. Cussen, at Sprymount, Ballybun, on the 24th ult. The deceased, who was formerly M.O. for Pallaskey, Co. Limerick, was father of Mother Joseph Cussen, of Trinity, Miss Muriel Cussen, of Ballybun, Mrs. John Corboy, of Canvey Island, Middlesex, and Dr. John E. Cussen, of 24 St. Stephen's Square, Dublin. Deep sympathy is extended to his daughters and son in their bereavement. The funeral from Ballybun Church to Grange, Newcastle West, took place on Saturday, 26th ult.

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ABBAYFEALE CLANN NA POBLACHTA

At the monthly meeting of the Abbeyfeale Branch of Clann na Poblachta, Mr. P. J. O'Connell presided, and there was a very large attendance of members. A number of matters of local importance were considered. Correspondence which had been received from Mr. MacBride, Minister for External Affairs, was read. A letter read by the Secretary, Mr. P. Colbert, from the Assistant Director of the Organisation relative to the scheme of reorganisation for the West Limerick constituency was discussed, and it was hoped Mr. MacBride would arrange to address a public meeting in Abbeyfeale when the reorganising arrangements were made.

GARDA TRANSFERS

Gardai W. Turner and J. Horgan have been transferred from Pallaskey to Bray, Co. Wicklow, and Athy, Co. Kildare, respectively.



Three and a half years old Mary Connolly in her home at Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick, with A.O.A. hostess, Charlotte Dittbenner of Louisville, Kentucky. The child will fly to U.S.A. to join relatives.

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On Friday (writes our correspondent) it was glass of two been completed. Hatchery, Gative Society, evident signs, had been interwithstood the About a quarter a large quantity of Mr. Garryspillane, burned out. M chelstowndown the blaze and up the neighbour hours of the succeeded a separated from which escape years ago, the storm and in they were made Intensive G operating in the at the time of known whether hay was accid But it is a str should coincide injury to the pe spillane Co-oper

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