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AN MANGAIRE SUGACH

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at last, we know what was worse than centuries of Penal Laws, plantations and massacres, Cromwellian campaigns and wholesale evictions. It was, if one Irishman is to be believed, the God-given language that Irish men and women spoke for two thousand years. We had to wait for Republic year, when so many were claiming that the dreams of the centuries had been realised, to be told, by implication, that it was a good thing that the Cromwells and Carews had come with fire and sword to make us speak the English tongue.

"THE CHAIN ON THE SOUL"

The English conquest of Ireland was a terrible thing. Not satisfied with occupying our country and plundering it again and again, the invaders endeavoured through the years to kill our language and our customs, so that we'd become so English that we'd forget we were ever an independent Gaelic nation. But for seven long centuries our fathers resisted all attempts to Anglicise them. Then, in the past hundred years, they began to yield. The spirit was being conquered. The English language was willingly accepted for the first time in our chequered history. Now we have reached the stage when a Irishman can describe his native language as the greatest curse ever inflicted on Ireland, without a protest being made against the statement. But I am wrong. Seadairi na Saoirse protested against it, in the name of Irishmen, when their splendid speakers travelled to many small towns and villages in Limerick on Easter Sunday, to startle the public by addressing meetings completely in Irish.

FEOHANAGH'S GREAT DAY

Now, by way of contrast, here is good news. It comes from Feohanagh, where the local Cumann Gaelach are holding their second annual Aeriocht on Sunday next, May Day—La Bealtaine—a most suitable day for a Gaelic hosting. The organisers have arranged a wonderful programme for the event: An address by the well-known sport's writer, "Carbery," music by pipe and ceilidhe bands, a hurling match between Fedamore and Newtownshandrum, songs, dances, music and recitations by artists drawn from far and near; and a ceilidhe that night in the hall. Seating accommodation for all will be provided in the field, as well as tea for the thirsty; and should the weather prove unkind the stage items will be transferred to the hall.

HEARD AND NOTED

A few days ago I heard a man address the following remark to three of his fellow-workers who had made some "tooplish" (tuaplis): "Well, the three of ye are a nice pair if ever there was one!"

CUIRT NA HEIGSE

Caitlin Ni Laochda, a school girl from Kilmann, wrote this pretty poem for Bruree's Cuirt Eige. Taithneochaidh se libh go leir.

CILL FHIONAIN

An eol dibh an ait seo, a chairde mo chleibh-se. 'Ta 'na sheod aoibhinn aluinn i lar-bhuill na hEireann? Gealtuighann mo chroidh-se 's mo smaointe mar aon leis, San bhaile ud aoibhinn,—sin Cill Fhionain aerach.

Is ceolmhar na h-ein ar gheagaibh gach crainn, Is gnothach an t-aos og, ach is sceipeach de shior; 'Ta binneas na Gaeilge ar bhealaibh na bhfear, Is ni treise an Bearla ag aoinne thar lear.

Nach fior-dheas an radhare e le h-irighe na greine, Na caoirigh go meidreach s go taibhseach gle-gheal, Ag inbhear ar shleibhtibh fraochmhara arda. No suite go h-aerach ar fhear glan na mbanta.

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CAMOGIE NOTES

(By "CAMOG")

Tournament at Clouncagh. Last Sunday, Clouncagh defeated Monagea by two goals and one point in a tournament for a very nice set of medals. Ahane defeated a selected of both teams by one goal and one point. St. Munchin's were unable to field a team, thereby giving Ahane a walk over into the final, which will be played on Sunday, 15th of May, at Clouncagh. It was a very enjoyable day, culminating in a very successful ceilidhe in Knockaderry Hall.

Doon, Oola and Mental Hospital have added their names to lists of affiliated clubs in the county, and Kilmallock, it is hoped, will submit a list very soon. To date the following clubs have affiliated—Ahane, Oola, Doon, Clouncagh, Killeedy, Monagea, St. Munchins, St. Patricks, Limerick Shoes, Technical Institute and Mental Hospital.

It is hoped to hold a meeting very soon, at a convenient centre in the East, for the purpose of forming an East Board.

County Team. It is suggested that, as a preliminary step, East play City and the winners meet the West, in the selection of the county team.

Dublin v. Limerick. Some time early in May, Dublin will meet Limerick at a Limerick venue and this will really be the first day's outing for the "1949" Limerick team.

A meeting of the County Board was held on Tuesday last, at which the following City League fixtures were made:—

Wednesday, May 4th—St. Munchins v. Limerick Shoes. Friendly—Mental Hospital v. St. Patricks.

Sunday, May 9th—Ahane v. St. Munchins.

No championship draws were made as a County Board meeting for that purpose will be held in the Library Hall, Newcastle West, on Sunday next, May 1st, at 2.30 p.m., O.T.

To All Clubs. These notes will be accepted by all clubs as being the official report from the County Camogie Board and instructions to clubs will be given from the Board through these notes as well as by post.

Tournaments. All teams must have the permission of the Board immediately in charge of them, and in the case of clubs from other boards participating in the same tournament permission must be got from the County Board. In the case of teams outside the county, permission must be sought from the Munster Council. All clubs will take this as a final warning under the definite danger of suspension.

Transfers. Miss Nancy Stapleton was granted a transfer to St. Munchins. An application from Miss Margaret O'Brien, of Ahane, for transfer to Mental Hospital, was withheld pending the approval of the Ahane club.

Any team submitting its list of players to a referee in English will thereby become an illegal team.

NEW RATE STRUCK

At the meeting of the Corporation on Monday night, the Mayor (Mr. M. B. O'Malley, solr.) presiding, it was unanimously decided to strike a rate of 3/6 for the service of the ensuing financial year.

Mechanic corrects human machine

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RECENT OBITUARIES

MRS. HANNAH O'KEEFFE, MEENSCOVANE.

The death of Mrs. Hannah O'Keefe, Meenscovane, Abbeyfeale, occurred at the residence of her son Richard, after an illness of short duration. Possessed of very fine qualities, she was extensively known for her deep religious fervour and lady-like simplicity. Coming from a family who did much for Church and State, her loss was all the more regretted by her numerous relatives and friends. The late Mrs. O'Keefe was the eldest of the family of Richard M. Woulfe, Cratloe West, Abbeyfeale. Mrs. B. Joy, licensed vintner, Main Street, Abbeyfeale, is her only surviving sister.

Both her parents were large land owners, and she and her family carried on an extensive and successful farming business on the Kerry side of the River Feale.

The funeral to St. Mary's Cemetery, Abbeyfeale, was of large dimensions and was representative of all classes. It gave ample evidence of the esteem in which the deceased lady was held.

Officiating clergy were:—Rev. Father Curran, C.C., Duagh; Rev. Father Colbert, C.C., do., and Rev. Father Halpin, C.C., Abbeyfeale.

Numerous Mass cards, telegrams and letters of sympathy were received by the family.

The chief mourners were:—Richard and John O'Keefe, Meenscovane; Frank O'Keefe, Ashbourne Avenue, Limerick; Patrick and Luke O'Keefe, New York (sons); Mrs. J. Horan, Sugarhill, Templeglantine (daughter); Mrs. J. Joy, Abbeyfeale (sister); Mrs. R. O'Keefe, Meenscovane; Mrs. F. O'Keefe, N.T., Ashbourne Avenue, Limerick (daughters-in-law); Sister M. Fidells, Convent of Mercy, Loughrea; Fidelma O'Keefe, Ashbourne Avenue, Limerick; Liyi, Anna and May O'Keefe, Helen and Joan Horan (grand-daughters); Francis O'Keefe, Limerick; Luke O'Keefe, Meenscovane (grandsons); Horan, Templeglantine (grandsons); Rev. Father Con Woulfe, C.S.Sp., Nigeria; Rev. Father Richard Woulfe, C.S.Sp., Gambia; Rev. Father Michael Woulfe, C.S.Sp., Kimmage, Dublin; Rev. Father Michael Murphy, Mill Hill Fathers, West Africa; Dick Woulfe, Cratloe; Denis, Dick, Pat and Mossie Murphy, Ballaugh; Edmond Murphy, Kilkee; John J. Joy, Abbeyfeale; Joe White, Clonleaharde (nephews); Sister Ide, Monaghan; Sister Agatha, Killeeshandra; Eileen, May and Kathleen Woulfe, Cratloe; Mrs. Dunne, Glenbawn (nieces); Mrs. K. Woulfe, The Pharmacy, Abbeyfeale; Mrs. Woulfe, Cratloe (sisters-in-law); Thomas and Patrick O'Keefe, Meenscovane; James Joy, Abbeyfeale (brothers-in-law).

It would be impossible to give the names of all those who attended the funeral from Abbeyfeale, Duagh, Knocknagoshel, Newtownsandes, Athea and Glin, etc.

MRS. PATRICK HOLLAND, BALLYSTEEN, ASKEATON.

We regret to record the death, recently, of Mrs. Patrick Holland, Ballysteen. The painful news cast a gloom over the district, where her family is well known and highly esteemed. The sad event took place on Saturday, April 2nd, at her home, where she passed peacefully away, consoled by the presence of her family and friends and fortified by the rites of the Holy Catholic Church, of which she was an exemplary member. The remains were removed to Ballysteen Church on Sunday evening, followed by a huge concourse of people, and on Monday after 9 a.m. Mass the funeral took place to the family burial ground at Beigh, again followed by a great crowd of mourners and friends.

The prayers at the graveside were recited by the Rev. Father O'Donnell, P.P., assisted by Rev. Father Rea and Rev. Father Lynch, Stonehall. The chief mourners were: Patrick Holland (husband), Daniel, James, Michael, John (sons); Marie, Josephine, Bridie, Madge, Kathleen, Anna (daughters); Patrick Neville; Dennis O'Brien; James Ranahan; Michael Ryan (sons-in-laws); Mrs. Daniel Holland, Mrs. Michael Holland, Mrs. John Holland (daughters-in-laws); Patrick, Lillian, Charlotte, Vera Holland; Paddy, Peggie, Joseph, Mollie Neville; Donald, Margaret, Josephine, Michael O'Brien; Rosa, Christy, Patricia, Marie, Paddy Ranahan (grand-children); Mrs. Tracey (sister); Mr. Patrick O'Donoghue (brother); Mr. and Mrs. P. Keohane, Loughrea (brother-in-law and sister-in-law).

Mass cards were received from—Her loving husband and grand-daughter, Patricia; her loving son, James, and daughter, Kathleen; her loving son, Dan, and family; Mick and family; John and family; her daughter, Maria, and family; her daughter, Josie, and family; her daughter, Bridie; her daughter, Madge, and family (noveña); her daughter, Annie, and family; Keohane family, Loughrea; Nellie, Bridie; Kennedy family, Newport; O'Byrne family, Shanagolden; Capt. and Mrs. O'Keane, Cork; loving Rosa; Meskell family; Wheelan family, Limerick; Gallaher sisters, Carrick-on-Suir; Bill and Mabel, Newtown; Somers family; Katty and Willie Fitzgerald (4 masses); Tracey family; Ranahan family, Ballinvoher; C.

and K. O'Sullivan, N.T.; Peggie and Paddy; King family, Dublin; J. Houllighan, Limerick; Gretta and P. Neville; McShane family, Dublin; K. Murphy, Dublin; Julie Lee, Dublin; Sheehy-Fehney family; Sheehy family, Moig; Mr. and Mrs. Hassett, L'rick; Bridget O'Shaughnessy, Ballinvoher; O'Keefe family; Ryan family, Limerick; Vollet and Henry Blackwell; Franklen family, Limerick; J. Hanratty, Limerick; Masie, Dublin; O'Brien family, Blossom Hill; Elje M. Neville, Pallaskerry; Margaret McKnight; Minnie and Madeline O'Sullivan, Limerick; O'Malley family; Holland family, Moig; B. O'Brien, Limerick; O'Connell family, Stonehall; Culhane family; Ranahan family, Toubred; Hanly family, Stonehall; Neville family, Tubboramurry; James and Mary Halpin, Pallaskerry; M. S. Horgan, Limerick; Dan and Molly O'Connell; James O'Donoghue and family, Ballysteen; M. Movahan, Limerick; Donald and Margaret; Eob and Bridie Murphy; Connolly family, Ballysteen; Josie Barkley, Limerick; O'Keefe family, Ballinvoher; McDonagh family; M. Shannon. Telegrams and letters of sympathy were also received; also wreaths were received from O'Brien, Ryan and Neville families. May her soul rest in peace.

LATE MRS. CATHERINE LYONS

The death of Mrs. Catherine Lyons, of Rose Cottage, Newbridge, Rathkeale, is very much regretted by a large circle of relatives and by the general public. Her death was almost entirely unexpected and came as a shock to her many friends. Many kindly words of sympathy have been tendered to her bereaved family. Throughout her life she was deeply religious and belonged to a family which gave many of its members to God and holy Church. During the Black and Tan campaign, because of the activities of her family, her house was constantly raided, and up to her demise she kept in touch with current events and was hopeful for the future. Upright and honest, the late Mrs. Lyons was remarkable all her life for kindness and generosity to the poor, a qualification which did not lessen her happiness in this life, and which we trust will, with her many other good qualities, be the means of securing her happiness now from Him Who loveth the cheerful giver. When the remains were removed to the parish church, Coolcappa, where they lay overnight, they were received by Rev. Father Lynch, who recited the Rosary to a large gathering of relatives and neighbours. On the following morning Mass was celebrated for the repose of her soul. In the afternoon the funeral took place to Rathkeale for burial.

The chief mourners were:—Thomas Lyons (son), Daisy Lyons and Mrs. McMahon (daughters); Joseph McMahon (son-in-law); Mrs. Neville (sister-in-law), Kitty, Nellie, Seamus, John, Kevin and David McMahon (grandchildren); Miss McCarthy (Eflin); Mrs. Hynes (Granagh); Mrs. Hanly (Stonehall); Mrs. Neville (Moreane); Mrs. Davis (Cardiff); Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Keaton, Miss O'Donoghue, Sister M. Gonzago, Sisters M. Agnes, Sister M. Raphael (nieces), Michael Neville (Kilfinny), Dan, Jack and Tom Neville (Ballinguile), Dan and Tom Neville (Kiltannan), Dan Neville (Kildimo), James Neville (Cardiff), James Barry (Lisbane) (nephews); Mrs. Neville and family (Kildimo); Mrs. Neville and family (Ballinguile); Mrs. Neville and family (Kilfinny); Mrs. Neville and family (Kiltannan); Mrs. Neville and family (Dublin); Patrick and Mrs. Guinane (Rathkeale); Mrs. O'Connor and Mrs. Mangan (Shanagolden); Patk. Hynes (Granagh); Patrick and Mrs. O'Connor (Lisbane); Mrs. Hogan (Ardagh); Miss O'Connor and Mrs. O'Shanahan (The Castle); John O'Halloran and John Mulcair (Askeaton); Michael and Mary Madigan (Newbridge); Mrs. McMahon (Cappagh); Laurence and Alfred Kennedy (Lea House); Margaret and Denis Scanlon, James and Andrew O'Connor, M. Cowhey (Rathkeale), etc. (cousins).

The following sent Mass cards—Her only son, Thomas; loving daughters, Eileen and Daisy; her son-in-law and grandchildren; the Neville family, Kildimo; the Neville family, Kilfinny; the Neville family, Ballinguile; the Neville family, Kibannan; Miss McCarthy, Eflin; Miss McMahon; Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor, Shanagolden; Mr. and Mrs. Scanlon; Mrs. Donovan; Mrs. Moran, Newbridge; Mrs. Nash Stonehall.

The following sent telegrams and letters—The Lynch family, Dromahair House; Mr. D. Bourke, T.D.; Mr. J. Collins, T.D.; Mr. and Mrs. T. Wallas, Washpool Mills; M. McCarthy, Sec. G.A.A.; Mrs. Hayes, Doon; Mr. D. Dalton, Ardagh; Miss Nora Tracy, Stokesfield; Patrick O'Connor, Athea; Rev. Father Moran, Freshford College; Mrs. Gray, England.

The clergy who officiated were—Rev. Father McCarthy, C.C., Eflin (nephew); Rev. Father Lynch, P.P., Stonehall; Rev. Father McNamara, C.C., Ballyvagan (cousins); Rev. Father Fitzgerald, C.C., Killoolman; Rev. Father O'Connell, C.C., Coolcappa; Rev. Father Connolly, C.C., Granagh.

GARDENING NOTES

Seasonal Guidance

(By J. J. O'CARROLL, R.Sc.O.)

ROCKERIES

THIS is the nicest time to see rock gardens at their best.

They have been a blaze of colour with purple and blue aubrietia, white arabis, purple and pink primulas, white perennial candytuft and pink oxalis wood sorel or sleeping shamrock as it is called around here. These, together with the mossy saxifrage are fading now and will soon be replaced by such subjects as purple campanula, London pride, double white arabis, henchera, cerastium or snow in summer, pink sopanaria, golden and rock thymes, pink phlox, auriculas or alpine primulas, sea thrift, rock pinks and carnations, rock forget-me-nots, golden Siberian wallflowers, violas, anemone, catmint, etc.

This second phase of flowering on the rockery will, as a rule, bring the profusion of bloom to an end but in well planned rock gardens the flowering period is extended well into the summer by skilful sowings and plantings of mid-summer and late flowering subjects or by the inclusion of certain hardy and even half hardy annuals.

The sowing now of hardy annuals, a pinch of seed here and there in prepared pockets of soil among the rocks will brighten up the rockery during the summer months.

Here are a few suitable kinds to sow now:—alysium little dervit white, alysium violet queen, erism alpinas, Shirley poppy, dwarf nasturtiums, phacelia campanularia (blue), candytuft, dwarf godetias, linaria, linum rubrum, love lies bleeding, annual lupins, mignonette, etc.

If these are sown thinly now and thinned out to 6 ins. apart early, they will make a fine display. If the seed pods are kept picked off they will continue to bloom until the frost kills them.

In the meantime aubrietia and such like should be cut back as they go out of flower. This will ensure tidiness and more room for the later developing plants and sometimes it results in a second blossoming of the cut back subjects. In cutting them back one has to be careful not to be too severe. I find that the best way to cut back arabis and aubrietia is to lift the long trailers up and cut away the brown parts underneath.

While talking of rockeries, I may mention that one does not often see a good example of an artificial rockery.

A rockery is meant to represent a natural outcrop of rocks above ground and the stone used should be natural to the district. Instead one often sees a heap of soil studded with a few rocks and a plum pudding rockery is a good name for this type of structure.

A rock wall or a retaining wall planted with rock plants although not natural is allowable and this type of rock garden can often be very beautiful.

A rock wall is made by building the two faces of a fairly wide wall with flat-faced stones and in between soil is packed. As the wall is built, rock plants are planted every foot or so apart. Each layer of rocks is placed slightly in from the layer below, with the surfaces sloping in towards the soil in the middle of the wall. This ensures that the rainfall will run into the wall and water the plants.

A retaining wall is one made to face and support the soil that makes the difference in height between one level and another in the garden.

The wall is built with flat-faced stones to retain or hold back the soil and as it is built rock plants are

inserted. Of course, aubrietia and wall arabis are the two most important carpeting flowering plants for walls, but, catmint and the s leaved purple campanula and nursery saxifrage are also important.

There are several rock shrubs that cannot be omitted for a shrubbery, one can choose the hypericums, cotoneaster adrop and cotoneaster congesta. On ger rockeries, the brooms, dog rose and cotoneaster horizon are some of the very useful shrubs that can be used.

The autumn or early winter good time to build and plant rockeries and rock walls, but one can build them now, too, and depend the annuals sown or planted now this year's display. The permanent plants could be inserted in the winter.

There is a very good example retaining wall in Kilmann National School garden, and rock at the People's Park in Limerick City. Any amateur contemplating the building of either ought to see these first and obtain further information about them.

WORK IN THE FRUIT GARDEN

I noted that the gooseberry caterpillars are making their attack on the leaves of the gooseberry. This is an early start and precautions are not taken at to check them, the bushes are stripped of leaves before mid-summer and the crop very much reduced.

The best remedy is to dust bushes now with gammexane.

Except for spraying any trees in the "pink" bud stage lime sulphur as directed in week's article and, spraying American gooseberry mildew and bud on black currants, also mentioned last week, there is very to do in the fruit garden this week except, perhaps, to give the strawberry plot a final cleaning and straw under the flower trusses the blooms have faded.

VEGETABLE GARDEN

In the vegetable garden, how one can be very busy hoeing days between germinating seed planting artichokes, cutting out door seakale, every head sowing parsley, thyme, etc., dressing asparagus beds with soda and for salt. Also a last sowing of broad beans and first sowing of French and runner beans.

UNDER GLASS

In frames one can dibber out ding plants at 4 ins. apart from seed boxes; antirrhinum, stocks, nemesia, tubelia and can be pricked out in this way is not necessary to have much the frame, 4 ins. of it is deep and if this is placed over a layer of semi-decayed manure placed on a firm bottom, the proff plants will lift with a very ball of roots later on.

In cold houses continue to tomatoes and ball-water those have been planted a week or so. Solution of chestnut compound. Early planted tomatoes will their second truss of flowers ing now and it is time to s them with soft twine.

It is also time to see the first truss of flowers will be perly "set" by spraying with each mid-day or by spraying with one of the fertilising hormones obtainable from most seedsmen.



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