

ABOUT LIMERICK FARMS

We Transplant Mangolds?

HAY BY THE TRIPOD SYSTEM

(By P. ROCHE)

It from the seed bed; and when a Wilberley was here urging continuous green crops his experiments along this line were uniformly successful. Before he achieved much, however, he became the expert for a seed firm and produced some new crops but seed firms are not enthusiastic about using less seed, which is the first result of the transplanting method. I do not know if it has ever been tried with beet but some research workers should try to overcome the hatred of change in that crop by the use of some of the new hormones.

THE HAY CRUP.

No matter how the weather comes now, the meadows will be light. This is another reason for cutting them early and for conserving every ounce of food in the crop. I do not know why people think it hard to make good hay and turn wistfully to silage and other substitutes. Where there is some machinery, a couple of willing workers, a lot of good hay can be made quite easily, and the weather is no better, no worse, than ever. Hay should be taken gently, not smashed and crushed until its own water-proof covering is spoiled, and if it is treated this way rain will do it little harm. After a few days, hay to which salt has been added can be piked or ricked with safety. Losses of feeding value now are due to the following chief causes: Too late cutting, so that the food has passed into the seeds; too violent handling which lets the weather dry out the sap and with it some of the food elements; making field cocks where the outside of the cock is weathered, the top soaked and rotted with rain, and the ground layers musty and rotten from the damp earth; leaving the crop too long in the field; failing to make ricks properly and head and thatch them properly. Anyone can avoid these mistakes, and the farmer who loses a hay crop in a wet year is the same fellow that loses it every other year.

THE TRIPOD SYSTEM.

I do not say that the tripod and similar systems have not their merits, but they appeal more to the man who farms for amusement than to the average farmer. A couple of years ago I saw a magnificent set of tripods nicely fitted and nailed and with two crossbars on each side of the triangle. They kept the hay off the ground, were easy to make a cock around, and no doubt kept plenty of air circulating through the hay. The owner showed many visitors his good hay, but subsequently disliked some law or other, and to punish the Government left hay, tripods and all out during the winter! A method that I have seen used extensively in Europe appeals to me more; it is to build quite a small pike around a single pole driven into the ground. The pole is any sort of tree or scantling and a few short cross-pieces are nailed on it. The hay is cured ("saved") in a fortnight and then removed to shed or barn. Farmers with whom I have spoken calculated that about 70 poles an acre were

needed and each pole had about two cwt. of hay packed around it.

ARE WE AFRAID?

As it was mainly about farmers—the payment of the land annuities—that the Economic War started, it is reassuring to know that in Britain's present war upon us we shall have the support of the men and the party that supported Britain that time. When An Taisceach in the Daily last week replied to "The Tablet," "The Economist" and "The Times," he threatened that he would henceforth be at enmity with Britain. Judging by what England is able to do to us while Mr. Costello's Government is in friends with England the prospect is not bright.

A Limerick farmer writes: "If you found your neighbour's dogs worrying your sheep and he refused to call them off, you might be tempted to shoot them if you had not already sent your man to the neighbour asking him to buy cheap hounds. If you were really afraid of him you might march up and down the road a few miles away and shout that he was a terrible scoundrel." If David had threatened to drown Goliath with cheap eggs the sling incident would never have occurred.

NEW POULTRY DISEASE.

A comparatively new disease is causing trouble in England and Europe; it is another form of the pig disease, prevalent here in December. There is, so far, no cure, and another new disease is the six-day-old chick disease, which attacks chickens at six days old. It is said that the chickens eat quite normally up to the last but are unable to assimilate the food. Research works have found a speedy and effective remedy for foul-in-the-food in cattle, the injection of one of the sulphanimidides.

IMPORTED JUDGES.

I suppose the practice of bringing show judges here from across the Channel to judge the important classes at the Spring Show is sound enough, as long as an animal is judged on present merits. It may put undue emphasis on certain strains of animals whose members find their way to this country, and for years there has been a tendency to encourage certain breeders' ideals rather than the breed ideals. Of course, those of our people who are eminently respectable know that only an English or Scotch man can really judge cattle and an Irish newspaper had its show judging done for years by a Scottish ex-civil servant, who spent 30 years of his life in a Dublin office and opted out on the establishment of the Free State.

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GOOD ADVICE FOR BAD HEAD COLDS

R. B. writes from Dringhouses, Yorks:—"Last Monday week I had a very

OBITUARY

THOMAS LANE, BALLYBRIEN.

The death took place of Mr. Thomas Lane, Ballybrien, Ballylanders, in the County Infirmary, Limerick, on Friday, May 18th. His demise came as a great shock to his wife and family. Although deceased had reached a fairly advanced age, his death was not expected. The remains were removed to Church of the Assumption, Ballylanders, on May 18th and after Office and High Mass on Saturday, the interment took place at Labbamolloga Cemetery, at which a large cortege of friends and relatives attended. The officiating clergy were: Rev. Father Dunne, P.P.; Rev. Father Morris, C.C.; Rev. Father Crowley, Ballylanders; Rev. Father Meany, P.P.; Rev. Father O'Byrne, C.C., Emly, and Monsignor Lynch, Australian Mission. The deceased gentleman was a highly respected member of the farming community and was father-in-law to Tom Crawford, who took a very active part in Ireland's struggle for independence. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Mollie Lane (wife); Willie Lane (son); Mrs. Nora Crawford (daughter); Mrs. Willie Lane (daughter-in-law); Tom Crawford (son-in-law); Tommie and Kitty (grandchildren); Tom Fitzgerald (Willie Fitzgerald's brother-in-law); Mrs. Tom Fitzgerald, Mrs. Willie Fitzgerald, Pat and Mrs. Sheedy, Pat and Mrs. O'Brien, Denis King and family (relatives).

Mass cards were received from the following: Fitzgerald family, Fermoy; Annie Riordan; Tom, Nora and children; Willie, Lena and family; Jack, Lena and Michael McKeown; Katty O'Carroll and family; Pat Sheedy, wife and family; Mollie (wife); O'Brien family; Eva Herr; Denis King and wife and family; Mrs. Fitzgerald, Fermoy, etc.

MRS. MARIA CULLINANE, GRAIGUE, CASTLETOWN.

Castletown has lost one of its best known and most highly respected figures in the passing of the late Mrs. Maria Cullinane, Graigue, who, though in failing health for some time past, died rather unexpectedly in the end. Deceased, who was wife of Mr. James Cullinane, a progressive and very popular member of the farming community, was a lady who possessed very many estimable qualities, and in her own quiet and unobtrusive way was never happier than when performing a good turn or a charitable act. The poor, in particular, had ever in her a sincere friend and helper.

An exemplary Catholic, a devoted wife and a loving mother, she lived and led a model life in preparation for the eternal reward to which she has been called. Her whole manner of life was beyond reproach, while she possessed all the attributes that go to make a lady, which indeed she truly was. The huge attendance of friends and sympathisers present at the removal of the remains to St. Michael's Church, Ballyagran, and also at the funeral to Castletown Cemetery on the following day, was a striking manifestation of the esteem and respect which she and her family enjoyed. It was widely representative of all classes, and included many who had travelled long distances to pay their last tribute to one who in every sense of the word could only be described as a gentlewoman. May she rest in peace.

Rev. M. Kelly (cousin), St. Munchin's College, Limerick, officiated at the graveside, assisted by Very Rev. D. Kelly, P.P. (cousin), Rockhill; Very Rev. P. McNamara, P.P., Ballyagran; Rev. P. Murphy, C.C., Colmanswell, and Rev. T. P. Nunan, Cappanahane.

The chief mourners were—Mr. James Cullinane (husband); Michael J. Cullinane and Patrick J. Cullinane (sons); Patrick Cagney, Charleville (nephew); the Misses May and Chris Cagney, Cork (nieces); Mrs. K. Cagney, Charleville (sister-in-law); Mrs. P. J. Cullinane (daughter-in-law).

Other relatives present were—Mrs. Cullinane, Castletown House; Messrs. Michael, John, Gus and Miss Tess Cullinane, do.; Mr. and Mrs. Michael White, Coolagown; P. Cagney, Graigue; Mrs. Chawke, Duckstown; Mr. and Mrs. Nell McDonnell, Rathkeale; Mrs. Frawley and Toss Frawley, do.; Mrs. Gaffney, Heathfield; Wm. Jones, Ballyhea; Mr. and Mrs. James Ryan, Kilsnane; Patrick Lynch, Rathjordan, Pallasgreen; James Long, Cloncrippa; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bresnihan, Castletown; E. Cagney and family, Graigue; Mr. and Mrs. T. Kelly and family, do.; Arthur and Patrick O'Leary, Castletown; Mr. and Mrs. J. Feeney, do.; Con Ryan, Ballytigue; Mrs. Lynch and W. Lynch, Kilmallock; Mrs. M. O'Brien, Fort; Mrs. Gaffney, Castletown; Mr. and Mrs. J. Cagney, Granagh; J. Doherty, Ballyallinan; M. Landers, Castletown, etc.

It would be impossible to give a complete list of all the relatives in attendance, or of the general public, or of those who sent Mass cards, wreaths, telegrams and letters of sympathy. (R.I.P.).

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Of Presentation Brother

MEMBER OF CO. LIMERICK FAMILY

Rev. Brother Ephrem Murphy, who hails from the Ballyagran district of County Limerick, has celebrated the 50th anniversary of his religious profession at St. Vincent's School, Dartford. To mark the occasion the Apostolic Benediction was bestowed on the jubilarian and Masses of Thanksgiving were celebrated by the Rev. Father J. P. Evans, Read Father F. J. Callanan, Rev. Father P. McGovern, St. Anselm's, Dartford.

Rev. Brother Angelus Keane, Assistant General, sent the congratulations and good wishes of the General Council. The attendance included Rev. Brother Gerard Larkin, Provincial, and his two assistants; Rev. Brother Eusebius O'Mahony, Superior, Presentation College, Reading, and the Rev. Brother Jerome Murphy, Twickenham; Rev. Brother Reginald Coleman, Superior, St. Vincent's School, Dartford; Rev. Brother Hubert Harrington, Rev. Brother Francis Langan (Headmaster), Rev. Brother Prudence Buckley, Rev. Brother Claver Flood, St. Joseph's School, Orpington, was represented by the Rev. Brother Charles Perrott, Superior; Rev. Brother Stephen O'Sullivan, Rev. Brother Clement Guinane, Rev. Brother Thomas Neville, Rev. Brother Chrysostom Flanagan, Rev. B. Carroll.

St. Thomas More's School, West Grinstead, was represented by the Rev. Brother Luke O'Connor, Superior; Rev. Brother Carthage Kelleher, Rev. Brother Flannan Walsh, Rev. Brother Coleman, St. Joseph's House of Studies, Twickenham, was represented by the Rev. Brother Matthew Barrett, Superior; Rev. Brother Simon O'Sullivan and the Rev. Brother De Montfort O'Sullivan, Presentation College, Reading, was represented by the Rev. Brother Ambrose Buckley, Rev. Brother Virgilius Rigney, St. John Fisher School, Wymondley, Herts., was represented by Rev. Brother Ronan O'Dempsey, Superior.

Mr. Edmond B. Murphy and Mrs. Murphy, Woodside House, Bexley Road, Erith; Mr. J. V. Platt, Hackney, and the Matron, Miss T. M. Singleton, and Nurse N. O'Sullivan, of St. Vincent's, Dartford; Mrs. G. Homer, Spring Vale, Dartford, and lay staff of the school were also present. Numerous letters and telegrams were received from relatives and friends and past pupils conveying their congratulations and good wishes to the jubilarian.

Brother Ephrem belongs to an old and highly respected Co. Limerick family that has given many of its members to the Church. He has been connected with some of the houses of the Order in Eire as well as in England, and a number of times filled the office of Superior.

LITURGICAL FESTIVAL.

In the text of the article on the Liturgical Festival, which appeared in our week-end issue from the pen of Professor King Griffin, the fourth sentence in the first paragraph should have read thus: "A disappointing feature, I thought, was the unnecessary gaucherie of the children caused by the regrettable absence of intimate knowledge of the order of ceremonial at High Mass."

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COUNTY LIMERICK Y.F.C.

Grassland Improvement

ENLIGHTENING TOURS OF INSPECTION

County Limerick Young Farmers are showing considerable interest in grassland management (writes our Kilmallock correspondent).

Last week, the Kilmallock Young Farmers Club had a further outing when over 100 members and their friends went on a tour of the farm of Major A. H. Watt, Riversfield, Kilmallock, who has been for a number of years carrying on extensive grassland improvement practices, and the excellence of his pastures is well-known locally.

Accompanied by Dr. Spain, M.Agr.Sc., the attendance examined a freshly excavated trench silo, which is up to 30 feet long, five feet deep and with sloping sides ten feet wide at the bottom. The members were very interested in this particularly since on a previous tour this season they had seen excellent trench silage made on the farm of Mr. John Carroll, Mounifok. Later the members saw a six-acre crop of winter oats and vetches sown last September, which, when ready, will be ensiled in the trench.

A large field sown to grass directly four years ago was next visited and the excellence of the sward developed in the meantime through proper management showed that the establishment of first-class swards in County Limerick, after a course of tillage, is by no means difficult. Major Watt is quite convinced that the production from this field each year since sown has far exceeded his best permanent pasture. The mixture sown consisted of the usual Ryegrass, Cocksfoot, Timothy, Clover sown generally in fertile conditions.

GRASS-CLOVER MIXTURES

Next the members were shown a four statute acre field sown with varying grass-clover mixtures with a view to ascertaining the most efficient method for producing large bulk of material for silage making. Two acres were sown in April 1947, with Italian Rye Grass—Broad Red Clover mixture, was cut twice in 1947, and then grazed, was cut three times in 1948 and now in its third year it is carrying a great bulk of material consisting almost wholly of Italian Rye Grass. Six different mixtures sown on the 12th April, 1948, and cut three times for silage are carrying very heavy crops. The same amount of Red Clover was sown in each plot, while in one, Timothy was sown, in another Perennial Rye Grass, in another, Italian Rye Grass, in a fourth, a mixture of Perennial Rye Grass and Italian Rye Grass, in the fifth, Perennial Rye Grass with Broad Red Clover and late flowering Red Clover in a sixth perennial Rye Grass, Italian Rye Grass and the two clovers. The members were impressed by the excellence of the Colver-Timothy mixture, since this plot still holds all the clover.

Major Watt's permanent pastures were also the subject of much favourable comment. All the plots and pastures were adequately labelled, showing the mixtures and treatment and this helped to make the tour most enjoyable and instructive.

At the conclusion a vote of thanks to Major Watt for allowing the members to go on his farm was passed on the proposition of Mr. L. Barry, Chairman of the Club, seconded by Mr. W. O'Shea, Vice-President.

FEENAGH TOUR

The members of the Feenagh and Kilmee Young Farmers Clubs toured the farm of Mr. Patrick O'Callaghan, the Rookery, Feenagh, Vice-President of the Limerick Co. Executive, to inspect his very successful re-grassing work.

The attendance was quite good and

Dr. Spain conducted the gathering highly productive swards. He also round the farm. They were shown different mixtures grown special for ensiling, Mr. O'Callaghan being a firm believer in the value of silage and having three silos on his farm.

Experimental plots consisting of Timothy, Red Clover, Italian Rye Grass, Red Clover, Perennial Rye Grass, Red Clover, Italian Rye Grass, Perennial Rye Grass, Red Clover sown in April, 1948, evoked much interest. The notable features were: (1) the excellence of the Timothy Red Clover mixture with full stand of Red Clover and (2) the manner in which the Italian Rye Grass, a rate of 5 lbs. and 10 lbs. per statute acre, practically wiped out the clover. Another interesting point was the excellent sward provided by 10 lbs. of Perennial Rye Grass per statute acre with the Red Clover.

Mr. O'Callaghan also showed the attendance his extremely successful direct seeding of land after a number of years in tillage, and it was obvious how the extremely good cultivation practices adopted on this farm ensured 100 per cent establishment of the sown grasses and clovers.

At the time of the tour, Mr. O'Callaghan had just completed direct seeding of a further eight acres on the fineness and firmness of the seed bed were favourably commented on.

At the conclusion of the tour a vote of thanks to Mr. O'Callaghan and Dr. Spain was proposed by Mr. D. Madigan and seconded by Mr. John Fitzgerald.

FEDAMORE

The recently formed Fedamore Young Farmers Club had as its first speaker, Dr. H. J. Spain, M.Agr.Sc., who gave a talk on grassland management. The attendance of over forty at this first meeting shows that the Club is assured of a very successful future.

In the course of his lecture, Dr. Spain dealt with re-grassing of land and its extreme importance in an area now that the tillage area will appreciably reduced. He dealt with the cultivation, manuring and seeding and paid particular attention to the after management of the sward so as to ensure that the sown grasses and clovers will persist and develop into highly productive swards. He also dealt with various aspects of silage making at some length.

There was such enthusiasm amongst the attendance that the lecturer was questioned on very many grass problems for quite a long time after the talk.

The Chairman, who presided, proposed a vote of thanks and invited Dr. Spain to conduct the members on a tour of some grass fields in the locality at a later date.



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