

# MINISTER AT COPSEWOOD COLLEGE

## Official Closing Of Summer School

### SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND AGRICULTURE

**MR. JAMES DILLON**, Minister for Agriculture, officially closed the Summer School of Agriculture for young farmers at Copsewood College, Pallaskenry, on Friday evening of last week. When he arrived at the College, he was welcomed by Very Rev. J. McElligott, S.D.B., Rector, and the entire Salesian Community, by Very Rev. J. M. Hayes, P.P., Bansha, founder of Muintir na Tire; Mr. P. Fitzsimons, Co. Co., Chairman of the Limerick County Committee of Agriculture; Mr. P. J. Meghen, County Manager, and Mr. F. Lyddy, Secretary of the Limerick Guild of Muintir na Tire.

The forty-five boys attending the course welcomed Mr. Dillon when he arrived at the College. Addressing the boys, the Minister said that the work done in Copsewood during the week was of fundamental importance to agriculture in Ireland.

#### THE VALUE OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE

"Unless," he said, "young farmers of this country, and those who work beside them on the land, learn the value of scientific knowledge in agriculture, we cannot hope to get the yield we ought to get from this most fertile land. The opportunities provided by Muintir na Tire for these boys by way of scholarships is an example which I shall try to follow. And where there are young people who want to live and get their living from the land, I shall hope that in the years ahead, the Department of Agriculture will be able to supplement the opportunities which Muintir na Tire has now provided. And then, when we have taxed the capacity of the Salesians and such other colleges, we may look to the Pallaskenry Fathers on a wider scale to give us the invaluable help they have so far given us in expanding not only the spiritual values, but the practical purpose of agriculture."

The Minister said there was one particular aspect of agriculture which, although it did not immediately concern Copsewood or the Summer School, was indirectly connected with it, with which he would like to deal.

#### SHORTAGE OF HIDES

"A great deal of anxiety is being caused by a shortage of hides," he said. "It is alleged that this will react unfavourably on the tanning industry. What concerns me is lest working men should find themselves unemployed as a result of any shortage of raw material. The fact is that the differential between the price of cow hide and ox hide cannot be justified. Hide merchants pay about 5d. per lb. for cow hides and 8d. for ox hides. If the hide merchants, the tanners, the leather merchants and the boot manufacturers between them are prepared to absorb the cost of equating these two prices and paying 8d. per lb. basic, they will find farmers and meat dealers in this country ready and willing to redouble their efforts to increase the supply of hides; and the Department of Agriculture will be glad to redouble its efforts to find foreign markets for greater quantities of canned and carcase beef, so that the domestic supply of hides may be increased."

"If everyone is prepared to help," the Minister said, "no one need suffer a week's unemployment, but if there are some who prefer profit to helping their neighbours, this is

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### OBITUARY

#### MR. W. MURPHY

The funeral of William Murphy, ex-N.T., Askeaton, took place to the Abbey Cemetery, Askeaton, attended by a large concourse of friends and sympathisers who had always held him in highest esteem.

The clergy present were:—Rev. D. O'Donnell, P.P., Askeaton; Rev. M. O'Dea, C.C., do.; Rev. D. Rea, P.P., Parteen; Rev. D. O'Callaghan, P.P., Knockaderry; Rev. Dr. Cronin, C.S.Sp., Askeaton; Rev. Father Neville, C.S.Sp., Rathkeale.

The chief mourners were:—Miss Lizzie Murphy and Mrs. P. Halpin (sisters); Mr. P. Halpin (brother-in-law); Rev. J. Murphy, Rev. J. Halpin, Mr. T. Halpin (nephews); Miss May Halpin, Mrs. Shanahan, Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Funcheon, Mrs. Cusack (nieces); Sgt. Funcheon, E. O'Neill, P. Cusack, J. Shanahan, Tom and Mrs. Conway (relatives).

#### MASS CARDS

Mass cards were received from the following:—Loving sister, Lizzie; affectionate sister, Kate; fond niece, May; affectionate niece, Eileen; Jack and Eileen; the Cusack family; the Funcheon family; Tom and Bridie; the O'Neill family; Rev. W. O'Donovan, O.M.I.; Eamon and Desmond O'Neill, Sligo; Lil and Jack Gleeson; Ann and Denis Jones; Anna and Kathleen Fitzgibbon; Paddy Fitzgerald and family, William St.; Marie Madigan and cousins, Newcastle West; Tom and Olive Fitzgibbon; Eileen Hanly, The Quay; Honor Moran, Morenane; the Foley family, Church St.; Jim and Mary Cahill, Ballyhoman; Tom O'Halloran, Limerick; Tom Meade and family, Pallaskenry; the Shanahan family, Bruff; Mick and Bridie Scanlan, Cunigar; the Blackwell family; Paddy and Phil Moran; the Foley family, Miltown; Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Culhane, Cappagh; Guard and Nora O'Kelly; the Hanly family, Moig; Maureen and Charlie Carmody; May and Maurice Fitzgerald, Borrigone; Sgt. and Mrs. O'Flaherty; Jim and Angela McDonnell; Dot Magner; Dermot O'Riordan; Mrs. O'Donnell and family, Ballinacahera; Mrs. M. K. Mulcair; Paddy and Nellie Mulcair; Tom and Mrs. Culhane; Tom O'Shaughnessy, Adare; Mrs. Mangan, Limerick; Tom and Bridie, Limerick; John and Benie Culhane; Chrissie and Paddy Culhane; Michael Cremin, Dublin; Mrs. N. Neville, Kilfinny; Jack and Mary O'Brien, Croom; Bill and Mary O'Shaughnessy, Limerick; Frank and Marie Hanly; Maura Walsh; Annie O'Brien, Borrigone; Theresa Enright, do.; the Nolan family, do.; the O'Connor family, Limerick; Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, do.; Mick and Tess Fitzgibbon, do.; Mick and Mary Frost, Borrigone; the Cooney family, Courtbroon; S. Haslam, Limerick; Nora Meehan, do.; Bridgie and Con Casey; Josie Holohan, Limerick; Bridie O'Brien, do.; the Morrissey family, Cragmore.

#### CABLEGRAM

Rev. Father P. Noonan, Kenya, British East Africa.

#### TELEGRAMS

Telegrams were received from the following:—His affectionate nephew, Joe; his fond nephew, Jerry; Mrs. Dr. Murphy, Wales; Rev. Father Biuett; Ned O'Neill, Sligo; Jerry O'Neill, Kilrush; Rev. Father Nolan, C.S.Sp.; Roddy and Gretta, England; Tess Corbett, Limerick; Cyril Boucher Hayes, Tarbert; Daisy Funcheon, Mountbellew; Mick and Katty Cross, Limerick; Chrissie Fitzgerald, Dublin; Mr. Galbraith, Sec. Todd and Co.; Miss Mulcahy, Pallaskenry; Anna McDonnell, Callow; Paddy O'Sullivan, Limerick; Joe and Una Murphy; C. U. Palmer, Dublin; Donald Conway, do.; Madge Mulcair, do.; J. Fitzgerald, Cork; Pat and Baby Cummins, Sligo; the Reidy family, Dublin; the Crummy family, Sligo; Tess Corbett, Limerick; John McBirney and Co., Limerick; Jos. Shanahan, London; Jim and Annie O'Riordan, Limerick; the Dalton family, Castlemahan; Stephen Foley, Killee; Mrs. Sheehy, Knockaderry; Miss Airey, do.; Josie Whelan, Newcastle West; Humphrey and Joe O'Callaghan, Dublin; Nora Meehan, Limerick; Mr. Daunt, do.; Annie Clancy, do.; Mick and Tess, do.; Eamon O'Neill, Dublin; Bill and Theresa O'Connor, Limerick; John Palmer, Dublin; Dolly and Maurice Kearns; Miss B. O'Brien.

#### LETTERS OF SYMPATHY

Letters of sympathy were received from:—Rev. Dr. Murphy, Provincial, C.S.Sp.; Rev. J. Halpin, C.S.Sp.; Rev. J. Murphy; Patrick Clune, Scariff; Margaret McDonnell, Limerick; Joan Mulcair, Carrick-on-Suir; Nan Cleary, Sligo; Mrs. L. Crean, Limerick; Margaret Burns, do.; Mrs. Claire Magner, Dublin; Peggy Murphy, Leicester; Mrs. Delia Chrystal, Newcastle West; Mrs. K. Cremin, Sandymount, Dublin; Mollie O'Donnell, Limerick; T. Butler, Adare; Kathleen and Alice Moran, England; Mary O'Riordan, Rathkeale; Kathleen Sheahan, Limerick; Mary O'Shea, Kildare; O'Connell family, Dublin; Mrs. Moran, Toomdeely.

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# LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL

## Question Of Pump-Sinking Equipment

### THE QUARRIES AND THE CARTERS

**MR. J. W. CANTY**, Chairman, presided at a meeting of Limerick Co. Council on Saturday, at which there was a full attendance of members, with the officials: Mr. P. J. Meghen, Co. Manager; Mr. T. F. Broe, Co. Secretary; Dr. J. McPolin, Co. Medical Officer of Health; Mr. G. Ahern, Co. Engineer; Mr. J. J. King, Chief Officer, Public Health Department, and Mr. Roger O'Sullivan, Co. Solicitor.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. P. Ryan moved that a pump be sunk at Upper Cappanahane, Murroe, for the convenience of 15 families living in the locality. Referring the matter to the Co. Engineer, the Chairman said he thought it was now time that the Council should have its own pump-sinking equipment. It was most disadvantageous, he said, to be depending on contractors for the erection and repairing of pumps.

#### ENGINEER'S VIEWS

The Engineer said he would look very carefully into the Chairman's suggestion, which he thought was a good one. The problem of equipment for the erection of pumps was not, however, confined to boring machinery. The boring of pump holes carried but a small fraction of the entire cost. Pumps were costing £300 to £400 at the moment and, from the point of view of the number of applicants, he believed the Council should raise a loan with which to buy its own equipment. The entire problem of the provision of pumps should be put on a systematic basis and their erection carried out by the Council through direct labour.

**MR. M. O'DONNELL**—And you will get plenty of labour in the County ready and willing to put up the pumps.

The Engineer said he would mention his suggestion to the Council at a later meeting.

#### QUARRIES AND LORRIES

**MR. J. HAYES** moved, on notice, that every quarry in the county be opened by the Council and that the employment of lorries for the haulage of road materials be dispensed with. He also proposed that the purchase of stone chippings from contractors be discontinued.

Mentioning that this motion had been before the previous meeting and adjourned, Mr. Hayes said he was now in deadly earnest about it.

**MR. J. QUAIL**—I propose that we leave this in the hands of the Co. Engineer.

**CHAIRMAN**—I am in entire agreement with Mr. Quail in this matter, because this is a very sweeping motion. Everybody knows that we would never get enough carters to keep our roads permanently in repair.

**MR. HAYES**—On previous occasions you showed a certain amount of sympathy with the carters and so did everybody else here. To-day that looks as if it was merely lip sympathy.

**MR. P. LANGAN** said that nobody could expect there would be a sufficiency of carters to haul materials between Cahernorry and Athea, but there were plenty of quarries between these two places which could be worked without difficulty by the carters.

#### COULD NOT KEEP ALL CARTERS EMPLOYED

The Chairman said the Council could not hope to keep all the carters in the county in full employment throughout the entire 12 months of each year. From that point of view, he pointed out, were not the contractors who produced the chippings, and the lorries that drew them, employing men as well as the Council.

**MR. J. J. MCNAMARA** said that labourers at the moment seemed to prefer being idle to working for farmers. "I have met a lot of farmers who cannot get a man for love or money," he said. "To my mind that is the main reason of unemployment at the moment."

**CHAIRMAN**—Sure there's no real unemployment at all in Co. Limerick at the present time.

**MR. MCNAMARA** said he didn't think the Council could honestly get along without employing lorries, he agreed that carters were entitled to as much work as possible, but the line had to be drawn somewhere.

**MR. McAULIFFE**—There is no shortage of carters in Newcastle West anyway. We'd never want a lorry there at all on the roads.

#### MORE SOCIAL THAN ECONOMIC

**MR. D. J. MADDEN**, T.D., said the question of the employment of carters was much more a social question than an economic one. The Council had an obligation to see that the type of worker who would otherwise be thrown on the unemployed list would get as much work as possible on the county roads.

ing, and to cut down the use of lorries to the very minimum.

**DEPUTY MADDEN** continued that recently in the Rathkeale area he travelled seven or eight miles of a road which had been repaired at a cheaper cost than before the war, despite the intervening heavy increases in the cost of materials. If the same condition obtained throughout the county, there would be no need for the frequent discussions on this subject. Kerry County Council had apparently a similar problem, as they had asked for a sworn inquiry into the relative costs of haulage as between lorries and trucks.

**CHAIRMAN**—We have already fully discussed this question on several previous occasions and I think we should now decide the issue by a vote.

**MR. J. C. BARRETT** asked if the Co. Engineer could verify Deputy Madden's statement that a certain section of road in Rathkeale area had been repaired at a cheaper cost than in 1939.

#### UNABLE TO CONFIRM

The Co. Engineer (Mr. M. G. Ahern, B.E.) said he was unable to confirm the statement, but he was aware that the section of work referred to was done very efficiently and at a very reasonable cost. As to why this could not be done elsewhere, certain surrounding circumstances had to be taken into account. Generally speaking, in the Rathkeale area, stone of a suitable quality was conveniently available, which enabled the work to be done with very short haulage. In other areas they might have bog roads or boulder clay and in which, owing to the absence of suitable stone locally, much longer haulage of material would be involved. With regard to the purchase of chippings for road surfacing from contractors, the Council had this year a very heavy programme of road works, particularly surface dressings, and the quantity of chippings required was far in excess of that which they produce with their own machinery or any machinery they could hire. There was, in fact, nothing to be gained and much to be lost if they decided not to purchase chippings. The position was that they had to purchase the chippings if they wanted to comply with the Department's requirements and quality for the full amount of the road grants being made available this year out of State grants.

#### QUESTION OF COST

**MR. JOHN QUAIL** said that according to the Engineer's report to the previous meeting haulage of road material costs a great deal less by lorry than by cart. If they were now going to do away with lorries it would mean that in future they proposed to accept the highest tender, so far as road workers were concerned.

**MR. LANGAN** said he was glad to hear Deputy Madden's reference to the efficiency of certain roads in the Rathkeale area. At the same time he (Mr. Langan) would like to point out that the bog roads in the Rathkeale area were still in a very bad condition.

In reply to Mr. O'Connell, the Co. Engineer said that chippings purchased from contractors were delivered in the lorries of the contractor. If the Council had more machinery they could, of course, break more road material and in that connection he proposed in the near future to ask the Council for permission to raise a loan for the purchase of extra machinery. At present they could, in some cases, buy road material cheaper than they could produce it themselves. Any change to be brought on the roads scheme affecting the carters would be introduced gradually, so that the carters would have plenty of time to re-adjust themselves to the new arrangement.

**MR. QUAIL** said he believed if this question were left in the hands of the Co. Engineer they would have more employment and better roads.

#### DIVISION TAKEN

On a division the Council adopted Mr. Quail's amendment to leave the matter in the hands of the Co. Engineer, the voting being:—

For the amendment—Messrs. J. C. Barrett, J. W. Canty, R. M. Clery, P. Clohessy, Senator M. O'Dwyer, T. Hennessy, P. Lillis, D. J. Madden, T.D.; P. Maguire, J. J. McNamara, P. M. O'Connor, M. O'Donnell, J. Quail, D. P. Quish, F. W. Ryan—15. Against—Messrs. P. H. Donegan, P. Fitzsimons, Sean Hayes, M. Hickey, P. Langan, D. McAuliffe, P. T. McCarthy, T. O'Connell, D. O'Grady—9.

Mr. Hayes's motion was declared lost on the same voting and the discussion ended.

## FLUKE, STOMACH WORMS, HOOSE IN SHEEP AND CATTLE

All these diseases, FLUKE, STOMACH WORMS, HOOSE, can now be prevented altogether or cured, if taken in time.

Don't wait till stock are diseased.