

Mr. M. J. O'Leary, Agricultural Instructor in West Limerick for nearly forty years, has resigned from the staff of the Co. Committee of Agriculture.

Mr. O'Leary's resignation was before Saturday's meeting of the Committee.

Proposing that the Department of Agriculture be asked to sanction the payment to Mr. O'Leary of full pension on the basis of forty years service, Mr. D. J. Madden, T.D., expressed deep regret at the instructor's resignation.

"He was regarded as one of the most efficient instructors in the country," Mr. Madden said, "whose lectures were reflected in a more scientific interest in agriculture."

The other members agreed with Mr. Madden and it was unanimously decided to ask the Department to sanction payment to Mr. O'Leary of pension on the basis of forty years' service.

Mr. O'Leary said he was very sorry to leave the district that he had begun to look on as his home.

EMIGRATED 52 YEARS AGO

The death took place recently in the United States of Mr. John J. Shaughnessy, a native of Askeaton, Co. Limerick. A New York paper has the following obituary:—

John J. Shaughnessy, 84, of 125 Harding Place, died on February 21st, 1950, in his home after a two-month illness.

Mr. Shaughnessy was born in Askeaton, County Limerick, Ireland, in December 19th, 1865, a son of the late John and Catherine Sullivan Shaughnessy. He came to this country and to Utica when he was 21 years old.

"Mr. Shaughnessy was a foreman in the McLoughlin Cap Factory for 40 years and retired in 1932. He married Miss Mollie McCabe here in July 5th, 1911, in St. Francis de Sales Church, of which he was a member. He also was a member of its Holy Name Society, the Purgatorian Society and Utica Council 189, Knights of Columbus.

"Mr. Shaughnessy leaves his widow, a sister, Mrs. Margaret McNamara, Utica, and several nieces and nephews."

Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

CHARLEVILLE AND HEALTH MINISTER

At the monthly meeting of the Charleville Development Association, Mr. T. R. Murphy, P.C., presiding, Dr. Browne, Minister for Health, was severely criticised for not having a cottage hospital erected in Charleville.

After a discussion, in which several members took part, it was decided that a deputation be sent to Dr. Browne to discuss the question with him.

John Garryhy, Lisdoonvarna, was charged at the local District Court with being found in possession of an unlicensed rifle.

Supt. J. A. Deaney, prosecuting, said the rifle had been left in a motor car by an F.C.A. officer. Defendant came along and, seeing that the window of the car could be opened, took the rifle to safeguard it. He had not used the rifle, but had been found by Guard Connely in possession of it, and, of course, not having a licence, was committing an offence.

Mr. P. J. Chambers, solr., defending, said defendant was not a shooting man at all, and had never been in Court before.

Justice Gordon Hurley applied the Probation Act.

DEATH OF MR. MICHAEL GALLIGAN

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Michael Galligan, which took place yesterday at his residence, Marypark, Ballykeeffe, Limerick, after a short illness.

The deceased, a prominent member of the staff of Messrs. James McMahon, Ltd., timber importers, was well and popularly known throughout Munster, and the news of his death will be learned of with deep regret and sorrow. Deep sympathy is tendered to his widow, children and relatives in their bereavement.

The remains will be removed at 7 o'clock this evening to Raheen Church, and the funeral, following Requiem High Mass to-morrow at 11 a.m., will leave for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

FACILITIES FOR SOIL TESTING

A circular letter from the Department of Agriculture asked Limerick Co. Committee of Agriculture at its meeting last Saturday to publicise the fact that at Johnstown Castle, Wexford, there were now improved facilities for the testing of soil samples from all over the country more speedily than heretofore.

Mr. J. Shanley, Acting Chief Agricultural Officer, said he had sent copies of the circular to the Committee's instructors.

CARRICKERRY FINE GAEL CLUB

Mr. Patrick Quinn, Ballyloghane, Newcastle West, writes us stating that he is not the Mr. Quinn referred to in a report in our columns on 4th inst. of a meeting of Carrickerry Fine Gael Club. He adds that neither he nor any of his family are in any way connected with the Carrickerry or any other Fine Gael Club.

Government's construction policy. They could rest assured that the people left houseless even now had the sympathy of himself and all the other Ministers.

Regarding grants for private enterprise schemes, he said that up to January last 9,000 houses had been approved for grants under the 1948 Housing Act. He added that local authorities now had about 11,000 houses in the course of construction, and these schemes employed more than 12,000 men.

BUTTER EXPORTS 200 TONS FOR GERMANY

Our Dublin correspondent, wiring this evening, says that there are now bright prospects of Ireland getting an economic price for creamery butter on the German market. To-morrow it is expected the first consignment of 200 tons will leave Dublin for Hamburg. This is the result of discussions between the Irish and the West German Government. The butter will not be subject to subsidy, and so £80 per ton, which is the subsidy on the home market, will be saved to the Exchequer.

DIED IN AMERICA

News has been received in his native town of Newcastle West of the death of Mr. Garrett Massey, who passed away a short time ago at his residence, Mulford Gardens, Yonkers, New York. A member of an old and esteemed West Limerick family, deceased was aged seventy-two and emigrated to the States 52 years ago. He worked for many years in the Yonkers Department of Public Works, from which he retired in 1945. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Alice Moone, also a native of Newcastle West, and a former classmate of deceased. The couple had celebrated their golden wedding jubilee in April, 1948. Besides his wife, deceased is survived by two daughters, two grand-children and four great-grand-children. He is also survived by a brother, Mr. Patrick Massey, of Maiden Street, Newcastle West.

THREE MOTOR CARS STOLEN

Three motor cars were stolen in Limerick on different occasions, and by different parties, during the past few days.

In one instance a stolen car was found abandoned near Doneraile, Co. Cork; a second car was found near Tipperary, and the third was got near Broadford, Co. Clare.

In connection with these larcenies five arrests have been made by the Limerick Gardai.