

Obituary

IT is with deep regret that we record the death of our esteemed colleague, the late Mr. Felix McMahon. Felix, although of quiet disposition, made a lasting impression on all those associated with him. He combined unquestioned loyalty to his chosen professional responsibility with a keen and human appreciation of the problems and difficulties of his fellow men.

Born in Dungannon, he was educated at Presentation Brothers Schools, and at St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon. After further studies at Bolton St. Technical School, he entered the Forestry Service as a Trainee in Dundrum in 1926. He served in many parts of the country—Clonmel (1927), Ards (1929), Killeshandra (1931), Dunmanway (1933), Pettigo (1936), Lough Gill (1941), Cootehill and Monaghan (1945). His contribution to the development of forestry in this country is reflected in the many fine plantations now apparent in those forests. He was very conscious of the aesthetic value of forestry. His work at many forests, and at Lough Gill in particular, shows his talent in combining good forestry with amenity considerations. In 1946 he was promoted to the rank of Inspector, and served in Rathdrum and Bray District Offices until his demise in June, 1966.



His keen interest in his fellow men was exemplified by the voluntary efforts which he exerted on behalf of the State Foresters' Association and the Society of Irish Foresters. He was Honorary Secretary of the S.F.A. during the late nineteen thirties and early forties. In his quietly determined way he pressed for established status and for better housing for State Foresters. Although success was not achieved during his term of office, he laid the foundations that ultimately led to success. He was a founder member of the Society of Irish Foresters. His enthusiasm and optimism were appreciated attributes in those early days when pessimism and indifference could have led to failure of the entire enterprise.

We tender our sincere sympathy to Mrs. McMahon and to her family in their bereavement. Their loss is also our loss.

"Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam".