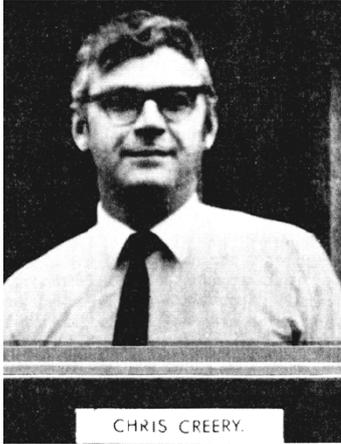


## DEATH OF CHRIS CREERY, CLANN EIREANN



Chris Creery of Clann Eireann and Armagh died last week in the full flower of manhood. To all of us who knew and loved him his untimely death came as an agonising shock. He was a sportsman, a great scholar and organiser, who devoted most of his spare time to the promotion of gaelic culture and ideals.

As a GAA player he represented honourably the educational institutions he attended at St. Colman's College Newry. St. Joseph's College of Education. Belfast and Queen's University. At club level he was a courageous and stylish mid-fielder for Clan Eireann. He wore the Saffron jersey of County Armagh with pride. When his playing career ended

he devoted many long hours to the organization of Clann Eireann and in particular to youth activities. Indeed the night before his sudden sad death he devoted to showing films for the youth section of his club.

As a school master he gave valued and dedicated service to the primary school children in the Toombridge area. He returned to his native sod as Headmaster of St. Mary's Primary School, Derrytrasna. The young Sarsfield's players of the future and all the children of the lough shore area will miss his gentle and scholarly guidance.

His great love and expertise was in the dramatic arts. He was an accomplished performer on the stage and talented writer. He was a recognised expert in the field of drama in primary education as his advanced studies at Queen's University testify. He worked for his parish conscientiously.

As a friend he had a flashing but kind wit and even a reprimand came with a gentle smile to wipe away the sting.

Thus to his wife Angela, sons and daughter and sorrowful family circle and friends we extend our deep sympathy. As a fellow student, fellow player, fellow traveler in many a fond remembered moment I offer his epitaph from Sean O'Casey a dramatist he admired "He was a darlin man - a darlin man" May he rest in peace.

**Chris died on the 15th December 1976**