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## ALL EYES ARE ON CROKE PARK

### Three Provinces In Railway Cup Deciders

ST. PATRICK'S DAY will this year see three Provinces represented, Munster defending their football honours and throwing down a challenge to Leinster in hurling will be dually engaged. Ulster, for the second year in succession, play Munster in the football final, a game that, following last year's titanic struggles between the provinces, is creating unusual interest.

Ulster footballers have yet to win a Railway Cup, but a year ago they were within a point of writing a fresh page of history when, in one of the greatest games ever, they drew with Munster and were unlucky not to have won. They lost the replay by a goal on Easter Monday, but again luck was not on the side of the Northmen, who threw away many score-getting chances.

Again the representatives of the Northern province have reached the final by a convincing win over Connacht in the semi-final at Longford, and hopes are high beyond the Boyne that the Cup will go North this season for the first time since its establishment in 1927.

#### MUNSTER CONFIDENT.

Munster, following a smashing victory over Leinster at Wexford Park, are equally confident that the Cup will remain in the South for another year, but while Connacht and Leinster have successfully defended the laurels gained on a previous St. Patrick's Day Munster failed on the two occasions to retain the Cup when challenged next season.

Leinster, defending the hurling Cup, which they won back from Munster last year, defeated Connacht in this year's semi-final at Ballinasloe. The Eastern hurlers scored such a ready victory over the all-Galway side that the confidence barometer has risen considerably in the province, and while Munster can never be treated lightly in this competition there is a quiet feeling that the Cup will remain with its present holders for another year.

Munster have drawn on three counties for a selection that looks powerful enough to regain the Cup.

#### EYES ON CROKE PARK.

All eyes will be on Croke Park as

it is an attractive programme that brings three of the four provinces into action.

The fact that Antrim, Armagh and Tyrone will be represented on the Ulster football side speaks for the solidarity of the G.A.A., the National Organisation which legislates for all Ireland.

The North, as usual, will be strongly represented in the crowd which will watch the giants of hurling and football battle for the Cups as there is no more Gaelic or no more enthusiastic followers than those men and women from Ulster who come year after year to cheer their standard bearers in All-Ireland or Railway Cup tests.

#### GAELIC ATMOSPHERE.

Southern Gaels, and particularly those of the Metropolis should make it a point of being present at Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day, where the atmosphere is truly Gaelic. Pipers' Bands play Irish music and the native tongue is heard on all sides, while exponents of the national games delight the crowd with exhibitions of hurling and football which are on a plane of their own.

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#### THREE STARS



W. DILLON (Munster).



V. DUFFY (Ulster).



J. WALSH (Leinster).

### HOW THEY WILL LINE-OUT

#### HURLING:

##### LEINSTER:

D. Conway (Dublin)  
M. Butler (capt.) (Dublin)  
P. Larkin (Kilkenny)  
F. White (Dublin)  
H. Gray (Dublin)  
J. Langton (Kilkenny)  
J. Mulcahy (Kilkenny)

P. Blanchfield (Kilkenny)  
W. Burke (Kilkenny)  
J. Walsh (Kilkenny)  
M. McDonnell (Dublin)  
J. Phelan (Kilkenny)

J. Byrne (Dublin)  
C. Downes (Dublin)

Subs—E. Wade, E. O'Brien, P. Farrell (Dublin); J. Kelly (Kilkenny); N. Rackard (Wexford).

##### MUNSTER:

J. McCarthy (Limerick)  
D. Gorman (Tipperary)  
B. Thornhill (Cork)  
W. Murphy (Cork)  
J. Ryan (Tipperary)  
W. (V)  
J. (C)  
Subs—E. Wade, E. O'Brien, P. Farrell (Dublin); J. Kelly (Kilkenny); N. Rackard (Wexford).

#### FOOTBALL

##### MUNSTER:

D. O'Keefe  
W. Myers (capt.)  
W. Dillon (capt.)  
S. Brosnan  
J. Walsh  
J. O'Gorman  
All Kerry except E. Young (Cork).  
Subs—P. Begley (Clare), R. Harnedy (Cork), P. McCarthy (Limerick), C. Moylan (Waterford), C. O'Sullivan (Kerry).

J. Keohane  
W. Casey  
P. Kennedy  
T. O'Connor  
E. Young

T. Healy  
E. Walsh  
J. J. O'Reilly (Cavan)  
A. Murray (Armagh)  
T. P. Reilly (Cavan)  
B. Cullen (Tyrone)  
L. Deignam (Cavan)  
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# MUNSTER & ULSTER IN SECOND FINAL

## THEY MADE HISTORY IN 1941

OPENING game at Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day will be the football final between Munster (holders) and Ulster, who, for the second year in succession and the fifth in all, figure in deciding ties of a competition that saw the Northern footballers make an early bid for a trophy which has so far eluded them.

Ulster went out before Munster in the semi-final of the first Cup at Cavan in Nov., 1926, but it was only by a point that the all-Kerry selection triumphed over the Northern representatives who, a year later, defeated Munster by two points in an unfinished semi-final at Croke Park and then lost by the narrowest margin to Leinster in the final.

Included on that Ulster side were: P. Kilroy, T. Bradley, P. Farrell, P. Fearon, J. P. Murphy, Jim Smith, P. McCusker, J. C. McDonnell and T. J. Weymes, all great footballers in their day.

### GREAT CONNACHT SIDE.

Next appearance of the Ulster men in the deciding tie was in 1936, when thirteen Cavan men with two Armagh men (J. Valley and J. McCullagh) lost (3-11 to 2-3) to one of the best Connacht teams ever. Mayo and Galway men, with P. Cavanagh, Sligo, made up the side that started a three years' Western reign as Railway Cup champions. Tom Burke, Mick Connaire, Purty Kelly, Jacky Carney, Brendan Nestor, Paddy Moclair, and Patsy Flannelly won their second of four Cup medals in this game.

Next appearance of Ulster in a final was in 1939 when a five-county selection drawn from Monaghan, Armagh, Cavan, Donegal and Antrim lost to a Leinster side made up of players from Laoighis, Louth, Offaly, Meath, Dublin, Wicklow and Kildare.

Five of the present Ulster side—J. McCullagh, E. McLoughlin, J. J. O'Reilly, A. Murray and V. Duffy—were on the beaten team, while the same quintette filled places on the side which lost to Munster on a replay last year.

Unlike their rivals, the Southern footballers have proved successful in three out of ten appearances in the deciding tie for the Cup, which at the moment is in the South. Their first effort was a successful one, an all-Kerry side, captained by John Joe Sheehy, taking the Cup south in 1927.

Dr. Joe Kearney, Cork, grand hurler and footballer, captained a Munster side which lost to Leinster in 1929. It included Mick Keating, then domiciled in Limerick; Tom Lee and Con Keane, Tipperary; Joe Barrett, Paul Russell, Con Brosnan and John Joe Sheehy, Kerry. Munster, with fourteen Kerry-men and M. Donegan, Cork, also lost a year later to Leinster, captained by Jack Higgins, but took a revenge in 1931, when fourteen Kerry-men and Georgie Comerford, Clare, won back the Cup.

The Kildare-led Leinster side recovered the Cup in 1932 from twelve Kerry-men; George Comerford, Clare; Seumas Duggan, Limerick, and Paddy Arragan, Tipperary, who, by the way,

is now a well-known figure on Irish coursing fields, and had Up the Aisle in the last four of this year's Derby at Clonmel.

Munster's next appearance was in 1935, a year in which few Kerry players were available owing to a stand-down. Paul Russell, Paddy Whitty, Tim O'Donnell and an almost unknown player, P. O'Connor, represented the Munster champions on the side which was drawn from Tipperary, Kerry, Clare, Waterford, Limerick, and Cork.

### LONG LIST OF DEFEATS.

Munster, composed of eight Kerry-men, four Clare-men, two Tipperary-men, and one from Limerick, lost to Connacht two years later, and in 1938 also went down before the Westerners, who won their last of four Cups. An all-Kerry side lost to Leinster in 1940, and last year thirteen Kerry-men and two Corkmen defeated a Northern side drawn from Cavan, Donegal, Down, Armagh and Monaghan.

This was a history-making game, as it was the first time for the provinces to meet in a final; the first time for a final to be drawn, and the first time for an important game to be played on a Bank Holiday, the replay taking place on Easter Monday, when Munster won by a goal.



HOW IT ALL BEGAN.—Start of the history-making drawn Ulster-Munster Railway Cup final at Croke Park on March 16, 1941.

## “An Fear go Raib an t-Áo leir”

“Mam”

“Bí fear ann faoi agus is faoi bí, ac ar éad ar bhí fear é go raib beagán airgid aige. Bí comhúil ar i n-garráid ar éal a tige. Ac sío go raib easbairt maoin saolta ar bí cróide placúil aige agus bí cion ag na comhursan go léir ar. Bío fáilte aige roim cúlte taistail a beo ag sabáil tairt, agus caitead sé an-cúro ama ag cannt agus ag seancais le h-ainne a beo sum aige ins na neite seo. Bí an saol ag ‘ul ar aghaid go maí leis go dtí gur cáimig seimhead an-uona ar fao. Tuic an uona ar fao ar na uoim tairt timéall na h-áite. Táimig salar ar na ba agus ar na caoiri agus ní raib airgid ag na uoime eim na ciosanna a íoc. Ueim Seán Duirde, (mar b’ sin an t-ainm a bí ar a’ bpeair) uem sé a lán-úicéall eim curúil le gac aoinne, ac ar uem cáimig an salar ar a cúro beirdeac fém. Níor bfeoir to córlad a uéanam leis an oiread san buadairt a bí ar. Bí sé a’ uruimint eim na uoilag agus cúlte blian roime sin bío uoilag sonasac aige, ac bí fíos maí aige nac sin a mbead moon oo fém na uon munnair tairt an blian sin.

Timéall seadman roim uoilag euaró se a’ córlad oróce amám agus ní raib sé i bpeir na luige nuair bí brionglóro aistead aige. Sa brionglóro seo cáimig fear cuige agus uubairt an fear seo le Seán Duirde uul eim uoicéad lunnighe agus go bfuigead sé saíobreas ann.

Maidean lár na bárac nuair u’ éirig Seán rinne sé suas a munnair ar uul eim uoicéad lunnighe. Ba mór an turas a bí ar ó Conamara go lunnead ac ar éad ar bhí, u’ éirig leis é uéanam agus nuair a sroic sé an uoicéad bí an-uombairt ar nuair ná raib saíobreas ná aon ruo uen tsagas san le fáil aige. U’ fan sé na séssam ar an uoicéad ar fead an lae agus bí an oróce ag uruimint istead go maí ar nuair a conntac sé fear ag teac cuige. Uo beannuig an fear so oo Seán agus tosais an beirt acu ag comrád le éite. U’innis an fear so oo Seán go raib sé ag brionglóro le trí h-oróce go raib or le fáil fé sgeic a bí a’ fás sa n-garráid ag fear uarú’ amm oo Seán Duirde Mac Congaite. Níó nac iongaó, oo zeit cróide Seán ac ní uubairt sé tava leis an bpeair. Ac rinne sé gaire agus uubairt sé leis an bpeair go mba ceart oo uul abate

agus ciail a beir aige mar gur munnair a bí brionglóro mar sin aige fém. U’ aontuig an fear leis ná raib ann ac amaraeac. Agus annsin u’innig Seán Duirde abate leis fém fé mar bead uia a raó leis. Nuair a bann sé a teac amac ruig sé ar rannan agus amac leis eim an garráid agus tíos fé n sgeic fuair sé cróca or. Ar uoig, ní raib teora leis an ácais a bí ar. Ní gao a raó gur eac sé fém agus na comhursan uoilag aobinn. Ac bí scriobnóireac eim ar tóim an cróca agus ní raib sé fém ná aoinne eile moon aon ciail a baint as. Ac níor eim sin istead ró-mór ar. Fao agus bí an t-or aige bí sé go rial agus go emealta le gac uime agus ní raib easbairt bío ar aoinne a euaró i n-garráid uo teac. Taréis eúpla blian bí a méro ag ‘ul i luigead, ac ní raib caú ar mar seall ar mar bí fíos aige gur rinne sé an-cúro maiteasa leis an t-amgead. Lá amám bí sé istic sa eistim na sui cois teime agus é go h-an-smaointeac ar fao, ruig sé ar an gcróca agus uem sé tréan-iarraeac ar ciail na bfoac oo bann amac. Ac mar ba gnac leis, teip ar. Bí sé ar tí é a caiteam istead sa teime móna a bí tíos aige nuair a buail cnas ar an uooras, agus oo shuab fear istead agus cumá ar gur sgoiláire a bí ann. Bí cosúlaeac ar an sgoiláire go raib tuirse agus ocras ar, agus réirúis Seán beile uó, agus annsin uubairt sé leis an sgoiláire sos a glicad.

Rinneadar comrád ar fead canntail agus annsin eim an sgoiláire fé nuéara an cróca a bí caite ar an uoicéad taob éiar oo caicóir.

“Teasbám uom an cróca san,” arsa an sgoiláire le Seán.

“Manam nac beut maiteas ar bhí ann,” aréir Seán. “Ac tá sgríobnóireac oo ruo cosúil le scriobnóireac ar a tóim, ac ní raib mise na aoinne eile i uon aon bria a baint as.”

“Well, u’féoir go mbead an t-áó liomsa,” aréir an sgoiláire.

Tus Seán Duirde an cróca oo agus eac an sgoiláire an-cúro ama ag u’iarrad é léigeam. I uoime éiar, uubairt sé le Seán:

“By dad, tá an ceart agat nil ciail ná luigead leis an ruo seo, bfuil fíos agat céard tá scriobta ar?”

“Nil muise,” aréir Seán, “ná mbead fíos a’ m sa é ní iarrfann ort é, a uime uasal.”

“Well, sé tá scriobta annseo ná: ‘Más feárr an taob seo is amíláró go bfuil an taob eile seacé n-uairé níos feárr,’ aréir an sgoiláire leis.

U’féac Seán Duirde ar agus iongaó agus ácas ar.

“U’fuil tá cinnte a uime uasal gur san atá scriobta ar?” aréir Seán leis.

“Ó cáim cinnte ceart go teór,” aréir an sgoiláire, “sean-faeúige atá scriobta ar, ac i n-ainm Crum uen h maiteas uic é sin?”

“Fan go bpeice tú,” aréir Seán leis. “Fad amac uim eim an garráid agus tabair rannan leac.”

Amac leo agus tosais Seán Duirde agus an sgoiláire ag obair ar an uoicéad eile oo’n sgeic. Tíos sa uoicéad bí seacé gcrócaí agus iad uilig lan suas u’or. Tus Seán ná ceann oo’n sgoiláire agus eimig sé fém na eim eile, agus bí a saogal mar u’iarrad a beil a beil as san amac. (An Ueire)

### LONG SERVICE.

Long service records in Railway Cup hurling finals are held by Martin Kennedy (Tipperary), Ned Wade (Dublin and Tipperary), Jimmy O’Connell, Paddy Phelan, Lory Meagher, Paddy Larkin (Kilkenny); Paddy Scanlon, Mick Mackey, John Mackey, Tim Ryan (Limerick). Martin Kennedy played in nine finals but this record has been outstepped by Paddy Phelan, who has filled a place in every Leinster team since starting as goalkeeper in 1930. He will be making his thirteenth appearance in this year’s final.

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# Leinster & Munster In 16th Hurling Final

## TABLE READS MUNSTER 10 LEINSTER 5

SIXTEEN meetings of Leinster and Munster in Hurling Cup finals will be recorded when the sides from those provinces line out in the second game of the programme at Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day. Ten to five the title list reads in favour of the Southerners, whose last Cup was won in 1940.

Leinster took the Cup twelve months ago to bring their total up to five victories, the first of which was secured in 1927—inauguration year of the competition.

Munster's first win was in 1928 when Seán Og Murphy captained a Cork-Tipperary-Limerick-Clare side that included Phil Cahill, Martin Kennedy, Phil Purcell, Mick Cronin, T. Shinny, J. J. Kinane, J. J. Callanan and Tull Considine. They beat a Leinster team made up of Dublin, Kilkenny and Leix players, captained by Mick Gill, and including the bulk of the players who had won the first Cup for the Eastern province.

### SEAN OG AGAIN.

Seán Og again led the Southerners to victory in 1929, and in 1930 another Cork Murphy, Dinny Barry, captained the Southerners in their third in a row Cup victory over Leinster, composed of Dublin, Kilkenny, Laoighis, Meath and Offaly players.

Under Tipperary leadership, Munster made it four in a string by winning the 1931 Cup. Included among the Southern hurlers were Tom O'Meara, Tommy Treacy (Tipp), Charley Ware (Waterford), J. J. Doyle, Tull Considine (Clare), Fox Collins, D. B. Murphy (Cork), Micky Cross and Garrett Howard (Limerick).

### GREAT KILKENNYMEN.

The great Kilkenny hurlers of 1931,

1932 and 1933 claimed a big part of the honours of the Leinster victories of 1932 and 1933. Included on the 1932 side were J. Dermody, Peter Reidy, Jim Walsh, Dinny O'Neill, P. Drennan



LORY MEAGHER (Leinster).  
JIM REGAN (Munster).  
Played in the first Hurling Final.

and E. Tobin, while Dermody again kept goal in 1933, the team including Eddie Doyle, Eddie Byrne, D. Dunne, Ned Wade, Paddy Byrne, Paddy Phelan and Paddy Larkin.

The Limerick dynasty made its influence felt in Munster's recovery of the Cup in 1934, Mick Mackey, Paddy Scanlon, Ned Cregan and Tom McCarthy making their first appearance for the Southern province.

Jimmy O'Connell's first appearance for Leinster in 1936 was a successful one as the Kilkenny-Dublin combination proved too good for a Limerick-Tipperary-Cork-Clare ensemble that included for the first time John Mackey and Paddy McMahon while Jimmy Cooney and John Quirke came on as subs.

Mick Mackey led the Southmen to victory in 1937, three of the present side, John Quirke, John Keane, and Christy Moylan, participating in the victory, which was followed a year later by a win for Jim Lanigan's side, that included Willie O'Donnell, Dinny Gorman, John Keane, Christy Moylan and John Quirke, while Jack Lynch came on as sub.

John Keane captained the Southerners in 1939, and in 1940 the leadership went back to Limerick, Mick Mackey making his last of many colourful appearances on the Croke Park sod on St. Patrick's Day.

It was a Munster side of many strange faces that opposed Leinster in a bid to set up a new record by winning the 1941 Cup. Jimmy O'Connell, probably making a last appearance for his province, played a big part in a Leinster victory that was as deserved as it was unexpected to bring the Eastern tally up to five, or half that of their Southern rivals, who will endeavour to recover the trophy.

## Inter-Provincials Nearly 40 Years Ago.

FOLLOWING the three great games between Kerry and Kildare in 1905 for the 1903 All-Ireland football title, the G.S. & W.R. Co. presented Shields for competition between provincial teams in hurling and football. Leinster won the 1905 hurling shield, while it went to Munster in 1906. Then Leinster won in 1907 and 1908 to take possession of the trophy. Munster by winning the football shield twice in succession, 1906-07, secured possession of this trophy.

In 1907 (Sept. 22nd), Munster and Leinster footballers met at Tipperary in the final of the Railway Shield competition.

Munster won 1-7 to 1-6 after Leinster had led 1-1 to 0-3 at half-time.

The teams were:—  
**Munster**—Maurice McCarthy (capt.), D. Mullins (goal), J. Sullivan, T. Costelloe, C. Murphy, B. Connor (Kerry); Martin Connors, P. O'Neill, C. Payne, T. Breen, J. Linehan (Cork); M. Dwyer, A. Quinlan, W. Daly (Limerick); P. Wall, M. Nolan, J. O'Brien (Tipperary).

**Leinster**—J. Grace (capt.), M. Keane (goal), T. Quane, Hugh Hilliard, J. Dempsey, Mick Kelly, M. Curry, P. Casey, J. Brennan (Dublin); S. Davis, D. Hoynes (Kilkenny); J. Scott, M. Fitzgerald, John Murray, M. Murray, Joyce Conlan, Martin Barry (Kildare).

In the same year (1907) Leinster and Munster met in hurling at Jones' Road. The Munster side was made up of Tipperary players drawn from Thurles, Horse and Jockey, Two-Mile-Borris, and Drombane, while Leinster called on Dublin, Kilkenny and Wexford men.

Leinster won by 0-14 to 1-8 after leading by seven points to three at half-time.

The teams were:—  
**Leinster**—D. J. Stapleton (capt.), J. J. Brennan, D. Kennedy, P. Lanigan, J. Rochford, J. Anthony, S. Walton (Kilkenny); D. McCormack, A. C. Harty, T. Warner (goal), Matt Callaghan, W. Leonard, W. Callaghan, M. Murphy (Dublin); Mick Cummins, — McHugh (Wexford).

**Munster**—T. Hayes (capt.), M. Purcell, E. Hayes, T. Allen, J. Burke, M. Maher, T. Gleeson, J. O'Keefe, A. Gleeson, T. Semple, P. Brolan, J. Mooney, H. Shelley, J. O'Brien (goal), J. Hayes, T. Kerwick, T. Mockler.



Snap from the 1941 Hurling Final, showing M. Butler (Leinster) clearing with J. Mullane and J. Quirke (Munster) in close attendance.

## First Railway Cup Games Were Thrillers.

WHILE we have had many great games between Leinster and Munster in the hurling final for the Railway Cup, that between the Provinces in the inaugural year (1927) is generally admitted to have been the classic of the series.

Leinster called on players from Dublin, Laoighis and Kilkenny while the Munster side was drawn from Cork, Limerick and Tipperary.

It was a brilliant galaxy of stars that dazzled the crowd on that St. Patrick's Day of 1927, for every man's name was a household word in those days. Dr. Tommy Daly (R.I.P.), Ned Tobin, "Fowler" McInerney, Mick Gill, "Builder" Walsh, Dinny O'Neill, Garrett Howard, E. Fahey, and that prince of forwards, Matty Power, were the Metropolitan hurlers on the side,

of his power as a full-back. Eudie Coughlan, Jim Hurlley, the Aherne pair ("Gah" and "Balty"), Jim Regan, Maurice Murphy and E. O'Connell represented Cork, while Tipperary had Mick D'Arcy, Phil Cahill and Martin Kennedy, greatest score getter of all times, and Limerick sent four stalwarts: Willie Gleeson, now a well-known coursing judge; Mickey Cross Mick Murphy (goal) and J. J. Kinane.

It was a game that would have delighted the heart of Fionn and knights of old, for scores were swapped with a bewildering rapidity that kept a large and critical crowd on their toes cheering brilliant passages.

It was thrust and parry, move and counter-move with Dr. Tommy Daly stopping greased lightning drives from Eudie, Gah, and Balty, while at the other end Sean Og was breaking up Leinster raids with that never to be forgotten shrug of the shoulders and swing of the hurley.

### THREE TIMES LEVEL.

Scores were level at half-time, and then points from Lory Meagher, Matty Power and Dinny O'Neill put Leinster in front. A typical Martin Kennedy goal levelled up, and Willie Gleeson with a point put the Southerners in the lead, which was short-lived, as Lory Meagher levelled.

Sean Roberts put Leinster once more in the lead, but Eudie Coughlan, with two points, once more set Munster hopes aflame, but Matty Power banged in a goal, followed by a point from Henry Meagher. Eudie Coughlan and Aherne had Munster points, but Leinster had the last score, a point from Lory Meagher, to give the Easter Province first honours in the competition.

### ALL-KERRY SIDE WINS.

An all-Kerry Munster football side beat a five-county Connacht selection that had a special course of training at Ballinasloe. The Western team included "Knacker" Walsh and Tom Molloy (Galway), Dick Creagh, John Forde and Mick Mulderigg (Mayo), G. Higgins and Tom Shevlin (Roscommon) and Paddy Collieran (Sligo).

On the Munster side was a player who had been called on at the last minute, and who was unknown to most football fans of that day. This was Frank Sheehy, who scored the first point in a thrilling game that was practically won for Munster by goals from Con Brosnan and Eamon Fitzgerald.



They played in First Railway Cup Football Final—MICK MULDERIG (Mayo and Connacht); JOE BARRETT (Kerry and Munster).

while from the Nore came Watty Dunphy, Eddie Doyle, Lory Meagher, his brother Henry, and Sean Roberts. Laoighis sent J. Byrne to complete a side that even to-day is spoken of as one of the best to ever represent the province in the Cup.

### FAMOUS NAMES.

Equally famed and equally good were the men who played for Munster. They were captained by the great Sean Og Murphy, then at the zenith

## Our Next Issue.

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# IT SHOULD BE A GAME OF THRILLS

## Ulster's Young Side May Beat Seasoned Southerners

MEMORIES of the two brilliant games between the provinces in the 1941 football final are fresh enough in the minds of those who were present at Croke Park to conjure up visions of another great struggle for a Cup which Munster hold and Ulster have yet to win.

Last year's games were so brilliantly colourful that they are still spoken of as classic examples of Gaelic football so that it is little wonder that the public are looking forward with zest to another clash between the Northern and Southern stars.

Munster had a surprisingly easy win over Leinster in the semi-final at Wexford Park, where the holders virtually won pulling up. Ulster defeated Connacht in a closer game at Longford, the Northmen impressing those who saw the game by their craft and speed. Northern football is at the moment a mixture of craft and speed, the forward play in particular ranking as the best seen in the game for a decade or more.

Munster's high fielding and long kicking were features of the win over Leinster as they have been in most victories secured by the Southern and All-Ireland champions, who fill fourteen of the fifteen places on the holders' team.

### ULSTER CHANGES.

Ulster will be a much changed team to that which lost by a goal in last year's replay, while there are two changes on the side which defeated Connacht in this year's semi-final. Tom O'Reilly, the Cavan skipper, is re-



P. KENNEDY (Munster).

called to fill a berth which should strengthen the defence that will now include Gerry Smith, who comes on in the right half-back berth vice John Joe O'Reilly, who moves up to the centre field.

Munster will only show one change on the side which won a year ago, W. Dillon (Kerry), who captains the team, replacing Dick Harnedy (Cork).

As in the majority of North-South games, Tuesday's final will be a clash of styles, Ulster relying on short passing moves while Munster will favour the high catching and long kicking so popular and successful in that province.

It seems a pity that the Northerners will not make the ball do more of the work as the constant racing with the ball takes a good deal out of the players who generally tire towards the end of a hard game.

The Kerryman, Paddy Kennedy and Eddie Walsh, proved trump cards for Munster at Wexford, where Leinster tried many centre-field combinations in an effort to subdue the Munster pair.

### CENTRE-FIELD PROBLEMS.

The Donegal newcomer, McDyer, and J. J. O'Reilly proved too good for Eamon Boland and Donal Kavanagh at Longford, and if Ulster can hold the Sean Brosnan-Paddy Kennedy partnership they will probably pave the way for Red Hand victory. Kennedy is at the peak of his form just now, while Brosnan generally plays well in those Railway Cup games.

Ulster will have a new full-forward line in B. Cullen (Tyrone), S. Deignan, well-known as a Colleges player, and Hugh Gallagher (Donegal), who, with his county-man, McDyer, are making their first appearance in a Railway Cup final.

The youthful Ulster attack will be up against a sterling southern defence that gave nothing away in the semi-final against Leinster. Murray and T. P. O'Reilly have plenty of weight while Deignan, the third Cavan man, has experience enough to make him a danger to the Munster net. Alf Murray, one of the greatest individualists in the game, will probably hold the key to Ulster's score getting efforts against a set of backs who proved their mettle in last year's final and again in the All-Ireland. If Murray distributes the ball a la Murt Kelly he would be the biggest danger yet to the Munster defence.

The Munster attack is more dashing than finished, but it has so much thrust and drive in it that it will take a good defence to hold it off. Murt Kelly has shown himself to be the ideal full-forward, and if he can hit up an understanding with his corner men Munster will, I think, retain the Cup.

### YOUTH THE SHEET ANCHOR.

The Ulster defence must, however, be rated better than Leinster's, and while Munster, on their Wexford form, will be strongly fancied, the Northmen's chances are as rosy as they were a year ago, when they only lost by a goal after two hours' brilliant football played in a sporting spirit.

Munster on the whole are more seasoned but Ulster's youthful side may rise to the occasion and give the province its first Cup.



J. J. O'REILLY (Ulster).

## How the Cup Rivals Have Fared.

LEINSTER AND MUNSTER have clashed in every Railway Cup hurling final since the inception of the present competition. Munster have won the Cup ten times as against five for Leinster.

There has been a remarkable similarity in the scoring in those games, which have often touched great heights. This is the score board of the fifteen finals in which the provinces have figured:

### HURLING.

1927	—Leinster, 1—11; Munster, 2—6.
1928	—Munster, 2—2; Leinster, 1—2.
1929	—Munster, 5—3; Leinster, 3—1.
1930	—Munster, 4—6; Leinster, 2—7.
1931	—Munster, 1—12; Leinster, 2—6.
1932	—Leinster, 6—8; Munster, 4—4.
1933	—Leinster, 4—6; Munster, 3—6.
1934	—Munster, 6—3; Leinster, 3—2.
1935	—Munster, 3—4; Leinster, 3—0.
1936	—Leinster, 2—8; Munster, 3—4.
1937	—Munster, 1—9; Leinster, 3—1.
1938	—Munster, 6—2; Leinster, 4—3.
1939	—Munster, 4—4; Leinster, 1—6.
1940	—Munster, 4—9; Leinster, 5—4.
1941	—Leinster, 2—5; Munster, 2—4.

### FOOTBALL.

Munster and Ulster meet for the eighth time in a Railway Cup game. Five of the meetings were in semi-finals, Munster winning three and Ulster two. The provinces made history 12 months ago by, for the first time, playing a draw in a final.

Here is how the provinces fared in their seven meetings to date:—

1927	Semi-Final—Munster, 1—8; Ulster, 3—1.
1928	Semi-Final—Ulster, 2—8; Munster, 2—6.
	(Game unfinished).
1930	Semi-Final—Munster, 2—13; Ulster, 1—3.
1935	Semi-Final—Munster, 0—10; Ulster, 1—5.
1939	Semi-Final—Ulster, 2—8; Munster, 1—6.
1941	Final—Munster, 2—6; Ulster, 1—6.
	(After a drawn game 1—8 each.)

### TIPP'S TRIPLE CROWN.

Brave hurlers of Tipperary, true Sons of Cormac's race, Through skill and brilliant hurling You've won an honoured place, All Ireland pays you homage, You have brought her high renown With your gallant fight and victory For the glorious Triple Crown. E. RYAN.

Toomevara, 1930.

### New Feature.

IN our next issue (July) we intend to inaugurate a Schools and Colleges feature. One or two schools which have made history on the playing fields will be dealt with in each issue while we will also be glad to include interesting news from schools, particularly items hitherto unpublished, which should be addressed to Editor, "Gaelic Echo," 14, Cearnog Parnall, Baile Atha Cliath.

St. Mel's, Longford, and North Monastery C.B.S., Cork, will form the subject of our opening articles.

### THE BIG FIVE.



E. WADE (Dublin)

G. HOWARD (Limerick)

FIVE men have won Railway Cup honours with two provinces. Three—Ned Wade, Garrett Howard and the late Locky Byrne—won hurling medals with Leinster and Munster, while Paul Russell claims the signal honour of being the only player to win dual provincial honours on the football field.

Garrett Howard (native of Croom) helped Leinster to win the first Cup, and was on the Munster side which won in 1931.

Ned Wade helped Leinster in 1933, 1936 and 1941, and was on the successful 1939 Munster side that also included Locky Byrne, who had filled a place on the successful 1936 Leinster team.

Paul Russell was one of the fifteen Kerryman who won the first football Cup for Munster (1927), and a year later Paul was on the Leinster side which beat Ulster in the final. He also helped Munster to win the 1931 Cup.

Bobby Beggs (Galway) helped Leinster to win the football Cup in 1935 and Connacht in 1936 and 1937.



P. RUSSELL (Kerry)

L. BYRNE (Waterford)

## COLLEGES HIGHLIGHT AT CROKE PARK.

THE National Holiday programme will have a splendid curtain-raiser in the All-Ireland Colleges Football Semi-Final at Croke Park on Sunday, when Ulster and Munster meet at 3.30 p.m.

College games are easily the most thrilling and keenly contested of all, the youthful exponents giving delightful exhibitions of clean football and hurling which grip the spectators with a vice-like interest.

### WAS A THRILLER.

Ulster and Munster a year ago thrilled a big crowd, and it is confidently anticipated that Sunday's semi-final will at least be equally good.

Munster will be represented by a side drawn from Tralee C.B.S.; St. Brendan's, Killarney; North Monastery, Cork; St. Flannan's, Ennis, and St. Michael's, Listowel, a school which, for the first time, has secured representation on the Southern team, which is:

Griffin (Tralee C.B.S.), goal; Hourigan (do.), Griffin (St. Brendan's, Killarney), Desmond (North Monastery, Cork), backs; Keane (St. Michael's, Listowel), Malone (St. Brendan's), (Tralee), half-backs; Murphy (Tralee), Lyne (St. Brendan's), centre-field; Daly (St. Flannan's, Ennis), Ashe (St. Brendan's), O'Keeffe (do.), Murray (St. Michael's), McCarthy (Tralee), and Cronin (do.), forwards.

Subs—Costelloe (St. Brendan's), Donnelly (do.), Twomey (North Monastery), McInerney (Limerick C.B.S.).

The Ulster side will include a number of footballers who have already made their mark in Northern College games.

It will be drawn from St. Patrick's, Cavan; St. Mary's, Dundalk; St. Macartin's, Monaghan, with representatives of the various C.B. Schools which are doing such good work for the games in Ulster. The team will line out as follows:—

S. Mulligan (Monaghan); P. McViegh (Armagh), A. Canning (Cavan), M. O'Connell (Dundalk); P. McKiernan (Cavan), P. O'Connor (Monaghan), S. O'Connor (do.); P. Wade (Cavan), M. McCormack (Monaghan); M. Hardy (Armagh), D. Reilly (Cavan), F. Finnegan (Monaghan); S. Mallon (Armagh), J. MacArtain (Dundalk), G. O'Reilly (do.).

Subs—J. Morris (St. Colman's, Newry), J. Reilly (Cavan), N. Keenan (C.B.S., Newry), F. McGurk (Armagh) and D. Lavery (St. Colman's, Newry).

P. O'Connor, S. Mulligan, D. Reilly, McKiernan and Hardy played against Munster last year. M. Hardy, G. O'Reilly, J. MacArtain, and M. O'Connell were on Louth minor team which won the Leinster championship, while A. Canning and D. Reilly were outstanding for Cavan minors last year.

The second semi-final, Leinster (holders) v. Connacht, will be played at Longford on Sunday, March 29th.

The final will be played on April 19, if Munster v. Connacht at Ennis; if Ulster v. Connacht or Leinster, at Cavan; if Munster v. Leinster, at Tralee.

Munster having defeated Leinster qualify for the All-Ireland Colleges hurling final against Connacht (holders) on April 26, at Ennis.

## Connacht Championships, 1942.

- S.F.—Mayo v. Roscommon at Tuam, June 14th.  
Galway v. Leitrim at Mohill, June 21st.  
Sligo v. Mayo or Roscommon at Ballina or Boyle, June 28th. FINAL—July 19th.
- J.F.—Mayo v. Roscommon at Tuam, May 24th.  
Sligo v. Leitrim at Carrick-on-Shannon, May 24th.  
Galway v. Mayo or Roscommon at Tuam or Ballinasloe, June 7th.
- M.F.—Mayo v. Roscommon and Galway v. Leitrim at Castlereagh, July 5th.  
Sligo v. Mayo or Roscommon at Tubbercurry, July 12th.

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# HURLING FINAL ISSUE IS VERY OPEN

## Leinster And Munster Have Weak And Strong Spots

FOUR counties will be represented on the Munster team, which will endeavour to wrest the Railway hurling Cup from a Dublin-Kilkenny Leinster side in the second game of the St. Patrick's Day programme at the National Stadium.

It may not be what many people would describe as the best Munster side, but it has the unique distinction of including players from two champion teams: Cork, All-Ireland title holders, and Tipperary, Munster title holders. Leinster are relying on a Dublin-Kilkenny blend, eight Nore men and seven from the Liffey being selected to defend the Cup, won back from Munster last year.

Most of the players who helped in the defeat of the holders in last year's final will be again in action for the Eastern province. Newcomers are the goalkeeper (Conway), Jimmy Phelan, Kilkenny; Downes and Jim Byrne, who was moved from left half-back to the left flank to make room for Paddy Phelan, Kilkenny, making his thirteenth appearance for his province.

### A GOOD FULL LINE.

Conway will be covered by his team mate, Mick Butler, with Paddy Larkin and Peter Blanchfield, two Noreside stalwarts, on the wings. A good full line that will get plenty of assistance from Frank White, Billy Bourke and Paddy Phelan.

The centre field partnership of Harry Gray (Dublin) and Jimmy Walsh (Kilkenny) is expected to give Leinster a pull against Jack Lynch (Cork) and C. Moylan (Waterford).



C. DOWNES (Leinster) and (Right) C. MOYLAN (Munster).

### SURPRISE CHOICE.

The choice of Jim McCarthy (Limerick and U.C.D.) as goalkeeper for Munster came as a mild surprise. He will have Batt Thornton, a newcomer, as full-back, with Dinny Gorman (Tipp) and Bill Murphy (Cork) in the corners. This too is a sound full back line as is the half-line of Johnny Ryan, John Keane and Peter Cregan. The half-forward line of W. Barron (Waterford), Christy Ring (Cork) and Dick Stokes (Limerick) does not appear to be up to the usual Munster standard, and surprise has been generally expressed at the non-inclusion of either Tommy Doyle or Peadar Flanagan (Tipperary).

We may see a switch in the whole attack as the game progresses, with one or two of the full line trio, John Quirke, Bill O'Donnell and Jacky Power, changed to the half line.

The full line is one of the strongest on the Munster side even with two men playing out of their best positions, and if it gets enough of the ball it will go far in a bid to take the Cup back to Munster.

This sixteenth meeting of the provinces should be as hard a game as we have seen in recent years.

Going on the All-Ireland form and subsequent victory of Tipperary over Cork, Munster would appear to hold the whip hand, but



W. BARRON (Munster).

form is very often unreliable at the start of the year.

For that reason we make it out to be an open issue with a slight leaning towards Munster's chances.

## THE REFEREE

It may appear strange to say so, but it seems to be an undoubted fact that the referee is the most important man on the field. The reason for this statement is not far to seek, for he is the one man who controls the play, the players, and, to a certain extent, the spectators.

The ideal man for the position should be possessed of many good qualities.

To begin with, he should have a thorough knowledge of the rules of the game, and what is still more important, he should be able to interpret and apply those rules in a sensible manner to the game in hand.

In this connection the deeper his knowledge of human nature and the more personal experience he has had of football, the better will he be as a referee. In fact, if he brings with him the reputation of having been himself a well-known and first-class footballer his chances of efficiency will be greatly enhanced.

Then, he should possess no small amount of resoluteness and firmness in his mental constitution. This is necessary in him because he must be prepared once he has given a decision to adhere to it unrelentingly, so that no pressure on the part of the players or on the part of the spectators should cause him to turn back.

He must make the players feel that he will tolerate no serious breaches of the rules and must show them that, if there is any inclination on their part to adopt foul tactics, he will crush such an attitude with an iron hand.

At the same time, however, he must not err on the side of severity by keeping his whistle blowing like a fog-horn.

He must be prepared to temper justice with mercy, and overlook, therefore, accidental infringements of the rules.

### FAIR TREATMENT.

We cannot help pleading for fair treatment towards our referees from the spectators. Of course, no one will expect onlookers unduly to withhold their enthusiasm and ardour on the occasion of big matches, and Irish nature seems to revel in a good shout whether of triumph or reproach. Assuredly, great consideration must be extended to the man who holds the whistle, and he should be given the credit of being judge in whatever decision he gives.

He cannot see everything. He may even make a big mistake, but no one should question for a moment any of his rulings.

How to Play Gaelic Football," by the late Dick Fitzgerald (R.I.P.).

## Buidheachas.

THE publishers again desire to express their thanks to those advertisers who made the fourth issue of the "Gaelic Echo" possible.

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J. BYRNE (Leinster).

## WHAT OF THE 1942 CHAMPIONSHIPS?

by "THE DIARIST"

WITH the Railway Cups disposed of the next question to be asked is: "What of the 1942 Championships?" Keeping in mind the lack of normal travelling facilities, there is generally speaking the promise of keen competition, with the counties as earnest as ever in the struggle for provincial and All-Ireland honours.

Kilkenny will be all out to recover the Leinster senior hurling title, which, after several months of inactivity, they lost to Dublin last year.

In the opening round on May 3rd, Laoighis play Wexford at Portlaoighise, while Offaly play Westmeath at Tullamore. Dublin and Kilkenny enter the lists at the semi-final stage—Dublin against Offaly at Westmeath (May 31) and Kilkenny against Laoighis or Wexford (June 7).

### BIG QUESTION IN THE SOUTH.

The defeat of Cork by Tipperary in the Munster final after Cork had won the All-Ireland championship was the most-talked-of event in hurling circles last year. It will still be a live topic in the months ahead.

With Kerry graded junior, Cork have a bye in the opening round, in which Tipperary, taking the field on May 17 (at Limerick), will be favourites against Clare. A tough battle can be anticipated between Limerick and Waterford on May 21 at Cork.

Limerick may find new strength from the side which took the junior title last year. Waterford had not all the luck in their two games with Limerick in 1940, when Limerick passed on to regain Munster and All-Ireland laurels.

The defeat of Waterford by Tipperary was a surprise last year as was the

heavy margin registered by Cork over Limerick.

The Munster senior football championship starts on June 14, Kerry going to Ennis to play Clare and Cork and Waterford meeting at Dungarvan (the winners of this game play Kerry in the semi-final, June 28), Cork or Waterford going into the final.

For full fixture list see advertisement in this paper.

The Leinster Championships start on April 26, and, with all counties except Kilkenny taking part, it is hoped to have the first of the senior football competition completed by the end of May. Meath (h.) v. Louth on May 3 and Kildare (h.) v. Offaly on May 10 are amongst the early attractions.

The entry as serious aspirants of Roscommon, Leitrim and Sligo has brought a change for the better in Connacht, where for long there was a foregone certainty of the title resting with either Galway or Mayo. Galway have been very much in the limelight in recent years; but it is encouraging to find that Roscommon have continued to make headway since their All-Ireland junior success of 1940. They gave Galway a great game in the Connacht final (senior) last year. In Connacht also there has been a League to heighten interest in the 1942 championship, in which all five counties compete this year (for fixtures see advt. in this paper).

Cavan continues to hold pride of place in Ulster football, and, last year, they were without dangerous opposition. The game, however, is in a healthy state in the North, and it may be significant that the Dr. McKenna Cup winners (Antrim) were obliged to play a second round with Derry and Tyrone before taking the Dr. Logan Cup.

## Clár Cluicéí na Mumhan 1942

iomáint na sinnsear agus na mionúr

Dealtaine 31<sup>o</sup>, i sCorcaigh—Lumneac agus Portlárige.  
Dealtaine 17<sup>o</sup>, i Luminis—An Clár agus T. Árann.  
(Corcaigh leigte).

Leat-Craobacha: Meiteamh 21<sup>o</sup>. Craob-Cluicéí: Iúil 12<sup>o</sup>.

peil na sinnsear agus na mionúr

Meiteamh 14<sup>o</sup>, i n-Imis—Ciarraróe agus An Clár.  
Meiteamh 14<sup>o</sup>, i n-Uingearbán—Portlárige agus Corcaigh.  
Meiteamh 7<sup>o</sup>, i tTiobrao-Árann—T. Árann agus Lumneac, i bPeil na Mionúr. (T. Árann leigte i bPeil na Sinnsear).

Leat-Craobacha: Meiteamh 28<sup>o</sup>. Craob-Cluicéí: Iúil 19<sup>o</sup>.

peil na sóisear

Dealtaine 10<sup>o</sup>, i n-Eoail—Corcaigh agus Portlárige.  
Dealtaine 10<sup>o</sup>, i n-Imis—Lumneac agus An Clár.  
Dealtaine 10<sup>o</sup>, i Uis Tuatail—T. Árann agus Ciarraróe.

Leat-Craobacha: Iúil 5<sup>o</sup>. Craob-Cluicéí: Iúil 26<sup>o</sup>.

iomáint na sóisear

Dealtaine 24<sup>o</sup>, i bFearnuige—Corcaigh agus Portlárige.  
Dealtaine 24<sup>o</sup>, i Luminis—Lumneac agus An Clár.  
Meiteamh 6<sup>o</sup>, i nÓ tÓrna nó Ué-Snáma—T. Árann agus Ciarraróe.

Leat-Craobacha: Iúil 5<sup>o</sup>. Craob-Cluicéí: Iúil 26<sup>o</sup>.

## TABHACT AN PHRATA

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2. Is mó a gheibtear de bheatha as acra prátaí ná as acra d'aon bhárr eile.
3. Ach é do shaothrú i gceart, bhéarfáidh talamh bocht bárr prátaí có maith leis an talamh freagarthach.
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### Cuir Tuilleadh Prataí: Prataí Luatha is Prataí Priomh-Bhairr.

An Roinn Talmhaidheachta.



# IRISH WEEK 1942

By P. O'CAOIMH, President N.A.I.D.A.

I INTEND to draw your attention to the approach of IRISH WEEK—that week in mid-March of each year when our National Holiday Festival of St. Patrick is celebrated. I want you to make this a real National Festival, taking on the noble spirit of our Great National Saint, and cultivating a healthy and buoyant pride in Ireland and all things Irish.

Employers, and those in positions of influence, should encourage the young folk by a simple salutation in Irish at this time and resolve to continue the practice. Much good will result. We may not all be fluent speakers of Gaelic, but we should practise what little we have during IRISH WEEK. We should take a pride in it and let everyone know that we have it. It was in that way the Welsh restored their language.

But speaking Irish is not enough—we must try to complete the programme. We must decide to buy Irish goods, we must wear Irish and not alone wear it but take a pride in the wearing. Our own people have built up very important Irish industries during the past 20 years. We are rapidly approaching the position of a self-contained nation.

Our manufacturers deserve support. Apart from all sentiment, we must remember that by buying Irish goods we are keeping our own people employed. And employment was never more essential than to-day.

What was a virtue has become a necessity. Our industries need the support of every man and woman of the Irish Nation. Let us support them with a generous hand during IRISH WEEK. When the present emergency is past, the necessity of buying Irish goods will become a habit. People will have realised that our own goods can compare with the best of any nation. So let men and women, when shopping, ask for Irish goods and accept no substitutes.

I would earnestly ask all shopkeepers to display Irish goods in their most attractive and principal windows, especially during IRISH WEEK. It is a good advertisement, it is pleasing to every eye at this time, it makes us race conscious and will reduce that inferiority complex which has dominated us in the past.

And a word to the all important man behind the counter—He can do more than anybody else. The German salesman pushes German wares; the British spare no pains to keep their own goods in the fore front; the Yank tells you there is nothing so good as his own products. And why not Irishmen? Tell your customer, not alone now, but always—THIS IS IRISH

### AND THEREFORE THE BEST.

I should like to speak a word of advice and encouragement to our rural community on whom we are all depending at this stage. You have been our pillars of support in the past and you will not fail us now.

You will make the best possible use of the bright and lengthening days of IRISH WEEK, in turning up that extra acre of ground which will feed our people during the days of emergency. You are the producers of the Nation's food supply, and with your wholehearted loyalty we shall triumph over all our difficulties

National Holiday week will be a symbol of tillage and planting of life-giving seed. Ireland's rural community have always rallied to the Nation's call. The call was never more incessant than at this hour of my speaking to you. And to you I would say: "GOD SPEED YOUR PLOUGH."

Transport and other difficulties will rob this Patrick's Day of much of its spectacular parades and glamour. But you will see young Ireland at its best in the National Games at Croke Park on the National Holiday when sixty of the best exponents of hurling and football will be in action. The select hurlers and footballers of Munster will meet the Leinster and Ulster men in the Railway Cup finals, and I can promise visitors two splendid exhibitions of our National Games. Let us hear the grand old Irish tongue on every lip at Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day, on every Stand, side-line, and on the field.

As a final word, I would ask you all to wear the Shamrock on St. Patrick's Day. It is a sacred emblem, of great meaning to the Irish nation; we should make its display universal. No Irishman or woman should be without a spray of Shamrock on the National Holiday.

## CLANN NA h-EIREANN—SCEIM NUA.

DO cuireadh Clann na h-Eireann ar bun i mB'Í'á Cliath tuairim is seacht mbliadhna ó shoin chum labhairt na Gaedhíle do chur chum cinn imeasc daoine óg agus chum spiorad maith náisiúnta do chothú.

Tá Craobhacha ag obair sa gCathair agus fé'n dtuaithe anois agus tá Brugh tógtha aca ag Domnach Pádraig, i nGaeltacht na Midhe, mar a théigh-eann na céadta daoine óga gach Samhradh chum saoire Gaedhealach do chaitheamh. Gluaiseacht Gaedhealach i geóir na n-Og atá i gceist ag Clann na h-Eireann ach rud ana-dheachair agus rud ana-chostasach 'seadh é gluaiseacht fhoghanta do chur ar bun agus ní ceart go bhfágfaidhe obair chomh tabhachtach fé churam roinnt beag Cumann Gaedhealach annso is annsú.

Tá scéim nuadh i geóir buachaillí ceaptha ag an lucht stiúrtha anois agus táthar ag súil go n-eireochaidh leithe níos fearr ná le h-aon rud a ceapadh go dtí seo. Tá an scéim seo bunuighthe ar na tréithe gur cóir a bheith ag baint le gach Gaedheal óg sa gcéad dul síos, mar atá, (1) An Gaedhíle do labhairt, (2) Paidreacha do radh as Gaedhíle, (3) Amhráin Gaedhíle do chanadh, (4) Rinní Gaedhealach do chleachtadh, (5) Iománuidheacht, (6) Stair na h-Eireann agus spiorad náisiúnta, (7) Smacht agus deagh-shompla.

Fé mar a fhásann an buachaill óg ó 14 bliadhna go 18 mbliadhna (an tréimhse is mó atá i gceist ag Clann na h-Eireann) tagann athrú mór ar a mheon agus ar a chorp agus ní fuirist bun-scéim amháin d'aimsiú a bheadh suimeamháil, éagsamhail agus fearamháil go léor dó chum go gclaoídhfeadh sé leithe le linn na tréimhse sin. Bíonn suim mhór ag buachaillí, amhthach, i geluicí agus tá Clann na h-Eireann ag dul i muintinn na h-iománuidheachta do'n obair seo. Ní h-eol dúinn aon chluiche atá ion-churtha leis an iománuidheacht maidir le h-oileamhaint lútha, misnigh agus fearamhlachta an duine óg agus rud eile 'si cluiche dúthchasach na nGaedheal í. Tá Cumann Iúth-Chleas Gaedheal ag cabhrú le Clann na h-Eireann san obair seo, tá spéis fé leith ag Pádraig O Caoimh, Ard-Rúnaidhe an Chumainn san obair, agus ag Seán O Braonáin, Cathaoirleach Coisde Conndae Atha Cliath, agus ag Liam Mac Gearailt, Rúnaidhe an Choiste Iománuidheachta, agus Peile do'n Aos Óg. Tá Corn geallta ag Cumann Iománuidheachta Eoghann Ruadh le h-aghaidh Comórtais idir fhóiribh as tuaisceart na Cathrach agus tá Clann na h-Eireann fé chomaoim mhór ag an gCumann so ar a shon san.

## Cumann na mDun-Scot

Tá Cumann na mDun-Scot i mBaile Átha Cliath bunuighthe anois le cúis bliadhna déas, agus ón lá a cuireadh tús leis go dtí an lá inniu tá sé ag síor tóil i dtreise. Is beag Rialálaí atá ann. Maireann an Cumann ar an spriú agus ní ar an Rialáil. Níl Rialáil ar b'áit Rialáil ná h-aoise. Sé sin "buacailí fé 12 agus 14 bliadhna ar lár Eanáir de'n bliadhna a tosúigeas an Comórtais." Ní brisfead an Rialáil sin. Tá saé scóil mór sa Cathair páirteac sa Cumann agus saé Saearn imirtear suas le píce cluicé. Bíonn Páire an Fionn Uisce, Páire Singe, Páire Noirbeard agus Baile Doct tán o'imreoirí agus buacailí scoile saé marthan Saearn.

Ar an Saearn is mó sead imirtear na cluicé, aet i mbliadhna tús an t-árd Rúnaidhe (Pádraic O



"Molann saé somne an t-árd mar a seobann sé é." Seaca buacailí as molaó a bhfuinne péin i mB'Í'á Cliath.

(Caoimh), ceao von gCumann na cluicéi ceannais o'imirt i bPáire an Chrócaig maron De Donnais. Bí seans ag na daoine fásta tóil go dtí na cluicéi an maron sin, agus bí sluaig mór daoine fásta i lár. Bíodar uile fásta len an obair maic atá fá déanam ar Cumann na mDun-Scot ar sol Cluicéi Saerdeatac i mB'leá Cliath.

Mar a tóbraó ceana bratann tóil éin ann ar an spriú maic atá sa Cumann. Ní bíonn gearán ó éinne, agus nuair a smaonúigeat go n-imirtear suas le píce cluicé saé Saearn agus go dtéigeann páistí áta Cliath amac go dtí na cluicéi sin, go n-imirgeann siad na cluicéi sin agus go dtéagann siad abailte ariste, san cur isteaé an aon rud, nó san gearán ó éinne—beut, sin rud gur péoir le Cumann na mDun-Scot maoréam as. An fáto is a maireann an spriú sin maipró an Cumann.

I mbliadhna priteacó iarrtaisí ó cúis scoiteanna nua le tóil isteaé i gcomórtais iománaréacata. Sin céim ar aetó san iománaréacó Béro an "Lá Mór" ag an gCumann i mbliadhna i bPáire an Chrócaig ar 29ao Bealtaine, 1942, sé sin tá na gCleasa-Lúit. Bíonn saé maé maéar i lár an lá sin. Bíonn suas le 1,000 imreoir ó teacéacó scoiteanna ar lons tuaiséanna. Cuirtear tóire le h-obair na bliadhna an lá sin.

Bíonn cruinnú ag an gCumann saé Luan ar a 5 a élog agus tóar nrois ní úsarótear aet an Saeróis amáin ag na cruinnúge sin.

### "THAT WAS LONG AGO."

On Wednesday, Feb. 28th, 1906, an Inter-Hospital Hurling match between the Mater and the Richmond was played at Croydon Park, Dublin.

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# VICTORY SONGS OF THE COUNTIES

Before setting out a few from a big number of songs we have received, we would ask our readers to send us any old G.A.A. songs they can lay their hands on, as we hope to continue this series for some time, and to save many old history-recording verses from oblivion.

**Cork, Tipperary, Kilkenny, Wexford and Clare readers have been to the fore in sending in songs. Now, what about Cavan, Kildare, Mayo, Galway, Louth, Meath and Kerry? Surely there are many old songs in those counties which would be worth publishing.**

**A CORK BALLAD.**

Cork claims the honour of being one of the few counties to win All-Ireland senior honours in hurling and football. The Leemen's last All-Ireland victory on the football field was achieved in 1911, when a Lees selection, captained by Mick Mehigan, brother of "Carbery," racy writer on G.A.A. affairs, beat Antrim in the final (6-6 to 1-2).

Included on the Cork side was Billy Mackessy, who is one of the few men to win dual honours. Jerry Beckett, who helped the Lee selection in this game, just missed the double as he was on the Cork side which lost by a point to Kilkenny in the 1907 final at Dungarvan.

**THE OLD BLACK AND RED.**

I.  
To-night in the City by Lee's placid waters,  
Where Shandon rings out her wild notes of delight,  
There are throngs in the streets and the joy and the laughter,  
Proclaim that there's glad news in Cork's town to-night!  
For to-day where the Liffey's brown surges were flowing  
To swell the blue depths of the wild Irish sea,  
The sons of the south in the vanguard were showing  
And brought Erin's Championship home to the Lee.

Chorus:  
Then here's to the Lees and their comrades,  
The glory of Munster's not dead—  
Macroom, Fermoy, and the Nils men  
Who played 'neath the old Black and Red.

II.  
Then toast we the health of our captain, Mick Mehigan,  
Who crossed the wide sea to lead forward his team;  
Fleet Jerry Beckett and Paye the crack marksman,  
O'Donovan, Barrett, Mick Cotter and Breen,  
Nor must we forget Murty Shea from the wild west,  
O'Connell, Young, and our pride—  
Mackisee!

**JUDGING by the number of letters received, our "Victory Songs" series in the Christmas Number proved immensely popular. Those old songs recalled in vivid language many of the early championship struggles and helped to bring to life names which outside their immediate neighbourhood had been forgotten.**

As we wrote when introducing this series in the Christmas Number, Victory Songs, and even songs of defeat, formed an important part in the building up of the G.A.A., as the feats of giants of the game were so vividly portrayed that they acted as an incentive to youthful players to emulate the deeds of the older heroes.

"Domby," Murphy and Lynch, Brave Lehanes and Sean Shorten, O'Driscoll and Neill from the banks of the Lee.

Chorus.

III.  
Though Waterford shone in that game against Kerry,  
At the town of Dungarvan our Heroes got home;  
With Galway at Leix, our bold Leemen made merry,  
From Antrim's swift wingmen we finished alone.

Then fill up the Cup to old Erin's new Champions,  
Their fielding and kicking a glory to see,  
With Mehigan our chief, we are proud of our comrades,  
May their names never die near the Bank of the Lee.

Chorus.

(Lee's colours were red and black. "Domby" Kelliher of Macroom was the youngest of the side.)

1926 was a history-making year by the Lee. Sean Og and his bunch of

porter, has left us his story of the game in doggerel verse.

Tomas O'Laoi, well-known radio commentator in our native tongue on our native games and lately promoted Schools Inspector, played in this game as did many more well-known figures in the hurling world.

I.

Come now! I will ask you remember and listen to what I will say,  
On Sunday, the 7th Nov., when the Rockies and Finbarrs did play,  
For the title of Cork Co. Champions, which went as All-Ireland as well,  
When the whistle for full-time was sounded Blackrock had a sad tale to tell.

II.

The Cork team had conquered Tipperary upon their third gallant attempt,  
They also put paid to Kilkenny which sure was a glorious event;  
They fielded out two from the Army, one from Cloughduv and Kinsale,  
Ten from Blackrock and Joe Kearney, the one Finbarr to tell us the tale.

III.

Sean Og's team was congratulated in Cork and in Thurles likewise,  
As Captain he richly deserved it and his team that had won the great prize;  
Of all the teams that Cork represented, Blackrock were by all acclaimed best,  
But the Sunday they met the St. Finbarrs it was then they were put to the test.

IV.

What a glorious sight on that Sunday when the Rockies fifteen were led in  
By Sean Og in his green and gold jersey, a fine lot of well-trained young men;  
Danny Coughlan came on with his trim team togged out in the old royal blue;  
The spectators cheered both fifteens, and wondered what Finbarrs would do.

VI.

When at half-time the game was restarted Blackrock piled a score up 'tis true,  
They thought that the Barrs were downhearted when their lead became three goals and two  
Barrs wanted four clear goals to win it, some test for the boys from the Lough,  
But they put the steam on that minute, descendants of grand hurling stock.

VII.  
Danny Ring, Tom Lee, Mick Connell, Joe Kearney and "Batna" so small  
Fought hard for the coveted laurels, the Rockies were back to the wall.  
Right well Barrs achieved their desire, they just got the winning score,  
And pulled it right out of the fire amidst a terrific uproar.

VIII.

Blackrock it is true were defeated, it certainly was a surprise,  
And if anyone tried to predict it, we'd ask him to stop telling lies;  
It's not the first time that we beat them, we can make them look pale when we choose;  
When we meet them again we'll defeat them; long life to the gallant old Blues.

**THE BOYS OF WEXFORD TOO.**

Wexford is one of the few counties to secure dual honours, the Loc Gorman men winning their first and last senior hurling title in 1910, when a Castlebridge selection beat a Castleconnell selection led by "Tyler" Mackey by a single point (7-0 to 6-2).

The late Sean R. Etchingham, or "Patsy Patrick" as many of us will better remember him, wrote a poem, "Wexford's Hurling Men," to celebrate the victory. It was published in the "Ennisclorthy Echo," great advocate of Gaelic games, and is set to the air of "The Thirty-Two Counties."

Sean Kennedy ("Seán Mór") captained two of the Wexford teams

Here's to Cummins—gallant Mike,  
Who for scores did often strike;  
And here's to young Devereux, the peerless.

Chorus:

I toast them every one,  
Who for Wexford so well won  
All-Ireland hurling honours at long last, boys;  
But I ask for one cheer more  
For the men who've gone before,  
The Hurling Shelmaliars of the past, boys.

II.

Here's to Andy Kehoc,  
Who with lightning speed did go;  
Here's to dashing Dave Kavanagh, the winger;  
Here's to Patsy Corcoran,  
Who could always mind his man,  
And Mick Neville, boys, he proved himself a dinger.

Chorus.

III.

Here's to brave Sim Donohoe,  
One of our tried and true;  
Here's to young Mackey—great his glory;  
Here's to Parker and McHugh  
Who some splendid work did do  
In a game that will be oft recalled in story.

Chorus.

IV.

Here's to the Fortunes, Jem and Dick,  
Now well-known in Limerick,  
For, boys, the brothers did some darning driving;  
Like Mythen from Oulart Hill,  
They are great in strength and skill;  
Through the hour, boys, the three of them were striving.

Chorus.

V.

Here's to Roche, who kept the goal,  
A Shelmahier in heart and soul;  
Here's to O'Kennedy, our pride, boys;  
While the praise of all we sing,  
Let us hail our hurling king—  
Seán Mór from the old Barrowside, boys.

Chorus.

Tipperary claims the unique honour of having won three All-Ireland hurling titles (senior, junior and minor) in one year (1930).

There are songs galore to celebrate this wonderful feat of "Magnificent Tipperary," and from a booklet printed by the "Tipperary Star" and published to aid the games in the National Schools of the county we cull a contribution by Mr. Frank McGrath, Nenagh, ex-Chairman of the Munster Council, and Tipperary representative on the 1942 Central Council.

It is sung to the air of "Clare Dragoons" and is entitled:

**"TIPPERARY WEARS THE TRIPLE CROWN."**

I.  
From Slievenamon to Shannon's wave,  
Tipperary's athletes swift and brave,  
In far off days her flag upheld,  
No tyrant's threat e'er made them yield  
Adown the years that spirit went  
That titled her mag-ni-fi-cent,

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SEAN OG MURPHY (Cork).



Mr. Frank McGrath, Nenagh, ex-Chairman of the Munster Council, and Tipperary representative on the 1942 Central Council.

which won All-Ireland football honours in 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918, and was on the teams which lost to Kerry in 1913 and 1914.

I.

Here's to Captain Doyle,  
Who the Limerick backs did foil;  
Here's to Jim Shortall, bold and fearless;

**CUMANN LUITH CHLEAS GAEDHEAL.**

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# VICTORY SONGS

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## Deaḡ comairle ó cúige ulaó

To-day as then that headlong dash  
Still sweeps the field where hurleys  
clash.

**Chorus:**

Tipp'rary's year! Clear comes the call,  
On, on her stalwarts sweep the ball;  
Through serried ranks they smash  
their way,

Brave Kickham's spirit's here to-day,  
The Nation's game her honour, pride,  
Tipp'rary clasps them to her side;  
With Ireland's greatest teams gone  
down,  
Tipp'rary wears the Triple Crown.

**II.**

Dungarvan's hosting saw the day  
Her seniors onward fight their way  
To Cork where Clare's proud spirit dies  
Tipp'rary takes old Munster's prize;  
Then steadily as Cashel's rock,  
At Birr they stand the Western shock,  
And scoring true they qualify  
Gainst Leinster's best their chance to  
try.

**Chorus:**

At Croke Park, where Mick Hogan  
bled  
And joined the roll of martyred dead,  
Like greyhounds speeding from the  
leash  
Through Dublin's lines the Tipp men  
crash;

Tipp'rary's flag is hoisted high,  
That cheer goes echoing to the sky  
And distant exiles weep with joy,  
Tipp'rary spirit ne'er shall die.

**Chorus:**

The Minors harking to the call  
Like Finn and Oisín drive the ball;  
Her Juniors bending to the work,  
Unconquered too they make their  
mark.  
In future years at each fireside  
Tipp'rary's deeds are told with pride;  
Her children list with hearts aflame,  
All burning to uphold the name.

**Chorus:**

Oh, magnificent Tipperary, how you  
struggled never weary,  
Tho' Kilkenny's ceaseless rushes  
drove you back,  
How you came, anew again, and your  
gallant hurling-men  
Returned ever fiercer to attack.

**III.**

Oh, it was a gallant sight, when Kilkenny  
in their might,  
Rolled back Tipperary's desperate  
forward play;  
And our County needs must honour,  
those who won such glory for  
her,  
'Tis for that I write this simple little  
lay.

**IV.**

Oh, look at Walton their posts assault-  
ing, at last he raises the final  
score;  
Our shouts were heard on the hills of  
Clara when he beat O'Meara the  
"barn door."  
Our colours shining more bright than  
ever, and more determined our  
champions play  
To win the battle, once more they  
rattle, the hounds are failing, they  
cannot stay;  
The cloud are lowering, the light is  
fading, the hounds are sinking be-  
hind the hares,  
Kilkenny's pussies are fast escaping—  
they'll never catch them with nets  
or snares.  
Another rally from Toomevara saw  
Power defending his net once  
more,  
The glorious victory is at our mercy—  
God bless our hurlers beside the  
Nore.

**V.**

Oh, thanks to Heavens there goes the  
whistle, Toomevara Greyhounds'  
long course is o'er,  
And when next in slips they can call  
to memory the loose limbed hares  
by the River Nore;  
Oh! sweet Kilkenny, your victories  
many have stiled you champions  
both far and near;  
Hang up your camans and wear your  
laurels you won with honour from  
year to year,  
You beat the best they could send  
from Munster; the pride of Leins-  
ter before you fell;  
The Glasgow exiles you too defeated,  
and the Liverpool-Irish you beat  
as well;  
One word in favour of Toomevara, the  
greatest sportsmen we've ever met,  
We'll grasp their hands as worthy fo-  
emen and hope to see them victori-  
ous yet.

**VI.**

Oh, it was a gallant sight, when Kilkenny  
in their might,  
Rolled back Tipperary's desperate  
forward play;  
And our County needs must honour,  
those who won such glory for  
her,  
'Tis for that I write this simple little  
lay.

We do not want to crow o'er Tipperary's  
overthrow,  
Or boast of what Kilkenny players  
have done,  
For Kilkennys and Tipperarys have  
been friendly since the Fairies  
Taught them hurling in the ages dim  
and gone.

The victory over Tipperary in the  
1913 All-Ireland final was particularly  
sweet to the Noreside hurlers as  
"Widger Meagher's men" had defeat-  
ed the Kilkennymen in the Croke Mem-  
orial Final the previous June on Dan  
Fraher's field in "Sweet Dungarvan  
Town."

Songs in plenty were written to cele-  
brate the victory of "Drug" Walsh's  
team over the Toomevara selection.  
One of these, "United We Stand," we  
have much pleasure in reproducing,  
because of the sentiments expressed by  
the writer, Mr. Patrick Connor, Pros-  
pect Park, Kilkenny, and published in  
the "Kilkenny Moderator" of 15th  
Nov., 1913.

### "UNITED WE STAND."

**I.**

'Twas in November we all assembled,  
to see the Final at Jones' Road,  
Where the grand old champions as  
game as bantams, in many a battle  
the line have toed;

Half-past two was the hour appointed,  
the ground was wet and the going  
dead,  
When Ireland's champions in Black  
and Amber, lined out with Munster  
in Gold and Red,  
Drug, Sim and Rochford are first to  
enter, three old veterans we love  
so well,

And the Pipers' Band before them  
marching—the sight should ever in  
memory dwell;

Ah, here comes Munster in Gold and  
Scarlet, the finest hurlers we'll  
meet again;

And only once have they been defeat-  
ed—their deeds are told by many  
a pen.

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amán).
- Aibreán 26ad (Peit Mionúr 2.30 p.m., Peit Sinnsear 3.45 p.m.):  
Eacórum Uí Droin: Loé Sarmán v. Cill Mannáin.
- Deatáime 3ad (Iomána Mionúr 2.30, p.m., Iomána Sinnsear,  
3.45 p.m.)—Portlaoisḡe: Laoisís v. Loé Sarmán. Tuḡac  
Mór: Iar-Míre v. Uabpáitḡe (sinnsear amán).
- Deatáime 3ad (Peit Mionúr 2.30 p.m., Peit Sinnsear 3.45 p.m.):  
An Uam: Lúbaró v. Míre.
- Deatáime 10ad (Peit Mionúr 2.30 p.m., Peit Sinnsear 3.45 p.m.)  
Droicéad Nua: Cillvára v. Uabpáitḡe. Longport: Iar-Míre  
v. Longport (sinnsear amán).

## Greyhound Racing

EVERY

TUESDAY; THURSDAY; AND FRIDAY.

FLAT AND HURDLE HANDICAP RACING A SPECIALITY.

## HAROLD'S CROSS

### LARRY STANLEY'S GREAT POINT.

Cork will tell with pride, and rightly  
so, about Eddie Coughlan's marvellous  
point in the 1931 All-Ireland hurling  
final, but Kildare men too have just  
cause to boast of a point kicked by  
Larry Stanley in the 1919 All-Ireland  
final against Galway.

Larry, who first played for a club  
named Blacktrench, was at the peak  
of his form and, leaping high into the  
air, about 40 yards out, he performed  
one of his speciality catches only to be  
grassed as he landed on the ground.  
He tried to regain his feet, but was  
prevented. This, however, did not de-  
ter the Lily-White stylist, who off one  
knee kicked a point that will ever be  
spoken of in the Short Grass county.

The coin is tossed and Kilkenny win;  
"Drug" Walsh, the captain, calls  
out the roll;  
The backs are marching to take their  
places, and Power is gone to the  
Clonliffe goal.  
Woeful Gargan is first to trespass, and  
then commences a fierce attack.  
By Dr. Grace and J. J. Brennan, for  
speed and courage they do not  
lack;  
But Walton waltzes through his oppon-  
ents, and the white flag rises for  
our first score,  
And the green flag soon in the breeze  
is waving by good old Gargan  
from beside the Nore.  
Dick Grace and "Drug" beat all before  
them, and up dashed Kennedy, the  
mighty giant,  
His fine long pucks relieving greatly,  
and from a "seventy" he scores a  
point.

**III.**

With Tipp bombarding and Power still  
guarding, the leather travelling at  
lightning speed,  
Our heroes dashing and hurleys clash-  
ing, they're still maintaining their  
two points' lead;  
Their combination is a revelation, in  
every station our boys excel,  
As camán wielders and splendid field-  
ers the Munster champions alone  
can tell;  
Tipp's great forwards again are press-  
ing, but Keoghan and Rochford are  
quite at home,  
From the Boyne to Shannon who'd  
conquer Lennan, that fine perform-  
er from Erin's Own?  
Ah, what could equal the Doyles and  
Doherty, and Jim Kelly, Moon-  
dharrig's Gael;  
Their splendid passing, the Tipps out-  
classing, there's none could beat  
them in Innisfail.

**IV.**

Oh, look at Walton their posts assault-  
ing, at last he raises the final  
score;  
Our shouts were heard on the hills of  
Clara when he beat O'Meara the  
"barn door."  
Our colours shining more bright than  
ever, and more determined our  
champions play  
To win the battle, once more they  
rattle, the hounds are failing, they  
cannot stay;  
The cloud are lowering, the light is  
fading, the hounds are sinking be-  
hind the hares,  
Kilkenny's pussies are fast escaping—  
they'll never catch them with nets  
or snares.  
Another rally from Toomevara saw  
Power defending his net once  
more,  
The glorious victory is at our mercy—  
God bless our hurlers beside the  
Nore.

**V.**

Oh, thanks to Heavens there goes the  
whistle, Toomevara Greyhounds'  
long course is o'er,  
And when next in slips they can call  
to memory the loose limbed hares  
by the River Nore;  
Oh! sweet Kilkenny, your victories  
many have stiled you champions  
both far and near;  
Hang up your camans and wear your  
laurels you won with honour from  
year to year,  
You beat the best they could send  
from Munster; the pride of Leins-  
ter before you fell;  
The Glasgow exiles you too defeated,  
and the Liverpool-Irish you beat  
as well;  
One word in favour of Toomevara, the  
greatest sportsmen we've ever met,  
We'll grasp their hands as worthy fo-  
emen and hope to see them victori-  
ous yet.

created energy to ensure that there  
will be no weakening or lessening in  
the strength and virility of our organ-  
isation. The real development of the  
G.A.A. lies in its finding a place in the  
hearts and life of the common people—  
the people who truly represent the Ire-  
land of the Gael. Such people, be they  
domiciled in remote districts or indus-  
trialised areas, and irrespective of their  
lot, are the people who have pride in  
their national traditions, and who have  
clung tenaciously to them when others  
with less character espoused and en-  
couraged an alien cult. On such peo-  
ple will depend the salvation of the  
native and Christian mode of life with  
which our land is associated. Whether  
or not the war-clouds, which already  
envelop so many peoples, interfere  
with our Provincial competitions, our  
inter-club competitions must not be  
permitted to lapse.

#### SPEARHEAD OF DRIVE.

They form the spearhead of the  
Association's drive, to provide facilities  
in every district for Irishmen of an  
athletic bent, to play and enjoy the  
many spirited games of the Gael.  
Therefore, in the incoming year let us  
be diligent in doing our utmost, to  
further what is a most vital aspect in  
the activities of the Association.

As has often been stressed bef-  
ore, membership of the G.A.A. im-  
plies not alone an attachment and  
interest in the native games, but  
also in every phase of that greater  
movement calculated to restore and  
preserve those traits characteristic  
of nationality. In brief, these are  
the language, music, games and  
pastimes associated with the his-  
tory of our country, and expres-  
sive of its individuality.

Without such attributes our nation  
would be soulless, and no such nation  
could ever hope to command the real  
respect, or hold the true affection of  
its sons and daughters. No martyrs'  
list would be Ireland's to-day if the  
cause of its freedom merely symbolised  
the withdrawal of the invader. To  
those who sealed their devotion to  
their land with their life's blood, the  
restoration of the civilisation of Pad-  
raig, Brighde, and Colmchill was an  
inspiring thought and urge. We, who  
have the privilege of belonging to an  
Association, that has as its primary  
object the restoration of one phase of  
national culture, should have no hesi-  
tation about giving our fullest support  
to kindred organisations allied to true  
nationality. It is our duty to do so,  
and the language and other cultural  
national movements should find in us  
devoted helpers.

#### UNITED THE NATION.

As a national organisation the G.A.A.  
has done great work in uniting the  
cream of Ireland's manhood to labour  
to preserve Gaelic pastimes. Through  
such pastimes it aims not alone at  
Irishmen finding enjoyment in the  
games racy of the soil, but also in in-  
stilling a spirit of discipline amongst  
participants.

This aspect of its work merited  
the warm approval of his Emin-  
ence, Cardinal MacRory, when (in  
an address in the Cathedral to the  
delegates to the Ulster Convention  
of last year) he said that the Asso-  
ciation through the national games,  
had done great work in spreading  
a spirit of discipline amongst the  
youth of the country.

In expressing the hope that the Asso-  
ciation would always keep such object  
in view, his Eminence said that disci-  
pline was good for both soul and body.  
The words of encouragement and ad-  
vice spoken by the esteemed Patron of  
our Association are both helpful and  
practical. Discipline is the hallmark  
of sportsmanship; and our games, prop-  
erly directed, can do much in edu-  
cating in that sportsmanship which is  
so essential to them, and also to the  
greater game of life. Therefore, all  
committees in control of matches  
should be vigilant in their efforts to  
detect cases of gross unsportsmanship  
on the part of players or teams, and  
should be fearless in taking effective  
measures to efface it.—Excerpt from  
the annual report of the Secretary  
(Mr. G. Arthurs) read at the 1942  
Ulster Convention at Omagh.

Cló buailte as muintir "An  
Ciarragae" Teó., Tríglí,  
agus foillsiḡe as lúe "Mac  
Ealla na nSaeóeal," 14 Cearnóg  
Parnail, Baile áca Cliait.

Though there does not seem much  
prospect of an early amelioration of  
present conditions, we must not be  
discouraged, but rather strive with in-