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But They Meet At Croke Park To-morrow

AFTER a lapse of eight years Galway and Dublin, for the third time since the All-Ireland championships were established, meet to-morrow at Croke Park in a Senior Football Final. It is what one might describe as a surprise meeting, as the finalists were outsiders in their semi-final tests, in which Dublin beat Cavan by a goal and Galway triumphed over Kerry by the same margin. Remarkable feature of those victories was that in each case the winning score came off a "fifty."

Last championship meeting of the counties produced a game that was well up to All-Ireland standard and an exciting finish in which Dublin hammered at the Western citadel but could not secure the goal which would have brought victory.

Since that game in Sept., 1934, Galway have touched great heights, the All-Ireland final being reached three times. Victory for the second time in the decade crowned the Western banners in 1938, while in 1940 it was only by a point that they lost the title, which, for three years in a row, was held by Kerry, who, although strongly fancied, went down before the Galway men in this year's semi-final.

lands', led by J. Kennedy, beat Clondrohid (Cork) in a game in which the old rule of a goal, outweighing any number of points, gave the honours to the Metropolitans, whose score read 2-1 against the Corkmen's 1-9, which to-day would carry the laurels South. Galway's rise has been of more recent date, but on all sides it is freely admitted that to-day Western football is on a par with the best the other provinces can serve up. Memories of the 1934 final are still fresh enough to ensure a bumper crowd, as Dublin only lost by two



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beat Longford, Meath and Carlow in the Leinster tests before defeating Cavan in the All-Ireland semi-final. Their gritty display in the game with the Northern champions gained many admirers for the Metropolitans, who will take the field a very fit and confident side. This, too, applies to Galway, whose training methods are second to none, and it should be one of the fastest finals of recent years.

STRONG INCENTIVE.

Dublin will have a strong incentive in their bid to catch up on Kerry, who lead the All-Ireland title race with fifteen titles against the Metropolitans' fourteen, a record which stood the test of many years.

I expect it to be a hard game in which the close marking Dublin tactics might easily upset the Western representatives. Each side will be trained to last a fast hour, and, as there is little between them on form, it should be a close struggle right through.

Let us hope, that, like the hurling final, it will be played in a good sporting spirit, and may the better team win.

Club Mates In Opposition.

TWO sets of Club mates will be in opposition in to-morrow's final, as Joe Fitzgerald, J. Joy and P. Henry (Dublin) and F. Caniffe and J. Canavan (Galway) play for Geraldines, Dublin champions, while R. Beggs and T. Banks (Dublin) and M. Connaire (Galway) assist Sean McDermotts.

MUST BE A RECORD.

IN 1925 Sligo and Roscommon met six times in the Connacht Senior football championship before Sligo, on Sept. 13, won by 2-3 to 0-2, but later lost on an objection.

This must easily be a record number of meetings in a senior championship test in which Wexford and Carlow met four times in 1941 before Carlow won.

Rival Selections

DUBLIN (Blue, White Crests)

- C. Kelly
R. Beggs * P. Kennedy C. Crone
P. Henry P. O'Reilly B. Quinn
M. Falvey Joe Fitzgerald (capt.)
J. Joy P. Bermingham J. Fitzgerald
M. Fletcher P. O'Connor T. Banks
Subs.—P. Ryan, J. Murphy, S. Healy, S. Moriarty, M. Richardson, S. McCarthy.

GALWAY (Maroon, White Collars and Cuffs).

- J. McGauran
F. Caniffe M. Connaire P. McDonagh
J. Duggan J. Casey T. O'Sullivan
D. Kavanagh C. Connolly (capt.)
J. Clifford M. Fallon J. Canavan
J. Flavin P. Thornton S. Thornton
Subs.—E. Mulholland, P. McDonagh, P. Fitzgerald, M. Cassidy, C. O'Connor, S. Walsh.

*P. Kennedy is doubtful for the full-back position, which will probably be filled by J. Murphy or C. Boland.

HELD THE RECORD.

Dublin, for long the record holders, are now in the position of being a title behind Kerry in the roll of honour, and catching up on the Kingdom will be a big incentive to the Metropolitans, who, a year ago, only lost to Kerry in a semi-final replay at Tralee.

Dublin's All-Ireland record is one of the best, but it was in the closing years of the last century that the Metropolitans asserted a superiority, which remained pre-eminent until 1940, when Kerry won their fourteenth title to equal a record which stood since the O'Tooles' selection beat the re-organised Kerry men for the 1923 Blue Riband. This game, played on Sept. 28, 1924, was the last occasion on which the Metropolitan Colours were carried to victory in an All-Ireland Senior football final.

Dublin appeared in the 1924 final but lost to Kerry, and ten years later lost to Galway, who, by a two points' margin, secured their first senior football crown on the playing field.

ON A PAR WITH THE BEST.

This was the Galwegians fifth appearance in the final, the first being in 1900, when a Tuam "Krugers" side lost the home final to Tipperary.

Dublin started their victory march as far back as 1891, when the Young Ire-

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3.15—All-Ireland S. F. Final—DUBLIN v. GALWAY.

points in as thrilling a finish as one could recall. Few of the players who participated in that, for Galway, record-making final are still active, but to-morrow's teams will include men who have in recent times claimed a big share of the head lines.

Galway's dashing style of high-catching and long kicking has done much to restore Gaelic football to its rightful place, and, certainly, there are few more colourful exponents of the game to-day than the present Connacht champions.

Dublin, assisted by many players from provincial strongholds, have been steadily pushing their way to the forefront, and it was only on a replay at Tralee that Kerry won the 1941 semi-final from the Metropolitans, who, this year,

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Tribesmen's March To Glory

GALWAY'S place in the All-Ireland saga may not have been a prominent one until recent years, but from the inception of the Connacht championships the Tribesmen figured prominently in the records. They won the Western title in 1900 and represented the province in that year's All-Ireland home final, which was played at Terenure on Sept. 21, 1902. It was an inauspicious first appearance, for a travel-weary "Krugers" selection was well trounced by Tipperary, that included Jack Quane, Larry Tobin and Davy Smith.

Although the Galwegians did not appear in an All-Ireland football final until the start of the century, the county was up and doing from the earliest days of the new Association, which has in over half-a-century had no more enthusiastic followers than the men of this far-flung county who threw themselves wholeheartedly into the hard work those early years entailed.

Teams sprang up everywhere, and in 1887 Dunmore, home of J. J. Nestor, Chairman of the Galway Football Board, won the football title while hurling honours went to Meelick, who lost the first All-Ireland to Tipperary in a history-making game at Birr.

A NEW PLANET.

The McHales (Dunmore), Cahirlis-trane, Tuam Stars, Loughrea St. Brendans, Athenry De Wets, Tuam St. Jarlaths and Tuam Krugers kept the honours between them until 1913. Then a bunch of footballers from Ballinasloe came on the scene and from the day those men from the Roscommon border town made their entry to the championship records Galway has been gradually pushing itself to the fore as a football force.

When in 1919 the men from the Suck and Corrib held Kerry to a draw in the All-Ireland semi-final and beat the Munster champions in a replay, it was realised that a new planet had swung into the ken of footballers.

The Westerners were unlucky to, in the final, come up against one of the best Kildare sides of all times, for the football craft of Larry Stanley, George Magan, Mick Buckley, Paul Doyle, Mick Sammon, Larry Cribben and "Joyce" Conlon was supreme in this season, the Caragh selection winning by 2-5 to 0-1.

This reverse did not set a stop to Galway hopes, and in 1922 they were back again in the final, meeting the O'Tooles' selection, then at the zenith of its power. It, however, took the Synotts, McDonnells, Paddy Kirwan, Frank Burke, Paddy Carey, Jack Reilly, Dr. Tom Pierce and the other players who made up that famous team all their time to beat "Knacker" Walsh's men, who included the Egans, Lar McGrath, Tom Molloy, Mick Donnellan and Paddy Kilroy.

This, it should be mentioned, was a Ballinasloe selection, for the town of the hostings has been the backbone of Galway's rise to football fame.

The club will be strongly represented on to-morrow's side which is brimful of confidence that to Galway will go

the honour of guarding the All-Ireland football honours of 1942.

Experienced players fill a big place on the team, and only Sean Thornton, M. Fallon, Johnny Casey, Tom O'Sullivan and J. Clifford are new to the thrills of Croke Park on All-Ireland final day.

Dr. Jimmy McGauran, the Western net-minder, is one of the best to fill this berth. He can take rank with Tom Burke, Dan O'Keeffe, Johnny McDonnell, Billy Young or any of the great keepers we have known in our day.

SOUND DEFENCE.

The full-back line of Caniffe, Mick

GALWAY FULL



Mick Connaire, the Galway full-back, helped his county to win Senior All-Ireland honours in 1934 and 1938.

Connaire and "Small" Pat McDonagh is rated one of the best to play for a county where stout defenders have invariably been the rule. Connaire is one of the most experienced full-backs playing to-day, his display in the semi-final against Kerry being exceptionally good. The arrival of Johnny Casey and Tom O'Sullivan has strengthened the half-back line where Joe Duggan has already proved his worth.

Tom O'Sullivan, who started as a forward some years ago in a League game against Laoighis; has been one of the discoveries of the year as a defender, his display in the semi-final being faultless, while Casey, a Ballinasloe man by the way, has improved out of all recognition.

Centre - field Galway appear to be well served, as Charley Connolly's high fielding added to Donal Kavanagh's natural football craft make an ideal blend for this important sector. The pair, after being well held by the Kerry men in the first half of the semi-final, gave a match winning display in the second half, when Connolly, almost on his own, carried attack after attack to the champions' sticks.

CHIEF WORRY.

Kavanagh's place-kicking proved the downfall of his native county, and this Dingle-born footballer has shown such grand form in training that even greater things are expected of him to-morrow.

As in most counties, attack has been the main worry of the Galway selectors, who have made two changes as compared with the side which beat Kerry.

Jack Flavin, who helped Kerry beat Cavan in 1937 and then threw in his lot with Galway to win the 1938 title, has been recalled to the full-line of attack. It was obvious in the semi-final that Galway lacked an accurate kicker of close-up frees, and on this score alone Flavin should be worth his place.

Clifford came on as sub in the semi-final, and has played many a good game in army matches, while Fallon, a native of Dunmore, was on last year's Cavan junior team that reached the All-Ireland final. He shaped well in the semi-final, while Canavan, who will be on his left, is one of the hardest workers playing to-day.

The Thornton brothers, natives of Spiddal, have made their mark in College football and hurling. Pierce, now at full-forward, came on as sub in last year's final against Kerry, while Sean played against Kerry in this year's semi-final.

In the opinion of Western critics, this team is as good as any to represent Galway in an All-Ireland final. It has trained under the supervision of John Dunne, old Galway captain, and Toddy Ryan, who has had a hand in the preparation of many Galway footballers.

With the victory over Kerry to hearten it, this Western selection will make a bold bid to regain the football blue riband for Connacht.

How They Qualified.

DUBLIN

DREW with Longford, 0-7 to 0-7.
BEAT Longford, 2-15 to 1-3.
BEAT Meath, 3-5 to 1-10.
BEAT Carlow, 0-8 to 0-6.
BEAT Cavan, 1-6 to 1-3.

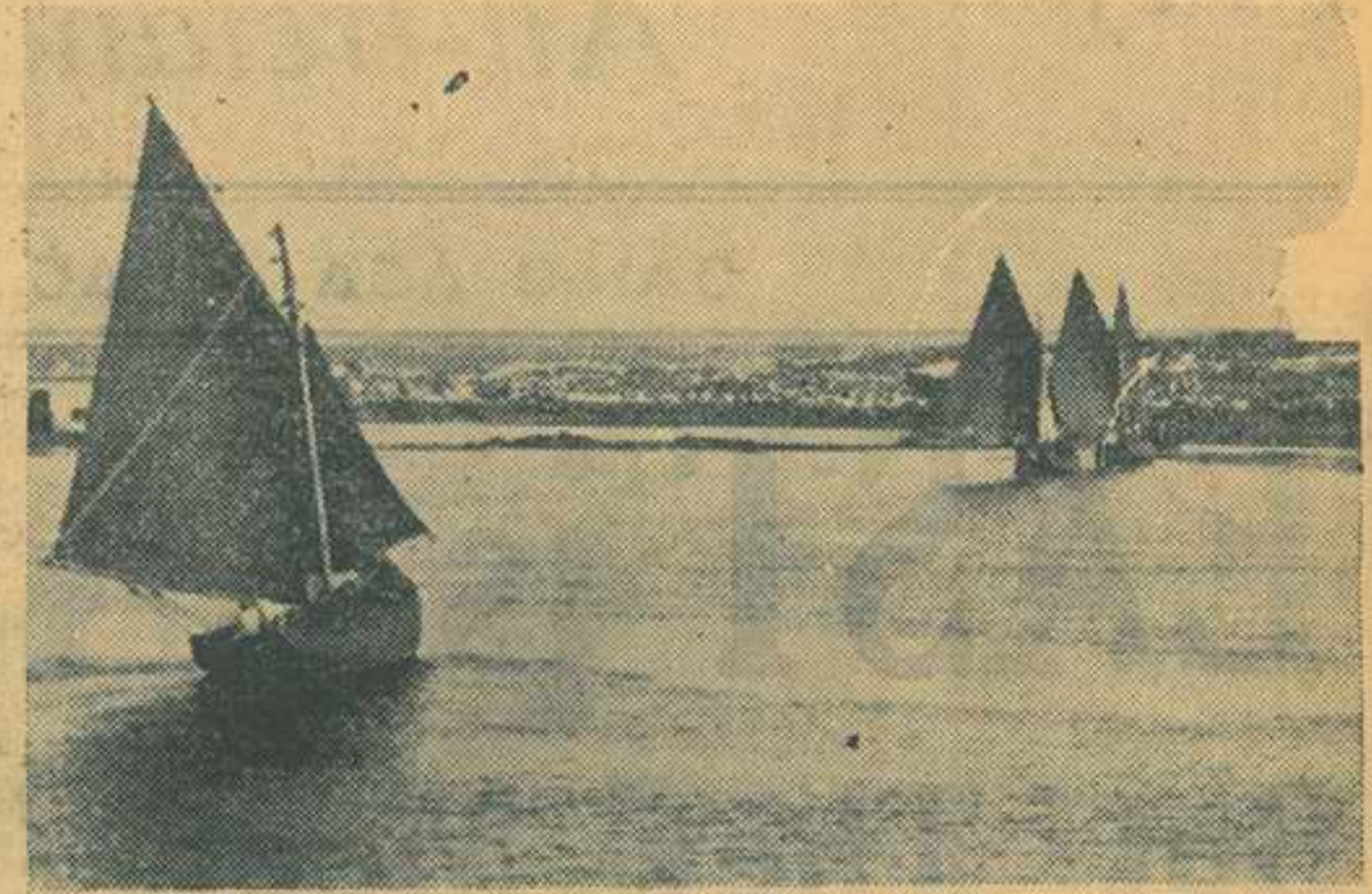
GALWAY

BEAT Roscommon, 2-6 to 3-2.
BEAT Kerry, 1-3 to 0-3.

OUR NATIVE SONGS.

On many an Irish field to-day
Strong sons of Finn are found;
On Sundays playing their country's
games,
On week days ploughing her ground.
Brave souls are struggling morn 'till
eve
To foster Eire's tongue,
And swelling like the Western breeze
Our Native Songs are sung.
—"CARBERY."

bás sailtine



báoin a' shám ar bás na sailtine.

The Glamour of Galway Bay.

THAT glorious stretch of water geographically known as Galway Bay has drawn forth many a grand bit of prose or poetry, and it certainly deserves all the nice things which have been written about it.

I remember watching the sun go down away in the West as I stood on the shores of the bay one evening in September, and it was so beautiful that I can fully appreciate the nostalgic feelings which prompted the writing of the two "Galway Bays" which are published in this issue of the "Echo." The older "Galway Bay" was a well-known favourite of twenty-five years ago, while the newer, with its haunting air, I have heard played and sung from Ballybunion to Bundoran and from Dublin to Galway Bay itself.

The first was, I believe, composed by an exile in the U.S.A., while the second, I am informed, was written by a doctor in England.

THE "OLD" GALWAY BAY.

I.
'Tis far away I am to-day from scenes
I roamed a boy,
'Tis long ago the time I know I first
saw Illinois,
But time or tide or ocean wide can't
wean my heart away
For ever true it flies to you, my own
sweet Galway Bay.

II.
My chosen bride is by my side, her
brown hair silver grey;
Her daughter Rose beside her grows
more like her every day;
Her only boy, his mother's joy, his
father's pride and stay,
With gifts like these I'd live at ease
were I near Galway Bay.

III.
'Tis bare and bleak, by shore and creek
where rugged rocks abound,
Yet fresh and green the grass between
as grows on Irish ground;
With friendship fond and wealth be-
yond and love that lives always,
Bless each poor home beside your foam
my own dear Galway Bay.

IV.
Had I youth's blood and hopeful mood
and heart afire once more,
For all the gold the world might hold
I would never quit your shore,
But live content whate'er God sent,
with neighbours old and grey,
And leave my bones 'neath churchyard
stones beside you Galway Bay.

V.
The blessings of a poor old man be
with you night and day,
The blessings of a lonely man whose
bones will soon be clay;
The only Heaven I would ask of God
upon my dying day,
Is my soul to soar for ever more above
you Galway Bay.

THE "NEW" GALWAY BAY.

Some day I'll go back across the seas
to Ireland;
Be it only at the closing of my day,
To see again the moonrise over Carna
And to watch the sun go down in
Galway Bay.

To see again the ripple on the trout
stream,
The women in the meadows making
hay;
To sit beside a turf fire in a cabin,
And to watch the barefoot gorseons
at their play.

The winds that blow across the seas
from Ireland
Are perfumed by the heather as they
blow;
The women in the uplands digging
praties
Speak a language that the English
do not know.

And then they come and try to teach
us their way;
They blame us for being what we
are,
But they might as well go try and
catch a moonbeam,
Or to light a penny candle from a
star.

And if there's a chance in my life
hereafter—
And somehow I think there's going
to be—
I'll ask my God to let me make my
heaven
In that land across the Irish sea.

FIRST HONOURS.

DUBLIN won the 1914 Junior Foot-
ball Championship, beating Mayo
5-4 to 1-6. The players who brought
the first Junior title to the Metropo-
lis were: Halligan, P. Carey, S. Synott,
T. Corr, P. Smyth, D. Kiely, D. Kelly,
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DUBLIN WILL TAKE BEATING

Players Trained To Last Hardest Hour

DUBLIN'S victory march started as far back as 1892, when the Young Irelands won the 1891 All-Ireland from Clondrohid (Cork). Titles came fast in those early years of the championship, "Irelands" securing the 1892 and 1894 honours while Kickhams won in 1897 and Geraldines in 1898 and 1899. Isles of the Sea and Bray Emmets helped to auspiciously usher in the present century with All-Ireland victories, and in 1908 Geraldines once again triumphed to take up the laurels, held by Kickhams in 1906 and 1907.

The men from the North City Quayside Parish of St. Lawrence O'Toole, after a long lean spell, again put Dublin back in the roll of honour, St. Marys taking the title in 1921, to be followed by the O'Tooles in 1922 and 1923.

This was a vintage period in Dublin football, as Metropolitan teams appeared in five successive finals, three of which were won while Kerry only won by a point when dethroning the Liffeymen in 1924.

This record of appearing in five successive finals is shared by Wexford, who, however, went one better when winning four titles in a row (1915 to 1918), a feat as yet unsurpassed, and only equalled by Kerry in 1929-'32

ball, and, with Gers as leaders, have played a big part in the Dublin resurgence of 1941 and 1942. Earliest Dublin champions were Erin's Hope, a club that is still active in Metropolitan competition.

Feach McHugh, Faughs, Isles of the Sea, Young Irelands, Kickhams, Bray Emmets, Keatings, Parnells, O'Tooles, St. Marys, Garda, St. Josephs, Clan na nGaedheal and Sean McDermotts have all claimed a share of the honours in

Our Next Issue.

THE next issue of the "Gaelic Echo" will be the Christmas Number. It will include a full review of the 1942 season, with other features of interest to the legion supporters of the G.A.A.

Seasonable articles and stories as well as a further series of Victory Songs will also be included in this Number, which will be on sale on December 12. As the issue must be strictly limited owing to paper shortage, please order your copy early.

the long roll of honour in which Gers now appear as champions with a three years' reign.

BEGGS RECALLED.

Native-born Dublin players, as well as men from Kerry, Longford, Wicklow and Sligo fill places on this side that has victories over Longford, Meath, Carlow and Cavan to its credit, and has trained with wonderful enthusiasm under Peter O'Reilly, who himself fills the centre half-back berth.

The goalkeeper, Charley Kelly, is one of the best available in the Metropolis. He has played many star games for his club, Peadar Mackens, and against Cavan in the semi-final brought off some really good saves.

The recall of the experienced Beggs should strengthen the full-back line, in which Paddy Kennedy and Crone are expected to at least repeat their form in the game with Cavan, which certainly should be sufficient to-morrow.

Paddy Henry, the Geraldines player, who fills the right half-back position, was one of the stars against Cavan, while Peter O'Reilly has few peers at centre-half. Brendan Quinn, the only Parnells player on the team, has been much in the forefront since 1940.

A SOUND TRIO.

This trio make up a sound half-line of defence which should hold its own with the Galway half-forwards.

The Kerry men, Joe Fitzgerald and Mick Falvey, invariably play well together at centre field. Fitzgerald is a hard man to mark while Falvey, for high catching and long kicking, should leave matters fairly even hereabouts.

The Saggart pair, Paddy Bermingham and Gerry Fitzgerald, with Joy, of Geraldines, make up the half-line of attack. Fitzgerald is a good footballer who, if he gets the necessary assistance from his club mate and Joy, will trouble the Galway defenders.

Paddy O'Connor, the full-forward, must take rank as one of the best players in present-day football to fill this position. He has height and weight as well as plenty of craft, and all he wants is enough of the ball to give his county a right good chance of equalling Kerry's year old record.

Matt Fletcher, who was off in the semi-final, has been recalled to fill the right corner-forward position. Matt is a brainy footballer who will, however, be up against a stiff proposition to-morrow, as Pat McDonagh is one of the most improved players on the Galway defence.

Tommy Banks, free-kick specialist, fills the left-corner berth in a forward line that in Dublin is considered a good one. If it lives up to expectations, prospects for a Metropolitan victory will take on a rosy hue as the Galway defence is the sheet anchor of the Western side.

With every player trained to last the hardest hour, Dublin supporters are confident that the 1942 team is better than that which drew with Kerry last year, and, if it is, the title will come back to the Liffey.

SPOILS OF VICTORY



It is not the intrinsic value of the Sam Maguire Trophy which is the great urge to victory next Sunday. Rather is it because it bears the hallmark of Gaelic football supremacy.

OUT TO EQUAL RECORD.

Dublin had the honour, when winning the 1923 All-Ireland, of setting up a record of fourteen titles and it was not until 1940 that this feat was equalled by Kerry, who, a year later, set up a new record of fifteen.

Dublin to-morrow will be out to equal Kerry's year old record, and with such an incentive the Liffey men can be depended on to give of their best in this bid to conquer Galway and avenge the 1934 defeat.

Players from Geraldines, Saggart St. Marys, Peadar Mackens, Sean McDermotts, Air Corps, Civil Service and Parnells are included on the side which will meet the Western challenge.

Geraldines, the present title holders, one of the oldest Liffeside clubs, share with Kickhams and Young Irelands the honour of having led Dublin sides to victory in three All-Irelands. Parnells, too, has a long story behind it, but Mackens, Seans, Marys, and Service are of more recent growth. Each, however, has made a big contribution to contemporary Dublin foot-

IN DUBLIN GOAL



C. Kelly, who will keep goal for Dublin.

Cé An fáct

I gceann seachtaine eile cuirfear tús le h-obair Cumann na mDun-Scot i mBate Áta Cluic. Saé bliadam tosnúitear ar obair an t-seáim leis an bhfeadó mór i riteac ósda Clery's, as an bhfeadó sin bíonn na fóinne a buair na comórtais in éineacht leis an mbeirt captaín ó saé scot eile sa gCumann. Uronntar na Cuinn agus na buinn ar na fóinne, agus ansin isead tosuigeann an Curm Ceoil, agus ní amhánaídeact ná spórt go dtí é.

Saé bliadam as an bhfeadó sin iarrann Cstaomleac an Cumann ar na buacallí leanact leis na Cluicéi Saébeatac nuair a fágann siad na scoileanna. Cé'n fáct naé leanann siad leo? Sin í an éist, is mó le réiriteac annseo i mBleá Cluic.

Tá Cumann na mDun-Scot as tuit i bfeadas ó bliadam go bliadam, mar tagann na fóinne ó ceanntair áiríte timéall na scoile. Tá aine as na h-imreoirí ar a éite, buaireann siad le céite saé lá, bíonn siad as maoréam as a bfuireann féin agus as a gceanntair féin agus piú amháin as a sráir féin. Nuair a fágann na h-imreoirí breáste sin a scoileanna, ba maí leo cluicéi leis na cluicéi Saébeatac, aet nuair naé mbíonn fuireann in a gceanntair féin cailltear iad. Dá mbéad fuireann acu in a bparóiste féin béad na comórtais i bfead nios suimeáitla dóib mar béirís as breit bárr ar a éite i gcoinnúide, agus ba éuma leo cé méir cluicéi a buaireois aet an buad v'fágait ar an bfuireann sa bparóiste in aice leo. Tá an scéal sin amháir i gCumann na mDun-Scot agus béad sé amháir as saé cumann aósánac dá mbéad na h-imreoirí as ceanntair áiríte.

San aontact san spirio, agus san spirio san cluicé, agus ní héir an aontact ná an spirio ceart as fuireann ar bit go mbíonn na h-imreoirí go léir as aon ceanntair amháin.

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cluicéi v'imire agus iad v'imire saé seachtáin, le n-a gcompánaig féin as a bparóiste féin, ní héiró freagra sásmáil ar an gceist tabaictac sin "Cén fáct naé leanann siad le na cluicéi Saébeatac?" "Émri."

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MIGHTY MEN OF GALWAY

TUAM'S PART IN THE G.A.A.

"Stars" and "Krugers" To The Fore

FIRST name to appear on the Galway football honours list is that of Dunmore, or "The McHales," as they were more generally known in those early days of the G.A.A. in the West. Cahrlistrane is another to receive early mention, and then Tuam came into the picture, for the Cathedral Town was up and doing as soon as any in the drive for native games.

The story of the G.A.A. in the town opens in 1886, when a Mr. Tierney, an Inland Revenue man, started "The Stars," a team which held the county title from 1892 to 1897, in 1908 and '09, and again in 1918, and is still going strong.

The 1892-97 team was led by Tom Sloyan, then an assistant in Messrs. M. S. Walsh, High St., Tuam. He was a great captain and during these years of his leadership they were only beaten once. The team travelled to Dunmore, Ballyhaunis, Claremorris, Loughrea and Tipperary Town. In the latter game "The Stars" were the first team to travel to Munster, and they were hailed as "Wild Boys from the West," but before the game was over, Tipperary knew what the men from The West were made of. "The Stars" had only two followers that day in Tipperary: Johnny Whyte, Vicar St., and Pat

with the ball. He is an advocate of the old catch and kick football, and he does not care for the hand-passing style of to-day.

There was more robust football in his day, and he recalls a player, by name Hogan, who would fist a ball half the field. Some looker-on at a game in those far-off days styled Hogan "The Terrible."

The Krugers met the Clonmel Shamrocks on Sept. 21, 1902, for the home final. The team was drawn from Tuam, Athenry, Caherlistrane and Galway City, but it is somewhat strange that no player from Dunmore, who had at this period won the county title, was included on the side, captained by Frank Walsh.

No special travelling facilities were provided for the teams in those days, and on Sunday morning the Krugers left their homes in the West for the final, which was played at Terenure.

The train arrived late at Broadstone that day, and the team, having no chance to receive refreshments before the official time of the match, rushed

GALWAY SKIPPER



Charlie Connolly hopes to lead the Galway men to victory.

out to Terenure and were ready to play the match at the official time, but they found that another game was on when they arrived in the grounds. The Krugers had to wait in their togs on the side-line until the first game was over. Little wonder then that the Krugers lost by 2-20 to 0-1, for they were both tired and hungry when they took the field.

Coming down to the team which will represent Galway in the final, Charlie Connolly, the captain, is a Tuam man and nephew of the late Willie Cannon, thrice Secretary of the Connaught Council, with a Tuam man, M. C. Shine, as President. Willie Cannon was also seven or eight years Secretary of Galway County Board.

Charlie learned his football at the Christian Brothers, Tuam, as did Jarlath Canavan, another Tuam boy. Both played for the Stars' seniors. Small Pat McDonagh, a native of Kilconly, a few miles from Tuam, learned his

MANY of those Galway men know every corner of Croke Park on All-Ireland final day. They have heard the plaudits of the crowd from Hill 16, from the Hogan or Cusack Stands, or from the canal or railway ends of a ground where the maroon and white of the Tribesmen have floated gloriously in the breeze as Western footballers triumphed over rivals from Leinster and Munster.

Trained and ready to battle for the honour of the "Gallant Old West," let me present to you the Western Stars:—

J. McGauran (U.C.G.) has kept goal for Galway since 1938. Is one of the best net minders in the country. Has played for Galway University in Sigerson Cups, for Connacht in Railway Cups and for Western Command in Army Championships. A native of Roscommon.

C. Connolly (Ballinasloe), who will captain the team, learned his football with Tuam Stars. Played in the 1938 games against Kerry and took a big share of the honours in the defeat of the champions in this year's semi-final. Has filled many berths

F. Caniffe (Geraldines) is a native of Ballinasloe, where he learned his football. Filled the right half-back berth since 1938, and is now at right full. Helped Geraldines win this year's Dublin championship. A sterling defender who was in rare form against Kerry in the semi-final.

M. Connaire (Sean McDermotts) is the veteran of the side. Native of Ballinasloe, Mick helped Galway win the 1931 junior All-Ireland. Was on the Galway senior team which lost to Cavan in 1933 and has since filled the full-back berth in practically every big game. A grand footballer, who is seldom beaten.

P. McDonagh (Ballinasloe) hails from the Tuam country but has assisted Ballinasloe in recent years. Played at full-back last year and will be at right-full on Sunday. Better known as "Small Pat."

J. Duggan (U.C.G.) is a well-known athlete who shaped well against Kerry in the 1941 final. Has improved in the interval, and will be a big obstacle to Dublin to-morrow.

J. Casey (Ballinasloe) has been on and off the Galway team since 1938. Making his first All-Ireland final appearance, Johnny has only to repeat his semi-final form against Kerry to ensure his place for many a day. Plays at centre half-back.

T. O'Sullivan (Oughterard), who fills the left half-back berth, started as a forward. Is a brother of the better-known Dinny, and has all the family dash. Gave a brilliant display against Kerry in the semi-final.



Dr. J. McGauran, the Galway goalkeeper, in action.

on the Galway side but plays best at centre-field, where he will be partnered by—

D. Kavanagh (U.C.G.), a Kerry-born student, who played a big part in Galway's victory over Kerry in the semi-final. Donal has rapidly developed into one of the best centre-field men in the West, and at top of his form will be hard to hold to-morrow.

J. Clifford (An Cath Gaodhlaic), is another Kerryman, who plays with the Army team. First played for Galway in the 1938 minor semi-final against Kerry at Mullingar and has been on the junior side since 1940. Came on as sub in this year's semi-final.

M. Fallon (Wicklow), a native of Dunmore, famed football nursery, played minor in 1939 and junior in 1940 for his native county. Was on the Cavan team beaten by Kerry in last year's junior All-Ireland; has also played senior for Cavan. Fills the centre half-forward berth.

J. Canavan (Geraldines) is a product of schools football, having played with Tuam C.B.S. Is a clever forward and hard worker who assisted Geraldines to win the 1941 and 1942 Dublin titles. Comes of a well-known Galway football family.

J. Flavin (Wolfe Tones) is, like Connaire, one of the veterans of the side. A Kerryman who helped his native county win All-Ireland and National League honours, he has been one of Galway's most prolific scorers since throwing in his lot with Galway, whom he also helped to win All-Ireland and Railway Cup laurels.

P. Thornton (U.C.D.) is a hurler and footballer who has assisted University College, Dublin, in the Sigerson and Fitzgibbon Cups, and his native Galway in All-Ireland semi-final. Came on as sub in last year's final against Kerry and proved his worth this year against the Kingdom.

Sean Thornton (U.C.G.), like his brother, is a hurler and footballer who has played in Sigerson and Fitzgibbon Cups as well as in All-Ireland semi-final. A nippy corner forward who has improved with every game.

OVER FORTY YEARS AGO.

ON August 31, 1901, the following attended a meeting of the Galway Co. Board G.A.A. at Athenry:— Messrs J. O'Loughlin, Loughrea; J. Farrell, T. Leahy, Tuam Stars; J. Bruen, J. J. Curran, J. Hamilton, Tuam Krugers; J. Kilrairie, J. J. Nestor, Charles Kelly, J. Casey, Dunmore McHales; P. Murray, Torloughmore; P. Raftery, C. Ryan, J. Daly, Corofin; J. Mahon, W. Nolan, Athenry; E. Canavan, Belclare; M. Finnerty, Gurteen No. 1; M. Hession, Gurteen No. 2; J. Curran, Newcastle.

In Easter Week the wisp was lit, Waked Dublin from her drowsy years; I moan the battle anger, yet What did we ever win by tears? The ballad singers long have cried The shining names of far away; Now let them rhyme out those that died With the three colours, yesterday.

football in St. Jarlath's, and played up to 1941 with Tuam Stars.

Three of the players on the present Stars' team are brothers of Charlie Connolly's. Kevin, only 17½ years, is already showing such promise that he is being freely mentioned for a place on the Galway senior team, while Jimmy and Jarlath are also first-class footballers. The three will be out for the Stars in the county championship which they expect to win this year. Sean Tansy, the Sligo Co. player, also assists the Stars, who for nearly sixty years have kept the flag of the G.A.A. flying in the Cathedral Town of St. Jarlath.

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Coming Meetings.

THE Leinster Council will meet to-day (Saturday) at Barry's Hotel (2.0) to hear the following appeals:— Walsh Island F.C. v. Offaly County Board, Raheens F.C. v. Kildare Co. Board, St. Marys (Ardee) F.C. v. Louth County Board.

THE Central Council will hold a meeting at Croke House to-night (9.30). A motion standing in the name of Mr. D. Leavy (Westmeath) asks that permission be given the Leinster Council to finish the Junior and Minor Championships in that province.

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GALLANT DUBLIN FOOTBALLERS

TRAINED to last a hard hour's football, the Dublin men take the field a confident side. Much of this confidence has come as a result of the victory over Cavan in the semi-final. The majority of the players have gathered experience enough in many hard-fought Leinster title tests, and there will be no inferiority complex about those Liffeside footballers who step on to the Croke Park sod, fully determined to bring back the All-Ireland Crown to the Metropolis.

Here they come: those conquerors of Cavan, ready to test their skill against the Western Champions:—

C. Kelly (Peadar Mackens) has kept goal for Dublin for the past two or three years. Is an exceptionally cool and capable keeper who has pulled his side out of many tight corners.

R. Beggs (Sean McDermotts) is easily the most experienced player on the Dublin side. Product of Fingal football, he played minor and junior before assisting his native county in the 1934 senior championship. Played for Galway since 1935, winning the 1938 All-Ireland and the 1936 and 1937 Railway Cups with Western teams. Returned to Dublin this year, and his been recalled to fill the right full-back berth.

P. Kennedy (Peadar Mackens), who played full-forward for Dublin in the hurling final, will fill the full-back berth to-morrow. A product of Dublin schools' football, he was very prominent four or five years ago for St. Vincents in College games. Is very doubtful and his place will likely be filled by

J. Murphy (Civil Service), native of Kerry, who played right full-back on the team which beat Cavan in the semi-final, or—

C. Boland (Geraldines), Westmeath-born teacher, who has played for Leinster in Railway Cup hurling and with his native county in senior football.

C. Crone (Air Corps). A Southern footballer who made his name in Dublin junior and army games. Plays at left full-back, where he has given some excellent displays for Dublin.

P. Henry (Geraldines) is a Sligo-born teacher who has been prominent for Geraldines and Dublin since 1940. Fills the right half-back position, where he rarely fails to distinguish himself.

P. O'Reilly (St. Marys, Saggart), a native-born footballer who has been a pillar in the Dublin defence. Comes of a well-known football family. Peter has looked after the training of the team for the final. Won Leinster medals in 1941 and 1942. Fills the centre half-back berth.

AN OLD FAVOURITE



R. Beggs, who will fill the right full-back berth for his native Dublin, is here seen in a Connacht jersey. Bobby played for Dublin against Galway in the 1934 final and for Galway against Kerry in 1938, 1940 and 1941.

B. Quinn (Parnells) is another Dublin-born footballer who has played many sound games at left half-back. Filled a berth in attack against Cavan in the semi-final; he now has been allotted his old berth. Won Leinster medals in 1941 and 1942.

M. Falvey (Civil Service), a native of Kerry, learned his football in Dingle. Filled a centre berth for Dublin in the 1941 All-Ireland Championship. Is a sterling footballer who can be relied on to give a good account of himself to-morrow.

J. Fitzgerald (Geraldines), another Kerryman who learned his football in the Dingle Country. Will captain the team. Helped Geraldines to win the 1941 and 1942 Dublin titles and Dublin to win two Leinster titles. Plays at centre-field and is a dashing footballer.

J. Joy (Geraldines) is yet another Kerryman who has been on the Dublin selections of recent years. Comes from the Killorglin country, and is a clever forward.

P. Bermingham (St. Marys, Saggart), who fills the centre half-forward berth, has been prominent in Leinster football since 1940, when he helped his province to win the Railway Cup. A dashing footballer who can be depended on to give his front-line men plenty of the ball.

J. Fitzgerald (St. Marys, Saggart) is another star performer from the famous South Dublin county stronghold. Fills the left half-forward berth, but is equally at home in many other positions.

M. Fletcher (Peadar Mackens), a native-born wily forward who comes from North Tipperary stock. Is also a hurler who played junior for Dublin. Was off the team in the semi-final but has been recalled to fill the right corner-forward position.

P. O'Connor (St. Marys, Saggart), the fourth member of this club to find a place on the team, is a brainy full forward, who can claim much of the credit for Dublin victories of 1941 and 1942.

T. Banks (Sean McDermotts), Longford-born player, who learned his football at St. Mel's, will fill the left corner-forward berth. A clever footballer whose forte has been the kicking of points off close-up frees. Was on the teams which won the 1941 and 1942 Leinster titles.

"VICTORY" THE SLOGAN

IF confidence in the rival camps is to be taken as a guide, it is hard to see either team lose to-morrow's final. "Victory" is the slogan in Galway and Dublin, and from the rival headquarters come messages telling supporters that with the exception of P. Kennedy (Dublin) all players are fit and well, and that the word "defeat" is not known at the moment either in the East or West.

Galway have trained at Ballinasloe, under the careful guidance of John Dunne and Toddy Ryan, while J. J. Nestor and his son Brendan, as well as Dr. O'Farrell (medical adviser) and Jack Whelan (Sec. Co. Board) have also done their part in getting the Western champions ready for the big test.

"GALWAY TO WIN."

In a special message, John Dunne tells us:

"I think Galway have a first-class team this year. There was proof of this at Croke Park in the semi-final when the Galway men fought back in the second half. Dublin are a hard bunch to beat; we found that out in 1934, but, in my opinion, the present Galway team is a little better than the present Dublin team, and, going on this, I expect a Galway win."

Charley Connolly, the Galway captain, was in a pleasant mood when he told us:

"The boys are confident of victory. They are not under-estimating Dublin, who showed themselves real championship fighters against Cavan. We may not win



P. O'Reilly and P. Bermingham, two of the four Saggart men on the Dublin team.

by a whole lot, but to win is the main thing, and I think that the Galway players this year are good enough to beat the best in Ireland."

In answer to our question, "What are your chances?" J. J. Nestor, Chairman of the Galway Football Board, said:

"Good! The old slogan of 'No bother, Galway,' is as good, if not better, this year than it was at any time since 1934, and in my opinion this Galway team is good enough to win the All-Ireland. They are fit and well, and all they have to do is to reproduce their second-half form against Kerry to bring the honours to Connacht, for when Galway win it is a win for Connacht."

Toddy Ryan said, The boys are well-trained and should last the hour no matter how hot it is, while Dr. O'Far-

rell told us: They are all in perfect trim, and, after watching them training, I cannot see them beaten.

DUBLIN CONFIDENCE.

Equally confident, however, were the Dublin men when a "Gaelic Echo" special representative saw them at Dolphin's Barn Park, where the players assembled each evening after their daily work, as the Liffeymen have followed their various callings and turned out for training in the evenings.

Peter O'Reilly, the player-coach, was the first to give us this message:

"We may not be as strongly fancied as Galway, but I think we have every bit as good a chance as they have of winning the All-Ireland. The majority of our players are as heavy as the Galway men, and if our men mark closely in defence and open up the game in attack, drawing out the Galway backs to allow Banks, O'Connor, and Fletcher a chance to shoot, Dublin should be All-Ireland champions on Sunday night."

Do Labair Seósam Mac Seairte, an Captaen, as Saebús le Fear "An Mac Ealla."

"Ceapaim, agus ceapaim go dáirírib leis, go mberó an buao as bl' de Cluic. Táro com cluicé agus com h-anamúil le munntin na Saitlime, agus níl le déanam aca ac imire bliúre beas níos fearr ná mar t'imriúeatar i scoime Cabáin éun buaoácaim ar Saitlim."

Harry Conlon, who has acted as Secretary to the Selection Committee, thought that Dublin had a sporting chance of carrying off the laurels.

"This is a good Dublin team; plucky and fast, and if they play as they played against Cavan I'd give them more than an even-money chance of winning."

There certainly is no lack of confidence, which, in an All-Ireland final, is a good thing.

Handball Final.

LAST of the All-Ireland Handball finals, the Junior Soft Ball Doubles, will be played at Boyle on to-morrow week, Sept. 27.

The finalists are Offaly (P. Murray and S. McHugh) v. Roscommon (P. Kennedy and T. Gaughran). The final will, it is anticipated, produce a series of high-class games.

THE OLD CREED.

Yes, to the good old creed we'll cling,
For what should we deny it?
That Freedom is a blessed thing
However man comes by it.
In lands where tyrants never yield
To peaceful calm endeavour,
Why men must try the battle-field,
Or live enslaved for ever.

Kerry and Galway Packed Croke Park

KERRY and Galway drew the biggest crowd ever to any sporting event in this country, when, in 1938, almost seventy thousand packed Croke Park to watch the drawn game between those counties. The gates had to be closed and "House Full" notices hung out before the match started, five thousand people, at least, failing to gain admission.



Cavan and Kerry also proved first-class attractions when they met in the 1937 final, as did Cavan and Kildare in 1935, and Mayo and Laoighis in 1936.

There are the attendance figures and gate receipts since 1933:—

	Attend-	Re-
	ance	ceipts
1941 (Kerry v. Galway)	45,512	£3,540
1940 (Kerry v. Galway)	60,824	£5,226
1939 (Kerry v. Meath)	46,828	£3,726

1938 (Galway v. Kerry)	68,950	£6,166
1938 (do., replay)	47,581	£4,297
1937 (Kerry v. Cavan)	52,325	£4,730
1937 (do., replay)	51,234	£4,287
1936 (Mayo v. Laoighis)	50,168	£4,069
1935 (Cavan v. Kildare)	50,380	£4,533
1934 (Galway v. Dublin)	36,143	£3,093
1933 (Cavan v. Galway)	45,188	£4,038

The 1933 figures set up a new record, the previous highest being an attendance of 43,839 and receipts of £4,010 at the 1929 final, in which Kerry defeated Kildare.

THE GAELS.

Our country's hope, her pride, her power;
What queen can claim a richer dower?
From these: the manly honest Gaels
From Eire's hills and fields and vales,
The men who sport and play together
Clashing ash and footing leather,
Those who run and jump and throw,
Men that long endurance know.
—PHIL O'NEILL.

An Reidhteoir.

SEAN O CINNEIDE (Tirconnail), who will referee the final, is Chairman of the Ulster Council, and a prominent Gaelic League worker in the North.

This is his first big game, but he has been set a commendable headline by Brendan Nestor (Galway) and Pat Dunne (Dublin), who refereed the semi-finals.

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WHERE IT MAY BE WON AND LOST

DUBLIN AND GALWAY meeting in an All-Ireland final after eight years have set many a problem to those who like to tip you the winner beforehand, and, when it is over, wink an eye and ask: "What did I tell you?"

The semi-finals were won by a goal scored off a "50" so that no side showed that measure of superiority which would allow you plump straight for a Galway or Dublin win.

The Westerners will have a pull in experience, but against this Dublin have a strong splash of youthful enthusiasm which might outweigh all the craft of the Galway men.

"KEEP THE BALL LOW."

Galway will field higher than their opponents, but then the Dublin men may counsel a "keep the ball low" plan of campaign which in the semi-final against Kerry was advantageously exploited after the interval by Galway.

Centre-field supremacy in the second half played a big part in the Westerners' triumph over the Kerry men, but Dublin supporters hold that this year's Kerry team was not a good one, and with this I am inclined to agree.

"Champions beat themselves," is an old sporting adage, and in the case of the Galway-Kerry semi-final the champions were far below the standard of 1940 and 1941, and, in my opinion, Dublin would also have won at Croke Park against Kerry in the semi-final.

Both finalists were lucky to win the semi-finals, Galway throwing away many chances in the first half while Pavan beat Dublin everywhere but on the score board in the early stages of their semi-final.

All these factors make the problem of naming the winner an involved one while, to further cloud the issue, Galway and Dublin have not met for some years, so that there is little guide to current form.

I don't think this year's Galway side is as good as the 1938 or 1940 teams,

for it lacks the height and guile of Nestor, Higgins, Kelly and Burke.

This, too, is the opinion of many Galway supporters with whom I have discussed the prospects, but that does not say that it is not good enough to win the All-Ireland final.

The Galway defence is as sound as there is playing to-day, and will, I imagine, have the whip-hand of the Dublin attack, but, to balance this, the Dublin defence should be able to cope with the Western forwards.

That is, of course, provided Paddy Kennedy turns out fit and well to fill the full-back berth, where he has been the mainstay of the defence.

His absence would be an almost irreparable loss to Dublin, who would probably bring on Sean Healy or Colm Boland and reshuffle the defence.

Centre-field is going to play an important role in this year's final, and if Fitzgerald and Falvey can hold their own against the Galway pair it will be anybody's game.

A BIG "IF."

It is a big "IF," but Fitzgerald can rise to great heights on a big occasion while Falvey has only to reproduce his best form to give his adopted county a sporting chance of recovering the football blue riband after nineteen years and catch up with Kerry in the title roll.

That the Dublin attack is not too hot is a generally admitted fact, for it lacks weight on the right as compared with the left side of the Galway de-

LEFT WING



"Gerry" Fitzgerald, who fills the left wing position for Dublin, is a Saggart man.

How They Fared.

DUBLIN and GALWAY met twice already in the final.

First meeting was on Oct. 7, 1923, when the O'Tooles selection beat a Ballinasloe selection by 0-6 to 0-4 for the 1922 title. Second occasion was Sept. 23, 1934, when Galway won 3-5 to 1-9. Who'll win the rubber-game to-morrow?

ence, where Tom O'Sullivan and Pat McDonagh operate.

Between the Dublin forwards and the Galway defenders the game will be won and lost. Galway supporters say that their defence is too strong for the present Dublin attack, and with this I am inclined to agree after watching the semi-final and admitting that the Kerry attack carried at least fifty per cent. dead weight.

Experience is on the side of Galway, whose newcomers played well enough in the semi-final to influence my voting for a Western victory, but I expect to see Dublin make a bold bid for the laurels.

"MEMORIES OF HOME"

"MEMORIES OF HOME," a series of songs composed by Mr. Dick Kenny, Ballinasloe, should make a wide appeal to our readers in every part of the country.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Kenny for his permission to include those songs.

A GALWAY MAN'S TOAST.

A toast my trusty friends to-night
To grand old County Galway,
Its fame is known the wide world o'er,
From Boston back to Solway.
Its hurling and its football men,
Its runners and its rovers
Have blazed the trail where the Southern Cross
Or America's Free Flag hovers.
A health to every Galway son—
A health to every sportsman;
What matter creed or class or seed—
Our County—ever first men.

BALLINASLOE.

When the Autumn turns the leaves to gold
And the brilliant sun shines down
Where the gypsies sing, and the wide streets ring
To the trooper's tramp through town.

And the Suck at night steals the bright moon's light
From her home 'mong a million stars,
That laugh with glee when the crowd they see
Glide in on a thousand cars.

Then come and dance while our horses prance
And the lowering herd keeps time
To the brilliant scene on that far-famed green
While tolls the evening's chime.

LOUGHREA.

No knot resists your magic touch
If here you wash your hands
In this grey lake where underneath
A long-lost city stands.

A-down the sunset's slanting rays
A million fairies glide
To spend the night in revelry
Beneath its rolling tide.

Or dance with fairy goddesses
Whose golden locks outshine
The gold that tips the hilltops
And the trees o'er Derrybrien.

Then sit beside its crooning waves
And list to what it tells,
Perhaps you'll hear from out its caves
The city's muffled bells.

PORTUMNA.

You are trim, you are neat and the pattering feet
Of the wee little children that love you
Skip along on a street that is trim,
That is neat
And as clean as the blue sky above you.

Every house, every cot seems content
with its lot
As it smiles in the sun Sunday morning;
Contentment is there, when the bell rings for prayer
Through the woods, the hillside adorning.

And where in this land, will you find one as grand
As its church standing there in the breezes
That bring perfume down on that grand little town
When crowds flock to honour their Jesus.

Oh, wealth it is fine, but that wee town of thine
Has a wealth that no money can purchase;
The sunshine above and a soggarth to love
Whose heart is as true as his Church is.

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Another Sheaf Of G.A.A. Songs

GALWAY naturally fills a big place in this issue of the "Gaelic Echo," and with the Tuam Krugers coming in for mention because of their appearance in the All-Ireland final (home) of 1920, it is only right that we should give pride of place to a song dealing with this old club, many members of which are still hale and hearty.

WE have much pleasure in presenting yet another of the series of Victory Songs. This feature has certainly proved its popularity as we have received dozens of songs which we hope to publish in future issues.

Most of these, however, are from counties like Cork, Kilkenny and Tipperary, hence our appeal for greater variety. We have heard songs in Kerry, Mayo, Louth and Dublin which we would like to include, if possible.

The song was first published in the "Tuam Herald" of July 13, 1901, after the Krugers had won the Galway Championship.

I.
Sing bravo for Galway, ye votaries of sport,
And victory for Tuam where those athletes resort
Who brought you the laurels of athletic fame,
All the trophies of pastime, the spoils of the game.

II.
We ask of "The Herald" to kindly make room
For an eulogic tribute in favour of Tuam;
But 'tis not of the stones or the bricks that we raise
Our accents to lisp out a tribute of praise.

III.
We pin by embossing the pendants of fame
On the breasts of the "Krugers," we welcome the name,
With a sincere expression and faithful embrace,
With a throb in the heart and a smile in the face.

IV.
Now Galway can swagger and in Tuam we can boast
Of the very best blood, let us drink them a toast,
All the burghers who wrested the prize far afield,
Where the stronger advance and weaker must yield.

V.
'Tis meet that our townsmen who earned the prize
Should see every name in its capital size;

Give a wipe to your specs and adjust them, that's all,
And you'll soon see those heroes who follow the ball.

VI.
You first look at Mitchel, at Cooney and Bruen,
And Butler and Barry, they'll all follow soon;
Come Hession, come Hosty, come Ridge and O'Brien,
With "Hogan the Terrible," all step into line.

VII.
The next on the list, you would be anxious to know,
Is Hannon, Mullowney, J. Hogan, Munroe,
While Slattery is standing with patience to hear
His name uttered loudly with Gallagher near.

VIII.
The "Krugers" don't marvel that honours would beam
On the face of their captain, the prince of the team,
And well might Paul Kruger feel proud that his name
It writ on their ensign ennobled with fame.

THE MEN OF THE WEST.

This song was written by Dick Kenny in 1933 on the occasion of Galway's meeting Dublin in the All-Ireland semi-final at Mullingar. Galway had been beaten at Birr in the hurling semi-final. Galway won a rousing game after Dublin had got through for a soft goal in the opening minute. The finish was terrific—Dublin, with a gale behind them, failed against a stonewall back-line that was made up of Denny Sullivan, Mick Connaire and

Hugo Carey. Galway were later beaten by Cavan in the final.

Tho' our flag went down o'er Birr bright town
We had men on the ramparts still;
So from near and far to old Mullingar
We sped with a right good will.
When Mayo began and Mayo held on
Our cheers could be heard in Tuam;
But when Galway came and said,
"Here's the same,"
The West simply shook at home.

The heather blazed and tho' cheers we raised
As we sped back to the West,
Is only a taste of the power—still leashed
You will hear at the final test.
When the men of the West, put forth their best
They sweep like a torrent on,
And their thundering cheer makes their foemen fear
Their steel 'ere the hour is done.

So fight on you men of Galway then,
From Oughterard, Dunmore,
From Ahascragh and Carna,
And Ballinasloe of yore;
And your friends away in America
Will read with quickening heart
Of your fight for fame and the Gaelic game
You win when you play your part.

S. O. S.

SEND on Songs, Victory Songs, Songs of Defeat, County Songs, Club Songs, in fact any old song that deals with the G.A.A., particularly in its early years, will be much appreciated.

If you know any old song, pen it down at once and post it to "The Gaelic Echo," 14 Cearnog Pharnail, Baile Atha Cliath. New songs, too, provided they are not long drawn out, will be welcomed. These will be published in our Christmas Number.

"WHEN MALLOW BEAT BLACKROCK."

Here is a song in connection with the Cork County Championships, 1928, entitled "When Mallow Beat Blackrock." This was a great sensation as Blackrock were then at the zenith of their power, while Mallow were hardly reckoned with a chance.

Come all ye true-born Irishmen and listen to my song,
For I'll sing to you a verse or two, and I will not keep you long;
My tale is not of murder foul, or of heroes in the dock,
But 'tis the story of the glorious day when Mallow beat Blackrock.

We hoisted our sails for Blarney's Grove on the first day of July,
With our gallant team all pre-arranged to conquer or to die;
Our eyes were bright, our hearts were set, for we had to stand the shock,
That shook the Heavens and Earth itself when Mallow met Blackrock.

The day it was a terrible one with wind and driving rain,
But Mallow's pride could well defie the thundering Spanish Main;
We cast our garments to the clouds at half-past three o'clock,
And then clashed me Boys with right-ful glee, did the Rakes and old Blackrock.

Right up and down the field they tore, those champions stout and true,
As their forefathers oft had fought the bloody Saxon crew;
Until a ball from midfield shot and Sean-Oge it did mock,
And clashed like mad into the net, a goal against Blackrock.

Now the rain did stop, the wind did quail before that mighty roar,
And Blarney Castle stood up straight, and called to Donoghmore;
The whistle blew, the battle raged, we are no laughing stock,
And ye Mallow Rakes, we'll show ye now, said the boys from old Blackrock.

Right gallantly did Sean Oge's band fight on for victory's fame,
Two points ahead they now do hold, five minutes more remain,
And Driscoll brave is injured now, he's the shepherd of his flock,
For who else can stand against the charge of gallant old Blackrock.

The end is near, our hearts are set, what's happened watch it go,
The ball is out to centre field, to sideline to and fro,
On, on it flies, the Rakes push on, and Sean Oge failed to block,
And it clashes like mad into the net, and has beaten stout Blackrock.

Come all ye true born Irishmen that love poor Roisin Dhu,
Likewise to those that play old Ireland's game, our hurlers stout and true,
And here's to Mallow and Fair Lane, to Ballydaheen and Ballyclough,
And to the men that hurled through storm-rain and conquered bold Blackrock.

THE HARTY CUP, 1932.

There is no more enthusiastic stronghold of schools' hurling and football than the C.B.S., North Monastery, Cork. The "Mon." is noted for its excursions in connection with "Harty" and "Corn na Mumhan" finals, and the following lines, written by a "Mon." boy after the 1932 Harty Cup final are worthy of inclusion in this collection as well-known Cork players are mentioned:—

We travelled one morning in beautiful May
(A thousand North Mon. boys all gallant and gay),
In two special trains to John Mandeville's town,
To see the "Mon." triumph and Rockwell go down.
The famed Harty Cup was the trophy at stake,
And we were determined all efforts to make

To conquer our foes and ere daylight would flee,
To bring back the Cup to sweet Cork by the Lee.

At Glanmire that morning, with banners galore,
Our cheering and singing soon swelled to a roar,
As we steamed out the station en route for the town
At the foot of the Galtees—of ancient renown.
We sped swiftly through the rich Blackwater vale,
Our blue-and-white banners so proud in the gale,
And soon we let the good folk of Mitchelstown see
How they wield the camán in sweet Cork by the Lee.

The game was a thriller, the "Mon." boys so bold
Recalled to one's mind the great heroes of old.
No terrors could daunt them, they fought undismayed,
As dogged a contest as ever was played.
They piled up the scores till the "full" whistle came,
And never gave Rockwell a grip of the game.
We carried them home in uproarious glee
While the bonfires were blazing in Cork by the Lee.

Three cheers for Con Buckley, our captain renowned;
For Casey, Jack Lynch and for "Alfie" so sound;
For Goggin and "Cooper," Fionán and Pa John—
Those heroes who gave of their best for the "Mon."
For Tadhg and O'Reilly and Kidney and Young;
For Doyle and McSweeney and Peadar and Long.
Here's health to them all! and I pray we may see
The "North Mon." bring the "Harty" again to the Lee.

"On Ciarraige Boys, Abu."
When strolling by the banks of Flesk this evening for a smoke,
The mighty cheers of children in their gladness round me broke,
And youths from Killeenterna and girshes from Droumroe
Filled all the air with loud acclaim, "On Ciarraige boys, abu."

THE IRISH ON HIS CART

ONE of the earliest prosecutions for "not having his name legibly printed on his cart" was that against Bartley Hynes at Kinvara, Co. Galway, Court, in September, 1901.

Bartley Hynes had his name printed in Irish and the case was considered so important that two R.M.'s, Captain Perry and Mr. Brady, attended the Court, and despite the objections of one or two local J.P.'s, convicted Hynes, who was fined one penny.

A local poet penned the following lines on the incident. These we have been asked to publish as of interest to Galway readers:—

Not far from old Kinvara one merry August day,
When birds were singing cheerily there came across my way,
As if from out the sky above an earthquake chance to stray,
An ass, a cart, a man named Hynes, likewise a load of hay.
He tripped along right joyously, his coat upon his arm;
And oh! his face, and oh! his grace, an angel's soul would charm;
His bright eye glistened 'neath his brow, he looked so gay and smart,
While his name in Gaelic characters appeared upon his cart.
I courteously saluted him, "God save you, sir," says I;
"God save you kindly, sir," says he, and winked the other eye;
Out came my book—"Your name," says I, "and likewise your address,
I'm a constable of police and I fear you're in a mess,
For by 12 and 13 Vic., you see, and chapter ninety-two,
Your name must be upon your cart, so I must summon you."
"Bedad," says he, "that's like Lynch Law, one liable to fines
For writing in my native tongue the name of Bartley Hynes."
Oh, some men sigh for riches and some men sigh for fame,
And some upon their vehicles in Irish put their names.
My aims are not ambitious, my wishes don't you see
Are to earn quick promotion in the R.I.C.
I'll summon them through Galway and I'll summon them through Clare,
I'll have no Irish on their cars but English everywhere;
Else peace of mind I'll never find, this motto's next my heart,
When a name is writ in Irish "put the owner in the cart."

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"So n-éirig lib a buacailí"

máire ní cealla cáin a ceap sé eúige, agus v'fíafriúg sé den manac cen am a bí air, agus v'innis sé do é.

"A," aduairt an sean-pear. "Dianca ó sin agus mé an-ógs eúcla mé na sean-uaoime ar raó so raib manac sa mainistir seo agus so n'vacaó sé amúga sa coil lá agus nár fill sé riam. Agus is voća gur tusa an té sin."

Ói iongnad an uoimain ar an manac mar ceap sé fein ná raib sé imite ac ar fead traóna emain. Ac tuis sé annsan gur ó Neam a táimig an t-éan agus gur ceól Neime a eúala sé, agus annsan tar éis seal-beas v'éas sé mar v'ar nroó bí an-uais aige.

Agus do lean an seancairde air, scéal i n'viaró scéil, agus iad uilig so h-an tsumiúil, so v'ci so raib na comhle i n-éas, agus annsan v'oirig sé, agus bí fíos agaimn so raib oíde na scealuiocta éart.

Is voća so mberó scéalta i s'comnuirde á mnsint cois teallais i s'comamara. Ac fé lácair na h-uairé sí Craob Ceannais Peile na h-Éireann is mó atá ag v'eanamh imnirde do muintear an larcair. Is glas fós i n-aighe luét na Gallimhe an buad a rug siad ar Ciarraige ceitire bliana ó sin, ac ní so ró maic mar v'oirig leó ó sin.

Anois, nuair acáto ag ierrairó an Craob a tabairt leó an bocta seo, veirim leó i v'poclaí an seancairde: "So n-éirig an t-áó lib, a buacailí!"

I v'osac na h-oíde ní raib le feiscint ná le cloisint ac an éistin in a rabamair, agus na lasraóai ag léimriú so h-árd ón v'ceine, agus anois agus arís glór éagsaoinéac na farráige ag éaló éúgaimn treasna na n'garráiocte, agus s'gréac uaisnéac voiléasasaig an faoilim ón v'curling. Ac thiar ar n'viaró sleamnuig san úaim agus bíomar ag amarc, tré mór-éomacé na h-intinne agus fíge-focal an tseancairde, ar barrógaí seala ag brisead ar tráig iar-scúlta agus ar báo síde fé siubal féar in-a ríe t'art leis an sclavaé agus an Ceannuirde Fionn á stiúraó le solus báiteac na sealaige.

v'innis sé sceitín an-uas v'inn fé manac an-beannuirde a bí ag siubal lá i scoitl in aice na mainistread i n-úactar árd. Bí an portús á léigean aige nuair a eúala sé ceól áluim éan. Scad sé den leigseoiréacé, agus tosnuig sé ag eisteacé leis an scantain. Bí an éantain éó h-aobhinn san gur lean sé an t-éan, agus ar veire tíar, tuit covlad air, ac piú amám agus covlad air eúala sé fós, é agus bí sé sonasac.

Annsan do v'uisig sé agus v'eim sé a bealac abailé eúg an mainistir. Ac nuair a táimig sé i n'giorraéct do is an éigean a v'aitin sé é, bí an oiread san acará air. Cuair sé isteaé ac níor aitim sé na manais eile, agus ar nroó, ní raib aighe acu súv air ac do beas. Annsan bí sean-pear ar fat ann agus siubail

Old Club Aids New Drive.

THE name of Craobh an Cheitinnigh will be familiar to readers of the "Gaelic Echo" not only by virtue of its magnificent work in the Gaelic League and the national movement generally but also by the part it has played in the building up of the G.A.A. in Dublin. In the old days "Keatings" hurling and football clubs won many honours, including All-Irelands. Today the old tradition is still carried on. A new departure this year was the starting of a Boys' Club, a branch of Clann na hÉireann, founded mainly on young hurlers. These lads meet once a week in the branch premises at 46 Parnell Square, where they are taught Irish songs, dancing, etc. Table tennis, boxing, and physical culture are all carried on "through the medium." Saturday afternoon sees the weekly hurling practice in the Phoenix Park. The team is taking part in a special competition organised by Clann na hÉireann, for trophies presented by Eoghan Ruadh H.C., and the lads are confident of winning their first trophies.

The team (21 in all) were granted free scholarships in Brugh Clann na hÉireann in the Meath Gaeltacht. The money to do this was collected by enthusiastic members of the branch, while several city clubs also assisted in the good work. It is hoped to organise a football team on the same lines during the coming months if finances permit.

A branch of Clann na hÉireann is also in existence for the girls. This is run on the same lines as the Boys' Club, with Camogie, as the principal game.

At Thurles Petty Sessions in June, 1909, a boy of ten years charged by an R.I.C. man with hurling in a back street was fined 10s. 6d. or 14 days in jail.

THERE IS NOW A PARK.

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THEY HAVE GROWN SOME.

The takings at the gate for the 1908 All-Ireland hurling final replay, Tipperary v. Dublin, at Athy on June 27, 1909, only totalled £96. Five hundred people travelled from Dublin by special train.

Have You An Idea?

THE Christmas Number of "The Gaelic Echo" will be out on December 12. We want your help in making it a success, so if you have a good article, song or story which you would like us to publish, please send it along to Editor, "Gaelic Echo," 14 Cearnog Pharnail, Baile Atha Cliath.

Any suggestions or ideas which would help "The Echo" will be appreciated.

THE HONOURS LIST

KERRY with twenty-four All-Ireland titles won (15 senior, 6 junior and 3 minor) top the football roll of honour. Dublin, with eighteen titles (14 senior, 3 junior and 1 minor) come second, with Tipperary and Louth far behind in third place.

The list is:—

SENIOR.

- Kerry (15)—1903, '04, '09, 1913, '14, 1924, '26, '29, 1930, '31, '32, '37, '39, 1940, 1941.
- Dublin (14)—1891, '92, '94, '97, '98, '99, 1901, '02, '06, '07, '08, 1921, '22, '23.
- Wexford (5)—1893, 1915, '16, '17, '18.
- Tipperary (4)—1889, '95, 1900, 1920.
- Kildare (4)—1905, 1919, 1927, 1928.
- Galway (3)—1925, 1934, 1938.
- Limerick (2)—1887, 1896.
- Louth (2)—1910, 1912.
- Cavan (2)—1933, 1935.
- Cork (2)—1890, 1911.
- Mayo—1936.

JUNIOR.

- Kerry (6)—1913, '15, 1924, '28, 1930, 1941.
- Dublin (3)—1914, '16, 1939.
- Louth (3)—1925, 1932, 1934.
- Tipperary (2)—1912, 1923.
- Armagh—1926. Cavan—1927. Galway—1931. London—1938. Longford—1937. Mayo—1933. Roscommon—1940. Sligo—1935. Westmeath—1929. Wicklow—1936.

MINOR.

- Kerry (3)—1931, '32, '33.
- Louth (2)—1936, 1940.
- Cavan (2)—1937, 1938.
- Roscommon (2)—1939, 1941.
- Clare—1929. Dublin—1930. Tipperary—1934. Mayo—1935.

"THE GERS."

"THOSE Geraldines! Those Geraldines!" How closely the name of this famous club is interwoven in the story of the G.A.A. in Dublin only those who remember the early days of the Association in the Metropolis can tell.

The "Gers" led Dublin to victory in the 1898 final, Matt Rea captaining the side which beat Erin's Hope, Waterford. Included among the men who did duty for Dublin in that final were T. "Hoy" Redmond, J. J. Keane, Dinny O'Callaghan, John Ryan, D. Errity and C. Sargent.

A year later Matt Rea again captained a victorious "Gers" selection that again included "Hoy" Redmond, J. J. Keane, John Ryan, Dinny O'Callaghan as well as J. Farrelly, P. Levey and J. Heslin.

1903 saw the next appearance of a "Gers" selection in an All-Ireland final. This was at Thurles against Kerry, who were well beaten by Dave Kelleher's seventeen, that included Jack Grace, Seumas Brennan, Maurice Collins, Jack Shouldice, "Cocker" Daly, Hugh Hilliard and F. Cooney. London were defeated the same year, which marked the last appearance of a "Gers" selection in the All-Ireland.

The club, however, has at all times claimed a prominent place in Dublin selections, and in 1934 Gearoid Fitzgerald, Murt Kelly and Ned McCann represented the "Gers" on the Dublin team, which this year will be captained by a "Gers" footballer, Joe Fitzgerald, while P. Henry and J. Joy will also represent the club on the Metropolitan side.

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