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CARLOW FOOTBALL STAR MAY VAULT 12'

By PHILIP RODERICK.

DENNY HYLAND, Carlow's All-Ireland Pole Vault title holder, was always fascinated by the art. As a schoolboy he could be seen any afternoon using a rough-cut pole vaulting walls and hedges for his own enjoyment.

His love of the art paid dividends when in 1949, his first year in competitive vaulting, he came third in the All-Ireland Youths' Championship with 9 ft. 6 ins.

Next year he won it; the following year he broke the Irish record for the first time at Enniscorthy Sports with a vault of 11 ft. 5 ins. which, however, only stood for a matter of minutes. His old rival and friend, Val McGann of St. James' Gate, Dublin, cleared 11 ft. 7 ins. in the same competition.

But Denny is nothing if not a trier. Later in the season he won the All-Ireland Senior title at Dundalk with a vault of 11 ft., which was the start of a series of record-making efforts.

1951 was a very good year. At Guinness's Sports in July he cleared 11 ft. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins. to beat McGann's best by 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins. and his own previous best by

Twice in his career Denny Hyland has cleared 12 ft.

In 1952 at Drumkeane (Co. Limerick) Sports he was presented with a special cup after



WEXFORD'S ALL-IRELAND TEAM OF 1955.
As we go to Press, they are in this year's race for the Blue Riband of Hurling.



NEW LONDON STADIUM

There was welcome news for London Gaels in the announcement by the Chairman of the London County G.A.A. Board, Mr. Jas. Conway, that Woolwich Stadium will be available for next season's Bank Holiday games between visiting Irish teams. The new ground is more accessible than Mitcham Stadium, and holds about 30,000 people. The big advantage is that the pitch is of regulation size.

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DENIS HYLAND

At the Cork City Sports last month, Denis Hyland took his own Irish record up to 11' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". This is the best authenticated pole vault record yet made in Ireland, and indicates that Hyland will be the first Irishman to break through the 12' barrier. It is quite possible that by the time the August issue of the "Gaelic Echo" comes out, that he will have cleared this height. We hope so, for no man deserves the honour more. Hyland has done a great deal to popularise this event in Irish athletics.

3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins. A week later at the Army Sports he set up a new Army and All-Ireland record by vaulting 11 ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

But two weeks later he lost his All-Ireland title to McGann when he could only manage 11 ft.

And in 1953 he made his best ratified jumps—11 ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.—at the O'Byrne Memorial Sports in Dublin, and some weeks later at the All-Ireland Championships at Belfast.

clearing 12 ft., but this was not ratified as the height was not measured by qualified men.

The second occasion was at Clonea, Co. Meath. This was not ratified either because the uprights did not comply with the rules.

But Denny's love of sport is not confined to pole-vaulting. He is an all-round sportsman.

In 1952, 1953 and 1955 he won the Dr. Humphreys Cup at Carlow County Championship Sports for the best all-round athlete.

This year he won the pole-vault, was second in the 100 Yards, Long Jump and High Jump.

He also won this year's Leinster Championship at 11 ft. 6 ins.

And on the football field the Champion Pole-vaulter is no mean performer, as anyone who saw his display with Carlow against Dublin in the Leinster Championship game recently will tell you.

Denny has a Carlow M.F.C. medal which he won with O'Hanrahans (Carlow Town) in 1945; a Carlow Junior medal which he won with Shamrocks (Carlow town team now extinct) in 1949, and two Senior Championship medals which he won in 1951 and 1954.

He made his first appearance

Hyland winning the Pole Vault at the O'Byrne Memorial Sports this year with 11' 6"

in the red, green and yellow jersey of Carlow in the 1951 National Football League campaign. He played again with Carlow in the 1952 Leinster Championship, and has been on and off the team since.

Summer School For Athletes

The third annual N.A.C.A. Summer School of Athletics was officially opened by the Minister of Health, Dr. T. F. O'Higgins, at Newann House, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, on July 25th.

At the opening ceremony, the Chairman, Mr. Ml. Farnan, who was responsible for the organising of the school, said it would be a great boon to athletes and athletics generally if the School could operate in a prominent college in a different province each year, with the various County Councils awarding a boy from every county a scholarship.

The instructors at the school are: Chief Coach, Jack Sweeney; Rev. Fr. Kevin Ryle, Flonbar Callanan and Garda Sergt. Ned Tobin.

Continuing the Jim Maher story

A Great Gael and his Memories

By RAYMOND SMITH

IN the first instalment of the Jim Maher Story we told you of the great Thurles Gael's association with Michael Cusack and of Tipperary's bid to win the first All-Ireland Hurling Championship in 1887. They received a walk-over from Dublin in the first round. Their next opponents were Kilkenny (Tullaroan), the match being fixed for Clonmel. But the Central Council disqualified the field because in a curtain-raiser two illegal teams had played on it. The game was re-fixed for Urlingford on the following Wednesday.

Now read on.

ANOTHER CRUX!

When Tipperary (Thurles) lined out at Urlingford they received a rude shock for Kilkenny objected to the five Borris men on the team. The Central Council heard the objection on the field and disqualified the five from playing. They were: Tommy Healy, Jack Mockler, Jack Dwyer and Jer and Dan Ryan. The Healys of Coolcroo, noted Tipperary athletes of some years back, are sons of Tommy Healy. Jer and Dan Ryan were known as the "Ryans stylish" and they were predecessors of "Mutt," "Sweeper" and Johnny Ryan of Moycarky and Tipperary hurling fame.

As a result of the objection, Thurles were compelled at short notice to field five young subs. Easy prey, so everybody thought, for the hardy men from Tullaroan. But the unexpected happened. And Thurles won easily to the surprise of even their most ardent supporters.

GUARANTORS REQUIRED

In the next round they were opposed to Clare (Smith O'Brien's). The match was fixed for Limerick. Owing to disputes and objections the 1887 Championship had run into 1888. It was not as easy then to get an excursion for a big match as it is now. Gaelic games were still only in the infant stage and attendances were small even for the All-Ireland finals. So a certain sum of money

had to be guaranteed beforehand before the Railway Company would agree to run a train. There were great Gaels at the time prepared to do so, even though there was always the risk of heavy loss. As often as not, they had to make good an adverse balance.

Two such men were Hugh Ryan and Andy Callanan, two great figures in Thurles Gaeldom at the time. They guaranteed the required sum to get the excursion train for the game with Clare. On the Saturday morning before the match, however, Hugh Ryan received a wire from Clare that the Banner County team was not travelling, owing to one of the players suffering a sudden family bereavement.

of Jim Maher, and said: "I have bad news for you, Dinny. The match is off!" He then went on to tell him of the telegram he had just received and how Andy Callanan and himself had guaranteed a substantial sum. The other players quickly gathered round. Dinny thought to himself for a few moments and then remarked: "Pretend that you did not get the wire at all and we will travel." The others were in entire agreement as they did not want to see Hugh Ryan and Andy Callanan at a loss.

So Thurles travelled the next day. Of course, Clare did not turn up—but the money was saved. The match was re-fixed for Nenagh and Thurles scored

more, the Daverns of Rossmore, the Shortts, Carrolls, Leamys and Ryan (Connie).

Owing to the American "Invasion" the All-Ireland championships were not completed that year. Jim Maher believes that Tipperary would have taken the title for they were impressive winners over Cork in the first round.

The "Invasion" blazed the trail for future American tours. Furthermore, it laid the foundations for the development of Gaelic games in the United States and for a strong Association there. The "Invasion" party included hurlers, footballers and athletes

agreed to play the match in Holycross. So the teams and their supporters set off by dray-car or on foot for Holycross, some three miles away.

Thurles were leading by three points and time was almost up. Then, what appeared to the players to be the long whistle, sounded and Tom Grady, the Moycarky captain, gaining possession at midfield took one last puck at goal. The teams were moving off the field and, indeed, one or two of them had already reached the sideline. They had a rope for a bar in those days! The Thurles goalie, thinking the ball was going over for a point, made no attempt to stop it, but it dipped at the last second and a goal was registered—the only goal of the match. The referee allowed the score and Thurles had been beaten in most peculiar circumstances. Strangely enough, they made no protest.

Jim Maher wistfully recalls that in the evening after a big match they would usually have a few Cashel sets—win, lose or draw. "We did not stay out then until the small hours of the morning. We had to be back for the family Rosary—and that was always said at around 9.30." The old order changeth, . . .

ONCE WAS ENOUGH!

Moycarky represented Tipperary in the All-Ireland Championship in 1889. They disposed of Clare at Boher but after the latter had lodged an objection, a replay was ordered. "Once is enough to beat any team," said Tom Grady, the Tipperary captain and so Clare received a walk-over. "Grady was a great Gael and a man of sturdy character and very popular with his team-mates," comments Jim Maher.

Winners of the Munster title, Clare faced Dublin (C. J. Kickhams) in the All-Ireland Final, played at Inchicore. Jim Maher saw that match. Clare led by a big score at half-time and few could visualise Dublin turning the tables on them in the second half. "Lady Fortune," however, smiled on the Metropolitans during the interval. There was a heavy downpour, which made the going very slippery.

IN THEIR BARE FEET

Clare played in their bare feet, as did many counties in those days. The Dublin men, on the other hand, wore rubber shoes. Well the Banner County men had great difficulty in holding their feet during the second half. They could not match their opponents, who simply revelled in the conditions. Dublin in the end won in the proverbial canter. Certainly, one of the strangest All-Irelands on record!

Dublin almost invariably include a few Tipperary men in their hurling line-out. That year they were well served by the Mahers of the Yellow Lough and by the Flinns of Ballinahow Castle, Ballycahill.

Incidentally, Tipperary (mainly a Thurles selection) later that season challenged Dublin and beat them well, though Jim Maher points out that the Kickhams were a really good team (Copy-right).

(To be concluded)

Next Month: When Dublin "Young Irelands" met Kerry Laune Rangers—the immortal J. P. O'Sullivan of Killorglin—a peculiar Dublin County Senior Hurling Final—the Mighty Men of Tubberadora.



A picture from Jim Maher's scrapbook showing an incident in one of those memorable games between the traditional rivals, Cork and Tipp.

AN IDEA

As was the custom then, the members of the Thurles team, who worked on the land, would come into the weekly Saturday market with the produce they had for sale. Hugh Ryan walked over to "Long Dinny" Maher, brother

an easy victory.

A TEAM OF MAHERS

It was almost a team of Mahers. What a headache it must have been for the reporters who were covering the match! There were three sets of brothers—"Red Dinny" and "Black Jack"; Tom and Andy; "Long Dinny" and Ne (brothers of Jim Maher) and, besides, there was Matty Maher (Mason), and "Little Maty" Maher. And all were hurlers of outstanding ability.

One of the best players in the county at the time was Connie Callanan, an uncle of John Joe Callanan, who led Tipperary to victory in the 1930 All-Ireland. Dick Butler, a grand-uncle of Tommy Butler, who kept goal for Tipperary in 1937, was also a leading hurler and others of the team who won lasting fame were Eddie Murphy, Martin McNamara, Tom Burke, Pat Ryan and the illustrious captain, Jack Stapleton.

In the All-Ireland final Tipperary beat Galway (Meelick) at Birr, but only after a very hard struggle. It was Tommy Healy who got the vital goal. The final was played in April 1888.

It is worthy of note that a goal at this time eclipsed any number of points. It was not until 1892 that a goal was made equal to five points and the same year the number of players was reduced from twenty-one to seventeen. In 1913 a goal was made equal to three points and that year also it was decided to reduce the number of players from seventeen to fifteen.

THE AMERICAN "INVASION"

Clonoulty won the Tipperary County Championship in 1888. They were a good team and well-known names that come to mind are the Ryans (Hanna) of Ros-

from all over Ireland and many prominent Gaels. The exhibitions in America were a failure financially because of the small attendances. But the big-hearted Gaels who travelled with the party and the Irish-Americans ensured that there was no loss on the tour.

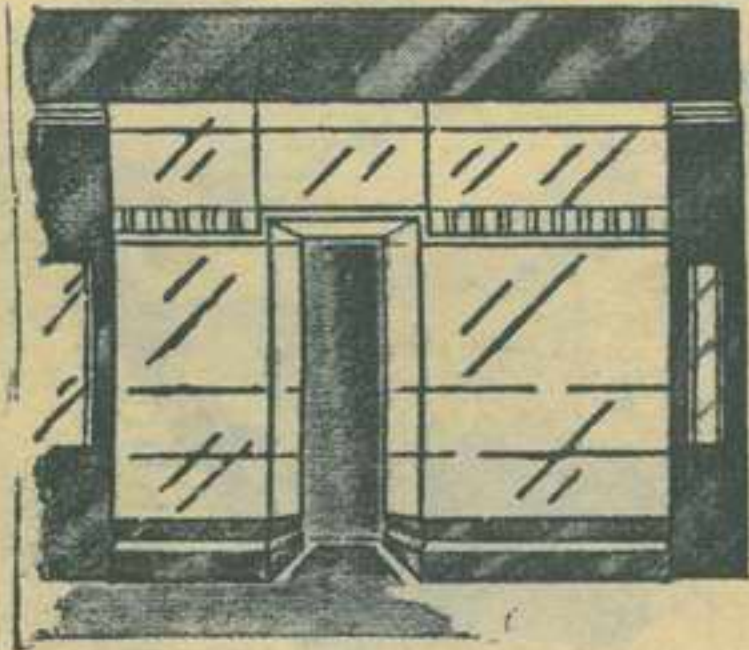
The venture was a big success in another respect, however. The seeds had been planted. But it took some sixty-seven years perseverance by the G.A.A. authorities in America and the prudence of the Central Council before the games were established on a really firm footing "over there." Now the national pastimes are widely popular from coast to coast in America.

AFTER DR. CROKE

The principal Gaelic arena in New York is called after the illustrious founder of the Association, Dr. Croke, as is our own principal venue. "I hope and pray," says Jim Maher, "that we will yet see the day when there is a Croke Park, not alone in Ireland and America, but in England, Australia and, in fact, in every country where the games of the Gael are played and where our kith and kin are preserving the language, culture and customs of their forefathers."

Thurles and Moycarky have always been great rivals in the Tipperary Championship. That rivalry goes back to the late 'eighties. Jim Maher recalls a famous match between Thurles and Moycarky in 1889. It was to have been played at Shanbally. His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Croke travelled out from Thurles to see the eagerly-awaited clash of these two splendid teams. The men from the Cathedral town held that the field was unplayable and objected to hurling on it. It was

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CAMOGIE has been at a low ebb in Limerick for many years, but the present Committee is doing everything possible to encourage the young ladies.

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The following Clubs affiliated:—
Askeaton, Stonehall, Banogue, St. Patrick's, Croom, St. Senans, Adare, Patrickswell, Ahane, Eflin and Croagh.

The competition is now well under way, and I fancy last year's champions, Croagh, to emerge victors once more.

It is good to see teams functioning in such great hurling centres as Ahane, St. Patrick's, Adare and Askeaton.

Dromcollogher Looks to Future

Dromcollogher is probably West Limerick's greatest hurling town at the moment, and although they have already bowed out of the 1955 championship, we can look forward to better things in a year or two when the juveniles, who brought honours to the parish in 1952, '53 and '54, have acquired the technique and know-how of their elders.

Probably one of the greatest hurlers ever to wear a Dromcollogher jersey was Derry McCarthy who has been figuring with the county team for the past ten years. He played with the Ireland hurling teams in 1952 and '53 and was always a unanimous choice for the Munster team. Now retired, he takes an active interest in training the minors and juveniles.

Outstanding members of the Limerick senior hurling team that defeated Clare in the Munster Final were locals Gene Noonan and Donie Broderick.

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Has Clare Forgotten Her Finest Son?

By SEAN DEE

THE names and deeds of athletes like Tisdall, O'Callaghan, Flanagan, McGrath and Martin Sheridan have become legendary. Indeed, the exploits of Tisdall and O'Callaghan have passed into athletic-lore in their own lifetime.

Yet, as sometimes happens, there are those whose deeds deserve equally to be remembered, but whose name and fame, for some unaccountable reason, have become forgotten.

Among the latter, take the case of Thomas M. Malone, born in Milltown-Malbay, Co. Clare, in 1857. A man who twice ran the hundred yards in 9.6 secs., and possibly one of the fastest men the world has ever seen.

FAMOUS AT 21

Malone was twenty-one when his name began to be known throughout the country as a sprinter and long-jumper, and at 22 years of age he ran 120 yards in Dublin in 12 seconds—a performance equal in merit to a 10 seconds 100 yards. This performance in 1879 was not unnaturally a sensation at the time.

In June of the same year he ran in the Irish Championships and set up a record in the 440, clocking 51.2 seconds. He also won the 100 yards in 10.4 seconds.

In 1882 Tom won the English Long Jump title (then considered World Championships) at Stoke-on-Trent, his distance being 21 ft. 9½ inches.

EMIGRATED "DOWN UNDER"

In the winter of 1882 Malone emigrated to Australia and as he was now matured athletically he became the sensation of that Continent. He was unbeaten as an amateur and later turned professional.

As a professional he challenged any man in the world for a contest of three races from 100 to 1,000 yards. There were no takers.

STILL A WORLD'S RECORD

During this time Malone ran 120 yards in 11.5 seconds, which still stands as the world's professional record. It was at this period also that he returned his two 9.6 second hundreds and also twice clocked 9.8 seconds for the distance.

His best time over 440 yards was 47.6 seconds, and for the half-mile he ran the distance in 1-53.5. He could long-jump over 22 feet, and just to show his versatility, he once putt the shot 42 feet.

Remember, these performances came in the mid-1880's. There were no scientific coaching methods then, yet none will deny that even to-day if Malone were a contemporary to present-day champions he would still be something of a sensation.

EVERY RECORD GENUINE

Perhaps some doubt exists about the bona-fides of the performances because of their professional character. If that be so, disabuse yourself of the idea, because there is enough evidence available to show that the greatest of care was taken to ensure that the Malone times and distances were as accurate as if they had been made in the amateur arena.

To-day in Ireland the name of one of our greatest (and dare I say it? possibly the greatest) athletes is almost forgotten.

In the Town Hall in Milltown-Malbay there is a portrait of Tom Malone. I wonder if even in his native town there is any significance attached to it or is he forgotten there also? Is he, Milltown-Malbay?

Tom Malone died in Sydney in 1919, aged 62 years. I wonder is his memory dead, too?

Next time you talk about Tisdall, O'Callaghan, the Leahys, Kiely or the Davins don't forget to add the name of Tom Malone.

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Castlebar would like a dry day

THE unofficial Connacht inter-club competition which was held some months ago in Sligo seems to have aroused sufficient interest to make it an annual event. Tuam Stars proved themselves the "Champions" on that occasion, though Castlebar, whom they defeated in the semi-final, feel they have the beating of them on a dry sod. Club officials are eager that the competition should be held in the Summer months when conditions would be suitable to high-class football.

Billy Kielthy of New Ross

By W. G. QUIRKE

ALL Wexford G.A.A. fans will be glad to know that Billy Kielthy is back at work again after his recent illness. Speaking of him recently, Billy Rackard, one of the famous Rathmure brothers, said he was one of the men chiefly responsible for the revival of hurling in Wexford.

FIRST HONOURS IN 1934

Billy Kielthy hails from Irishtown, New Ross, which produced such famous men as Thomas "Rowdy" Hughes, Joe and Pat Bailey and Thomas Kehoe. He first came into prominence with the New Ross Geraldines when they won the 1934 Minor Hurling title. The following year Billy won a Kilkenny Junior Football medal. He was then selected for the Wexford Juniors in 1936, and played with Senior footballers in 1937-1948 League. From then on Billy played on one of the Senior teams (or both) right up to 1949.

During this period he figured very prominently in both hurling and football, his most notable successes being:

- (1) Leinster Junior Hurling wins in 1940 and 1941.
- (2) Leinster Senior Football win in 1945.
- (3) Wexford Junior Hurling 1936 (New Ross), 1945 (St. Aidan's).

(4) Wexford Senior Hurling 1943-1944 (New Ross), and 1946 and '47 (St. Aidan's).

(5) Wexford Senior Football '40, '41, '42, '43, '44, '50.

WON SIX COUNTY MEDALS

In 1944 he gained both Senior medals and thus accomplished the unique distinction of being the winner of six Senior County medals in five years. He was Captain of the Wexford S.H. team who beat Kilkenny in 1943 for the first time in 34 years.

FAMOUS FAMILY

Billy, a son-in-law of Seán O'Kennedy (R.I.P.) who captained Wexford to their four successive wins (1914-1918), also has brothers who have played a big part in Wexford G.A.A.

Paddy Kielthy was a cross-country runner of note, and John was one of the stars of the Wexford Minors in the late 'thirties.

Billy Kielthy told me in a recent interview that the most unique event in his sporting life was when he was working in Wexford, living in New Ross and playing with Ennis-corthy Emmets.

Billy, like everyone else in his family, is a non-drinker, and attributes his sporting successes to this fact.

HURLING IS NOT COMPLETELY DEAD IN ROSCOMMON

ROSCOMMON is, as a rule, associated with football and this fact is not surprising. It must not be forgotten, however, that a very live interest is taken in hurling in certain areas. Each year the county fields teams in the Connacht hurling competitions, excluding senior of course, they take just pride in this achievement, though their efforts are rarely climaxed with success. A few years ago the county gave Gerry O'Malley and Gerry Dolan to the

Connacht Railway Cup team, and both played well against Munster. The game is played chiefly around Athleague and the Four Roads areas. Rivalry is keen and the county final creates considerable interest. The game is now spreading to Boyle and Castlereagh. From time to time Roscommon town field a good team and won the county title on a few occasions. Thanks to the efforts of these enthusiasts the game will not die easily in Roscommon.

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MUNSTER MYSTERY

By CAMOG

THE fact that there is so little Camogie played in Munster, the home of hurling, remains an unsolved mystery. Perhaps some of our readers could throw some light on this extraordinary situation.

One would naturally expect hurling and camogie to go hand in hand. One would normally expect to find a Camogie Club wherever there is a Hurling Club. In fact it does not require a very fertile imagination to visualise the hurlers initiating the girls into using the camog with skill and wizardry.

Yet there are only 28 Camogie Clubs in Munster. Only three counties—Cork, Limerick and Tipperary—are affiliated.

Tipperary, a county noted for hurling has only four Camogie Clubs.

Reports indicate that Munster hurlers take little or no interest in existing Camogie Clubs. We find it hard to believe this.

CALLING MUNSTER HURLERS

Consequently we are now appealing to all Hurling Clubs in Munster to organise Camogie Clubs. By showing the girls the finer arts of the game, hurlers have an opportunity of making Munster the leading Camogie province. Perhaps with their help the southern province may one day have the same high reputation in camogie as it has in hurling.

WATERFORD ORGANISES

Waterford girls have been working hard recently and new clubs have been established in Dunganavan (The Marian Girls' Club) and in Cappoquin. It is expected

that there will shortly be a club in Lismore and also in Killaloe (Clare).

All information regarding camogie can be had from Munster Secretary, Noreen Murphy, St. Anthony's Villas, Old Youghal Rd., Cork.

CAMOGIE IN THE WEST

Connacht, the Cinderella Camogie Province is sitting-up and taking notice. In fact the organisation drive set in motion by Congress is in full swing.

Main focus is on County Roscommon. A special meeting will soon be held in Castleragh. Connacht and Central Council officials will address the gathering. It is hoped that there will be a large number of Gaels present from the neighbouring towns of Boyle, Elphin, Strokestown, Roscommon, Tulsk, Athleague and Croghan.

Leitrim is next on the list for special attention. Both counties were affiliated 2 years ago, so it should not be too hard to pick up where they left off then.

Again we appeal to all Gaels in Roscommon and Leitrim to lend a helping hand to put Camogie on a firm footing there.

Mayo and Galway are still the only unaffiliated counties. Sligo is still dormant. But it will be organised.

Connacht Secretary Cecilia Mulholland, "St. Finian's," Newcastle Rd., Galway, will supply all information.

FOREVER YOUNG

A DOZEN years ago Dr. Jim Young, one of the "four-in-a-row" Cork All-Ireland champions, was winning a fist-full of gold medals for his county while his brother Eamonn was a guiding light on the Cork football team that were to win the 1945 All-Ireland. In 1954 their first-cousin, Leo Young, played left-back

for Cork Minor hurlers. In 1955 Leo was left-back on the Cork University team and in the Cork Junior hurlers.

What of 1956 and the years to follow? It will be no surprise if they find Leo with the Cork Seniors, fighting for his share of the family glory!



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By "FEAR SIUIL"

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MAYO-BORN

Paddy Gibbons, Kildare's staunch, seldom-beaten half-back; Jim Daly, ex-Cappagh and ex-Kildare mid-fielder; P. O'Malley, foxy-haired speed-winger, and J. Moran, centre-forward, all claim Mayo as birth-place—in fact, they often go back there to see their friends and relatives 'neath the shadow of the Reek, on the shores of Clew Bay.

And is it nay wonder that when the green and red of Mayo is seen in Croke Park, that those Kilcock boys throng to encourage the players of their native county. After all—briseann an dúbheas—and if Kildare has good land, still Mayo has better and dearer memories.

Nor is Kilcock the only team with Western links—Sarsfields, Rathangan, Rathcoffey and Carbury have all Western players in their ranks. Leo English, Roscommon's 40-yards man this year, is connected with Rathangan; Rathcoffey can boast of the Ballyhaunic Greallys, Carbury will not forget C. Solan in a hurry, nor Sarsfields dual All-Ireland winner L. Hastings.

RETURN OF EXILES

Where is the connection? Why so many Westerners in this "Short-grass" County? Is it the return from "Hell or Connaught" to the lands they held pre-Cromwell? Who knows? But Kildare football is none the poorer for their coming—and if you don't believe me, ask Kildare folk—they will soon let you know.

Erin's Hope Win "Sevens" Trophy

AT the seven-a-side Tournament run in conjunction with the Sessiaghoneill Sports in Co. Donegal, Erin's Hope beat Red Hugh's in the first round, and then went on to beat Drumboe in the final.

The winning team was: Willie Lavery, Danno Lavery, Seamus Quinn, M. Doherty, Austin Lavery, Sean McEntee and E. Gallen. The trophy was presented to the winners by Rev. Fr. A. Gillespie.



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JOHN LAWLOR, FATHER OF IRISH HANDBALL

By J. CLARKE

PARADOXICAL though it may seem, it is nevertheless true that to an American must go the coveted title of "Father of Handball in Ireland." For it was at Pennsylvania, on that great Continent, that John Lawlor was born nearly one hundred years ago to-day. His parents were Irish, however, and by the time he was three years of age had him back in the Old Country.

It was here, against the gable-end of the family home-stand at Killestsh, in Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow, he learned the rudiments of the game—not with a view to taking it up as a pastime, as is generally thought, but in an effort to regain the use of his disabled left arm, according to his son.

Phil Casey (Brooklyn) the Champion of America, for the first official championship of the world, and purse of 400 sovereigns. Casey travelled to Cork for the first half of the rubber, taking 6 of the 10 games played. The contest was concluded in Casey's own court at Brooklyn, built specially for the occasion, when Lawlor failed to take a game, giving as the cause, the wooden floor and back-wall, the fashion in the States, and the larger American ball (used in half the games) to which he was unaccustomed.

Casey—"Father of American Handball"—was said to have been 45 years of age at this time, Lawlor probably 15 years younger which puts the former in a class on his own as a ball-player. Lawlor then returned to Ireland, but went back again to the States, with his wife, almost immediately, where he took up an appointment and remained for close on 8 years.

CHALLENGE TO PLAY ANYONE

While there, he issued a challenge to play any man in America for £100, aside, and as there were no acceptors, challenged Casey for a purse of £400, claiming the world title when Casey failed to reply, although the latter continued to be acknowledged champion up to the time he handed the title over to Kerry-born James Fitzgerald in 1897.

In 1891, Lawlor took part in a competition for which the prize was a magnificent gold medal and £10, offered by the Brooklyn Handball Club. Lawlor won the trophy, on the reverse of which is engraved the names of the competitors, with that of the winner on the front. Casey did not compete.

To-day, that medal hangs in the 350 year old "Boot" Inn, at Ballymun, Co. Dublin.

Shortly afterwards, Lawlor defeated Courtney, a leading U.S.A. player, for 100 dollars. These are but two of his numerous American successes.

FINAL BID FOR WORLD HONOURS

In 1904 Lawlor made a final bid for world honours, in the court, when he travelled to Jersey, U.S.A., to meet M. Egan, a Galway man, the then World Champion in a title match for £100 aside. Owing to illness, the latter became unable to play, where upon Lawlor agreed to meet any man nominated by Egan's backers, for a stake of £200. The offer was accepted by Bruder, whom Lawlor defeated by 4 games to 2, the winner being entertained at a banquet by the Dubliners' Club of New York.

Two years later, in 1906, Lawlor was defeated 5-nil by P. Lyons (Dublin) in a rubber for the Championship of Leinster at Baltinglass. His star had come to rest.

From thence, he generally played doubles, most notable contest being a home and home rubber for the professional championship of Ireland, in 1912, in which he and the writer's father, went under to G. Robinson and T. Aldridge (Athy) 8-4 games after a spirited encounter.

Prior to Lawlor's final return to Ireland from America, he was presented, by a group of admirers, with a magnificent pair of bay horses, one of which he brought back with him. Upon his arrival at Westland Row, he was met by a group of ball-players with a fife and drum band, at the head of which, leading the horse, Lawlor marched to his home in Fontenoy

Street. For years afterwards, the animal, remarkable for its height could be seen daily between the shafts of Lawlor's own cab—he ran a fleet of them—plying for hire to and from the Broadstone Railway Station.

Lawlor was a member of the original O'Donovan Rossa Memorial Committee of 1915, and of the Dublin City Council, where he sat as a Labour member. He was the first President of the Workers' Union of Ireland.

FIRST PRESIDENT

When the G.A.A. decided to organise handball in 1923, Lawlor was elected first President of the new body, thus set up the Irish Handball Association. He was also President of the Metropolitan Handball Club till the time of his death.

He died in 1929, and was accorded a public funeral through the streets of Dublin to Glasnevin, at which the writer, his father and brother marched in the handball contingent.

The cortege was headed by the band of the W.U.I. The coffin was draped with three flags, the Tricolour, the Stars and Stripes, and that of the Workers' Union.

The oration at the grave side was delivered by the great Labour leader the late Jim Larkin.

A Marathon Game

Handball matches forty and more years ago were more strenuous contests than those of the present day. In 1910 Paddy Coyne, of Carlow, challenged the reigning Irish Champion the late J. J. Bowles of Limerick and the arrangements for the match were the winner to be the best number of games in a rubber of 21 games of 21 aces each. The first ten games were played in Limerick when the local man won them all, and on the following Sunday the remaining 11 games were played in Carlow when Coyne was the winner of the entire eleven. The Carlow rubber lasted for over three hours.

Olympic Prize Was An Umbrella

THE 1900 Olympic Games at Paris were not an outstanding success, and in fact very few people were aware that the Games were taking place in France. The organisers thought very little of the Games apparently, for they paid very little attention to the prizes. The winner of the 400 metres, A. Long of the United States, received an umbrella as first prize. It was poor recompense after his long trip from America. I wonder how some of our modern Olympic champions would feel if they received prizes like this.

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Redmonds Shine in Second Sport

By W. G. QUIRKE

REMEMBER the Redmond brothers, Jack and Mick, who won All-Ireland Minor Handball titles a few years ago with Wexford. Nowadays both have made names for themselves in top-class Junior Handball. Jack is Wexford's representative in the Leinster Championships, and brother Mick plays for Kildare.

Dan O'Leary Walked 105,000 miles

DAN O'LEARY, who was born in Clonakilty, Co. Cork, over a hundred years ago, one of the greatest walkers in the history of athletics, walked approximately 105,000 miles throughout his great career. In 1878, in England, Dan competed in a six-day walking race, and in that time walked 521 miles.

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Byrne excels with Bike and Bat

AT the N.A.C.A. Sports in Ennis-corthy last month James (Gus) Byrne showed great promise as a cyclist when he was runner-up to F. Baird in the 3 Miles Leinster Championship, and won an open event. Young Byrne, who is winning all before him in Co. Wexford, is a native of Wexford town and is also a keen table-tennis enthusiast and has won many trophies. This boy is worth watching and should go places in both codes.

The Champions of To-Morrow



T. O'Mordha and L. O'Scalaghe of Scoil Mhichil, Inchicore. Winnres of the Senior doubles in the Dublin Primary Schools Championships in Croke Park this year.

MOVE TO DUBLIN

The extent of his success, despite alleged medical admonition that he would never use the limb again, is now, happily, a matter of recorded handball history.

After a few years, the Lawlor's moved to Dublin, where John repaired to Patrick Street court, to make the acquaintance of the leading players of those days.

Peer amongst these, was J. Kenny, earliest of the recorded champions of Dublin, in his prime around the 1860's.

It was not long, until the 17 year old Lawlor had his measure, and in due course his title.

40 GLORIOUS YEARS

Thus began a championship career, that lasted for 40 glorious years, culminating in international fame and near world championship honours.

From which it will be appreciated, that Lawlor's activities, would fill a goodly volume, while in the space at my disposal, I can do little more than deal briefly with his more important successes.

FIRST HONOURS

His first major victory came in 1885, when he defeated Dave. Browning of Limerick, for the Irish title at Carlow, by 11 games to 7. Twelve months later, he successfully defended it, in the Irish Championship Tourney, at the Racquet Court, Cork, accounting for Tobin of Fermoy, in the final by 5 games to nil. Notable entries included J. Dunne (Brooklyn), rated next best man to Casey, later Champion of the World, Herlihy (Cork), O'Leary (Fermoy) and Browning.

Then came his now famous encounter in 1887, with Leix-born

Wicklow Gain From Kerry

STARRING for the Arklow Seniors these days is Jim Sullivan, former Dick Fitzgerald's and Kerry football star. Jim played with the Kerry Minors in 1952 and got a trial for the Seniors in 1953. In 1954 he was chosen for the Limerick Juniors while working in Kilmallock, but he was unable to play owing to injury.

Now at 21 he has regained his old form and was the star of the Arklow Seniors that went under to Ballindarrig recently in the County Championship. He may be seen in Wicklow colours next season.

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Prince of Players

By MacLUGHUDDHA

AFTER his recent displays against Cork, Tipperary and Limerick, few who have seen these games will quibble but that Dan McInerney of Clare is the best full-back in the country. It is strange that the scribes and the general public had to wait until the twilight of his hurling career to acclaim the mighty Scariff man, because since he took over the position of full-back on the Clare team early in 1952 McInerney has been putting in displays of this type almost unnoticed except by the Clare supporters.

PLAYING FOR A DECADE

Burly Dan comes from an old Clare hurling family and is an engineer by profession. He stands 5' 11" and weighs 13½ stone. Now in his early thirties, he has been playing for Clare for almost a decade. In 1950 he was selected for Munster at left full-back, a position he filled with distinction. Early the following Spring he broke his collarbone and was out of the game for some time. Clare hurling was on the downgrade—a heavy defeat by Cork was followed by poor success in the National League—a defeat by Waterford in the Munster Championship and things were really bad.

DAN'S COME-BACK

Then Pappy Callaghan, Clare's full-back and hero for many a day retired. The Clare selectors looked for a full-back and decided to persuade Dan to make a come-back. They

succeeded, and Clare have not looked back since. As Captain of the team, his spirit and determination radiated itself to every member of the team. In the 1952-53 League, Clare produced a crop of new hurlers, and under the guidance of the Scariff man they were blended into a forcible team. Slowly but surely they improved, some hard luck dogged, but they always came back with renewed confidence, and now at last they are on the road to fame.

EVEN MASTERED CHRISTY

Dan as a player has mastered them all—D. McCarthy, Nick Rackard, Liam Dowling, L. Keane, B. Quinn, P. Fitzgerald and even Christy Ring himself. (Dan marked Ring in the 1953 Munster Championship in the second half when both teams were playing with fourteen men). At times he may not be spectacular, but always he has been a stone-wall, almost impenetrable.

Dermot Kelly Assumes Mick Mackey Mantle

By PHILIP RODERICK

JUST as Emil Zatopek, the "Fantastic Czech," revolutionised middle and long distance running over the past few years, so also have Limerick changed the trends of modern hurling. Never again will hurling be the same, since this astounding new Limerick fifteen blasted Clare from the All-Ireland road with jet-propulsion tactics, backed by unbelievable fitness and stamina.

I predict that from now on, hurling will be a young man's game. There will be no place in future All-Ireland teams for the man whose speed has diminished with the passing years. Limerick showed proof of that against Clare. In an hour of thrilling and memorable play, they swept Clare aside in a dazzling display of high-pressure speed hurling. I never before saw anything like it. Every Limerick forward—in fact, every Limerick back as well—out-sprinted his man, and never for a moment did one of them falter.

Out of this fantastic display of speed hurling one fact came out prominently and that is that Dermot Kelly, the 23-year-old forward from Cloughran, has assumed the mantle of Mick Mackey, who, in my opinion, was the greatest hurler of all time, not only

in Limerick, but in Ireland.

Dermot is of the new age of Limerick hurling. Superbly fit, and with a blinding turn of speed, he broke Clare hearts in the Munster final. Like a Scarlet Pimpernel, he was here, there and everywhere, and there were moments when I felt that the years had rolled back and I was once again looking at the incomparable Mick Mackey at his finest.

Dermot began this year against Waterford in the back line, but for the Munster final he moved into the attack, and never did a move pay such dividends. His final tally in the Munster final came to a goal and twelve points, and he played a leading role in many more scores.

Every Limerick man covered himself in unforgettable glory in the Munster final, but most people will, I think, agree with me that Dermot Kelly showed just that little extra that put him ahead of all others. No matter how he plays for the rest of the year, and nothing is more certain than that he will win further honours in the months to come, Dermot has already done enough in the Munster championship to ensure a permanent place in the Roll of Honour in Limerick hurling.

ONE of the greatest sportsmen in the history of the G.A.A. and the N.A.C.A. was the late "T. F." Kiely from Ballyneale. Tom won thousands of prizes, national and international honours during his amazing career, and it has now been decided to erect a memorial to his memory. Roddy and Percy Kirwan, two of the famous Kirwan family, whose story appeared in our last issue, are on the committee. The following poem is a tribute to Tom Kiely by his great friend Roddy Kirwan.

THOMAS F. KIELY THE CHAMPION— 1869-1951

I.
In a sylvan setting by the River Suir in the far famed Golden Vale,
Near the Southern slopes of Slievenamon, lies the village of Ballyneale,
Famous in local history for its strapping men and tall,
With Thomas Francis Kiely the finest of them all.

II.
The atmosphere was athletic that he lived in as a boy,
Till he became a Champion under Davin's watchful eye,
At the Championships in Dublin he decided to have a go,
And when the programme ended, he'd won seven in a row.

III.
Conscious of his prowess, now, great confidence he gained,
And, ambitious for higher honours, methodically he trained.
In '97, and for some years, to England he made trips,
And beat the world's best to win Five Hammer Championships.

IV.
At St. Louis Exposition the All-Round Championship he won,
Defeating amongst others the Yankee Champion—Adam Gunn,
At Boston, two years later—he won for the second time,
At an age when athletes normally are years beyond their prime.

V.
He was a star attraction for some twenty years or more,
The prizes won in all those years numbered quite a hundred score,
Including seventy Championships at home and overseas,
For which there were Gold Medals—and he won with perfect ease.

VI.
He's a credit to his County, to his Country, to his name,
For through those years of active Sport—he always played the game,
He set a fine example to our up-and-coming youth,
To follow in his footsteps the ways of manliness and truth.

VII.
A man of courage and of iron, a man with nerves of steel,
Who far surpassed his fellow man, and made admirers feel
That Kiely's name, and Kiely's fame should live forever on,
Lies now in a deep, and peaceful sleep, 'neath the Slopes Slievenamon.

R. K., Waterford.

THIS IS A FARCE

—Says P.R.

At the risk of annoying a lot of people by resurrecting an old, old complaint, I am going to write about Galway's participation in this year's All-Ireland hurling final. Quite honestly, I think this business of Galway having a free entry to the All-Ireland final is a bit of a farce.

In the first place, they will go into the final lacking the very necessary background of experience in preliminary rounds. This is a very important factor, and one which may prove the downfall of Galway next month. Take their opponents for instance. As I write, this question has still to be decided. Whoever faces Galway in the final, whether it be Limerick Kilkenny or Wexford will go out on to Croke Park next month, with a background of hard fought battles behind them.

Then again is it quite fair to the other counties that Galway should have the honour of appearing in the final round of the Blue Riband of Irish hurling, without even having played one game to earn the honour. Certainly not.

Frankly I think it is high time, we stopped this nonsense. My suggestion, which is the same that thousands of other writers have offered from time to time on this controversial question is that Galway should be put into the Munster championships. At least then, if they fight their way through to the All-Ireland final, we shall know that they have justly earned the right to appear in Croke Park on All-Ireland day. Until then, I repeat that Galway's participation in All-Ireland hurling is somewhat in the nature of a farce.

WEDDING BELLS

A number of former Mayo footballers have joined the matrimonial ranks this year including Joe "Danno" Staunton and Tommy Lyons of Louisburgh, Johnny Gilvarry of Killala and John Joe McGowan of Castlebar. . . The latter won a National League medal with Mayo last year and was a member of the party which went to the U.S.A. last October. John Joe who has now hung up his boots for good is a member of a famous football family. His elder brother Jim better known as "Tot" was right full-back on the famous Mayo team of 1936 while his younger brother Dr. Paddy has also worn the green and red on many occasions and was a member of last year's victorious Galway Sigerson Cup Team. Also a prominent member of the Castlebar Mitchel's team.

Joe Staunton who won an All-Ireland medal with Mayo in 1951 will be remembered for his great duel with Meath star Paddy Meegan in the final of that year. A chemist by profession, Joe has now retired from inter-county football but still turns out in club games with the Louisburgh boys and is playing as soundly as ever.

When the Rain Came Jimmie Played

By MacL.

ON the programme it said Jimmy Carney, but I am quite sure that meant very little to most people, even Clare supporters at the Clare v. Cork Munster Championship game this year. Only a few knew who the tall, powerfully-built and striking youngster playing right half-forward for Clare was.

Why should he be such an unknown quantity? Well, here is the story.

Twenty year old Jimmy works in Dublin, and his home is in Ballinakill, Co. Laois, and that is why Clare supporters failed to recognise him. However, in every other way, Jimmy is a true blue Banner County man. He was born in Clare and spent all his holidays there with relations in Doonbeg. Both of his parents are also Clare-born.

Jimmy was educated in St. Flannans College in Ennis, and in his senior year was a bright star on both the College hurling and football teams.

Oddly enough, around this time he was far more interested in handball, and devoted most of his time to it.

I remember him well about this time. Jimmy was always happy when it rained. The rain drove the seniors out of the ball alley, and he utilised every minute to get in a little extra practice.

He eventually became College champion and, of course, is still an outstanding player.

Many doubted the wisdom of the Clare selectors in picking Jimmy for the all-important game against Cork, but he certainly justified his selection. He confounded the critics with a dazzling display of hurling and accuracy—a display which made him Clare's outstanding forward that day, and remember, what a day that was for all Claremen.

Jimmy Carney has come to stay. He has made his mark in Irish hurling, and nothing is more certain than that we will hear a lot more about this great youngster.

TIPPERARY ROUNDABOUT

Jimmie Has Two Goals to Mind

JIMMY RYAN of Solohead, Co. Tipperary, achieved an unusual distinction this year. He is goalkeeper for both Tipperary football and hurling teams in the Minor grade, and from what we hear he is making a good job of the net-minding for both teams.

Making big news down Tipperary way at the moment is Patrick Frazer of Tipperary town, who is figuring prominently as a referee. Paddy is a former All-Ireland Minor handled the Kerry and Water-Arravale Rovers. He recently handled the Kerry and Waterford game at Tralee, and by all accounts made a big success of the job.

Revived this year is Glen Rovers Senior Football Club under the Secretaryship of John Corcadden.

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THE first result of the concerted effort of the Federation and An Bord Fáilte to improve the standard of Irish souvenirs and to develop what is potentially a valuable industry will be a display shortly of good quality souvenirs.

The response to a request for souvenir samples for such a display was encouraging for some thirty-three manufacturers and forty-nine craftsmen submitted products which included book-binding and printing, wrought iron, pottery, plastic figures, leather goods, handkerchiefs, scarves, needlework, table mats, cushion covers, view slides, ties, rugs, music boxes, pictures and glass engraving.

It will be recalled that in the spring of 1953 the Minister for Industry and Commerce received the report of a special Souvenir Committee which had been set up in 1951. The Minister then entrusted to An Bord Fáilte the work of encouraging the production of souvenirs of suitable designs in harmony with Irish culture and history. Discussions took place between the Board and the Design Research Unit of Ireland. Later, representatives of the Federation met officials of the Board and, as a result, the Federation requested its members to submit samples of souvenirs to the Board for examination and advice.

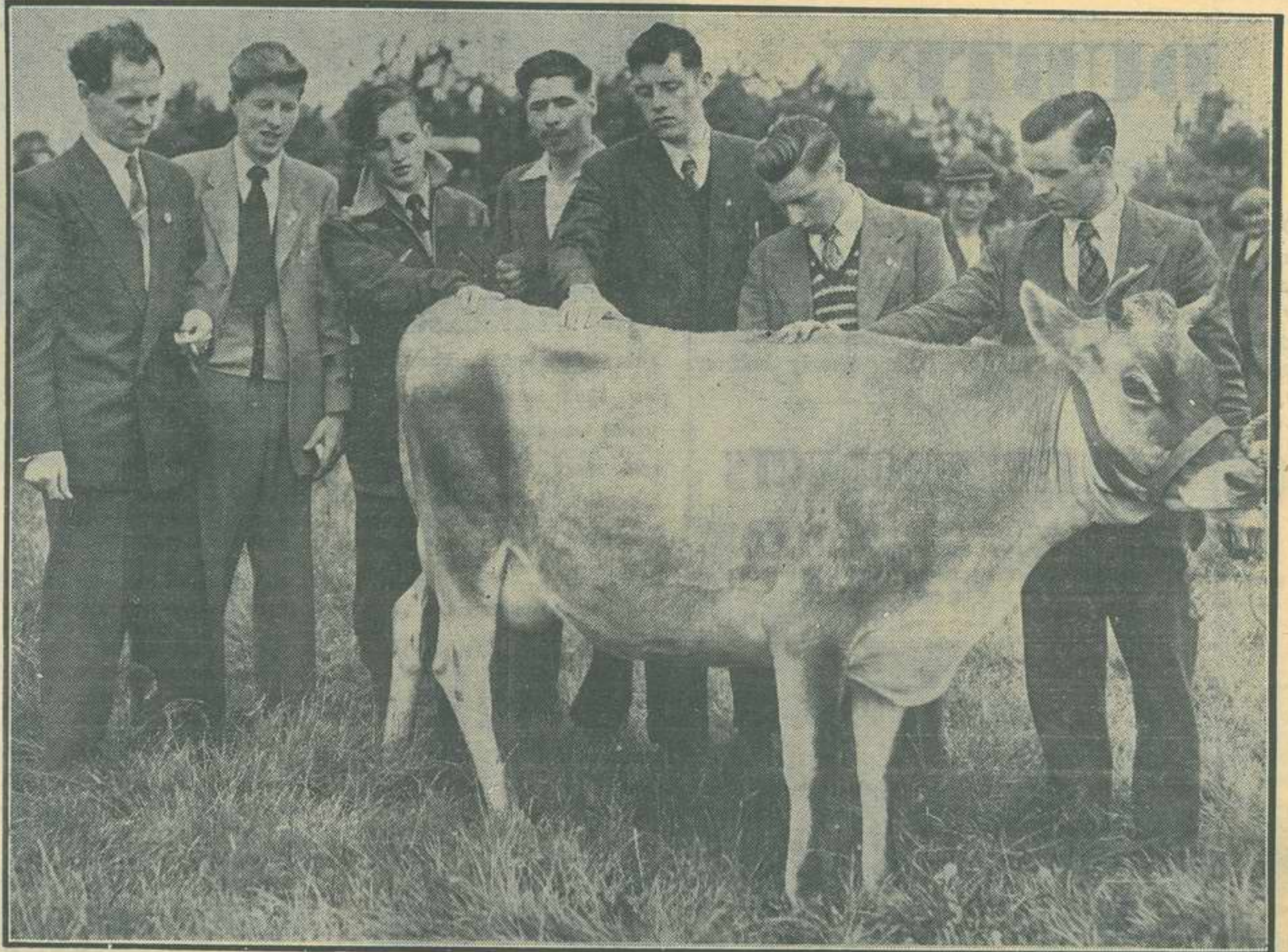
Several of the souvenirs which have been submitted to the Board are now dollar earners in Shannon Airport Souvenir Shop.

Among the products submitted to the Board was pottery from a Mayo firm which is working on early Irish designs on vases and urns, from photographs taken by An Bord Fáilte (by permission of the National Museum authority). This firm has also utilised Ogham writing for designs.

Something new in souvenir jewellery has been manufactured by a Dublin company. Earrings designed in the shape of letters from the Book of Kells and a brooch embossed with the head of Queen Maeve are produced in oxidised bronze and silver.

Gold cuff-links with earrings to match, both with shamrock design, are also being made by Dublin craftsmen, with an eye to the United States market where it is fashionable, at present, for wives and daughters to borrow cuff-links to wear with man-tailored shirts.

New souvenirs to the Irish market are hand-painted tiles with black and white sketches of Irish scenes; gay green and white beach bags for the shopping tourist; silk ties with clan crests; character dolls in traditional costume; elegant aprons of fine organdie



with Irish lace motifs on pockets; shell dolls in excellent detail; handkerchiefs with Irish proverbs instead of the inevitable shamrock and harps; wooden objects of poker design, and glass pottery of great beauty.

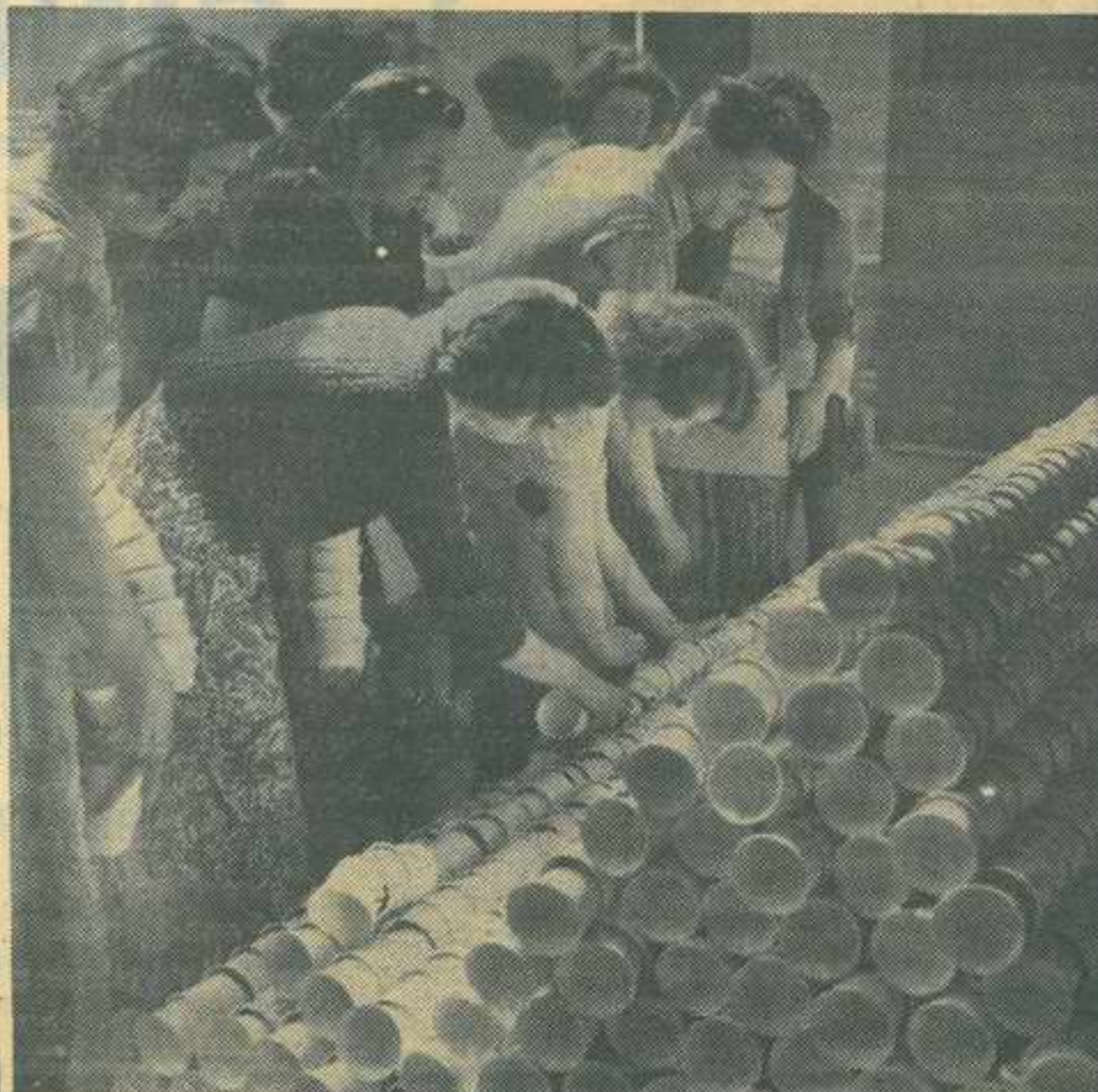
All in all, the effort to improve souvenirs has had a promising start, and the display of some of the products submitted will surely be worth a visit.

By courtesy of "The Second Arm."

Five young members of Macra na Feirme judging Jersey Cattle at Mr. J. S. De B. Bewley's farm at Knockseda. This was one of the herds they had been visiting in a competition to select four members of an Irish team to compete in the International Dairy Cattle Judging Competition at Nottingham. Included in the picture are Sean Healy, General Secretary, Macra na Feirme, and Secretary National Farmers' Association; Bernard Quinn of Athlone; James O'Loughlin of Rathanagan; Charles McDonald, Abbeyleix; Robert Farrell, and trainer, Fred Hayden of Castledermot.

Picture by courtesy of "Farmers' Journal"

Pottery Workers At Arklow



Ploughing For The Young

The decline in the number of young people taking part in ploughing competitions was considered at the adjourned meeting of the Council of the National Ploughing Association of Ireland at their recent meeting.

TWO DAYS

The 1956 Ploughing Championships will be a two-day event to be held during the second week of February. The venue has not yet been determined.

Horse-ploughing and tractor classes will be provided for, and the usual machinery exhibition included.

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Abbeyleix Show

ALTHOUGH the date of Abbeyleix Show is more than two months off, all major preliminary arrangements for the town's third annual agricultural event on September 28 have been completed.

At a meeting of the Show Committee in I.C.A. House last Thursday night, Mr. Sean Reilly, Hon. Sec. confirmed the earlier report of an army team coming to compete in the horse jumping events.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Another piece of good news Mr. Reilly passed on was that Mr. G. L. Pennyfeather of Grangecon, Co. Wicklow—widely known for his way with sheepdogs—had accepted their invitation to give a sheep penning and duck penning demonstration at the show.

He reported that Laois Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was arranging to hold a Pet Show.

The number of classes has been further increased this year to include extra ones in the cattle and horse sections. Mr. George Galbraith, Chairman, said that additional expense would be incurred in providing their own sheep pens and other requisites.

JOHN NOLAN RE-ELECTED

AT its first meeting Carlow Committee of Agriculture disposed of quickly the business of electing Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Mr. John P. Nolan was unanimously re-elected to the Chair and Senator P. Cogan elected Vice-Chairman by eight votes to seven for Mr. Noel Hughes.

Made Uniforms in Secret for Irish Volunteers

THE STORY OF DUBTEX

By PHILIP RODERICK

FROM one small room, with two sewing machines, to a magnificent building known to-day as Dubtex House, with a modern and spacious factory at Dolphin's Barn in nearly fifty years. That, in short, is the history of the Dublin Bespoke Clothing Company, Ltd., which was founded by Samuel White at 22 Wellington Quay nearly half a century ago.

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Made Uniforms In Secret

Like so many other great Irish industries, the Dublin Bespoke Trading Co., Ltd., has its connections with our history. During the troubled days of 1916, the company turned out uniforms for the Irish Volunteers. This work, (Continued on page 10).



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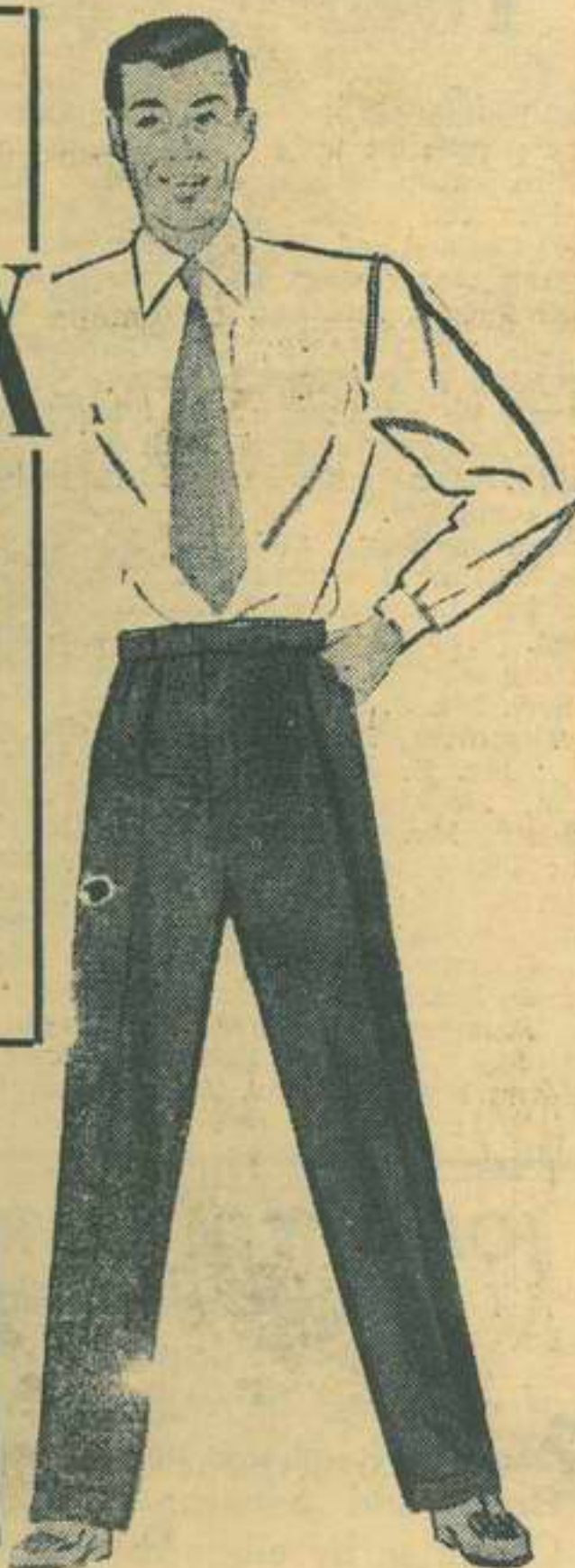
This insistence on quality is nothing new to Dubtex, for since that far-off day nearly fifty years ago when Samuel White first began, his products were always able to compete successfully with the imported garments of the pre-tariff days. Remember that when he started there were no restrictions on cross-channel manufacturers, who had a free and open market in Ireland.

New Generations

Time has marched on since then, and now there are new generations of the White family in the business. Samuel's sons and grandsons have come into it, and through their efforts the Dublin Bespoke Clothing Co., Ltd., has expanded to a stage where, not only can the home market be satisfied, but overseas markets are being developed. From Dublin to France and Belgium have gone Dubtex products to be received with every success and satisfaction.

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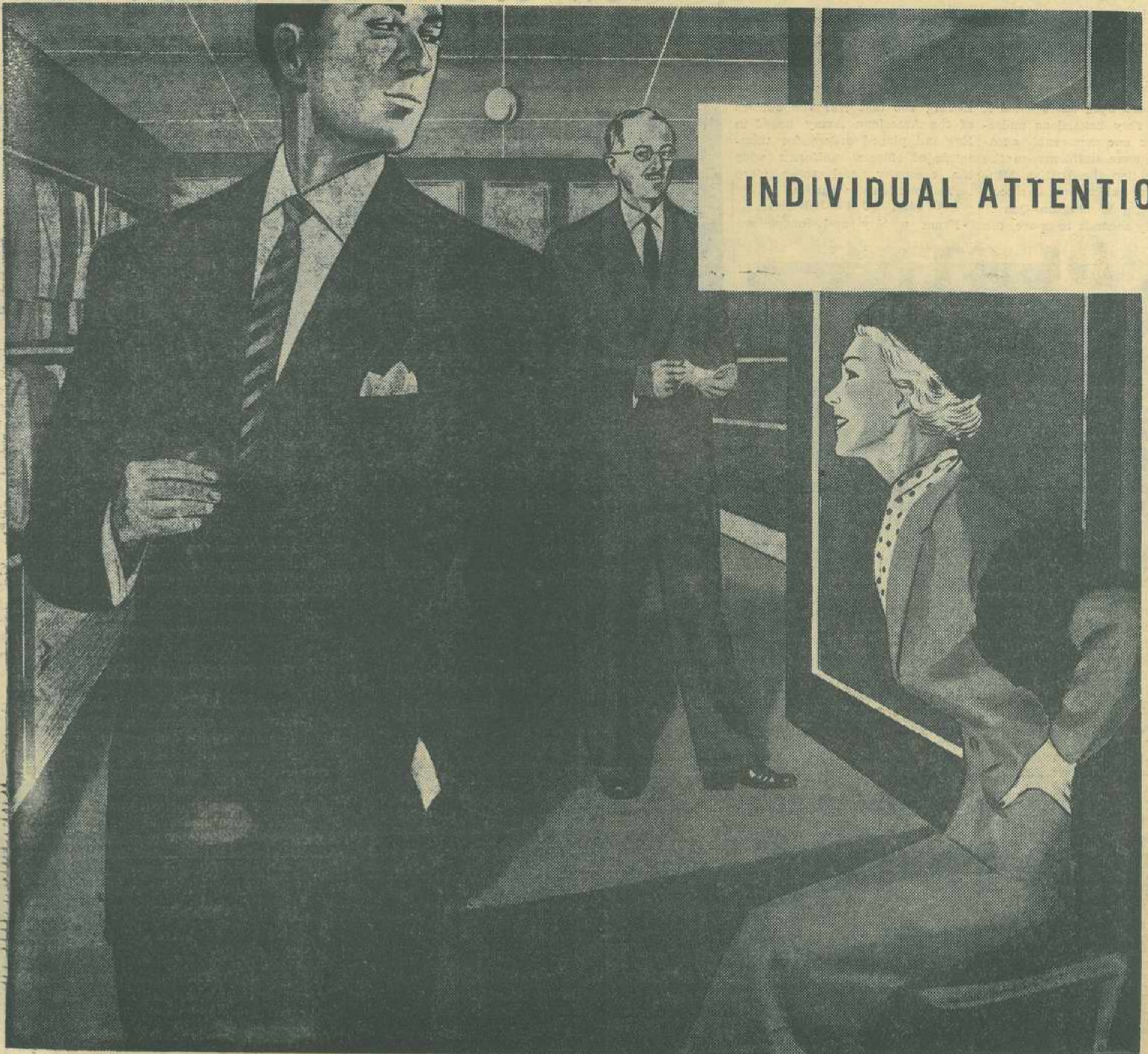
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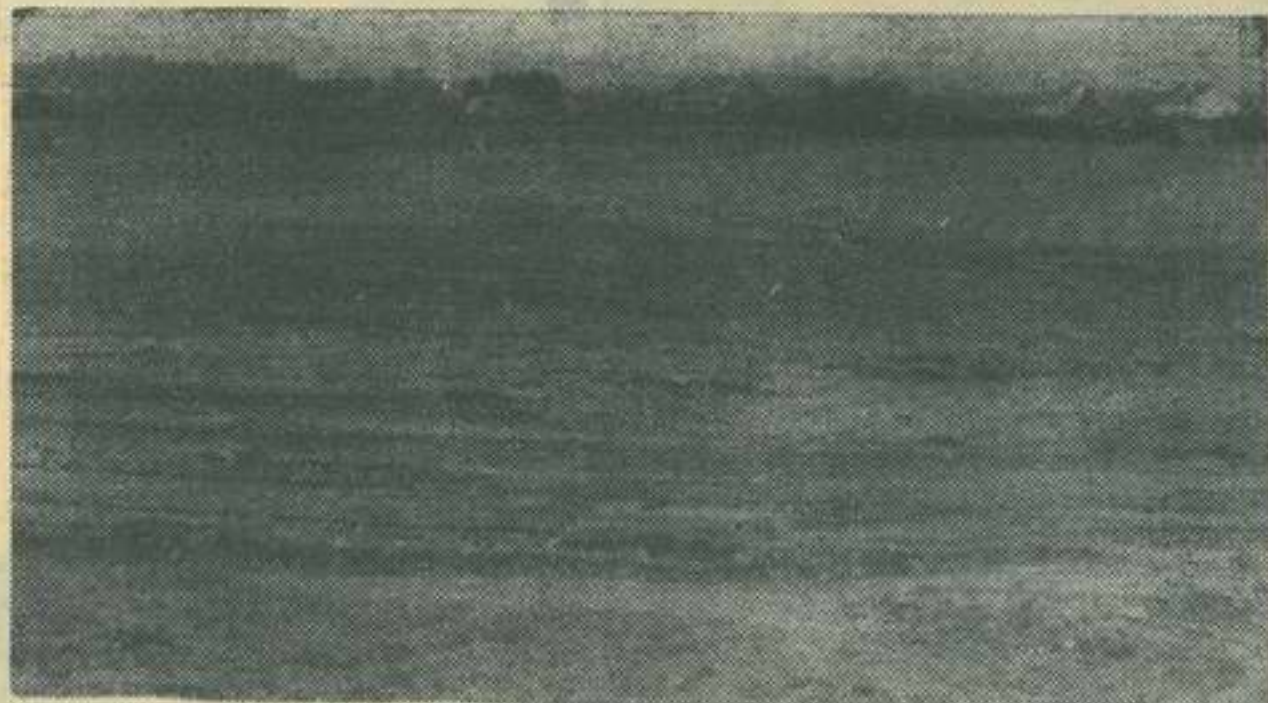
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In time, the Ballykinlar club hope to have a surrounding wall and pavilion built, with the intention of turning the ground into one of the best in Ulster.

The new ground is within a stone's throw of Ballykinlar Military Camp, where so many of our young and patriotic Irishmen spent time in custody. The ground will honour these men as the Ballykinlar club intends to name it after some of those who were imprisoned in the Camp.

When completed, the ground will cost approximately £1,500, and it is hoped to defray some of this by holding flag days, and other fund raising schemes.

The Great "Nipper" Stanley of Leitrim

By "FIFTY"

THE shining star in the history of Leitrim G.A.A. is the incomparable John "Nipper" Shanley, who represented Ireland in the Tailteann Games at Croke Park in 1928.

Around this time the "Nipper" was a household name in Leitrim, having won a Connaught Championship medal in 1927 with the "Men from the Grey Hills."

John learned his football with the Annaduff team, who came from the same area as the famous Barnacoola O'Neills, who won the first Leitrim Championship in 1904.

John's nickname stemmed from his stature. He was a small, well-built and powerful footballer, and his skill with the ball was at times very little short of uncanny.

"Nipper's" boot directed many of the scores that took Leitrim to the All-Ireland semi-final of 1927 against the mighty men of Kerry, but his valiant efforts proved of no avail in the all-important game against Kerry.

Leitrim failed, but it was a gallant failure.

"Nipper" Shanley's fame is assured forever in Leitrim, although he is now living in Dublin where he is married to a sister of Mayo's J. Carney.

"Nipper" finished his playing in 1942, but he can still be seen on the Gaelic field as a referee.

ΔΙΕΪ ΚΟΙΛΛΙΟΥ ΝΑ Η-ΕΙΡΕΑΝΝ

By "ULTAC"

San t-Sean-ampeap bí Eiriceáirí le foirneáda móra agus bí an oipeas rín crann in-ran tiri gur tugad mar ainm uirthi "Oileán na gCoillte." Seáirí na daoine na crann le áit a déanam de cupaíocht. Uóig na Sapanais na coillte agus leas ríad iad leir na Sael a rmaéú. Ir beas de na coillte a párad aet amáin iad reo a bí úpáiread as na tair-naí talamh Sapanais fan veir-ceapir agus as na plannóirí fan tuarceapir. I léairí na huairte táimí ar an tiri leir an céad-éodán ir lú foirneáda inr an Eoirap.

reáimeanna foirneáda in áiteáda éasgrúla ar fuo na tíre agus tá 200,000 acraí de éirann cupáda acu. Áet ní leor reo. Tá milliún acraí maé-tanad i t-veio nac mbéad or-ainn admao a allmhuirú. Ceann-naimro tuac £16,500,000 de admao in ágaró na bliana faoi léairí. Ir uafárad an t-rum airgíó é reo, nuair a rmao-timíó so nglacann rí leat an airgíó a geibimíó ar an eallad a onnmhuiceap le na geuro maé-tanairí do mhuintirí na h-Éir-eann goíve an raibheap acá inr na foirneáda.

Tá ré bunap leir-céad bliain ó euir aré Ó Spíopa áit-coilltiú na tíre ar ceann de na poimntí ir tabaádaí i nruan-geoir ead naimíóca Sinn Féin. Óimhir ré dóra fá na "Landes" inr an Frainc—óúice san úpáiró a minne malear na Frainc raibir agus coréúil le crann a euir ann. Fuair ré rí eolgaireáda le cuairte a déanam ar ríogúim coillte na h-Eoirpa, in áiteáda a raib na comníolláda céanna a bí in Éirinn. Cuir ré i geio na mbéad a minne ríad agus ceap ré plean agus geoirí áit coilltiú na tíre. Saé Com-airle Contae Cill Dara a com-airle agus coirig ríad as veán-áin beapir dá réir. Ir tiriá náir lean an euir eile de'n tír a rampla. Céad méadó móir ar raibheap náirúnta na tíre agus ar pláinte na tíre dá n-veánfaó Saé Com-airle Contae an obair a minne Cill Dara, agus ní véad rínn as allmhuirú admao mar acá nuio. Tá rampla manais Mairicirí Milleirí agann forca—iá fan a minne talamh raibir de fleara rceap-óúla Cnoic Míaoil Óimnais le foirneáda.

Tá ríor as Saé óime so nveimeann na crann maie ve'n talamh agus so veiomafonn ríad é. Ní euirfead ríad ir-tead ar euiradóiread mar éis iad a euir ar fleara na geioe agus nar na ríogúim pléibéúla. Véanfaó ríad an tiri níor reo agus méadóó ríad so móir ar áilleáda na tíre, com maie le raibheap na tíre. Véanfaó ríad forcaó de daoime de bair-raí agus de ainmíóca. Com maie leir na buncairí reo, veapir an obair a véanfaó ríad so na daoime, as euir agus as geap-raó crann inr na glúnta acá nomáinn. Véad muilte admao agus tiorraeal admao as tab-airí toibre so daoime—ní inr na caíraáda agus baite móra áet ar imeall na h-Éir-eáda. Tá mbéad an obair reo fan lán treoil euirfead ré veiread le imirce.

Inr n glúin reo a euirfead túr ar an obair, áet tá an euir euir no-mall ar fao. Tá bair-raíóca cainte agus be agan oibre dá véanam. Má táimro inoairirí ba eoirí bóro foirneáda a euir ar bun leir an obair a bhorca corúil le Doro na Móna nó an E.S.D. Anrín éioceadúim mar a óúire Míeéal Ó Coileáin ar ocaio réáiríúil euir ar ágaró leir an obair.

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In Memoriam

THE death of Tony Donnelly of Kilmessan was a big blow to all Meath G.A.A. Tony was a fine hurler and footballer and represented Meath gallantly on many occasions. He will be sadly missed by all those who knew him.
Beannacht Dia ar a h-Anam.

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Had Kerry Hurlers an Inferiority Complex?

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AN inferiority complex must surely be the answer to the query why Kerry's hurlers lost to Cork in the semi-final of the Munster Junior Championship this year.

As most people know, Kerry's standard of hurling is by no means top class, and for years now the county has been graded junior in the hope that with a few wins to credit others might advance further.

This year there were the usual challenge matches provided at the expense of the Munster Council in order to help the Kerry men find their feet. Then came their first tie with Waterford and very few, if any, expected the locals to carry the day against the visitors, but they not only did that but gave us heart as to what they could do to Cork.

KERRY LOST FIRE

It's recorded now that Kerry really had the best of the play in the first half and were worrying visitors to the Austin Stack Park but spectators were simply amazed at the second-half transformation. All the fire and dash was gone out of Kerry when they resumed and when Cork got through for a couple of points, Kerry just simply chucked-in.

Why? Years of defeat stared the Kerry men in the face and they just got it into their heads that their fate was the exact same as their predecessors, that they were not good enough to out the Corkmen.

MUST IGNORE PAST PERFORMANCES

I'm sure the Corkmen would be the first to acknowledge the fact that Kerry's strength far exceeded their expectations and that if they had maintained pressure they might have qualified for the provincial decider.

Now it seems that the Kerry selectors have a job on hand to get it into the players' minds that they must ignore past performances and that they are just as good as the opposition they face. Hurling skill might at this stage be classed as a secondary feature.

U.S. TRIP

Enjoying a trip to the United States is Jackie Lyne, former Kerry and Ireland star footballer and now a Kerry selector. Jackie was invited to visit the States last year but just could not make the journey at the time. Another man gone over there

is Declan Horgan, former Chairman of the Kerry men's Association in Dublin. Declan is a great worker for his native county in the Metropolis.

OPENED UP

Kerry booter John Dowling has opened up his own shop premises in Tralee. But John still has time to play his usual sound game of football.

Billie is a Dual Star

By GUS SMITH

WHEN it comes to naming a dual star in both hurling and football the name Billie O'Neill, Galway, looms high in the honours list. Billie first came into prominence with Cork county junior team when they won the All-Ireland title. His Army duties next took him to Galway where he threw in his lot with the county. He soon became the backbone of the hurling team and a fine football forward. In 1953 when Galway were narrowly beaten by Cork in the All-Ireland hurling final, he played a wonderful game at full-back. Last year he helped Galway win the Connacht senior football final and was on the team defeated by Kerry in the National semi-final. His ambition is to win an All-Ireland medal in either hurling or football.

STALEMATE



Nothing came of this move in the Kilkenny v. Wexford Leinster Final. No result came either, as this game ended in a draw.

Knocked-out by Team Mate

JOE O'NEILL of Drimmarone, Co. Donegal, will be out of football for a few weeks. Joe, who at one stage of his career, played for Warwickshire in an All-Ireland

junior final was playing for St. Naul's recently in a match against Donegal, and had the misfortune to be involved in a head-on collision with one of his own team. The result? A broken nose. We all hope Joe will be back again soon. He is an extremely popular figure in Donegal G.A.A. and played for the county some years ago.

John Doherty has had a Long Innings

WINNER of the recent Leinster hammer throwing championship was John Doherty, who set up a new personal record of 164'. This was a remarkable performance, for John has been in competition for over twenty years and won his first Irish championship as far back as 1936. His previous best was 161' 10" in Carrick-on-Suir in 1937. John is a member of the Garda, and held the hammer record of the Force for many years with his throw in Carrick-on-Suir. He is now competing with the Civil Service Club, and is doing a great deal of work in coaching a lot of the new Garda recruits in the hammer, traditionally one of Ireland's finest events in athletics.

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Tá clú agus cáil ar Lios Dún Bearnna mar áir Samhraidh agus mealltar na mílte ann sa bhliain cun na h-úirí míní a ól agus cun gheann agus rópóir agus caiteam ainmire veit aca, ac i gceann tamall gearr veit adar nua cun nua mílte a mealla, veit páirc Éinne fé lán creit le cluic móra iomáineacra agus peit.

Ír beas baile ra tír ve uadhrad ceitpe céad go bfuil páirc a cóisair tmoa míle ve flua agus tá pé rin aca i Lios Dún.

Ír iogantac an méir oibre a éuaró i nbeanam na páircí seo agus maireac go raib rár-rín mar Miceal Ó h-Uaithín agus Miceal Ó Cléirig cun muinntir na h-áire a ghuaróir agus a ríurú ír beas a véanfaí.

INGEALL AS TEASTAIL

SA céad veit ríor bí faice goif le cógáil ar an eirí agus bí ceann nua le véanam, toipe an ceann eile a ríuróir. Bí ingeall móra as teartán le h-áiró na h-oibre seo. Nuair a bí pé rin véanta bí oirca an

calam a véanam coifum, bí oirca veit ríor veit tmoéta in áireaca carnuigeac an eirí ar ó. éacó veit bpaice i oiréir ír go bfuil anoir va mullac móra tmoceall leac na páircí acá có-mait le h-aon ároán a cóis-faí le caán.

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I bfeiríl na h-oibre seo bí ingealltóir ós SEARÓID Ó MUIRRE, é féin ma peiteacoir ar fíurann Corcaí.

Bí oigeann le véanam, agus na céanta rudaí eile, ac veim-eacó iao go léir. Ír beas fear ra veitais nár caic tá leir an obair.

Ar na veime a oibruis san ríor có-mait leo rúro éuar luaité bí, Piontíar agus Miceal Ó h-Meara, Miceal Mac-Craic, Seán Ó Loctáinn, Miceal agus Seán Ó Laeais, Séamur Maguidir agus Mairead Ó Laicbeartaic.

Veir bheir ír bliadna tá an obair véanta agus tá an páirc Ullam. Veimíir go léir com-gáirveacar le muinntir Lios Dún Bearnna éar a ríuróir.

"Owensie" Still a Power in Football in Roscommon

AFTER almost fifteen years playing first-class football "Owensie" Hoare, former Roscommon All-Ireland star, is still going strong to-day. In 1943 and '44 when the county won the Sam Maguire Cup Owensie was noted as an outstanding defender; in fact, in 1944 he played in goal with distinction for the county team. He he captain to-day of a local Roscommon junior side, Eoghan Ruadh's, who last year were narrowly defeated in the county semi-final. This year he hopes to lead them to the final. His burning ambition at the moment is to win the junior crown. Incidentally, Ruadh's come from practically the one street in the town—Henry Street. "Owensie" is also a county selector and his enthusiasm for football is remarkable. Though now in the veteran stage he has no intention of retiring.

Played in two All-Ireland Hurling Finals in One Year

Galway, who have a free passage to this year's All-Ireland final hold a unique distinction in the history of hurling, for in 1924, they won an All-Ireland final, and also lost one. How did this come about. Well, here is how it happened. The All-Ireland semi-final of 1923 between Galway and Kilkenny was not played until May, 1924, although in the meantime the 1924 All-Ireland hurling series had begun. In September Galway met Limerick for the 1923 title and won convincingly by 7-3 to 4-5. Two months later Galway met Tipperary in the semi-final of the 1924 All-Ireland, and after one of the finest games ever seen earned the right to meet Dublin in the final exactly one month later. The final was played on the 14th December and the holders went down to Dublin by 6 points. So Galway were only All-Ireland champions for less than four months.

As a matter of interest, Galway were in the final again in 1925 and lost to Tipperary, having beaten Kilkenny in the semi-final.

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MACKEY

THREE months ago not one out of a thousand Gaelic followers in Munster would have tipped Limerick and Clare as likely Munster hurling finalists. The Banner County men qualified for the final by defeating All-Ireland champions Cork, and National League Champions, Tipperary, while Limerick had a comparatively easy passage defeating a moderate Waterford side at Thurles. Clare, by their victories over Cork and Tipperary, proved to be the shock-merchants of the year, but Limerick confounded the critics by ousting their near neighbours in the decider at the Limerick Gaelic Grounds by 2-16 to 2-6.

Limerick have these boys to fall back on. This Limerick Minor team beat Clare in Munster Championships.

Much credit for the success achieved must go to Mick Mackey who did his utmost to ensure that the lads were as fit as the proverbial fiddle. It was like old times to see Mick out there pucking the sliotar around and I heard that when the lads had finished their training schedule he was quite confident of their ability to beat Clare.



From the throw-in to the full-time whistle Limerick, probably the youngest team ever to take a Munster title, never looked back. They completely outpaced their much heavier Clare opponents and their forwards Dermot Kelly, Vivian Cobbe, Gerry Fitzgerald and Ralph Prendergast proved far too elusive for the much talked of Clare defence boasting seasoned hurlers in Hayes, McInerney, Matt Nugent and Donal O'Grady.

TWELFTH VICTORY

This was the Shannonsiders twelfth victory in Munster's premier hurling grade. Their previous successes were: 1897, 1910, 1911, 1918, 1921, 1923, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936 and 1940.

UNLIMITED TALENT

Although they showed promise against the Decies County men I did not think these Limerick youngsters had as yet acquired the craft and experience to win a Munster title. Following the Waterford game, trial matches were arranged with Kilkenny, Galway and Tipperary, and when the evergreen Mick Mackey and his enthusiastic bunch of selectors sat down to pick the Munster final team they had much more talent to choose from.

Dropped were Mick McInerney, Paddy and Eamonn O'Malley, Aidan Raleigh and Jimmy Fitzgibbon and their places were filled by Ralph Prendergast, Gerry Fitzgerald, Sean Leonard, Seamus and Liam Ryan.

Well, now it is straight ahead for this young team. The next big game is against the Leinster champions at Croke Park on August 8th while the winners qualify to meet Galway in the All-Ireland final next September.

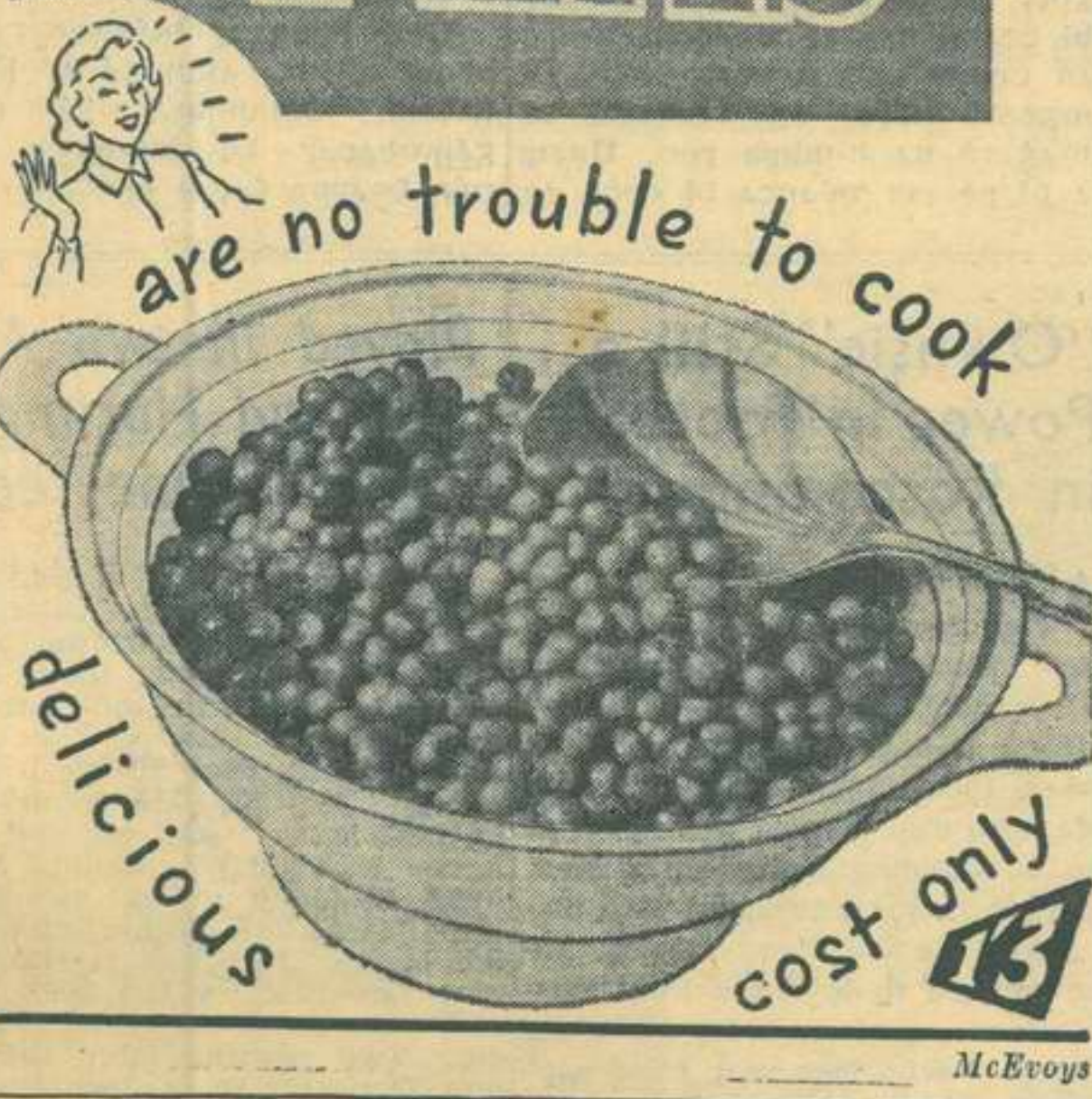
My opinion is that the Shannonsiders have at last got together a team capable of winning the Blue Riband of Irish hurling.

Emigration hits Newcastle West

NEWCASTLE West has lost more young hurlers and footballers than any club in Limerick through emigration. Biggest loss was the departure of the well-known inter-county star Seamus O'Grady who had at 19 played senior, junior and minor in both codes for his county.

At present serving with the American Army in Germany, Jim paid a flying visit to his native town early this year.

Other promising youngsters to emigrate were Eddie Vaughan, Mick Devine, Mickey O'Connor, Eddie O'Connor, Michael Woulfe and Michael "Fox" O'Connor.



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Rathkeale Has Proud Record

The Deelsiders have been associated with the G.A.A. since its infancy and the names of Mick Madigan, Bill Sheehan, Paddy Flaherty, Edwin Johnson and Ben Tansey are household words wherever Gaelic games form the topic of conversation. County Junior hurling honours came their way in 1948 and 1950. While the Junior footballers won the Western title in 1950, '52 and '54. The latter was their greatest year in the football arena as they went on to win the county title for the first time in history.

Hurling however is first love with the boys from the Deel and they have given many outstanding players to the County teams down the years. Starring against Clare in the Munster Final was the local stalwart Gerry Fitzgerald.

During 1953 the Rathkeale Club helped the Western Board to purchase the local G.A.A. Grounds and when the necessary alterations have been made it will rank amongst the best in Munster.

Third Time Lucky For Athea

Approximately six miles from Abbeyfeale and on the Kerry border is the picturesque village of Athea. This is one of Limerick's most popular football districts and only on one or two occasions did a hurling club function in the parish.

Athea won the West Limerick Junior Football honours in 1938 but little was heard of the wearers of the Black and Amber until 1948 when they had a great victory over Kilcolman in the Western Junior Final. They were later defeated by Pallasgreen in the County Final.

In 1949 they again emerged victors in the West but were defeated by C.I.E. in the County Final. In 1950 it was third time lucky for the Athea boys as they defeated Treaty Sarsfields by a two point margin to win their first ever County Junior title.

Doing great work for Gaelic games in the parish are Rev. Fr. O'Connor, C.C.; Pa O'Connor and P. Monaghan, N.T.

Fifteen Titles in Eighteen Years

Fifteen county senior hurling titles in eighteen years. This is surely a record to boast of and as many of our Gaelic followers know, it was achieved by Ahane from 1931 to 1949. The Ahane Club was formed in 1926 when hurling was at a rather low ebb in the county and the boys from Castleconnell and Sallemount were often forced to travel to towns beyond the Tipperary border to get a friendly game. Ahane captained by Paddy Scanlan won their first county senior crown in 1931.



St. Senans (top picture) who beat Western Gaels (below) in the second round of the Co. Limerick Senior Football Championship at Rathkeale.

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With Knockaney

THE Knockaney Junior hurling team made hurling history at the Limerick Gaelic Grounds on November 22, 1953, when they defeated East Limerick champions, South Liberties, to bring the first ever county crown to this remote South Limerick parish.

Many of the 1953 champion side were members of the Knockaney minors that went under to Treaty in the 1951 Minor final.

The Knockaney Club was revived in 1947 after a brief spell in oblivion.

Little success came their way until 1951 when they were defeated by Bruree. In 1953 they defeated Bruff in the Divisional Final by 3-2 to 2-1, and went on to win the county championship.

They are still battling hard in the 1955 County Championship and with holders Cappamore out of the running the South Limerick boys could create a surprise.

With Cappamore

Cappamore have done more than any other club in the county to put Limerick back on the road to All-Ireland honours. In 1954 they won the Limerick Senior hurling championship after a thrilling tussle with Western Gaels. They also gave some fine displays this year but they were forced to give the city team Treaty Sarsfield a walk-over, as many of their players were on the injured list. Members of the victorious Cappamore team to shine against Clare recently were the St. Flannan's boys Seamus and Liam Ryan. Paddy O'Malley was amongst the reserves. All three played a leading part in last year's victory while others to shine were Paddy Creamer and Sean Mulcahy, both former inter-county stars. Seamus and Sean Ryan, Joe Keogh, Phelim Carbery and Jack O'Brien, captain.

Three Cappamore men Pat Mulcahy, Pat Butler and the late John Hynes helped Kilsfennane win All-Ireland honours in 1897.

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Pat O'Callaghan winning the Youths' 12 lb. Shot Championship with 46' 6½". Pat is the eldest son of Dr. Patrick O'Callaghan, Olympic Champion in the Hammer in 1928 at Amsterdam and in 1932 at Los Angeles.

The Nolan Brothers Never Stop

By P. M. DOYLE

COOLNAMARA, or Cul na Marb in Irish, may mean the "corner of the dead," but I can assure you that there is nothing dead about the Nolan brothers who live there. They are Robby, Tom, Michael and John, and my firm prediction is that these boys will one day take their places beside the greatest sporting families in Irish sport, either past or present.

On Sunday, July 3rd, last, three of them—Robby, Thom and Michael—assisted St. Mullins in a junior hurling game between them they rattled up the great total of 4 goals and 2 points, which I think is a record for any family engaged in hurling down here in Carlow.

PLAYED IN SECOND GAME

The game was no sooner over, when they changed jerseys and lined out with Ballymurphy in a junior football game, and Robby and Michael again registered scores.

Robby, the eldest of the quartet, captains the St. Mullin's team, and has been honoured by Carlow. Thom comes next. He is a student in Warrenstown College, and he too has played with the Carlow junior team. In my opinion, he is

one of the grandest exponents of left-handed hurling I have ever seen, and eventually I think he will become just as famous as Jim Smith, the left-handed wizard from Clare.

THE "BABY" OF THE FAMILY

Then there is Michael, who is a student at Belcamp College in Dublin. He plays on the College hurling and football teams. Lastly, we have the "baby" of the family—young John—who plays on the St. Mullin's school team, and who was goalkeeper for them in Muinebeag recently.

These Nolan boys are grand wholehearted G.A.A. stars, brimful of energy and fitness, and have no doubt about it, the G.A.A. world will hear a lot about them in the years to come.

This Month In Athletics 25 years ago

At the beginning of August, 1930, Dr. Pat O'Callaghan and P. C. Moore competed in the University Games in Germany. Neither won a title, but Moore was placed third in the final of the 400 metres, and the "Doc" placed in the shot putt. Unfortunately for O'Callaghan, there was no hammer throw on the programme.

was placed second on the British Empire Games hammer in Canada. Later in the month Dr. Pat O'Callaghan competed at the North Cork Garda Sports and an unfortunate accident occurred. The wire of the hammer broke and the head struck a young lad amongst the spectators.

Paddy Ryan of Emly threw the hammer 166' 4" at Tipperary

By DONAL A. MURPHY

AN improvement on previous years in the general level of performances and a few fine individual efforts at the All-Ireland Youths' Athletic Championships led me to reflect on the future careers of these young men.

DUBLIN STRANGLEHOLD BROKEN

Fortunately for the Association, provincial athletes at last broke the stranglehold Dublin boys had on these championships for a couple of seasons. In addition to the Metropolitan, titles and places went to Counties Clare, Louth, Tipperary, Waterford, Antrim, Down, Limerick, Cork, Galway, Carlow, Kildare and Wexford.

For senior athletics to benefit to the maximum from this season's crop of under-20 medal winners, these lads in 13 counties and two dozen clubs must use correct technique and training methods.

Let's look at the technique of some of the boys.

A striking feature of the two sprint finishes was the whole-hearted drop finish in each by third placer, G. McShane. But the Dun Dealgan boy lost the vital foot by flinging his arms high and wide, thereby checking momentum, instead of thrusting forward from the hips and letting the arms swing back of their own accord.

PAT COULD DO 50'

Pat O'Callaghan won the Shot Put at 46' 6½" but he

would certainly be heaving the missile over 50 feet if he only put the same tremendous power he gets into the arm-punch into the glide and thrust of torso. As he moves at present, he might easily do as well with standing puts.

GOOD SPRING

MacNamara, the High Jump victor, has the benefit of occasional coaching from Fr. Kevin Ryle at U.C.G. and is getting a nice spring and layout. Mick McSweeney's form was poor following a lay-off, but at his best can get a long last stride and a good swing of the leading leg, improvements effected by his mentor, Cyril White, Dublin coach.

THE REMEDY

All the boys have mistakes which can only be remedied by their own or their coach's technical knowledge. But very few have this knowledge, and 75 per cent. of our promising athletes are condemned to be forever below their potential best.

The remedy is simple. There is an annual Summer School for coaches under Maestro Jack Sweeney which school-teachers and club officials can attend. As coaching ability spreads, so must the general level of performances

What's Wrong With Tipperary's Football?

Asks "J.C.L."

THAT is the question we Tipperary Gaels must once again ask ourselves following our recent heavy defeat by Cork in the championship. After this debacle we must admit that our football has struck a new low level in a county which gave us such grand football sides as Clonmel Shamrocks, Arravale Rovers, Bohererowe, Grange-moekler and numerous others who in their time sparked Tipperary to four All-Ireland Finals.

FOOTBALL INTEREST IS LOW

What are the real causes of our decline in Gaelic football?

First of all I would say it is the lack of real football interest within the County Board and County Committees due to the fact that these Committees are composed mainly of old hurling stars who know little of the finer points of Gaelic football.

Secondly, I would say that there is a lack of real self-sacrificing interest among some of our promising county players, who often fail to turn out when selected for the County team; also their failure to train properly when the occasion demands for either Club or County.

STERN ACTION NECESSARY

While this state of affairs continues we can never expect any real come-back from Tipperary's football. I think stern action to deal with this should be taken by the County Board, first of all by suspending any county players for failing to turn out when selected.

COACH NECESSARY

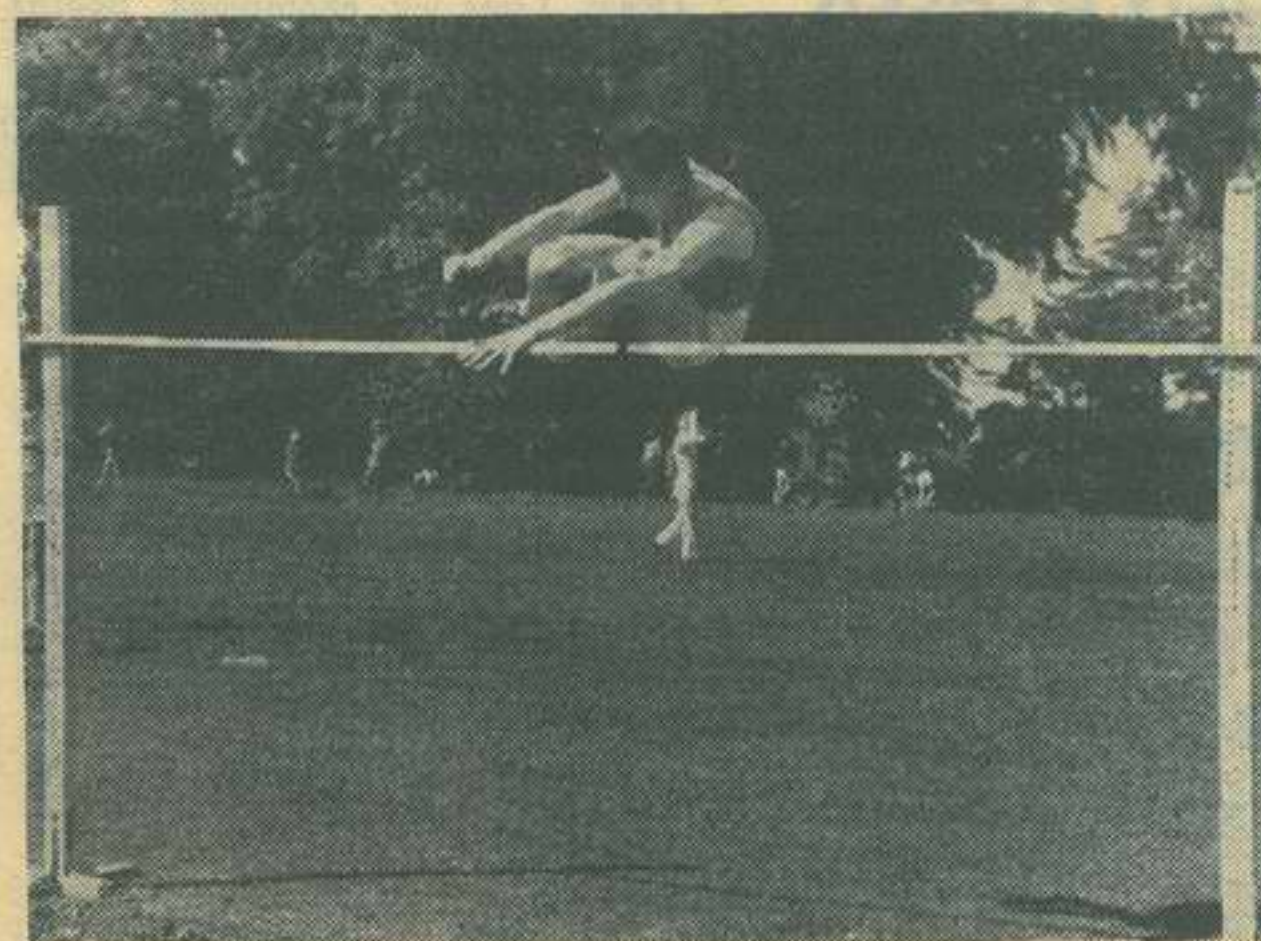
Most important of all is the need of a football coach. Why cannot Tipperary, in common with other counties, secure the services of some ex-All Ireland footballer to coach their football teams for some time before the championships? This idea would surely bear fruit in time.

MINORS ARE PROMISING

However, there is one bright spot in Tipperary's football this year, and that is our Minor football team, which is ranked by ex-All-Ireland footballer Mick Byrne of Fethard as the best ever. They are now in the Munster Final, and let us hope they will take the first step in restoring Tipperary's football to its former greatness.

Skipper Tom

Veteran full-forward Garda Tom Langan will this year skipper Mayo's team in their quest for their fourth All-Ireland—a tribute long overdue to one of Ireland's greatest footballers. A native of Ballycastle, some eighteen miles from Ballina, Tom has also made a name for himself in Metropolitan handball circles.



McNamara of Clare goes over 5' 10" at Belfield.

When Brother Fought Brother

Playing on opposite sides in the recent Connacht junior football championship were the two Swords brothers from Charlestown, writes Morgan Morris, our Mayo correspondent.

Aidan toggled out for Galway, and Colm put on the red and green of Mayo. Both took the field, hoping for a Connaught championship medal, but when the final whistle went, the medal went to Colm, who played a great part in Mayo's fine win.

Michael Doherty of Foxford and Seamus Fleming of Charlestown again proved to be

outstanding handballers when they took the Connacht junior softball doubles for the second time, beating Roscommon's best pair by 21-12, 18-21, 21-18 and 21-11.

Incidentally the Mayo pair reached the junior all-Ireland final last year, but they went down in gallant fashion to the strong "duo" from Limerick, Hackett and Moynihan. The Mayo lads had hard luck that day, as Fleming injured his hand in the fourth game and in the finish they only lost the All-Ireland by three aces. Maybe they will do better this year.

FIFTY EIGHT YEARS AFTER

By FLOR CROWLEY

REFEREE LYONS of Limerick blew the "long whistle" and the 1897 All-Ireland Football Final was over. The figures on the score-board would have read, if there had been a score-board at Jones's Road in those distant days: Kickhams, 2-6; Dohenys, 0-2!

THE DOHENY'S

Who were the Dohenys, and how did a team with so low a score potential come to reach an All-Ireland Final? The Dohenys were a team composed almost entirely of men from the little town of Dunmanway in West Cork, who, in the two years following the organisation of their Club in 1895, swept all before them in Cork County and in Munster. Defeating Kanturk in the county final, they became 1897 County Champions of Cork—and then on their trek to Jones's Road and the All-Ireland final they defeated the Waterford Champions Erin's Hopes, by 1 point, the Tipperary Champions, Clonmel Shamrocks, by 5 points, and in the Munster Final they defeated the reigning All-Ireland Champions, Limerick Sarsfields, by 2 points in a great match at Tipperary Town.

As Munster Champions, they qualified to meet Kickhams, Dublin, the Champions of Leinster, for the All-Ireland Final, and the result was a 2-6 to 2 points win for Kickhams, captained, incidentally, by a West Corkman, Paddy Walsh of Bandon.

CON COUGHLAN TELLS THE STORY

But how explain so overwhelming a victory for Kickhams over a team that had been rampant in Munster? Con Coughlan, now over 80 and still hale and hearty, a forward in that Doheny team during its championship years, offers an explanation.

"Only two of us," said Con, "had ever seen Dublin before, Florence J. Crowley and O'Kelly-Lynch. The rest of us felt entirely lost when we arrived at Kingsbridge at midnight on Saturday night after travelling all day from Dunmanway on a slow train. The jarveys we hired to take us to the rooms at "The Star and Garter" hotel which we believed had been booked for us by the Cork County Board, drove us all the way over Dublin for we had no idea where we were being taken. When we finally arrived at "The Star and Garter" we found that no rooms had been engaged for us and that we could not be put up there, for it is a fact that the Cork County Board showed little interest in football in those days and we never got any help from them.

WE SLEPT ON CHAIRS

"Somebody advised us to try our luck at the "Black Star" in Amiens Street. We arrived there at 2 a.m. Again there were no rooms and no beds for us, but the proprietors told us that we could sleep on the chairs and on the floor in the hotel lounge if we chose to do so, and, rather than spend the night on the streets, we were glad to accept.

"But even then our troubles were not at an end. For the remainder of the night we were never allowed shut an eye with somebody in an adjoining room shouting and moaning all the night. We thought then, and I

still think, that the long detours made by the jarveys and the shouting and noise at the hotel were all done on purpose to keep us from resting so that we may be off form for the match the next day. And off form we surely were. Most of us could hardly lift a leg to kick a ball let alone win an All-Ireland!"

There it is, an explanation fifty-eight years afterwards. Perhaps it is an alibi more than an explanation, but in either case it shows us the big difference between the treatment meted out to travelling teams, especially county teams, in 1897 and that which our G.A.A. authorities accord them to-day!

Giants of the G.A.A.

By LEO BOWES

No. 3 MATT GARGAN

ONE of the finest wielders of the ash to be produced by Kilkenny was rugged, black-haired Matt Gargan, tireless, fearless mid-fielder of the renowned Erin's Own Club.

Still talked about with awe are Matt's astonishing pucks, and his epic goal from mid-field in the 1912 Cork versus Kilkenny All-Ireland. It was that goal that brought Matt one of his coveted All-Ireland medals for hurling.

Tipping the balance at 12½ stone of muscle and sinew, Gargan tore into all opposition with a wild abandon, and his efforts invariably brought gratifying results.

GREAT SERVICE TO KILKENNY

As far back as he could remember, this Kilkenny stalwart could make a hurley obey his wishes. Sterling work in local clashes soon brought him into prominence, and along with half-a-dozen other Erin's

Own enthusiasts he gave good service to Mooncoin and Tullaroan in memorable fixtures around 1910. It was these matches that brought him into close contact with many of the top-notch hurlers of the period. From these encounters the future wizard gleaned much valuable experience.

IRELAND'S FINEST

From 1908 to 1914 Matt Gargan was regarded as Ireland's finest centre-field man, and from 1906 to 1914 as one of the best hurlers to swing into action. Here is an extract from a report of the 1912 Cork-Kilkenny All-Ireland Final in which our subject played such an important part:

"... The sensation came when Matt Gargan hit a ground ball. The ball hopped over the goalie's hurley to stop behind the line. A shrill Kilkenny cheer greeted the unexpected green flag..."

How About It Eamonn?

RUMOUR has it that Eamonn Mongey may be seen in Mayo colours once more before the present championship series ends. Now that Sean Flanagan has postponed his retirement Mayo folk are hoping that Eamonn will follow suit. . . . "He's sure to be fit anyway," say the fans because when Mayo's exiles in Dublin were preparing for their Connacht Final with Roscommon it was Eamonn who supervised their training. . . . Two other stars of recent years, John "Dinny" Forde and Tommy "Goalie" Byrne brought the remainder of the lads into Castlebar in the evenings. The former, who is a plasterer by trade, still turns out for Ardarae Club, but Tommy Byrne who played on the Mayo team defeated by Cavan in the 1948 final and again in 1949 when defeated by Meath in the semi-final, has now hung up his boots for good. One of an illustrious line of Mayo goalkeepers he works in Castlebar Bacon Factory, and in the opinion of Mayo football experts was the best net-minder of his day.

Golfer Mick Flanagan

By J.M.

Mayo All-Ireland footballer Mick Flanagan has been making his name in another sphere of late—this time he has been dropping the ball in the "tin" instead of in the "net." "Mickser," as he is popularly known, recently became a member of the Castlebar Golf Club and was returned the winner of a novices competition held there a few weeks ago. . . . Incidentally his old sparring partner Paddy Prendergast became engaged recently. Congratulations Paddy!



The men who followed in Matt Gargan's footsteps—the Kilkenny team of the 1955 Championships.

THE SURVIVORS OF THE '97 FINAL

How many of the men who contested that All-Ireland of 1897 are still alive? Of the Kickhams I cannot say, but of the Dohenys only two are left in Dunmanway, Danny Rick O'Donovan, the team captain, and Con Coughlan, both well above 80, and both enjoying grand health in their advanced years. Two other members of the team are living elsewhere, Pat Joe Crowley in Cork and Tim Coughlan in Dublin.

All the others are gone, God rest them. Jim and Danny Crowley, Thomas Crowley, Florence J. Crowley, O'Kelly-Lynch, Con Flynn, Pad Lordan, Tim Lordan, Dan Desmond, Jim Fuller, Jerry Donovan, Denis Bernard (uncle of the present Cork and Munster centre back of the same name) and Tom White.

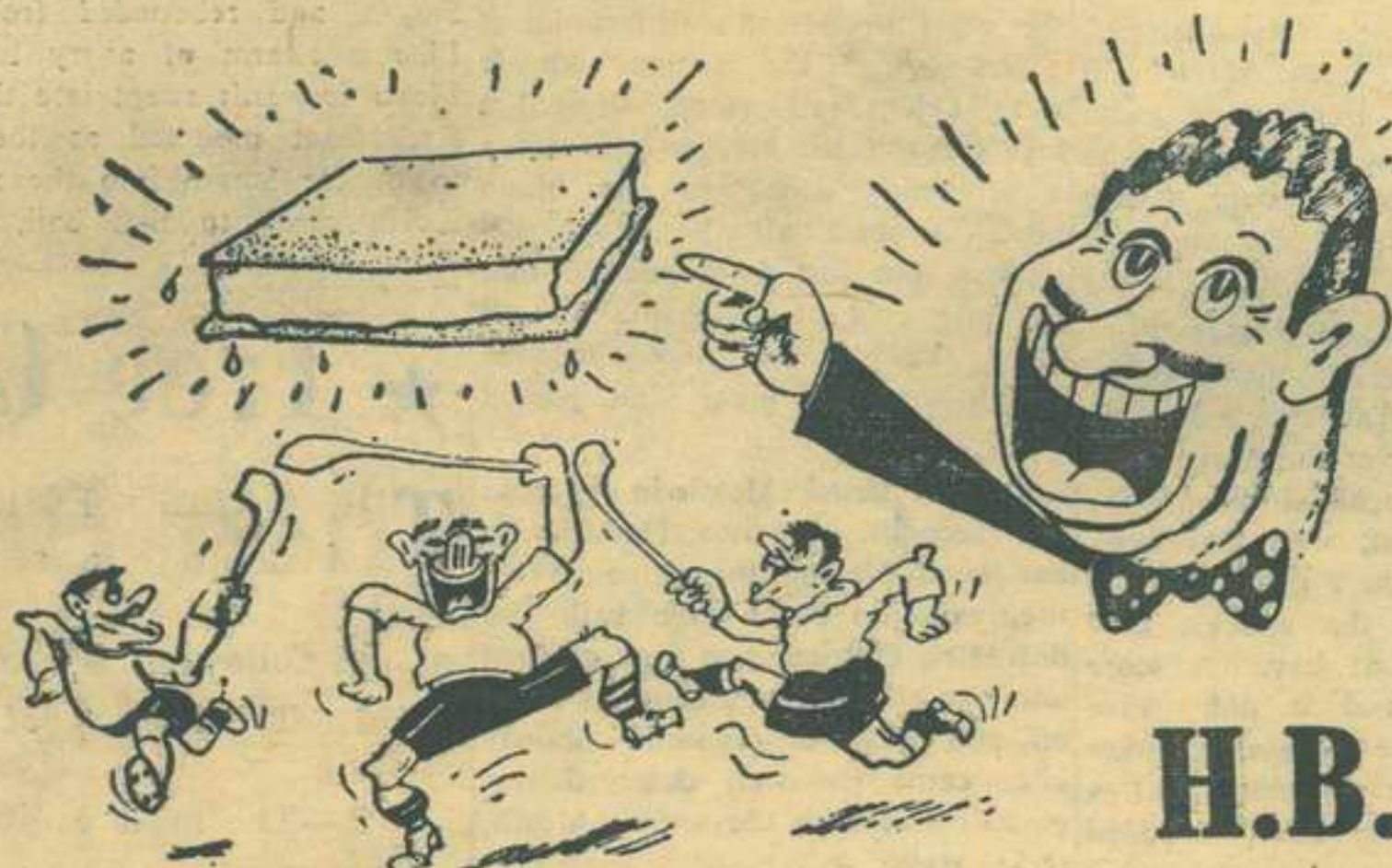
The Gaelic spirit that led Danny O'Donovan and his men to Jones's Road in 1897 is still aglow in Dunmanway, and this year the town has turned out a team that may well find fame of its own, a young team full of fire and enthusiasm like unto that which animated those "Old Dohenys" of fifty-eight years ago.

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Cork Forever

A Chara—I really enjoyed the last issue of the "Gaelic Echo," especially the story on Michael McSweeney, who I saw jumping in Cork this year. I agree with the writer of the story that he will be one of the greatest high jumpers of all time. He has the finest natural spring I have ever seen, even better than Paddy Leahy of Charleville, whom I saw jumping many years ago at Banteer sports. Regarding the small paragraph you had last month about Danno O'Keefe holding the record of seven All-Ireland football medals, I think you should have also mentioned that Danno is a Corkman, although he played all his life for Kerry.

Yours sincerely,

D. LUCEY.

Cork.

[Our comment: These Corkmen are very quick to claim their own. We hope he won't claim McSweeney as one too.]

Air Your Views

Have One On Us

A Chara—If you would like any proof of how popular the "Gaelic Echo" has become, here is a little story that you might like to publish. I was in having a drink in a bar shortly after I had read your last issue, and believe it or not, I heard one merry gentleman singing "The Bould Christy Ring" exactly as you printed it last month. He must have learned it off by heart fairly quickly, or is it an old song that has been around for some years? I never saw or heard of it before.

Keep up the good work in the "Echo." It is the best Gaelic paper I have read for a long time.

Mise le Meas.

SEAMUS MAHONEY.

Cork.

[Our comment: We can assure Mr. Mahoney, that the "Bould Christy Ring" is an original poem by Sean Morrison. This was the first time that it ever appeared in print. Just to make sure we asked Sean Morrison if he had been doing any singing in Cork recently, and he swears that he has not been down there for a long time. The tune "The Bould Thady Quill" is of course, a very old and popular tune, especially in Cork city and county.]

He Likes Giants

A Chara—I hope that Leo Bowes will not forget Larry Stanley of Kildare in his series of "Giants of the G.A.A." Larry was a giant in every sense of the word, and one of the greatest Gaelic footballers of all time, not only in his native Kildare but in the whole of Ireland. He was also one of the finest high jumpers ever to represent this country, and in addition to winning Irish championships, he also went to England to win the A.A.A. championship. Be sure that Mr. Bowes puts him into this series. I enjoy this feature, but my only complaint is that the stories are too short. I would like a little more information about these "Giants" more on the lines of the story on the Kirwans, which I thoroughly enjoyed. I wish the "Gaelic Echo" every success. It is a great paper, and fulfils a great need in Ireland to-day for a good paper on G.A.A. affairs.

Yours sincerely,

M.D.

Athy, Co Kildare.

Tom is still a Tipperary man

Dear Sir—In your list of Ulster records published in last month's "Gaelic Echo," you say that Tom Wall holds the Ulster record for the high jump with 6' 2". As a Tipperary man, taking a very deep interest in athletic performances, I feel I must point out that this cannot be right. Tom Wall is not an Ulsterman. He was born in Bansha, Co. Tipperary, and therefore cannot be eligible to hold an Ulster record. I know that he spent a long time in Carrickmacross, but that hardly qualifies him as an Ulsterman.

Yours faithfully,

Templemore.

[Our comment: We agree that Tom is a true blue Tipperaryman, but the Ulster record he holds is not a native record, but an all comers record. It might interest "S.O.M." to know that Tom is now stationed in Duhallow, Co. Cork, where his great rivals, Paddy Jack and Ted Guiney came from.]

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Pat Picks Ten

Dear Editor—Bless you for the "Gaelic Echo." I certainly have enjoyed your last two issues. I read the two letters you printed disagreeing with Tim O'Donnell regarding his selection of the ten best G.A.A. men in the last fifteen years. Had I thought that you would have printed my letter, I would also have had a "go" at him. His ten best are far from being complete. Here are the ten I would have selected:—1, Christy Ring; 2, Eddie Boyle; 3, Mick Mackey; 4, Peter MacDermott; 5, Mick Mackey; 6, Jack Lynch; 7, John Joe O'Reilly; 8, Paddy Prendergast; 9, Jackie Lyne; 10, Padraigh Carney.

Yours faithfully,

PAT NUGENT.

Dublin.

[Well, we said we would publish any letters, giving other selections. We do not think Tim O'Donnell would agree with the above.]

Three Points Sent Royal Meath To New World

By PHILIP RODERICK

46,197 eager fans—a record attendance for a National League Final—poured into Croke Park on Sunday, 29th April, 1951, to watch the battle for the most coveted prize ever offered in the history of the G.A.A. Dangling before the men of Meath and Mayo was the glittering reward of a trip to the New World to meet New York at the Polo Grounds.

It was a great game, even though I doubt whether it will be remembered as a classical exhibition of Gaelic football. From beginning to end, it was a dour and bitter struggle, yet never for a moment was there the slightest possibility of an ugly incident or a frayed temper. The thirty men from Mayo and Meath played a tremendous game at a dynamic pace, and until the final whistle shrilled over Croke Park they never let up for one second.

HOW THE GAME WENT

From the word "go" Meath swarmed to the attack, and hammered relentlessly at the Mayo goal, and only some brilliant defence by Paddy Prendergast, who was here, there and everywhere fighting like a demon to repel the attacks, kept the Meath men at bay. A score had to come, and it did. Five minutes after the beginning Brian Smyth sent over a point, and a minute later Paddy Meegan added another.

Meath still attacked, and still Prendergast fought them back, but play rarely left the Mayo end of the field. In the tenth minute Frankie Byrne took a free that soared right up to the Mayo goal, and as it dropped, Mattie McDonnell rose to it and his punch sent the ball spinning over the bar for the third point.

Then it was Mayo's turn. In a whirlwind attack they swept into the Meath territory, and Solan sent over a glorious point. But it was only a brief attack, and once again Meath piled on the pace. As the half drew to a close, Frankie Byrne had a free and sent a beautiful drive all the way for Meath's fifth point.

Just before the interval whistle went, Peter MacDermott whipped a lovely ball from Meegan and drove a screaming shot into the Mayo goal. It beat all the Mayo defenders, but just as it seemed that the first goal of the game was to come, the ball crashed against the upright and his great shot passed wide.

Tragedy struck Meath in the next few seconds. Christo Hand, who had been playing the game of his life, went up for a high ball. So did Mick O'Brien, and they crashed into one another. Christo was taken off, and Meath hearts sank. Shortly after came the well deserved rest of half-time with the score: Meath, 0-5; Mayo, 0-1.

THE SECOND HALF

It was all Mayo in the opening minutes of the second half hour. In a matter of minutes they had whittled the Meath lead down to two points by scores from Solan and Mulderrig. The men from the West were resurgent, and now it was Meath's turn to defend desperately.

Then came a glorious chance for Mayo to go into the lead. Langan was fouled just in front of the posts, and Mayo were awarded a penalty. In dramatic silence Peter Solan moved forward to take the kick. It was a bullet-like drive, but it went straight for Kevin Smyth, and rebounded from him. Like a swarm of angry bees, the Mayo forwards swept into the goal. Excitement mounted as they tried to bundle Smyth into the net, but Kevin clung to that ball, and in

"Echo" Prizes Go Far And Wide

As we told you already, we had a tremendous entry for our last two free competitions. The general all round standard of all the essays submitted was extremely high, and it was only after long deliberation that we awarded the prizes to the following:—

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Frank Scott, Dunromin Villa, Kilkenny.

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Dympna Gardiner, 55 Nephin Road, Dublin.

Third Prizes:—Liam Lowry, 5 Breen's Terrace, Tipperary and P. Flynn, Main Street, Ballymahon.

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