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Brian Smyth (Meath) scores his second goal against Armagh at Casement Park, Belfast. Armagh goalkeeper (P. McDonald) is on the ground with Michael Grace (Meath), No. 10, close by.

Upsets and New Champions

Cross-Country Season Review

By DONAL A. MURPHY

THE 1955-56 Cross-Country Season was rather more sparkling than its immediate predecessors, introducing upsets, new champions and yet retaining a touch of Auld Lang Syne.

Outstanding feature of the season was Tipperary's dethronement from two of their three All-Ireland pedestals. Major defeat was in the senior event which the Premier county has won for every one of its ten seasons of life.

Oddly enough the race was held for the first time on a Tipperary course—Powerstown Park, Clonmel. Dublin were favourites, yet it was Galway, who climaxed many fine efforts through the years, by trouncing all opposition. The closeness of the Galway-Tipperary contest can be seen from the lap scores calculated by Nenagh sprinters Sean Naughton and Vin Tierney.

They were: Lap 1, 60 each. Lap 2: Galway, 55; Tipperary, 57. Lap 3: 60 each. Lap 4: Galway, 60; Tipperary, 62. Lap 5: Galway, 61; Tipperary, 64. Lap 6 (result) Galway, 56; Tipperary, 74.

It was the heavy-leg-leading course that helped the tough Westerners emerge as victors; if the race had been held on the Tipperary cham-

ampionship course at Moynes, level and carpeted with lovely grass, I feel Dublin and Cunningham would have taken the honours.

I am sure, too, that Tipperary, a rather light team, were badly hurt by the heavy going, and would have kept their crown on the originally-selected springy hills of Portroe.

The Premier county's administrators had another reason to feel sorry for themselves, too. Ned Fogarty had been hit by cramp in the Tipperary championship, and finished 13th, but was excluded from the team by the county's rigid rule which makes the first 12 home constitute the selection.

INSPIRED

Last year Fogarty had charged up from 22nd to 9th place when Galway seemed to have the edge on Tipperary, brought John Bourke with him from 23rd to 12th and generally inspired his pack. And this year, running as an individual entrant for Nenagh Olympic A.C., he finished 16th, but fresh enough to have made the first six—and he was fourth Tipperary man home!

Old soldier Willie Morris, 35-year-old Athenry ex-champion (1953), found the conditions to his liking and mastered Sean Hayden (Tipp.) for the individual crown. That makes five times Hayden has been in the first five.

It is noteworthy that that pair yielded to Tommy Madden and Walter Scott in their respective county championships the latter two helping to make the struggle of the front runners in the All-Ireland a thriller.

Tipperary had already lost their junior title to Dublin at Banbridge, finishing a bad fifth (195) to the Metropolitan's 47 points, from their top sextet in the first twelve.

Tipp. cannot, of course, expect to produce new strings of winning juniors every season, but how account for Galway's lapse (4th, 188 points)? The plain truth is that superior training methods (harder work and oftener) are bringing other counties level with the former top dogs.

SIGNIFICANT

The most significant factor of the Banbridge race was, however, the dominance of runners wearing shoes, indispensable on that hard, greasy course. And the only two of the Tipp. lads who looked like Tipperarymen—Moneygall A.C.'s Ryan and Liffey—were the only men of their team with spikes.

The victory of Stanley Smith, half-miler, was a notable one, and it was good, too, to see Matt Rudden fulfilling the promise he had shown as a youth by filling runner-up spot.

Tipperary, the holders, and Munster champions, defeated Louth, Leinster champions, in the Youths' All-Ireland. Sean Callan and Roy Kenan, Louth's 1st and 3rd, look good, and Paddy O'Sullivan (Limerick) second, is another potential star.

The fading of Noel McDermott, Kildare's Leinster champion, to 12th place was a surprise, as was the relegation of 1955 runner-up Tom McDonagh (Galway) to 6th.

Other outstanding features of the season were Metropolitan Harriers' sixth successive conquest of the Dublin senior arena, and the return of the Ballincurry boys to supremacy in Tipperary, where the Northern Club, Portroe, took both Novice and Senior titles.

PROMISING

Again one will recall, in the individual line, the two encounters of Martin McDonagh (Offaly) and Sean O'Sullivan (Dublin) in the Leinster novice and junior tests, where O'Sullivan first prevailed and then McDonagh took the latter title.

Ted Geary (Balymore) promised great miling this year when taking the Munster junior title.

Dublin v. Kerry in U.S.

The news that Dublin and Kerry will travel to New York has been welcomed throughout the length and breadth of the land for it is recognised that no sides are better qualified to be Ireland's ambassadors of sport.

Kerry with their traditional high catching and lengthy kicking are an attraction wherever they go and matched against Dublin's new style of football, should provide a contrast that will warm the hearts of our exiles and those Americans to whom good sport is the thing.

Memories of their All-Ireland final battle and that unforgettable clash at Headquarters in January, when the Metropolitan's reversed the "All-Ireland" result, have resulted in a widespread clamour for more of the same and while Kerry's rather dismal effort at London's Woolwich Stadium disappointed their supporters more than somewhat, it is appreciated that the Kingdom were too handicapped by necessary withdrawals to show their true capabilities.

UNDOUBTED PROWESS

One has only to recall that memorable St. Brendan Cup game in October to realise that Dublin's defeat in the All-Ireland series has not retarded their progress and on that day too they proved that their style of game does not necessarily have to take a back seat when opposed to the traditional type of play.

Since then, they have also proved the lie of the old argument that "take Dublin out of Croke Park and they are a mediocre side." Offaly, their old Leinster rivals, were summarily disposed of in the vital National Football

FINAL REPEAT FOR AMERICANS

League game at Tullamore and that achievement, in itself, speaks volumes for the Metropolitan's prowess.

While you will still find critics of the Leinster champions' style, it is equally true that they have a legion of friends and admirers and such has been their consistency through the last few years that they have now gained almost universal respect.

Whatever their lineout in

for the Kerry boys from this year's All-Ireland series, I must admit here and now, that this is a prophecy with which I do not see eye to eye.

Kerry are only at their best in the championship series and while their midfield pair, John Dowling and Denis O'Shea, have been disappointing of late, the southern county is the cradle of midfielders and this weakness—if it is one at all—will likely be overcome before

BY D. J. KELLY

America, it is unlikely that it will differ much from the regular fifteen for although Oly Freaney's recent form has caused their mentors no little amount of worry, it is realised that no new centre forward has emerged capable of taking over on the forty.

Their midfield problem has been overcome by the return of Marcus "Junior" Wilson and the St. Vincent's pair—Jim Crowley is his partner—have few peers in this vital position.

Although the Leinster selectors overlooked the possibilities of both Dessie Ferguson and Sean O'Boyle, their Ireland counterparts did not repeat the mistake and the two were the outstanding men in Ireland's success over the Combined Universities at Croke Park in March.

While many regret the relegation of Sean Manning and Tony Gillen to the substitutes, there is little doubt but that Jimmy Lavin and Norman Allen are players well above the ordinary and that with them available, the selectors had little choice but to demote the St. Margaret's man and the rugged Clanna Gael representative.

STEADY IMPROVEMENT

Certainly the side now presents a well-knit appearance and while that claim was undoubtedly made on previous occasions, it is a fact that Jim McGuinness, while on form, one of the best midfielders in the country, was highly inconsistent while Wilson, on the other hand, has improved with every game.

And what of Kerry? The boys from the Kingdom need no introduction and while colleague, Tony O'Hagan, predicts an early exit

thereabouts will be "who to leave out."

Lyons, following on his brilliant displays in the Sigerson Cup and again for the Combined Universities against the might of Ireland has carved himself a niche in the Hall of Fame that few players of his tender experience can rival.

A safe fielder and a deadly tackler, Lyons is the perfect full back and even in the company of such stalwarts as Jerome O'Shea, Ned Rocne and the classical Mickie Palmer, Lyons is still a force to be reckoned with.

It is still on the cards, however, that O'Shea may take over the centre half back berth from the veteran John Cronin but Cronin's form during last year's championships was a revelation and unless the Army man has slowed up considerably since then, he is hardly likely to be replaced.

BEST OF THE LOT

In attack, the Kingdom have in Paudie Sheehy, Johnny Culloty, Mick Murphy and Tadgh Lyne four of the best forwards in the game to-day and since every town, village and townland in the county is an assembly line for players, there is little doubt that another two forwards of equal ability will be found to make the Kerry scoring machine second to none in the country.

Well, there you have it—two great sides of different but manifestly attractive styles who will export for American consumption the classical beauty of our native game and if the "Yanks" fail to appreciate the wonder of it all, then I shall feel sorry for them for there is no doubt whatsoever that our games, played as they should be, have an attractiveness that no other sport can rival.



Jack Bratten, Armagh full-back, deflects the ball against the post and saves a possible score in the game against Meath.

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LONDON CALLING

By EAMONN LEAHY

AT a largely attended meeting of the Anti-Partition Association held in Trafalgar Square on Easter Sunday Mr. Eddie McAteer paid tribute to the English police present for their co-operation with the organisers, mentioning that this sort of co-operation does not exist in the Six Counties.

Among the other speakers were Mr. J. Lindsay, T.D. (Mayo); Mr. Tom Mullins, National Secretary of Fianna Fail; Messrs. M. Roche, H. McHugh, A. Havekin and Tadhg Feehan, who presided.

Dublin v. Kerry

WOOLWICH STADIUM was packed to capacity for the Dublin v. Kerry match. Most Rev. Dr. Wall, Bishop of Brentford, threw in the ball. Dublin were easy winners, and gave a magnificent display of football.

I doubt if any team would have beaten Dublin on their form on Easter Monday. Our thanks to the two teams for a Gaelic feast.

Ceili

AT the Ceili sponsored by the Gaelic League on Easter Monday, Miss Eileen Moran, whose parents come from Tipperary, treated the large attendance to Irish songs in a lovely Irish voice.

Eileen, who is an accomplished singer, is a great favourite with Gaelic League audiences, who look forward in eagerness to a future which we are all sure will be hers in the singing world.

The Easter Lilies were everywhere to be seen in London during Easter Week.

The wedding took place recently of two well-known Gaelic Leaguers, Seán McCann of Ballina, Co. Moya, and Máire Nolan of Cobh. Best man was Seamus O Dombnaill (Fethard, Co. Tipperary) and Ita O'Reilly of Cobh was bridesmaid. Saol fada cughaibh.

Cu Culainn Out-Played in Hurling League

St. Mel's, 5-7; Cu Culainn, 2-3. A small crowd saw St. Mel's (Slough, Buckingham) defeat Cu Culainn in the first match of the Senior Hurling League on Sunday, 25th March, at the G.A.A. Grounds, New Eltham.

The game started at a fast pace, and hurling, if not brilliant, was good in sections.

St. Mel's were by far the superior team. Best for the winners were Lannigan (Kilkenny), Shanahan,

O'Keefe, while Cu Culainn's prominent men were Fr. B. Troy (Cork), Dugan (Waterford), O'Neill (Wexford), and Gerry Hayes (Cork).

The hurling game was preceded by a football match which had very little to offer in spectacular peil. Tara's luck earned them the narrowest of victories over St. Vincent's.

In conversation with an Irishman from Derry (he maintains Londonderry) and an Indian some weeks past, our Irish friend informed us that he was as much an Irishman as any Southerner, a fact no one doubted until he completed his sentence thus: "I'd fight for Ireland against the world, except the Empire."

Our Indian friend from Bombay replied: "You obviously are English, or else you would not use the word 'except.'"

That settled our "Irish" friend. Our Indian friend never ceased to praise the Irish Christian Brothers. Listening to him speak makes an Irishman proud of our Religious Communities on the Mission Field. He would all but tell you that the Irish Christian Brothers set them free from the Saxon chains.

Fire Hits Cumann Gaelach

The usual Saturday night Ceili in Fulham was interrupted by a fire in the Servite Hall, Fulham, early in April. The fire occurred on Monday and completely destroyed the stage, piano and part of the floor. The Ceilthe are to be held in St. Anne's Hall, Seaton Place until further notice.

Concert

A grand concert is to be held at the Catholic Hall, Clifton Road, Kenton, on Friday, May 11.

Working hard for its success, which is assured, are Rev. Fr. Howard of Toomevara, Tipperary, and the one and only Tommy Ryan of Cashel.

Prominent among the artistes are Eileen Moran, a champion of traditional singers if there ever was one; Margaret Ryan (step-dancer) who appeared on Television on St. Patrick's Day; Sean Murray (Recitations), The Ryan School of Dacning, Cumann Gaelach players in a one-act comedy and music from the Clann

Aontuithe Ceili Band, winners at the London Feis of 1955.

Fr. Howard took up his priestly duties in Kenton about four years ago. Previously he had been curate at St. Aloysius.

Master of Ceremonies at the Concert will be Seosamh Maguire, President of the Gaelic League.

Thurles Youth Injured

John Maher of Thurles was taken to hospital following injuries sustained at Wright's Veneer's Timber Yard in Mile-End. He was detained at Mile-End Hospital for a few days and is now well on the road to recovery.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association

The Regional Council of the P.T.A.A. has fixed the annual Rally for Westminster Cathedral Hall on June 3 at which Rev. Fr. McCarron, S.J., St. Saviour's, Dublin, will preside. London has now nine centres for Pioneers. The "baby" of the centres is the "Elephant and Castle," which owes its foundation, I am told, to Rev. Fr. Hetherington. So now we have centres at Camden Town, Highgate, Fulham, Kilburn, Clerkenwell, Boyswater, Walthamstow and Vauxhall, not forgetting the baby "Elephant."

Which reminds me of the disappointment the Rev. Director of the Walthamstow centre received last year through me. Deciding on taking the pledge I journeyed to the Presbytery of St. George's Church and gave my name to the lady who kindly showed me in. Having barely seated myself I heard footsteps and in walks a young priest, who, when seeing me, looked disappointed. When the lady told him my name, not mentioning the purpose of my visit, the good priest thought I was a friend of his from good old Tipp. coming to pay a visit (unexpected). Fr. Sheehy of Tipperary besides giving me the pledge of which I am proud, also gave me the results of the Clare v. Limerick Munster Championship tie together with every detail of the game and an invitation to listen-in to the "games" any time I cared to drop round. Typical of our Irish priests' hospitality.

Hyde Park is a great place on Sundays. Plenty of orators, good and bad, giving air to their views on everything. For the second time I recently paid my respects to the Park and noted how many Irish people were gathered at all platforms. I did think we were a smart lot, us Irish, until I saw quite a few standing enwrapped under the Red Flag that has persecuted, through its bearers, our missionaries in Korea and elsewhere. Nothing can be gained but a lot lost from listening to the views of a God-denying mob.

Former Thurles Sarsfields Hurler Shines in English Athletic Fields

Tipperary's defeat in this year's Senior Cross-Country Championships was the first in over a decade. A county rich in athletic talent any county would be proud to possess.

Denis O'Gorman of Thurles has come into athletics with a bang. To athletics in England Denis is as the "Yank" in the hurling in C. J. Kickham's "Knocknagow."

Denis was born in Thurles in 1928. Educated at the C.B.S. School of Dr. Harty Cup fame, he hurled for Thurles Sarsfields Juniors.

As was happening then and is now, Denis joined the ranks of fine young Irish boys and girls and set sail on the emigrant ship. Arriving in England he continued his association with the Gaelic Athletic Association and hurled for St. Colmcille (St. Alban's, Herts.) and was a member of that team when they entered the London Junior Championships Finals of '51 and '52.

Not until 1953 did Denis ever have a notion of running. Yet, today, he is one of the top-ranking runners in this country.

Since then he holds more championships than any other athlete of his time and Road Race records are nothing where Denis is concerned.

His first race and record was the Walton 10 mile road race which he finished in the record time of 50 minutes 55 seconds.

To mention but a few of this wonder boy's success I give you the following curtailed list:—

1st, Hornsey, St. Mary's Road, Relay at Finsbury Park, 5 miles, 27 mins. 37 secs. Easter, '55.

1st, Peterborough, 5 mile Road Race Easter '55. Record time, 24 mins. 24 secs.

1st—First home for Ireland in Spain in March, '55.

2nd to Jackie Duggan in Dublin, August '55.

1st, Herts. Co. Champion and North of the Thames Champion, 1956.

1st Mitcham 15 mile Road Race (actual distance of this course is 15 1/2 miles). Denis's time was 1 hour 19 mins. 54 secs.

Denis holds the all-comers 4 mile record in Ireland.

His best times are as follows:—

| | min. | sec. |
|---------|------|------|
| 1 Mile | 4 | 20 |
| 2 Miles | 9 | 4 |
| 3 Miles | 13 | 53 |
| 4 Miles | 18 | 49 |
| 6 Miles | 29 | 13 |

At present Denis is out of running with a torn muscle but is expected back on the track in the very near future.

A great Gael, a great athlete and a great future for this wonder-boy of the Athletic World.

It is of interest to note in the Southern Championship that Denis was third to Ken Norris (2nd) and Peter Driver (first). Tipperary can be proud of their Denis, a newcomer who challenges England's best and who will undoubtedly leave them far behind if he continues in his present standard.

Married to a wonderful girl, these are Denis's words so please note Mrs. O'Gorman, they have three sons, Michael, aged 5; Bruno 3 and Jimmy 2.

The only reason I can give for Denis's success are a strong determination and a born athlete.

To finish, I was talking to two English runners who asked me if I knew O'Gorman. They, as many others of the athletic world have fought but praise and high esteem for the jet-propelled Irishman.

Tipperarymen's Big Event

Early in April the Irish Club, Eaton Square, was the venue of a large and distinguished gathering of Tipperarymen.

The occasion was the Annual Banquet and Ball of the Tipperarymen's Association of London.

The ceremonies were conducted by the President of the Association, Rev. Canon Fitzgerald, a very prominent Tipperary sagart who has appeared on television in a series of talks on divorce.

Among the many guests were Rev. Fr. Cremin, Chairman of the Central Council of Counties Associations in London, Maj.-Gen. Costelloe, Comhlucht Siuicre Eireann; Mr. Tom Hickey, Editor of the "Statist"; Dr. Moloney, Chairman of the Irish Club.

His Excellency, the Ambassador, Mr. Boland was also present.

A great occasion and a great tribute to the Committee of the Kickham County Association. It

is of interest to note that "Tipp." was the first county to have an association in London. Its good example has been followed by nineteen other counties at present.

Speculations regarding the outcome of the National League Hurling Final, Wexford v. Tipperary, are giving Wexford the palm here in London. True, Wexford are a great team and a victory in the League is not beyond their reach.

I favour Tipp. to win with very little to spare.

May I add the names of the greatest hurlers of our time, in my opinion. I give my No. 1 to Christy Ring of Cork; No. 2, Tommy Doyle (Tipp.), a tie for No. 3 between Pat Stakelum (Tipp.), Mark Marnell (Kilkenny) N. Rackard (Wexford) and Jimmy Langton (Kilkenny).

Footballers I would, without hesitation give No. 1 to O'ly Freaney of Dublin, and No. 2, Tom O'Brien (Meath).

The marriage with Nuptial Mass and Papal Blessing, took place in St. Mary's Church, Sloane Square, of Mr. Sean O'Donnell, son of Mrs. M. and the late James A. O'Donnell, B.A., H.Dip., N.T., Fethard, Co. Tipperary; and Miss Nora Patricia Naughton, S.R.N., R.F.N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Naughton, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. Very Rev. Fr. Bishop (cousin of the bride), officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss T. Flannery and Mr. Brendan O'Donnell, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

Sean, who is a fluent Irish speaker and has been associated with the Gaelic League, the G.A.A. and Gasra an Fhainne in Birmingham and London.

A few months previous to his marriage I met Sean at the Gaelic League Ceili in London for the first time since 1947, when I knew Sean as a fellow schoolmate in Offaly where his skill with the Caman was well known. Saol fada chughaibh, a Sheain is a Nora.

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London Gaels at Embassy National Festive Reception. From left: Mr. T. Ronan, Chairman, Kilkennymen's Association; Rev. Fr. J. P. Cremin, Chairman, United Counties' Association; Mr. J. Conway, Chairman, Central Council; Mrs. T. Ronan; His Excellency, Mr. F. H. Boland, Irish Ambassador; Rev. Fr. T. McNamara, Chairman, London G.A.A.; Mrs. J. Conway, Miss M. Roche, Chairman, Camogie Board; Mr. Seán Dunne, Hon. Secretary, G.A.A.; Mr. D. Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Provincial Council. Mrs. S. Dunne and Mrs. D. Murphy are seated.

"All-Rounders" and Their Value

By PEADAR BYRNE

A FAMOUS athlete once said "a good club-man is the corner-stone of any Sports organisation," and no sober-minded enthusiast can doubt the truth of this. "A good club-man" can be interpreted in several different ways, but in my opinion the best club-man as far as the G.A.A. is concerned is he who can turn his hand to either code when required—an "all-rounder."

In an age when specialisation is rife, it is extremely gratifying to see these "all-rounders" flourishing in our games to-day.

CREDIT

Chief credit for this goes to the various Primary School and Juvenile competitions throughout the country which encourage youths to take up both hurling and football.

So far this has been seen in the more populous areas, such as Dublin, Cork, Galway and Belfast, but gradually the swing will be towards the rural areas, and it is a safe bet that within the next thirty years or so the "all-rounder" will be the rule rather than the exception.

Some critics maintain that playing both games tends to burn a player out. Providing it is not overdone, there is no better means of keeping fit than by playing both hurling and football.

All of which brings us to the question of the greatest "all-rounder" playing to-day. Without doubt, the honour must go to Dublin's Dessie Ferguson—a force to be reckoned with on either the hurling or football field.

RING AND MCKNIGHT

His lightning thrusts down the wing have spelt many a goal for the Dublin footballers, while on hurling fields his tenacious close-quarter hurling has wrought havoc with the reputations of not a few forwards.

Only a few weeks ago he "shadowed" the redoubtable Christy Ring out of the Railway Cup hurling final, while on the following day he toggled out with the Ireland footballers and lead Armagh's John McKnight a merry dance throughout. And that, my friends, is no mean feat.

Challenging Ferguson's supremacy are two fellow team-mates, Norman Allen and Kevin Heffernan. The former is, perhaps, better known in the hurling world, but his many sterling displays at centre half-back have been the instigation of many a victory for the Dublin footballers.

Norman has not been having the best of luck lately, as injuries have kept him out of action for long periods, but now that he is back in harness again, he should quickly hit the top.

On football fields Kevin Heffernan is peerless in his full-forward berth, but not so well known is his hurling prowess. A regular member of both Dublin teams, he is an opportunist to his finger-tips, and his recent scoring feats show that he is bang in form just now.

THE RACKARDS

Down Wexford way they will sing the praises of the Rackard brothers, and rightly so, for these "giants" of hurling are equally at home with a football. In 1950 Nickey had the unique distinction of being selected in both codes for Leinster, while lately brother Willie has come into his own on the Wexford football team.

Cork-born Billie O'Neill is the man across the Shannon, and this stout-hearted player's ability at football is matched only by his prowess with the caman.

Another player to figure with distinction on both Galway teams was Dublinman Joe Young, and this fine young player is equally at home in defence or attack.

There are many "all-rounders" in action down South, but perhaps the best known is Eamonn Goulding who won an All-Ireland hurling medal with Cork in 1954. He is reported to be playing good football just now and may yet play a big part in Cork's football revival.

Gloucestershire Gaels

By LIAM O GRIOBHTHA

On Easter Sunday one of the most exciting games—seen for many a day in Gloucester took place at Nine Elms Rd. when before a crowd of some two hundred Gaels a Gloucester selection defeated by 8 points to 7 that great Coventry team, Shannon Rangers (Warwickshire Champions 1952/53/54).

From start to finish it was a ding-dong struggle for supremacy and right up to the final whistle was anybody's game.

Gloucester supporters tell me that in their opinion this was the best visiting team to come to Gloucester, and though jubilant at Gloucester's victory all were unanimous in lauding the merits of the visitors.

Michael Battler, Rangers grand Secretary has extended an invita-

tion for a return in Coventry later on and knowing Michael I feel sure that he and his team will be seeking their revenge, so Gloucester and Coventry supporters can be assured of another ding-dong battle.

No date has yet been fixed for the return game as both teams are committed for their respective B championships and Leagues.

Big Day

THE St. Senans G.A.A. Club stage their second big football tournament at Foynes on May 20 between a Dublin selection and a Limerick selection.

Double for "Tech"

THE eagerly awaited Final of the Galway City Challenge Cup (under 16 Hurling Championship) was eventually decided when after extra time Technical School defeated St. Mary's College. The closeness of the scoring kept interest at a high pitch until the winners put the issue beyond doubt in the first half of extra time.

After sixty minutes of hard ground hurling Technical School levelled with five minutes to go but try as they might they failed to add a winning score against a brilliant St. Mary's back-line.

Full-time score: Technical School 4-4; St. Mary's 3-7.

In extra time the persistent pressure of the winners began to tell and they added two goals three points to their full-time total leaving them worthy winners on the score: Technical School 6-7; St. Mary's 3-8.

Technical School had already captured the City Schools under 15 Hurling League, so this victory gives them a notable double. On these showings they should be a force to be reckoned with in schools hurling for a long time.



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Gaelic League in Birmingham

By MICEAL O BRIAIN

DO you, readers, think there is a tendency at present to forget about the revival of our National Language? Maybe you do, but I am now more firmly convinced that in this present generation there is as great a National spirit as that which existed forty years ago.

This was brought forcibly home to me recently when I paid a visit to "Craobh Muire is Padraig" branch of the Gaelic League in Birmingham.

In my travels in Ireland and outside I have yet to find such an enthusiastic gathering as that which attends the Gaelic League classes at Hunters Rd., Handsworth, under the chairmanship of Michael Burke of Carlow.

MONDAY CLASSES

Every Monday night Irish classes are conducted by Brid Stapleton, a native of Tipperary. There is a sprinkling of Gaels from the four provinces of Ireland although places like Cork, Donegal, Limerick, Wicklow and Tipperary hold a commanding lead. We do not forget, of course, a young emigrant from Inisheer.

Officers of the branch: President, Rev. Fr. Mac Tiernan (Leitrim); Chairman, Michael Burke (Carlow); Treasurer, Liam Doran (Wicklow); Secretary, Brid Stapleton (Tipp).

It is in places like Birmingham that we find the real strength of the Gaels. And mind you all those attending the weekly language classes were not born and reared in Ireland. The weekly meeting of this up-

and-coming branch sees an increased attendance every time it meets. Irish prayers are a feature of the meeting and Irish poems, songs and simple grammar are all given special attention.

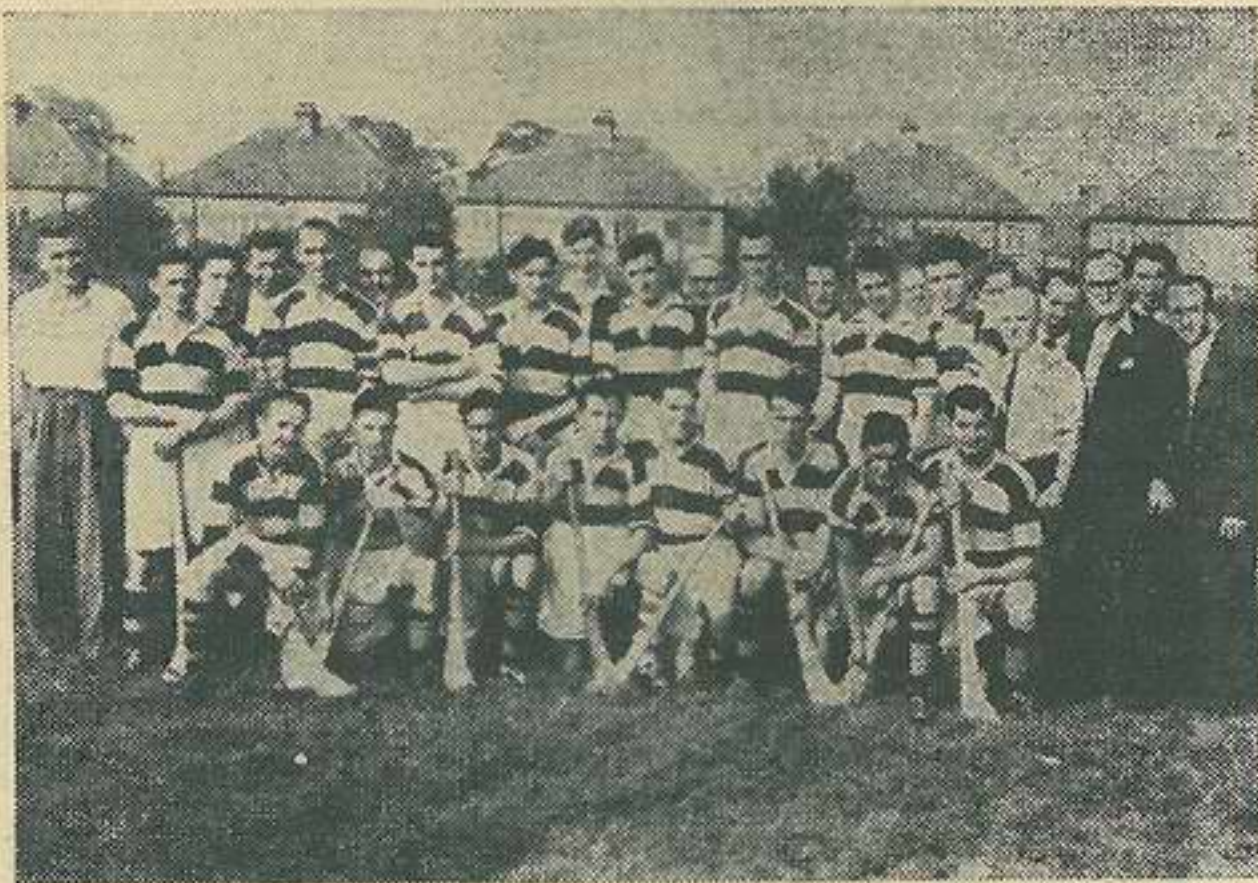
Irish stepdancing is taught by Sean Bradley of Donegal.

BADGE OF CONQUEST

"To lose your native tongue and learn that of an alien is the worst badge of conquest" said Thomas Davis. Thanks be to God our native tongue is far from lost.

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In London

No Bias Against G.A.A. Players

By J. CARR

CAMDEN TOWN is one of the most important Irish centres in London and Hampstead Heath is its lung. Here is the wide open space where Irishmen who are interested in games can give rein to their enthusiasm.

It was therefore rather disturbing to be approached by a local Gael with the complaint that Irish games were not allowed there, and that several hurlers had been turned off a pitch where they were enjoying a knock-about.

If this were the case there would appear to be a definite bias against Irish games on the part of the London Co. Council Parks Authorities and certainly the matter deserved to be investigated.

STATEMENT

After some red herrings had been drawn across the track on the way up, I did eventually get an authoritative statement from the Council Parks Division.

It was:-

(1)-"There is no bias against Irish, or for that matter, other games, as such.

(2)-"There is only a certain amount of space allocated to games in London's parks and commons, and most of this is reserved by prior bookings, mainly from organised sports groups.

(3)-"Of the limited amount of space then available some may be seeded or laid out and marked for a particular purpose which the park-keepers will know about. The rest can be used for casual play of any game as long as no injury to the life or limb of any member of the public can be envisaged.

"In ordinary circumstances no one should be refused the right to play and the Parks Division maintain that this is the first instance reported to them.

"As the incident took place some time ago I was unable to give full

details, but if you are refused your right to play on a casual pitch, you are entitled to (A) enquire the reason, (B) ask the Park Attendant for his name, (C) appeal to the Parks Superintendent. If you are not then satisfied, report the matter to the Parks Division, giving full particulars, and they will take the necessary action."

RESERVATIONS

In so far as reservations are concerned these can be obtained on application to the same address and already there is a Gaelic football reservation at Hackney Marsh. The Emerald Hurling Club have also a reservation at Clapham Common.

There is no fee for reservation of a pitch, but reserved dressing space is obtainable at 2d. per head although this is due to be raised to 4d. in May.

Remember you are within your rights to make use of casual pitches except for the reasons stated, but then it is much less complicated and costs no more to reserve a pitch for the time you require.

Pen Picture of Sean O Conaire

C. BEIRNE BAND

The Favourite Ceili Band in Yorkshire

Mr. Charlie Beirne, on drums, owner of band, is a native of Fenagh, Co. Leitrim. Since he formed this band three years ago he has played in nearly every hall in Yorkshire and is a great favourite by all lovers of ceili music.

MICHAEL Carney who was born on Blasket Island is teaching two Irish classes at the Evening Adult School in Springfield, Mass., U.S.A. Irish was included last year for the first time in the foreign languages courses by the Adult Board of Education.

SINCE he went to Huddersfield in August, 1954, Sean has hit the G.A.A. headlines in no mean fashion. It all started when Sean introduced hurling and got a supply of hurleys at Christmas the same year, and some months later was made Secretary of Padraig Pearse Club there. Since then he was appointed Assistant Secretary Yorkshire Co. Board, and had the honour of representing Yorkshire at the Provincial Convention of Britain and at Congress this year. He is also a selector of both county teams.

One of his main mottos is to make the Irish people feel at home in Huddersfield. This, he says, can be done by having all Irish papers on sale every week; Ceilís and Gaelic games. Of course, there is no Camogie in Yorkshire, but Sean will endeavour to start it in Huddersfield, and says that they hope to run a knitting com-

petition for the Irish colleens in the near future. This is, we hope, only the beginning of the good work he and the Padraig Pearse Club intend to do. Sean will be 21 on November 9 next.

Since the G.A.A. was started, he said, the Irish youth in Huddersfield has become one large family.



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The Woolwich Game

BY MICEAL O BRIAIN

Little has been written of the Dublin v. Kerry game at Woolwich Stadium on Easter Monday. Perhaps the less said the better.

However, I have been asked to record a special word of thanks to Dan O'Mahony, Captain of the Dublin team, who, on receiving the cup from Most Rev. Dr. Wall, Bishop of Brentwood treated us to an inspiring little speech in Irish.

Let us hope our visiting captains will in future do likewise.

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Camogie in Derry

LAST year though there were nine affiliated Clubs in Derry the standard of championship play was not high although in the county matches and in trial games which preceded a high standard was reached.

The lack of interest shown by clubs in fielding teams and the tendency to cancel games on the least excuse made for a long-drawn out programme and a lack of interest by the public.

This year two new clubs have affiliated and it is hoped to speed up the competition and re-awaken interest once again.

In the Derry city area where six teams had been in operation only one team now remains. This team, Clann na Gaedheal, is being kept together by the captain, Ann Casey, and the vice-captain, Eileen O'Hagan, who see that the players practice regularly.

KILLARNEY, Co. Kerry, will sport a new Football Club this year, led by County player—Johnny Culloty. The new club—Killarney Mental Hospital—has been affiliated to the County Board, and will compete in the East Kerry Competitions. The two local clubs St. Agathas and Dr. Crokes are bound to suffer reduced personnel due to the birth of the new club but its appearance is bound to add to the spice of football in Ireland's Home of Beauty.

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THREE REQUESTS

THIS is the month when the playing-field activities of the Association get under way in real earnest. The month's fixture lists in the four provinces are chock-full of very interesting pairings which will draw new record crowds to various venues.

And these crowds—the ordinary people who year after year turn up to cheer on their heroes—deserve some more consideration from the organisers.

More consideration should be shown by punctual starts. Many of these people travel long distances and have to get home after the game. It can get rather boring sitting around waiting for something to happen. So, please start the games punctually.

Secondly, it should be within the financial resources of all organising County Boards to turn out a modest four-page programme giving the line-out of the competing teams.

This makes for easier identification of the players and an infinitely more satisfying game.

Last-minute changes on either side can be communicated to the crowd by means of a loud-speaker, which nowadays can be hired for a matter of pounds.

These three simple considerations are all that the followers of our games ask. For years now we have heard complaints from keen supporters about this lack of consideration.

So what about it, organisers? By observing these three requests you will be doing yourselves a deal of good, for if you are considerate, the followers will come back more regularly and the prestige of the games reach even greater heights.

Dromcollogher's Chairman

CHAIRMAN of the Dromcollogher G.A.A. Club for 1956 is former Limerick, Munster and Ireland hurling star Derry McCarthy. Probably one of the finest caman welders ever reared in the locality, he helped the club win the county junior title in 1949.

Since then they have been competing in Senior ranks, but for the past few seasons, they have found it hard to field a team. Many of the 1949 side left the club to form a hurling team in Feenagh and last year they succeeded in winning the Western Divisional title.

There is an abundance of talent in Dromcollogher however, and when the younger schoolboys have learned the technique and "know how" of Derry McCarthy, the other teams in the county had better watch out.

THE 1956 Co. Clare Senior cross-country championship run over eight miles at Drumcliffe, Ennis, was reckoned to be the most successful to date. Tulla A.C. with 32 points won the event. They seem to have a monopoly of it, for this is the fourth successive year. The individual winner was J. McGrath, Tulla, for the third time too! Well done everybody!

IT'S strange, indeed, how things turn out. In our last issue I was apologising to our Ulster readers for leaving the Northern province last in our provincial round-up, but now I feel very happy that such was the case.

I must honestly confess that the showing of Ulster footballers in their great win over Munster on St. Patrick's Day, and a few subsequent events have given me new and fresh ideas about things in the "wee" North.

I must bow my head in shame, and admit that I felt that football was at a low ebb up there, and that whoever would win out the provincial championship series would be unlucky in that their interest in the Sam Maguire Cup would end there and then.

Not so now, let me add, for the Northerners by their wonderful display in upsetting the odds in the Railway Cup Final have proved beyond all doubt that there is nothing wrong with the game in those parts, and that they have footballers second to none to call on when the honour of the province was to be upheld.

PICKING THE WINNER

And now let's get down to the task of choosing the favourites for the Ulster senior football title race. First, we shall deal with Cavan, the holders, and see what wares they have to display.

To go back to my opening theme, events which have occurred in recent weeks have made me revise my opinion about the Breffni-men entirely.

Certainly the men who represented that county on the Ulster team—Seamus Morris, Jim McDonnell, Noel O'Reilly, Tom Maguire, Paddy Carolan and Victor Sherlock—are now playing better than ever and a recent conversation I had with County Secretary Hughie Smith indicates that the committee members are quietly confident about their chances of yet another All-Ireland title win.

And why not? With a "new-look" team in Abbeyfeale, they defeated Cork's best by 3-9 to 2-3, and even then they were short some of their best players.

Add to that the fact that the junior side which defeated Derry included a number of youngsters who might well qualify for positions on the senior fifteen, and you get a picture of the healthy state of affairs in the Breffni county.

But to get a truer picture, you must go back to Cavan's surprise, but fully merited, victory over old rivals Meath in the February National League tie at Cavan.

THE OLD SPIRIT

That success proved that the Northern title-holders have regained something I felt they had lost—their renowned spirit.

Of the remaining eight, who are in the hunt? With all due respect to Antrim (they are undergoing a lean period just now) and Fermanagh (where they are building from scratch), I feel that we can discount both, so that leaves us with Armagh, Derry, Donegal, Down, Monaghan and Tyrone (in alphabetical order!).

What of Armagh? Well, if one is to judge by the displays of Jack Bratten, John McKnight, Joe Cunningham and Paddy Campbell on St. Patrick's Day, they are going in with every chance in the world. They have their problems, but what team from Kerry down has not?

In Art O'Hagan and Mal McEvoy they have two of the greatest players of the day—when in form, but both, to the regret of their supporters, display an inconsistency that hardly augurs well for their team's chance.

Derry? In Jim McKeever that county has one of the greatest—a midfielder-cum-forward-cum-defender—whose style, safe handling and accurate kicking are excellent.

NO SUMMER HERE

But one swallow does not make a Summer, and one McKeever . . . They also have Joe Taggart and the Gribbeas and promising juniors in Larry Regan, John Mullen, Tom Stevenson, Brian Mullen, Garry

Around the Provinces

CORK, GALWAY, DUBLIN AND . . . ?

McCann and Jimmy Healy, but I feel that it will take a year at least to mould these into a telling combination.

Donegal? Remember that Cavan had only two points to spare over those worthy opponents in last year's Ulster semi-final.

Remember also the great play of "Cookie" Boyle, Paddy Coyle, Willie Cunningham, Hughie T. Boyle, Joe Carroll, Denis Hegarty

By TONY O'HAGEN

and Cormac Toland, and you know that there's "Gold in them thar (Donegal) hills."

Down? Of Kevin Mussen fame—famed for his complete subjugation of Kerry's Tadghie Lyne and his undoubted football skill which is rather taken for granted in Ulster circles.

But one must also reckon with P. J. McElroy, Kieran Denvir, George Lavery, Gerry Geoghegan, Finbarr Conlon, Charlie Gilmore and Paddy Doherty—players who are always in form when they are playing for the county.

MORE RICE'S NEEDED

Monaghan? The fabulous John Rice makes one regret that there

are not more of his kind in football to-day. A man who can match any player in the country and still hold his own.

An idle boast? Ask any of the several Munstermen who tried to curb his activities on La le Padraig.

Then there is Hughie McKearney, the McQuaides, Gerry Brennan and Sean Hendry, but more must be found, and quickly.

Tyrone? The uproar in Ulster when it was discovered that this county had not a representative on the Inter-Provincial team speaks volumes.

True, the only player mentioned was that classical little forward, Iggy Jones, but Tyrone are by no means a one-man team. Think of Jodie O'Neill, Jim McAcleer and Frankie Donnelly—players who could find a ready berth on any county side.

INCONSISTENT

But, unhappily, the Tyrone team is the acme of inconsistency, for one day they play "power" football and the next, they hit a new low.

On reflection, I take Cavan to retain their Ulster crown, but stiff opposition will be encountered from Armagh, Donegal, Derry and Down.

Still, with that old fighting spirit once more manifest I think the Breffni boys will again prevail—tradition, experience plus youth, skill—they are there in abundance.

Well, those are my four nominations for provincial honours—Cavan, Cork, Dublin and Galway. Time alone will prove me right, but then I have been wrong before!

Your Players in Dublin—No. 2

By PEADAR BYRNE

USUALLY when a provincial player comes to Dublin one of his greatest difficulties is to find a suitable Club to join. This may sound strange to many, but it is, nonetheless, true, for it is surprising the effect unsuitable surroundings can have on a player's form.

With such a wealth of clubs flourishing in the Metropolis just now, a choice is not easy but one club where a provincial player can expect a happy environment is the C. J. Kickham Club—for long a stronghold of provincials in Dublin.

PADDY DOYLE

At present, provincial men form the backbone of the club and one of these is 24-years-old Paddy Doyle. A native of Kilmuckbridge, Co. Wexford, Paddy has been with the club six years now, and during that period, his staunch, first-class hurling has won many a battle for Kickhams.

Unlike many players, Paddy took his introduction to Metropolitan fare in his stride and thus became an instant success with the club. However, his luck deserted him after a few years here and for lengthy periods he wasn't on friendly terms with his hurley.

Lately he has hit top form with a bang, and now manning the full-back berth, he has been turning in consistently good performances.

A good hurling team wouldn't be complete without a Tipperary man and we find several premier county men powering the Kickhams Hurling Club. One of these is twenty years old Paddy Dwyer, a native of Cashel and what an

able ambassador he is!

A brilliant opportunist, Paddy's hurling is fashioned in the typical Tipperary mould—sheer hurling artistry allied to great speed and stamina. Paddy, who along with County player, Johnny Murphy captured a West Tipperary Minor Championship medal in 1952, first teamed up with Erin's Own when he came to Dublin.

BALL CONTROL

Now playing centre-half-forward for Kickham, his wonderful ball control has worried many a defence while his delightful distribution of the ball, has resulted in many a score for his side.

On the Kickhams football team one of the leading lights is twenty years old Padraig Casey who hails from Killarney. Padraig who lined out with Beaufort minors before coming to Dublin three years ago, has been playing very sound football.

Of late he has been assisting the Junior team but if he maintains his present fine form it is difficult to see how he can be omitted from the first fifteen.

One of Padraig's ablest assistants on the football team is 22 years old Frank Rouse, and this native of Enniscrone, Co. Sligo, has had varying fortunes since arriving in the Metropolis two years ago.

Frank took a long time to settle down in Dublin football and his initial appearances were rather uninspiring.

Since then he has speeded up his football considerably, however and his high-flying football at right-half-back, makes him a valuable link in the team.

CORK County team gave a fine display of fast, clever, and skilful camogie when they retained the Cronin Cup in the annual match against the Combined Universities in Cork, winning by 5-6 to 2-1.

An Tael Ós As Iomaíocht

m. Ó Dubhghall

Concluding Stages in College's Competitions

By M. O DUBHGHAILL

YES, these past April days have carried with them the concluding Colleges' Games of the 1955-56 season. We may as yet be too much in their atmosphere to judge fairly the placings of these games as compared with those of previous seasons. Better then suspend judgment until these 1955-56 encounters settle into their correct perspective with those of yesteryear.

For all that there are some minor matters that we should mention. Most of these are the responsibility of the executives of the various Colleges' Councils. With the present preoccupation of these executives with scholastic endeavour (with Inter. and Leaving so close at hand), it may be best to present our recommendations in summary form, and promise to return to them in Autumn days of greater leisure, le cuidiu De.

To the Colleges' Executives then we recommend: more liaison between them in the various Provinces, to avoid the clashing of important fixtures; a more regular supply of information for sports writers; and this, above all, that all players should use the Irish forms only of their names.

We have had occasion to refer to all of these time and again during the past year, and we feel that the last word has not been said on them.

HARTY CUP

Pride of place must go in this month's coverage to what is undoubtedly the highlight of the year in the individual Colleges' Championships. Need we repeat

that our reference is to the Munster Senior Colleges' Hurling Final for the Harty Cup trophy.

That trophy was first presented for competition by that eminent Churchman and sterling Gael, in 1918, Dr. Harty, then Archbishop of Cashel. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam caoin. Is mor a chuir se remainithe na Mumhan fa choma ina ige leis an mbronntanas fa chomaoin aige leis an mbronntanas breud.

To say that this year's Harty Cup final, had all the pre-match glamour of yesteryear, is but to recall an axiomatic truth. For the rivals revelled in the aura of stirring clashes from other years.

North Monastery C.B.S., Cork, entered the fray determined to add their 13th title to their many hurling laurels. And we know that at many a Cork fireside, during the week preceding the final, the glories of the dynamic prowess of North Mon. hurlers was often measured up against the old superstitious observances connected with unlucky 13th.

Equally great the traditions of their rivals, the C.B.S. boys from the Thurles cradle of the G.A.A. Tipperary folk everywhere (we were shown a telegram sent to a

Tipperary man in Hamburg with news of the victory!) hoped and despaired for many days before that Sunday match in Limerick.

LEVEL PEGGING

Go bhfoiridh Dia ar einne go rabh croi lag aige san gcead-leathuair sin. Na scorthal cothram fo thri i rith na treimhse sin! And what a great hurling feast that first half was, of close nip and tuck Munster hurling at its best.

Of course, the critics reported that it was not classic hurling!

Put two evenly matched teams anywhere, any time, man to man, hip to hip; and please report to me if they indulge in fancy frolics of the solo-run variety. None shall be so surprised as well!

The post-mortems at half time were per usual. That these boys could not stick the pace; that the second half must be a flop by comparison with the first, etc. How disappointed were the pessimists—grast o Dhia mealladh a bhaint asta siud.

STORMING STEAMING FINISH

Believe me that second half genuinely deserved that second adjective in our sub-title. A thiarcas! Is ann a bhi an iomaínt agus an iomaíocht.

Remember the two decisive points nipped over by Jimmy Doyle; the rending of the ash as North Mon. besieged the Thurles citadel all out for a winning goal; remember these and many more besides of this thrill a half-minute second period. The final tally: Thurles C.B.S., 2-5; North Mon., 2-3 seems to have fairly repre-

sented the superiority of the winners.

In such a great encounter it is rather invidious to single out players for special bouquets. They were heroes all thirty-one of them, tap-flight hurlers of to-day; and we are assured thirty-one great hurling men of the coming decade.

But the extraordinary brilliance of Jimmy Doyle, in hurling strategy and skill, marked him as the star of the game. It is so pleasant, Jimmy, to give a namesake a congratulatory pat on the back!

Although a namesake, Jimmy is no relation, in case you think we might be prejudiced. He is a nephew of that great Tipperary, Munster and Ireland hurler, Tommy Doyle.

FOOTBALL INTER-PROS.

Just as well to get this off our chest at once. We were very disappointed with the Inter-provincial semi-finals in football. Are you surprised when we record that Leinster overwhelmed Connaught: 2-8-1-4 at Tuam; and Munster scrambled to a 3-4-1-8 victory over Connaught, in a rough and tumble, shoot wide and fumble fracas at Croke Park.

Witnessing the latter game we sighed and hoped for better things. Where, oh where are the nippy, short-passing, strategic, ball-playing Ulster forwards of a few years back? Say those of the Iggy Jones vintage.

For Munster it did look as if Lady Luck was toggled out as their sixteenth man. Even their whimsical and leisurely errors earned them scoring dividends. Ach go n-eiri an tadh leo mar

an gceanna, san geluich craobhe in eadan Laighean. Is eagal linn mura dtagann feabhas thar chaimse ortha, go mbeidh athrach puirt an chlar na sgor an la sin!

Always having an eye for a good thing we did notice something in that match at Croke Park. It was the very workman-like and highly efficient covering up by left half-back, E. O'Neill, mac leinn do chuid Cholaiste Iosagan.

A pious hope, Eamonn, that in years to come you will not forsake your birthright. You know a certain West Clare football club, winners of Clare Co. Senior 1955 Championship, always requires an infusion of younger blood! 'Nuff' said.

Paddy Goes Home

PADDY Duggan, Antrim and Queen's University footballer, who has been working in Coventry, has returned to his native County to take up a teaching position in Belfast.

While in Coventry, Paddy played hurling and football with the famous St. Finbarr's Club, helping them to win the Croke Cup hurling competition, S.H.C. and League and J.F.C.

He was also a member of the Warwick's football team which won the British Championship and who subsequently contested the All-Ireland Junior final with Cork. Paddy, therefore, has 6 medals to remind him of his short stay in Warwick's.

DEFENCE OF DUBLIN SUPPORTERS

By PEADAR BYRNE

MUCH has been said and written about the supporters of the Dublin County teams, some of it fair criticism and not a few untruths. The former any Dubliner will readily accept, but the latter—well, it's like waving a red flag to a bull.

And here's the rub, these scandalous statements are on the up-grade—remember the recent Dublin-Offaly encounter in Portlaoise?

What prompts these statements, or what makes them circulate? Perhaps it is the age-old "City versus Country" rivalry or maybe it is just jealousy of the record

thirty thousand followers which the Dublin team have gathered around them.

In any event mention of Dublin G.A.A. supporters seems to have become symbolic of rowdiness with some of our provincial friends.

ALL-IRELAND

The matter is so absurd that it

hardly merits refutation. However, just for the record, let us cast our minds back to All-Ireland Day last September.

Picture the scene. Here were thirty thousand people pent up with wild excitement at the prospect of seeing the county win its first All-Ireland title in thirteen years and their optimism was not without foundation.

For Dublin were hot favourites that day, having "skated" through Leinster with ridiculous ease, while Kerry had struggled uneasily through to the final.

Then came the bitter pill of defeat. Were there any Dublin alibis such as "we wuz robbed" to be heard after the game? The answer is "no," for the Dublin team and its supporters realised that they had been beaten by a better team and took their defeat like men. Was this bad sportsmanship?

DISMISSED

Now let us go back three weeks earlier to the Dublin-Mayo All-Ireland semi-final. Dublin won but were there smiles all-round after the game? The statement, "Some of the—players are a disgrace to the G.A.A. and to Ireland" did not come from the mouth of a Dublinman.

Yet when the matter came before the Dublin Co. Board it was summarily dismissed as a trivial affair. Was this bad sportsmanship?

Yes, indeed, the sportsmanship of the average Dubliner is on a par with the highest.

This St. Vincents-powered Dublin team has attracted an unprecedented following and already thirty thousand throats are preparing to roar home Dublin as this year's All-Ireland football winners. Old "Joxer" summed it up in a nutshell when he said: "Time was, when, if I thought the so-called Dublin team were playing out in the back garden, I'd pull down the blinds. Now I'd chase the Vincents lads to Connemara to see them play."

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Lá Dá Raib

I n-Amsterdam seadh bhi Cluichi Olympic na bliana 1928 agus bhi ceathrar is fiche iomathoiri le haghaidh craobh an chasuir. Fir go raibh clu agus cail ortha a beadh a bfuirmhor. Be Skoeld na Sualaine roghadh na saoi agus dar le each bheadh an tarna agus an triu ait idir an Meireachanach Edmund Black, Poggioli na h-Iodala no an Sasannach Vokes. Is beag duine sa tslua an ia sin a chur speis ar bith san Eireannach og O'Ceallacain agus cen fadh go geuiridis, bhi se ro og, gan ach blian is fiche slauighthe aige agus ba bheag gaisge a bhi deanta aige taibh amuigh da thir fein agus pe sgeal e nar bhuaidh Vokes amach air dha mhi roimhe sin.

AN CRAOBH AR AIS

Thosnuigh an chomortas agus mar a cheapadh cuaidh Skoeld cun chinn. bhi Black agus Poggioli ins an tarna agus triu ait agus an t-Eireannach og siar chun deiridh. Leanadar ar agaidh agus d'athruigh an t-ord dhruid O'Ceallacain cun cinn, ag an triu iarracht bhi se sa tarna ait. Bhi iongnadh ar an slua. Chaithe Skoeld don uair deiridh agus shrois se cead seasca h-oet troidhthe tri n-orlach. Bhi se buaidhthe aige ach d'fan an slua cun go bfeicidís an mbeadh an Eireannach in an tarna ait a bhuaidhthe o Black. Thog O'Ceallacain an casur, chas se e go mall reidh ar dtuis agus annsan mheidig an luathas annsan go hoban seol an casur trid an aer agus thuit. D'Feach an slua, ba dheachair an casur dfeiscint ar dtuis agus nuair a chonnachas e ba dheachair radharc na siul a chreidamaint mar ni raibh se sa tarna ait, bhi se leath throig cun chinn ar mharc Skoeld. Bhi an chraobh a chail MacGrath ceithre bliana roimhe sin buaidhthe ar ais.

RUN UI CHEALLACHAIN

I n-Dutha Ealla, Conndae Chorcaí, seadh rugadh an Dochtur Padruig O'Ceallachain agus ona oige bhi se tugtha go mor do gac saghas luath cleas. Nuair chur se isteach ar na Cluichi Olympic sa bhliain 1928 ni docha gur chreid aoinne seachas e fein go raibh seans ar bith aige, ach chreid se fein agus bin an príomh rud, seadh bin run UI Cheallachain—chreid se ann fein i gcomnaí.

Tar-eis an chraobh a bhuaichint an ia sin i n-Amsterdam seadh thosnuig an Coreuigeach i nda ríre, bhuaidh se gac rud ba mhian leis, sa bhliain 1931 i bPaire an Chrocaig bhuaidh se se craobh in eon la amhain agus nuair thainig Cluichi na bliana 1932 bhi Padruig reidh i Los Angeles chun a chraobh a chosaint. Ar na h-íomathoiri arís bhi Skoeld agus Poggioli agus co-maith leo bhi Villa Porhola, fathach d'fir a bhuaidh craobh na meachaine se punt deag i n-Amsterdam, e anois oille ar an gcasur.

LOS ANGELES, 1932

Bhi an ghrian ag spillpeadh nuair a thosnuig an comortas an ia sin i Gcallifornia agus an

talamh cruaidh teann rud nac raibh faithaighe ag O'Ceallachain air. Thosnuigeadar agus chuaidh Porhola chun chinn, bhi Padruig sa tarna ait. Mar sin a fhanadar Porhola leath throig cun chinn, ba chosuil go raibh buaidhte ar an Eireannach.

Sa sos roimh an iarracht dheireannach d'iompuig an slua chun feachaint ar an ras "hurdles," ras ioghantach a bhi ann, iad go leir cothrom go dit cupla slat on deire nuair a sheol fear og eadrom amach no geuid eile agus le gair an tslua bhi an chraobh buaidhte ag Bob Tisdal o Aonach Urmumhan. Bhi O'Ceallachain ag feachaint co-maith le each agus nuair d'iompuig se ar ais go dti a chomortas fhein bhi bri nua tagtha ina choisceim agus lionradh ina shuille, thog se an casur agus gan stro, chaith se e gur thuit se seacht dtroidhthe cun chinn ar bhrath Porhola.

Don tarna h-uair i gceathru uaire bhi craobh Olympic buaidhte ag Eireannach. b'Ioghantach an la e do Chinne Gael agus is beag a shil an la ud an fhaid a bheadh ag faniunt le na leitheid arís.

Mayo Secretary's Novel Idea

SPECTATORS and officials at the Mayo Minor trials had no difficulty in recognising players.

Before the game they were supplied with a full list of players giving their numbers, positions and clubs by County Secretary Johnny Mulvey. This novel idea won the admiration of all and will probably become a regular procedure at future matches.

North and South

MAYO Senior football team will travel to Castleisland, Co. Kerry to play the All-Ireland Champions Kerry on May 6.

On June 24 they hit the Northern trail to play Tyrone on the invitation of the Duncannon Club are opening a new pitch on that date.

Denis Forde

DENIS Forde who played as full forward on the Laois team which beat Kilkenny in 1948 Leinster Hurling Final is now residing in Graiuenamanagh and hurling with the local Brandon Rovers team.

Canon Hamilton's Departure

By T. J. MacNamara.

CLARE Co. Champion—Newmarket-on-Fergus held a special meeting to wish that sterling Gael-priest, Rev. M. Canon Hamilton, P.P., V.F., a sincere farewell on his transfer from their native parish to Nenagh.

All those present, while congratulating Canon Hamilton on his appointment, felt that his loss would be well nigh irreparable as far as the Club was concerned. His vast experience with Clubs, Boards and Council brought out

his great ability as an administrator.

Some of those paid tribute to Canon Hamilton as a hurler in his young days.

LEADER

His personality was a challenge to every un-Irish influence, and his matchless leadership has given health, heart and hope to all longing for the birth of a wholly free and undivided Ireland.

Well if this is not a plain and unvarnished tribute to one man,

nothing else is—and a tribute coming from the Newmarket-on-Fergus meeting, has a ring of sincerity about it, that makes it all the more genuine.

But if the tribute was good, it was never more well deserved, for Canon Hamilton has a reputation in Gaeldom, which ranks with the great Irish priests of other generations, who led the people in times of stress and sacrifice, when our country was down-trodden by the invader.

This renowned cleric from the quiet townland of Clonlara in East Clare, by his unswerving adherence to the G.A.A., by his wise counsel at headquarters, and by his particular attention to the wants of the Gaels overseas, has been of inestimable service to the Gaelic movement as we know it.

Even when he was teaching in St. Flannans many years ago this Gaelic priest was even then inculcating the love of everything Irish into the minds of his pupils, many of whom are sterling Gaels to-day.

TIPP'S GAIN

His appointment to the busy Tipperary parish of Nenagh will carry further responsibility, but his broad shoulders and determined spirit will be able for it all, and while Tipperary was never lacking in Gaelic leadership in every generation, the presence of Canon Hamilton in their midst will further spur the men of the Premier County to still greater things. If Clare is at a loss, Tipperary has certainly gained. Long life to this Sagart Aroon!

GALWAY'S ALL-IRELANDS

BY M. O'SULLIVAN

GALWAY'S name has been inscribed on the All-Ireland Roll of Honour seven times. The victories: Senior Hurling, 1923; Junior Hurling, 1939; Senior Football, 1925, 1934, 1938; Junior Football, 1931 and Minor Football, 1952.

The 1923 Senior Hurling Final was played in September 1924 and Galway recorded their only Senior triumph when they trounced Limerick by 7-3 to 4-5.

Strangely enough the McCarthy Cup had its home in this county for only three months. The holders had to play Dublin in the 1924 Final but were defeated on the score 5-3 to 2-6.

Therefore Galway made history by playing two All-Ireland's in the same year.

Another extraordinary feature of Galway's only All-Ireland Senior Hurling victory was the fact that one of Galway's stars, Mick Gill, who played on the 1923 winning side turned out in the Blue of Dublin three months later for the 1924 Final.

TWO MEDALS

Thus he collected two All-Ireland Senior Hurling Medals in the one year and within three months of each other.

Quite a record and one that cannot be easily surpassed.

A Garda, stationed in Dublin, Mick had played with his native County in the 1924 semi-final and was actually selected for the Final. Up to a late hour on the Saturday before the Final, the rest of the Galway team were under the impression that Mick would be lining out with them. Many who were present at this game are of the opinion that this incident had a demoralising effect on the Galway team, consequently they never really settled down during the hour and Dublin won rather easily.

Here is the Galway team—All-Ireland Champions for 1923:—Junior Mahony, Jim Power, Mick Derivane, Mick Kenny (Capt.), Ignatius Harding, Andy Kelly, Martin King, Dick Morrissey, Tom Fleming, Jim Morris, Ned Gilmar-

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The Manufacture of Cheese at Mitchelstown

Mitchelstown Creameries is a name familiar to every Irish household for it is synonymous with some of the finest cheese products obtainable anywhere. Founded as a small Creamery in 1918 by a few local farmers, this concern has grown into a vast Co-operative effort with 2,000 members, an annual turn-over of two million pounds and a total of 600 employees.

Although now a many-sided business with its Butter and Cream Plants, Chocolate Crumb Factory, Grain Drying, Artificial Insemination Centre, Model Farm etc., Mitchelstown Creameries is most widely known for its Cheese products.

For the manufacture of Cheese at Mitchelstown, only the finest quality full cream milk is used. This comes from its 12 auxiliary creameries in Cork, Limerick and Tipperary, and its own pedigree herd of 70 tuberculin tested Friesian cattle. With the emphasis on quality, the milk used is produced under certain specified conditions. All producers of Cheese milk are required to work in close co-operation with the Creamery Milk Control Body.

The cheese milk is transported to the factory in special road tankers. On arrival the milk is pressure-filtered and pasteurised to further enhance its quality. Thence it is conveyed to the cheese vats, all of which are equipped with mechanical stirrers. In the cheese vats, the milk is manufactured into cheese under the closest supervision and in accordance with the most modern technique. Each step in the manufacturing process is controlled from the production laboratory which occupies a central position in the factory. On removal from the vats, the freshly-moulded cheese is consolidated in pneumatic presses and in accordance with the variety is placed in cool circulating brine solution. The next step in the process is the placing of the cheese in the maturing store rooms where the temperature and humidity of the air are strictly controlled to suit the particular variety of cheese. During the vitally important ripening period, the cheese develops its characteristic flavour, etc.

PIONEERS

Mitchelstown Creameries pioneered the manufacture of Processed Cheese in Ireland. Their many years' experience in the manufacture of this type of product is indeed a guarantee of its excellence. In this process the

Cheese already referred to is further treated and then packed in the well known packs by special automatic wrapping plant. These machines are mechanical marvels and the product is weighed, wrapped and sealed entirely by the

CHEESE

Cheese is one of the oldest foods of mankind. Like other dairy products, it originated as a means of preserving milk for future use.

Milk consists essentially of Milk Fat, a protein material called Casein, Milk Sugar, Minerals, certain Vitamins and Water. Whereas Butter is composed of the Fat of milk, Cheese contains the Fat and Casein, and indeed it is this valuable protein material which is the basis of Cheese-making.

If held for any length of time, especially under warm conditions,



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machines themselves.

Already widely known for its Cheddar Cheese product "Galtee" and its Gruyere Cheese products "Three Counties" and "Whitethorn," Mitchelstown Creameries has always had an eye to the extension of its manufacturing lines. Accordingly in 1954, came the new "Mellory" Gruyere with celery flavour, and then for the first time in Ireland the well-known continental EDAM, GOUDA and SAMSOE Cheeses, which in the Processed... form are marketed under the "MANDEVILLE" brand with its remarkably delicate flavour.

The Chairman of the Mitchelstown Co-Operative Society since its inception is Mr. C. O'Brien, and much of its success is attributed to the foresight and ability of the late Mr. E. Roche, who was General Manager for many years. His successor is Mr. J. J. Lynch.

milk develops a sour taste and smell. This is due to the conversion of the Milk Sugar or Lactose to an acid called Lactic acid. The group of organisms called the Lactic Acid Bacteria is primarily responsible for the souring of milk, because they usually happen to get into milk in the course of milking and storing in utensils. As souring progresses, the amount of Lactic acid produced increases and eventually when a particular degree of acidity is reached, the Casein coagulates and the milk becomes a solid mass from which eventually a greenish yellow liquid called Whey exudes. This is the common phenomenon of the souring and thickening of milk on standing with the production of curds and whey. The curd or solid portion which contains the Fat, Protein, Minerals and Vitamins of milk may be said to be the raw material from which

Cheese is made.

THE PRODUCTION OF CHEESE

Only fresh whole milk, carefully produced on the farm, is used. Milk carelessly produced and grossly contaminated will have undergone objectionable changes from the time it leaves the cow until it reaches the Cheese factory, especially in warm weather.

On arrival at the Cheese factory the milk is pressure-filtered to remove any trace of sediment or extraneous matter, e.g., cow hairs etc., which may have got into the milk on the farm and then pasteurised. Pasteurisation is a heat treatment designed to kill off any bacteria that may have got into the milk at any stage. The milk is then conveyed to the Cheese vat where it is manufactured into Cheese.

To the milk in the vat a quantity of pure Lactic Acid Bacteria is added. This culture of micro-organisms is grown specially in sterile milk at the factory. Different bacterial cultures are used for the different varieties of Cheese (and these are the principle ripening agents). As soon as the culture has commenced to grow, which is indicated by progressive increases in the acid content of the Cheese milk, a minute quantity of Rennet is added. Rennet which is a clotting agent of animal origin, which by its action on Casein, rapidly coagulates the milk.

It should be noted here that in our explanation (above) of curd formation in milk, coagulation was brought about by development of a sufficiently acid condition in the milk. This is the method used in the production of types of Cheese called Acid Cheeses, but the varieties normally made in Ireland are Rennet Cheeses or those in the manufacture of which Rennet is used.

The solidified mass is then cut into cubes with special curd knives and further treated with stirring and heat to promote the separation of whey and the drying and firming of the curd. On removal of the whey, the curd particles form into a solid mass which is eventually placed in moulds and pressed. The curd is salted before pressing or afterwards by immersion in brine solution. The product here is green Cheese, which at this stage is tough, indigestible and practically flavourless. Before it is ready for consumption, it must be ripened or matured, the length of time, treatment and conditions of storage depending on the variety of Cheese. The time required is anything from 3 to 12 months.

RIPENING

The ripening of Cheese is a

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very complicated biochemical process. It is essentially a breakdown of the Casein or protein material. This action is brought about mainly by the bacterial cultures and the Rennet added to the milk at the beginning of the manufacturing process.

The principal varieties manufactured in Ireland are Cheddar, Cheshire, Gruyere, Edam, Gouda, Samsoe and Caerphilly. There are unfortunately, no native Irish varieties, all the above originating in foreign countries. This may be due to historical reasons, because Cheese was a common item of food in ancient Ireland.

One of the more recent developments in the Cheese industry is the manufacture of Processed or Pasteurised Cheese. One or more of the varieties mentioned above are melted by heat treatment in special vacuumised melting machines. The heating pasteurises the Cheese and converts it into a fluid condition resembling hot custard. The molten Cheese is then packed in full or other air tight packaging material by automatic packing machines.

Sorry Mum!

Honestly, I couldn't resist the Calvita. I know I always said I didn't like cheese, but Calvita is different. So mild! And you said it was so light that even a child could digest it. Besides, I saw Dad stealing some yesterday, and I bet you won't spank him. Anyway, Nurse did say Calvita Cheese was good for me—didn't she?

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Agriculture Well to the Fore at 1956 Spring Show

ON Tuesday, 1st May, the 126th Spring Show of the Royal Dublin Society will open at Ball's Bridge. The Spring Show is recognised as the shop window for the agricultural and industrial pursuits of Ireland. Its main purpose is educational. It caters for all sections of farm life: cattle, sheep, pigs, ponies, poultry and dairy produce. The earliest efforts of the Society in the line of Agricultural and Industrial improvement were devoted to the education of farmers, by means of demonstration farms, instructors and the awarding of Premiums for tillage and livestock. The first Spring Show took place in 1831 in the grounds of Leinster House, then the home of the Society. This was described as a "Show of Cattle." In 1844 a section for the display of agricultural produce was included.

The Show continued to be a purely agricultural event up to the first World War, and on the resumption of the Society's activities in 1919, a special effort was made to extend the scope of the Show to include industries.

HIGHEST EVER

Entries of cattle, sheep, pigs and ponies for the forthcoming Show total 1,084, being the highest ever received for a Spring Show. There will also be over 460 entries of poultry, eggs and butter. Prize money

amounting to over £4,000 will be awarded.

The attractions at the Spring Show are many and varied. On the first day, Tuesday, at 9.30 a.m. will commence the judging of cattle, sheep, pigs, poultry and dairy produce. In the afternoon of that day an interesting feature will be the Stock Judging Contest for members of Young Farmers' Clubs.

On Wednesday the judging of Riding Ponies, Connemara Ponies and the adjudication for the Special Prizes offered in the Jersey Cattle Section will take place. Auction Sales of Shorthorn, Aberdeen-Angus and Hereford Cows and Heifers will be carried through on that morning.

Children's Ponies will be judged on Thursday at 10 a.m. and Auction Sales of Kerry, Jersey, British Friesian, Ayrshire and Guernsey Cattle will also take place at that hour, followed by sale of Large White Pigs.

WORTH A VISIT

The Department of Agriculture's Educational Exhibit in the Pembroke Hall, which opens each morning at 10 o'clock and continues throughout the day, is well worth a visit, for here are illustrated the most up-to-date methods of soil improvement, seed testing, plant breeding, poultry keeping and all matters of interest to farmers—veritable school, with experts in attendance to deal with enquiries.

IMPORTANT FEATURE

The Industrial Section of the Show is now one of its most important features. Here the leading agricultural machinery firms exhibit up-to-date methods of production and experts demonstrate their working and answer questions. Silver Medals for "New Implements" for agricultural or estate purposes are offered, special emphasis being placed on Irish industrial products. Trade Stands number over 400 and occupy an area of 250,000 super feet of space or over two miles of frontage.

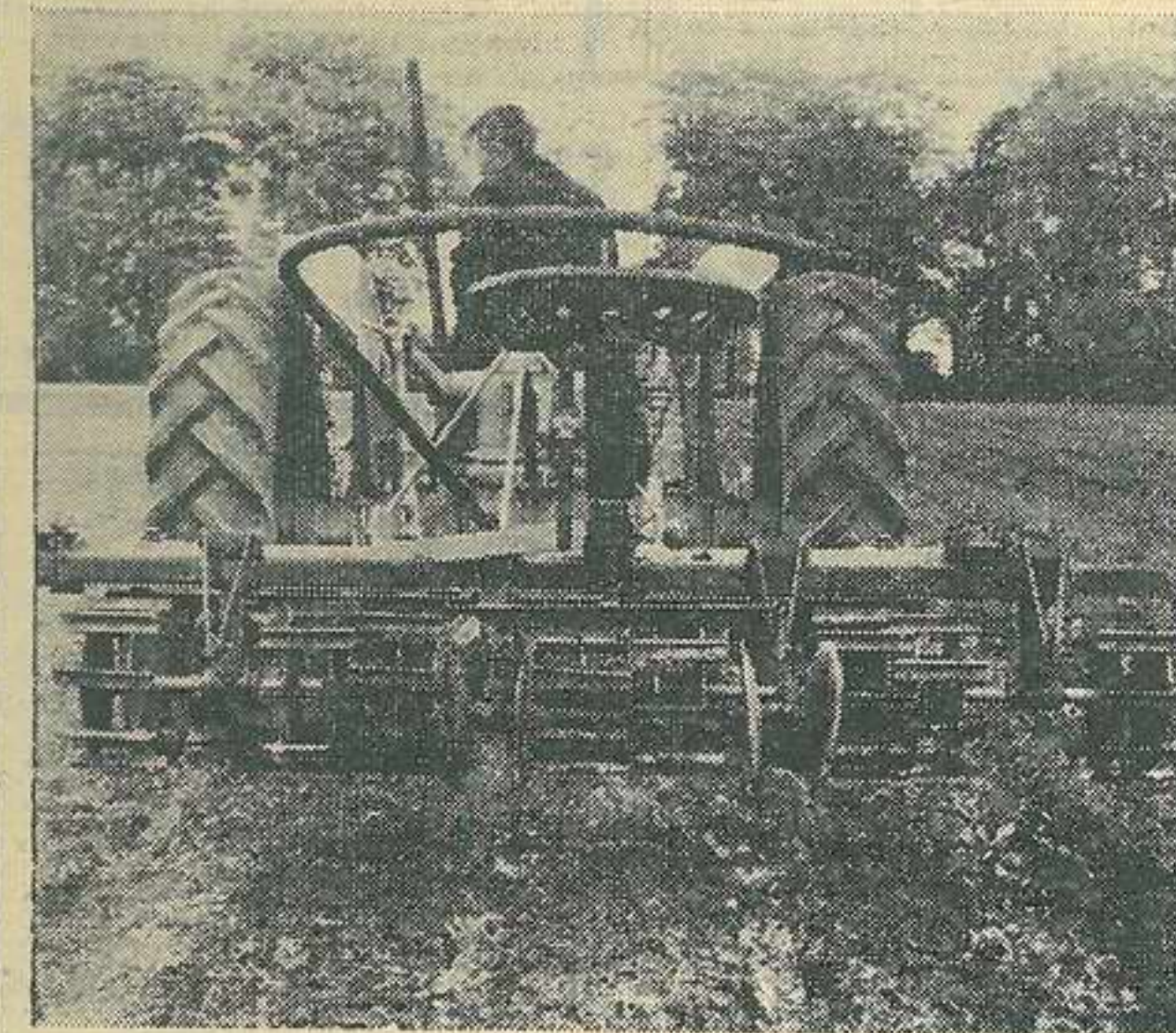
As an encouragement to farm workers, the Society offers its Silver Medals for workers who have longest served with the same employer or on the same farm. The medals are given to those with fifty or more years' service and the winners receive a ticket of admission to the Spring Show, their travelling expenses to and from the Show and £1. The medals are presented at a Supper, to which all herdsmen at the Show are invited.

On the lighter side, varied and exciting jumping contests take place each afternoon, together with grand parades of prize-winning animals and displays by hounds of well-known hunts. On Wednesday the display will be given by the hounds of the Co. Louth Hunt; on Thursday by the hounds of the

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'Easy on Potatoes'

British Minister Warns Housewives

By "A. McB."

MR. DERICK HEATHCOAT AMORY in the House of Commons told housewives "Go easy on potatoes, substitute another vegetable."

We will have to import more, he

(Continued from previous column) Meath Hunt; Friday by the hounds of the Co. Down Hunt, and Saturday by the hounds of the Bray Harriers.

Programme of music will be rendered on the Band Lawn each afternoon by Army Bands.

said. But all Europe is short and the outlook is bad for the next two months.

On analysing this statement Irish farmers in general will be sorry that there are not more potatoes grown in the country for export as the price in Britain today is in the region of £36 per ton and it is predicted that in the large industrial cities potatoes will rise to 2d. each. As a result of this situation shortage of seed potatoes is having a severe effect on planting.

Dutch growers are in the position of having potatoes available and are rushing them to Britain to ease the shortage. More than a 1,000 tons are awaiting distribution in Norfolk.

In Dublin ware potatoes are selling around £20 per ton.

Big Rise in Cattle Prices

By "AGRICOLA"

THE anticipated rise in cattle prices reported in our previous issue has since materialised very favourably for the Irish farmer.

In Smithfield Market, London, on April 11, Irish fresh meat rose by 3d. per lb. on the previous week's figures. Best beef sides were selling at 1/11d. per lb., in contrast to 1/8d. per lb. the previous week. Available quantities were scarce. Dealers attributed the increased interest in Irish meat to the falling off in shipments to Britain of Argentine chilled meat.

At Smithfield Market it was learned that the falling off of ship-

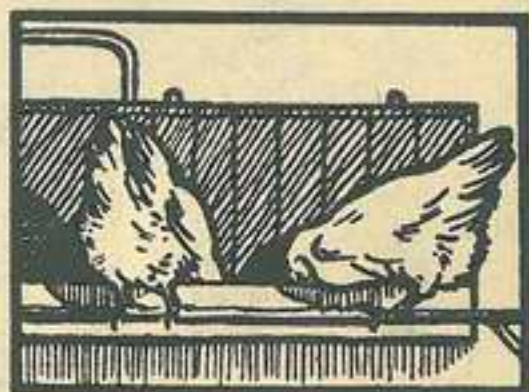
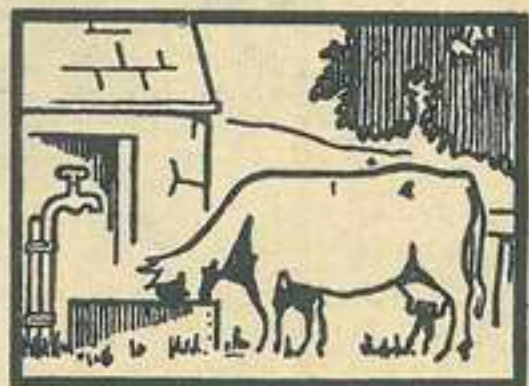
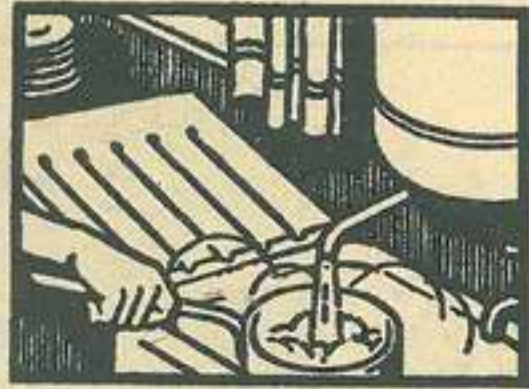
ments was due to lack of shipping space which is expected to be available during May.

This state of affairs has reflected itself in Irish fairs and markets where cattle have shown an increase of £2 per head. A nine to ten cwt. rough bullock in forward condition can make more per cwt. than a top quality beast weighing twelve or thirteen cwt.

In Britain there is just enough home-killed beef to go round, so Ireland's export trade should be fairly satisfactory until grass beef becomes plentiful, which may be later than usual this year.

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Since artificials cost money, any method of increasing their efficiency is welcome, whether by an increased yield from the same application, or by maintaining the yield with a reduced dressing. With this object in mind, Messrs.

Meehans, Ltd., Dundalk, are to be congratulated on a recent series of experiments which they carried out recently with the Ferguson Ridger and Potato Planter with Fertiliser attachment.

Three sites in Co. Louth were selected for a demonstration on three different days—Clogherhead, Ardee, and outside Louth town. In each case the ground had been previously prepared and farmyard manure had been ploughed in during the Autumn.

The demonstrations themselves were quite straightforward, but many spectators saw potatoes being mechanically sown for the first time. However, Messrs. Meehans arranged that different quantities of fertiliser were used in each case, and also different types—granulated, powdered, and a mixture of both. The idea was,

firstly, to demonstrate to farmers the saving in time and labour; secondly, to bring to their attention the benefit of placement coulters in use with the Ferguson Potato Planter and Fertiliser Attachment, and thirdly, to determine which of the different dressings would give the best crop yield.

The results of these three trials, of course, will not be known until the crops are harvested, but such demonstrations are both useful and instructive. Messrs. Meehans Ltd. are to be complimented on their initiative.

The demonstrations were well-attended by interested groups of farmers and the demonstrator was J. McCann of Ferguson Ltd., Dublin. Meehans Ltd. are Ferguson and Massey-Harris Main Dealers.

R.D.S. Spring Show and Industries Fair

THE forthcoming R.D.S. Spring Show and Industries Fair will provide the greatest show of stock ever seen at a Spring Show at Ball's Bridge. The total entry of cattle, sheep and pigs is the highest on record—947 as against 744 last year. This year, for the first time, Guernsey cattle will be on exhibition at the Show.

The Show and Fair opens on Tuesday, May 1 and continues on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (May 2, 3, 4 and 5). The Trade Display will be on its usual extensive scale; and, as heretofore, the Department of Agriculture will stage its Educational Exhibit in the Pembroke Hall. Other at-

The following is a return of the entries in the various sections:—

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| Cattle | ... | 589 |
| Sheep | ... | 208 |
| Pigs | ... | 150 |
| Riding Ponies | ... | 50 |
| Connemara Ponies | ... | 28 |
| Children's Ponies | ... | 59 |
| Poultry & Eggs | ... | 370 |
| Butter | ... | 95 |

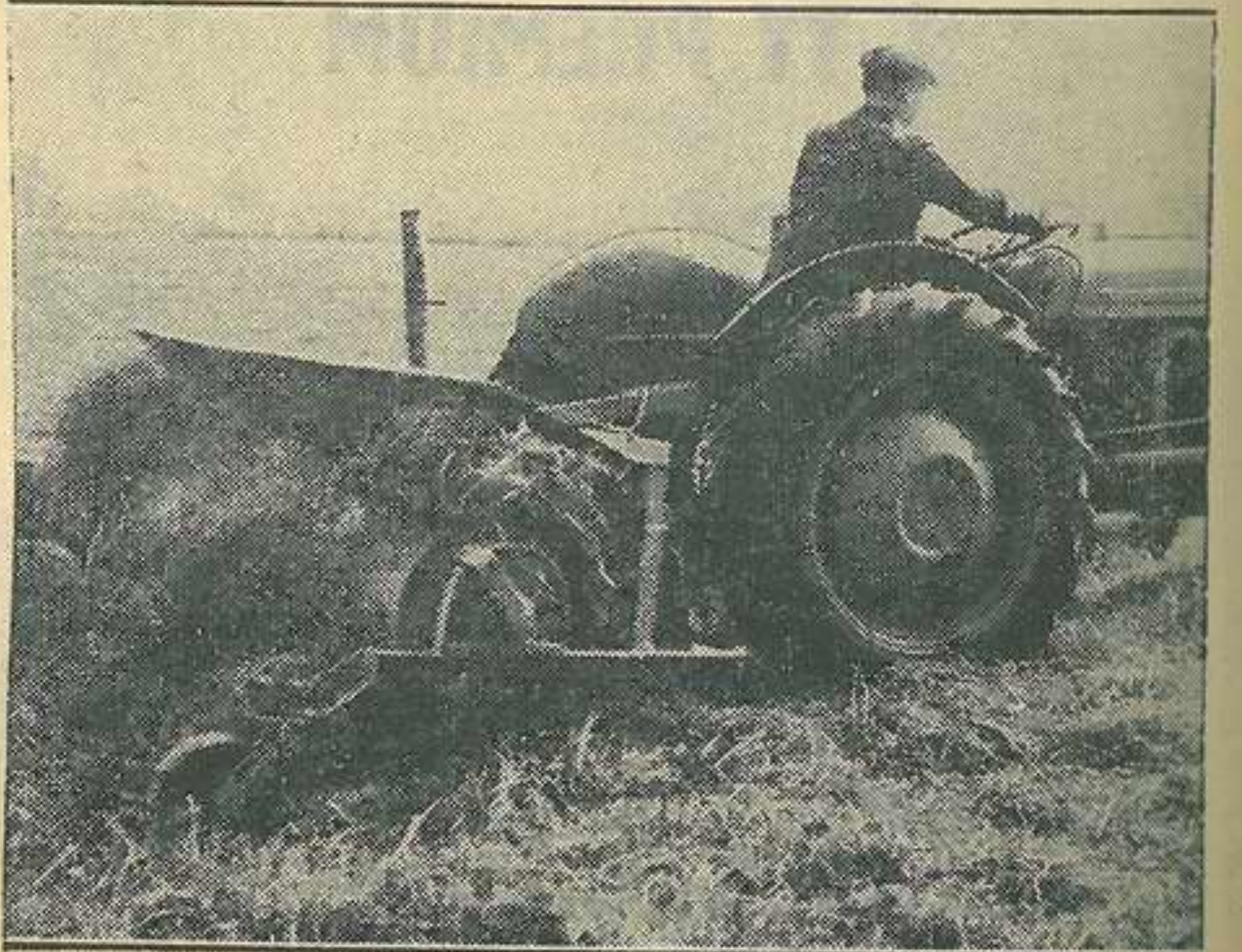
Hounds of well-known Irish Hunts, Young Farmers' Cattle Judging Competitions, Parades of Prize-winning Cattle and Ponies, and Band Programmes.

Auction Sales of Shorthorn, Aberdeen-Angus and Hereford Cows and Heifers will be held on the Wednesday morning of the Show; Auction Sales of Kerry, Jersey, British Friesian and Ayrshire Cattle and Irish Large White Pigs will be held on the Thursday morning.

Copies of the Advance Programme of the Show and Sale can be obtained, free of charge, from the Royal Dublin Society, Ballsbridge, Dublin.

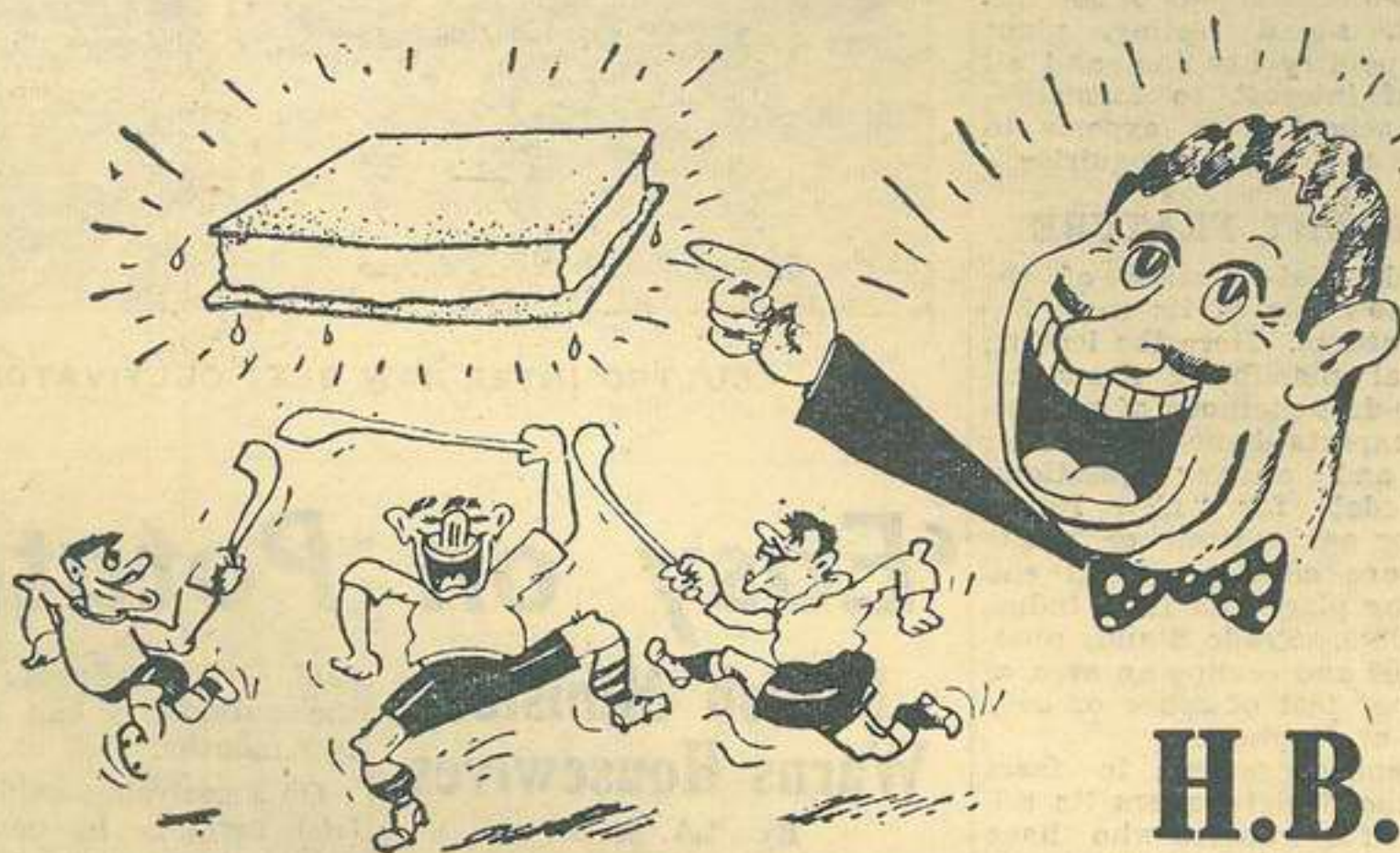


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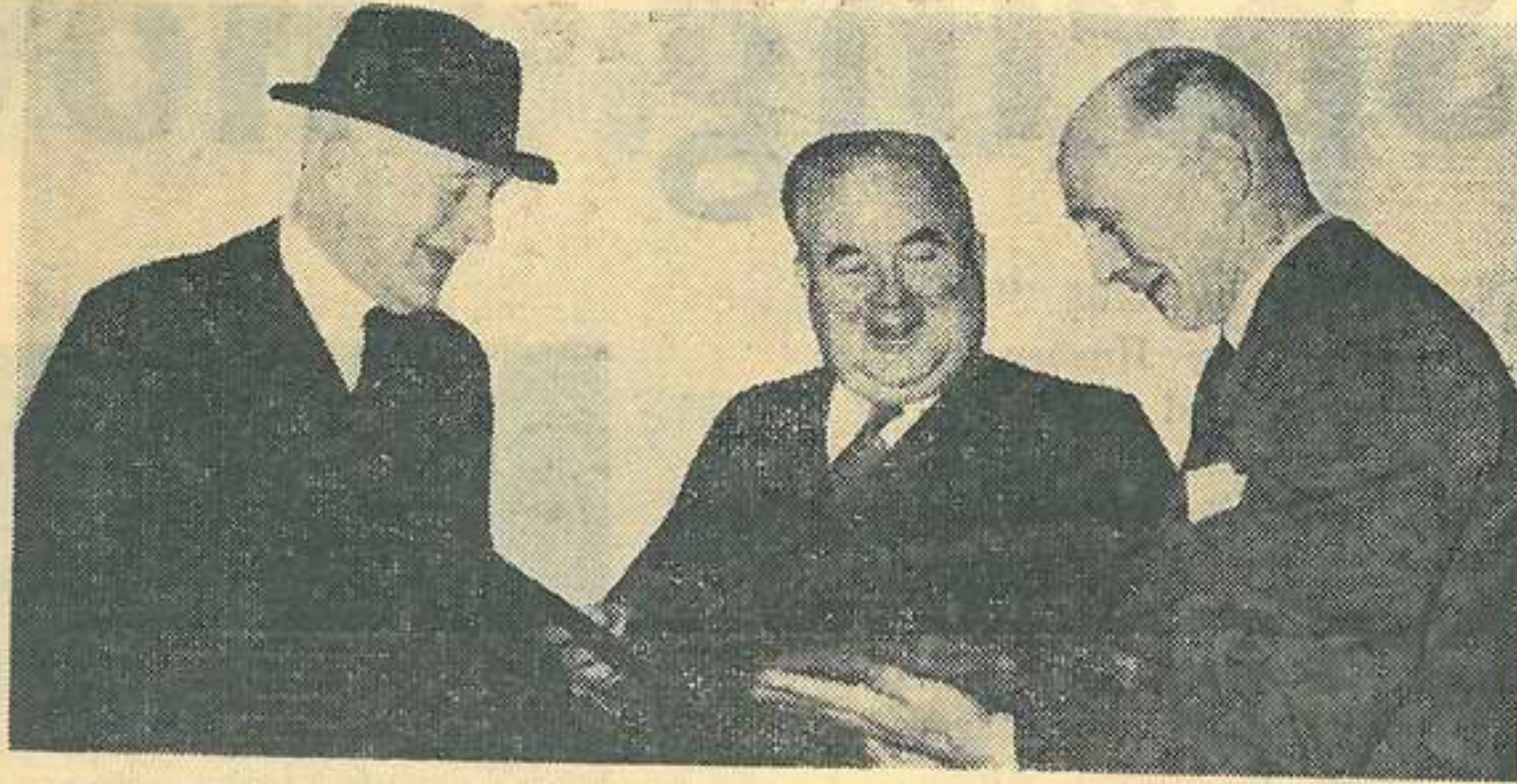
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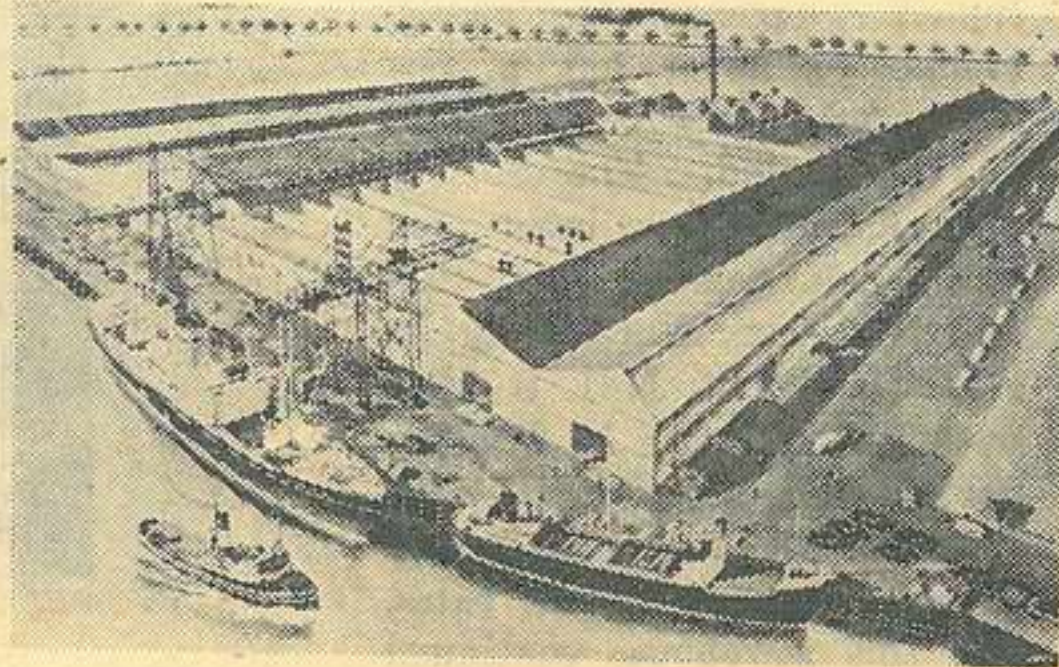
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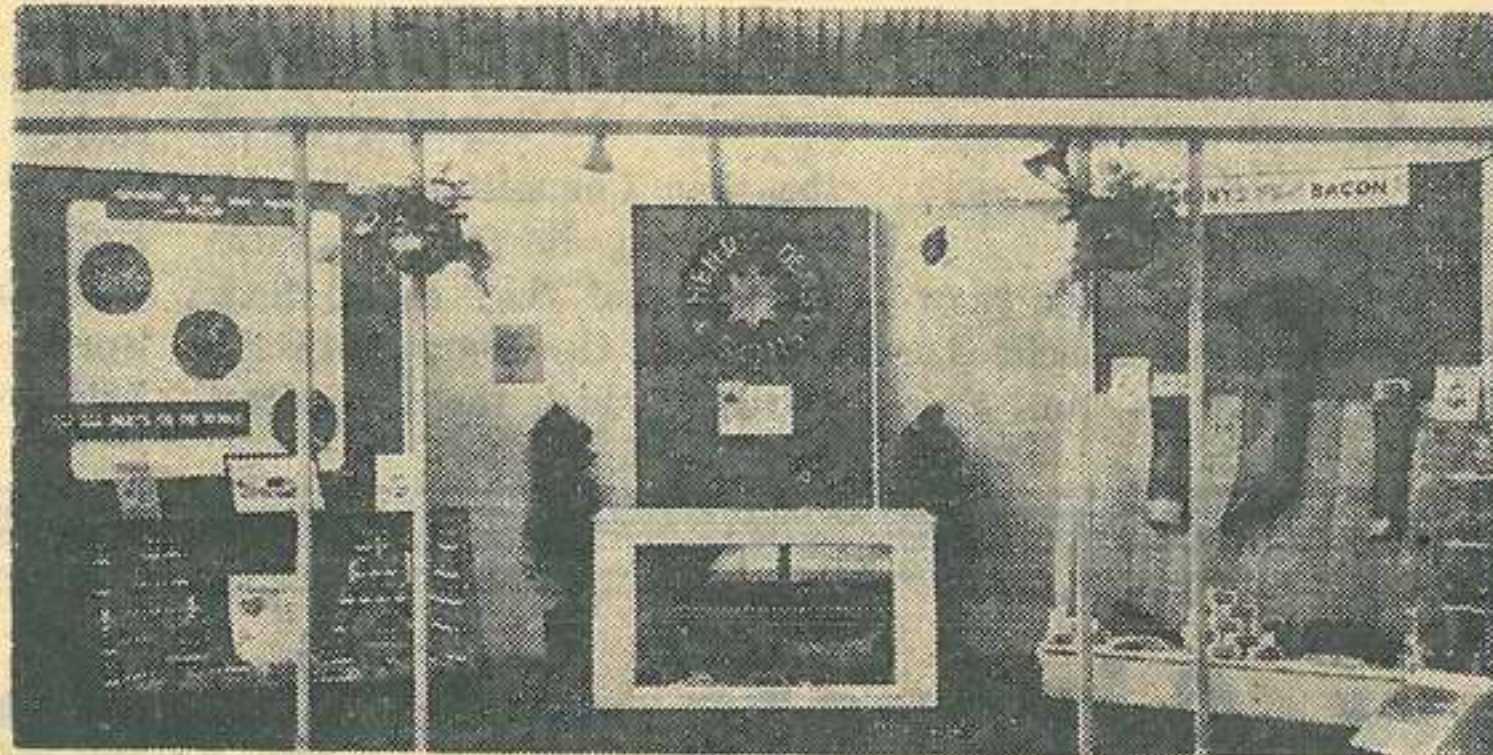
Minister, Mr. Norton (centre) took a close interest in all sections of Carroll's Tobacco factory when he paid a visit prior to the R.D.S. With him are Chairman Mr. James Carroll, and Mr. M. Kerley (right) in the cut tobacco section.



The new Allen garden sweeper.



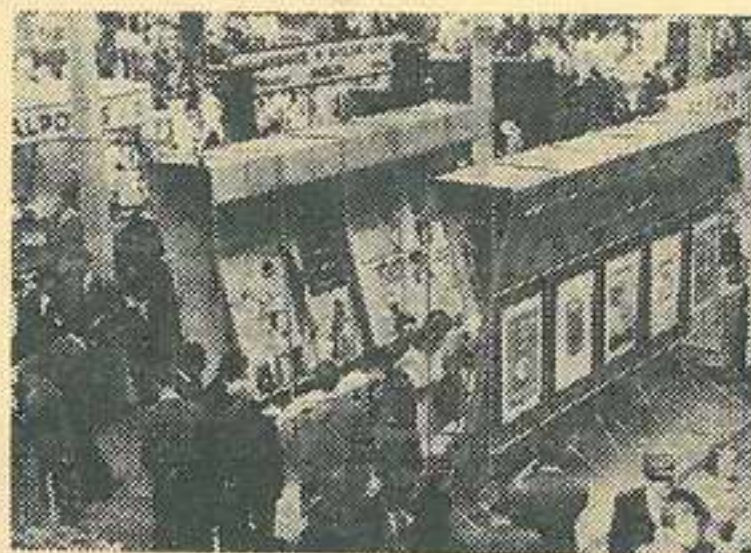
Aerial view of Fords, one of the largest exhibitors.



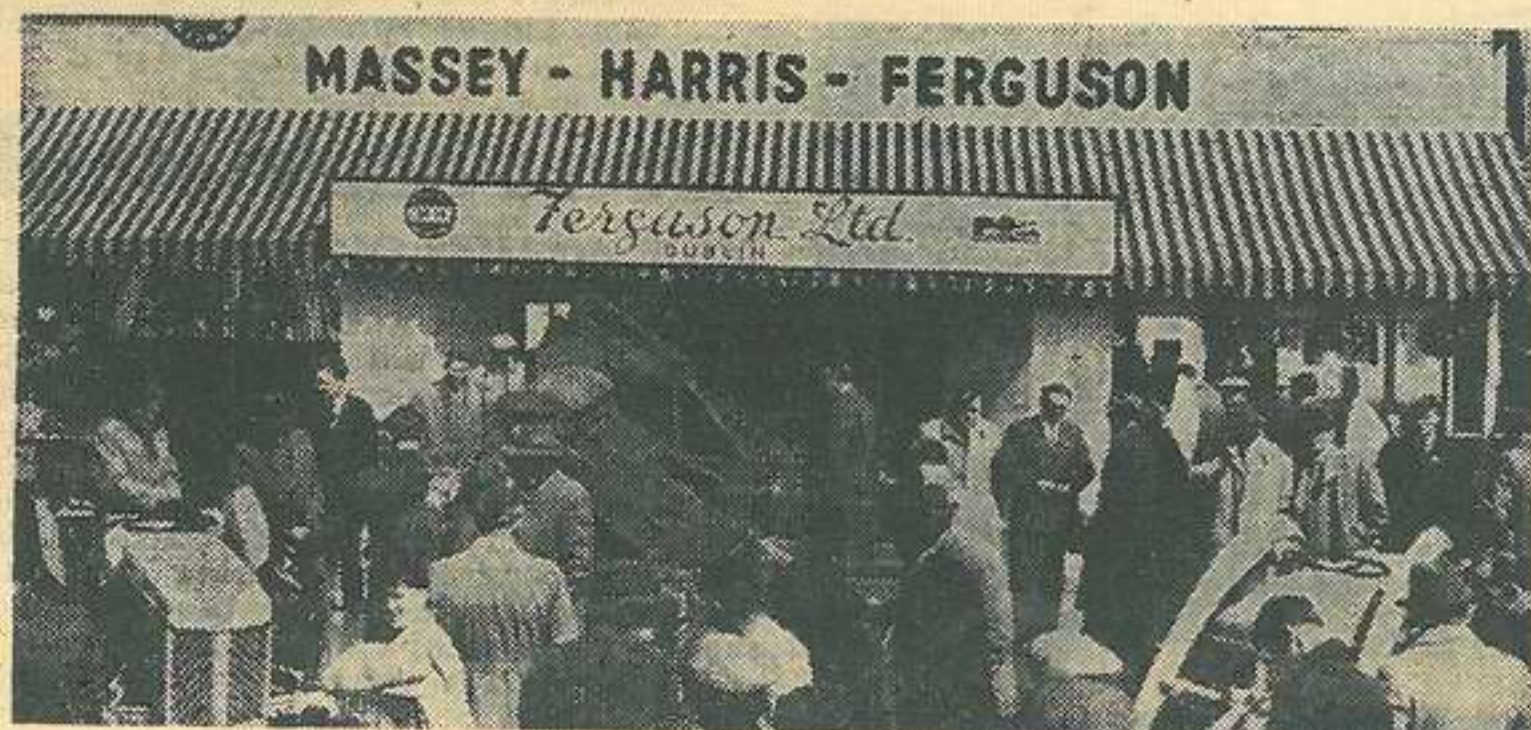
Dennys show a wide display of products.



A segment of the transport park.



Department of Health stand at the R.D.S.



Ferguson shows new equipment.

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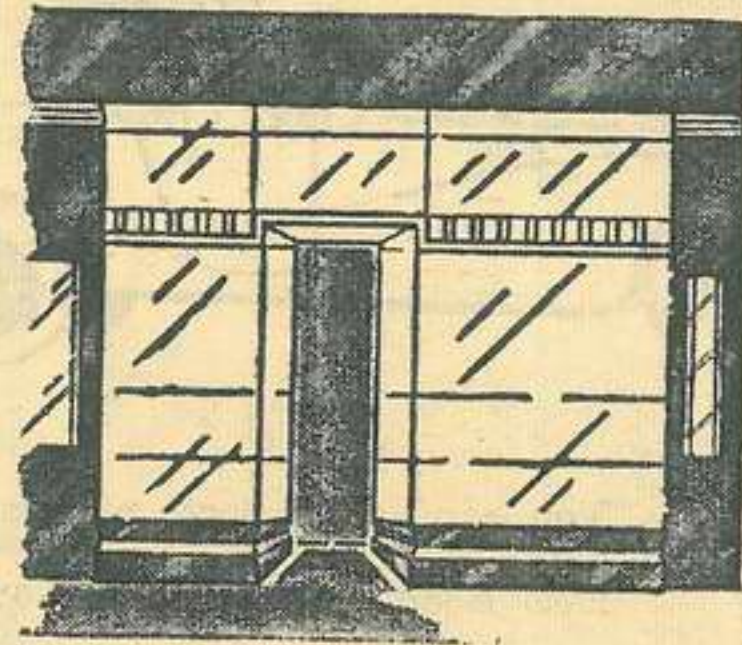


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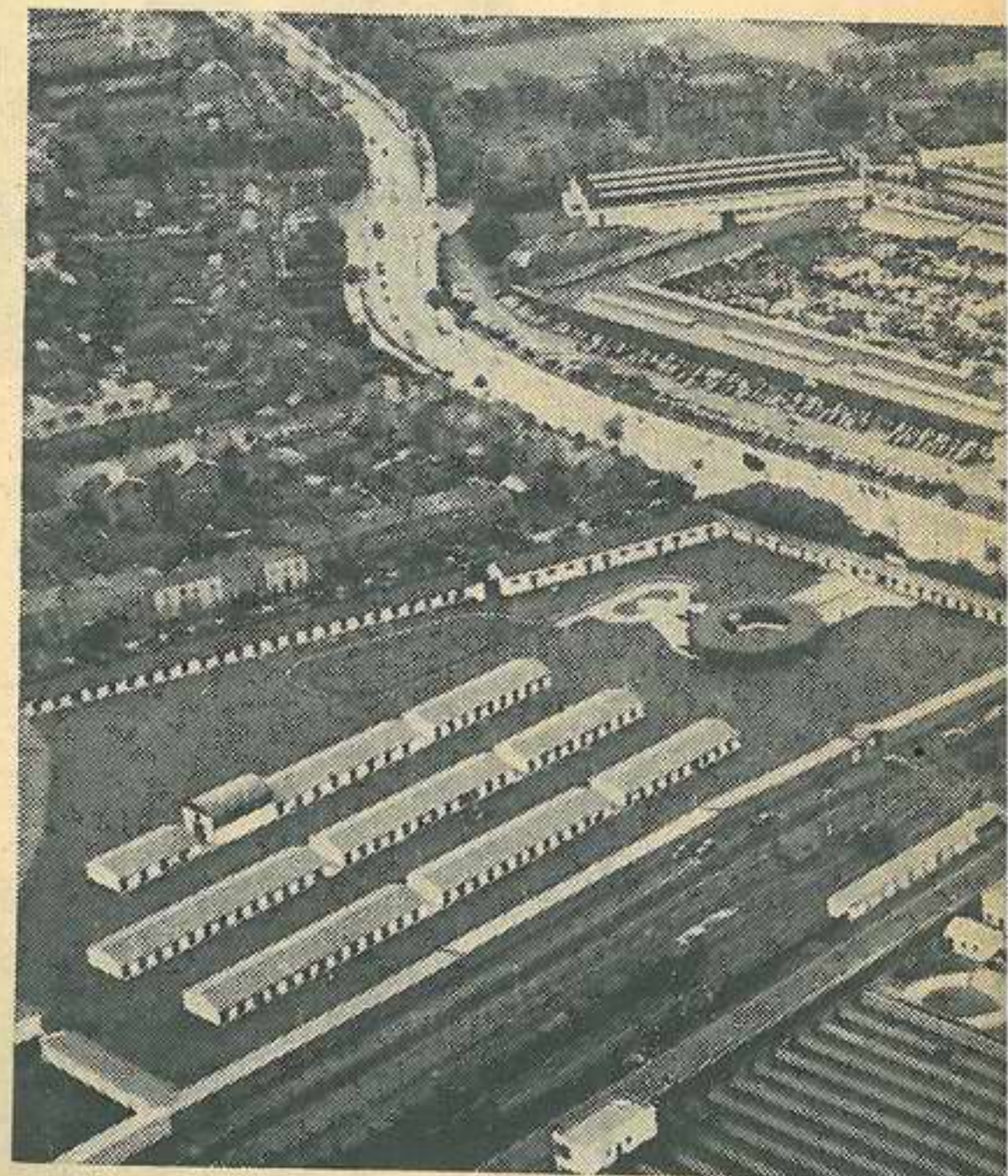
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Development

Spring Show T

FOUNDED in 1731 "for improving Husbandry, Manufactures, and other Useful Arts," the Royal Dublin Society, even in the earliest days of its history, played an active part in promoting industry. To commence with, this chiefly took the form of offering premiums which covered the production of a wide variety of articles—earthenware, lace, damask, spinning cotton, glass, buttons, carpets, stockings, malt liquor, agricultural implements, to name but a few items from its Premium Lists of the period. The Society also played a prominent part in the management of the Silk and Woollen Warehouses of that time. In 1781 it took over a warehouse in Poolbeg Street and stocked it with farm implements which it supplied to farmers at low rates, and this warehouse continued to operate for several years. In 1834 it held its first Exhibition of Manufactures in the grounds of Leinster House, which was then its headquarters, and this laid the foundation of a triennial Exhibition which was continued until 1864.

In the meantime, in the year 1831, the Society had held its first Spring Show in the



This specially taken aerial photograph

grounds of Leinster House; this was described as a "Show of Cattle," and its success far exceeded the expectations of the then Committee. The results were, in fact, so satisfactory that they ended their report on the Show with the words "which the Committee

are sanguine enough to think has laid the foundation for much useful improvement." Thus originated what is known to-day as the Royal Dublin Society's Spring Show and Industries Fair.

From 1831 onwards the Spring Show continued to be held annually, but it was in

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Horse Show Stand

THE Aer Lingus Stand used at the Horse Show, 1955, will be the same for the 1956 Spring Show with a change of panels which, this year, will feature the new £20 Paris fare and services to Barcelona, Edinburgh, Jersey, Isle of Man, Lourdes, and Air Freight, and a new moving unit depicting our destinations. The floor dimensions of the Stand are 20' x 12' and the Stand is timber and metal constructed. A space behind the booking counter houses a back projector, showing travel films on a screen.

The Stand was designed by Guus Melai and built by Innis Gibson, with panels prepared by Modern Display Artists Limited.

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of the R.D.S Trade Exhibition



Shows the R.D.S. Grounds at Ballsbridge.

1881, when it was first held at Ball's Bridge, that the foundations of its trade exhibition were laid, for, in conjunction with the Show that year, a small display of Farming Implements and Machinery was arranged in the Main Hall. Slowly at first, but later with increasing speed,

this display expanded. It outgrew the Main Hall and the balconies surrounding the Hall, and had to be partly accommodated in uncovered outdoor space. This was prior to the 1914-1918 war. On the resumption of the Spring Show in 1919, the Society was determined to spare no efforts

to build up a great National Agricultural and Industrial Show, and the expansion of both agricultural and industrial sides of the Show was rapid. Some idea of the extent of this development can be gauged from the fact that whilst the 1919 Spring Show comprised 298 entries of stock and 120 Trade Stands, at the Spring Show of to-day the entries of stock, etc., number over 1,500 and the Trade Stands over 400.

To-day the Spring Show provides over 230,000 super feet of space for Trade Stands, or, to put it another way, over two miles of Trade Stand frontage, and of this over 180,000 square feet is covered space.

The Show and Fair, which is often termed "The Shop Window of Ireland," presents a combination of Agriculture and Industry in happy interdependence; to the Agriculturalist it affords an opportunity to gain first-hand information of the latest agricultural and industrial developments which will help him in his work and home, whilst the manufacturer is able to avail himself of the fine publicity medium which this great gathering of over 150,000 people ensures.

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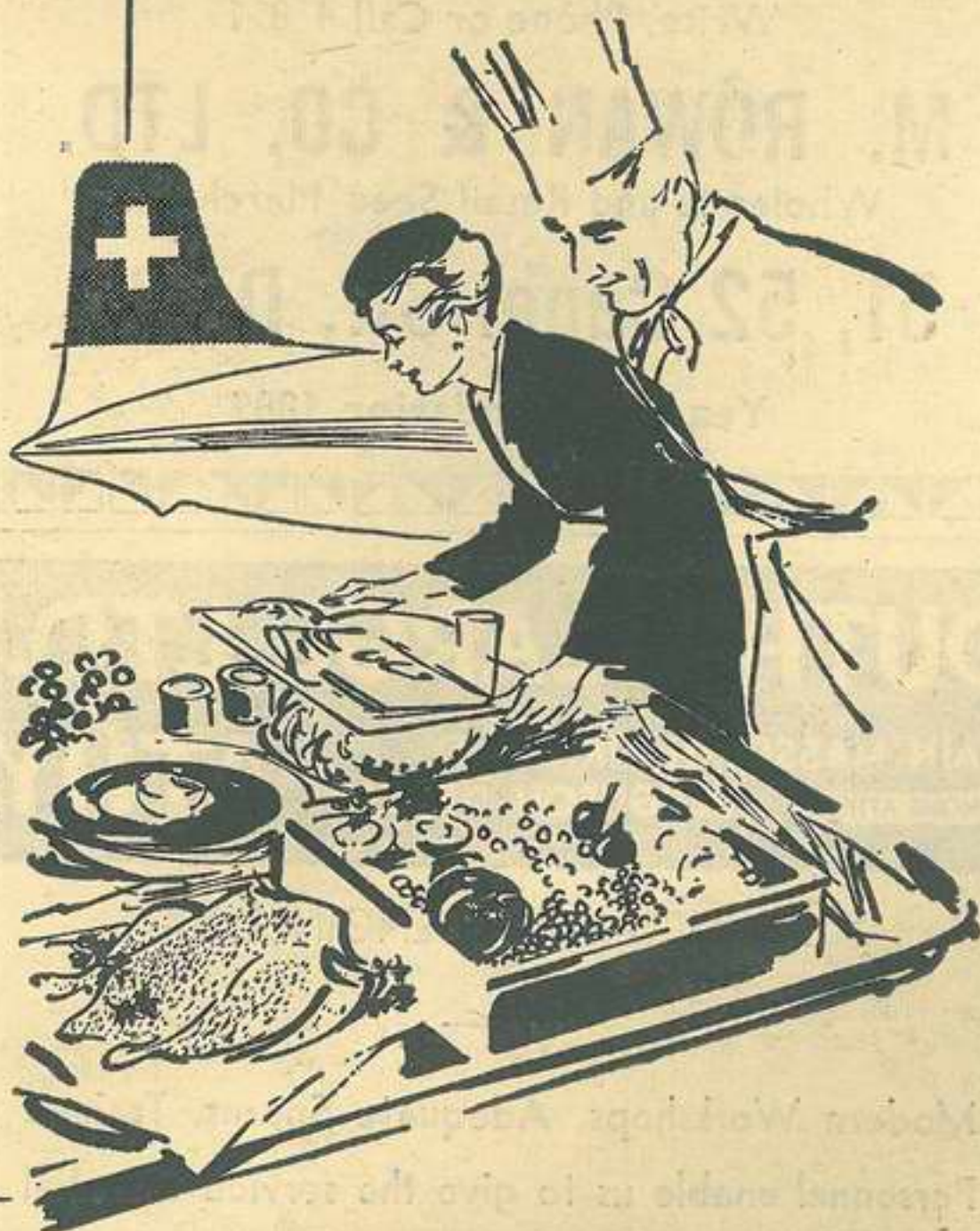
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Exhibits of Irish manufacturers to be seen at the Show is that of Paul & Vincent, Ltd., the fertiliser manufacturers. This company was shown at their first exhibit, consisting of a quantity of fertiliser, at the Royal Dublin Society's Show in the Kildare Street yards in April, 1843. The company's trade exhibits in the years 1844, 1845 and 1846 gained a silver medal for "the cheapness and

simplicity of construction of their machinery."

Over the past one hundred and fourteen years the company has played a prominent and important part in the development of Irish Agriculture, and can claim to be the oldest established fertiliser manufacturers in Ireland. To-day, superphosphate as well as a full range of phosphatic fertilisers and compound fertilisers, in both powder and granular form, are produced in the company's factory at Sir John Rogerson's Quay.



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Plant Protection products on display include 'Agroxone' K the selective weedkiller, 'Perenox' a potato fungicide and the 'Mergamma' range of seed dressings.

G.E. REFERENCE NO. R.D.S. 1

THE REDUCINE CO., LTD., ARDEE RD., RATHMINES, DUBLIN

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REDUCINE can be obtained from all Chemists and Saddlers, and will be on exhibition at the Spring Show at Stand No. 4.

G.E. REFERENCE NO. R.D.S. 2

THE ATHLONE MINERAL WATER CO.

Only established in 1949, The Athlone Mineral Water Co., Ltd., has already built up a very wide connection and big reputation for all its products in the Midlands. The orange which they manufacture under the trade name of "Cal-ora" has an outstanding appeal to the general public and is considered by connoisseurs to be one of the best orange drinks made in the country.

They have recently secured the sole rights to bottle the famous Devon "Cidro" which is the king amongst non-alcoholic cider drinks. Dry Ginger Ale is another line they take pride in.

We can easily realise that the rapid success of this firm is only natural when we learn that it is a Branch of Messrs. Wm. J. Dwan & Sons, Thurles. Bill Dwan is a well known Gaelic figure in the South, and includes on his staff some of Tipperary's outstanding hurlers. At present he has on his payroll Pat Stakelum, John Hough Pat Devaney and Bob Stakelum (Hollycross), all well known Tipperary inter-county hurlers.

Manager in Athlone is John Maher, who before coming to Athlone was manager in the parent factory in Thurles for six years. Well known and highly popular in Athlone, he is almost as well known for his G.A.A. activities as he is for his breaking of the thirsh barrier in the midlands. Since coming to town John has been closely associated with the Athlone Club and spends much time and energy in organising hurling leagues and competitions.

G.E. REFERENCE NO. R.D.S. 3

D. H. SHERRARD AND CO., LTD.

The well known Cork firm of farm machinery importers and distributors trading as D. H.

Sherrard & Co., Ltd., was started twenty-five years ago by a farmer who found that adequate mechanisation was the only answer to disastrous livestock prices and hot competition in milk, eggs and other farm produce.

The policy of the company from the first was to concentrate on machines for use on land, and it has been rigidly adhered to. Tempting offers to engage in either the motor trade or the seed trade have been consistently turned down and this policy of specialisation has proved conspicuously successful.

Within five years of its foundation this small Company was sending tractors all over Ireland and expansion became so rapid that a Limited Company with increased capital had to be formed to cope with the ever growing demand for its services.

As the founder of the firm has remained on as managing director of the present concern the Company's policy remains unchanged and farm equipment is now imported from England, U.S.A. and Denmark.

Rotary cultivation was introduced to Ireland when, after extensive tests with British and other rotary cultivators, Messrs. Sherrard decided to import and market the Howard Rotavator line of farm and garden rotary cultivators.

Other well known machines imported by the firm include Silorator Forage Harvesters, Hayter Rotary Mowers, Allen Motor Scythes, Skyhi Hydraulic Loaders, Dania grain and seed dressing machines, Combines, Grain Blowers, etc., Holbaek potato planters, Brillion grass seed drills, Platypus Crawler tractors, Howard Rotavators, Bog tractors, Solus Manure Spreaders, etc.

The original policy of testing out all new machinery before offering for sale is still carried on.

G.E. REFERENCE NO. R.D.S. 4

LANCEGAYE SAFETY GLASS (IRELAND)

Lancegaye Safety Glass (Ireland) Ltd. is one of the few firms whose products literally travel to every corner of the country—it manufactures Safety Glass, either laminated or toughened, and this in the form of windscreens, door glasses, etc., is fitted in practically every car assembled in the twenty-six counties.

The Company was formed in 1937 in association with an English Company but after the end of the Emergency it became completely independent. The outbreak of the last war virtually closed down the factory at Templemore as cars almost disappeared from the Irish roads. By the manufacture of the small quantities of Safety Glass required during that period together with the assembly and sale of imported mirror glass and other decorative items such as Splash-backs and Fire Screens, etc., the Company managed to keep the factory alive and avoid a complete closure.

The end of the Emergency brought a heavy demand for cars throughout the country with a subsequent demand for Safety Glass and during the last ten years Lancegaye have supplied an increasing number of cars so that today every popular model of car is fitted with Irish manufactured Safety Glass. This product is also fitted to C.I.E. Buses and Trains and for vehicles of G.N.R. Board.

The works is situated in the small town of Templemore in Co. Tipperary and in the last few years has more than doubled its size and incidentally its number of employees so that now almost one hundred persons are engaged in a very modern factory under ideal conditions.

For those who are not aware of this Irish made product, although in such general use throughout the

country, Laminated Safety Glass consists of two pieces of thin glass bonded together with an interlayer of Cellulose Acetate. Should this glass receive a severe impact it will crack but will not shatter or fly. The Toughened Safety Glass consists of a single heavier piece of glass which is heat-treated and processed so as to resist impacts far greater than those of the plate glass.

G.E. REFERENCE NO. R.D.S. 5



Entirely new model refrigerator shown by Electrolux.

ATKINS OF DUNMANWAY

Almost eighty years ago the late John Atkins of Dunmanway felt that there should be an opening for another firm of agricultural merchants in Cork. When he was

making enquiries about someone to manage it a friend suggested that a suitable person would be an active young man by the name of Joe Wolfe, who was at that time managing a similar business in Bandon.

In due course in 1882 the firm of John Atkins and Co. opened as a partnership between John Atkins and Joseph Wolfe. The first premises was on the South Mall where the firm still carries on a hardware trade. Joseph Wolfe, the working partner, came from a small farm in Ballydehob. A younger son of a large family, even though his real interest was in farming, he had to find a living away from it as many do to-day. With the practical outlook of a born farmer he was able to give considerable assistance and advice to other small farmers who were at that time coming into possession of their tenant holdings. The business snowballed rapidly and before long a larger premises was opened a few doors away—where the horticultural side of the company is now concentrated.

In 1903 the firm now of considerable size was registered as a limited company. Later, further branches were added in Clonakilty and Dingle, and other small premises were acquired in Cork.

Last year it was found expedient to "hive off" the rapidly expanding wholesale fertiliser side of the business and a subsidiary company with the name Cork Fertilizer Distributors, Ltd., was formed with new stores located on Monahan Road. At the same time it was decided to bring in some extra capital.

The members of the board feel strongly that much will be lost if private companies where a large part of the ownership is vested in these directors, should gradually disappear. In Britain, a country of

much large industry, it is computed that over 40 per cent. of employment is given by a small and medium sized privately owned business such as we have in this country.

The directors of John Atkins and Co. decided to invite the staff to subscribe to the new fertilizer compounding and distributing company. The response was considerably greater than was expected and 25 per cent. of a not inconsiderable capital was quickly subscribed by them. A demonstration that Irish workers are willing and indeed keen to take economic responsibility.

G.E. REFERENCE NO. R.D.S. 6

O.K. GARAGES LTD.

Throughout the West, South and East of Co. Cork, the name of O.K. Garages, Ltd., of Victoria Cross, Cork, holds an outstanding reputation for first class servicing and perfect installation of the "Ferguson Farm Equipment System." By 1955, only eight years after being appointed Main Ferguson Dealers, this very progressive firm had the proud distinction of being the first firm in Ireland to sell one thousand Ferguson Tractors.

In addition to the successful marketing of the "Ferguson System," O.K. Garages, Ltd., have built up a reputation for the more expensive cars and have also concentrated in the development of the Commercial Vehicle business having been particularly associated with the popular Vulcan Truck which as Irish Distributors they sold extensively throughout the country. In more recent years, they have been responsible for the introduction to this country, of the Guy and Trojan Commercial Vehicles and have opened a special branch at Dublin for the distribution and servicing of the well known Perkins Diesel Engine.

When did this development begin? In the early thirties, Mr. James P. O'Keeffe started a workshop at Victoria Cross, and with a small staff, set the corner stone, of what is to-day one of the largest and best known garage concerns in the country.

In 1945, an impressive show-rooms was built together with a modern suite of offices and at the same time, the service space of the garage was enlarged to many times its original size. Later in 1955, the premises were further expanded. This latter extension of the premises is now in the process of becoming an exclusive agricultural department, having its own special sales, service and office staff.

On being appointed Main Perkins Dealers for this country, O.K. Garages Ltd. set about the pioneering, organisation and distribution of this widely known Diesel Unit. Special lectures accompanied by films dealing with every aspect of the technical and general maintenance of the engine were arranged throughout the whole country.

In 1947 the firm were appointed Main Ferguson Dealers for a large portion of Cork County. With the advent of the Ferguson Tractor fitted with the Standard Motor Company engine, backed by the Ferguson idea of "on-the-field" service and the enrolment of their first tractor salesman, the name of O.K. Garages Ltd. became better and better known in agricultural circles.

Managing Director, Mr. James P. O'Keeffe under whose guidance the firm was built to its present proportions, is also associated with a number of other well known industrial firms in the country.

G.E. REFERENCE NO. R.D.S. 7

POWER'S WHISKEY

Their stand at the Spring Show consists of a mahogany show case displaying our Gold and White Label bottles on revolving tables, with samples of the finest native malt and barley. At each corner stands an oak cask bearing hydrangeas, and above the stand hangs an impressive cask of large dimension.

G.E. REFERENCE NO. R.D.S. 8

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Personal Representatives of the Company are always in attendance and are only too pleased to answer all enquiries.

G.E. REFERENCE NO. R.D.S. 11

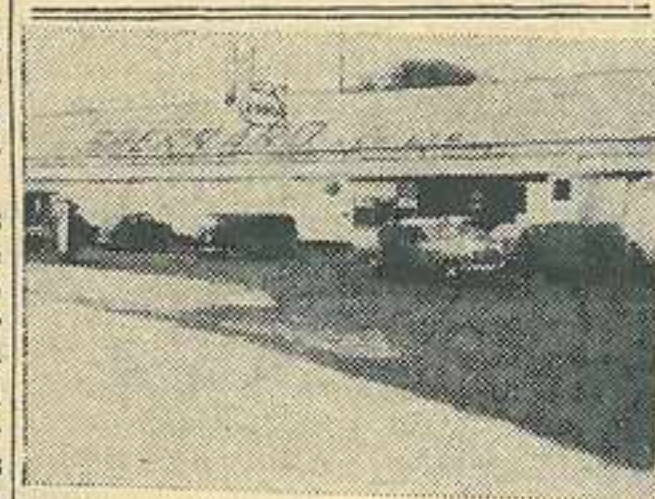
FISONS PEST CONTROL

Fisons Pest Control Limited's very considerable range of agricultural spray chemicals and machinery is exhibited. Herbicides include those for weed control in cereals, pastures, leys and legume—i.e., Phenoxyline Plus, Denocate, Sevtox, Phordene, Phorderster and also a scrub killer Phordex 75, Tecane for the control of scutch grass, and a new total weed-killer Karmex W, which is effective for periods of over a year.

Insecticides include the D.D.T. products Sillortox and Flebetox, the systematic insecticides Pestox 3 and 99 and the Aldrin and Dieldrin based products Toxadrin and Supadiel respectively, for the control of soil and other pests.

The dual purpose seed dressing Sedox, which combines the fungicidal and insecticidal properties of mercury and Dieldrin, is also exhibited.

For the potato grower, Blitox—



A small part of the large modern premises of Sherrards at Cork.

a high/low volume blight preventative—and Foliatox for haulm defoliation are shown.

In the machinery range the Weedmaster 30—a low volume machine—and the Feldmaster 150—high/low volume machine—are exhibited and information is available on the remainder of the Fisons Pest Control Limited range of machines.

Of particular interest is the new Weedmaster range, which is designed to be mounted on almost any tractor, having a three-point linkage. This machine has a corrosion-resistant lined tank and three-stage filtration, permitting the application of all low-volume spray chemicals, including hormone weed-killers, emulsions, etc. The phosphor-bronze gear pump, which has been specially designed for use with agricultural chemicals has an output of three and a-half gallons per minute at 40 p.s.i. at 500 r.p.m. The outer spraybars are spring-hinged to prevent damage, and provide a total spray width of 19' 6". A single handle controls the supply of chemicals to the spraybars and in the "off" position the liquid is drawn back into the tank to prevent drip.

Comprehensive technical information on the use of all these products is available as a result of Fisons Pest Control's worldwide practical experience, and extensive research and development work.

G.E. REFERENCE NO. R.D.S. 12

GASCOIGNES MILKING MACHINERY

The most important of the Gascoigne Exhibits on Stand No. 318 in the Machinery Paddock is the Gascoigne Electronic Milker which has been produced after many years of development and research. It is a very reliable and uniform means of controlling pulsations and, being electronic, it accurately provides a predetermined phase and speed of pulsations these being set, respectively, to 3-1 ratio and 60 per minute. This combination ensures absolute uniformity in pulsations in all bucket units or milking points in an Auto-Recorder plant, as well as ensuring fast, clean and safe

milking. In practice users generally find that—when converting to this system—about 20 per cent. is saved in milking time and the cows tend to give 10 per cent. more milk.

The Electronic System can be applied to all types of milking plants, most of which will be exhibited on the Stand—prices from £95 for new plants and £60-£70 for Electronic Conversions on existing milking plants.

The Gascoigne Rotofreeze is well-known to farmers who wish to ensure the milk is cooled rapidly and efficiently as soon as possible after coming from the cow.

Another essential for the Dairy farmer in the production of clean milk and for the control of mastitis is Lactosan 66 which is an all-purpose concentrated dairy sanitant, ideal for udder washing and for cleaning dairy equipment.

G.E. REFERENCE NO. R.D.S. 13

ABERDARE ELECTRIC CO.

The display at this year's Show is devoted entirely to the twin products Hydrodare Polythene

Plastic Tubing and Aquadare Centrifugal Deep and Shallow Well Pumps. The former has enjoyed immense popularity since first it was manufactured by this Company some three years or so ago and is now firmly established as a conventional means of distributing cold water supplies. The range of sizes from ½" to 2" and the provision also for heavy gauge tube means that Hydrodare is available for almost every application. The display illustrates quite clearly the various applications for Hydrodare, the ease of installation and many characteristics which make this type of tubing such an economic purchase as compared with the range of metal tubes available.

Aquadare Pumps are now taking their place among the range of pumps offered in the country, but are unique in so far as this is the only completely Irish produced centrifugal jet pump available. Its robust manufacture recommends it for all installations, particularly where exceptionally onerous conditions are to be met. It is ideally suited for many applications both domestic and agri-

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LANZ AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY

As far back as 1921 Messrs. Heinrich Lanz, Manheim, Germany, developed a unique Single Electric Diesel Engine working on the two cycle principle without valves.

Since that time the firm has developed and has gone from strength to strength until at the present time they employ over 16,000 men.

At their two factories Lanz manufacture a wide range of farm machinery including 8 Model Tractors, Binders, Mowers, Potato and Beet Lifters, Hay and Silage saving equipment.

They claim to be the largest manufacturers of agricultural machinery in Europe.

A full range of their machines may be inspected at Stand No. 280 at the Spring Show.

G.E. REFERENCE NO. R.D.S. 9

P. J. CARROLL AND CO., CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO

Why a cigarette made in Dundalk should have been named from a ballad by the Scottish poet, Robert Burns, is not generally known. Burns' poetry has always been especially popular there. A

sister of the famous "Rabbie" is buried in the cemetery almost directly opposite the Carroll factory, and there is a Burns society in the town.

The appositeness of the quotation "Flow gently, Sweet Afton . . ." came quickly therefore, to the minds of those who were christening the new cigarette in 1919.

A favourite pipe tobacco is "Mick McQuaid" and some people have wondered where the name came from. In 1888, a popular Irish weekly called "The Shamrock" published in serial form Lynam's novel, which took the form of imaginary conversations between Mick McQuaid, who was a great pipe smoker, and another character called Terry McGarrity. Mick McQuaid several times mentioned Carroll's tobacco, so Mr. V. S. Carroll took the name when he brought out his fine new blend of plug.

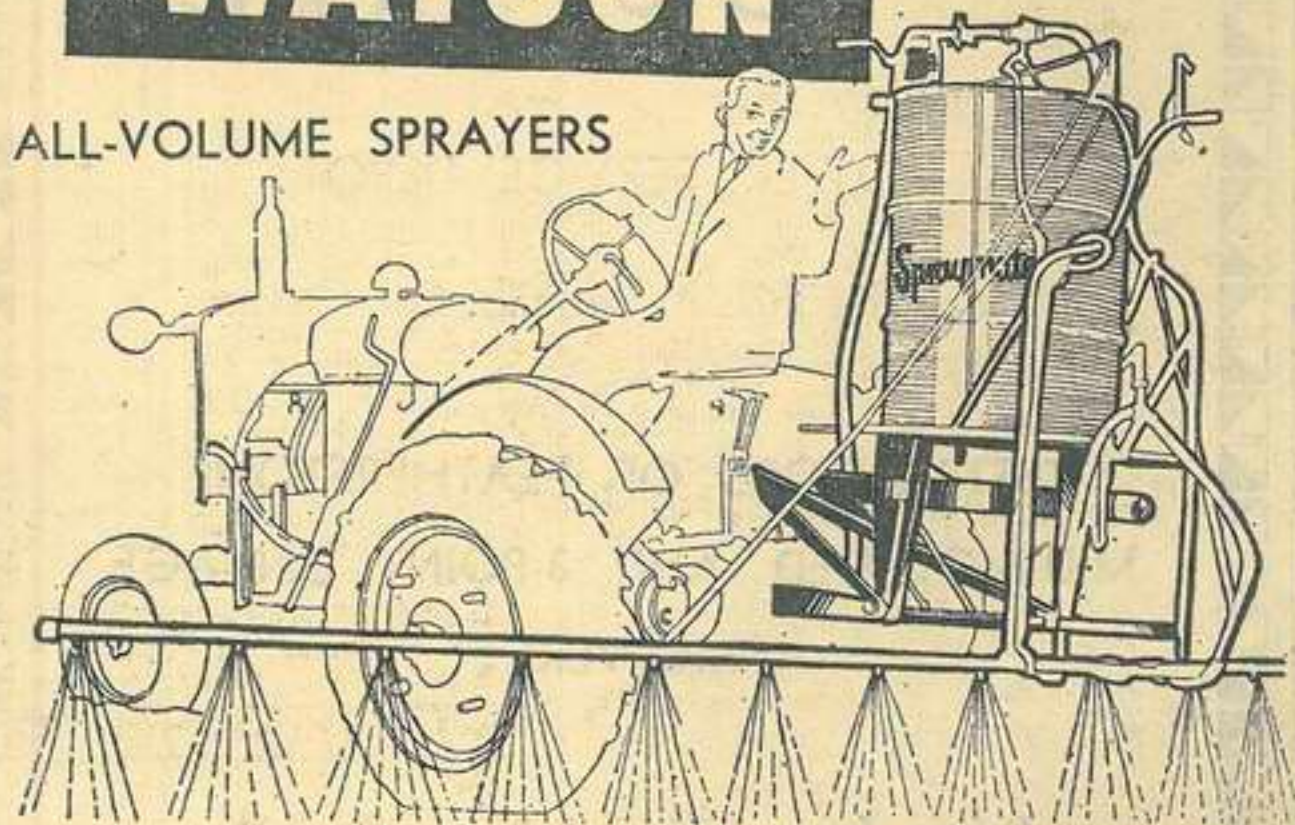
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DENNY'S MEAT PRODUCTS

Henry Denny and Sons, Ltd., have their customary stand in the Industrial Hall. This Firm who have been established in Ireland for nearly 150 years, have an attractive display of their world famous "Star" Brand Bacon, Sausages, Cooked Hams, Cooked Meat and various lines of Canned Meat. One particularly attractive line in this latter range is something

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Round the Stands

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cultural and in addition, has already proved its worth in industrial use. Both deep well and shallow well pumps will be on view at the stand and will be operating under working conditions. A qualified staff will be available to give any information required on both Aquadare and Hydrodare, and it is felt that a visit to the stand by those contemplating the installation of water supplies would be well worth-while.

G.E. REFERENCE NO. R.D.S. 14

MASSEY-HARRIS FERGUSON

Massey-Harris-Ferguson have announced that half a million Ferguson Tractors have been produced by the Standard Motor Company at Coventry during the last nine years. Over 318,000 of these valued at 120 million pounds have gone to 117 countries. There are now Ferguson tractors on over 50% of all British farms.

By comparison, in the 32 Counties there are approximately 50,000 tractors. Of these, over 30,000 are Ferguson. This compares with Britain's total tractor

population of 470,000 and Denmark's of 64,000, while Sweden has a tractor to every 1.4 farms over 50 acres.

The production of Massey-Harris-Ferguson equipment, Combines, Balers, Tractors and a complete range of agricultural machinery takes place in some forty factories all over the world. The two largest export markets for Ferguson tractors are Scandinavia where, in the five countries, there are now 86,617 and Australia where there are 51,075. Other important overseas markets include South Africa (21,040), France (38,793), New Zealand (17,190) and India (9,757). Ferguson Tractors are to be found in Fiji (618), Channel Islands (713) and Leeward Islands (54) as well as with two Antarctic Expeditions.

THE MAN

Some seventy years ago, there was born on a farm, between Drogheda and Lisburn, Co. Down, the man who was destined to think in millions—Harry Ferguson.

Consider some of his achievements:

Opened his first business in Belfast while still in his teens; started a motor business in Belfast and in Dublin; was the first Irishman to build and fly his own aeroplane;

stormed a world market 20 years ago with a revolutionary idea which is still being copied to-day; became the only partner Henry Ford ever had; formed a British business which exported its produce to 117 countries; amalgamated with a Canadian Company to form Massey-Harris-Ferguson; resigned from the Company to devote his dynamic energy to developing a new conception of a transport vehicle.

THE INVENTION

Why is the Ferguson Tractor so revolutionary?

Before the invention of the Ferguson System a tractor merely did what power animals had been doing for thousands of years—dragging the implement over the soil. With Mr. Ferguson's design, however, the implement was carried by the tractor, becoming one unit with the tractor, and was raised and lowered at the touch of a finger.

The entire weight and pressure of the implement was, therefore, transferred to the tractor. This gave automatic extra traction as it was needed, and the depth at which the implement worked was controlled automatically. This meant that Mr. Ferguson's Tractor, using mounted implements, could now work under conditions hitherto impossible.

This is what is now known throughout the world as the Ferguson System. It revolutionised agricultural mechanisation and formed the basic pattern to be followed by tractor manufacturers all over the world.

G.E. REFERENCE NO. R.D.S. 15

CHEMICAL SERVICES LTD.

Chemical Services Limited supply a very effective weed controller in TRIACIDE (DNOC wettable powder). This product has been specially formulated for low volume spraying but is also suitable for medium or high volume application.

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For autumn application 4 lb. to the acre is sufficient and in very heavy soils up to 5 lb. is permitted.

The product is also used on many other crops and is available in handy tins of 6 lb. net.

G.E. REFERENCE NO. R.D.S. 16

DAVID BROWN

The centre of attraction at the David Brown stand will be the new revolutionary 2D tractor which was introduced to the Irish market for the first time this year. Virtually a mobile tool bar, the David Brown 2D is the nearest approach yet to everyman's tractor from the point of view of low initial cost, economical fuel consumption, versatility and efficiency. All the specially designed tools for the 2D are underslung so as to be entirely within the driver's vision thereby enabling even the unskilled operator to work to extremely close limits when row-cropping. Most of the tools are carried on mid-mounted common tool bar and this arrangement has enabled the manufacturers to offer basic tillage implements at a fraction of the cost of conventional rear mounted equipment. Demonstrations of the 2D have been held during the past five months throughout Ireland where the response given to this revolutionary machine has been more than enthusiastic. The tractor and implements will normally be sold in specially designed packs for different types of farms. There will be a Market Garden Pack, a Commercial Growers Pack, a Small Farm Pack, a Dairy Farm Pack and a Large Farm Pack. Farmers will thus have the advantage of mechanising their entire farms very much cheaper than it would cost to do so by buying conventional tractors and implements.

Also on display will be a David Brown 25D tractor equipped with a Traction Control Unit and fitted with a 4-furrow plough. The Traction Control Unit, which is an anti-wheel slip device, is now standard equipment on all David Brown tractors. By transferring the weight of the implement on to the rear wheels the T.C.U. eliminates wheel slip when ploughing even when conditions to the farmer make ploughing impos-

sible. Since the first announcement of this valuable device, the Traction Control Unit has been further developed and a T.C.U. trailer attachment is now in production.

The new David Brown-Albion 'B' type plough will also be exhibited and these will be considerably stronger in construction than previous ploughs. They will also contain many detailed improvements.

David Brown Tractors (Eire) Ltd., will have another new implement to show in the new David Brown-Albion tool bar with its range of tools which will include ridgers, rigid tines, coil spring tines, independent gang hoes.

In addition to the foregoing new machinery, the well known David Brown range of tractors will also be on show. These will include the 25D and 30D tractors which have become so popular with Irish farmers over the past years. In addition there will be a representative selection of Associated implements including a Horn-Draulic loader and Rotavator on view.

On the stand of Harrison, McGregor & Guest Ltd., a David Brown Associate Company, the new David Brown-Albion Combine will be shown for the first time in this country. These P.T.O. driven Combines will be available in time for the coming harvest where they should prove very popular with the Irish farmers. Main features of this 5' Combine will be its very heavy free-wheeling drum, the substantial straw capacity, and the easily made adjustments (which can be made while the machine is actually working). These features are mainly responsible for the exceptionally high output and the good quality sample obtained. The ability of this Combine to lift tangled and laid crops is outstanding. One user has claimed that when cutting grain in the rain and under bad conditions, the thresher separated the grain

from the chaff, and up to 13 statute acres a day were cut at a rate more than 1½ acres an hour.

Economical operation is another outstanding feature. Throughout tests the Combine was operated even under conditions of steep slopes (up to one in four) by a David Brown 25D tractor on 11 x 28 tyres. Checks on the fuel consumption showed the 25D to be using roughly two-third gallons to the acre or about one gallon an hour. Keenly priced at £622 the new David Brown-Albion Combine meets the demand for a machine which is capable of high output and good sample yet of robust construction.

Also featured on this stand will be the David Brown-Albion Manure Spreader and Corn Drill, two of the many David Brown-Albion implements which have proved so popular in Ireland.

G.E. REFERENCE NO. R.D.S. 17

ELECTROLUX HOME-AIDS

Would it surprise you to learn that your Electrolux suction cleaner can now be fitted to do yet another job of housework in addition to those it already does so well?

By adding an attachment which has been designed specially for use with the Model 55, you can transform your cleaner into a useful polisher.

If your home is of average size, the Electrolux Turbo Polisher Attachment, as it is called, is ideal for the polishing of linoleum and wood-block surrounds. The parquet of the hall would quickly respond to its magic touch and furniture shine like new, thanks to the sheep-wool buffer which is included with the attachment.

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And if you possess a car, there is no easier way of making the bodywork gleam than by using this Turbo Polisher Attachment.

The hot weather will soon be on its way again (we hope!) When it comes, as usual, a lot of milk will go down the drain, having "turned" over-night. With milk at 6d. a pint—who can afford to pour away an inch or two of suspect milk every other day? If we regarded it as pouring a penny or twopence down the sink, then we would be more inclined to buy a refrigerator.

A good domestic refrigerator, and there are many on the market, can save the housewife a lot of money. No longer need she shop several times a week in order to be certain of fresh goods, she can do her round of shopping mid-week when the prices are cheaper and, in her refrigerator, keep things as fresh as her grocer can in his cold storage.

Some people object to refrigerators because they think they are noisy and interfere with radio and television. This is not so with Electrolux refrigerators. They are completely silent, and operating on the absorption system (which means there are no moving parts) they do not interfere with radio and T.V.

The latest Electrolux family model is in cream, relieving by turquoise facings.

Another new Electrolux product is a floor polisher, the B.9. Those responsible for cleaning the larger home, or institutional and commercial premises, will be delighted with the performance of this new appliance.

Specially designed to enable the user to cope with the polishing of large floor areas, it has a modern

stream-lined look and is attractively coloured. The most important new feature is the unique "floating" suspension of the brushes which makes them self-adjusting to irregularities in flooring—uneven boards, etc. Another special feature of practical convenience is that when the handle is upright in the locked position, the polisher cannot be operated, but the moment it is lowered for use, the current is automatically switched on. If the handle is accidentally dropped during polishing, the polisher automatically stops. This is achieved by means of an automatic "built-in" switch.

To release the handle for starting, a pedal is incorporated in the hood of the polisher.

Another useful innovation is the new type cable release. The upper cable holder is turnable, and with a flick of the finger the entire cable is instantly released. The equipment includes two sets of brushes, one set of hard brushes for spreading the polish, another set of soft brushes for polishing, and felt discs for high gloss finishing.

G.E. REFERENCE NO. R.D.S. 18

R. A. LISTER & CO., LTD.

The 2.5kW Start-o-Matic Electric Generating Set, suitable for supplying heat, light and power, will be on display. This plant starts and stops when the load is switched on or off and produces 220 volt A.C. enabling standard electrical appliances to be operated from it.

The 1.5kW 220 volt A.C. Generating Set is also shown and this is powered by a Lister 3½ H.P. Air Cooled Diesel Engine and is started by simply pressing the

push-button, and stopped by remote control in the house, when required.

The range of Stationary Diesel, Petrol and Engines to run on Vapourising Oil, suitable for driving all types of machinery are also on display.

Engine and Electrically Driven Water Pumps for deep or shallow wells are shown and Automatic Electric Domestic type pumps, pressure operated, are demonstrated.

The full range of equipment suitable for up-to-date farms and dairies, consist of cream separators with stainless steel bowl parts. These machines can be either hand or electrically driven.

Stainless steel and triple tinned buckets of varying capacities and types are also shown.

Milk Coolers, Stands, Vessels and Strainers, and also Inchurn Coolers running on stainless steel bearings.

Butter Churns of the End-over-end and Small Rotary Type made from best quality straight grained oak and hand coopered.

Sheep Shearing and Horse Clipping Machines displayed comprise: The engine driven Sheep Shearing Set mounted on a small hand trolley. The Two-Bracket Sheep Shearing Set which can be mounted on and driven off the tractor shaft.

The Mounthill-Two Portable Sheep Shearing Set driven by a small Air Cooled Engine can be carried by one Operator and is especially suitable for hilly districts.

Hand Powered Sheep Shearing Machines, comprising Premier Model which has the Motor in the Grip, Standard and Super Electric Models complete with suspended Electric Motors driving flexible shafts and either Ace Sheep Shearing Handpieces or two types of Horse Clipping Heads.

The Vacuum Clipper, suitable for either horse or cattle, can be driven from any Milking Machine Pipeline.

The Hand Clippers complete this range.

Agricultural Machines shown are the Multi-Level Elevator with a range from ground level to a height of 17 ft. 6 ins. The well-known C.M.A. Side Delivery Rake and Swath Turner suitable for horse or tractor draught, and the semi-mounted Model, suitable for use with hydraulic lift.

The Lister Fertiliser Distributor, which can be cleaned and dismantled in 3 minutes completes the very attractive display.

A full advisory Staff will be available during the whole of the Show.

G.E. REFERENCE NO. R.D.S. 19

ADANA PRINTING MACHINES

In the Main Hall Annexe my tour of inspection was halted at the "Adana" Stand. Here I saw four or five different models of the well-known "Adana" printing machines; printing was in full swing.

These machines, some of them no larger than a typewriter, were producing professional-quality prints from standard printers' type and blocks identical with those used in the printing of this magazine.

They are in increasing demand in shops, offices and factories and in connection with printing as a spare-time hobby. I understand that the "Adana" machine has been the starting point for hundreds of successful printing works throughout the world: I can well believe it.

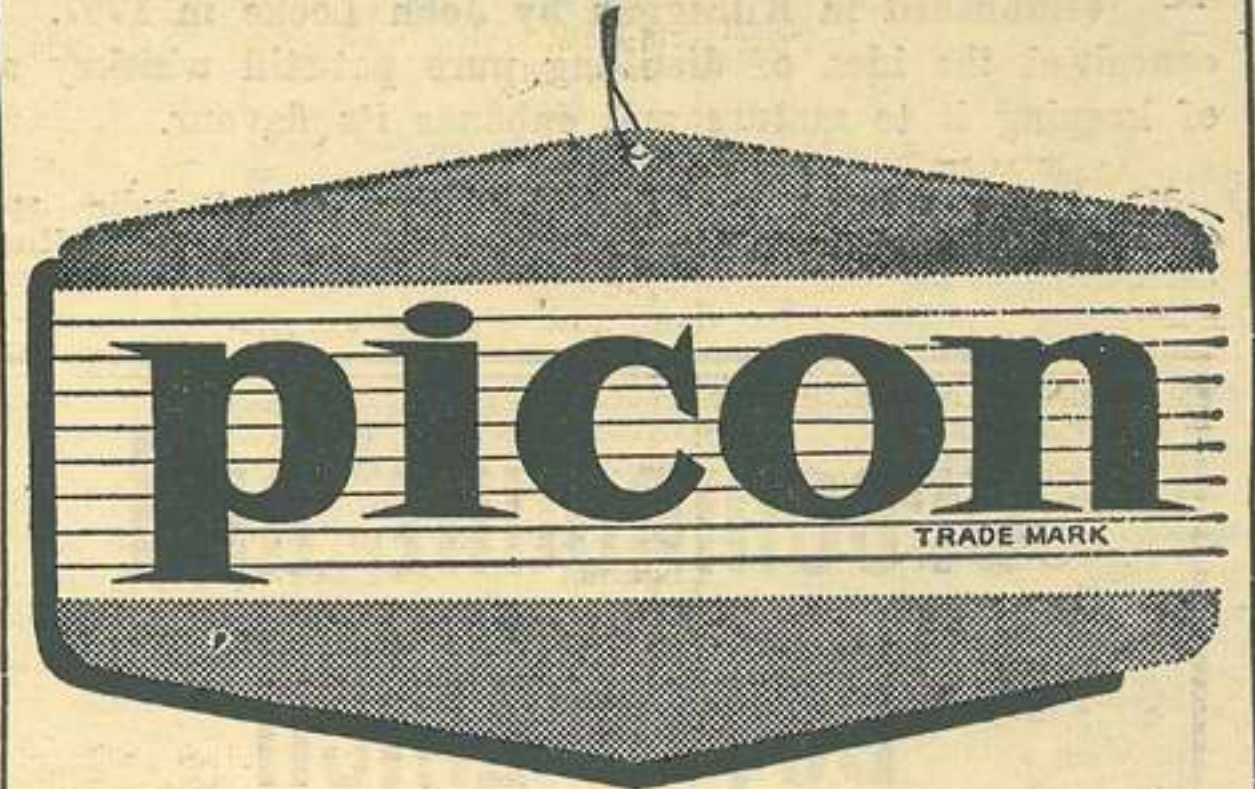
You would be well advised to pay this Stand a visit, if only to get a glimpse at the mysterious and fascinating world of printing.

"Adana" machines are distributed direct to users by E. W. Massey Ltd., 13 Harcourt Street, Dublin, who also provide a very comprehensive range of type, printers' cards—including Christmas card blanks—and paper for use with the machines.

G.E. REFERENCE NO. R.D.S. 20

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The directors of Locke's distillery are:

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Mrs. Florence Eccles of Ballsbridge, also a member of the Locke family.

Mr. John M. Dudley, Major John Batten and Cyril Count McCormack.

Mr. John Hogan is General Manager.

the beginning was small to-day everything that science has discovered about pot-still distillation is employed in the distillery.

It was a doubtful proposition in those early years, for it was a revolutionary idea and the question of how the public would take this matured whiskey—as against the raw "poteen"—had to be answered.

SUCCESS

But Ireland's legal distillery was built; the Brusna river was harnessed to provide power; the farmers who found a good steady market, provided the grain and success was John Locke's from the start.

Almost every year the business expanded. More grain was required and additional buildings had to be erected.

To-day the distillery covers about 60 acres and employs over 100 men in the busy season.

From 1924 to 1939 the industry in Ireland went through a very lean time and twenty-one distilleries were forced to close. Five are still operating.

After that things improved and in the average season the Kilbeggan distillery buys over 10,000 barrels of barley.

PROGRESSIVE

Here in Kilbeggan we have a progressive industry, giving much-needed local employment—thereby fighting emigration—and also providing farmers with a ready

market for grain.

The courage and foresight of the founder, John Locke, has "paid off" in a manner which is proving beneficial to all.

The element of chance, which perforce dominated the distillations of two centuries ago, no longer obtains in this still intricate industry. Grain seeds are rigidly tested before cultivation; the matured crop is subject to certain well-defined standards; modern methods of selection, storage, extracture of moist content, drying, crushing, fermentation, etc. are now utilised before the actual distillation is commenced; samples of the resultant liquor are taken at every stage of the very protracted process of distilling and are subject to scientific testing which is duly recorded. While fundamentally this process is essentially identical to that originally employed by John Locke the product of the numerous ten-thousand gallon vats of to-day cannot be other than the acme of correctly distilled spirits when even the temperature of the substance of every container used in the distilling process is regularly checked.

If, however, one fails on a brief visit to grasp all the technicalities of an involved production process, the economic advantages of a distillery of this nature to the farmers who provide the grain, to the hundred workers who are employ-

ed, to Bord na Mona from whom the fuel is purchased, and to the State by the very high duties which it receives on every gallon of whiskey distilled, can be readily appreciated. The box-making, printing, bottles, casks and transport interests also derive a share of financial benefits from the Kilbeggan Distillery.

Incidentally, it was interesting to learn from Mr. Hogan that turf mould—and not the familiar shaped product—is almost exclusively used in the huge furnaces and with equally satisfactory results.



John J. Hogan, progressive and popular Secretary of distillers John Locke and Co. Ltd., Kilbeggan.

A Story From The Past

This story is told and re-told in Kilbeggan with relish and delight. In fact, in the bar of the town's hotel there's a printed account of it framed on the wall.

It is: In the early years of the last century the Lord Lieutenant and his party were forced to halt in Kilbeggan due to some difficulty. The wife of the tradesman, who was attending to the job, invited the party to a meal while they waited.

It was dark by the time the meal ended and the woman pressed the travellers to stay the night. They agreed and in the following hours drink flowed freely, until the men, including

the Lord Lieutenant were in a merry mood.

The party paid tribute to the generous hosts and the Lord Lieutenant insisted on conferring a knighthood on the tradesman.

The following morning one of the party reminded the Lord Lieutenant of his action and told him that the woman of the house was taking the honour seriously. He sent for the man and pleaded with him to forget all about the night's proceedings, saying that it was all a joke.

But his wife refused to relinquish her title and so the town's residents awoke to find that they had a Lord and Lady in their midst.

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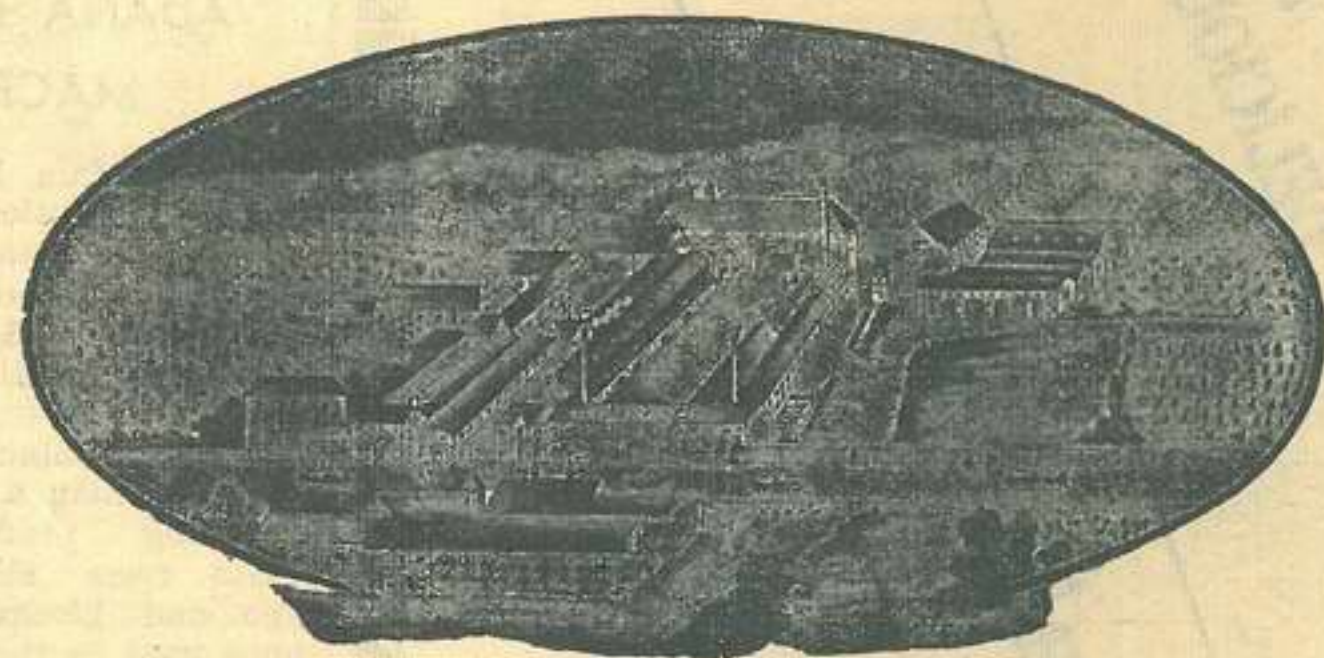
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MANY ADVANTAGES

NITRAMONCAL is a modern nitrogenous fertiliser and contains 20.5 per cent. nitrogen. It has many advantages over the more usual types of nitrogenous fertilisers used up to the present and is now being used extensively in most European countries, as well as overseas. It is an intimate blend of the quick-acting nitrate nitrogen and the slower-acting but more enduring ammonia form. NITRAMONCAL is admirably suited for both top-dressing and basic manures and brings a very appreciable increase in yield in all farm and garden crops.

IDEAL FORM OF NITROGEN

Nitrogen in any form is necessary for economic yields and for high protein content in green crops and, in fact, is probably the greatest single factor that influences yield. NITRAMONCAL, containing a total of 20.5 per cent. nitrogen, together with 40 per cent. calcium carbonate is, therefore, an ideal form of nitrogen. For high yields of root crops heavy dressings with nitrogen are essential and in green crops, a top dressing of 1-2 cwt. per acres after

a small initial dressing at sowing time, usually results in a yield increase of about 3 cwts. of grain per cwt. of nitrogen applied.

NITRAMONCAL is granular and hence flows freely through a

should be. NITRAMONCAL contains 20.5 per cent. pure nitrogen, half in nitrate and half in ammonia form; it also contains up to 40 per cent. calcium carbonate, together with smaller quantities

HOW AND WHEN TO USE NITRAMONCAL

- WHEAT (Winter-Spring).**— $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.— $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. per acre at sowing time by fertiliser distributor or 1 cwt. broadcast.
1-2 cwt. top-dressed April/May at grass corn stage.
- FEEDING BARLEY.**— $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 cwt. per acre at sowing time and 1-2 cwt. top-dressed April/May at grass corn stage.
- OATS.**— $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 cwt. per acre at sowing time (depending on fertility).
- SUGAR BEET.**—3-4 cwt. per acre at sowing time and 1-2 cwt. top-dressed after singling.
- POTATOES.**—3-4 cwt. per acre at sowing time.
- MANGELS.**—3 cwt. per acre at sowing time and 1 cwt. top-dressed after singling.
- KALE.**—1 cwt. per acre at sowing time and 2 cwt. top-dressed when plants are 4"-6" high. 1 cwt. top-dressed about 6-8 weeks later.
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League Finals This Month

THE National Hurling and Football League finals are set for Croke Park on May 6 and 13, respectively.

The picture for the hurling final is clear for weeks past. Famous old rivals, Tipperary and Wexford, have long ago qualified, but at the moment Meath's football opponents are unknown, as Dublin and Cork have to meet in their replay.

Tipperary, the National League champions have been concerned with the finals for the past seven years, with one exception. Early in March they withstood the Clare challenge to win their way to the decider on a score of 2-5 to 2-3, and thus ended the Dalcassins hopes.

HOPES DASHED

This game might well have gone the other way, as the result hinged on a free taken by Jimmy Smith in the concluding stages of the game. The well-known Clare and Munster left-hand striker had taken two earlier frees. The first rebounded off the woodwork and the second was deflected over the bar by a defender.

The third, and last, was snatched by the Holycross defender, John Doyle, in its flight and cleared, so that ended Dalcassins hopes.

The ground was very heavy on the occasion, which may or may not have had a bearing on the quality of the hurling, which was by no means of the standard usually associated with Tipperary and Clare.

Wexford men were the mainstay of the 1956 Leinster team, and their victory of 5-11 to 1-7 was a rare and unique change from previous years.

UNBEATEN

In the course of their League campaign, Wexford were never beaten. True, they divided the spoils with Kilkenny and the most remarkable fact about that result was that it earned Kilkenny a point, which, incidentally, was the only one they got from their series of games.

That point saved Kilkenny from relegation, which was the unhappy fate of the Munster champions who will operate in Division II. in the next campaign.

Wexford's deciding League game was against Cork at Wexford Park. They won by a total of 1-14 to 1-8, and the issue was never in doubt.

In last year's final between Tipperary and Wexford it will be recalled that the brothers Rackard were absent. Tipperary won that day, 3-5 to 1-5, after leading 0-4 to 0-2 at half time.

The following Whitsuntide the teams travelled to Mitchum Stadium, London, where Tipperary were again successful in the Monaghan Cup, 4-7 to 3-4.

All that has been changed since last September, when Wexford became All Ireland champions. Leinster hurling has gained a new lease of life, and the fact that the Province has regained the Railway Cup augurs well for the Wexfordmen who now face the League holders on safer, and to my mind, surer ground.

I PICK WEXFORD

I have no hesitation in plumping for a Wexford victory. In my view they are the best team in the country at present, and so I leave it at that.

It will surely be an unique experience to see Kerry and Antrim hurlers contest the final of Division II. of the National Hurling

League. The winners of this game gain promotion to the League proper, to the exclusion of the Munster Champions, Limerick.

Who will fill the vacancy? This is not the first occasion for Kerry to be concerned in the finish as a couple of years back they fought out the issue against Westmeath, who won out.

LEAGUE WINNERS

1948-49, Tipperary; 1949-50, Tipperary; 1950-51, Galway; 1951-52, Tipperary; 1952-53, Cork; 1953-54, Tipperary; 1954-55, Tipperary.

OBSCURE

So far as the Football is concerned, the position at the re-play between Dublin and Meath is obscure, as Meath has yet to take place. Meath have qualified to play the winners.

Meath, Dublin and Cork are the three counties concerned with final stages of the League for the past few years. New York is no longer concerned, due to the new "St. Brendan Cup" competition. Meath hold three titles, Dublin two and Cork one.

For the record here are the Football winners:— 1945-56, Meath; 1946-47, Derry; 1947-48, Cavan; 1948-49, Mayo; 1949-50, New York; 1950-51, Meath; 1951-52, Cork; 1952-53, Dublin; 1953-54, Mayo; 1954-55, Dublin.

SURPRISING RESULTS

The National Football League semi-finals between Dublin and Cork, and Meath and Armagh produced most unexpected results. The draw between Dublin 1-4 and Cork, 0-7, attracted a small crowd, returned at 19,500; gate, £2,108.

This attendance included the greatest Dublin following to support the team. In Belfast the crowd was officially returned at 8,000.

WHY?

It is hard to understand why the attendance was so small, considering it was the first National League semi-final to be played at Casement Park, and the two counties, Armagh and Meath, were meeting for the second occasion in a semi-final within a year.

Therefore, there was an element of attraction. I learned in Belfast, however, that many local followers were absent because Antrim were not engaged.

Meath's victory of 2-7 to 0-11 over Armagh, can be attributed in the main to one man, Brian Smyth, who was recalled from retirement, and put his county in the final.

Brian scored two goals, one in each half just immediately after the start. These scores proved more than a shock to the Armagh men, who

had no forward of the Dunboyne man's calibre.

FORWARDS DESPERATE

I daresay if Dublin had been beaten, the forwards would never have lived down the disgrace. Just imagine all that has been said of the Dublin attack, and yet all they could extract from the struggle was a meagre two points from play. Even the sure-footed Freaney missed frees, so did Heffernan, and even "Snitchy" cannot be completely absolved from blame.

The man who snatched the equalising score, Mossy Whelan, was the hero of the moment, but to my mind O'Mahony, Lavin and Moylan were the men who stemmed the tide when it was in full flow.

Cork's man of the hour was Eric Ryan, who left the Dublin midfield pair standing in the second half. Whatever credit goes to the Dublin defence for their part, Donal O'Sullivan, Paddy Driscoll and Dan Murray must be applauded for the part they played in standing fast when Dublin struck hard at the outset.

The New York Trip

THE Kerry and Dublin teams to make the trip to New York next month have been announced, and it will be seen that both county selectors have kept to the sides that were selected for the All-Ireland Final last September.

Those who were listed but unable to play, Dublin's Norman Allen and Marcus Wilson, effected by an operation for appendicitis, and a leg injury respectively, are included in the party.

Others concerned with the final, but not playing on the team at the moment are Jim McGuinness (Rush) who has been on the injured list on and off for a while back.

CYRIL TOO

Cyril Freaney, brother of the regular centre-forward Ollie, who has not been playing of late, and Pat Haughey, who was also on the injured list but who is now back in form and figuring very effectively on the St. Vincent's hurling team, are going too.

I was particularly glad that both St. Margaret's players, Billy

Monks and Sean Manning, are travelling.

I am almost certain that Sean Manning will get his place on the line-out at the Polo Grounds, probably at right full-back, with the captain, Denis O'Mahoney, at centre half-back.

Last but not least is the Crumlin man, Phil Brennan (St. Agnes), at present the county full-forward, who was not on the All-Ireland team but could hardly have been left behind.

No mention has been made at the moment of the policy regarding trainer Peter O'Reilly, the man responsible for Dublin's fitness, and the men behind the scenes. Where will they fit in?

I think the Dublin County Board can be depended upon to treat those closely associated with the team in the right and proper manner.

A few pounds was never here nor there where they are concerned, but keeping the party confined to a total of twenty-three is their problem.

KERRY

The twenty-first name on the Kerry list for the All-Ireland was

Diarmuid Dillon and he now becomes number twenty on the list and is booked for New York.

This is due to the fact that Dr. Jim Brosnan who played for Kerry in the All-Ireland is already back in the States and thus the vacancy is created.

No other problems arise at the moment except that a couple of Kerry players, including Tadgh Lyne and Johnny Culloty, were unable to travel to London on Easter Sunday when Dublin defeated Kerry.

Kerry's team: G. Mahony; J. O'Shea, E. Roche, M. Palmer; S. Murphy, J. Cronin, T. Moriarty; J. Dowling, D. O'Shea; P. Sheehy,

T. Costello, T. Lyne; J. Culloty, M. Murphy, J. Brosnan. Subs.—J. J. Sheehan, G. O'Sullivan, R. Buckley, D. McAuliffe, C. Kennelly and D. Dillon.

Dublin players: P. O'Flaherty, D. Mahony, J. Lavin, M. Moylan, M. Whelan, N. Allen, N. Maher, J. Crowley, M. Wilson, J. Boyle, O. Freaney, C. O'Leary, D. Ferguson, P. Brennan, K. Heffernan, W. Monks, P. Haughey, J. McGuinness, C. Freaney, S. Manning.

The teams meet on June 3, with an additional game at the Gaelic Grounds on the following Sunday, June 10, in which the Kerry v. Dublin losers will play New York.

Scoreboard

CHALLENGE GAMES

S.H.—Clare, 1-11; Faughs, 1-7.
S.H.—Kilkenny Sel., 4-5; Bennettsbridge, 3-7.
S.F.—Tuam Stars, 0-8; Sean McDermots, 1-1.

LEINSTER MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Carlow, 4-3; Kildare, 2-1.

EASTER MONDAY OWEN WARD CUP

At Woolwich Stadium, London. Dublin, 3-11; Kerry, 0-7.

CORK CHURCHES HURLING TOURNAMENT

St. Vincents (Dublin), 6-6; St. Finbarrs (Cork), 6-3. Thurlus Sarsfields (Tipp.), 4-14; Glen Rovers (Cork) 1-7.

S.F. CHALLENGE at Abbeyfeale Cavan, 3-9; Cork, 2-3.

S.H. AT LIMERICK

Limerick, 7-8; Wexford, 4-9.

N.F.L. SEMI-FINALS

Meath, 2-7; Armagh, 0-11. Cork, 0-7; Dublin, 1-4.

LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

M.F.—Wexford, 2-7; Kilkenny, 0-2.

BYRNE (S.H.) CUP

Kilkenny, 2-10; Westmeath, 3-6.

CHALLENGE GAMES

S.H.—Roscommon, 3-7; Wexford Sel., 1-10.
S.F.—Roscommon, 2-7; Sligo, 0-6.
S.H.—Laoighis, 2-7; Galway, 1-7.
S.H.—Wexford, 5-10; Clare, 4-4.
S.F.—Wexford, 1-8; Wicklow, 1-4.

COLLEGES GAMES

H. Final—Munster, 7-11; Leinster, 0-2

LEINSTER J.F. SEMI-FINAL

St. Joseph's, Dublin, 1-7; Knockbeg, 1-3.

LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

J.F.—Longford, 1-8; Louth, 1-0.
J.F.—Wexford, 3-12; Kilkenny, 0-4.
J.H.—Kilkenny, 3-6; Wexford, 2-2.
J.F.—Wicklow, 1-8; Carlow, 1-5.
J.H.—Wicklow, 6-10; Carlow, 6-3.
M.H.—Carlow, 13-6; Wicklow, 2-1.
J.F.—Meath, 1-5; Dublin, 0-3.
J.H.—Dublin, 4-7; Meath, 3-5.
J.F.—Kildare, 4-5; Westmeath, 1-4.
J.H.—Westmeath, 3-5; Kildare, 3-3.
J.F.—Laoighis, 0-7; Offaly, 0-4.
J.H.—Laoighis, 3-3; Offaly, 1-6.

ULSTER J.F.C.

Cavan, 3-4; Derry, 1-3. Armagh, 1-11; Donegal, 1-4. Antrim, 2-4; Fermanagh, 0-5. Monaghan, 2-5; Down, 0-10.

Connacht Championship Fixtures 1956

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

GALWAY v. MAYO at Tuam, May 27. J. J. Nerney, Roscommon.
SLIGO v. LEITRIM at Ballinamore, May 27. P. Geraghty, Galway.
ROSCOMMON v. GALWAY at Roscommon or ROSCOMMON v. MAYO at Castlerea, June 10th. J. Heneylon or J. Creamer.

SENIOR FOOTBALL

GALWAY v. MAYO at Castlebar, 17th June. J. P. Callaghan, Roscommon.
SLIGO v. LEITRIM at Sligo, 24th June. W. Jackson, Roscommon.
ROSCOMMON v. MAYO at Roscommon or ROSCOMMON v. GALWAY at Tuam, July 1st. P. McDermott or P. Connell.
FINAL, JULY 15th.

MINOR FOOTBALL

GALWAY v. MAYO at Castlebar, June 17th. J. Fiant, Sligo.
SLIGO v. LEITRIM at Sligo, June 24th. Dr. D. Keenan, Roscommon.
ROSCOMMON v. GALWAY or MAYO with senior semi-final, July 15th. Referee: J. Munnelly or J. Fiant.

FOUR-COUNTY HURLING

MAYO v. ROSCOMMON at Castlerea or Roscommon, June 10th. Mr. J. Flaherty.
SLIGO v. LEITRIM at Mullinamore, May 27th. T. Dolan.
Final July 8th. Winner plays Galway on or before July 22nd.

Talking About Hurling

All is Not Well by the Lee

Says DES KEEGAN

PULL UP A CHAIR, BOYS, AND SIT DOWN. I'M AFRAID I HAVE BAD NEWS FOR YOU. THINGS AREN'T ANYTHING TOO WELL WITH HURLING IN CORK!

In fact, I will go further and say that as far as hurling is concerned, the Rebel County is in a bad way. I saw their two top teams play in the recent Cork Churches' Hurling Tournament and to tell the truth, I was amazed at the poorness of their endeavours.

I am not trying to belittle the victories of the visiting sides, St. Vincents and Thurles Sarsfields but Cork is the "home" of hurling and surely you expect a fight when your home is invaded!

I'll say this for "Barrs," they did fight back, they left it rather late but to their credit, they put up a resistance. As for "Glens" well, it looked for all the world to me as if they watched Sarsfields for a while, realised that they were just too good for them and then threw in the towel.

THE TOWEL

Imagine a Cork team throwing in the towel! But that's what happened. All credit to Thurles for not letting up in their efforts. And in the second half, they showed the Cork men how to play. Oh, shades of the past!

Sarsfields surprised me. They played a brand of hurling not usually associated with club sides and there was a solidity about their play, a purposefulness about

their every movement, a skill and confidence that was sadly lacking in the ranks of Glen Rovers.

The Keane brothers—Mickey, Connie and Larry—what a trio?

Mick has been spoken of as a "possible" successor to Tony Reddan but since Tony has been showing rather poor form of late, I would say that Mickey is likely to "take over" at any time.

Connie made all the Corkmen look sluggish by comparison and when Josie Hartnett tired of being beaten to the ball time after time, "Glens" moved Christy Ring in to affect an improvement.

Did it work? Not on your life! Connie played "inspired" hurling from the opening whistle and he continued to do so until the call of time.

Then there was Larry, who moved to midfield to partner Tony Wall, and proceeded to out-hurl the Cork pair to such effect that the Cork defence was under consistently heavy pressure.

HEROES ALL!

But spare a thought for the other Thurles heroes. What about Mick McElgunn who hurled the fabulous Christy right into the ground? And Mickey Byrne? Better than ever.

Mick Maher, Tommy Ryan, Paddy Kenny, Tom Barrett, Mick Butler . . . but why go on? Is not the scoreline for the game—4-14 to 1-7—proof enough of the Tipperarymen's prowess.

But where was the traditional Cork fire?

St. Finbarrs, Cork County cham-

pions, at no time against Dublin's St. Vincents looked the part.

There was a looseness about their play, a sluggishness in their approach, a lack of co-ordination in movement which only made me wonder to what extremes has Cork hurling sunk if they are the champions.

They have some brilliant hurlers admittedly—Tony O'Shaughnessy, Mossie Finn, Willie Walsh, Jim Ring and Timmie Cronin. I will go further and say that the five are traditional Cork hurlers, gifted, in the true sense, with all the skill that is their heritage.

CHINKS IN THE ARMOUR

But who could expect a mere half dozen or so great hurlers to outplay fifteen brilliant opponents? But such appeared to be the case for while St. Vincents showed no weaknesses, "Barrs" had many.

No boys, whatever way you look at it, things are anything but well with hurling in Cork.

Gaelic Gamesmen No. 4

Cork's Own Christy Ring

By SEAN O'NEILL

I write this, not as an informative article on Christy Ring. That would be a waste of time, as every child from the Glens of Antrim to the peaks of Kerry knows the deeds he has performed as well as I do.

But rather I write to pay tribute to those deeds and to the man who performed them.

Ring's name will be spoken of by the future generations of Irishmen with reverence and awe; his feats will be told and re-told over many a fireside by fathers who will proudly claim to have seen him; his memory will live with the game and his name shall be immortal.

Christy first came into the limelight as a member of the Cork minor hurling team that captured the All-Ireland title in 1937 and the following year he played a major part in helping Cork retain that trophy.

1939 saw him on the county junior team and at the end of that season he was drafted on to the senior team.

From that day to this a Cork senior hurling team without Ring would be considered a joke.

In those fifteen years of senior hurling Ring has captured eight All-Ireland medals to establish an all-time record. The winning years were 1941, '42, '43, '44, '46, '52, '53 and '54.

Since 1942 he has been a permanent member of the Munster Railway Cup team and will probably retain his place for many a day to come.

I once asked an old hurler whom did he think was the greatest hurler of them all.

His answer: "If hurling was meant to be a game of wrist-work skill and craft, which I firmly believe it was, then Ring stands on his own above them all."

I think, in fact I am sure, he was right.



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ESTIMATES SUPPLIED FREE

LENT CONVENTION AT THURLES ON NOVEMBER 9, 1887 WHICH SPLIT THE G.A.A. AND THE INVASION OF THE UNITED STATES BY IRISH HURLERS AND ATHLETES. 1888 saw the reformation of the G.A.A. and nineteen counties were represented when the convention re-assembled at Thurles on the 4th January 1888.

TWO COUNTIES

Amongst the northern counties represented were Cavan and Monaghan who had one delegate each.

P. J. Kelly (Monaghan) was elected to the Central Council.

Monaghan, Cavan and Kerry representatives were only appointed provisionally, with power to act, when there were five affiliated clubs from each county.

The hurling and football championships were not completed that year owing to the "American invasion."

The draws: Munster—Limerick v. Clare, Tipperary v. Cork, Waterford a bye.

Leinster—Dublin v. Kildare, Wicklow v. Wexford, Kilkenny v. Queen's Co., Louth v. Meath.

Connacht—Galway v. Sligo, Mayo a bye. Ulster—Cavan v. Monaghan at Dundalk.

The 1889 Ulster football draws were: Ulster—Derry v. Donegal, Antrim v. Armagh, Monaghan v. Cavan, Fermanagh v. Tyrone, Down a bye.

Only three counties entered the hurling championship that year: Dublin, Louth and Queen's Co.

INTERESTING

Some interesting facts can be gleaned from the balance sheet at the 1889 convention.

Affiliation fees from the various counties were: Antrim, £3; Fermanagh, £1 10s; Tyrone, 10/-; Monaghan, 10/-; Derry and Donegal, £2 13s. 6d. each. On record is the fact that Cavan were one of the counties then dissenting.

Cavan came into the reckoning later, and The Slashers won the Ulster Championship, beating northern stars (Belfast) and Armagh Harps. They lost to Leinster in the inter-provincial.

The earliest convention that I can trace in Ulster was held in Armagh in 1888 or 89. The President elected was Dr. Cowan (Whitecross); Treas., Mr. M. Keenan (Keady) and Sec., Mr. Carr (Armagh).

A rule book was introduced in 1896 which contained a list of affiliated clubs.

According to it Armagh had two clubs, Armagh Harps and Keady; and Cavan one, Kingscourt. As none had the minimum, there were no county committees. Affiliation fees were paid to the Central Council direct.

FIRST RECORD

The first record of a meeting of clubs in Co. Tyrone is at Dungannon on January 31, 1904 to establish a county committee.

Officers elected at that meeting were Chairman, Mr. O. O'Nolan (Strabane); representative on the Central Council, Mr. James Rice; Treasurer, Mr. E. Carbery (Donaghmore) and Secretary, Mr. W. McNaney (Dungannon).

Clubs represented were Harps (Dungannon), Flanna (Coalisland), Eire Og (Donaghmore), Brian Ogs (Cookstown) and Strabane (Faughs).

A convention the same year (in March) at Downpatrick formed the Co. Down Committee.

Chairman elected was Mr. T. McCann (Newry); Treasurer, Mr. J. Crossberry (Downpatrick); Secretary, Mr. Joe Fitzpatrick (Portaferry).

In April Armagh convention elected President, Mr. C. O'Neill; Treasurer, Mr. J. Lennon (re-elected) and Secretary, Mr. B. Corr (Tir-na-Oge).

In 1905 and 1906, the Soccer Association in Belfast, alarmed at the progress made of Gaelic games in Ulster granted £50 to the Enniskillen Soccer Club to help them against the Gaelic organisers.

This was the first of several such grants given to the north and north western clubs.

ULSTER COUNCIL

In 1905 comes the first news of

the Ulster Council.

Elected officers: President, Mr. M. V. O'Nolan (Strabane); Vice Presidents, J. F. O'Hanlon (Anglo Celt, Cavan), P. Whelan (Newbliss Monaghan), Cahir Healy (Enniskillen) and Very Rev. J. C. Lennon, Adm. (Letterkenny); Secretary, George Martin (Belfast).

In 1906 Aid. Nowlan was elected Chairman of the Central Council, George Martin (Belfast), was elected one of the Vice Presidents; Northern delegates were P. Reilly (Cavan), C. O'Neill (Armagh), L. F. O'Kane (Derry), J. Kearney (Antrim).

In the summer of 1906 a football championship was arranged for Anagher Park, Coalisland, between the local Fianna and Brian Oge Cookstown.

The Cookstown team travelled by side car and midway between Cookstown and Stewartstown the team was attacked by Orangemen who lay in ambush.

The attackers threw stones and bottles, but the horses were whipped up and the party got through.

The game took place, and on the return journey the team had a police escort!

For the record, the goalkeeper on the Coalisland team that day was Joe Rafferty, and other players were Joe and Johnny Morrison, J. J. Mallan, Peter Corr, Peter Toner, F. Toner and a new school teacher "Master" Kelly.

Joe Morrison was a butcher in Coalisland, and was afterwards Treasurer of the County Board. J. J. Mallan later acted as Secretary for some time, with W. J. Bennett of Omagh as assistant secretary.

CAVAN

The Cavan convention of that year elected Mr. J. F. O'Hanlon as President. Vice Presidents were J. McKeon and P. Brady. The Secretary was Mr. Paddy Reilly.

The Fermanagh Co. Board officials of the period were: President, Rev. Father Pat McQuaide, C.C., Irranstown; Vice President, Cahir Healy (Enniskillen); Treas., Mr. T. P. Clarke and Secretary, Mr. R. Corrigan.

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Clonmel—The Driving Force

BY DONAL A. MURPHY

THE DRIVING-FORCE OF ATHLETICS IN SOUTH TIPPERARY IS THE CLONMEL CLUB, WHICH THIS YEAR STAGED THE FIRST VISIT OF THE ALL-IRELAND SENIOR AND YOUTHS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP TO THE PROVINCES.

Its athletes have been prominent in recent seasons. Sean Cleary won the All-Ireland Long Jump title in 1951 and Jackie O'Gorman the 60 the following year.

TWO CHAMPS

They have two reigning youths champions: Liam Fennessy (220) and Pat O'Callaghan (Shot Putt) and they will be defending, on the 10th June at Templemore, the Tobin Cup, presented by Tipp's, famous all-rounder, Sergt. Ned Tobin, for the club scoring most points in the County Championships.

Clonmel is the residence of former Hon. Sec. of the Association and present Tipperary Secretary, popular Mick Navin. With him is Willie Hyland, former 56 lb. champion, whose energy and enthusiasm as the Club's Hon. Sec., have sparked Clonmel's recent prominence.

Among the spate of fixtures in the Club's 1956 Calendar are the following notable ones:

Rás Tiobrad Arann, 100 Miles Cycle for Ferryhouse Cup, May 20th.

South Tipperary Primary Schools Championships, May 27th.

100 Kilos Cycle Match v. Brownstown at The Curragh, June 3rd.

50 Kilos Irish Youths' Championships, July 1st.

Development Association's "Festival of Sport," July 18th—29th.

Rás Tailteann, overnight stop, August 10th.

Well Done Berrigone!

THE little village of Berrigone, midway between Foynes and Askeaton produced many first-class hurlers and athletes in the closing years of the past century.

Very little has been heard of the men of Berrigone in years gone by and many old-timers will be glad to learn that a group of local boys got together early this season and decided to affiliate Minor and Juvenile hurling teams with the Western Board.

Doing great work for the games in the area are the Bridgemans, Culhanes and the O'Malley brothers.



PROMINENT Claremen from Feakle—Dr. Bill Loughnane and Paddy Canny flew to New York on St. Patrick's Eve, with a set of hurleys for the Gaels of New York from the Gaels of Clare. A very worthy and appropriate "Patrick's Pot."

KERRY County Handball Board decided at their meeting to change the method of selection for County players during the current year. An open competition will be run in all grades, the winner of each grade in singles, will play in doubles, partnered by the next best player of the remaining entrants.

AT a large and enthusiastic meeting of the G.A.A. Clubs in the Western peninsula of West Clare, plans were made for the start of a parish league. The idea of the league is to have a selection of players for the O'Curry Senior Football team to enter for the Co. Championship. Delegates were present from Kilbaha, Cross, Doonaha, Querrin and Carrigoholt. Committee elected:—President, Very Rev. M. McKenna, P.P., Cross; Chairman, Rev. E. White, C.C., Carrigoholt; Vice-Chairmen, Rev. M. Clancy, C.C., Cross and Mr. J. McMahon; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. Burns, Co.C.; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Davy Carroll; Asst. do., Mr. Paddy Foley.

ONE of the most active units of Gaelicdom in Cork is the under-fifteen league in Cork City. Week after week can be seen sterling tussles between these youths in their teams colours at the Tank Field, Kilbarry, Toher and Douglas, and who knows but those nippers of to-day will supply All-Ireland medalists of to-morrow. Cork certainly teach them young!

TIPPERARY County Board have suspended for twelve months, four players reported to have played for Galbally against Abbeyfeale in the 1955 Co. Limerick Minor Football County Final. A serious breach of the Rules and a stiff penalty.

NEWS from Waterford says that John Kiely, star-Inter-provincial hurler of former years, is turning out with St. Garvan's Club this year. This Dungarvan player can still give years of good play on the hurling field, and we welcome him back to the club and we hope to the County team this year.

A hardworking official in London G.A.A. circles is Mr. D. Dillon of Abington, Murroe, Co. Limerick. He has been president of the Young Ireland G.A.A. Club, London, for the past six years, a member of the London G.A.A. Board, and was a very popular visitor at Easter time at the G.A.A. Congress in Dublin.

OFFICERS of Fermoy Handball Club:—Chairman, Mr. M. Slatery; Hon. Sec., Mr. John Fox; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. M. Casey. Committee:—J. O'Brien, D. Gowen. Big job on hands:—To prepare worthy competitors for this year's championships. The best of Good Luck—Fermoy!

Aid For Camogie

MAYO G.A.A. Board at a recent meeting received a deputation from the County Camogie Board and promised them every possible assistance in their efforts to revive camogie in the county. They allocated a grant of £10 to help defray the organising expenses of the Camogie Board.

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Wexford Man Helped Kerry

—"DIXIE"

STARRING for the Kerry team that qualified for the Divisional Hurling League Final by defeating Birr recently, was former Enniscorthy and Wexford hurler Garda John Mitchell.

He had a personal tally of 0-4 and in addition gave great service to the other forwards.

John is at present stationed at Lauragh and plays with Kenmare in the Kerry Senior Championship.

Wesport Success

IN the 25 mile road cycle race sponsored by the Ballina Cycling Club, the Shamrock Club, Westport took the first four places.

The winners were M. Palmer, P. Conlon, N. Bourke and P. Grady.

IS THIS WICKLOW'S YEAR

—ASKS JOHN KENNY

ON the first Sunday of this month Wicklow footballers make their debut in the Leinster Senior Football Championship for 1956 when they oppose Carlow at Athy.

In the past the county has suffered some heartbreaking first round defeats. But now all that is forgotten and the coming encounter is eagerly looked forward to.

TEAM SPIRIT

Now perhaps the fifteen Garden County men to do duty at Athy will have attained a good team spirit.

Bob Byrne, former County and Leinster player, has been appointed team manager and he who has played so many outstanding games for the county should be just the man to give the necessary advice and help to build a team capable of winning the Leinster crown.

Added to this is the fact that Gerry O'Reilly has won back his old form, as evidenced by his Railway Cup display, and the return of Jim Rogers with up and coming newcomers in Dick Fitzpatrick and Pat Roche (St. Patrick's), so the team will be considerably strengthened.

OVERLOOKED

In the past so many good players have been overlooked as was the case of George Carroll (St. Patrick's). But during the past six months the selectors have at last wakened up to the St. Patrick's wingers ability.

Another who may some day turn out to be a second Gerry O'Reilly not only in appearance but in football ability, is the Ashfordman Dick Melia who continues to show great promise.

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