

The Kingdom On Fire With Hurling Enthusiasm

By MICHEAL O'CADHLA

ALTHOUGH very little has been heard of the Kerry hurlers in the present century, they were a force in the early G.A.A. days, and it was in hurling that Kerry won their first All-Ireland title in 1891. During the past twelve months the lads in Green and Gold have been hitting the headlines with the caman once more. First real sign of a revival was a game display against Cork in the 1955 Munster Junior Semi-Final.

Big Following

They recorded some great victories in the Grade B National League and held a very experienced Antrim team to a draw in a great game at Croke Park last May. In the first round of the Munster Junior Championship they defeated a much fancied Limerick team to the tune of 6-10 to 1-5 at Killarney.

These victories have set the King-

dom aflame with hurling enthusiasm and they can be sure of a great following when they tackle the mighty Tipperary on Sunday July 8th. The men from the premier county have a great hurling tradition behind them, but these Kingdom lads have improved to an amazing degree in their recent outings and they won't be suffering from any inferiority complex this year.

Make no mistake about it, this is a very useful Kerry side and if they succeed in beating Tipperary they will be firm favourites for All-Ireland honours.

Good Players

In Jerry Buckley they have a first class netminder and he had one of his best days against Antrim at Croke Park. The fullback line of Jimmy Hogan, Jack McCarthy and James Lynch have proved their worth time and again. Michael Hennessy at his best is probably the outstanding player on the team, while Dick McElligott and Willie O'Leary can always be relied upon to give a good account of themselves. Footballer-cum-hurler, Kilmoyley National teacher Sean Lovett and Kilgarvan's Seanaí Healy are as good a midfield pair as you would find in any junior team.

In the forward line there is room for improvement and if Michael Wharton, John Mitchell and Brendan Hennessy cut out the fancy stuff and pulled first time their work would be far more effective.

New full forward Billy McCarthy had a great game against Limerick and Tom Collins of football fame, and Pat O'Connell are capable wingers.



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EIGHT JUDGE BROTHERS HAVE TIES WITH SPORT

WHAT must be one of Ireland's outstanding sporting families resides at Ascal a Tri, Yellowbatter, Drogheda. There are nine brothers in the JUDGE family and eight of them have been, at one time or another, prominently connected with the sporting life of the town.

Their father, the late Mr. Peter Judge, who died in May, was a Louth junior selector and a founder member of the new Newtown Blues GFC.

First to represent his county was Peter, who togged out with the minors in 1950; was promoted to junior ranks in 1951 and won his place on the senior selection in 1953. At the age of 13, Jim was chosen

on the Louth team which reached the All-Ireland semi-final and was one of the youngest inter-county players in Ireland. He was again on the minor team the following year and 1956 is his fifth successive year to represent his county, although still a minor. He had a meteoric rise to senior status when he was picked on the Louth team which played Offaly in the National League in 1955. In that year he had the unique record of playing on all three county teams—minor, junior and senior. This year he is captain of the minor side.

Elder brother Oliver is now a regular on the senior team. He played minor in 1952, 53 and 54 and played on the junior team beaten by Dublin in the Leinster final in 1954. These three brothers played on the senior team in 1955.

Newtown Blues reached the final of the Louth junior championship last year and there were six Judges on the team—Mick, Jack, Pat, Peter, Oliver and Jim. Fourteen-years-old Kieran plays on the club minor team while nine-year-old Paul is on the St. Patrick's N.S. team which reached its first final ever (under 12) at the end of last month. What about the ninth brother? Malachy is only six, but he is learning fast.

The Judge family are not only outstanding in football circles but have won many trophies in other



JIM JUDGE

played on Louth Minor, Junior and Senior teams in the same year—1955

sports. Oliver and Jim are Leinster and All-Ireland juvenile and junior boxing champions. Jim is a Leinster CBS sprint champion while Kieran is one of the leading athletes of his age in the county. Whatever sporting event is held in Drogheda one thing is sure—there will be a Judge entered.

Frank Fahy—A Star Of The Future

BY SEAN O'NEILL

UNDOUBTEDLY one of the most brilliant and versatile young players in Dublin football circles at the moment is Frank Fahy of the Civil Service Club. This young Mayo teacher has in the 12 months since he left St. Patrick's Training College built himself a big reputation as a hard tackling defender capable of giving any inter-county or provincial star an embarrassing hour's football. His speed and dash together with his fine fielding and clearances have singled him out time and again in recent Dublin games.

Unlike most young provincial players who come to the Metropolis, Fahy needed little grooming in the finer points of the game, as he was already a star college and inter-county minor player. With his alma mater, St. Jarlath's, Tuam, that cradle of many fine footballers down through the years, Frank won two Connaught junior and one senior medal. In 1953 he was one of the stars of the Mayo minor team which won the All-Ireland, beating a gallant Clare fifteen in the final.

Though football was his main interest, Frank devoted an amount of his time to athletics during his senior college years, and as a quarter and half miler he had few equals in Connaught Colleges competition. In 1953 he represented Connaught in the All-Ireland Colleges championships and in the 440 yards race he, although beaten, had the honour of having none other than Ronnie Delaney as an opponent.

Now just 20, Frank is only at the beginning of what looks like being a great football career. His all-round ability and enthusiasm clearly mark him as a Mayo star of the very near future.



FRANK FAHY

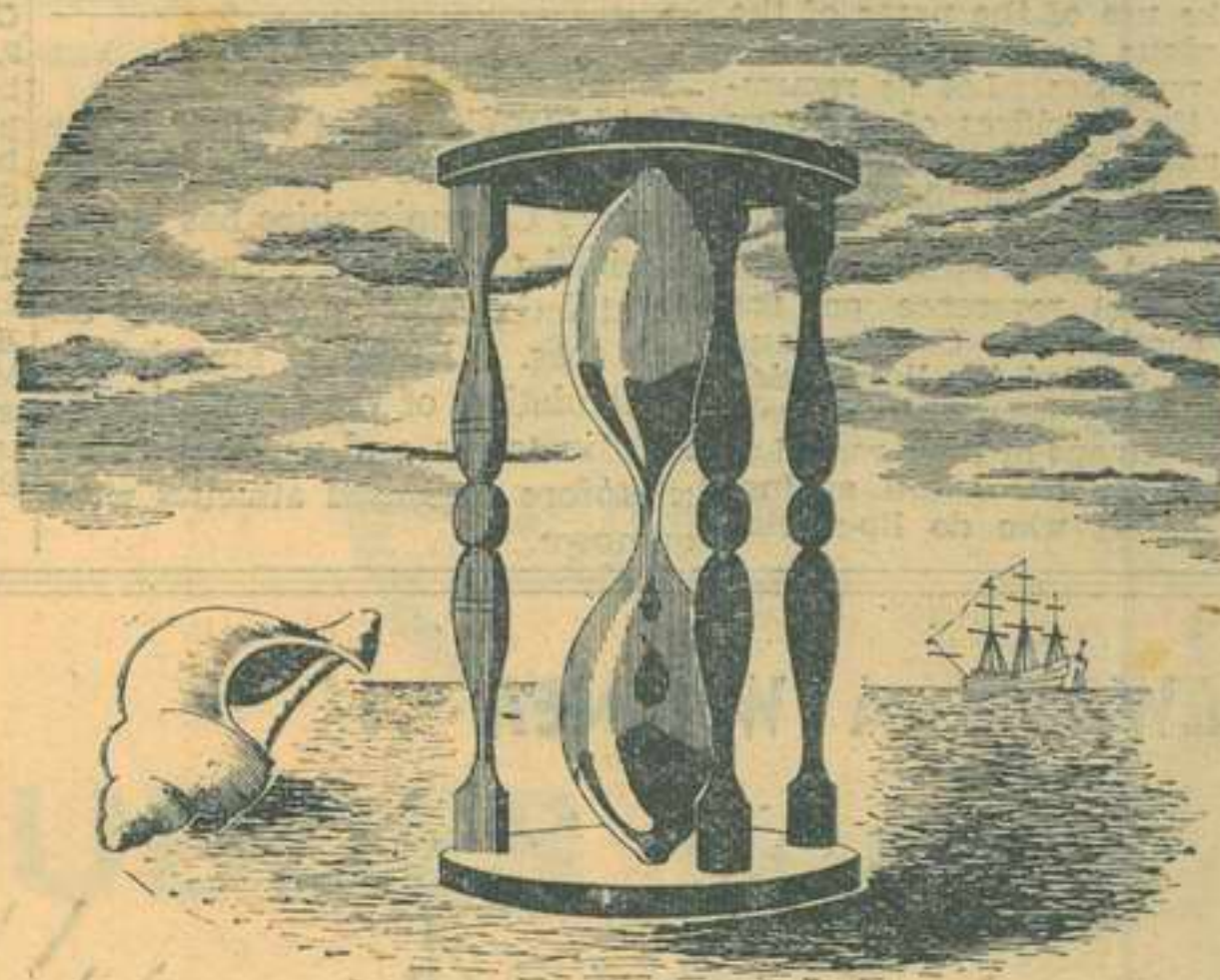
DONEGAL TO CELEBRATE

TO celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the G.A.A. in Donegal, a wide series of events are being planned by the County Board. The celebrations will be carried out mainly on a Divisional level during the months of August and September.

There will be field days, aeridheachta, ceiliidithe; meetings and lectures in unorganised areas; numerous exhibition games. It is expected to arrange a Cork v. Galway hurling match.

DUAL Kerry stars are Kilmoyley boys Sean Lovett and Tom Collins. Both starred in Kerry's surprise hurling victory over Limerick early last month.

THE MEASUREMENT OF TIME



One of the oldest methods of measuring short intervals of time was by means of the sand glass. At sea, the log line, a line of cord knotted every 50 feet, paid out

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London Calling

BY EAMONN LEAHY.

Brian Borus 3-1, Na Piarsaigh, 1-7.

At New Eltham on Sunday the 10th June, Na Piarsaigh senior hurlers were lucky to score the equalising point in the closing stages in a game that had little to recommend itself.

Best for Borus were Scallon in goal, Ryan, Sheehan and Horgan, while best for Piarsaigh were Clarke, Murphy and Spillane.

St. Patrick's 0-9, Shamrocks 0-5. In the Senior Football game Naomh Padraigh defeated Shamrocks in a game that provided football of a fair standard.

In the Junior Hurling match Sarsfields had an easy win over Robert Emetts.

Gaelic League Activities

At the conclusion of the Feis early in June the President, Mr. Joseph Maguire, in his address referred to the so-called Irish movement to promote among our exiles the diabolical doctrines of Marx. . . . This culture which is upheld by the Gaelic League forms part of heritage which is as noble and as holy as it is ancient, a heritage which has given Saints to God, scholars to the world and patriots to Ireland. It is the heritage which is the distinction of every true Irishman and without which our country would have no name. Let us remember that this heritage was persecuted almost to death, that it was redeemed by the greatest sacrifice, the supreme sacrifice of human life and the shedding of human blood, and, that it is our duty as Gaelic Leaguers to see that it is retained and promoted among our exiles in this vast city. Let those of us who work for this cause of the snares which are set on our path; let us be wary of those who, in the guise of patriots, are avowed to the cause of falsehood and slavery, who lurk in our way and are ever ready to exploit our cause so as to make use of the name of the Gaelic League for pseudo-Irish and anti-God purposes. Let us remember that the sacrifices of our own beloved patriots were sacrifices of unselfish love, the sacrifices of men who loved their God above all and who modelled their sacrifices with all reserve and reverence on the supreme sacrifice of Calvary and who offered to God the lives which they were laying down as holocausts for the betterment of their race. Let us be ever on our guard against those exploiters who do lip-service

to our cause and to our patriots and who would dare to use the name of so gallant and God-fearing a man as James Connolly to promote among our young exiles the diabolical doctrines of Marx and Lenin. We hear much in our midst of destruction of a foe and death for a cause, and much of this from the disciples of the exploiters to whom I have just made reference. Remember that to die for a cause is a spiritual thing, and, that our approach to such a thought must, of necessity, be a spiritual approach; the thought is spiritual in its source and not only in its realisation, and, to profess readiness to die for one cause but live for another is the utterance of a fool. To ignore and cast aside the moral code, to reject Constitution and consequent law and order in the pursuit and promotion of an alleged policy of Patriotism is to trip oneself up before one starts to move. To be prepared to throw in our patriotic lot with those who seek to enslave the minds of our people and to remove the name and all thought of God from our midst is to blaspheme against the name of every Irish patriot who ever bled for our cause and to deny our very own allegiance to the cause for which we profess to be striving.

"James Connolly, like all his fellow-patriots, died with a prayer on his lips and left a hallowed memory to live forever. To taint that memory with the doctrines of those who sought to enslave the world and to eliminate the name of God from human existence, is to sin beyond pardon against the cause for which the gallant man died. . . ."

JACQUELINE. Most talked about star of the screen in London at present is Jacqueline Ryan, the 12 year-old Dubliner who is appearing at present in the film Jacqueline.

Another Shirley Temple is how she is referred to in cinema-land here. She has a big Irish cast in the same film which includes Cyril Cusack, Noel Purcell and Kathleen Ryan.

A TONIC

GALWAY'S recent victory in the All-Ireland Senior Cross Country Championships has indeed provided the necessary tonic to put the athletic clubs of the county on their toes. Rumours are already in circulation of the foundation of clubs in towns and parishes where heretofore organised athletics were unknown.

Thomas McCurtain Club Plan Further Improvements

ONE of the oldest and one of the strongest G.A.A. clubs in London to-day is Thomas McCurtain. This club was founded in 1921 and has figured in every honours list down through the years. The present committee are in the course of compiling a complete history of the club which will be published in a future issue.

To-day the club could be described as a parish club, and they are in the happy position of having a first class ground on lease from Dagenham Borough Council. At the present time plans are on hand for improvements to this ground and it is hoped to enclose it and extend playing area and make it more comfortable for players and spectators. The present dressing rooms are the best in London, but a bit away from the field. It is hoped to have similar ones erected on the pitch. A hurling and football match are played at their ground every Sunday and witnessed by large crowds. The pitch itself is always in perfect condition on sandy soil.

The club, although in Essex, has best relations with officers and members of London Co. Board and have senior and junior hurling teams and junior football teams in all competitions run by London G.A.A. At the present moment owing to an Act of Parliament they cannot make a charge going into matches and to run the club and field, it costs nearly £150 per year. This amount is raised by members. Some people have the impression that the Club gets help from local industries. Nothing could be further from the truth. They have no connection whatsoever with any industry. Opportunity is given to many firms to play other games, but not G.A.A. ones. The McCurtain Club keeps the flag of the G.A.A. flying in Dagenham and will always do so.

The relations between local clergy and Parish Priest of St. Peter's, Fr. Balgorth is of the best as always the case with G.A.A. clubs. He gives his hall free for all meetings, and with the co-operation of the Co. Board on Sunday, September 9, fixtures in hurling and football between the cream of London players will be staged in Dagenham in aid of St. Peter's Catholic School for which Fr. Balgorth will have to raise £10,000 this year. The committee under the well known figure in G.A.A. circles in England, chairman of the club, Mr. Dave Lenihan (Blackrock) is working very hard on this fixture and hopes to present £100 to Fr. Balgorth.

The present committee are:—

President: Ald. Denis O'Dwyer (Limerick); Vice President: Col. Dick Blackburn (an Englishman from Co. Durham); Chairman: Dave Lenihan (Blackrock, Cork); Vice-Chairman: John Finucane (Limerick); Treasurer: Paddy

Toomey (Rathduff, Cork); Secretary: P. J. Collins (Clare). Simon O'Connell (Cork), M. Maher (Cork), P. McConnell (Louth), John Dempsey (Mallow); Tom Quinn (Limerick), John Mahoney (Bandon), Dick Walsh, B.A. (Listowel), Colm Murphy, B.A. (Wexford), Martin Ryan (Tipperary), M. Sutton (Dublin).

New members are always welcome and the field open every Tuesday and Thursday evenings for practice. The club now are organising a minor hurling and football team and hope one day to lead minors on to Croke Park. All Irish are welcome at Dagenham G.A.A. ground and those wishing to join the club should contact P. J. Collins, Secretary, 65 Rugby Road, Dagenham.

The club's motto is: McCurtain died so that there should always be an Ireland. There will always be a McCurtain G.A.A. Club.



P. J. COLLINS

Secretary, Thomas MacCurtain GAA Club, Dagenham.

Jimmy Smith Returns To Athletics

ONE of Munster's top athletics when competing in College competitions a number of years back, Jimmy Smith, Clare hurling forward, made an impressive return to athletics recently when at the Ennistymon (Co. Clare) sports he won the 100 yards open, the long jump and was second in the 56 lb. W.F.

Highlights Of The London Feis

EAMONN LEAHY

THE Feis is over. The happy chatter of little children has ceased in St. Anne's Hall. Two weeks long to be remembered for the display of Irish culture has drawn to a close.

Competition was keen in all sectors. Capacity crowds packed the hall, opening day and minor championship taking pride of place.

Families were to the fore. In the junior championship, Eddie Hickey retained the cup while his younger sister, Margaret, took second place (tie) in the minor championship. A great achievement for the Hickeys of Tipperary.

Another family, the Kehoes, took honours in the crafts and confectionery competitions. Mrs. Kehoe (who hails from Kildare) took first places in sponge and fairy cakes; while her daughter, Margaret (Mrs. Jerry Hayes) took honours in the senior violin competition. Another daughter, Oonagh, was first in the embroidery competition and gave a lovely rendering of "She Lived Beside the Anner" in the singing competition. The man of the family, Mr. E. Kehoe, secured first place in the soda bread competition. Having partaken in part of his winning cake, I can tell you, it was a real winner. Mr. Kehoe hails from Carlow.

A group of talents in one. That is how I would describe young Kathleen Fanning. This young girl gave brilliant performances in dancing, expertly handled her violin and piano, sang in typical Irish tone, and recited with the eloquence of a senior.

The Ceil dancing competition attracted the largest number of competing teams for many years. Victory went to the Sinn Fein group.

Dramas in Irish and English were presented in the final stages of the Feis.

Keen is a mild way of expressing the ladies' singing competition and good a mild expression for the standard of the majority of contestants.

Siobhan Clandillon (Kildare), Eileen Moran, already introduced to readers through this column, Philomena Grady, Oonagh Kehoe and many others gave magnificent renderings of Irish airs.

Adjudicating in the singing con-

tests was Jim Purcell, a well-known choir master and athlete of repute who is also a member of the Ard-Choiste of Connradh na Gaedhilge.

MAJOR RESULTS IN BRIEF

Senior Dancing Championship.—1 P. Crean (Smyth's School); 2, May Maughan (Kavanagh School); 3, David Hughes (Kavanagh School); 4, Margaret Ryan and Teresa O'Neill tied.

Minor Championship.—1, Noreen Moloney (Kavanagh School); 2, Kathleen Daly and Margaret Hickey tied; 3, June Deegan.

Junior Championship.—1, Eddie Hickey; 2, Teresa Dunne; 3, C. French, Patsy Cloonan and Eileen Murphy tied.

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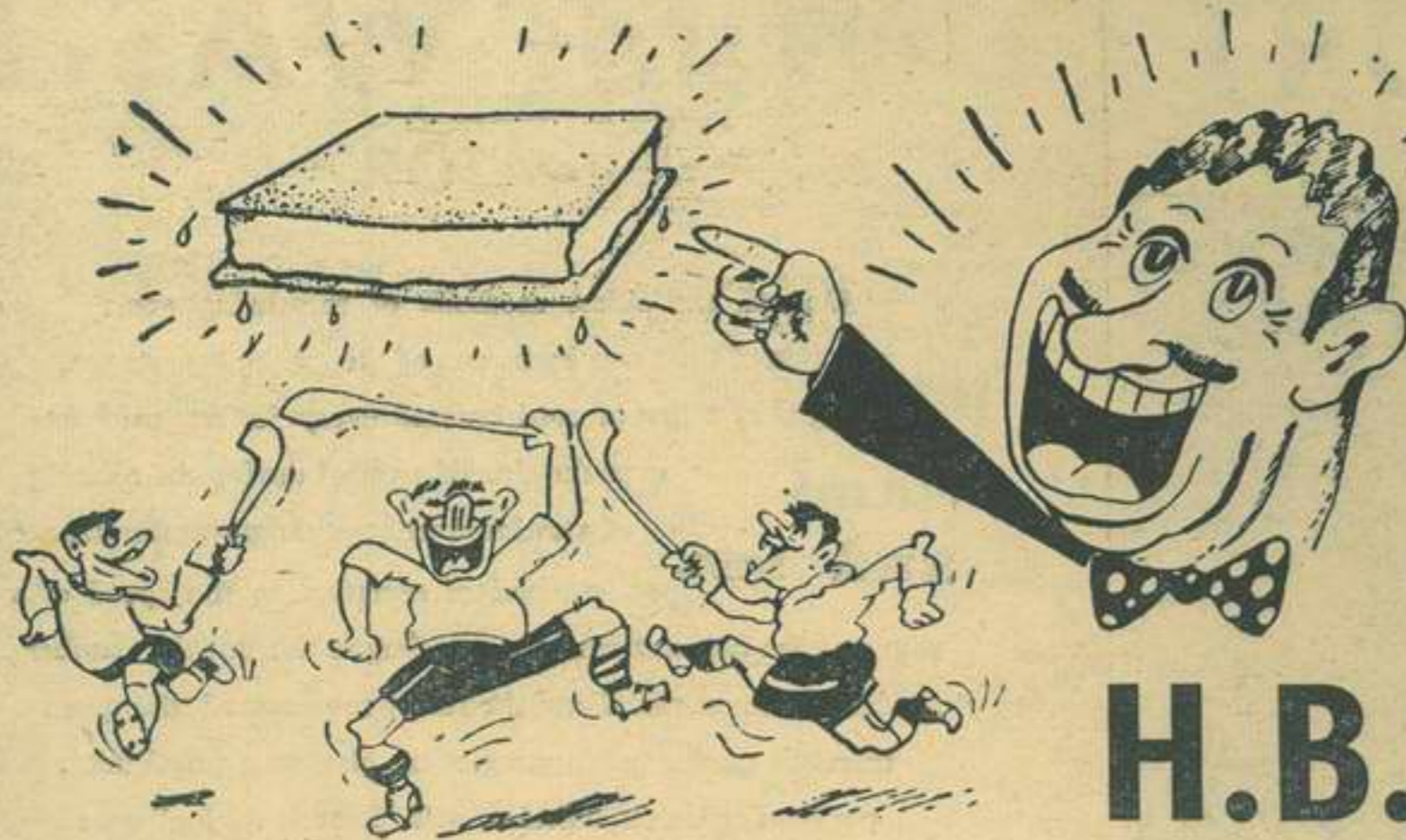
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N.C.A.I. Will Not Be Denied Its Rights

THE following is the text of a letter sent by the N.C.A.I. to the Irish Olympic Council regarding the participation of a four-man cycling team in this year's Olympic Games.

"At a recent meeting of the Executive Council of the N.C.A.I. it was decided to enter a four-man team for the road cycling race in the Olympic Games in Melbourne this year.

Accordingly I request your council to intimate to the organising committee in Melbourne that a four-man team will represent Ireland in the road cycling race at the games.

The N.C.A.I. team will compete as a 32-county team, Ireland, under the National flag—The Tricolour—and the National Anthem—The Soldiers' Song.

The N.C.A.I. will proceed immediately towards raising a fund to defray the expenses of their team and I am confident that a sufficient total shall be collected.

Would you please let me have particulars pertaining to the entering, participation and other details necessary.

Anticipating your co-operation,
Is mise le meas,
Harry O'Toole-King,
Runai"

This definite manner in which the N.C.A. are tackling this problem of austracisation from international competition must make one wonder why these tactics were not used ages ago. For the first time in 20 years a clear-cut line has been chosen and a definite goal has been set and already the N.C.A. are on the way towards achieving that goal. Too long have our athletes hidden behind the bush, so to speak, too long has our cause been kept in the background, and it has taken young men of vision and determination like Seosamh Mac Criostail and Kerry Sloane to define and direct this clear-cut policy.

The N.C.A. will not be denied its rights, it has already made a firm stand in Rome and now its latest move has been the issuing of an ultimatum to the world cycling federation, the Union Cyclists Internationale, that unless granted 32-county recognition and the right to compete internationally it will form a new world body in opposition to the U.C.I.

Many people may, at a glance, consider this threat of the N.C.A.'s as a rather vain boast but when the full facts are examined it can be seen that not alone could the N.C.A. form an independent world body but it could probably cause the collapse of the U.C.I.

Few seem to realise the effect the 'incidents' in Rome last August had on world cycling at large. Almost all European papers carried a report of the 'incidents' and a full explanation of the unjust suspension of the N.A.C.A. and N.C.A.I.

By



Mac Lughadha

with a general resumé of the position of our athletics here in Ireland and as a result of this an amount of sympathy and support of the N.C.A. cause has grown on the Continent and even in England. Proof of this is that the N.C.A. have already received enquiries regarding this year's Ras Tailteann, which will begin on August 5 from numerous bodies abroad together with requests for official invitations from bodies in England, France and Switzerland. Now

Played For 29 Years

AN interesting question about our Gaelic players of to-day is—"What player has had the longest playing career during the last, say, fifty years?" For my money the answer would be the veteran Bally Pickas hurler, Tommy Duff.

Tommy is now entering his 29th year of continuous play, and that does not include his years as a minor.

Tommy began his career away back in 1927 with the Ballypickas junior team and has turned out every year ever since. His latest appearance was on June 3, 1956, when he played full-back on the Ballypickas team which was beaten by Mountmellick at Portlaoise in this year's championship.

Tommy's trophies are hardly commensurate with his years of service to the game. In fact, his only mementoes are a junior medal won in 1936 and an intermediate medal won in 1937. There are a few tournament trophies, but, as he says, "nothing worthwhile."

He had the distinction of playing junior hurling and football for the Laois county team in the one year during the 1930's, but again his efforts did not bring victory.

How did Tommy last so long in the game? Perhaps it is a record. He has been a teetotaler all his life, never smoked, never rode a bicycle, and never danced.

Aged 45, he is a bachelor. His recipe for keeping fit is plenty of walking.

Retiring? Not at all, but looking forward to the beginning of this year's intermediate championship.

whether or not the N.C.A. will allow outside bodies to compete in Ras Tailteann, which has to this been confined to Irishmen, is another question, but it goes to show that the presence of the N.C.A. and its cause is well known on the Continent, where four-fifths of the world's racing is done, and that these bodies who are interested in competing in Ras Tailteann are willing to undergo international suspension in support of the N.C.A.

The B.L.R.C. (British League of Racing Cyclists) a body which controls road racing in England, for example, is among those who have applied for an invitation to compete. Now this body like the other applicants is fully aware of the N.C.A.'s suspension by the U.C.I. and it realises that competition in Ras Tailteann or any function organised by N.C.A. means automatic suspension. It is generally thought that this body with numerous other federations would be quite willing to join the N.C.A. in forming a world body. From the U.C.I. point of view this would be detrimental as already there is a strong feeling of dissatisfaction with its present set-up and the forming of another body would almost surely mean its collapse. The U.C.I. now finds itself in the very awkward position where it must either recognise the N.C.A. and the right of all Irishmen of both North and South to compete as one nation or run the risk of a fold up.

Knowing that now at last they are on the road to victory the N.C.A. are making every preparation for competing in the Olympic Games. A nationwide fund has been opened to finance the sending of the team and a sum of £2,000 is aimed at. A circular has been sent out to all G.A.A. county boards and provincial councils asking for support and already the Kerry, Louth and Donegal boards have decided to give a helping hand.

The four-man team to travel will be chosen later, on the merits of the year's performances in major competitions.

This stand of the N.C.A.'s is not just an athletic dispute alone, it is a national affair worthy of the support of all true Irishmen, because in making this effort the N.C.A. are fighting the cause of Ireland free from the centre to the sea, Ireland the nation with its right to be recognised as such.

"No matter how things go you can be sure of one thing" said Seosamh Mac Criostail when I spoke to him recently "the N.C.A.I. will be in Melbourne."

Note.—Latest news from the N.C.A. is that a new club, Cathal Brugha's has been set up in Dublin, with star cycling ace, Steve Abbot, formerly of the Harp Club in charge and that an all-Irish speaking club is to be set up in the very near future.



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SEAN O'CALLAGHAN'S PAGE

CONGRATULATIONS to Limerick hurlers on their great victory over Clare in their championship test at Thurles. In last year's Munster final they beat Clare 2-16 to 2-6, and on last Sunday they maintained their high scoring average with a grand total of 1-15 to 2-6, Clare recording the same figures as in 1955.

Last year the Limerick's selectors selected a young and inexperienced side that surprised all and sundry by their most amazing speed, fleetness of foot, and scoring ability.

The same team or most of them are again available, and with the brothers Ryan from Cappamore included they played rings around Clare to qualify for the Munster final.

This was by no means a poor Clare team; they were all experienced hurlers and in fact for a period after the resumption many thought they were getting on top. Jimmy Smith, who changed from full forward to the "40," got two opportune scores, but Limerick showed their qualities and newly promoted schoolboy players, Mick Tynan and McGarry combined to great effect. They secured the all important goal that ended Clare's hopes.

Limerick now await the winners of the Tipperary v Cork semi-final to be played at Limerick on July 1st.

Tipperary hold serious notions of a Munster title this year, and have been engaged in a series of battles with Kilkenny in order to find the right men for various forward positions.

It may occasion no great surprise if the two ex Dublin players—Mick Ryan and Phil Shanahan, are included in the selection.

Looking at the Leinster semi-final last Sunday in Kilkenny, I must pay a tribute to the Kilkenny officials for the magnificent job they have done to Nowlan Park. The new Press Box is very welcome, but some of the local enthusiasts who climbed on top of it on Sunday, made some of us shiver, as we

expected to see them land through the roof.

I was present in Kilkenny on the occasion of the official opening of the grounds in 1928 when Cork defeated Dublin in the All-Ireland semi-final. The day was bright and sunny when we left Dublin by train, few of the travellers carried raincoats. It turned out the hottest Sunday for years, and only compared with that of 1935 when Kilkenny beat Limerick in the All-Ireland final.

This year's Leinster semi-final was very disappointing, the Kilkenny team played very poorly for the better part of 50 minutes, and Dublin not a great deal better.

The remarkable feature was that Kilkenny forwards, held scoreless by the Dublin backs, could register scores against Tipperary in a challenge a few night later.

The whole trouble with Dublin lay in the fact that their forwards had the chances, but threw them away. Had they notched a few early scores the result might well have been different.

Sean Clohessy's opportunism was the winning of the game; when he was marked by Boothman he was held in check. Once he began operating on the wing matters changed. Dublin should have shifted Boothman. That was where they slipped Kilkenny may do better when they come to Croke Park to play Wexford in the final.

In my opinion there is a world of difference between the teams as presently constituted, but hard training and much practice will be necessary before the teams line out on July 8.

Mayo's defeat by Galway at

Castlebar was not any great surprise, seeing that Mayo had to call on substitutes for key players such as John Nallen, J. McAndrews and M. Flanagan.

They were the first of the present provincial senior champions to fall. This shortens the list of Connacht and opens up the road for new aspirants. Last year Roscommon fell at the first fence, but the selectors will hardly be caught napping on the present occasion.

Sligo may also put up a fight this year as well. The side which becomes the new champions will prove a hot handful for future opponents.

Matters are shaping well in Ulster where Monaghan and Tyrone will be opponents in the semi-final at Lurgan.

This game brings the winners into the final.

Cavan's victory over Antrim was expected, only the score of 3-15 to 2-4 shows the losers in poor light. Antrim made the great mistake of withdrawing from the "Dr. Lagan Cup" and therefore had no medium for team building. No county can afford to field a raw team for the opening game of the championships, and that was where Antrim erred in the first place.

Cavan, according to reports, have a useful fifteen, although I hear a couple of defensive positions may prove troublesome.

Down Leinster way the various games have been well patronised. Dublin, Wexford, Kildare and Offaly all stand their ground and meet in that order.

Kildare started in rare style by

ousting Louth and gave a fine exhibition at An Uaimh.

They were a different team, however, against Longford, and more than likely both Noel Moran and Jim Clarke will be fit for the fray. The latter, by the way, is a nephew of the great Larry Stanley of Kildare fame.

Kildare have a very tough problem ahead in Offaly who, I believe, are contemplating bringing Paddy Casey back from the United States. Offaly are sure to improve on last year's display, and hold high hopes of reaching the Leinster final.

Dublin's trip to New York lost them three players, in Jim Crowley, Kevin Heffernan and Jim McGuinness. The latter hopes to field out in place of Coowley, but he got a nasty injury to his nose in one of the matches and is not fully recovered yet.

It is taken for granted that Dublin, after all the set-backs they experienced in the National League, and preparation for the American tour, have left their worries behind. They have, however, a tough body of men to deal with in Wexford who play hard, vigorous football. All the same the greater experience of the metropolitans should see them through.

There is only one pointer so far as the Munster championship is concerned, and that is a Kerry v Cork final. Neither Tipperary or Waterford present any problem to either the All-Ireland or National League champions.



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G.A.A. Results at a Glance

LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Croke Park
J.F.—Wexford, 2-4; Meath, 1-5.
M.F.—Louth, 1-3; Kildare, 0-4.

MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Limerick
J.F.—Kerry, 4-6; Limerick, 2-2.
S.F.—Tipperary, 2-4; Clare, 0-7.

ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Dungannon
J.H.—Tyrone, 5-2; Armagh, 5-1.
S.F.—Tyrone, 3-7; Derry, 2-4.

CHALLENGE GAMES

At Cavan
S.F.—Cavan, 1-10; Meath, 1-6.
At Millstreet
S.F.—Cork, 1-11; Mayo, 0-6.

At Birr

S.F.—Galway, 2-7; Offaly, 0-8.

O'BYRNE (S.F.) CUP

At Enniscorthy
Kildare, 1-11; Wexford, 3-5.
CHAMPIONSHIP OF BRITAIN
S.H.—London, 8-7; Warwick, 1-1.
Kilkenny—John Lockes, 5-6; Slieverue, 1-2.
Limerick—Geraldines, 4-4; Western Gaels, 2-0.

Wicklow—Kilcoole, 1-8; North Wicklow, 1-6; Roundwood, 1-3; Bray, 0-6.

Armagh—S.F.C. at Armagh: Armagh Harps, 1-3; Keady O'Dwyers, 0-1.

Waterford—Sergeant (S.H.) Cup semi-final at Dungarvan: Mount Sion, 2-8; Abbeyside, 3-3.

Donegal-S.F.C.: Kilcar, 2-4; Ardara, 1-3; Dunkineely, 4-3; Glenties, 0-2. Democrat S.F. Cup: Dungloe, 2-7; St. Eunan's, 1-5.

Louth—S.F.C.: Clan na Gael, 1-5.

Gaels, 0-4; O'Donnell S.F. Cup: St. Bride's, 2-9; Unknowns, 1-8.

LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

S.H.—Wexford, 8-9; Laoighis, 2-2.
S.F.—Kildare, 1-12; Longford, 2-6.
M.H.—Wexford, 7-16; Carlow, 3-5.
M.F.—Louth, 3-4; Longford, 0-6.

ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

S.F.—Monaghan, 0-14; Donegal, 1-5.
J.H.—Donegal, 4-6; Monaghan, 4-3.

MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

S.H.—Cork, 5-9; Waterford, 2-12.

CONNACHT CHAMPIONSHIP

J.F.—Mayo, 1-11; Galway, 0-13.
J.H.—Roscommon, 9-4; Galway, 2-7.

S.F. CHALLENGES

Sligo, 2-9; Mayo, 1-5.
Down, 2-10; Derry, 1-9.
Tyrone, 2-8; Antrim, 2-6.

FOUR COUNTIES HURLING

Roscommon, 9-4; Mayo, 2-7.

DUBLIN GAMES

S.F.L.—Garda 2-7; St. Agnes 1-7; Air Corps 5-2; Sean McDermott's 3-8; Round Towers 3-8; Kickhams 1-4; Parnells 3-5; O'Tooles 2-5.

S.H.C.—Eire Nua, 5-12; Eire Og, 5-9.
S.H.L.—St. Columbas, 7-5; Faughs, 5-9.

MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

(semi-finals)

At Thurles
S.H.—Limerick, 1-15; Clare, 2-6.
Attendance—24,300.

CONNACHT CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Castlebar

M.F.—Mayo, 2-10; Galway, 2-6.
S.F.—Galway, 5-13; Mayo, 2-5.
Attendance—12,000

LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

(semi-finals)

At Kilkenny
M.H.—Kilkenny, 3-8; Dublin, 4-4.
S.H.—Kilkenny, 3-8; Dublin, 1-8.
Attendance—20,000

ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Belfast

J.H.—Down, 6-6; Antrim, 2-10.
S.F.—Cavan, 3-15; Antrim, 2-4.

At Carndonagh

J.H.—Donegal, 11-4; Tyrone, 2-0.

CHALLENGE GAMES

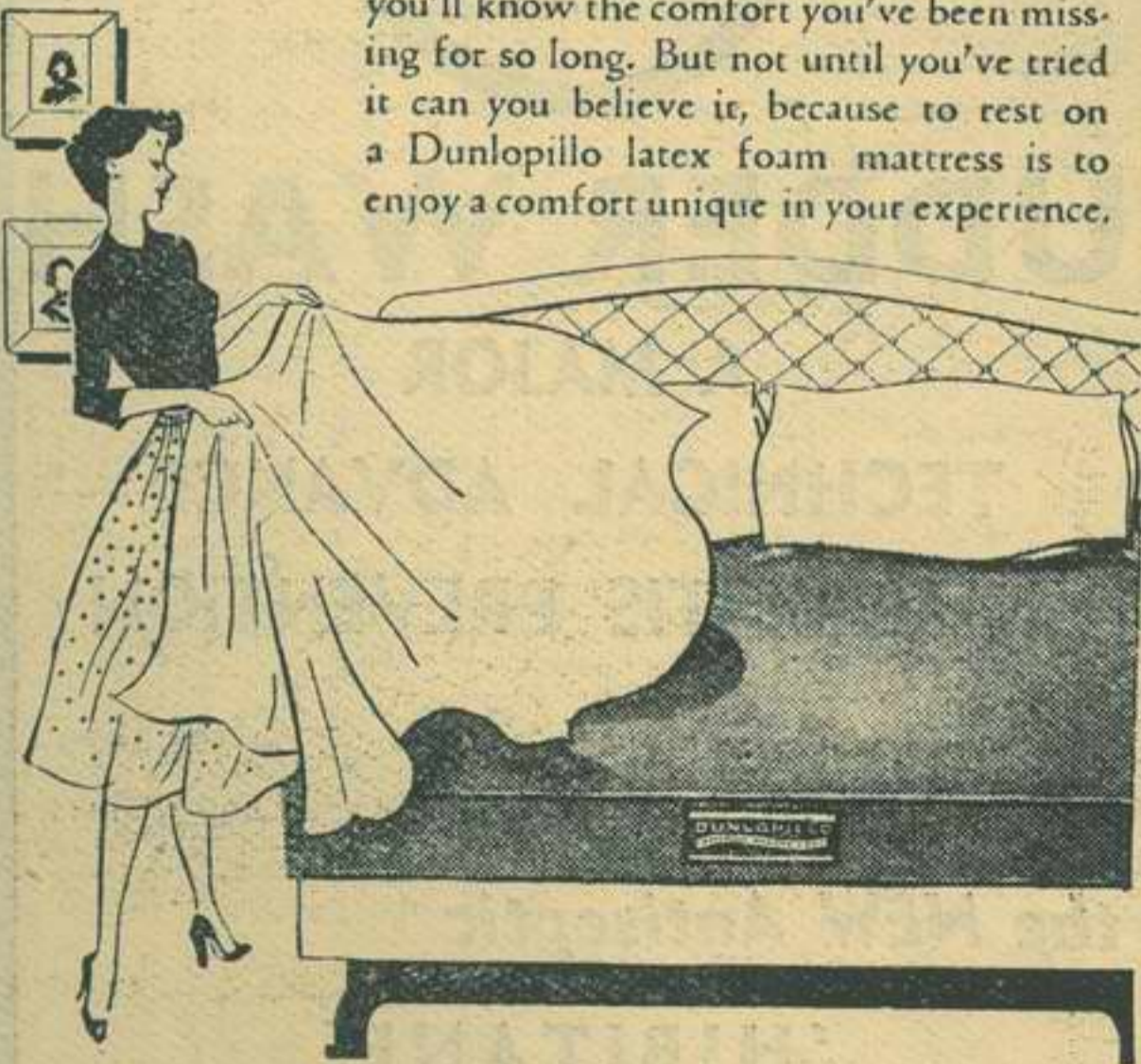
At Birr
S.F.—Louth, 1-6; Carlow, 1-3.
At Roscommon
M.F.—Wmeath 3-1, Roscommon 1-3.
S.F.—Roscommon, 2-5; Offaly, 0-6.
Scotland-S.F. Challenge of Inverary
Argyllshire: Red Hughs (Inverary) 2-3, Glasgow Sel 0-6.

COUNTY GAMES

Wicklow—S.F.C.: St. Patrick's 1-13, Ashford 0-3; Avondale 1-10, Laragh 0-6; North District 3-8, Roundwood 1-5; Kilcoole 3-9, Bray Emmets 0-2; Valleymount 2-3, Donard 0-2.
Kerry—S.F.C. at Tralee: St. Brendan's 1-7, Ballymacelligott 1-4. S.H.C. at Rathmore: Owen Ross (Rathmore) 2-9, Killarney 1-4. S.H.C. at Killorglin: Iveragh 6-7, Killorglin 2-1.
Monaghan—S.F.C. at Ballybay: Scotstown 2-9, Castleblayney 1-10; Clones 1-7, Killeevan 1-3.

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THE Kilkenny senior hurling championship is making good headway. In the first round games, champions Bennetsbridge easily defeated the city team, Eire Og.

Graigue accounted for their neighbours, Tullaroan, after a very poor game, and last year's junior champions, James Stephens, surprisingly eliminated a fancied Mooncoin team. The latter, however, were handicapped by the absence of star goalie, Dick Dunphy.

John Lockes, Callan, had a rather easy win over Slieverue. The latter were fancied to advance and had in their line-out County men Paddy Buggy, Mickie Walsh and Dick Rockett, who, incidentally, were the outstanding players for the losers.

John Lockes had outstanding men in Mick Denny, former Tipperary forward, who gave a great display at centre half-back; Mick Gardiner, who controlled the mid-field section; up forward, Carey Lennon and M. Lynch.

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JUNIOR GAELS' PAGE



An Eagle-eyed Goalkeeper

STROLLING through the Phoenix Park the other day my attention was captured by a dazzling display of goalkeeping given by a lithe, dark-haired young man. On enquiring, I discovered his name was Tom Burke, a native of Castlemartyr, Co. Cork, an what an able ambassador of that great hurling county he is!

Now playing for New Ireland's hurling club, Tom began his hurling career with Mogeely, with whom he won a M.H.C. medal in 1946. On coming to Dublin he teamed up with Crokes, but it was only when he joined his present club that he discovered his best form and his eagle-eyed goalkeeping has carried New Ireland's to many a great victory.

Youth At The Helm

NEWCASTLE WEST hurler and footballer, Danny O'Connor, who at 18 is chairman of the local minor and juvenile club must be Ireland's youngest official. A member of the 1956 county minor hurling team, he is proving himself a great organiser amongst the youth in the parish.

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Under 14 League

TWELVE teams entered for an under-14 hurling league organised by the West Limerick Board for the first time this year, while 8 clubs have affiliated teams in the football leagues. These competitions should provide first class entertainment for the younger followers during the summer months.

All-Ireland Schools Athletic Championships

Eight Records Broken And Two Equalled

THE promise shown in the provincial championships and trials was more than fulfilled when the All-Ireland Schools' Athletic Championships were decided at Duggan Park, Ballinasloe.

With the theme song of this memorable feast of comórtáisi lúth-chleas set to a tune of it is not to be wondered at that the feelings of all concerned were self-congratulatory, perhaps, even over complacent.

The over all view might concur with the words of Rev. Fr. Lonergan, President of the Schools' Athletic Union for the past seven years. Fr. Lonergan characterised this as the best meeting of the kind since 1932. The Ballinasloe arena was not, however, without its skeletons in the cupboards and its ghosts in the attic.

Leinster Dominance

Let us dispose of one of these ghosts forthwith. Foregone conclusions are anathema in any realm of sport. Could anything be less appetising for either contestants or spectators, than the all but certainty of boys from Leinster schools dominating in almost two-thirds of the twenty-four events

decided. Maing a bhionn thíos ag an gcéad bhearnain, ach is roómhairg a mbionn buaite air, sul má thagam sé có fada leis an mbearnain.

Unless the contrary be implied, this criticism in no way detracts from the credit due to the officials of the S.A.U., who year in year out, devote time and energy to the promotion of these fixtures. Molann an saothar an duine, agus faoi sin táid suid thar a bheith ionmholta.

But why should it be beyond their organisational ingenuity to devise some point-allotment scheme to circumvent the stagnation caused by Leinster's dominance, or alternatively, to permit each competitor a dual allegiance—first to his school, naturally, and secondly to his native province. The extent to which this change may be for the better is worth examining.

St. Columbas

Is geal linn gach nua, fó mar is searbh gach sean. It is everybody's

FOCUS IS ON ATHLETICS

AS is pertinent to current events, our focus this month is on the exploits and achievements on the Athletic Fields.

delight to laud the successes of the "Big Five" from St. Columba's, Rathfarnham, who wrote the most brilliant chapter in the sporting annals of their College.

Leeson brought off a remarkable double in Intermediate grade, with firsts in the high jump and pole vault. Then there was Warnock with a first in the long jump, same grade; Tabbush with seconds in the senior sprints; Kingston with second in senior quarter, and Saville with second in the senior javelin—such in the main comprised their achievements.

These earned for their school curadh, mhir na bliana, as with a total of 19½ points they become the proud custodians of the College of Science Cup. Fad saol agus neartú géag chuchu ar fad.

Records Broken

LET us take the new records in order. A Murphy clipped some seconds by running the senior 220 in 22.7 secs. Lanigan set a new record of 15.8 in his heat of the 120 hurdles; Leinster's senior and intermediate relay teams set new records for 4 x 110; while the Tralee miler, T. O'Riordan, set a new time standard for that senior event at 4 min. 35.1 secs.

The only senior field event to return a tally of broken records was the pole vault. Duggan of Castleknock went over the lath at 11ft. 4ins.—an inch better than the performance in the same event last year.

Undoubtedly the phenomenal achievement of the meeting was in the 7lb. shot Intermediate. Here the record stood at 53ft. 6ins. The herculean throw of the winner, Prendergast of Rockwell, was taped at 58ft. 1½ins.; while O'Callaghan of Clonmel, who was second, also broke the record with a throw of 54ft. 3ins. Shades in the present, but hopes for the future of other Matt McGraths and Dr. O'Callaghans, to raise our hopes for Olympic victories.

Leeson's pole vault at 10ft. 3ins. completed this spate of record breaking.

Missing Ulster Boys

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THE PASSING OF SEAN OG

(By "Raymond")

As the sturdy, rock-like youth in Cork's back line, youngest man on the team and on the field, broke up still another Tullaroan attack, the one-time great player on Hill 16 remarked to a neighbour: "There's a lad, whoever he is, who will some day be one of the greatest men the game of hurling has ever known."

It was the 1912 All-Ireland final with Blackrock Selected playing against Tullaroan and a Kilkenny Selection. The youthful Cork back, not yet 17, playing in his first All-Ireland, the first of many, was making his first appearance in Croke Park, also the first of many. It was, as well, his first season as a Cork senior hurler.

That youth was Sean Og Murphy whose, untimely death has just shocked the Gaelic world, for no man in any Gaelic sphere in Ireland has been more widely known and more generally respected than Sean Og. No greater player, no finer sportsman, no abler administrator, and with it all, no finer gentleman, has ever graced the G.A.A. since its institution than the late Sean Og, a man who in his active days on the hurling field lived up to, and surpassed, the prophecy of that old man on Hill 16 in 1912, a man who even lived and breathed and radiated the spirit and ideals for which the Gaelic Athletic Association was founded, the man who during his 29 years as an active player and his quarter-century as an administrator has been one of the greatest bulwarks of the Association in Cork and indeed in Ireland.

If one were to list the greatest hurling full-backs of all time it is not at all unlikely that Sean Og would fill first place. In his own day he had no equal in that position, and since his day we have not seen anyone, in Cork or elsewhere, with the same indomitable courage, the same uncanny anticipation, the same unerring ball control on the ground or in the air. Good men, excellent backs and grand hurlers, have come and gone in the years since Sean Og was Ireland's best back, but not one of them has achieved the standard of perfection which characterised the play of the great old Rocky, model of hurling defenders.

Sean Og's collection of trophies is an impressive one. Three All-Ireland medals hold pride of place,

Seven-A-Side

BIRR club is to be congratulated on the initiative displayed by the promotion of a seven-a-side hurling tournament. While seven-a-side football tournaments are a common place in the county, this is the first ever occasion on which the experiment of trying-out the system for hurling has been attempted in Offaly. It is hoped that the tournament will help to revive public interest in hurling.

won with Cork in 1919, 1926 and 1928. In 1926 and 1928 he captained the victorious Cork teams, and in the years 1928 and 1929 he captained the Munster hurling teams that won the Railway Cups of those two years. In 1912 and 1927 he was on the Cork teams that ran-up in the All-Irelands and he was captain of the Munster team that ran-up to Leinster in the first Railway Cup final on St. Patrick's Day 1927. In 1928 he represented Ireland in the Tailteann Games matches against America.

Of Munster championship medals Sean Og held a hat full, from 1912 to his retirement from the game in 1929. Three National League hurling medals, 1925, 1926 and 1929, seven county championship medals with Blackrock, 1913, 1920, 1924, 1925, 1927, 1929, 1931, and 4 senior county football medals with the Old Nils team, 1915, 1917, 1924-'25, constitute part of the Sean Og collection, and while Sean was primarily a hurler, he was also a footballer of high merit, and represented Cork in that code on more than one occasion.

The year 1929 saw Sean's retirement from inter-county competition, and on that year he was first elected to the secretaryship of Cork County Board. He filled this position ever since, and would undoubtedly continue to fill it for many years to come had he been spared, for his utter devotion to the duties of that office, his encyclopaedic knowledge of every rule and by-law of the Association, and that unerring touch of genius with

which he approached difficult situations and dealt with men and matters made him invaluable in the exacting office of county secretary. Many chairmen have come and gone in those years: Sean McCarthy, Henry O'Mahony, "Bowler" Walsh, Seamus O Se, Andy Scannell, to mention a few of them, but when Sean Og came as secretary in 1929 he came to stay until he finally chose to retire, or until death removed him while still in active service, and that, unfortunately, is what has happened.

Sean's status as a Gael was well demonstrated on June 13 when his remains were removed from the Bon Succour Home in Cork to SS. Peter and Paul's Church, and on June 14 when he was interred in St. Finbarr's Cemetery. Every Gaelic sportsman worthy of the name in Cork followed his coffin on those sad occasions, and seldom have such wonderful displays of public sympathy been seen in that city. But then, seldom does one meet a man of the wonderful calibre of Sean Og Murphy, and to none may the classic words of Mark Anthony be more truly applied, "This was a man".

God rest your grand and noble soul, Sean Og! You built your own monument in Cork in your lifetime and whatever monument the Gaels of Cork may chose to erect to your memory in the future, be it of granite or of marble, it will not outline that really wonderful one which, as a player, as a sportsman and as a gentleman, you have left behind you in the minds of Corkmen.

Should We Have More Night Games During The Summer Months?

ASKS MICHEAL O CADHLA

MANY Gaels throughout the country are asking right now if the G.A.A. should play more hurling and football games at night during the summer months. Year after year our National pastimes are growing in popularity and with the number of competitions and tournaments increasing, maybe the time is not too far distant when we will see hurling and football played under floodlights at some of the more popular venues.

At present county and divisional boards find it impossible to complete their programmes in time, and very often we hear followers "cribbing" about the holding of important games in the winter months. In my opinion these bodies should play as many as possible of the championship matches on the week nights in June, July and August, thus leaving the road clear for the finals in September.

Night games are rapidly growing in popularity and this was emphasised by the crowds that turned up for tournament games played in Limerick and Cork recently. The

Retreat House Final played at the Limerick Gaelic Grounds between Ahane and Treaty Sarsfields yielded a gate return of £375.

Our followers are crying out for an All-Ireland club championship. Why not give this competition a trial and play as many as possible of the games on week nights.

Yes, in every part of the country the G.A.A. authorities should arrange hurling and football leagues on week evenings and thus give our youth an open air entertainment, which will keep them away from the pictures and the dance halls.

To Keep Flag Flying

FOUNDED only a few months ago by a group of enthusiasts in Arklow the St. John Bosco club has already made remarkable progress in athletic circles and chief organiser, Jimmy Hempenstall, can feel proud of the achievements of the club members in their recent outings.

In the county championships, Doney Fortune proved himself to be a very promising sprinter and finished first in the 100 yards and 220 yards events while fellow clubman, Seamus Forde, was a good second in both events. Both these boys represented the Garden County in the Leinster championship sports at Carlow and, although the honours evaded them, they gave a good account of themselves.

Popular international boxer, Mick Quinn, recorded a double in the Co. championships by taking the discus and shot putt titles. He also represented the Co. at Carlow and took 3rd place in the discus. Sean Barnes is a first-class cyclist and took the five miles Leinster championship at Carlow.

Other members of the club to show promise included: Joe Mills, James Briedon, John Roche, Joe Ivory and M. Barnes. Athletics have been at a low ebb in the Garden County for a long time but if the Arklow boys keep it up they will be a match for the best in the country in the not too far distant future.

CAMOGIE REVIVAL IN LONGFORD

BY "CAMOG"

FIVE camogie clubs were recently formed in Longford. A wave of enthusiasm has hit the county and local G.A.A. clubs are helping financially and otherwise.

Prime movers in this latest drive are Mrs. Patrick Hourican, former Leinster Council and Longford Secretary, and Kerry-born Nora Mannix, daughter of Mr. M. Mannix, N.T., Ballinalee, a well-known G.A.A. official.

BALLINALEE

It all started in historic Ballinalee when the local girls got together and formed the Marian Club in 1954. Although the club has been in existence for two years the girls have never played a match. Recently clubs were formed in nearby Killoe and Columcille parishes.

Next came Longford Town Club which is called St. Ita's. Officers elected were—Chairman, Mrs. P. Hourican; Vice Chairman, Mrs. T. Donlon; Hon. Sec., Miss P. O'Halloran; Hon. Treas., Miss P. Gaffney. Practices are held nightly at Pearse Park at 7.30 p.m. One girl

Boy Stars Of Future

Mick Tynan—Undoubtedly the best exponent of the code by the Shannon, he is a fine fielder. Helped Limerick C.B.S. win the 1956 Munster Colleges competition and also played on the Munster selection in hurling and football. He is also a member of the county senior hurling team.

Timmie Woulfe.—A fast elusive player. He first hit the headlines with his native Athesa in 1949 at the age of 15½. Played on county minor team. He is a school teacher and won a county junior medal in 1950.

P. J. Lane.—This 20-year-old lad learned his football at St. Ita's College, Abbeyfeale, and helped his home town win the county minor football title. Six feet three inches and well built, he is a fine specimen of manhood and an ideal centre-half back.

Mick O'Brien.—Has played for both Commercial and Treaty. A member of the Limerick P.O. staff, he is a reliable defender.

B. Madigan.—A little pocket battler, he is a great opportunist. Won county junior title with St. Senans in 1954.

Declan Moylan.—The Hospital man is also a useful caman wielder. A hard trier, he lacks experience.

Doney Mullane.—This 20-year-old lad has won western juvenile and minor honours with St. Senans as well as a junior county medal.

Tim Downey.—The only Kilcoleman man of the team, he is a great clubman.

J. Quinlivan.—Helped Cloughaun win 1955 county title. He is a fine defender. Other useful lads by the Shannon are: E. Stack, T. Kelly, J. O'Brien, J. Finnerty, E. O'Connor, P. Riordan, M. McInerney and J. Walsh.

A Boon To Limerick

LIMERICK, first All-Ireland football champions, have been in the doldrums for many years and right now they are going all out to make a comeback. They showed good form in the 1955-56 League campaign and recorded victories over Waterford and Kilkenny.

The victory of Limerick C.B.S. over Tralee in the Munster Colleges championships has given the Shannonsiders new hope and a number of these boys helped the county minor team defeat 1955 All-Ireland finalists, Tipperary.

In this year's Munster junior championship the Limerick boys went under to Kerry at the Gaelic Grounds. They had some promising lads in action however, and the County Board should give them every encouragement by arranging friendly games with strong club selections in Cork and Kerry.

New Role

THE majority of the competitors who participated in the 60 yards dash for girls at Ballyglass N.A.C.A. sports on June 10 were members of the camogie teams who later took part in a tournament which was a novel inclusion on the programme.

The winners of the race were: 1. Veronica Prendergast, Ballyglass Camogie Club; 2. Eileen Clarke, Manulla Camogie Club; 3. Kathleen Staunton, Islandeady Club.

wanted to travel six or seven miles to join this club, but a club has now been organised in her own area.

Thirty camies turned up at a meeting in Ardagh to form a club there, which is known as St. Brigid's. Officers elected were—Chairman, Miss Kathleen Farrell, Graffogue; Vice Chairman, Miss Kathleen Kelly, Loughguil; Hon. Sec., Miss Peggie Kenny; Hon. Treas., Miss Brigid Farrell, Moyrath.

In 1838 there were 13 flourishing clubs in the county.

COUNTY BOARD

A county board is soon to be formed. Leinster Council officials will attend a meeting in Longford for that purpose.

No one is as eagerly looking forward to that day as Ulster Council Chairman and former Armagh Co. Sec./Treas., Teresa Davis, who is a native of Legan, Co. Longford.

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Seven Clubs

MANULLA, the village in Mayo famed for its great Camogie team, is in the news again.

Recently a hurling club named after Michael Davitt, founder of the Land League, was formed there, bringing the total number of clubs in this rural area to seven. Included are camogie and hurling clubs, a junior football club and a juvenile football club.

There are also active branches of the National Farmers' Association, of Macra na Feirme and of the Irish Countrywomen's Association.

A good record. What about a N.A.C.A. club now to cater for the athletes?

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A New Record This Season

SOME years ago Bernie Kelly, star of the St. Aodhan's Island-Eady camogie team created a record by scoring nine goals in a championship match against Carrowkenedy. Last year Manulla's scorer-in-chief, Teresa McDonnell, came close to this record when she netted seven goals in the county final.

A few Sundays ago, Nancy McDonnell, the elusive ginger-haired Newport forward, created this year's record by scoring six goals in a championship match against Castlebar team. Nancy was the first to break the record held by the Manulla defence in not having any goal registered against them. She will line out in the half-forward line for Mayo in the Connacht final early this month. If Bernie Kelly's nine-goal record is to be broken

Camogie

Westmeath should be the next Leinster County to revive the game. Annette Corrigan well-known Dublin star has been teaching at Rochfortbridge and I believe the pupils have learned more than a thing or two about camogie.

Noreen Murphy, Cork Co. Sec., was recently elected Treasurer of Central Council. Noreen is also Sec./Treas. of Munster Council

Kildare is on the march these days and leading the merry band is Co. Secretary Patricia Meade who now has a grand total of 14 clubs to her credit. Patricia is also the very energetic Secretary of Leinster Council.

A Playing President, is Miss Lily Spence (Belfast), the new chief of the Camogie Association. Lily still turns out for her local St. Teresa's club and recently she spent an evening in Coalisland, Co. Tyrone coaching the newly-formed club there. She is well-known in Northern camogie circles and holds an All-Ireland medal won with Antrim.

A Big Surprise

GRAlGNAMANAGH caused a big surprise by beating Riallaid in first round of Co. Kilkenny senior football championship, played recently at Howlan Park, Kilkenny.

Outstanding for the winners—who now have an outstanding chance of winning out the championship—were Delaney, Leonard, Higgins and Mahon. Riallaid were minus some of their team, due to injuries.

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Do You Want A Factory?

IN our last issue, under the title "Do You Want A Factory?" we dealt with some of the problems to be met by those who propose to set up a factory in Ireland. We dealt with the supply of labour, resources of the country, and finance. Here we consider some other problems:

Native coal deposits are small but ample supplies of imported coal are available for all purposes. Imported oil is also freely available.

Firms which wish to use the main native fuel, peat, can receive advice from the Peat Board on the best methods of utilisation.

TRANSPORT

The internal transport system is country (26,000 square miles). There are 49,000 miles of roads, 2,200 miles of railways and 415 miles of canals. Fast and frequent rail services are provided between all the principal centres. Road passenger and freight services are also provided by the railway companies as well as by a number of private operators.

Local taxes are levied by Local Authorities, mainly County Councils and County Borough Councils, to meet expenditure on roads, housing, health services, education, etc.

They take the form of "rates" on land and buildings. The level of local taxation varies from one district to another. In general, however, it is estimated that the annual tax on a building is less than 2 per cent of the capital cost of the building.

As already mentioned, new buildings, including factories, are entitled to a two-third remission of local taxes for seven years.

Wages rates for most classes of industrial workers are fixed by collective agreements between employers' associations and trade unions.

Highest wage rates are in general paid in Dublin, rather lower rates being paid elsewhere. As an indication of the general level of wages, the rate paid in Dublin in 1954 to the highest grades of skilled workers viz., electricians, carpenters and similar skilled workers was four shillings per hour for a 44 hour week.

THEY VARY

Factory wages vary considerably from one industry to another and also according to location. The weekly rates paid in 1954 for skilled workers varied from £6 15s. to £9 a week for men and from £3 5s. to £5 a week for women. Semi-skilled male workers are paid about £2 a week below skilled workers. Semi-skilled women workers are also paid less than full skilled rates.

The safety, health and comfort of industrial workers are protected by law. The Factories Act, 1955, provides for the fencing of dangerous machinery, sanitary condition of factories, etc. The standards are in general those prescribed by International Labour Conference Conventions. As at this date 36 International Labour Conventions have been ratified by the Irish Government.

Hours of work and holidays are to a large extent regulated in the same way as wages, that is, by agreements between workers' and employers'

associations. Certain overriding conditions are, however, prescribed by law. For industrial employment the maximum working day is 8 hours and the working week 48 hours. There is, however, provision for overtime being worked. There are also provisions relating to night work. Where a continuous process is worked there is no restriction on night work for men.

Minimum holidays (with pay) of seven consecutive days are prescribed for industrial workers who are also entitled to six public holidays in the year. This provision does not apply to industrial workers earning over £350 a year.

Employers and workers are free to organise in trade unions or other voluntary associations, but membership of the appropriate organisation is not compulsory for either employer or worker. The principal employers' union is the Federated Union of Employers.

UNIONS

Almost all manual workers in industry are members of workers' trade unions. Many office workers are also members of unions. The workers' unions are organised on a "trade" rather than on an industrial basis i.e. a carpenter is likely to be a member of a Carpenters' Union irrespective of the industry in which he is employed.

Relations between employers' and workers' organisations are on the whole good and where disputes occur they are usually settled by negotiation between the parties. A statutory body, The Labour Court, exists to assist in the maintenance of satisfactory relations between worker and employers.

Permits are readily given for the employment of foreign experts and skilled technicians needed for the successful operation of an industry.

The Control of Manufactures Acts provide that if a majority interest in an industrial undertaking is held by non-nationals the promoters require a New Manufacture Licence: this is readily obtainable in appropriate cases. For example, the promoters of an industry new to Ireland or of an industrial unit intending to manufacture for the export market can obtain a licence without difficulty.

Where Irish nationals and external interests combine to promote a company, and the majority interest is in the hands of the Irish nationals, a New Manufacture Licence is not needed. A firm established under authority of a New Manufacture Licence is entitled to whatever privileges are extended to a similar firm controlled by Irish nationals; a New Manufacture Licence once it is issued cannot lawfully be evoked except for a contravention of its provisions.

(CONTINUED IN AUGUST ISSUE)

Cattle Trade

Lean Times Are Ahead

WE would be in the midst of a full-scale slump in the cattle trade were it not for the fact that on the continent there is at present a temporary shortage of meat.

It has been the arrival on the scene at the Dublin Cattle Market of buyers from France and Western Germany that has staved off a crisis in the past few weeks.

That Market Has Dropped Off

Our greatest market for cattle is, of course, England; but since the Argentine has been shipping chilled meat of good quality in ever-increasing quantities—and at a price well below ours—that market has dropped off to an alarming extent. Not that our actual exports of dead meat across the water were ever allowed to develop into any considerable flow, but the beef "on the hoof" that we shipped—which constituted the biggest item in Ireland's export economy—has been hit a crippling blow by the recent big expansion of Argentine beef imports.

The British housewife wants lean beef—and she wants it at the cheapest price she can get it. In the long run, it is "Housewife's Choice" that rules the cattle market. At the moment, very definitely she is preferring the Argentine chilled beef at a low price to ours at an appreciably higher price. Even when our price is reduced, she still is not buying the way she was. She wants lean meat, and she wants it low-priced. She does not mind if it is chilled or if it is fresh—and it is a point to be well-noted that the present-day Argentine chilled beef is a long way superior to the pre-war frozen article.

Demand For This Quality

The only Irish beef cattle that have sold consistently well this year have been our very young (under two-year-old) and not-too-fat "baby beef". For these quality cattle we can command a ready market and a reasonable price. But they are seldom in sufficient supply.

The older, heavier cattle have been dropping steadily. There have been times recently when they have been a glut on the market. Only in the last few weeks have these European buyers appeared in Dublin with orders to take any large quantities.

These Frenchmen and Germans have prevented "the bottom falling out of cattle"—but they only want them at their own price, and it is a low price. For Irish farmers, it is a very disappointing price, but it is better than no price at all.

Over-age And Over-weight

The greatest benefit these continental customers have brought us is that they are taking the over-age and overweight beasts. The excess of bone and fat on such animals does not worry them so much, as the bulk of the beef eaten on the continent is turned into sausage-meat or otherwise processed—and, anyway, they are getting it all cheap.

What our worry is—is the production of this sort of cattle an economic proposition? And the answer is, very definitely, NO.

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POTATO BLIGHT

(By P. A. O'NEILL)

POTATO blight has been reported from a number of districts this summer and the Department of Agriculture has advised all farmers to spray their crops as a preventative against the fungus.

Potato blight is caused by a small bread-like fungus which invades the leaves of the potato plant living on them causing them to decay in spots and finally to wither away. It is only in warm moist weather that the parasite is able to spread from plant to plant.

The spots produced on the leaves by blight are dark brown to nearly black in colour increasing rapidly in size during moist warm weather. The fungus or mould produce minute branches of the threads which are called spores these being carried by the wind currents. Infection takes place when spores carried by wind or rain fall on a wet leaf and produce threads which push their way into the leaf growing on the substance of the plant. Consequently, blight spots appear at the point of infection. Subsequently the tubers are infected, the spores being washed down by rain into the soil. Blight in the tubers is recognised by the presence of hard, discoloured, slightly sunken areas in the surface the flesh underneath being flecked with rust brown marks.

Sources of infection are blighted tubers which are carried over from year to year producing weak shoots which under certain conditions the parasite penetrates on the surface of which it produces spores when the shoots have come above ground.

Prevention of the disease is by spraying the object of which is to cover the foliage with a protective coating, one which will not be easily washed away and will not be in any way harmful to the potato plant. It can be seen from above that it is important to spray before blight infects your crop.

It has been found by experiment that either the Burgundy mixture; which is a freshly made mixture of copper sulphate (blue stone) and washing soda, or the Bordeaux mixture composed of copper sulphate and quick lime. The mixture most universally used in Ireland whether made up with washing soda or lime, contains 8 lbs. of copper sulphate in 40 gallons of water with 10 lbs. of washing soda or 4 lbs. of quick lime added. Care should be taken not to dissolve the washing soda in hot water as this will reduce the sticking power of the solution.

Either of these mixtures applied at about the rate of 120 gallons per statute acre would be more than adequate as a blight preventative.

GOING SOMEWHERE?



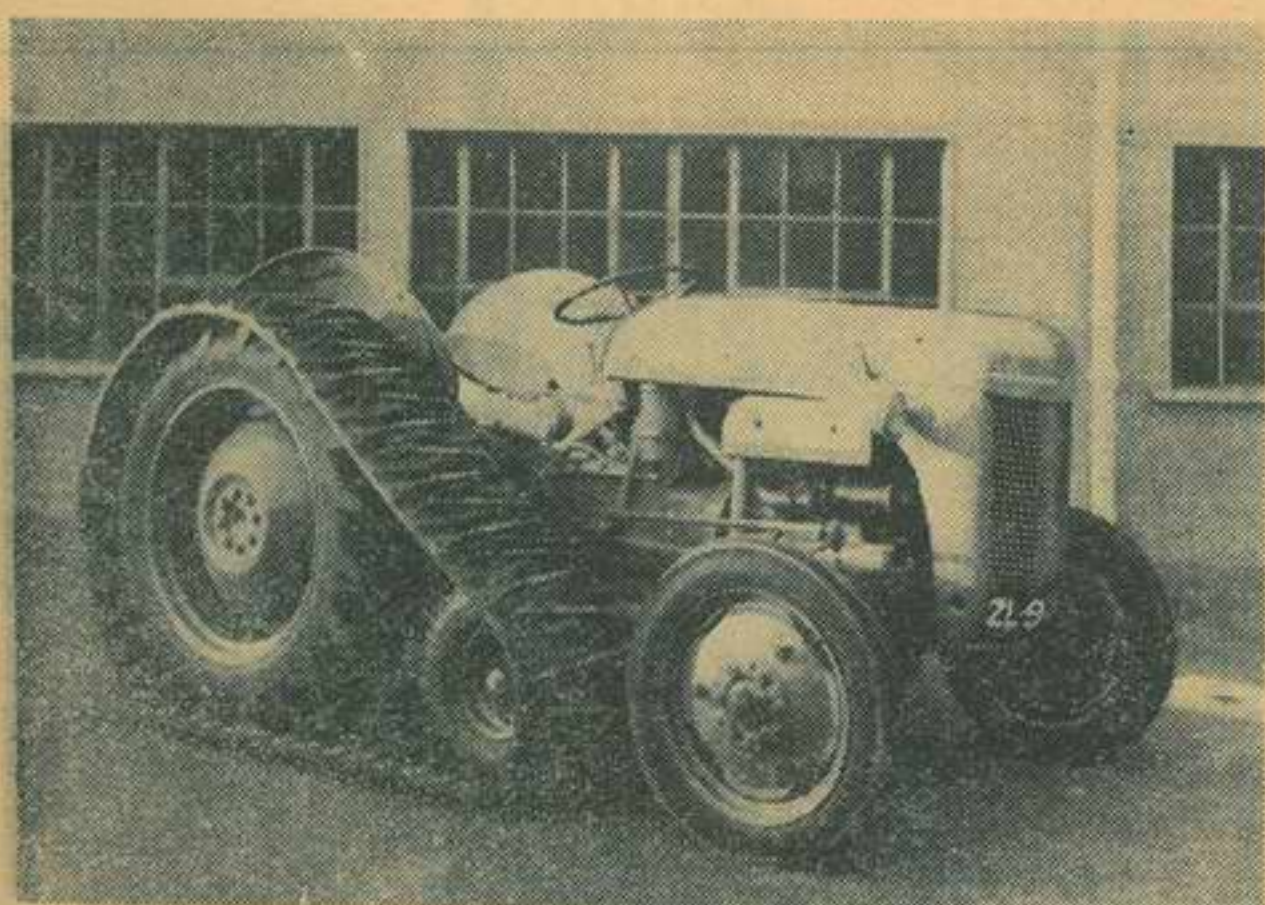
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LUNCH TIME FOR THE HORSE.

Production Of Good Hay

BY P. A. O'NEILL

SUMMER is with us and both town and country dwellers are looking forward to the making of the hay, and it is at this time all people in any way associated with farming come forward willingly to give help to save the hay while the sun shines.

Hay produced in this country is of two varieties, old meadow hay which comes from a field that has been under grass for a number of years and new meadow hay which ordinarily occurs in rotation—crops for the most part consisting of rye grass and clovers.

Irish farmers succeed in saving their hay in good condition in spite of the many problems due to changeable weather and the shortage of labour. However, much loss occurs annually through mistakes made in not cutting meadows in time and through undue delay in removing hay to the sheds, ricking or otherwise securing the crop for the winter.

Feeding value of hay is due to a number of factors but one of the

ARGENTINE EXPORTS UP

By Gaelic Echo Staff Reporter
LAST week the Argentine Government authorised an increase of 20 per cent. in the export price of all types of young cattle whether alive or in carcase form.

This does not necessarily mean that Argentine beef will be dearer on the world market due mainly to the fact that at the same time beef exporters will be relieved of a tax which demands that they pay 17 per cent. of the proceeds of their exports to the National Recovery Fund.

Ranchers will none the less receive the full 20 per cent. increase which will bring the new export price to approximately 60/- per live cwt. The increase is to reduce the effect caused by the recent inflation and to diminish the present difference between remuneration for crops and cattle breeding which has also been further increased lately due to the new fixed prices for grains.

At the present exports of beef and mutton are being pushed to the utmost to avoid an economic crisis which is in the offing due to the high cost of imported raw materials for industrial purposes.

Trouble can be foreseen for Argentina should Britain disallow them their free entry of beef to the British Market when the existing trade agreement expires on June the 30th. Negotiations, at the time of writing, are in full swing.

main ones is the stage at which the hay is cut. Delay in cutting is due in most cases to a desire to secure an increase in the weight of the crop. Grass improves in quality until the seed begins to form; thereafter the food value in the leaves and stems of the plants are transferred to the seeds leaving the stems hard and "stemmy". Moreover, when cutting is deferred until a late date many worthless grasses and weeds will have germinated and grown to the exclusion of the better herbage.

Compensation for early cutting will be achieved by a lighter crop and by the better quality of hay and freedom of weeds, etc. Aftergrass from an early hay crop can also be of very great value to a farmer during the Autumn months.

The nutrient value of the leaves of grasses and clovers is very much higher than that of their stems, consequently every effort should be made to prevent leaf loss in hay making. As the leaves dry more quickly than the stems, the leaves become brittle before the stems have dried to a sufficient degree for safe cocking. From this it can be seen that rough handling of the crop should be avoided as far as possible especially where there is a high percentage of clover in the sward.

Hay should be ready for removal from the field a fortnight after it has been cocked and every effort should be made to get it in as soon as possible. Unfortunately, it is not unusual to see hay-cocks standing in the field until autumn. Injury done to the ground on which the cocks are allowed to stand is insignificant compared with the direct loss of fodder from "bottoms, tops and sides".

IF you want to be sure of having first-class hay—and you can't be sure of having perfect hay weather for the job—make it on tripods.

A lot of people think that this is a very slow and tedious way of hay-making. They are wrong. It takes very little longer to make a tripod cock than it does to make a conventional hay-cock. And the difference is that with tripods you can make your hay in almost any weather, and you can be reasonably certain of having much better quality stuff at the end of it.

In fact, if time were the only object, tripod hay-making is really quicker. You can put your hay up on "legs" much sooner than you can possibly make it into a solid cock. Very often it can go up twenty-four hours after mowing, especially if the weather has been right and you have been able to give it a tossing with a hay-maker or any other similar implement.

Hay which is being made the ordinary way would either have to lie out a good while longer, or be turned and raked several more times before being secured in cocks. At least a day can be saved in this way, because to make the top quality "preserved grass" type of hay, the mow should go up onto

the tripods while it is still soft and green. In this condition, it will turn into a feedstuff of far higher nutritive value than sun-bleached or rainwashed hay that has had to lie out in all kinds of weather in order to get "cured".

If you try and put your hay up into a cock of the conventional type when it is still in this soft and green state—as every farmer knows—it will heat up terrifically, may even go on fire, and the risk of damage would be extreme.

The secret with tripods is, of course, that they are hollow. Air can circulate right through the cock. The hay is actually standing up off the ground, and there should be a vacant space up the middle. In this way, all excess moisture can be dealt with, and the hay preserves its goodness.

In practice, there is no great skill or knowledge required to put up a tripod cock. More hand-work is certainly necessary, but it only amounts to a few minutes in each case. The first "bunches" of hay must be placed carefully on the wires or wooden slats, so that they hang there. When the whole framework has been filled—and it does not take very long—the rest of the hay can be forked up in the ordinary way.

The great beauty of this system

of hay-making is that a short spell of weather of the right sort can result in hay being saved in tip-top condition. You are not nearly so likely to be caught half-way by the climate, and have your hay spoilt or badly leached and reduced in feed-value.

Once it is up on its "legs", your hay is safe. After about three weeks of standing in the field, the tripods are fit to come in, and the hay can be put in the shed, in large ricks or is fit to be baled.

CAUGHT ON SAME FALL

THE drop in price of beef cattle has not only hit the Irish producer. The cross-channel buyer of Irish stores has been caught on the same falling market.

While we were enjoying a boom in cattle a twelve-month ago, British buyers were taking all they could at the then current high prices. But from May last year to March, cattle prices fell practically fifty shillings a hundredweight for the best sorts. On a 10 cwt. beast, this would mean £25 a head less. Irish stores bought by graziers in England, and fed for six months, often brought in for their owners a nett loss of as much as this.

Cattle-dealers in the Republic do not need telling about losses suffered by men in the trade here, but it is well to remind everyone connected with the job of cattle production that our customers across the water have also taken a lot of punishment in this way.

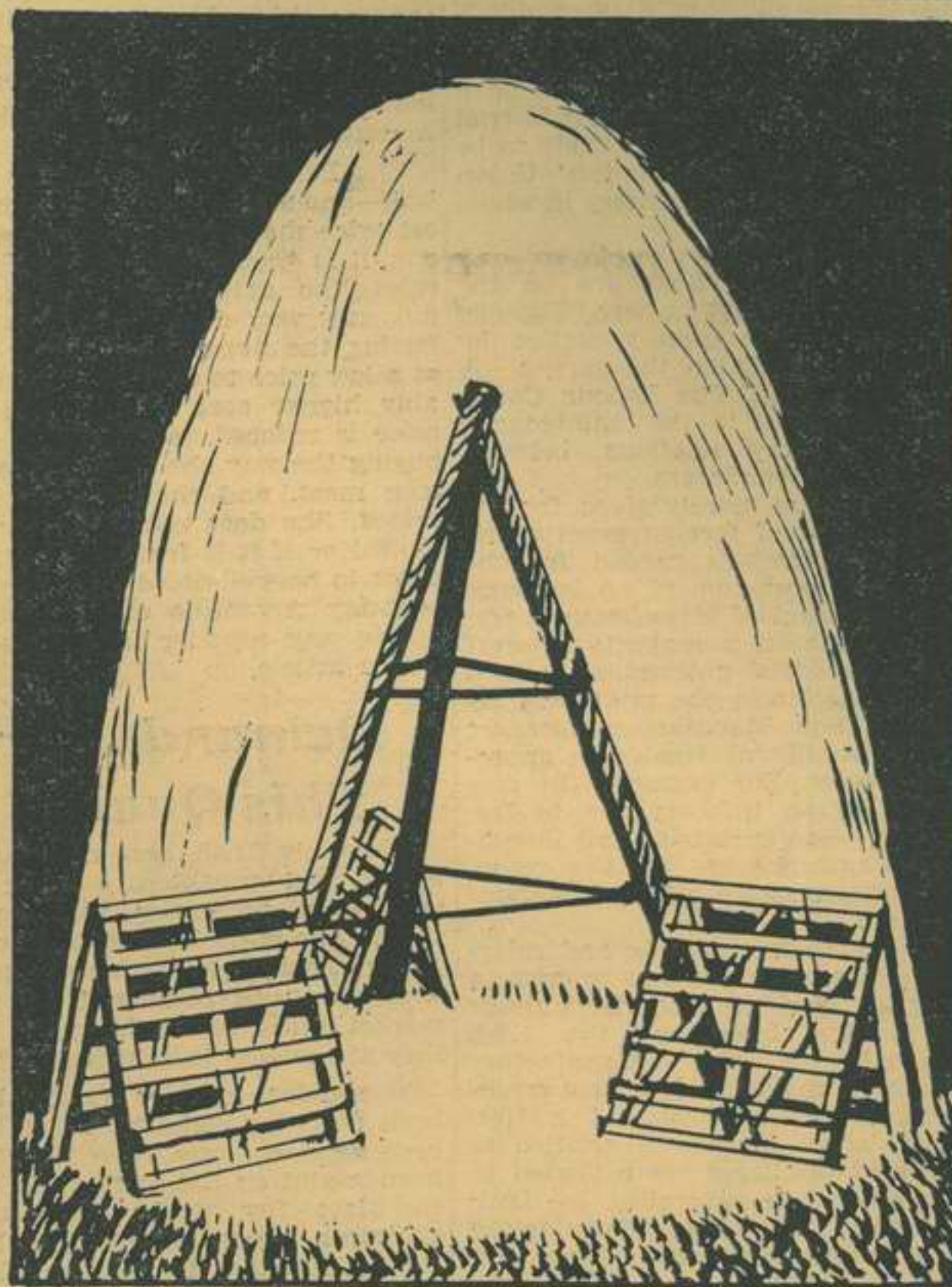
In other words, we can expect that they will be a lot more chary in future of paying high prices for Irish stores.

CLEAN WOOL

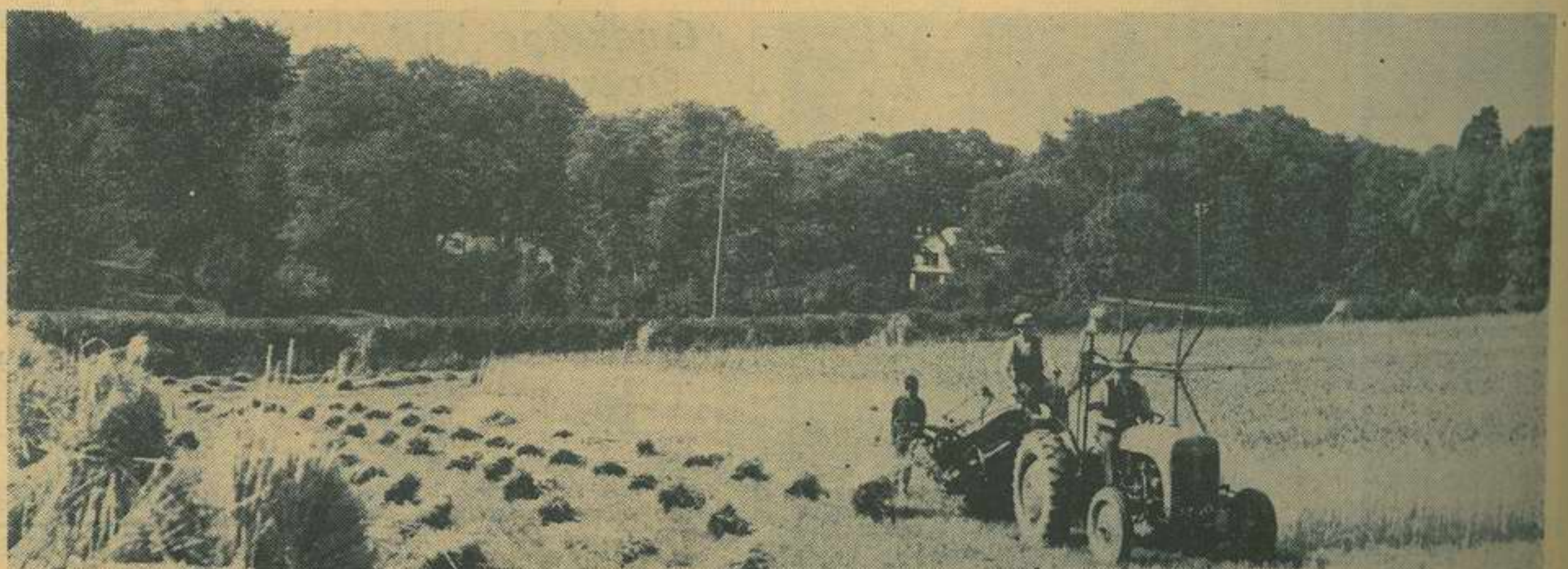
Irish wool has been rated low in the world's wool market up till now on account of the custom here of branding sheep with tar, pitch, paint and other substances that damage the fleece.

Since the Department of Agriculture started the Clean Wool Campaign, and more particularly since Macra na Feirme and the N.F.A. started their premium price for clean wool scheme, we are gradually getting a higher rating for the quality of Irish wool on the world market. Buyers at present operating under this scheme have expressed themselves as being well satisfied with the standard of fleeces on offer.

It has been pointed out, however, that farmers should take great care to trim off daggings and soiled tailings. These can lower the value of a whole consignment of wool, causing an all-round drop in the price of the clean wool. At the same time, it is well worth while to gather such daggings and to sell them separately as they often total a remarkably high value, even at the much lower price.



This is a standard type of tripod, with the finished cock shown in outline. The trestles at the foot of each leg are removed as soon as the hay is put up, leaving a vent-hole for the air to circulate under the hay.



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Athy Show's Outstanding Agricultural Interest

ONE of the liveliest show spots in Irish farming to-day is Athy Agricultural Show, which this year starts on July 11 and continues on July 12. Since this Kildare town is also the headquarters of Macra ra Feirme, the young farmers are always well to the fore in organising and planning an enterprising two days of outstanding agricultural interest.

There are several of Ireland's leading personalities in the farming world to be found in the Athy area, among them Dr. Juan Greene, chairman of the National Farmers' Association, and Mr. J. J. Bergin, President of the National Ploughing Association. Both these men, and the organisations they represent, are of course giving the show committee the fullest support.

Mr. L. F. Craig is the organising secretary this year, and he reports that never before has so much and so enthusiastic interest been aroused. There will probably be a record turnout of agricultural equipment of all sorts on display throughout the show, and a number of new exhibitors are expected to attend.

Besides being in the centre of some of the best farming land in the country, and in a district of very progressive agricultural technique, Athy is in the very heart of Ireland's "horse country". This year's show will include as usual a full programme of jumping, and both days will feature events of this nature. The jumping course

at Athy is generally regarded as second only to the Royal Dublin Society's Ballsbridge course—and possibly a stiffer test of horsemanship.

Wednesday's programme is predominantly jumping, while on the second day the livestock, including cattle, sheep and pigs will be judged. A very full entry is expected.



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There was a time when Smithwicks' activities were confined within the storied walls of ancient Kilkenny, when only the people of this historical Leinster city knew and tasted the product that has since become one of Ireland's best known drinks—Smithwick's Ale.

Loyal Friend

The title deed granted on September 25th, 1705, to one Richard Cole is now in possession of the Smithwick family. Five years after that date John Smithwick founded the firm of Smithwicks in Kilkenny and was succeeded by his son, Peter, and then by his grandson, John (died 1842). John married Catherine Butler, of Dangan, Thomastown (who lived to the goodly old age of 104), and their son, Edmond, purchased the freehold of the property in 1826, when it was described as a Brewery and a Distillery.

At this time, a young Barrister named Daniel O'Connell was beginning to make a name for himself in the Irish courts. It was the same O'Connell who swept Ireland and roused the people, through his loyal friends, into the movement which ended with Catholic Emancipation. And one of those friends who spearheaded the work in the South was Edmund Smithwick, later Lord Mayor of the city, to whom O'Connell often turned for advice and counsel. The Company's pre-



The Smithwick Stand at Kilkenny Castle, 1953.

sent Board Room is, in fact, the room where O'Connell stayed during his visits to the Brewery.

Vital Decision

O'Connell had long been trying to get Edmund Smithwick to run for public office, and in a letter pressing him to stand for Parliament, dated London, June, 1846, O'Connell wrote "you know full well that I would prefer you to any man living if I had your consent." But the Irish scene was changing and the O'Con-

nell era was closing. O'Connell left for the Continent and died there. His close friend, Edmund, followed him in 1876.

Meanwhile, as the turbulent century drew to a close, the Smithwick family made a vital decision, and in 1898 formed a limited company. The distillery, purchased by Edmund with the property, had been long discontinued and brewing was the sole business carried on from 1827. Edmund's son, John, inherited the business and the name of Smithwick's beers and ales began to spread still further. It was drunk in London, Liverpool, Cardiff, and a cargo of ale was shipped to the West Indies.

James Smithwick, father of the present Managing Director, Mr. Walter Smithwick, headed the family and the brewery continued to produce the ale which eventually outstripped competitors, not alone in Ireland, but throughout the nations of the British Commonwealth.

Unbroken Links

In 1930, Colonel Frank Richardson, a partner in a large and old-established firm of hop merchants in London, joined the Board of Directors of Messrs. Smithwicks. With him was Mr. Walter Smithwick, who had just qualified as a lawyer. Both families had been associated with each other since the middle of the previous century.

Walter continued the work of his father, who died in April of that year, and his great-grandfather, and thus maintained the unbroken link for well over 200 years. Expansion went on apace and the growth of the Irish-Ireland social consciousness resulted in popularising the Smithwick Ale. So much so that by 1939 barrellage figures were 2½ times greater than those of 1930.

Proved Best

Two years previously, Smithwick's entered their ale in the world-famed London Exhibition, where brewers from the world's leading breweries brought their produce, and when the judges gave their verdict the Kilkenny firm had carried the day with first prize, awarded to the best naturally conditioned ale.

The coveted award now stands with the company's first award—the Award of Merit given at the Rotunda, Dublin, in 1892.

Many Benefits From This Big Industry

SMITHWICKS provide a great deal of direct employment in Kilkenny, including brewers, experts versed in the art of fermentation, racking and cellar work, coopers, carpenters, plasterers, painters, mechanical and engineering and clerical staff.

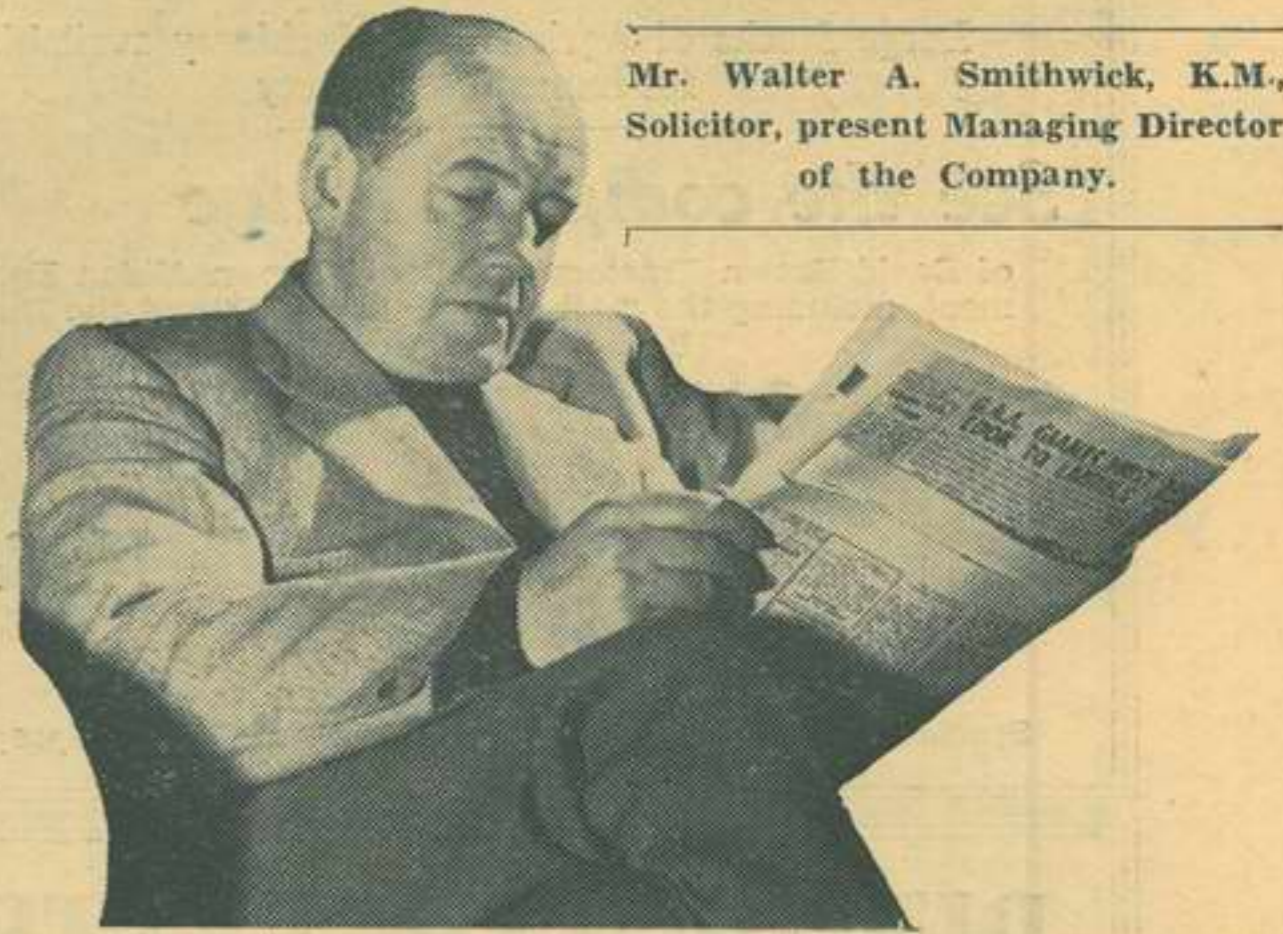
Progress has led to the growth of research work in their laboratory, which is fully up-to-date and equipped with the very latest types of equipment. Apart from being of great service to the firm, such a laboratory is of great interest to the personnel who wish to study and do research work.

In addition to the wages paid each week, large sums are spent with various Kilkenny trading concerns for the supply of materials, and the Brewery is, by far, the biggest individual contributor of rates to the Corporation.

The sharp rise in the home trade over recent years has brought a further increase in the amount of money put into circulation through the purchase of barley, with conse-

The House Of Smithwick
Eight Generations From The Founder

Mr. Walter A. Smithwick, K.M., Solicitor, present Managing Director of the Company.



Beer In 54 B.C.

THE brewing of beer is as old as agriculture and this can be traced to about five thousand years ago. The Romans landed in Britain 54 B.C. and found beer waiting for them. They came to that land and went and were succeeded by Saxons and Danes who drank Ale.

In England the Norman conquerors organised brewing on a large scale and scattered Abbeys and Monasteries over that country, each of which included a Brewery. After many centuries we come down to what we have to-day. Here in Ireland we have many Breweries and throughout the land pleasant inns, taverns and hotels where people can obtain the ale of their choice.



John Smithwick, son of the present Managing Director, and the eighth Smithwick generation from the founder.

What About Export?

WHEN a progressive industry has won for its product the reputation of excellence in all its characteristics and thus made the name of that product a household word throughout the land, it is but natural that such a firm would cast thoughts beyond the horizon of the home market and tackle the problem of building up an export trade. Hence it is no surprise to find that the author of a very interesting and informative paper entitled "What About Export?" read before the Incorporated Salesmen Association was the present Managing Director of Messrs. Smithwick's Mr. Walter A. Smithwick, K.M. Solicitor.

PLANT

Space curtails us to culling a few of the highlights of the paper. The author rightly holds that the main problem with which Irish firms are faced is the very high incidence of taxation which has retarded their ability to purchase enough high-class machinery to enable them to compete with firms in other parts of the world where their competitors were able to put aside substantial portions of profits towards modernising their plants.

QUALITY

Having stressed the need for first proving the product by establishing a solid and enduring trade on the home market, he goes on to emphasise the need for experiment and research until the requirements of people in other countries are known.

OWN COAL

SMITHWICKS opened a coal mine near Crettyard, Co. Laoighis, now known as "The Hollypark Mining Co., Ltd." primarily to ensure their own supplies of anthracite in times of crisis. Now the Company is cutting and hauling to the surface some hundreds of tons of first quality anthracite per week and a fine surplus is now available for sale to the public.

Letters From

DANIEL O'CONNELL
THE LIBERATOR

Dublin Dec 17 46
My dear Smithwick
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DANIEL O'CONNELL was a life-long friend of the Smithwick family. Over a long period of years a voluminous correspondence passed between the Liberator and the head of the great Kilkenny Brewing firm. O'Connell's son, John, carried on that friendship and the family today possesses many letters written by both father and son.

We publish (left), an example of John O'Connell's writing:

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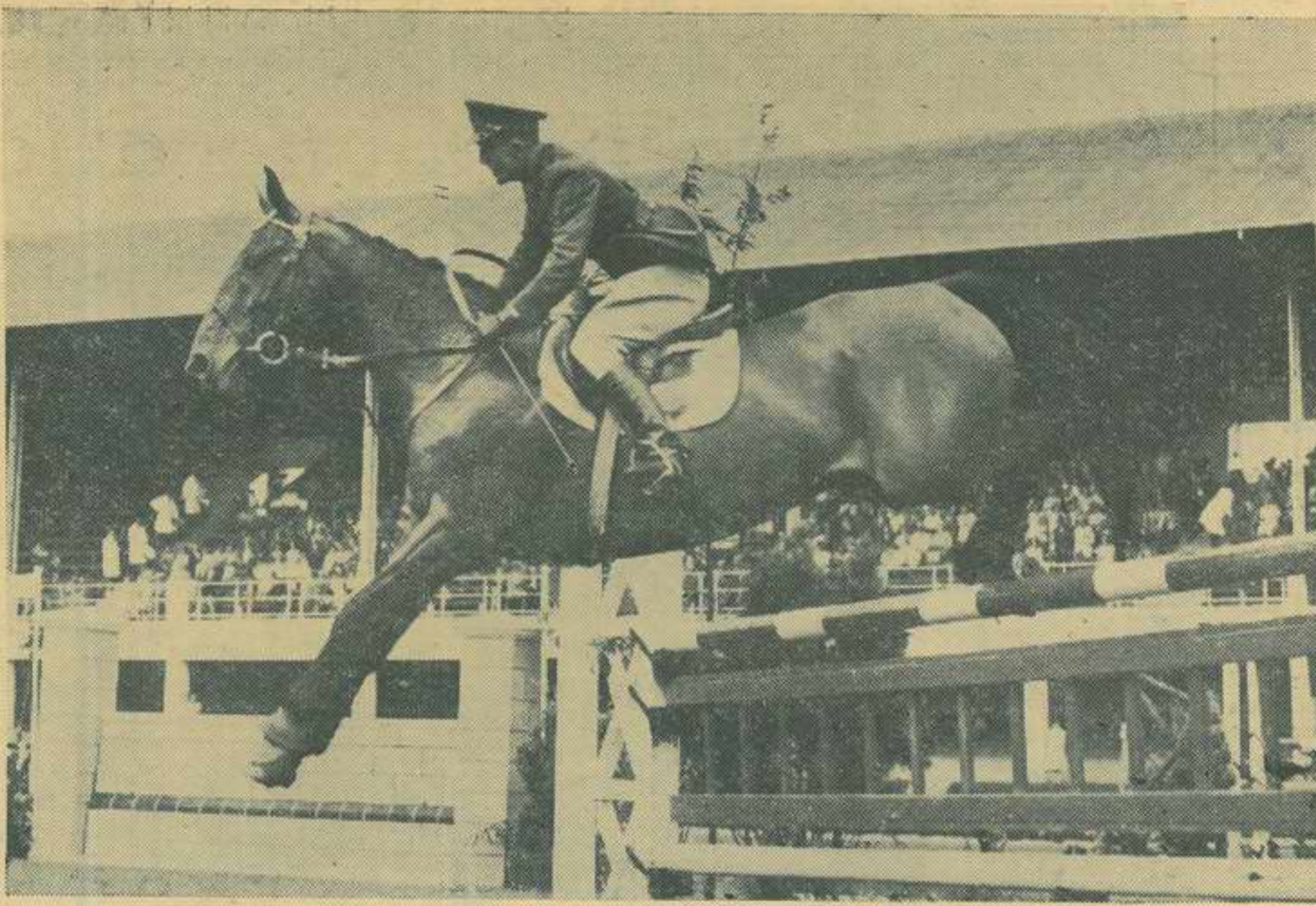
Also (left) we publish an example of the handwriting of Daniel O'Connell:

With affectionate respects to your dear lady and love for my boys,

Ever yours,
My dearest friend,
Most sincerely,

Daniel O'Connell
Ed. Smithwick, Esq.

With affectionate respects to your dear lady and love for my boys.
Yours truly
My dearest friend
Most sincerely
Daniel O'Connell
Ed. Smithwick Esq.



Jumping competitions constitute one of the most attractive features of our shows. This photograph was taken during an International Competition at the R.D.S. Horse Show.

CORK SHOW

THE Munster Agricultural Society's annual Summer Show—in other words, the Cork Show—can undoubtedly be acclaimed as Ireland's second greatest farming event of the year. In some ways, Cork even outshines the Royal Dublin Society's Spring Show.

Its three-day programme is always packed with top interest and, although primarily a cattle show, its other main features include jumping on all three days in the famous Ballintemple rings.

The machinery enclosure is always of very high standard and attracts the very latest developments in agricultural and horticultural equipment, since the modern Munster farmer is possibly the most go-ahead and progressive to be found anywhere within these shores.

It is particularly hoped this year that the pedigree cattle on show will lead to a big expansion in the overseas trade in this most valuable branch of livestock. Visitors to Cork from South America, the U.S.A., from Australia and South Africa and from many other countries can always see some of Ireland's best quality animals there.

The Purpose Was To Develop Direct Trade

THE Irish International Trading Corporation (Cork) Ltd. was founded in August 1920. It was one of the developments that arose from the Cork Industrial Development Association. Its purpose was to develop direct trade between Ireland and countries outside Great Britain.

The local business men who launched the new Company showed they had the necessary courage for the venture. The capital required, over £10,000, was quickly subscribed by close upon one hundred shareholders. The original Directors were—J. C. Dowdall, Francis J. Daly, Andrew O'Shaughnessy, Patrick Crowley and Liam De Roiste.

Having survived the perilous years of the early twenties, when an inevitable after-war slump overtook the business world in general, the Company, under most capable management, made striking progress. Direct connections were opened with suppliers in various countries; sources of supply hitherto

unknown to Irish traders were tapped, and the Company became known abroad as a reliable purchaser and received advantageous offers in many commodities.

The Company became closely connected with the Moore-MacCormack direct line of steamers from New York to Cork and it helped substantially in the operation of the "Bratt" line from Gothenburg. In fact, the first large cargo of the "Bratt" line was one for the International Trading Corporation.

Another enterprise, on the export side, was the exportation of cured mackerel to the United States. The fish were cured and graded, under the Company's direction, to suit American requirements and shipped by the Moore-MacCormack line. One shipment was of 8,000 barrels of mackerel. Wool was exported to Hamburg, hides and skins to France, homespun and woollen goods, and Church vestments to the United States.

When British cement was at a very high price, the Company was the first in Ireland to import Continental cement; the affect of which was a reduction in price and a consequent reduction in building costs.

Of late, owing to change in Irish trading conditions, the Company has extended its interests to the handling of seeds, grass meal, manures, agricultural implements and other agricultural requirements, and to the manufacture of mineral mixtures.

RANSOME'S NEW MODELS

RANSOMES have on exhibition at one show in England forty examples from their range of agricultural implements. Among them are ploughs, both mounted and trailed, most of the mounted ploughs coming from the FR range of implements manufactured under the arrangement with Ford Motor Company, and specially suited for use with the Fordson Major tractor. From the range of sprayers come exhibition models of the Junior, Standard and Senior Cropguards, and there are also exhibition models of the Vibro-Hoe, deservedly popular among growers as a highly efficient dual purpose hoe and cultivator.

Grain Dryer

On show for the first time is the recently introduced Gravity Flow Grain Drier, which is of particular interest to farmers with a small acreage but a large drying problem.

Among the disc harrows shown is one never exhibited before which will attract the attention of those farmers who need a harrow which will take really tough jobs in its stride. It is the Duchess 9ft. HR22 Heavy Duty Harrow. This harrow has plenty of weight to penetrate deeply, and the frame layout is so designed that any tendency for the front gang to penetrate deeper at the right and for the rear gang to penetrate deeper at the left is eliminated.

Has Made Its Mark

SEMAC AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY, Tivoli, Cork, are agents for tractors harvesters, dryers and other equipment. Though this progressive firm is in existence for a period of less than four years it has made its mark in the literal as well as the metaphorical sense as its main interest is land re-habitation. In the place of its activity the firm has brought many hundreds of acres of sterile land into full productivity both by drainage and dozing of scrub, trees, roots, rocks, etc. Their outfits have also converted many uneven sites into splendid football and hurling pitches and playing fields. Having erected a splendid modern headquarters with facilities to deal with heavy machinery, agricultural equipment and the motor trade, the firm developed a trend towards the introduction of harvesting and grain drying machinery. The importation of the splendid Claey's Combine harvester in 1953 was the first major step in this direction. A special study of grain drying problems resulted in the evolution of the cheap and highly efficient Semac grain drier. A unit of which may be purchased for as little as £85. This little unit, which is so designed, that the drying process cannot possibly damage the grain, may well mean to the farmer the difference between a saved and a lost crop in an adverse harvest season. They are also stockists of specially designed perforated and wedgewire sheets to facilitate farmers, millers or merchants in the erection of grain drying or storage units.

Another major step forward was the importation of the Alvan Blanch drier so famous for its efficiency in dealing with pedigree seed grain. Of revolutionary but simple design, its efficiency and simplicity, plus cheap installation costs, has made grain drying a practical possibility for anybody connected with the production or handling of grain. A drier but

highly successful step in this field was the conversion of the normal 30 cwt. per hour model into a fully portable tractor powered unit without impairing in any way its efficiency.

Under the able direction of the proprietor, Mr. P. Sexton, new plans are already being formulated for further expansion. In the not too distant future it is hoped that the firm will be producing machines which will not only be sold at home but will also be marketed abroad, thus helping to narrow the adverse import gap. The proprietor takes keen pleasure in seeing wheat and other crops flourishing on land that had been waterlogged, scrub covered or for any other reason unproductive previous to treatment by the firm's land rehabilitation outfits or those of the associated firm of Sexton Bros.

Link Beyond Year 1883

J. McCarthy & Sons Ltd., Cork—The "Cork Daily Herald" of December, 1883, had to say of this firm: "Of late the house of J. McCarthy and Sons, Cook Street, has undergone a complete change . . . The building is fitted up in every way to meet the requirements of a large Tea, Wine and Spirit Trade which the Firm carry on. . . The whole premises cover an area of 10,000 square feet in which a large Bottling and Tea blending trade is developed."

The Firm had been many years in existence before the foregoing was written and in the same and following years was awarded Gold Medal for first places in the Whiskey Blending sections of the London and Cork Exhibitions, these being the first of many such distinctions that were to come later. Most up-to-date machinery and plant enable the Firm to cope with an ever-expanding volume of business.

LULLYMORE PEAT BRIQUETTES

LULLYMORE Peat Briquettes are manufactured from very fine peat mould, which is stripped mechanically from the bog surface and dried by a combination of natural and artificial methods. The dried peat mould is fed into a press of the same kind as that used in the German Brown Coal Briquetting Industry and after issuing from the press the briquettes are allowed to cool for a short time after which they are ready for sale.

The peat mould is obtained from the surface of a large area of bog which has been specially prepared by intensive drainages. About twenty times during the summer a layer about half an inch in depth is milled off the bog surface by specially designed machines. This "Milled Peat" or mould consists of small particles which dry fairly rapidly under favourable weather conditions. Harrows of different kinds are used to stir up the mould in order to accelerate drying.

When the moisture content falls to about 55 per cent, the peat is collected into low ridges and subsequently built into large storage piles about nine feet high on the borders of the drying fields. All these operations are fully mechanized. At Lullymore the aggregate length of the storage piles is about 30 miles in an average season, and they contain sufficient raw material for the production of some 50,000 tons of briquettes a year.

On reaching the factory the semi-dried peat is subjected to further disintegrating and screening. The larger particles are removed to be used for boiler-firing and the residue is dried out in a special steam-heated process and then transmitted to the press for briquetting.

With the briquetting process used at Lullymore the moisture content of the finished product is about 10 per cent, to 12 per cent. This is a most important safeguard from the buyer's point of view as he is guaranteed a fuel of uniform dryness. As is well known, other forms

of turf and even coal may vary in moisture content within much wider limits.

The gross calorific value of peat briquettes is about 8,100 British Thermal Units per lb. This uniformity in the matter of moisture content and calorific value is of importance when seen from the point of view of both sales and combustion.

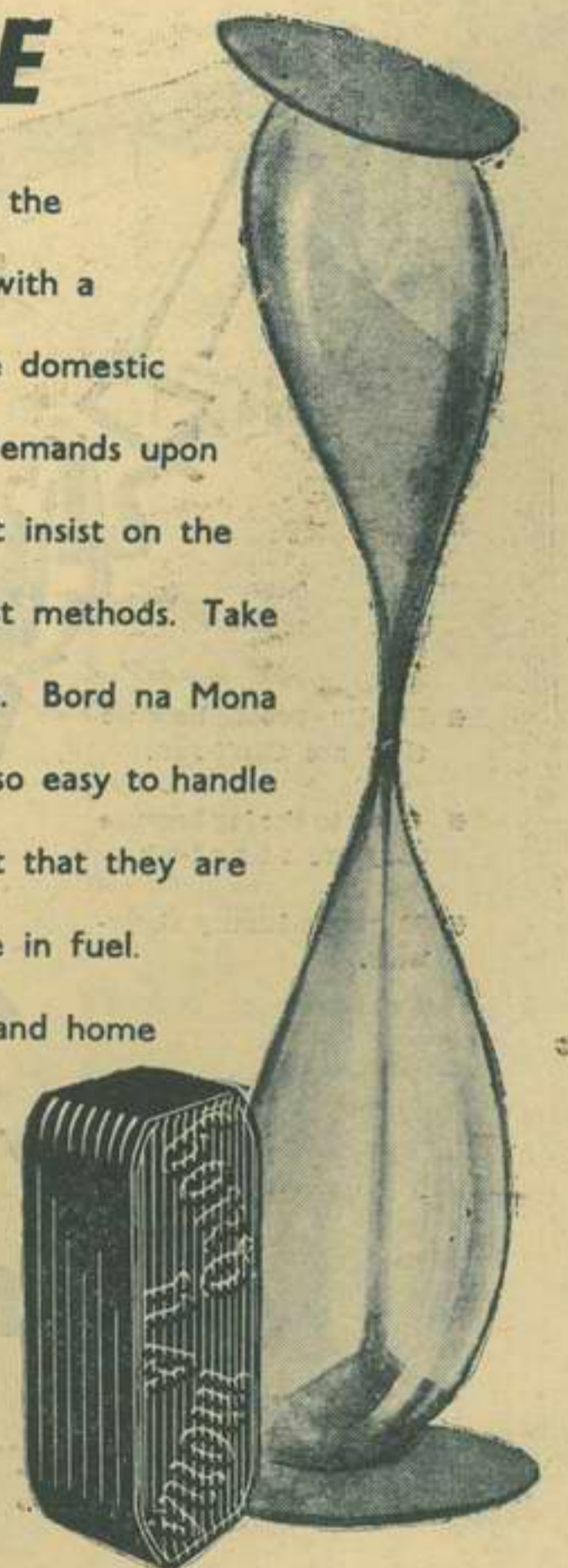
To get the best results with Peat briquettes in a coal-burning range special attention should be given to regulating the dampers so as to prevent an excessive date of combustion. Given these conditions Peat Briquettes will generate an even, steady temperature which can be maintained without that frequent re-fuelling and constant attention necessary in the case of ordinary turf.

Peat briquettes are very clean and for this reason can be stored in the kitchen without leaving behind an accumulation of mould or slack. They do not soil the hands when handled, are free from clinker and have a low ash content. They bulk about 55 cubic feet to the ton so that the amount of storage space occupied is no greater than in the case of ordinary lump coal. Their low bulk and clean polished finish are specially adapted to the needs of urban householders. In the case of baled briquettes the storage space required is about 35-40 cubic feet per ton.

The calorific value of Peat briquettes is almost three quarters of that of household soft coal and the ratio becomes even more favourable to briquettes if the practical advantages already referred to are taken into account. Provided, therefore, the cost of Peat Briquettes does not exceed three quarters of that of coal, they can compete with coal on level terms and replace it for all normal purposes. The further advantages of baled briquettes justify a higher price per ton. Ex-factory, Lullymore—£4 per ton loose; £5 per ton baled (1/3 per bale).

TIME

— so precious to the housewife faced with a thousand and one domestic tasks. So many demands upon her day, she must insist on the best and speediest methods. Take fires, for instance. Bord na Mona BRIQUETTES are so easy to handle and quick to light that they are her natural choice in fuel. Economical, too, and home produced by Irish workers. For every good reason ask for



BORD NA MONA BRIQUETTES

Obtainable from our factory at Lullymore, Carbury, Co. Kildare (Carbury 3) or from any fuel merchant.

The Sunbeam Group

THE Sunbeam group of companies which are to-day the largest employers in Ireland's Textile industry comprise, besides Sunbeam Wolsey Limited, the Cork Spinning Co., Midleton Worsted Mills Ltd., Woolcombers (Ireland) Ltd., Seafeld Fabrics Ltd., and Blackwater Cottons Ltd.

The foundation of this great network was laid by the late Mr. William Dwyer, who formed, in 1928, Sunbeam Knitwear Limited, which was engaged in the manufacture of knitwear, half hose and underwear in premises situated in the old butter market in Cork.

A few years afterwards the late Mr. William Dwyer, who had been joined by Mr. C. O. Stanley, acquired the use of the famous "Wolsey" trade mark for the Republic of Ireland and a new company, Sunbeam Wolsey Limited, was formed and production commenced at Millfield, Cork, which is now the present headquarters of the Sunbeam group. As well as the continued expansion in Knitwear, half hose and underwear, it was decided to install machinery for the production of ladies fully fashioned hosiery.

In the immediate years following the formation of Sunbeam Wolsey Ltd., in 1933, production developed rapidly and by 1938 nearly a thousand people were employed in the manufacture of all classes of hosiery goods.

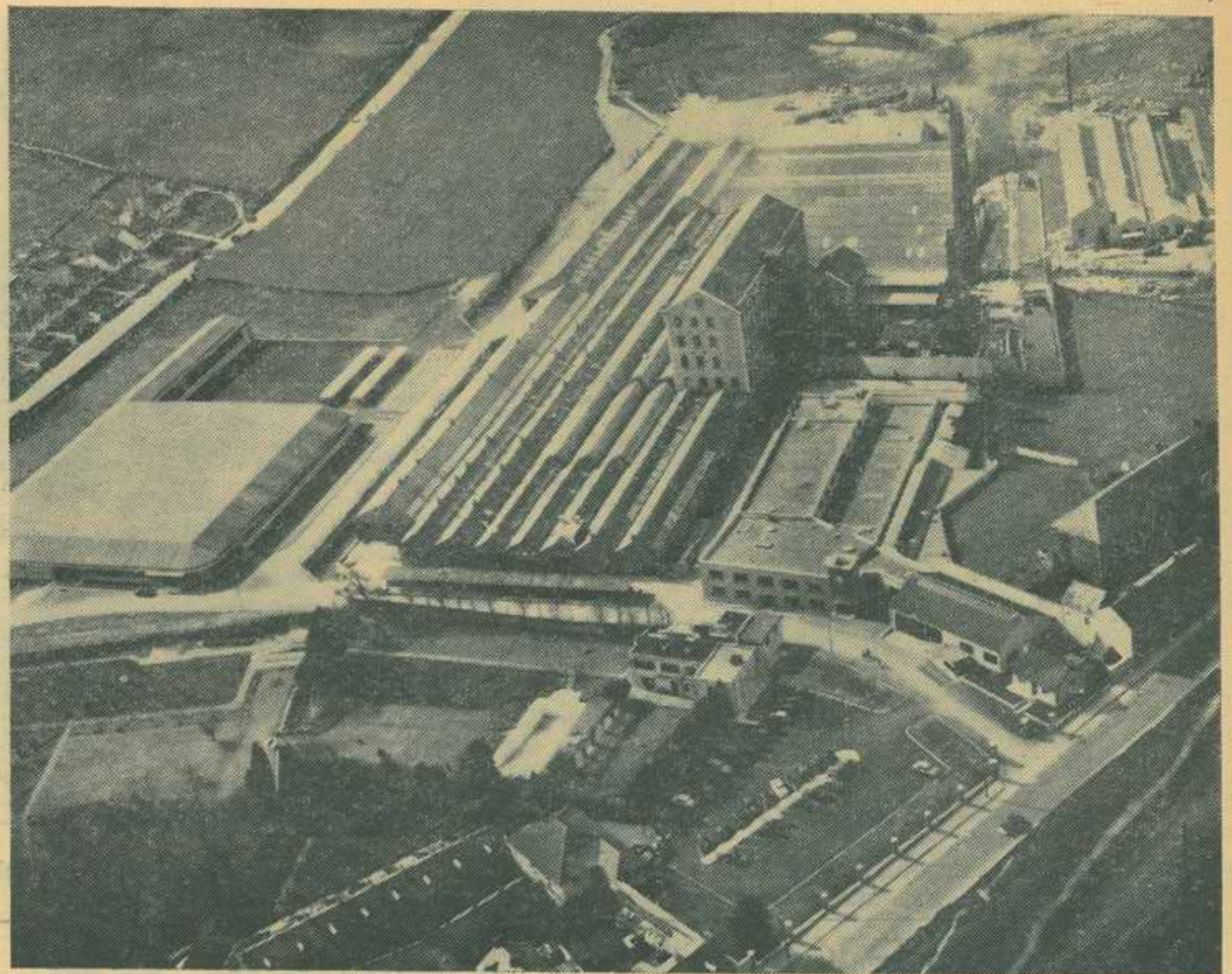
With increasing industrialisation in Ireland, Sunbeam Wolsey Ltd. next turned their minds to the production of worsted yarn and the Cork Spinning Company was formed for the purpose of spinning all

their worsted requirements. Despite the outbreak of war in 1939 the company decided to form yet another link by founding, in 1941, Woolcombers (Ireland) Limited, for the purpose of converting raw wool into worsted "tops" for the Cork Spinning Co. This plant was of immense strategic value to the company during the war years and they supplied a large share of the "tops" consumed in Ireland during that difficult period. After the war had ended it was decided to build a much larger combing mill in Midleton, to cater for the new developments on which the company had embarked.

One of the new developments was the formation of Midleton Worsted Mills for the production of a large range of woollen and worsted cloths. The latest type of post-war machinery was installed for every stage of the manufacture of what this company claims are Ireland's finest woollen and worsted cloths.

Besides the large scale woollen and worsted developments which took place soon after the end of the war, the 1946 two other projects were set in motion. The first of these, the manufacture of ladies' fully fashioned nylon hosiery, has resulted in Sunbeam's nylon factory being, to-day, one of the most modern in the world. Nearly half a million pounds has been spent on capital equipment for this project and it is one of the few factories in existence where the air is not only heated but also filtered and washed for the purpose of producing stockings from the menace of chemical impurities in the atmosphere at all stages of manufacture.

The second project referred to above was the formation of a new



An aerial photograph of the Sunbeam Wolsey factory at Millfield, Cork.

factory in Youghal by the name of Seafeld Fabrics Limited. This opened up an entirely new field in the Irish Textile industry and the company now manufactures from synthetic yarns such as rayon and nylon a very large range of materials chiefly used for Lingerie, blouses, linings and shirts.

The most recent development in the growth of this Textile group was the establishment of the first fine cotton spinning plant to be set up in this country. To-day Blackwater Cottons Ltd., also situated in Youghal, not only produces the bulk of this country's requirements of fine combed hosiery yarns, but also

exports a considerable proportion of its production in the face of world competition.

Up to 1946 the Sunbeam group of companies concentrated their activities on the requirements of the home market but it was then felt, that as the well-being of this country would depend more and more on its export trade, the group should enter this field. A very substantial business has now been developed. It was decided to set up an export headquarters to foster development in the export market and London was chosen as most of the overseas buyers make it their centre of activity.

This development has proved most successful and substantial markets have been found, not only in Britain, but also in the United States, Canada, Scandinavia, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the West Indies.

Nylon hosiery and woollen and worsted cloths are the main exports of the group and efforts to extend and consolidate markets are continually being made. Much assistance has been given to the group in the expansion of its export trade by Coras Tractála Teoranta, whose help the company gratefully acknowledges.

The s-t-r-e-t-c-h nylons that are ladder proof



- * Ladder-proof because they are Can't-run.
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Advertisement of Sunbeam Wolsey Ltd., Millfield, Cork.

Ireland's Pencil Industry

PENCILS in their present form are used and known since the Frenchman, Conte, invented the so-called ceramic lead, a mixture of graphite (the writing agent) and clay, which renders firmness to the otherwise soft graphite. Before that, and up to the early parts of the 19th century, pure graphite was used for pencil leads, which actually never contained real lead. In the middle ages silver sticks were used for writing and lining on parchment paper.

The important fact in the modern blacklead is that the adding of clay (very special clay of greatest purity) to the finely ground graphite and the subsequent baking process of the mixture made it possible to grade pencils in varying hardnesses. The more clay a lead contains, the harder its texture and the greyer its stroke, the more graphite the blacker and the softer.

World's Oldest Pencil Industry

It was in the grading of pencil hardnesses that Faber-Castell, during the last century, pioneered the industry and they were also the first pencil manufacturers to trade mark the previously anonymous product. Nowadays, there are between 120 and 150 pencil factories in the world, main centres of the industry being Germany (in and around the ancient city of Nuremberg), Great Britain, the United States and Japan.

A. W. Faber-Castell (Ireland) Limited, Fermoy, are an offspring of A. W. Faber-Castell of Stein, near Nuremberg, Bavaria (Federal Republic of Germany), who are the oldest pencil factory in the world, that is, their main plant near Nuremberg was the first ever to produce pencils on a truly industrial base, and this in itself was a revolution in the industry. Furthermore, they are the oldest firm inasmuch as they have an uninterrupted record ever since

the house was founded in 1761, and the business is still in the hands of the original family.

There are four plants in operation in Germany now, turning out—besides pencils of every conceivable type or shape—fountain pens, ball points, rubber erasers, pencil sharpeners, drawing instruments, slide rulers, mechanical pencils and kindred stationery lines. The German concern employs more than 2,000 people, by far the biggest manufacturers of their kind in Europe, and its sole owner is Count Roland Von

Faber-Castell, who represents the 7th generation of the family in the firm.

It may be taken as a happy omen that the earliest link between Faber-Castell and this country was established nearly one hundred years ago, when at the Dublin International Exhibition the firm was awarded a prize medal for the quality of its pencils.

Plans For The Irish Factory

Plans for the Irish factory were conceived as early as in 1952, when it was found that this country's market was worth being further developed. With painstaking thoroughness, every angle of the project was blueprinted ahead. As a result of this careful planning, Ireland now avails of a model pencil factory, which is expertly designed and modern throughout. The special machinery and equipment has largely been imported from Germany, with quite a number of items being of the German Company's own design and make.

The plant carries out the full manufacture, even if the leads are being imported from the famous Faber-Castell lead factory in Germany. Presently, 35 workers are being employed, all of them Irish, and this number will increase as soon as expansion becomes feasible. The site which the new factory occupies at Fermoy is part of the former military barracks area. It was thoroughly converted, air-conditioning was installed, and it now bears little resemblance indeed to its past.

The reason for establishing the factory at Fermoy may be found in the fact that the town was suffering from unemployment. Furthermore, there were buildings available which suited the purpose. Governing Director of the Company is Count Roland Von Faber-Castell, who has the assistance of Mr. M.



Roland Graf Von Faber-Castell, who is the Governing Director and sole proprietor of A. W. Faber-Castell (Ireland) Ltd., Fermoy, Co. Cork.

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THE GREATEST NAME IN PENCILS



Tenth Anniversary Of The Vespa Scooter

THIS year the Vespa Scooter, which was conceived by Dr. Piaggio in 1946, celebrated its tenth anniversary. During this time Piaggio has produced 1,000,000 scooters, a remarkable achievement when one considers the early reception with which the Vespa Scooter was faced. The public looked upon it with a certain curiosity when it first made its appearance immediately after the war.

During the final stages of the second world war, Piaggio, whose Company had been up to that time specialising in engines, airscrews and air frames and other components required by the Italian Air Force, began discussing the question of peace time production. Transport in Italy was almost non-existent, the railways being completely disorganised, with a shortage of mechanically-propelled vehicles. Piaggio realised that a large section of the people would need a vehicle which would cost little to purchase and require the minimum attention and give safe, clean transport.

Concentrated On Research

His technical and planning office concentrated on research carried out on existing types of utility motor cycles. After three months of intensive research and planning the first Vespas made their appearance on the market, causing no end of discussion and surprise. At a time when everyone was speculating about the future, Dr. Piaggio gave orders that the mass production of the Vespa was to begin, and so in April, 1946, from the ruined war-time factories, the new peace-time industry commenced.

In the space of a few years the Vespa had its success without precedent in Italy, and indeed throughout the rest of the world. There is no country, however remote, where this scooter is not known and appreciated. Its enormous popularity

among those who could never afford to possess a car has contributed towards improving their enjoyment of life. It opened up, aside from the everyday use of home to work, the possibility of touring, both at home and abroad.

Naturally enough, other manufacturers, realising the potential of the scooter, copied Vespa, and indeed their action is a recognition of the success which Dr. Piaggio's Vespa enjoyed.

Improvements Each Year

To enable Vespa to sell so many machines it was necessary to be ahead of the time and any competitors, and consequently each year produced further improvements, both from body style and the early 98c.c. engine design. These improvements brought increased sales, and in an endeavour to satisfy the growing demand, other countries besides Italy were asked to assist in the production of the Vespa Scooter. France, Germany, England, Spain and Belgium have up-to-date factories at which the new 42L.2 model, appropriately known as the New World Model, is produced. This model is now produced in Ireland, and indeed in practically every country in the world.

All Parts Are Interchangeable

Notwithstanding the fact that the machines are produced in various factories, every single part of the New World Model Vespa, whether it be Italian, English or German origin, is interchangeable. In this way Vespa have ensured that throughout the world Vespa owners are obtaining the best possible value and the latest design.

The outward appearance of the New World Model looks more streamlined. Its re-positioned headlamp

gives a very brilliant light, and as it is mounted on the handlebars, it casts its light in the direction around corners, so that no blind spots are experienced by the night rider. All the handlebar controls are smooth and easy in action. The new shock absorber on the re-designed front suspension smooths out the roughest roads and gives every feeling of security.

The re-designed side panels and lengthened chassis give a neat appearance to the rear of the scooter and the addition of the new luxury dual seat help to make it even more streamlined.

Incorporated with the rear damper is a multirate suspension spring so that irrespective of the weight carried, whether it is solo ridden or carrying two plus luggage, the spring automatically adjusts itself to give the utmost comfort.

Designers And Draughtsmen

The complete engine has been re-designed and the rider is very conscious of the easy and smooth engine which he controls, whether he be travelling on the city roads through heavy traffic or on the rough mountain roads.

The daily production of this New World Model from the Italian plant alone is 500. The most modern machinery, is employed, from the foundry section, where giant presses, up to 500 tons, stamp the framework which is assembled with electronic welders on a moving belt, to the final painting and polishing before the machines leave the works. Over 150 designers and draughtsmen collaborate in the planning and production of the scooter and continual experiments are carried out in special workshops and laboratories so that the finished product can be guaranteed to give the utmost satisfaction.

Good Service Facilities

The ever-increasing costs of transport in our country and the comparative low purchase price and running costs of the Vespa will make it a popular choice with potential scooter owners.

The New World Model is being distributed by Scooter Sales and Service of Dublin, who are able to back the machine with excellent service facilities and adequate spare parts supplies. Prospective owners can have complete confidence in the smooth-running Vespa and assurance that the minimum depreciation will be experienced with their investment.

The Pencil Industry

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Sauer, Managing Director, former member of the German Company's export division, and of Mr. A. J. Thompson, of Commercial Buildings, Dame Street, Dublin, Sales Director, former representative, since 1951, of Faber-Castell of Germany. Chief Works Engineer in charge of production is Mr. N. Schmidt, former production manager of the Faber-Castell factory in Roumania.

The firm is acting as distributors to the Irish trade, and it is largely due to the wholesale trade and its admirable support that Irish-made Faber-Castell pencils enjoy such a wide distribution after so comparatively short a time. The now increased range of products comprises blacklead pencils in three different qualities and up to 10 degrees of hardness, rubber-tipped pencils, copying pencils in three hardnesses, coloured copying pencils in the four most popular shades, coloured office pencils in three colours and a combination of red and blue and, last but not least, students' crayons in 12 assorted colours and two qualities. This range will be further expanded.

A Beautiful Range

H. J. MOORE & Company, of 22 Dawson Street, Dublin, are the well-known specialists in portables. They are showing at the moment a beautiful range of Irish, British and German new season portables. Some of the latter models are articles of sheer beauty, even incorporating the new V.H.F. wave-band. Some of these models can be used in motor cars.

The Progress Of The Portable

"PORTABLE," one dictionary tells us, means: "That can be carried about, that is not a fixture nor cumbersome." In the case of early portable radio receivers the first part of this definition was just about true; the last word certainly was not. A "Portable" of, say, 1930 was as large as a good-sized suitcase, and weighed about as much as the same container packed for a fortnight's holiday. Whilst it could be "carried about," only a Samson would carry it very far.

One advertisement of a somewhat later date made a great feature of showing a child of about ten actually lifting the set—using both hands and with feet braced well apart! Even with this size and weight, the portable of the early 1930's tended either to receive very few stations, or not to produce very much sound from those it did receive, or both.

WAS A COUPLE OF STONES WEIGHT

However, it is not really fair to poke fun at these early efforts; if a designer of to-day had to produce a set using the valves and components which were then available, he might not do even so well. Valves gave a small and uncertain amount of amplification, and to supply their greedy demands for current large and heavy batteries were required; to obtain a reasonable degree of efficiency coils had to be very bulky; and loudspeakers were fitted with odd shaped and weighty magnets.

By the late 1930's some progress had been made, but when on holiday it was often a difficult question whether the pleasure of laying in the sun on the beach listening to a Test Match was worth the labour of lugging a couple of stone weight of portable receiver down from the hotel.

War-time requirements stimulated research into the problems of portable radio equipment, which have since been continued and even to



This Roberts portable radio is 9 1/2" by 5 1/2" and weighs only 7lbs.

intensified. Valves have been developed to the extent that to produce the same audible power as a 1939 receiver no more than one quarter to one third the battery power is now required. Battery manufacturers, too, have done their share in devising smaller and lighter batteries. Research into magnetic materials has resulted in very tiny coils of high efficiency and loudspeakers which are marvels of compactness and power.

NOW IT'S ONLY POUNDS HEAVY

All this means that to-day anyone can purchase for a reasonable sum a portable receiver which is not so large as the handbag carried by many women, and is at least equally as elegant in appearance. The total weight, including batteries, may be no more than 5 or 6 lbs., yet one can hear broadcasts from all over Europe with excellent tonal quality and sufficient volume to be enjoyed by a large picnic party.

Research still continues, and a new device called the Transistor which is now emerging from the laboratory into commercial production may, in the near future, bring the "Dan Dare Wrist Watch Radio" from the field of sensational fiction to a practical reality.



Personally Yours... ENTERTAINMENT WHEREVER YOU GO...



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A Fair Sprinkling Of Youthful Enthusiasts

BY J. CLARKE

THE Dublin Primary Schools Handball Championships which concluded recently, attracted a fair sprinkling of youthful enthusiasts, but I expected to see more and no doubt will, in future competitions. Speaking generally, the standard of play was up to that of previous years, with schools like St. Vincent's, Glasnevin, whose players took three of the four titles; Nt. Brunswick St., winners of the remaining event; St. Michael's, Inchicore, and O'Connell's, bringing home to us once again the advantages accruing to representatives from schools with alleys attached.

Incidentally, I was much impressed with the two fine box-courts erected last year at North Richmond Schools—one of which

complies with Irish regulations, and the other, which is shorter and nearer to American court specifications.

We may thus expect to hear big things from O'Connell's in the years ahead.

In point of fact, one of the most promising competitors to come under my notice during the games was 13½ year old, Pat Flood, from this very school.

Here you have a strong well-built youth endowed with a beautiful natural stroke in either hand, and requiring only, bringing out by a competent instructor.

All games were played at Croke Pk. court on Saturday mornings, and much thanks is due to the Brothers and Teachers that attended there regularly, especially to Mr. Reilly of Rutland Street N.S., for without

them, the competitions just could not go on.

As stated above, St. Vincent's, all but made a clean sweep of the events, winning the senior singles and doubles and the junior singles; Nt. Brunswick Street taking the junior doubles.

J. Murphy won the premier title, the senior singles, in fine style, beating P. O'Toole of Nt. Brunswick Street in a final that fizzled out, the loser failing to reproduce his form of earlier rounds.

Murphy also figured successfully in the doubles with left hander J. Gaffney as partner, beating C. Skelly and L. Cassidy, the gallant junior pair from St. Michael's, Inchicore, in a hard fought decider. Cecil Skelly is a brother of Liam's, winner of the senior singles and doubles last year. He has a third brother who was a fine Co. Dublin junior player of a few seasons back.

As expected, the junior singles went to little Joe McCarthy (St. Vincent's)—probably the most consistent competitor of the season. He beat the hard hitting N. Hickey of O'Connell's in the final. Joe is a wonder for his size, lengthy scotch service being the main feature of his play. He is truly the "little sport" of handball.

B. Murphy and D. Fennelly of Nt. Brunswick Street literally snatched the doubles from C. Skelly and L. Cassidy of St. Michael's, winning the second and third games by the narrowest of margins, after going under easily in the first.

St. Vincent's also won both Leagues, two new events, played some weeks previously. J. Murphy again figuring successfully, this time in partnership with G. Hancock in the senior; J. McCarthy and K. Roe annexing the juniors.

Kevin Roe is the 10-year-old son of Geo. Roe, and nephew of Larry and Andy Roe, well-known big names in the game.

A very unusual feature in doubles play, was the presence of two left-handers, as a partnership of the James' Street 'A' team in the senior league.

When it is considered that in handball generally, at least 95 per cent of all players are right handed men, James' Street can be said to be doing a big job for 'south-paws.'

The winners:—
Senior Championship (under 14 years):—"Clarke Memorial Cup":
Singles, J. Murphy (St. Vincent's, Glasnevin);
Doubles, J. Murphy and J. Gaffney (St. Vincent's);
League, J. Murphy and G. Hancock (St. Vincent's).

Junior Championship (12-14 yrs.):
—"Our Boys" Cup: Singles, J. McCarthy (St. Vincent's);
Doubles, B. Murphy and D. Fennelly (North Brunswick Street);
League, J. McCarthy and K. Roe (St. Vincent's).

First Inter-Factory Athletics League

THE Drogheda inter-factory athletic league, the first competition of its kind in Ireland, has proved one of the most successful sporting ventures in the town in recent years.

Practically all the competitors are novices, but such has been the enthusiasm and friendly rivalry between the teams that many of the individual performances have reached an exceptionally high standard. With the season now in full swing, the newly-formed Lourdes A.C. has a wealth of talent from which to choose its competitors for sports meetings all over the country.

In charge is Rev. Kevin Connolly.

C.C., himself a former All-Ireland champion over 100, 220 and 440 and who can still show a clean pair of heels to lads of his age. Only recently he purchased a bus, and with this he intends to take his athletes to a sports meeting every Sunday. So far, his lads have competed in Dundalk, Castlebellingham, Carlow, Wexford, and he tells me that he intends to go as far as Galway.

Such enthusiasm has already been rewarded, for his factory runners have captured five very fine trophies at meetings in Dundalk—not bad for the first year.

With the league now over, Fr. Connolly is not letting the grass grow under his feet because he has aroused the interest of the general public. He has no intention of letting this interest lag, something he has worked hard for in the last three years. He is now discussing with his energetic committee the possibilities of holding a town championships, and from reports it seems plans are being finalised for this meeting. One thing is certain, however, there will not be any shortage of competitors.

Lourdes A.C. has now over 50 active members.

A DEBT TO COLLEGES

YEAR after year, dozens of new 'stars' arise in the G.A.A. world through the medium of the Colleges' championships in all four Provinces. For one reason or another, many of them 'fade-out' from the scene subsequently, but many more develop their talents on the right lines, and eventually reach the top grade as members of their county's senior team.

The present Offaly S.F. team includes quite a few of these ex-college stars. Kevin Scally and Sean Foran learned most of their football at Knockbeg (Carlow), as did Kevin Blake, whose recent departure to Canada was a big blow to the county. Paddy Fenlon is a product of that famous Leinster nursery, St. Mel's (Longford), while Johnny Kinahan served his apprenticeship in St. Finian's (Mullingar). Tullamore men Alo Kelly, Noel McGee, Joe Bracken and Dicky Conroy had experience of colleges' competitions when attending the local St. Columba's C.B. School.

Like most other counties, Offaly owes a debt to the colleges!

Last Survivor

FROM America comes news this month of the death of Mr. James Dunne, a native of Tullamore and one of the best known hurlers of the early days of the Association. He was over 90 years of age and, according to reliable authority, is believed to be the last survivor of the two hurling teams that went to America in September, 1888. That famous expedition is known in G.A.A. history as the first Gaelic Invasion of America.

The late Mr. Dunne was one of four selected for the then King's County to go on the tour. The others were James Cordial of Kinnitty, Patrick Meleady of Kilcorrac, and Jerh. Nolan of Birr.

The teams were composed of 21 men each side and the men were all-round athletes.

Mick Is A Keyman

A LAOIS man beginning to make his name in Dublin competitions is Stradbally-born Mick Cahill. Twenty-three-years-old Mick has been rendering Na Fianna sterling service since teaming up with them two years ago.

Prior to coming to Dublin, Mick had a short spell in Wexford and in 1950 he gained a junior championship medal with New Ross Insurgents. His first club in the Metropolis was C. J. Kickham's, with whom he won several junior trophies, and later on he joined his present club, Na Fianna, whom he has already helped to several important successes. A high-fielding lengthy-kicking footballer, Mick is a keyman in Na Fianna's half-back line and many more honours seem destined to come his way before he hangs up his boots.

LIMERICK FOOTBALLERS PROMINENT IN NEW YORK'S SUCCESS

THREE Limerick boys to star for New York in their victory over the Dublin football team during their American trip were Jim O'Grady and the O'Sullivan brothers Mick and Eddie.

Newcastle West born Jim O'Grady had the distinction of representing Limerick in all three grades, Senior, Junior, and Minor hurling and football before he left for America on the invitation of the Limerickmen's Association. Prior to his departure he helped Limerick win the 1952 Munster Junior hurling championship. Later that year he was a member of the New York team that failed to Cork at the Polo Grounds. Last year he figured prominently on the New York hurling and football teams in Croke Park.

Mickey O'Sullivan was born in New York, but was reared in Ballyhahill, Co. Limerick, where he learned football in his school-days. Before emigrating he had made a name for himself in Limerick football circles. A regular on the New York team he is regarded as one of the most consistent footballers in the States.

Younger brother Eddie helped Ballyhahill win the 1950 Limerick Minor football title. A little "pocket battleship" he is deadily

accurate, and has delighted football fans in the States by his many fine exhibitions.

Kilmallock Inter-Firm League

EIGHT teams, drawn from firms and associations in Kilmallock, have been competing in a hurling League, seven a side, organised by the local G.A.A. club for the past few weeks. The league is arousing widespread interest and the winners will receive a valuable set of silver cups.

From Mallow

PLAYING for Killarney this year is former Killarney hurler Derry Mannix, a native of Mallow, he is also a useful footballer and played for both Spa and the Legion in the East Kerry Minor championships.

Helped Wicklow

STAR of the Geraldines team that defeated Shillelagh in their 1956 Wicklow championship engagement was former Galway Minor Jimmy Kilkelly. A deadly opportunist, this diminutive wing forward is rapidly rising to fame in Wicklow G.A.A. circles.

Two Games

STARRING for Kerry in their 1956 Munster Junior football game with Limerick was Paddy Culligan a member of this year's Irish basketball team. He learned his football at St. Brendan's, Killarney.

It Was Bobbie

In the June issue, due to an error, a photo appeared under the name of Tadgh Lyne. It was not, of course, Tadgh but Bobbie Buckley, who made an outstanding comeback for Kerry in New York.

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Handball Affairs

By J. CLARKE

THE 1956 Provincial Championships — preparatory to the National events—are now under way in Leinster, Munster and Connacht.

Here are some of the early round results:—

In Leinster—Kilkenny got away to a good start with a 3-1 victory in S.S.S. against Kildare, while in J.H.D. and M.H.S. their representatives beat Wexford 3-2 and 2-nil, respectively.

Kildare beat Laois 3-1 in J.H.D., and Wicklow 3-nil in J.S.D., but later went under in the latter event to Westmeath, 3 games to nil. Kildare had a hard struggle to oust Laois 3-1 in J.H.S., but came out strongly against the same county in M.H.D., winning comfortably in straight games.

Laois gained satisfaction in M.H.S. when beating Kildare 2-1. Dublin did well in minor against Louth, winning in straight games with both balls, in singles and doubles. Louth gained spectacular wins over Dublin in J.H. and S.S., but in J.H.D. had to fight all the way before emerging narrow 3-2 victors. Louth also took the J.S.D. by 3 games to 1. Wicklow accounted for the fancied Offaly pair in M.S.D., while Carlow went out to Kilkenny in J.S.S. and D. and M.S.D. Westmeath beat Offaly in J.S.D., but Offaly gained the upper hand in the singles.

In Munster—Waterford beat Tipperary in M.S.S. and D. and J.S.S. and D. and accounted for Clare in J.S.D. Kerry beat Tipperary in S.S.S. and D., Cork 3-0 in J.S.S. and D. and 2 games to nil in M.S.D., while Limerick beat Clare in S.S.S. and D., 3-nil each, J.S.S. 3-nil and M.S.S. and D. 2-nil each. Clare won the J.S.D. 3-2. Tipperary beat Kerry 3-nil in J.H.S. and D. and 2-nil in M.H.S. and D. Kerry beat Tipperary 3-1 in S.S.D., while Cork beat Kerry in straight games in M.S.D.

In Connacht—Mayo beat Sligo 2-nil in M.S.S. and D. and 3-nil in J.S.S. Sligo accounted for Mayo in J.S.D. 3-nil.

Army Contests

THE Army-Eastern Command-Handball Championships, played at the Garda Depot covered court, Phoenix Park, afforded much good play and two new Command champions.

Pte. M. Hore, the well known Wexford player, who won three of the four titles last year, retained the H.B. doubles and lost the S. and H.B. singles—failed to defend the latter—and won the S.B. doubles. Captain J. Doyle, regained the S.B. singles, while Pte M. Reilly took the H.B. singles.

16 year old Pte. S. Byrne, a former Carlow minor, proved the surprise packet, winning three runner-up medals, and playing a total of 11 games in three deciders on one day. Though playing handball for the first time, he succeeded in reaching the final of the singles in the code.

As in previous years, C.Q.M.Sgt. J. McCreanor, proved one of the most popular of competitors, and although not well into the veteran stage, reached the final of the H.B. doubles. Final results:—

Hardball singles—Pte. M. Reilly bt. Pte. S. Byrne—21-14, 21-17, 17-21, 21-17.

Hardball doubles—Ptes. Hore and Reilly, (bt. C.Q.M.Sgt. McCreanor and Pte. Wade)—21-11, 21-16, 21-17.

Softball singles—Capt. J. Doyle bt. Pte. S. Byrne—21-11, 21-9, 21-18.

Softball doubles—Ptes. Hore and Kinsella bt. Ptes. Wade and S. Byrne—21-16, 21-15, 15-21, 21-14.

Capt. J. Doyle (D.M.G.), C.Q.M. Sgt. McCreanor, Pte. M. Reilly (Mets.), Pte. Hore (Fr. Murphy's), are well known participants in the Co. Dublin Championships, while Pte. S. Byrne has intimated his intention of joining Metropolitan.

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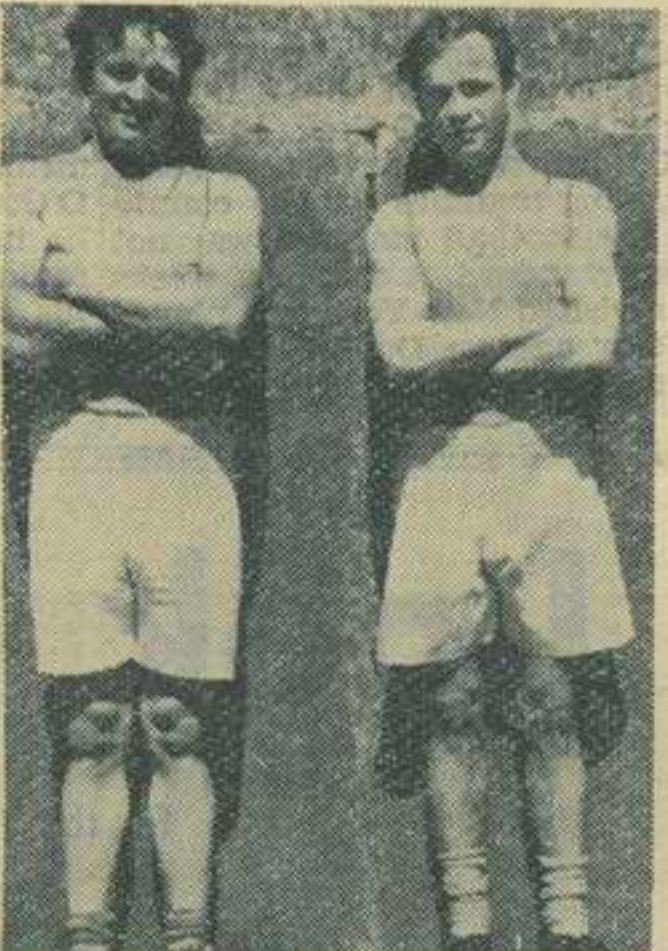
The Sun Did Not Shine For Antrim

SUNDAY, 17th JUNE, in this year of grace, was a glorious day and the sun shone brilliantly and warmly, but not for Antrim at Casement Park. For us it was the most miserable day of the year. Down cast the first shadow over the sun by giving Antrim's hurling team the most unexpected and heaviest defeat they have had in the Ulster Championship that I can remember. Indeed, watching the game, one would have thought the red-jerseyed team was Cork, not Down, so completely were they masters. Congratulations to the 100 to 1 outsiders, and may their gloriously unexpected win stimulate the game in Down to still greater heights.

Then came the football, which the bulk of the crowd had come to see. Nobody expected Antrim to win, but everybody hoped for the best, and with the score 3-all at half-time, it looked as if the unexpected might happen a second time the same day. A roar of appreciation greeted Antrim as they came out for the second half, but that roar was a murmur com-

pared with the spell of joy when Antrim took a goal lead five minutes after the re-start. The Antrim football crowd is notoriously noisy, but Sunday's goal-greeting yell was heard on Cave Hill, six miles away. There would have been a brave when of torn larynxes if Cavan had not checked that roar before it reached its crescendo, for the ball was in the Antrim net before the crowd realised the game had been re-started. Till that the Bucks had been a sluggishly lethargic looking lot; it took that Antrim goal to bring them to life, and then for ten minutes or so they let the crowd see them in top gear. Antrim might as well have sat down and watched for all they could do to counter this terrific onslaught. Long before the end the Antrim crowd, as dispirited as their players, were drifting towards the gates, looking back over their shoulders as the Cavan machine slowed down to its earlier half speed to the finish. I cannot see them lose their Ulster Championship this year on this showing, but the Gunner's day is done.

Great Credit Due To Mahon Brothers



THE MAHON BROTHERS

THE Mahon brothers, Joe and Tom, Goresbridge, are representing Kilkenny in this year's junior handball doubles championship. They had a surprising win over Redmond and O'Keefe of Wexford in the first round, played recently at Clogh, and thus qualified to meet Louth in the Leinster semi-final.

Great credit is due to these boys for their success with the "cracker," as there are no proper facilities for practice in Goresbridge. The old alley is not of regulation dimensions and is most unsuitable.

Joe Mahon is also playing for Kilkenny in junior softball doubles, in which he is partnered by Billy Phelan of the Thomastown club. The partnership was successful against Wexford at Talbot's Inch.

Joe Mahon is an outstanding handballer. He holds two Leinster medals, one won in 1954, when partnering Joe Delaney (Talbot's Inch). Joe earned his second medal last year, when playing with Tim Ryan (Ullard) as substitute for Syl Lennon, who was ill. The partnership beat Dublin. Ryan and Lennon subsequently won All-Ireland honours.

Handball fans in Kilkenny sincerely hope Joe will capture that elusive All-Ireland medal this year.

N.C.A. Men Are Preparing For Ras Tailteann

THIS is a busy time for cyclists and for some weeks past Ireland's leading N.C.A. men have been busy training on some of the toughest roads in the country in preparation for the 1,000 miles Ras Tailteann which is being held this season from August 5 to 12. This should be a great week in Irish sport with crowds of enthusiasts gathering once more at crossroads, villages and towns to cheer on their favourites.

This year's event gives every promise of surpassing in thrills and excitement the two previous races staged in '54 and '55. The route is tougher than ever and Gene Mangin and his boys from Kerry will

have to be at their very best to retain the title.

Entry in Ras Tailteann is confined to county teams of six except for individualists who have to qualify in a number of test races.

Thanks to the great work of enthusiasts like Kerry Sloane and Joe Christle, road racing has made great headway during the past two or three years and let us hope that in the near future the rival organisation with the majority of its clubs functioning in the Metropolis, will soon see the light and end the present position of cycling in the country.

It is high time the other clubs took pattern from Round Towers and clear the way for Ireland to be represented by the best available cycling team in International competitions.

Plays For His Father's Parish

MARTIN GRENNAN, who had been assisting Graigue in last year's Junior Championship, has this year thrown in his lot with St. Molings, Co. Carlow, the parish from which his father came. Martin might be described as an Irish-American, because he was born in New York, where his father, William Grennan, still lives. He came back to the home of his grand-parents, near Rathdowney, at an early age. Hence his associations with Laois.

THEY ADDED ANOTHER TITLE

THE Ashbourne Cup winners University College, Galway added another title to their list at Oranmore when they defeated the home side by the narrowest of margins in the County Galway Camogie Championship final. The winners deserved their victory, but considering that they are the Ashbourne Cup holders, Oranmore can

be proud that they did not suffer a heavier defeat.

Played before a record crowd, his final exceeded all expectations and is reputed to have been the best seen in the county for quite a while. The combination and first-class hitting of both teams was a treat to watch.

U.C.G. led by two goals at the

interval, but Oranmore got a firm grip on the game in the second half and very soon were in the lead. However, within half a minute of the final whistle, the College forwards got a new lease of life and M. Steward found the net, to give the students victory by one point.

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Waterford Jersey?

ONE of the most promising young hurlers we have come across in Dublin junior competitions is 24-years-old Frank Power. Frank, who is a native of Waterford city, has really hit top form since coming to the Metropolis a year ago and right now is one of the leading lights in Padraig Moran's hurling team.

But then Frank wouldn't be human if he wasn't a good hurler for, as he says himself, "hurling runs in our family," and you will get the significance of that when you hear that he is a brother of well-known inter-County player, Seamus Power. Frank has modelled his style on that of his brother, and it wouldn't surprise me in the least if there was a second Power striding the inter-

County scene in the next year or so. Like his brother, Frank is a product of that famed Waterford nursery, Mount Sion, and it was in 1949 that he gained his greatest honour with them when he annexed a coveted Dr. Harty Cup medal. Further honours followed, including two Coughlan Cup medals and up to a year ago, Frank was one of Mount Sion's most valuable units.

Since coming to Dublin he has gained two Tostal Cup medals with Padraig Moran's, who are making a stout bid for Dublin junior championship honours just now. A fearless tackler, Frank is enjoying a great run of luck just now and a Waterford County jersey could well come his way in the near future.

Turning Back The Pages Of History

Hurling In Limerick

IT is 69 years ago now since Murroe defeated South Liberties by 1-2 to 0-3 to take the first ever Limerick senior hurling title played at Grocers Field in mid-July. The East Limerick parishes were in the news again the following season and the "Liberties" gained the verdict this time after a very close game at Croom. South Liberties made it three in a row by winning out in 1889 and 1890 and they also reached the 1891 final but were defeated by Treaty at Loughmore. There were no championships played in 1892 and '94 and Bruree took the first title to the South by defeating St. Michaels at Croom in a very one-sided game in 1893. They have not figured in a senior final since but they have won through a few times in the lower grades and a few seasons back they were once more promoted to senior ranks when a fine team built around the Mullane brothers, the Sextons, Joe Kearney and O'Riordan won the junior crown.

First Final At Market Field

ST. MICHAEL'S won through in 1895 and it was in 1896 that the first county final was played at the Markets Field when Caherline (East Limerick) defeated the Western representatives Ballingarry.

All-Ireland Honours

KILFINANE had only a point to spare from Cappamore in the 1897 final played at the Markets Field. That was a great year for Shannonside hurling and the boys from the South brought All-Ireland honours to Garryowen for the first time. One member of that famous team, Pat Mulcahy, is still hale and hearty. A prominent member of the 1897 side, John Hynes, of Cappamore, passed away early last summer. A great hurling follower down the years he rarely missed an important game and delighted when the boys of Cappamore won the Co. senior title in 1954. Another link with that team was broken when P. Butler passed away last December.

Shamrocks Best In Replay

THE standard of hurling in the county was high around this period. Officers of the County Board were: Chairman, D. S. Lyons; secretary, P. J. Hayes; treasurer, James Halvey.

The 1898 final between Shamrocks and Caherline was not played until the spring of the following year at the Gaelic Grounds and ended in a draw: Shamrocks, 3-5; Caherline, 2-8. The replay provided another close contest and Shamrocks ran out winners in the score 1-6 to 1-2 for Caherline.

Kilfinane made a great comeback in 1899 and defeated Loughgur 2-9 to nil in the final. Yes indeed Kilfinane, Ballingarry, Caherline and South Liberties had grand teams in those early days of the G.A.A. in Limerick and it is a pity that they are not more in the limelight to-day. In 1900 Castleconnell entered the fray and defeated Rathkeale by 7-1 to 2-4 at the Markets Field. Castleconnell, the home of the famous Mackeys, has given many fine hurlers to Limerick while Rathkeale too have done their share for hurling by the Shannon. A few weeks back the boys from the West created the surprise of the year in Limerick G.A.A. circles by defeating last year's champions, Ahane, in the second round of the county championship and they are now going all out for 1956 honours.

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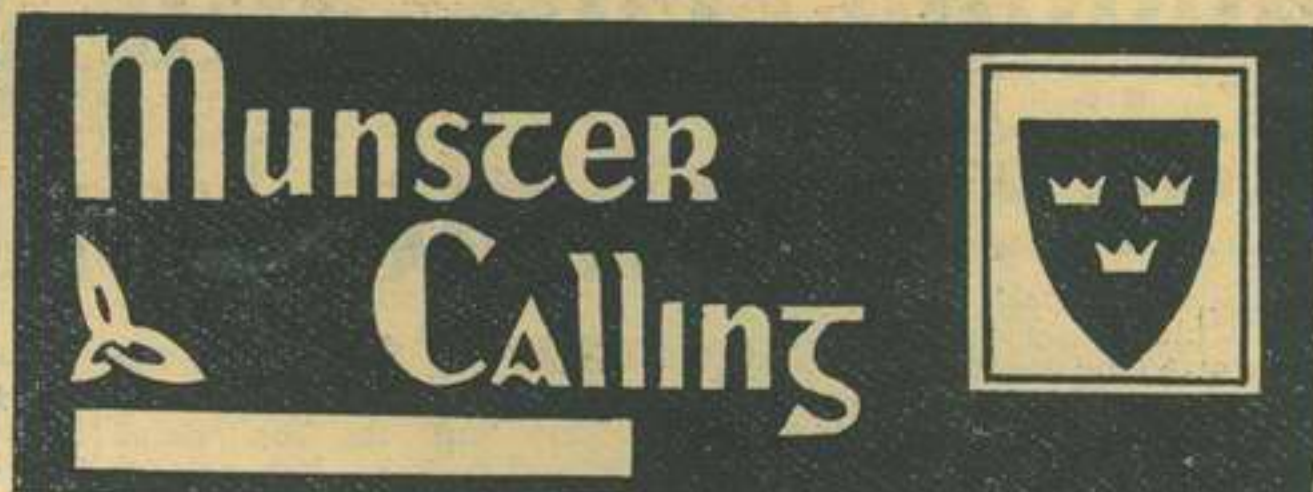
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London Team To Tour Kerry

ARRANGEMENTS are now almost complete for the visit of London Naomh Muire's senior football team to Kerry at the end of this month. Their first game is expected to be at the Con Keating Park, Cahirciveen, on Sunday, July 29th.

Changes

SPECULATION is rife that there will be at least a couple of changes on Kerry's senior football team this year, following, of course, the displays against Dublin when the two teams were in New York.

On a reliable source I hear that there is a doubt that four of the "regulars" will be included in the championship fifteen this season. If that's the case, there will be quite a stir within the Kingdom to find worthy successors.

There is a weakness in the present combination and nobody will admit that quicker than a Kerry man but it's the method of replacement that's going to rise a storm.

There are many who expect that "Marcus" O'Neill will recapture his former post of Kerry custodian. I don't mean to cast any aspersions on Gary Mahony, who has guarded the net for a good spell now and in the process has collected provincial and All-Ireland medals, but I never saw eye to eye with the Selectors' decision to drop O'Neill in 1953. The Cahirciveen man played some outstanding matches for the county when the football material was not of great standard. A couple of weeks ago he visited New York and played for Kerry against Dublin.

Sean Murphy missed the county's

first championship engagement (June 24) because of remaining on in New York but he will be back in time for the Munster Final on July 15.

Flying Visit

OFTEN spoken of as the greatest footballer of all time, Kerry's John Joe Sheehy was a recent guest of the Tralee Social Club, New York. A dinner in his honour at the Gaelic Park Casino was a joyous reunion of the Gaels of the Kingdom. Afterwards John Joe was present at the Gaelic Park to present the medals to the winners of a football and hurling tournament.

History Made

Never a stronghold of Clare football, Lisdoonvara has reason to feel proud in sharing the largest representation on the Clare senior football team which lost to Tipperary in the recent Munster senior football championship game. Lisdoon., with Mick Guthrie at full-back, Michael McGrath and Tom Colman at mid-field and Michael Hillery at left-half forward, shared with Kilrush the main representation of the team. This is the first time that the North Clare club have succeeded in producing so many players of inter-county class.

Lixnaw Hurler Emigrates

LIXNAW (North Kerry) lost one of its most prominent playing members recently when Jimmy O'Connell left for America. In 1954 he helped the club win the county senior hurling championship and his loss will be felt in forthcoming engagements. He carries with him the very best wishes of all Gaeldom.

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Report from Leinster

NO KEY—NO GAME

ONE often hears of a game being called off due to bad weather or a water-logged pitch, but down in Wexford Park a few Sundays ago they found a new reason for calling off a match—both teams could not get into the field as nobody seemed to have the key to open the gate. The teams, St. Munns and Shelmaliers, arrived with time to spare to play their juvenile football championship game, but due to a misunderstanding on somebody's part there was no one there to open the gate—so no key—no game.

ANOTHER MEDAL FOR THE RACKARDS

At a social held in the John Kelly Memorial Hall, Rathnure, recently almost 500 people were present when the Rathnure senior hurling team were presented with county senior hurling championship medals. The presentation was made by Very Rev. J. Doyle, P.P., and among those who received medals were Jim English (capt.), Nicky, Bobby and Billy Rackard—all stars of this year's All-Ireland winning Wexford team.

MEATH WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to the Meath Vocational Schools football team on winning the All-Ireland county vocational schools championship recently played in Longford Town. In the final they beat a gallant Sligo XV to the tune of 2-8 to 2-0. Outstanding for the winners were P. Durkan, O'Neill, Ryan and McDonald. For the losers Donegan, Feeney and Kilgallon each made magnificent efforts to try stem a somewhat superior Meath team.



Paulstown Hurling team, which defeated St. Mary's 2-13 to 0-3 in the first round of Kilkenny Junior Championship.

Laois News

A Busy Day

AT least one Gaelic player who cannot be accused of being apathetic to hurling is the young Abbeyleix solicitor, Reggie White. When the Abbeyleix Golf Club sponsored its annual open day on June 3rd, 1956, one of the first to drive off in the morning's 18-holes storkes competition was Reggie. He was just through in time to dash to Portlaoise to play centre-field for Abbeyleix junior hurling team in this year's championship. He was hailed as the star of the day, although despite his brilliance his team lost.

His day was not ended, however. From there he hurried back to figure among the prize-winners in the evening's mixed foursomes event at the Abbeyleix golf course.

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Field Rival Is House Friend

KEVIN SCALLY, Offaly and Leinster full-back, is attached sides.

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Report From Offaly

By "THE WATCHMAN."

Runner's Double

FIONAN O'KELLY (Celtic A.C., Dublin) brought off a great double for his native Offaly at the recent Leinster athletic championships at Carlow, in winning both the quarter and half-mile titles.

His dual victory is unique, not only by reason of the fact that he is the first Offaly athlete ever to record such a double, but because he was the first man who ever had his championship medal presented to him by his own father.

(The presentation at Carlow was made by Mr. Sean O'Kelly, of Bunatarn, Tullamore, who is President of the Leinster N.A.C.A. Council).

A stylish runner, who is a firm believer in constant regular training Fionan O'Kelly earned his first senior titles as just reward for his consistency of effort over a number of years, and, judging by these performances, which were achieved in excellent times, he seems certain to develop into a national champion before long.

His Skill Is Traditional

LIAM MORAN (Edenderry) whose displays as Offaly S.F. goalie for the past two seasons, have

earned him the reputation of being one of the best football keepers of the day, is a player whose skill comes naturally, by inheritance. His father, "Ginger" Moran, for years resident in Edenderry, was, in his day, a famed full-back for his native Kildare.

Liam Moran and Seamus Kavanagh (corner-forward) are two players on the Offaly line-out against Kildare in this year's Leinster S.F. semi-final whose fathers are natives of the "short-grass" county.

Which side would Messrs. Moran and Kavanagh (senior) be likely to take on such an occasion?—well, your guess is as good as mine!

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Interest On Decline

IN recent years there has been a great falling off in public support for hurling in Offaly due, no doubt, to the prominence achieved by the county's footballers. (Offaly contested the Leinster S.F. final in 1954, lost only very narrowly to Dublin in last year's semi-final, and this year "hit the headlines" by defeating a highly fancied Meath side in the second round).

The growing decline of interest in hurling was clearly exemplified on the occasion of the commencement of the 1956 S.H. county championship at Birr recently, when only a handful of spectators turned up to witness the clash of Rahan and Shannon Rovers (from Clogher-Banagher Parish). To make matters worse, the game was unfinished—the referee, Mr. Matt Spain (Birr) calling it off when a Rahan player refused to go to the line when ordered. This abrupt and unfortunate ending occurred about twelve minutes from the end. At this stage Shannon Rovers had the game well in hand and had a 4-17 to 1-4 lead. Rovers' midfield was manned by a pair of prominent personalities in Jim Rogers, Leinster Railway Cup and Wicklow footballer, and Sean O'Meara, Tipperary, and former Meath county player.

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Wedding Bells

CONGRATULATIONS to Jack Cashin, Carrig-Riverstown (Birr Parish) hurler on his recent marriage. Jack, who was the "prime mover" in his club's success in last year's Offaly J.H. championship, is a brother of Liam Cashin, of Faughs and Dublin S.H. teams, who made such a successful debut on the Leinster hurling team in this year's Railway Cup games.

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The Objection Was Late

STATING that the fee must accompany the objection, the Offaly Co. Board Chairman, Rev. E. Vaughan, C.C., ruled out-of-order an objection by Carrig-Riverstown to Ferbane in the Inter. H. championship. The Carrig secretary, Mr. P. O'Brien, handed the objection personally to the Co. Board secretary, Mr. R. O'Brien, but forgot to hand in the fee with it. Ten minutes later, when he became aware of his omission, the Carrig official returned and handed in the money, but he was adjudged to have made a technical "slip-up" and thereby lost the case!

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Forestry College Affiliates

THE Forestry College at Kinnitty Castle has been given permission to affiliate a J.F. team in the Offaly championship, under their own colours, but subject to the overall control and approval of the Parish Club, Kinnitty.

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Emigration Hits Shinrone

IN the past twelve months it is reported that six of Shinrone, Co. Offaly's top-class hurlers have emigrated to England.

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Connacht Commentary



Ten New Records

No less than ten records went by the board at the recent St. Joseph's College sports, held in Garbally Park, Ballinasloe. Those who established new records were: N. Murray (440 yards); L. Cunnane (880 yards); P. Murray (1 mile); J. J. Gilmore (Pole Vault); T. Killen (high Jump); T. Molloy (100 yards intermediate); M. Langan 880 yards intermediate); T. Molloy (220 yards intermediate); A. O'Gorman (100 yards junior); B. Dillon (220 yards junior).

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New Officers

Though they had failed to win one trophy this season the aim of the club: the fostering through the playing of Gaelic games, on an outlook that breathes of patriotism in its truest sense—was being carried out and they could look to the future with every confidence, so said Rev. Bro. Flannagan, secretary of the Craobh Rua Football and Hurling Club, Sligo, in his report at the annual general meeting of the club held in the Gilhooly Hall. The following officer board was elected for the coming season. President, Very Rev. T. Hanley, Adm.; Vice-President, Mr. E. Dolan, Mayor of Sligo; Chairman, Mr. J. McCann; Vice-chairmen, Messrs. P. Laffey and J. McMorro; Treasurer, P. Hession; Secretary, Rev. Bro. Flannagan; Assistant Secretary, Rev. Bro. Benedict.

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UCG Win

Already winners of the Ashbourne Cup, the cullini of U.C.G. have now added the Galway title to their evergrowing list of camogie trophies. In the final of the Galway championship they beat Oranmore by 3-1 to 3-0 in a thrilling game. Much of the credit of the College win must go to Dympna Gardiner who was the inspiration of her team throughout. Others who were also outstanding were M. Steward, R. McGrath, M. McSweeney and M. Arnold.

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Severe Loss

The departure of 20-year-old Billy Crean from Ballyshannon will be a severe loss to the local football team. Billy, a native of Tralee, has given sterling service during his stay in Ballyshannon and he looked like making a big name for himself in Donegal football circles. Already he had been selected on both the Donegal junior and senior county teams. Billy now moves to Cork City and the Donegal loss will be a Cork gain.

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Gone To U.S.

The news of the departure to the United States of well known Dúngloe and Rosces footballer Andrew Logue will surely be sad news to the many admirers of a fine player and gallant sportsman.

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A Hat-trick

The outstanding feature of the County Galway athletic championships held at Loughrea a few Sundays back was the fine treble scored by Tommy Madden of Derrydonnell A.C.

Tommy won the half-mile, mile and three miles events. Paddy Mannion's feat of winning the 3 cycling events is another worthy of great praise.

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Leitrim "Giant"

Scoring 1-1 of his team's total 1-2 Leitrim's giant full-forward, Newton, standing 6ft 7ins, was the terror of the Mayo defence in the recent Leitrim-Mayo clash. Still in the novice stages as far as inter-county football goes, the Leitrim giant is already being forecast as the successor to Tom Langan in Connaught football.

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Will Have Team

BALLAGHADERREEN, the home of Miss Bridie Scully, holder of three Connacht championship medals won with Mayo, will have

a team for the county league which will commence on August 5.

The girls there are to have the assistance of Garda McMahon who had been in charge of a team in Strandhill, Co. Sligo, before his transfer to Ballaghaderreen.

Undoubtedly the team will be led by Miss Scully who has skipped the Mayo team to victory for the past three years.

Connacht athletes and cyclists watch out for the forthcoming Mayo sports meetings at which provincial and county championships will be held.

Ballina, July 15; Hollymount, August 19, Creggagh, Balla, September 2.

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The Kilcourses

YOU just can't keep the Kilcourse family down. Twenty years ago John Kilcourse won a Connaught championship medal with Mayo junior hurlers. He also collected many trophies with the famous Ballyheane hurling club in the early thirties.

Last year his daughter, Rosie, aged 15 won a Connacht championship medal with Mayo camogie team. His son Michael aged 16 won a county junior medal with Castlebar hurlers.

This year he is making a name for himself with Castlebar Cycling Club and was fourth in the 25-mile championship road race sponsored by the Ballyglass N.A.C.A. club on June 10. He will also line out with Castlebar hurlers in the forthcoming championship.

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Four Matches On One Day

ON Sunday, June 3, four matches were held in Manulla. In one field hurling trials, a juvenile football challenge game, and a West Mayo junior championship match were played.

In a nearby field the Manulla camogie team, last year's champions, had a great victory over the visiting Errew team. In very fine rural villages could such Gaelic activity be witnessed in one day.

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ENTHUSIASM

HOW about this for enthusiasm? On Sunday, June 3, John Hoban, aged 20, of Ballinalee, Co. Mayo, lined out with Ballintubber junior footballers in a county championship match and his sister, Nellie, aged 15, gave an outstanding display in a Mayo camogie trial game, while the youngest member of the family, Paddy, aged 12, starred for Errew juvenile footballers on the same day.

Look out for them in future years to be wearing the green and red of their native county.

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Focus on Ulster



THE ultimate goal of the G.A.A. was not merely the catching and kicking of a football nor the clash of ash on the sliotar. Rather did they wish to provide healthy pastimes for Irish youth as a means of encouraging healthy minds imbued with the true and voluntary spirit and national ideal. So said Seamus McFerran, President of the G.A.A. at the opening of a new hall for the Wolfe Tone Club, Bellaghy, Co. Derry, a few Sundays ago.

The hall was almost entirely built by voluntary labour and cost in the region of £8,000. It will accommodate over 400 people.

Good work Wolfe Tones.

NCAI Fund

That the British would not have tried to break the N.C.A. only that they knew they would have certain renegade Irishmen to back them. When the N.C.A. were prepared to stand in defence of Irish unity the G.A.A. should support them. So said An t-Uasal Sean O Cinneide speaking on behalf of an N.C.A. appeal for funds to send a four-man team to the Olympic Games, which was read at the recent meeting of the Donegal County Board of the G.A.A.

It was decided to recommend to all clubs and to help by contributing to the fund.

New Club

News has just reached us of the formation of a new G.A.A. club in Inveraray, Scotland. Main enthusiast behind the new club, Red Hughs, is Paddy Logue of Donegal. The club, which is formed in a camp which holds 900 hydro-electric workers—many of whom are Irish had its first game two Sundays ago and gave a very good account of itself when it beat Eire Og, Glasgow, in a football game by 5-2 to 1-3.

Red Hughs intend to enter a team for this year's league competition and heres wishing them luck from the "Gaelic Echo".

DERRY NOTES

CRAOBH RUADH is the name under which the Sean Dolan branch of the Gaelic League play in the Derry City competitions. Though few trophies have come their way they are still a force to be reckoned with for numbering amongst their members are such well known Oak Leaf Athletic Club (N.A.C.A.) runners as Larry and Des. Boyle, Jack Peoples and Jack Campbell.

Efforts to revive hurling in Derry City during the past few years have, so far, failed and it is surprising as there always was a hurling tradition in the city. In 1902 a team from Derry played against Dublin in the All-Ireland semi-final, but failed badly. This was the first team from the North to make their appearance in an All-Ireland semi-final.

A new minor team has been formed in Derry under the name of Dolre Og, but as this team has taken the majority of their players from the Sarsfields and Eire Og clubs it may not be of much benefit to the Board. The Eire Og club will field out a weak team but the Sarsfields may find it impossible to put out a minor team.

The Derry county teams have made a very poor showing in this year's competitions. Last year they were in the final of three competitions, but this year they have gone under in the first round in all competitions played so far. The only hope left is that the minor team may do better in their match against Donegal.

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Now Is The Time, Galway

writes Sean O'Conaire

NOW is the time, Galway—I mean the Galway hurling selectors—to prepare and select the team to do duty against the Leinster Championship winners in the All-Ireland semi-final in July. The only way the players are picked is that of their display in the county championship and challenge games. But I say that challenge games of the nature of the Galway v. Wexford game on May 31st last, at Croke Park, is of no use to the Galway selectors. As you know, Wexford had only five of their usual side playing, and it is therefore hard to give credit to any of the Galway men's display that day against a shadow of the All-Ireland champion's team.

I know that the selectors are doing their best. It is not enough. I say they could improve better by one motto: "Stop playing players out of position." It appears to me like a crossword when the selectors pick a team, because the player that is in the backline to-day is in the forwards the next day, and perhaps again among the backs the following Sunday. While this continues they will never be able to assess their players' worth, no matter how hard a game he plays. And it does more harm than good to the player himself. Joe Young, to my mind, is not a backman, but he is a flying forward and a good one. That is why he should be left in that position. Jim Fives, who feels at home in defence or in attack, has that little bit extra needed for defence. Molloy could be what Galway needs—a good dashing full-forward. I think he is worth a few trials in this position.

But one player who caught my eye very much in a senior hurling challenge game with his club, Liam Mellows, at Athenry some time ago, was that former goalkeeper star, Seanne Duggan. His display was a treat to watch in the left corner forward position. Although after a long lay off, due to his eye injury, Sean has lost none of the camann craft, and seems as fit as a hare. He has everything a forward needs and is one of the cleverest forwards in the game. I say a cead mile failte, Sean, on your return to the hurling pitch and hope we will see you soon back on the Galway senior team.

To sum up, I would say a player needs to be in the same position on a team at least for three consecutive games before you can tell a man's worth in a position. Because at least he will do well in that position for two years, or else be the other way round, I often wonder the Galway Co. Board does not hold an annual tournament for inter-county teams.

such as Wexford, Tipperary, Kilkenny, Galway and Cork to take part in this competition. Let there be a valuable set of medals and trophy to make it interesting. This I think, should be held before the championships start, if possible, as every county would then send their best team. Or it could be on a league basis with three of the leading senior hurling teams of to-day, including Galway. If this could not be done, well why doesn't Galway participate in some of the tournaments in the South, such as the Thomond Shield.

Last but not least, will the Galway forwards take a point when it is for the taking instead of going for goals. It has cost Galway many an honour.

What about a team like this for a trial with any of the leading teams of to-day:—

- T. Boland.
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 P. Egan, J. Molloy, S. Duggan.
 Subs.: M. Burke, A. Croke, S. Spillane, W. Donoghue.

Presentation To Co. Board

AT the last Yorkshire County Board G.A.A. meeting, Mr. Denis Collins, Treasurer; Padraig Pearse, G.A.A. Club, Huddersfield, presented £20 to the Treasurer, Jim Hallanon. This was made through the club's effort when they ran a ceilí for the County Board, as the Board was running into debt. The acting Chairman, John Ryan (Clare), thanked the Huddersfield Club for the help they

had given them and the work they had done for the G.A.A. in Yorkshire. They have set a headline for the other clubs in Yorkshire and he hoped they would follow, he concluded.

A Fine Gael

ONE of the finest Gaels I have ever met since I came to England is Thomas Johnson, Chairman of the Padraig Pearse G.A.A. Club, Huddersfield. Thomas, who hails from Glenbrook, Passage West, Co. Cork, is now over the seventies, but still a very active man. Of that seventy years, he has spent over thirty-seven in Huddersfield and has proved himself a great worker and Gael for the rest of the Irish exiles in the town. A founder member of the Padraig Pearse Hurling and Football Club and also a founder of the local branch of the Anti-Partition League and at present a member of the Committee. He is Vice-President of the Yorkshire County Board and is Chairman of the Padraig Pearse Irish Social Club, which was formed over two months ago. He has tried very hard to secure a clubroom for the Irish in the town, but so far is unsuccessful.

He proudly holds in his possession hurling and football medals which he won with Passage West and Cove club teams in his early days. His one ambition is to live to see Ireland free and united.

This is just a brief note of some of the work of a great Gael and Irishman. We hope God will spare him for many years to come to carry on the good work.

Wicklow Players London Trained

THREE members of the 1956 Wicklow team, Frank Keenan, Tom McGauley and Georgie Carroll trained specially in London for the Garden County's Leinster Championship games with Carlow and Dublin. Keenan the county's top scorer in '55 had the best game of his career against Carlow whilst Georgie Carroll was the outstanding forward against the Metropolitanians. All three flew across for both games.

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GOOD RECORD
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Chairman of the Tuam Stadium Association — Rev. Dr. Michael Mooney—stated in his annual report at the beginning of this year that it was hoped to have the Stadium free of debt by December 31st, 1956, and that a sum of £1,300 was required to achieve that aim. Already the Galway County Board has given £400 by way of grant.

Steps are being taken to reduce the balance and Galway hurlers play Tipperary there on July 8.

As Tipperary will be preparing for the Munster final and Galway for the All-Ireland semi-final this game should be a real thriller and ought to attract a big attendance. It is also possible that Galway and Offaly footballers will meet on the same occasion, but that depends on both teams still having an interest in their respective provincial championships.

Yes, Tuam people got good value for their money in the new St. Jarlath's Park—and they have not lost any time in paying for it. The Rev. Chairman has every reason for hoping that December 31st, 1956, will see the last penny paid of the £15,000 expenditure. Perhaps you can help to bring this about. Have you taken a share in the Sweep on the Galway Plate.

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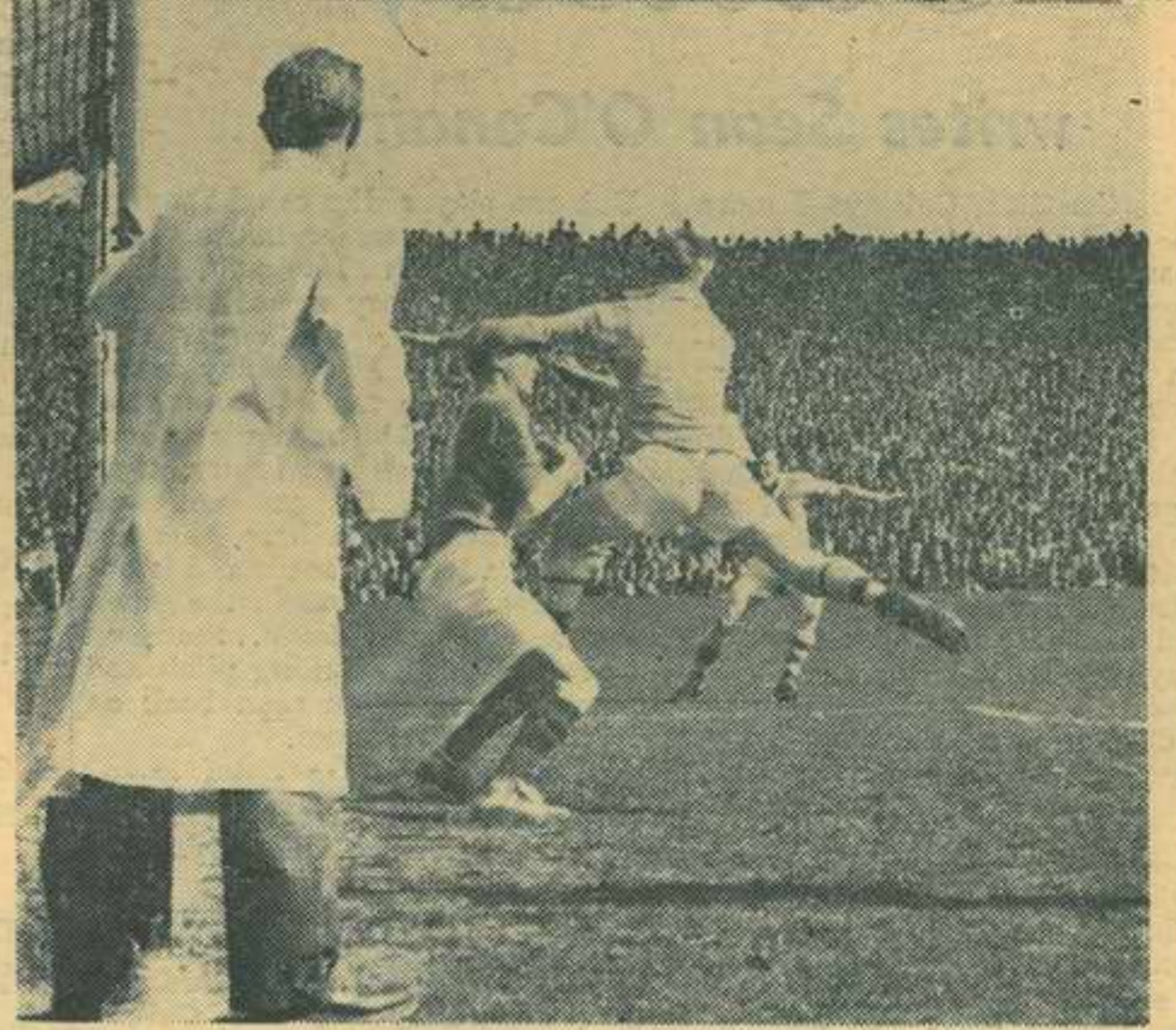
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